

"HEY KIDS

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE"

ODE TO HARAMBE

SHOOT THE KID!!!

SAVE THE GORILLA!!

FUCK-IT!!!!!!!

ROCK ON!!!

ALL WE NEED IS LOVE!!! JOHNYOKO

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Let's Talk About...

LIVING FOR THE LIKE

Social media was supposed to be a great way to connect with other people—until it turned into a virtual popularity contest. When the number of followers and how much they “like” you is out there for the world to see, it’s tempting to spend all your time on the perfect post. But is it worth the drama? Here, six girls discuss their ♥-grabbing habits.

By Heather Viggiani

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“A man is God’s marvelous creation, crowned with glory and honor, and because of this you can’t quite hem him in. You can put him in...prison, but somehow his mind {imagination} will break out through the bars to scratch across the pages of history.”

-Martin Luther King, Jr.

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SOUND THE ALARM "ESCAPE CONVICT"!!!

MERLE HAGGARD

1937-2016

THE OUTLAW

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Rollingstone.com/Rock & Roll

EX-CON ON THE LOOSE!!!

"Musko gee", done lost its "biggest
thrill OF ALL"!!!! RIP!!!

I bet ole Merle wait: rest that
[rest] rambling spirit in [his]
Soul"!!!

Boys!!! "Hill Billie Heaven"
got itself an "EX-CON"!!!!

FREE AT LAST!!!

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GOD'S WILL !!!
1942-2016

MUHAMMAD ALI

JUNE 04, 2016, JUMAH!!!

MAY GOD
PERMIT YOU
TO RUMBLE

IN
PARADISE
LIKE

YOU RUMBLLED ON
EARTH !!!
SURAH 103

PEACE ; BROTHER !!!

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"THAT'S WHAT PEOPLE SAY" !!!

SHOUT-OUT

To: TAYLOR SWIFT

UPDATE

The "Chatter Box"! "Echo Chamber"!
!!! IN ONE "VIEW" AND "VOICE" Like ET.com
all SAY: They anxiously Anticipate your
UPCOMING NEW "BREAK-UP"!!! SONG SINCE
YOU AND YOUR BOYFRIEND "broke-up"!!!

"WILDEST DREAM" !!!

Why, because they do NOT LISTEN
Heart to "HEAR" your your "HEARTSONGS,"

"NOBODY ONE HAS TO KNOW WHAT
WE DO" !!!

There shall be NO "Gossipy" break-
UP song ON the hit parade!!!

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JIM DANDY TO THE RESCUE !!!

SELENA GOMEZ, TAYLOR SWIFT AND
JUSTIN BIEBER !!!

LET'S SAVE JUSTIN SOS!!!

CALLING MR. JUSTIN BIEBER
FROM MS. BRITNEY SPEARS TRIPPING!!!
CRY OUT FOR HELP, BIEBER! THE UNI-
VERSE HEARS YOU!

BAD SIGNS !!!

"...Strolling barefoot through a Boston Park"
[W/PIC] USMAGAZINE.COM / HOT PICS MAY 30, 2016

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"HALL A SELENA"

[W/PIC] "Crazy throwback" pic holding
hands with Selena... Justin Posted Dec. 6,
[2015]... USMAGAZINE.COM / DECEMBER 21, 2015,

[2015], p. 46

- Justin declared: "Blondes do have more
FUN!" [W/ blonde hair pic] USMAGAZINE.COM

HOT PICS BEST OF 2015 JANUARY 4, 2016, P. 24

• HERE'S ONE LESS LONELY GIRL, THANKS TO JUSTIN BIEBER!
[KOURTNEY] KARDASHIAN STARTS A FLING WITH 21-
YEAR-OLD TOGET BACK AT SCOT BISK!" BY SOPA GROS-
SBART USMAGAZINE.COM DECEMBER 28, 2015, P. 42

APRIL 30, 2016
"- - JUSTIN POSE (PIC) WITH A TIGER BROUGHT IN
FROM ONTARIO'S BROWMANVILLE ZOO." USMAGAZINE.
COM / HOT PIC MAY 16, 2016, P. 20

"HE THINKS HE CAN GET HER [SELENA] BACK.
EXPLAINS A GOMEZ SOURCE, "SHE'S ENTERTAIN-
ED THE IDEA, BUT DOESN'T WANT TO BE
WITH HIM RIGHT NOW." USMAGAZINE.COM/
HALL & SELENA THEIR HOT FLING!" DECEMBER 26,
2015, 2d p. 46

WE HEAR YOU!!!

- JUSTIN & HAILEY (W/PIC)
IT WAS A TOTAL SET UP, JEREMY BIEBER
URGED SON JUSTIN, 21, TO INVITE HIS LONGTIME
PAL, MODEL HAILEY BALDWIN, 19, ON A FAMILY
TRIP... JEREMY TO TAKE HER SERIOUSLY AS
A RELATIONSHIP! NO GO! USMAGAZINE.COM
/ NEW YEARS FIREWORKS JANUARY 18, 2016, P. 49

2013

"BAREFOOT IN THE PARK"

NEIL SIMON ... STARRING JANE FONDA
AND REDFORD ROBERT ...

Walking Barefoot in the Park
after Dark ... GIRL Z'IM
MISSING YOU ... MICK JAGGER
[ROLLING STONES] ...

TAYLOR & SELENA doing a "HEADTRIP" ON
Bieber knowing it "BLOWS HIS MIND" Seeing
SELENA with a man [DOP COPD !!]!
"TOO LATE TO SAY SORRY?" SELENA GOMEZ, 23,
crumpled a fan's handmade sign reading MARRY
JUSTIN PLEASE midway through her Revival
tour stop in Fresno, California, May 8, EX-
boy friend Justin Bieber, 22, had not issued
a reaction at presstime. "USMAGAZINE.COM /
The Record MAY 23, 2016, p.36

SAVE JUSTIN!!!

XOXO

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"SHAKE IT OFF" !!!

UPDATE:

SHOUT-OUT

To: MR. SNOOP DOGG
REINCARNATED

I hear say-dogg, you're now REBORN
as DR. MLK, JR., a BLACK FOLKS Leader and
"Mouthpiece", whom is denouncing "Roots"
1977, T.V. New Reboot Serial !!!

TOO MANY SLAVE MOVIES, ???

You say TOO MANY HOLLYWOOD SLAVE MOVIES
being made !!!

Dude !!! your "Gangster", "pimp", "N. Word"
! So-called Life Style is a "SLAVE MOVIE"
[ZRL] !!! * STOP IN THE NAME LOVE" !!!

Go to see COMING NEW MOVIE "THE BIRTH
OF A NATION" starring Nate Parker, writes, dir-
ects and produce "the Story of NATE TURNER
1831, led a revolt in the South.

THE HOLOCAUST MOVIES

DAMN!!! Mr. Dogg, What's your mis-
Educated OPINION OF OF THE LATEST HOLLY-
WOOD HOLOCAUST MOVIE!!!

NAT TURNER & ICE CUBE
AND RICH BLACK FOLKS!!!

Like Whoopi Said Make Your own
DARNEST MOVIE!!!

ONE LOVE XOXO!!!

SOURCE: USMAGAZINE.COM/SUNDANCE FILM
FESTIVAL WRAP-UP FEBRUARY 15, 2016, P. 69

Rollingstone.com/MOVIES [Rollingstone
February 25, 2016, P. 62]

THE MISEDUCATION OF THE NEGROE!!!

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SENDING LOVE!!!
ADMIRATION!!! AND
PRAYERS!!! OUT

TO: PRINCESS WARRIOR
ZENDAYA
21ST CENTURY

"SPARK"
AND COVER-LADY... TOO!!!

EBONY DECEMBER-2015 - JANUARY 2016
AND

MARIE CLAIRE.COM MAY 2016
AND OTHERS !!!

"SHAKE IT UP"!!! FIRED-UP
DYNAMO
FIREWORKS!!!

QUEENNEFERTIZ

BY: LEON ZRBY DATED JUNE 02, 2016

Fundraiser News

We had a very successful gift wrapping fundraiser this past December! We are pleased to report that we have raised nearly \$10,000 to support Aunt Mary's Storybook project at Companions Journeying Together. We are also thankful to have raised nearly \$650 during the Carson's Community Days fundraiser at the Louis Joliet Mall. Thank you to all who came out to volunteer for these two important fundraisers! If you would like to help volunteer with or coordinate a fundraiser to support our programs, please call Scott at (630) 481-6231 or email scott@cjtinc.org.

AMSB News

Our Aunt Mary's Storybook Project is expanding even more! In addition to serving several county jails in the Chicagoland area, we are excited to report that we have added Sheridan Correctional Center, Vandalia Correctional Center, and Menard Correctional Center to our roster. We are especially grateful to the administrators at Menard Correctional Center who have graciously opened up the Aunt Mary's Storybook project to the men in administrative detention and segregation. These are two populations within the Illinois Department of Corrections that traditionally do not have access to many activities and programs. In addition to serving these special populations, we will also be working with the residents on the maximum and medium security general population units. It is also great to be back at the Sheridan Correctional Center! Sheridan is unique because it is the treatment prison for the Illinois Department of Corrections and uses the therapeutic community model. People housed at Sheridan receive evidence based substance abuse treatment services. We can't wait to tell you more about our sessions at Sheridan, Vandalia, and Menard - be sure to check our next issue for more details!

New Website

We are excited to debut a new website for Companions Journeying Together! Check it out at www.cjtinc.org. There, you will find a refreshed design and much more information about our programs and services. We will be updating our blog every month with insights, stories, and perspectives from Companions staff, board members, volunteers, and allied organizations.

Log on today and let us know what you think of our new site!



THANK YOU & ROTARY BOOK COLLECTION



Thank You Roger

Deacon Roger was committed to social justice and had some experience ministering to people who were imprisoned. When he heard about our pen pal clubs, he wanted very badly to bring it to his parish and convinced Shawn to found such a group. At their very first meeting, the group decided to call their group, Roger's Writers.

Roger was suffering from cancer at that point, but was a valuable presence, signed himself up to be a pen pal and was faithful to that correspondence until he died a few months ago. We are so grateful to him for all he did for others over the years and for being the inspiration for the Roger's Writers Pen Pal Club.

We Also Thank Bill

We have also lost one of our Aunt Mary's Storybook volunteers, Bill. Bill fought cancer for several years, but continued to come for his monthly visits to Kane County Jail even when he was in considerable pain. He loved working with this special project, and we were so grateful for his help. We will miss him.



Rotary Clubs Book Collection

Four Rotary Clubs in Batavia, Geneva and St. Charles collaborated with Barnes and Nobles to acquire new children's books for 5 organizations serving children. They had a table at the store in Geneva Commons and asked people to purchase books on the lists provided by each of the groups. Our Aunt Mary's Storybook Project received 60 of those books. We are also very pleased that IL Youth Center – St. Charles received a big number of books from this effort. There is a great need for all kinds of supplies at that facility which imprisons male youth.

Thanks for a great effort by these Rotarians.

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#ALTYOUNEEDLOVE!!! #JHAYAKO!!!

XOXO

YANG!!!

I AM NOT HAPPY!!

IF I AM NOT CRYING,

ZEN THIS!!!

LONELY HEARTS CLUB BAND!!!

SHOUT OUT

TO: DIVA MARIAH CAREY

DID YOU MISUSE YOUNG BLACK
MAN MR. NICK CANNON

AS YOUR YOUNG STUD

TO FATHER YOUR WONDERFUL
TWIN BABIES...

THEN TRADE HIM IN FOR YOUR
CURRENT WHITE BILLIONAIRE
SUGAR DADDY!!!

WHERE IS THE LOVE !!!!!

SEE BELOW, P 2 of 2 "MARIAH CAREY ENGAGED TO HER
BILLIONAIRE AUSTRALIAN BOYFRIEND"

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: MAY 24, 2016

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A bottled water company owned in part by Sean "Diddy" Combs and Mark Wahlberg is pledging to donate 1 million bottles of water to the residents of Flint, Michigan.

AQUAhydrate says it's sending 5,000 cases of water to Flint and will continue to provide bottles to residents until the city's water problems are solved. The company says the water is expected to be delivered Wednesday.

High levels of lead have been detected in Flint's water since officials switched from the Detroit municipal system and began drawing from the Flint River as a cost-saving measure.

Wahlberg and Combs first invested and became the face of the Los Angeles-based bottled water company in 2013.

Eminem, Wiz Khalifa and Big Sean are among other celebrities who have pledged support and donations to assist Flint's water crisis.

Mariah Carey engaged to her billionaire Australian boyfriend

Listen up, Lambily! After a whirlwind romance, Mariah Carey is reportedly engaged to Australian business mogul James Packer. Mara Montalbano

(@maramontalbano) has the details. Buzz60 Congratulations are in order for Mariah Carey, who's engaged to her Australian billionaire boyfriend, casino mogul James Packer, whom she met in 2014.

Her representative in New York, Chris Chambers, confirmed the news.

People, *US Weekly*, and *E!* were among those shouting about it late Thursday, apparently only minutes after Packer proposed to Carey, 45, in New York on Thursday.

Packer, 48, is the son of the late Aussie media mogul Kerry Packer and the co-chairman of Melco Crown Entertainment, which develops, owns and operates casinos in Asia. Packer is listed as Australia's fourth-richest man, worth \$3.8 billion, according to *Forbes* magazine.

The Daily Mail published paparazzi pictures of what *Vogue* reported is a whopping 35-carat diamond-and-platinum ring on her finger from Packer — bigger than even the 33-carat Krupp Diamond colossus that Elizabeth Taylor got from Richard Burton in 1968.

The design and construction took two weeks and an "army of craftsman" that included measurement specialists and an expert well versed in the handling of such a large stone, according to the ring's designer, Carey's friend and jeweler, Wilfredo Rosado, in an interview with *Vogue*.

"I took the standards super-high, and I wanted to create a ring that could not be measured up to," Rosado said.

So far, Carey has not posted about her engagement on her social media.

But there is no doubt that Carey and Packer have been an item for more than a year, although they haven't been seen in public that much.

Recent pictures show them together on red carpets at the opening of a casino resort in Macau in October, and at a film premiere in New York in September.

Carey, who's a millionaire in her own right, also featured a picture of the duo together on her Twitter feed in early January, after she celebrated the New Year with him in Australia.

Carey and Packer met in Aspen and again in summer 2014 at the Hollywood premiere of a film. "We hit it off," she said on *The Steve Harvey Show* in November 2015 when she was promoting her Christmas TV movie special.

This would be the third marriage for each of them. Carey has 4-year-old twins, Monroe and Moroccan, with second husband Nick Cannon.

Packer, a friend of Tom Cruise and former Scientologist, has three children with his second wife, model and singer Erica Baxter, two daughters and one son, all under age 8.

'Train,' 'Grey,' 'Watchman' top book sales

An unlikely triumvirate of women writers — Paula Hawkins, E.L. James and Harper Lee — led the literary charge in 2015, as USA TODAY's Best-Selling Books list shows. USA TODAY's Jocelyn McClurg looks back at the year's hottest publishing trends.

1. 'The Girl on the Train' fast-tracks to No. 1

Riverhead Books had its fingers crossed last January, believing it had a hit on its hands with Paula Hawkins' addictive psychological thriller *The Girl on the Train*. But who could have predicted that the voyeuristic murder mystery by an unknown British writer would steamroll the competition to become the top-selling book of the year? Advance buzz that this new *Girl* was the next *Gone Girl* helped Hawkins burst out of the gate to land at No. 2 on USA TODAY's weekly list on Jan. 22, 2015. By Feb. 12, *Train* had hit No. 1, and it held the top spot for 10 more weeks (including five in a row). A year after publication, sales continue to barrel along; Riverhead reports 4 million copies sold (print and digital), phenomenal for a book that had a first hardcover printing of 40,000 copies. And *Train* is keeping pace with *Gone Girl* in another way; a DreamWorks movie adaptation — which will sell even more books — is due this fall, starring Emily Blunt as alcoholic narrator Rachel and Justin Theroux as her creepily charismatic ex-husband Tom.

2. More hot stuff from E.L. James — and a guy named 'Grey'

Back in 2012, E.L. James set a USA TODAY record for the most consecutive weeks at No. 1 — 20, with *Fifty Shades of Grey*. Not surprisingly, *Fifty Shades* was the No. 1 book of that year. Fast-forward to 2015. With the February release of the steamy, now Razzie-nominated movie version starring Jamie Dornan (as bad-boy billionaire Christian Grey) and Dakota

Johnson (as his naive S&M partner Anastasia Steele), the erotic romance returned to No. 1 for one week, on Feb. 15 (*Fifty Shades*, the novel, was the No. 14 overall top seller of 2015; the sequels, *Darker* and *Freed*, were No. 22 and No. 37.) But James wasn't done with the Red Room of Pain or Christian Grey: in June, she made a surprise announcement on Instagram that she would celebrate Christian's "birthday," June 18, by releasing a new novel told from his point of view. Fans — James said they had begged for Christian's story — responded by going ga-ga for *Grey*, which is the No. 2 book for 2015.

3. The return of the reclusive Harper Lee
Sure, E.L. James' birthday surprise may have given *Fifty Shades* fans a jolt of excitement, but the real literary shocker of the year — of the 21st century so far — belonged to Harper Lee. HarperCollins stunned the world in February when it announced it would publish *Go Set a Watchman*, a "newly discovered" novel Lee wrote in the 1950s and only the second book ever from the writer. That was just the beginning of controversy. How involved was the elderly Lee in the decision to publish what appeared to be an early draft of *To Kill a Mockingbird*? (Completely, said the publisher.) And when the book arrived in July, the shocks just kept coming. Atticus Finch, the hero of *Mockingbird*, was revealed as a racist. Despite many negative reviews, curious readers couldn't stay away; *Watchman* landed at No. 1 on the weekly list on July 23 and sold enough copies to clock in at No. 3 overall for the year. Meanwhile, *Mockingbird*, the perennial Southern classic, found new and returning readers. It's No. 9 for the year.

4. American readers binge on fiction, again

Can't a non-fiction writer get some love? Seventy-seven of the top 100 books of the year are fiction titles. That reflects an ongoing trend of readers seeking escapism, even if 2015 fiction sales were down a tick from 2014, when a record-setting 81 of the top 100 books were fiction. (USA TODAY's best-seller list began in 1993.) The top-100 trend is echoed in the top 10 books for the year; only two — *American Sniper* by Chris Kyle at No. 6 and *The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up* by Marie Kondo at No. 8 — were non-fiction. *Sniper* saw strong sales thanks to the movie adaptation starring Bradley Cooper (the movie propelled the book to No. 1 on the weekly list for three straight weeks, Jan. 22-Feb. 5). *Life-Changing Magic*, a Japanese guide to decluttering, was the breakout hit no one saw coming. And Kondo's *Magic* touch has extended into the new year, as *Tidying Up* reached No. 1 on the weekly list for the first time ever on Jan. 14, 2016.

5. Youth movement has a timeout in 2015
2014 was a huge year for young readers. Six out of the top 10 titles were young-adult, with John Green nabbing the No. 1 overall

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spot with *The Fault in Our Stars* and Veronica Roth grabbing Nos. 3, 4 and 5 with her *Divergent* series. Adults were back in charge in 2015, but Green made the top 10 again with *Paper Towns* at No. 7, as another movie adaptation drove book sales. And the ever-popular Jeff Kinney lands at No. 10 for the year with the latest in his middle-school series, *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Old School*.

Jason Dufner wins playoff in CareerBuilder Challenge

LA QUINTA, Calif. (AP) — Jason Dufner made two great escapes. The first, from Alcatraz, no less.

David Lingmerth got no such reprieve at PGA West's punishing TPC Stadium Course. Dufner won the CareerBuilder Challenge with a par on the second hole of a playoff Sunday, taking advantage of Lingmerth's shot that bounced off the jagged rocks and into the water.

In regulation on the island-green 17th called Alcatraz, Dufner — tied with Lingmerth for the lead — pulled his 8-iron tee shot and thought it bounced into the water. Instead, it settled into a small sandy area between some of the tangled rocks that circle the green.

"I was like, 'Man, this is a great break I'm going to take advantage of it,'" Dufner said. "This is what I need. I need this right now. I need this break to happen. I'm confident with what I can do with this shot and I need to make this happen and get a par."

He hooked a chip that struck the flagstick and stopped inches away.

"It's a shot that I've hit some, not in the hazard, but something similar," Dufner said. "You kind of hit that low little spinning one with some check on it."

On the first extra hole on the par-4 18th with a rock wall and water running the length of the left side, Dufner hit his 3-wood drive near the front lip in a right-side bunker. He blasted out 100 yards to set up a 110-yard third shot that he hit to 11 feet.

"I wanted to hit 6-iron — about 180 to the front there," Dufner said. "But it was probably a shot I pull off maybe two out of 10 times or three out of 10 times. The other seven or eight times it probably hits the lip or goes in the water."

"I felt like, 'My wedges have been good, I'm going to play the percentages. If he makes birdie, then he deserves to win. I'll try and get it up-and-down and extend it.'"

Lingmerth missed his 23-foot birdie try, giving Dufner a chance to extend the playoff.

He did, sending the two back to the 18th tee.

"I like those situation putts," Dufner said.

"It's kind of like what we see in the Presidents Cup in match play. Because if I miss it, there's no next putt, it doesn't really matter."

Dufner switched to a driver and followed Lingmerth into a grass bunker on the right side. Lingmerth's approach from 184 yards crashed into the rocks and shot left into the water.

"The rough is a little heavy in some spots and it grabbed my club a little bit more," Lingmerth said. "It really wasn't a bad swing. I should have probably choked up a little bit more on the grip. ... A small mistake that was very costly."

Dufner hit the front of the green with his second shot and two-putted for par, holing a 5-footer after Lingmerth missed his par try from 22 feet.

Dufner finished with a 2-under 70 to tie Lingmerth at 25-under 263. Lingmerth shot a bogey-free 65, matching the best score of the day on the difficult course that was used in the tournament for the first time since being dropped after its 1987 debut.

The 38-year-old Dufner won for the fourth time on the PGA Tour and first since the 2013 PGA Championship.

"I'm excited for this year," Dufner said. "I'm excited to accomplish one of my goals this early in the year. I'm excited to keep playing well. I feel like I'm doing some really good stuff."

Lingmerth had a 62 on Saturday on the Nicklaus Tournament Course to pull within five shots of Dufner.

"I was just trying to focus on keeping my play the way I had been playing and, if Jason, for some reason didn't keep scoring the way he did, I was hoping to have a chance," Lingmerth said.

Lingmerth also lost a playoff in the 2013 tournament on PGA West's Palmer Private Course. That year, the Swede dropped out on first extra hole after hitting into the water and making a bogey. Brian Gay went on to beat Charles Howell III with a birdie on the second hole.

Phil Mickelson shot a 68 to tie for third at 21 under in his first start since the Presidents Cup in October and first since splitting with swing coach Butch Harmon to work with Andrew Getson. Lefty will play the next three events, starting next week at Torrey Pines in his hometown of San Diego.

"I'm excited," Mickelson said. "This is a really good week for me for validation that I'm on the right track and that it's continuing to get better as I go along."

Duquesne basketball team finally home after being stranded nearly 24 hours

UPDATE: The Duquesne men's basketball is finally home. The team announced late Saturday night that the team was back in Pittsburgh over 30 hours after leaving.

The Dukes played at George Mason in Fairfax, Va., on Friday afternoon, one day earlier than originally scheduled due to the snow storm on the East Coast. The team bus got stuck on the Pennsylvania Turnpike on the way back after the game.

On the program's Twitter account announced the team arrived in Pittsburgh a mere 30 hours, 24 minutes after departure.

Home sweet home. 30 hours, 24 minutes after departure. pic.twitter.com/VE59xGsudd

— Duquesne Basketball (@DuqMBB) January 24, 2016

Sincerely, thank you to everyone who followed the #DUQMBB experience over the last 30 hours. Impossible to respond to all the kind words.

— Duquesne Basketball (@DuqMBB) January 24, 2016

After being stranded on a bus for nearly 24 hours in the middle of a snow storm blanketing the East Coast, the Duquesne men's basketball team bus was on the move Saturday night about 80 miles from Pittsburgh.

The team tweeted around 3:30 p.m. ET on Saturday that it didn't seem likely to make it off the Pennsylvania Turnpike by Saturday night and it was preparing to spend a second night on the bus.

The Dukes were in the process of driving home from their game against George Mason (Duquesne won 86-75 on Friday afternoon) when their bus came to a stop on the Pennsylvania Turnpike in between Bedford and Somerset.

It is becoming increasingly unlikely that #DUQMBB will be able to leave the Turnpike tonight. Preparing for another night on the bus.

— Duquesne Basketball (@DuqMBB) January 23, 2016

"It's a big stretch of nothing," Duquesne coach Jim Ferry told USA TODAY Sports around noon Saturday. "No other exits. No gas stations."

Ferry texted USA TODAY Sports around 8 p.m. Saturday to say the team pushed the bus onto the road and it was on the move.

The Dukes had stopped earlier at a Sheetz convenience store to stock up on food and drinks, which proved quite helpful for what followed.

Walking to HOPEFULLY have dominos drop off pizza from an overpass. 3/4 mile in 2+ feet of snow

pic.twitter.com/1MfuT1d89K

— Duquesne Equipment (@DuqEquipment) January 23, 2016

The team initially figured there was an accident due to the weather — which wasn't that bad at the time — and it would get moving soon.

"We haven't moved an inch in 15 hours," Ferry said.

Ferry said they had enough food to get through the night, but now are starting to run low. A local fire department recently brought water to stranded vehicles, including the Duquesne bus.

The bus has about three quarters of a tank of gas remaining, Ferry said, and the bus driver kept the bus warm for everyone all night. The bus has outlets, so players have been able to keep their phones charged and remain "attached to the world," Ferry said. Players have befriended middle schoolers from Iowa who are stranded on the bus next to Duquesne's.

Ferry said he wasn't sure when the bus will be able to move again.

"We're trying to make a positive out of negative," Ferry said. "We've been through a

TELL ME HAVE YOU SEEN
HER!!!

UPDATE:

GUGU MBATHA-RAW

ACTOR

BEYOND THE LIGHTS

CONCUSSION

"BRITISH QUEEN"

XOXO!!!

"To love, pure and chaste, from afar" XOXO!!!

#PLEASETELLHERZLOVEHER!!!!!!!

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WHOSE THAT A--!!!

SHOUT-OUT

TO: LOVELY BLAKE LIVELY

ACTOR; WIFE; AND MOTHER... 27-

AND MORE!!!!!!!

"LA FACE WITH AN OAKLAND BOOTY"

KISSING ME SOME LA BOOTY!!!

LOL

WINK!!! WINK!!! SIR-MIX-a Lot!!!

EAT DRINK AND BE MERRY FOR TOMMOROW YOU DIE FOOL!!!

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TAMING A TIGER ??? !!!

UPDATE:

SHOUT-OUT

TO: TIGER WOODS !!!

"Tigerwood's ex LINDSEY VONN dined
with the Hunger Games Alexander

Ludwig at Craigs in the West Hollywood

April 8" [2016] USMAGAZINE.COM / HOT PICS

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Tiger, she say she still loves you!

Zf Lindsey, a lovely champ
in soul, can't save you, then
ONLY GOD CAN!

You need to "win" her Back
ASAP!!!

Xoxo!

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Birds of a Feather

Troubles, dear Lord, have cast us loose from assumptions and certainties, and we are bobbing along like rudderless boats on a stormy surf.

When all hope is gone, we spot doves on the horizon. Doves like you sent Noah to assure him the Flood was nearly over. Such doves are in phone calls from friends; in the smile of a neighbor; in the wisdom of a caregiver and counselor; in a hearty laugh or good, cleansing tears; in the flash of a new idea, a goal, and a dream.

We recognize landmarks now and can see our way through the storm, guided by your love-winged messengers.



Miss Me But Let Me Go ...

*When I come to the end of the day
And the sun has set for me*

I want no rites in a gloom-filled room.

Why cry for a soul set free?

*Miss me a little, but not too long
And not with your head bowed low.*

Remember the love we once shared -

Miss me, but let me go.

*For this is a journey we all must take
And each must go alone.*

*It's all a part of the Maker's plan,
A step on the road to home.*

When you are lonely and sick at heart

Go to the friends we know

And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds -

Miss me, but let me go

"Humans may be social beings, but solitude has been shown to have great societal value. Jesus was a great healer and teacher, but he took time to rest and pray. Solitude is essential for our spiritual experience—it is where we hear the still, small voice."

"Frequently people think compassion and love are merely sentimental. No! They are very demanding. If you are going to be compassionate, be prepared for action."

ARCHBISHOP DESMOND TUTU,
Nobel Peace Prize winner





What a gift is the curiosity of a child! The young shall always treasure the knowledge, the wisdom, the precious memories of their elders.

For this reason, we are given the responsibility to share the past so that the future might be made easier for the generations that follow.

Consider this quote from the Book of Daniel (13:50):

To Daniel the elders said, 'Come, sit with us and inform us, since God has given you the prestige of old age.'

We can see, then, our obligation to share our life's experiences, for they are the stepping stones to tomorrow!

† Make a list of things from your past which you feel your grandchildren would want to know. Mail the list to them with a note expressing your love!

If we feel frightened today, we need only remember that courage comes through the quiet confidence of prayer. In other words, courage is a gift from God!

† Finish this sentence: I could use a little courage when it comes to _____.

Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, "Courage faces fear and thereby conquers it."

*“Be kind to each other,
tenderhearted, forgiving
one another.”*

A man wrapped up
in himself makes a very
small package.

POSTED BY: LEON IRBY



NO MEMORY LOSS HERE

(from the Internet)

Senior citizens are constantly being criticized for every conceivable deficiency of the modern world, real or imagined. We know we take responsibility for all we have done and try not to blame others.

However, upon reflection, I would like to point out that it was not the senior citizens who took:

The *melody* out of music,
The *pride* out of appearance,
The *courtesy* out of driving,
The *romance* out of love,
The *commitment* out of marriage,
The *responsibility* out of parenthood,
The *togetherness* out of the family,
The *learning* out of education,
The *service* out of patriotism,
The *Golden Rule* from rulers,
The *nativity scene* out of cities,
The *civility* out of behavior,
The *refinement* out of language,
The *dedication* out of employment,
The *prudence* out of spending,
The *ambition* out of achievement,
or ~~God~~ out of government and schools.

And we certainly are not the ones who eliminated *patience* and *tolerance* from personal relationships and interactions with others.

And we do understand the meaning of *patriotism*, by remembering those who have fought and died for our country. *We hold these truths to be self-evident....LR*



DATE D: MAY 30, 2016



HAVE NO FEAR

**Have no fear for what tomorrow may bring.
The same loving God who cares for you today
will take care of you tomorrow and every day.
God will either shield you from suffering
or give you unfailing strength to bear it.
Be at peace, then, and put aside
all anxious thoughts and imaginations.**

St. Francis de Sales

**There is only one limit to what prayer can
do: that is what God can do.** -R.A. Torrey

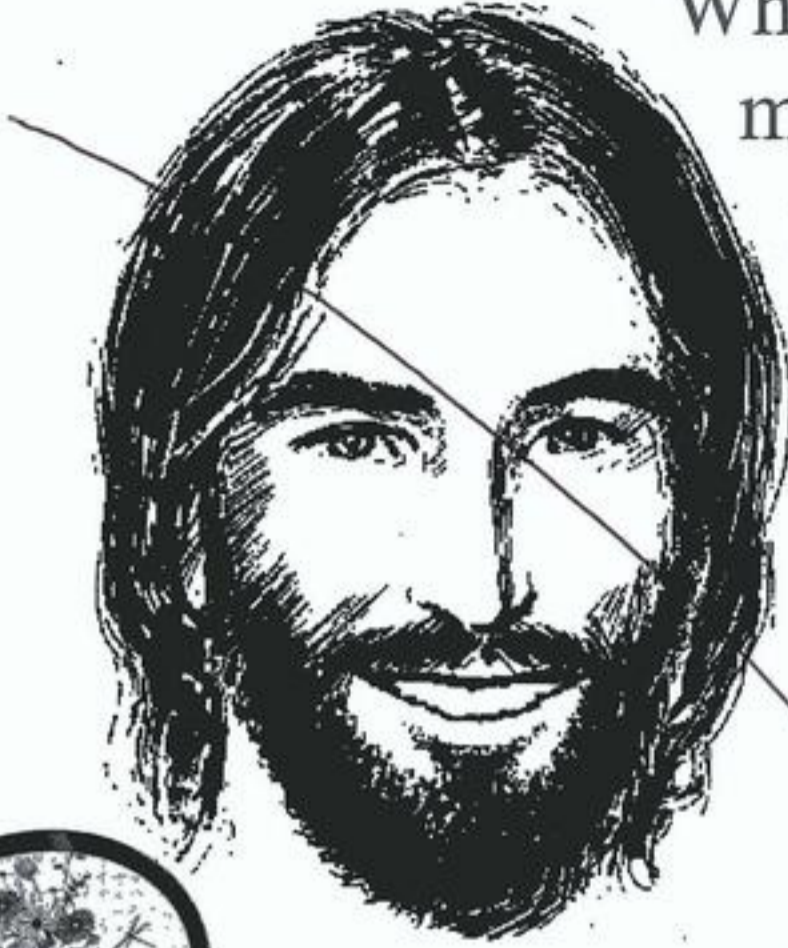


*"We make a living by what we get,
we make a life by what we give."
- Sir Winston Churchill (1874-1965)*

*"The time to search for the Lord-
that's life.
The time to find the Lord-
that's eternal rest.
The time to have the Lord-
that's eternity."
—St. Francis de Sales*

**Thankfulness is the
soil in which joy
thrives.**

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What an amazing and marvelous phenomenon is the resurrected life of Christ! Since we are patterned after him we will share one day in his Resurrection. What a wonderful hope we have for the future!



There are

Angels

God puts on this Earth

Who care for us and guide us.
You can feel their love and gentleness
as they walk through life beside us.

They do great things for us every day
they whisper in our ears,
they even hold us in their hearts
when we are filled with all our fears.

They are always there to give a hug
and try to make us smile.
They treat us with respect and love,
they treat us like their child.

God blessed me with an Angel,
I'm proud to call my own.
She's been with me throughout my
life, been with me as I've grown.

She's guided me the best she can,
she's taught me like no other,
and I'm thankful I'm the lucky one
who get's to call her...

Mother

STRANGE FRUIT!!!

UPDATE!

THEY!!!

THEY SHOT MALCOLM X

THEY SHOT DR. MLK, JR.

THEY SHOT COMRADE GEORGE
JACKSON

Then...

THEY SILENCED DR. WILLIAM
"BILL" COSBY

THEY.....!!!!!!!

SEE: #GMA ABC NEWS.COM TUESDAY MAY 24, 2016

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: MAY 24, 2016

EXPOSÉ!

How YA DOING!!!

WENDY WILLIAMS, A WHITE MAN, IN DRAG!
AND BLACK FACE IS (IRL):

"THE MOST DANGEROUS COMEDIAN
IN AMERICA" BY: DAVID HOLTHOUSE
Rollingstone.com (RS/027) MAY 31,
2007, P. 59

"white fat gay in Black face called Shirley
Q. LIQUOR; chuck KNIPP (pronounce with
hard K like "knivel") forty five, (face
with chocolate-brown foundation, rainbow
hued eye shadow and garish red lipstick,
i.e. "Black face mask")

WORKS mostly in south, Alabama, Mississi-
ppi; ATLANTA; SAN FRANCISCO, NEW
ORLEANS; Louisville, Kentucky and etc.

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WHY WOULDN'T WENDY WILLIAMS

Allow Katie Couric to expose on her
May 12 2016 Tuesday show that her new

DOCUMENTARY "UNDER THE GUN" INVEST-
igation reveals "... most young blacks
killed are not gang related. That is
used to minimize..."

- Wendy Rude cut-off!! She
twice used it to cut-off Katie

from discussing said "HOT Topic"!!!

BUT WHY!!!

CHECK-OUT: WENDY WILLIAMS SHOW.COM

BY: LENA IRBY DATED: MAY 24, 2016

WHY-WOULDNT

JOKES OF THE DAY!!!

RICH FOLKS GOT 1
TOO-MANY PROBLEMS
OF
WHAT TO EAT!!!

POOR FOLKS GOT
ONE PROBLEM
OF
NOTHING TO EAT!!!
LOL!!!!

#OURDAILYBREAD!!!

BY: LEON Z RBY DATED: MAY 24TH, 2016

BEATITUDES OF PEACE



Blessed are the poor in spirit, for they know the unutterable beauty of simple things.

Blessed are the poor who mourn, for they have dared to risk their hearts by giving love.

Blessed are the meek, for the gentle earth shall embrace them and hallow them as its own.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall know the taste of noble thoughts and deeds.

Blessed are the merciful, for in return, theirs is the gift of giving.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall be at one with themselves and the universe.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they are at one with everything that is holy.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for the truth will set them free.



F. Forrester Church



AND GOD SAID NO

Submitted by Audrey Benning

I asked God to take away my pride, and God said "No." He said it was not for Him to take away, but for me to give up.

I asked God to make my handicapped child whole, and God said "No." He said her spirit is whole; her body is only temporary.

I asked God to grant me patience, and God said "No." He said that patience is a by-product of tribulation. It isn't granted, it's earned.

I asked God to give me happiness, and God said "No." He said He gives blessings; happiness is up to me.

I asked God to spare me pain, and God said "No." He said "Suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to Me."

I asked God to make my spirit grow, and God said "No." He said I must grow on my own but He will prune me to make me fruitful.

I asked God to help me love others as much as He loves me, and God said, "Ah, finally you have the idea."

Observations

Some little mistake that we may make in life can change our whole life; think about how things have turned out for some of your friends, and why.

We all seem to get along with the many things that we use very well; until something better comes along.

People who yell everything they have to say, won't have many friends.

My life has been nothing but a series of failures—and each one led to success, in some way—in time.

Life seems to always be a battle to hold on to what you have; and fight to get further ahead.

Our Life Time Clock is running all the time—we cannot stop it; we should be careful that we don't waste our valuable Time as life goes on. Then at the end of our Time on earth, we can look back with pleasure on the way we spent our GOD Given Time.

You can sit and think of good things to do, but can you get up and try to do them?

We don't get by with anything in life, we just think we do.



WAKE-UP CALLS



**A bad habit never disappears miraculously.
It's an undo-it-yourself project.**

Abigail Van Buren

**My barn having burned to the ground,
I can see the moon.**

Chinese proverb

**The ultimate test of a friendship is to
disagree, but to hold hands.**

Alexandra Penney

**Always leave time in your life to do
something that makes you happy, satisfied, even joyous.
that has more effect on economic well-being
than any other single factor.**

Paul Hawken

A GRIN OR TWO!

(from the Internet)

What do Eskimos get for sitting on the ice too long? Polaroids

What do you call four bullfighters in quicksand? Quatro cinco

Why do gorillas have big nostrils? Because they have big fingers.

Why don't blind people like to skydive? Because it scares the dog.

What's the difference between roast beef and pea soup? Anybody can roast beef.

How are a Texas tornado and a Tennessee divorce the same? Somebody's gonna lose a trailer.

Now admit it.....at least one of these made you smile!!



**The heart is the happiest when
it beats for others.**



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LET ME INTRODUCE TWIN ZENS !!!

XING YANG!!!

UPDATE:

TWO STAR BRIGHTEST!!!

SHAILENE WOODLY

"Passing out Bernie Sanders stickers with friends in NYC West Village."

↳ USMAGAZINE.COM / KP SCENE MAY 2, 2016, P. 35

PLEASE MEET:

CELESTIAL

TWIN STAR BRIGHTEST!!!

DAKOTA JOHNSON

"ON WHAT SHE LOVES ABOUT BEING SINGLE, NUDITY ON-SCREEN & THE APP THAT'S CHANGE HER LIFE." COVER STORY [WITH PICS]...

- MARIE CLAIRE.COM MARCH 2016

FIREWORKS!!!

XOXO!

STILL WATERS RUN DEEP!!! NAMASTE!!!

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WHAT BAD BLOOD!!!

KATY PERRY

UPDATE:

ROARING VICTORY

"Katy Perry's Prayers have been answered. The pop star, 31, can purchase an 8-acre Los Feliz convent after a judge ruled in favor of the Los Angeles archdiocese on April 13, blocking the convent's five remaining nuns from selling to a higher bidder. Her \$14.5 million offer from 2015 is pending the Vatican's approval, but a Perry source says [Perry plan... [Sic]] the singer's plans to renovate it into a home are amazing!" # TRUMPISM!

"SISTER CATHERINE ROSE
Sister Catherine Rose said giving Perry [in March] the property would forsake her vows."
- USMAGAZINE.COM / KATY PERRY MAY 2, 2016 P 3
TWISTED SISTERS !!!

NO WONDER KATY SUPPORTS HILLARY CLINTON!! THEY ARE BOTH SO HEARTLESS!!!

"Then Lets DANCE" BY ROSEMARY CLONEY
BY: LEON IRBY DATED: MAY 30, 2016

then Ohio Governor John Kasich out of the race.

Axl Rose on Joining AC/DC: 'I'm Happy and Excited,' But It's 'Inappropriate to Be Celebrating' At Brian Johnson's Expense

It was one of the more surprising stories of the year. In the midst of touring, AC/DC revealed that they were canceling dates and that Brian Johnson was told by doctors that if he continued touring, he was subject to potential total hearing loss. Even more surprising, the band snagged Axl Rose as their new vocalist, helping them fulfill their remaining scheduled shows for the year. Now Rose and the band are speaking about his joining AC/DC. In an interview with BBC 6 Music, Rose said he was a huge fan of Brian Johnson and that he just "wants to do it justice." "I'm happy and excited in one sense," says Rose, "But I think it would be inappropriate to be celebrating, in a certain way, at someone else's expense. That's not what I'm here to do. It's an unfortunate situation."

During the interview, Angus Young also addressed Brian Johnson's exit. "In his heart, he wanted to finish [the tour] but because of the hearing factor, he had to make a decision," said Young. "It's a hard thing to do, and he'd had the problem since we kicked off touring. It was his call. It was a shock to us too. The last thing you want to do is walk away from something, but you don't want someone in a tragic situation, being deaf, or any other affliction."

As for how Rose came to join the band, he revealed, "I called the day I read about it in the news, that there was a situation going on with Brian's hearing. I called a guy who's their production manager right now ... because I knew there was going to be a problem with having dates on sale and dates sold and stuff like that. So if I could help, and if I was able to do it, and they were interested, I'd love to help. And that's how it started. I wasn't looking at it like, 'I'm singing for AC/DC.' I was looking at it like, 'You know, if I can, and I they think I'm able to do it.'"

Rose admits that he finds a lot of the band's *Back in Black* material really challenging, adding, "He's a great singer and it's really challenging to sing it and just trying to do it justice for the fans."

Rose welcomed Angus Young to the stage during Guns N' Roses' Coachella appearance last month, giving audiences their first taste of what it might sound like with Axl singing AC/DC songs. His first official full performance with the band will take place this Saturday (May 7) in Lisbon, Portugal.

Want a healthy body? It's all about that fat and muscle, not your BMI

You know your body weight. You may even know your BMI, or body mass index. But do you know what your body is made of? If the answer is "too much fat and not enough muscle," that's bad news — no matter what you weigh.

"Body composition is the key to truly understanding health," says Lauri Wright, an assistant professor of nutrition at the University of South Florida and a spokesperson for the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. While most people who are "overweight" also are "over fat," she says, it's the fat that's dangerous. You also can be "skinny fat," she says — carrying too little muscle and too much fat at a normal weight. All of this is well known to experts in obesity, diet and exercise. But the experts say the public continues to struggle with the concept of body composition, even as research makes it increasingly clear that fat and flabbiness, not pounds alone, are the enemy.

The latest evidence: a big Canadian study of more than 50,000 people, mostly women over age 40. Researchers looked at BMI — a measurement of weight in relation to height — and at body fat percentages obtained from scans. The major finding, published in the *Annals of Internal Medicine*: People with the most body fat, more than 35% fat for men and 38% fat for women, were the most likely to die within a few years, regardless of weight and BMI.

"When people are having discussions with health care providers about their body weight, they have to focus on more than what it says on the bathroom scale," says study co-author William Leslie, a professor of medicine and radiology at the University of Manitoba.

So here's what you need to know:

It's still worth knowing your body mass index.

Because your doctor can calculate your BMI at a glance (by plugging your weight and height into a chart), it's a good starting point, says Martin Binks, associate professor of nutritional science at Texas Tech University. But, Binks says, a high BMI alone does not justify a diagnosis of obesity or mean a person is at increased risk for diabetes, heart disease and other fat-related diseases. Likewise, a low BMI is not necessarily a mark of health.

Muscular athletes with little body fat may have very high BMIs and be perfectly healthy, he says. "If Arnold Schwarzenegger is sitting in my office, I'm not going to tell him he's suffering from obesity," Binks says. Likewise, a frail, elderly person who has lost muscle and weight because of aging, illness and inactivity may have a low BMI but high body fat and many health risks. In fact, the Canadian study, like previous studies, found a link between low BMI and premature death.

Getting an exact body fat percentage is a little trickier

Some newer digital scales display a body fat percentage. These home scales, and more expensive devices in some doctors' offices and gyms, use a technology called bioelectrical impedance (BIA) to detect fat levels. But they can give varying results depending on how hydrated you are, Binks says. Some professionals rely on other

pricey technologies. And some fitness trainers still use hand-held fat calipers to measure body fat, but their accuracy depends on the trainer's skill level, says Cedric Bryant, chief science officer of the American Council on Exercise.

When you do get a body fat percentage, what does it mean? While there's no universally-accepted cutoff for healthy vs. unhealthy numbers, the exercise council says athletic or fit women maintain ranges of 14% to 24%, while athletic or fit men see ranges of 6% to 17%. One U.S. government study found average levels of 40% fat for women and 28% fat for men.

The location of your fat matters.

One reason your doctor may not insist on getting an exact body fat percentage: You can learn just about as much by putting a tape measure around your waist. "Waist circumference is going to correlate very highly with body fat," especially dangerous abdominal fat, says Tim Church, professor of preventative medicine at Pennington Biomedical Research Center at Louisiana State University. Waist sizes of more than 40 inches in men and 35 inches in women are linked with increased risks for type 2 diabetes and heart disease, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

There's no fat-burning secret.

Cut calories and burn them, through diet and exercise, and you will burn fat. You also will burn some muscle, so you will do your body the most good if you include weight-lifting and other muscle-strengthening moves, Church says.

Binks says that "the general thing the public gets wrong is that there is some sort of exercise that spot-reduces body fat." Whether fat drops first from your waist or your hips is more a matter of genetics than work-out strategy, he says.

Bryant says the best fat-burning exercise is the exercise you stick with. He also says it's a great idea to pump some iron — or use resistance bands, weight machines or other strengthening techniques — regardless of your weight goals or age. "It's so important to preserve those lean tissues, muscle and bone mass," to stay strong and keep functioning, he says.

As for diet, Wright says: "Claims of 'fat burning foods' are prevalent, but they are not true. The only way to burn fat is consume fewer calories than you expend."

Floyd Mayweather opens door for comeback, says he had talks with Showtime

Media members and fans alike have expected Floyd Mayweather to end his retirement all along.

For the first time since his final (at least for now) bout in September, the future Hall of Famer opened the door for a comeback. He was ringside in Washington, D.C., on Saturday to promote the Badou Jack-Lucian Bute title fight on Showtime, and when Jim Gray caught up with him, "Money" couldn't wipe the smile from his face.

steps to mitigate a part supply issue and is adjusting production schedules at four of its North American assembly facilities," said GM spokeswoman Courtney Zemke. An autoworkers' union official said those employees affected by the shutdown will receive 74% of their gross wages for however long the idling lasts, as long as those employees have worked at the site for at least one year.

There are 2,643 workers — 2,271 hourly and 372 salaried — at the Spring Hill facility. Zemke said the company is doing what it can to lessen the blow of the disruption to its personnel.

Wednesday's announcement has no impact on the production stoppage, officials said.

Arsenio Hall sues Sinead O'Connor for libel over Prince post

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Arsenio Hall is suing Sinead O'Connor over a Facebook post in which the singer accused him of furnishing Prince with drugs.

The comedian's libel lawsuit filed Thursday in Los Angeles Superior Court calls O'Connor's accusations fabricated lies. The lawsuit states O'Connor, who scored a hit in 1990 with her rendition of Prince's "Nothing Compares 2 U," barely knew the superstar and despised him.

O'Connor wrote a Facebook post Monday that stated investigators looking into the supplier of drugs used by Prince should question Hall. She also accused him of drugging her.

O'Connor's agent did not immediately return an email message seeking comment.

Janet Jackson Pregnant With Her First Child 2 Weeks Shy of 50th Birthday

Just days before Mother's Day, a source confirms to ET that Janet Jackson is pregnant with her first child.

The baby news comes after the 49-year-old singer -- who will turn 50 on May 16 -- announced last month that she will be postponing her tour to start a family with husband Wissam Al Mana. "We're in the second leg of the tour and there actually has been a sudden change," Jackson explained in a video posted to Twitter on April 6. "I thought it was important that you be the first to know. My husband and I are planning our family, so I'm going to have to delay the tour."

"Please, if you could try and understand that it's important that I do this now," Jackson asked of her fans. "I have to rest up, doctor's orders. But I have not forgotten about you. I will continue the tour as soon as I possibly can."

Jackson secretly wed Al Mana, 41, in 2012, but didn't confirm the news until early 2013.

This is the singer's third marriage.

In 2008, ET spoke with Jackson about whether she and her then-boyfriend, Jermaine Dupri, would be open to having kids. "I would love to have children of our own, but we also would love to adopt," she said. "So, we'll see what happens. It'll happen someday."

When ET correspondent Cojo gushed that she would "the greatest mother in the world," Jackson responded, "Well, I hope so. People say that, but I hope so."

Box office: 'Jungle Book' tops 'Keanu,' 'Mother's Day' with \$42.4M

Walt Disney's *The Jungle Book* dominated the box office, winning the crown for the third weekend in a row with \$42.4 million, according to studio estimates.

The PG-rated family film dispatched three new releases, including Key and Peele's cat comedy *Keanu*, Garry Marshall's ensemble movie *Mother's Day* and the video game-inspired *Ratchet & Clank*.

The Jungle Book and its live-action retelling of Rudyard Kipling's classic stories now has collected \$252 million domestically and \$432 million overseas for a global total that exceeds \$684 million.

"*The Jungle Book* has three wins over three weekends, taking on every newcomer. It's unexpected just how big a hit this has become and how it has had this kind of box office hold," says Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for comScore.com. "But it was helped by a weekend that was not strong for newcomers."

The Huntsman: Winter's War took second place in its second weekend with \$9.39 million. This fantasy follow-up to 2012's *Snow White & the Huntsman* has earned \$34 million after 10 days in theaters. *Keanu*, the feature teaming comics Keegan-Michael Key and Jordan Peele, fell into third by a cat's nose with \$9.35 million for its debut.

The R-rated comedy about the duo trying to recover a beloved cat named Keanu received 75% positive critical ratings on the aggregate review site RottenTomatoes.com and a flat B grade from audiences on [CinemaScore](http://CinemaScore.com).

Mother's Day, which stars Julia Roberts, Jennifer Aniston and Kate Hudson each in mother-themed stories, took fourth place with \$8.3 million.

The third holiday-themed feature from director Marshall, following 2010's *Valentine's Day* and 2011's *New Year's Eve*, was reviled by critics; just 8% liked it at Rotten Tomatoes. Audiences gave the comedy a B-plus on the weekend before the Mother's Day holiday.

The PG-13 comedy *Barbershop: The Next Cut* rounded out the top five with \$6.1 million in its third weekend (\$44.7 million total).

The weekend's other newcomer, *Ratchet & Clank*, ended up seventh with \$4.8 million. Sylvester Stallone brought star voice power to the animated movie, but it was a critical dud, scoring a lowly 19% on Rotten Tomatoes. Audiences gave it a B on [CinemaScore](http://CinemaScore.com).

Exhibitor Relations analyst Jeff Bock says the poor performance of the three new films showed how slow the box office can be at the end of April.

"There's no way around it: These three films flopped in their opening weekends," Bock says.

But next weekend's opening of *Captain America: Civil War* will prove the slowdown is just temporary, Bock says. The Disney/Marvel film launched internationally this weekend with \$200 million.

"Next weekend, it's all about *Captain America*," he says. "It's going to really kick off the summer."

Seth MacFarlane to produce, star in Fox TV sci-fi series

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Seth MacFarlane is going to star in and produce a sci-fi TV series set 300 years in the future.

Fox said Wednesday that the series, described as a comedic drama, is intended for the network's 2017-18 season.

The untitled show will follow a motley crew of a spaceship from Earth on an exploratory mission. Fox says it has ordered 13 hourlong episodes.

MacFarlane's TV career has focused on animation, as producer and voice actor for series including Fox's "Family Guy" and TBS' "American Dad!"

His movie credits include "Ted" and its sequel and "A Million Ways to Die in the West."

MacFarlane has gotten serious about space before, as producer of Fox's documentary series "Cosmos: A Spacetime Odyssey." An air date and other casting for the new show weren't announced.

Rolling Stones Tell Donald Trump To Stop Using Their Music

Donald Trump has used hits to fire up his supporters at campaign events.

London, United Kingdom: The Rolling Stones have become the latest musicians to ask US Republican presumptive presidential nominee Donald Trump to stop using their songs in his campaign events.

"The Rolling Stones have never given permission to the Trump campaign to use their songs and have requested that they cease all use immediately," the rockers said in a statement.

Trump has used hits including "You Can't Always Get What You Want" and "Start Me Up" to fire up his supporters at campaign events.

The Stones join a growing number of musicians who have expressed anger at Trump's use of their music at rallies, which have repeatedly been marred by violence.

Everlast last month demanded he stop playing "Jump Around" by the rapper's former band House of Pain, while Neil Young, R.E.M. and Adele have also spoken out.

Trump has an uncontested path to the Republican presidential nomination after his victory in Indiana's primary on Thursday pushed remaining challengers Ted Cruz and

Shining light on criminal system

Memoir recounts tales of justice, redemption

By **MOLLY BORN**

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

At first Bryan Stevenson was conflicted about whether writing a book on his life's work was the best use of his time.

Since 1989, the lawyer and activist has led the Equal Justice Initiative, the Alabama legal practice he founded, which represents death row prisoners, juvenile offenders sent to adult prisons and the wrongfully convicted.



Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption. By Bryan Stevenson. Penguin Random House. 368 pages. \$16.

cy: A Story of Justice and Redemption." Stevenson's award-winning, bestselling memoir published in 2014.

Born in a rural community in Delaware, Stevenson graduated from Eastern University, near Philadelphia, and Harvard, where as a law student, he took an internship representing death row inmates in Georgia. The work of the nonprofit Equal Justice Initiative has led to the release of dozens of death row prisoners who were illegally convicted or condemned to death.

Stevenson's perspective is especially notable amid narra-

"I felt like if more people saw what I see on a regular basis, they would think differently about those issues, and that is ultimately what persuaded me that this was time well spent," he said.

Two years of memorializing those stories culminated in "Just Mer-



GETTY IMAGES

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In an interview, Stevenson posited that dramatic spending cuts that resulted from the 2008 recession prompted a closer look at the soaring costs of mass incarceration. Keeping people in jail for long periods of time came under renewed scrutiny "when the economics tightened, when the question about how we spend our money became more intense."

"I think that we have been

inattentive to the phenomenon of mass incarceration for decades. There were a handful of us who were living that nightmare . . . Now I think you're seeing it manifest in popular culture."

But do those narratives engender reform or briefly vex certain audiences, who then go back to living their normal lives?

"I think it can be a good thing. It can also be a distraction. I think it many ways, popular culture contributed to the problems of mass incarceration — evil offenders doing evil things and the system failing to hold them ac-

countable (which) resulted in these incredibly harsh punishments," he said. "We sensationalized bad crimes, and it's created a bad criminal justice system."

Responsible coverage, however, can "animate those stories and give perspective."

Stevenson was resolute about what criminal justice reform he would change overnight if he could.

"Get everyone out of prison who is not a threat to public safety," he said, and invest the savings in education and other services.

HOLLYWOOD AND IN REAL LIFE (IRL) !!!

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Communal Friends:

Did you see the c. 1997 movie "FACE OFF" starring Nicolas Cage and John Travolta

check-out piece in below, p. 2;
for IRL "FACE OFF"!

GO! GO! HOLLYWOOD'S IRL
PREVIEW!!!

NICOLAS CAGE

1996, it's been twenty
strange years since Nicolas
Cage rightly won an Oscar
and a Golden Globe for
Best Actor in "Leaving Las Vegas"
RollingStone.com/MOVIES

JOHN TRAVOLTA

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"FACE OFF"

Antonio has an abundant coral reef at the juncture where waters from the Caribbean stream into the Gulf of Mexico. Scientists with NOAA said the reef has a significant influence on the condition of other coral habitats in the Gulf of Mexico and South Florida.

Scientists from the U.S. and across the world are gathering this week in Havana for the 10th Ocean Sciences Conference to discuss climate change and conservation.

"This opens the door to collaborating on many, many fronts so the so-called invisible lines of the Gulf (of Mexico) disappear," said Daniel Whittle, the EDF's senior director for Cuba. "In my mind, this was long overdue."

Massachusetts woman wins \$1M on scratch ticket for 2nd time

BOSTON (AP) — Few people are lucky enough to win \$1 million in the lottery. But one Massachusetts woman has now done it twice.

Constance Carpenito, of Stoneham, recently won a \$1 million prize on a scratch ticket in the \$10,000,000 Diamond Millionaire instant game.

A spokesman for the Massachusetts Lottery says Carpenito also won \$1 million on a scratch ticket back in 1996.

Both tickets were purchased at the same Stop & Shop supermarket on Main Street in her hometown. If that isn't enough, she also once bought a \$20,000 winning ticket at the store.

Carpenito says she plays \$20 in lottery tickets every week. She plans to put her most recent winnings toward a very special Christmas for her family.

Mississippi firefighter receives Brooklyn man's face in transplant

A volunteer firefighter badly burned in a 2001 blaze has received the most extensive face transplant ever, covering his skull and much of his neck, a New York hospital announced Monday.

The surgery took place in August at the NYU Langone Medical Center. The patient, 41-year-old Patrick Hardison, is still undergoing physical therapy at the hospital but plans to return home to Senatobia, Mississippi, in time for Thanksgiving. The surgery has paved the way for him to regain normal vision, and in an interview last week he said that will let him accomplish a major goal: "I'll start driving again."

More than two dozen face transplants have been performed worldwide since the first one in France in 2005. Dr. Eduardo Rodriguez, who led the surgical team that did Hardison's transplant and recently wrote a review of the field, said Hardison's is by far the most extensive performed successfully in terms of the amount of tissue transferred.

The transplant extends from the top of the head, over Hardison's skull and down to the collarbones in front; in back, it reaches far enough down that only a tiny patch of Hardison's original hair remains — its color

matched by the dark blond hair growing on his new scalp. The transplant includes both ears.

The surgery began Aug. 14 and lasted 26 hours. It left no scars on Hardison's new face because the seam of the transplanted tissue runs down the back of his skull.

The donor was 26-year-old New York artist and competitive cyclist David P.

Rodebaugh. He had died of injuries from a biking accident on a Brooklyn street.

Hardison was burned Sept. 5, 2001, in Senatobia in northwestern Mississippi. A 27-year-old father of three at the time who'd served for seven years as a volunteer firefighter, he entered a burning house to search for a woman. The roof collapsed, giving him third-degree burns on his head, neck and upper torso.

He spent about two months at a Memphis, Tennessee, burn center. Doctors used a layer of skin from his legs to cover his wounded head, but he had lost his ears, lips, most of his nose and virtually all of his eyelid tissue. Since he could not blink, doctors used skin grafts to reinforce what remained of his eyelids and sewed them nearly shut to protect his eyes. That left him with only pinhole vision.

"I was almost totally blind," he recalled. "I could see just a little bit."

His face was "one huge scar," Rodriguez said. Hardison still went to baseball games and did other things outside, although people stared. He playfully told curious children that he had fought a bear. Still, he said, life was hard. He endured 71 surgeries.

Eventually a church friend of his wrote to Rodriguez, who had performed a 2012 face transplant at the University of Maryland Medical Center. The doctor said he would try to help, and in August 2014 Hardison was placed on a waiting list.

"We were looking for the ideal donor," one who matched Hardison on biological traits to minimize the risk of his body's rejecting the new tissue, as well as things like skin and hair color, said Rodriguez, who by then had moved to NYU Langone.

A year later, Rodebaugh was identified as a potential donor by LiveOnNY, the nonprofit organization that seeks transplant organs and tissue in the New York City area. A native of the Columbus, Ohio, area, he had signed up to donate organs. His mother gave permission to use his face, noting that Rodebaugh had always wanted to be a firefighter, said LiveOnNY president Helen Irving.

The hospital paid for the transplant operation, which included attaching four bone segments to Hardison's skull, as anchors to prevent the face from drooping. Now, three months later, the lower part of his face remains swollen, but Rodriguez said that will go away in a few months. With his new eyelids and more surgery, he's expected to regain a normal field of vision for the first time in more than a decade. He will have to

continue taking medications to prevent his body from rejecting the transplant.

Eventually, "a casual observer will not notice anything that is odd" in Hardison's new face, which will blend features of his original face and the donor's, Rodriguez said. Hardison said his new face has already made a difference when he goes outside.

"I used to get stared at all the time, but now I'm just an average guy," he said.

He's been told he can't return to firefighting because of insurance concerns, but he has another plan: motivational speaking or something similar, perhaps for wounded veterans.

His message? "Just how there is hope."

Man finally returns 400 million-year-old fossil he stole from state park

A young man's theft of a 400 million-year-old fossil rock from an Arkansas state park years ago prompted a heartfelt note of apology from the now much older and wiser collector from Texas.

He shipped the stone back to Buffalo National River officials last week, regret evident in his words.

"Please return to Lost Valley State Park," his note reads. "I was young and hid it from my folks. I'm very old now & very sorry. Forgive me."

The inch-thick stone contains fossilized tracks from prehistoric worms that left their trails in mud that later turned to stone, according to park spokesman Caven Clark. It's an eye-catching piece, but Clark reminded all park visitors that removing mementos or archaeological finds from a national park not only is ethically wrong, it's also illegal.

"A person who took this potentially could be fined \$100, but it could ramp up to a felony case if it involves the theft of more material or from an archaeological site," he said.

The apologetic Texan did provide a return address, but Clark said it's unlikely he'll be fined since he apologized for what he did and returned what he took.

Clark said Lost Valley State Park was closed long ago, so there's no easy way to simply return the rock to its original resting place.

"We'll honor his request in principal," Clark said. "But if we take it back and just chuck it in the stream bed we lose his story. We haven't made a firm decision what we'll do, but it's appropriate to tell his story and the message is better coming from him than us."

It's possible the fossil rock and the note could become part of a park exhibit reminding visitors to live by the Leave No Trace ethical mantra posted on the Buffalo National River's Facebook page:

"Leave what you find, preserve the past, observe, but do not touch cultural or historic structures and artifacts. Leave rocks, plants, and other natural objects as you find them. Avoid introducing or transporting non-native species. Do not build structures, furniture, or dig trenches.

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"So, leave what you see, and take what you bring in any National or State Park."

Stolen 1,000-year-old statue turned over by Ball State museum

MUNCIE — Federal law enforcement officials confirmed that a 1,000-year-old idol displayed at Ball State University's David Owsley Museum of Art was looted from a temple in Southern India.

The university announced that it turned over the religious relic to the U.S.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Monday. The statue had been on continuous display at the museum for a decade.

"The theft, trafficking and/or destruction of cultural artifacts is one of the oldest and most sinister forms of transnational crime," Glenn Sorge, acting special agent in charge for HSI New York, said in a prepared statement.

The Star Press reported in July that there was more than one reason to suspect the statue — which shows Shiva, one of the main deities of Hinduism, at the time of his marriage to Parvati, the goddess of love — was stolen. +1 Subhash Kapoor idol restitution, this one depicting Shiva & Parvati (860-1279 AD) <https://t.co/pfVU92Kohmpic.twitter.com/TKGqFBYiEL>

— gabi angeleti (@gdmchu) November 17, 2015

For starters, the museum had purchased the artifact 10 years ago from New York City art dealer Subhash Kapoor to honor Owsley, the grandson of one of Ball State's founders and the foremost supporter of the museum. Kapoor has since been accused of being one of the world's most prolific art smugglers/temple raiders in a federal investigation named "Operation Hidden Idol." So far, thousands of pieces valued at more than \$100 million have been recovered from around the world. He remains in custody in India awaiting trial.

Although the museum had no proof at that time the idol was stolen, La France said he would immediately contact the Consulate General of India in Chicago about its true ownership.

Last summer, The Star Press quoted blogger Vijay Kumar, who had just written a short piece in The Times of India reporting that "it is likely the provenance papers of this (Ball State) statue are fake, given Kapoor's record." "The quality of preservation of this bronze shows that the statue was under worship. It was sold in 2005, the same time when Sripuranthan and Suthamalli were looted. With the help of the public, the authorities including the police should take all efforts to bring home this statue."

It's against the museum's policy to comment on the prices of works in its collection, but there is little doubt it cost in the six figures to acquire the statue, given the long list of wealthy donors who contributed to it and the estimated value of other Kapoor loot that has been recovered.

The statue will be shipped to New York, where it will become potential evidence in Operation Hidden Idols. Ultimately, it likely will be forfeited and repatriated to India along with at least six other sacred Chola bronzes recovered by HSI.

ICE says BSU representatives became "unwitting victims" as Kapoor provided the Owsley Museum with a false provenance for their artifact. Kapoor had a fraudulent provenance attributed to Leo Figiel that placed the artifact back to a U.S. collection in 1969.

Reports: One of terrorists identified in coordinated Paris attacks

PARIS — French authorities said Saturday that three terrorist teams carried out the highly coordinated attacks on the streets of Paris that left 129 people dead — including at least one American — and more than 350 people injured.

The French newspaper Le Monde and CNN identified one of the suicide bombers in the attacks as Ismael Omar Mostefai. CNN attributed the identification to a French member of Parliament. Mostefai lived in the French city of Chartres at least until 2012, said Jean-Pierre Gorges, who is mayor of the city as well as a member of Parliament, CNN reported.

The investigation has also yielded the identity of a French radical among the killers, one person with a Syrian passport and a tip that led Belgian authorities to arrest three people linked to the massacres. The Islamic State claimed responsibility for the attacks.

Paris prosecutor Francois Molins said several terrorists — wearing identical suicide vests — died during the attacks late Friday, including one killed by French police and two who detonated their vest as security forces closed in.

"We can say at this stage of the investigation there were probably three coordinated teams of terrorists behind this barbaric act," he said at a news conference late Saturday.

Molins raised the death toll to 129, including 89 killed after terrorists stormed the Bataclan concert hall. Another 352 people were injured, including 99 who remained in critical condition, he added.

Nohemi Gonzalez, 20, a college student from California was among the dead, according to California State University in Long Beach, where she went to school. Earlier, Mark Toner, a spokesperson for the U.S. State Department, confirmed some Americans were also among the injured, but would not elaborate. "The United States Embassy in Paris is working around the clock to assist American citizens affected by this tragedy," Toner said in a statement. Another American woman, identified as Helen Jane Wilson, formerly of New Orleans, was undergoing surgery late Saturday at a Paris hospital after being wounded in the leg at the Bataclan, the Associated Press reported.

Molins said the attacks were carried out by seven terrorists operating in three separate but highly coordinated teams. It began at the Stade de France, or National Stadium, at 9:20 p.m. when a suicide bomber ignited his vest outside while a friendly soccer match between France and Germany was being played inside.

Shortly after, a gunman armed with an automatic rifle stepped out of a black car and opened fire in Paris's 10th arrondissement, killing 15 people. Molins said 100 cartridges were found at the site.

A third attack occurred at a bar in the adjoining 11th arrondissement, where five people were killed and 8 injured. Individuals also opened fire from a black vehicle at yet another restaurant, killing 19 people sitting on a terrace.

Most of the victims were found at the Bataclan concert hall, where a performance by the California rock band Eagles of Death Metal was underway. Molins said the terrorists, who had parked their car in front, "burst into the room, shot into the air ... and took hostages in front of the band." He said 89 people were killed before French police stormed the building.

Police killed one of the gunman while the other two detonated their suicide vests. Molins said authorities had identified one of the terrorists as a 30-year-old Frenchman known to security forces as having been radicalized. The terrorist, from the town of Courcouronnes, 15 miles south of Paris, was identified through fingerprints.

"We have to find who these people are, who their accomplices are, who ordered this, where they come from, how they were financed," he said.

Meanwhile, a tip from witnesses who spotted the terrorists' car — with Belgian plates — at the theater led Belgian authorities Saturday to arrest three men. Molins said the car had been rented to a Frenchman living in Belgium who was identified in a spot check by police as he drove across the Belgian border with two others.

The French newspaper Liberation, quoting a spokesperson for the Greek government, also reported that a Syrian passport belonging to a migrant who passed through Greece was found on the body of a suicide bomber. Greek deputy public order minister Nikos Toskas confirmed in a statement that the document passed through Greece on Oct. 3. It was not immediately clear if the name on the passport was that of the dead terrorist. A 51-year-old man arrested last week after firearms, explosives and hand grenades were found in his car near the border between Germany and Austria had also been linked to the Paris attacks, Ludwig Waldinger, a spokesman for Bavarian state police, told the AP. "He has refused to say what he planned to do or where the weapons came from," Waldinger said.

France Strikes ISIS Targets in Syria in Retaliation for Attacks

WHAT'S NEW TO NOT WATCH ON TV!!!

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AND ENGLISMAN SIMON COWELL!!!

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COWELL RUDENESS!!! (TRUMPISM)!!!!

AND VIEWERS WILL REJECT (VOTE HIM OFF)
HIM --- AGAIN!!!

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the movie version of *The Guardian*, which is in the early stages of production. We're only 'Humans': In the era of selfies, there's still room for photographers – especially for a guy named Brandon Stanton, the street photographer behind the wildly popular blog *Humans of New York*. Stanton is back on the list with a book version of the blog, *Humans of New York: Stories*, which lands at No. 6. It's a sequel to his surprise 2013 hit, *Humans of New York*, which landed at No. 5.

Stanton is more of a "confessional" photographer than a professional photographer. He prowls the city to find interesting characters of all ages, strangers who tell him intimate (and often funny) details of their lives. He posts both the photos and the stories on his blog. His new book offers 100 photos and stories never seen before.

Stanton was interviewed by Robin Roberts for segments on *Good Morning America* and *Nightline* that aired on Oct. 12, the day before his book went on sale.

Janet Jackson goes on vocal rest, postpones shows

Janet Jackson isn't going to be singing for fans this weekend.

The performer tweeted that she's on vocal rest, "Doctor's orders," and has to miss her planned shows on Saturday in Salt Lake City and Sunday in Denver. The tour dates have not yet been rescheduled.

Hey you guys, I must rest my vocal chords. Doctor's orders... Will be rescheduling Salt Lake and Denver. (cont)

<https://t.co/MFT9x2WK0X>

— Janet Jackson (@JanetJackson) October 24, 2015

Jackson is in the middle of her Unbreakable World Tour, which has stops in the U.S., the U.K. and Japan through next summer.

Black Sabbath return to headline Download

The legendary Black Sabbath - Ozzy Osbourne, Tony Iommi and Geezer Butler - will be returning to headline Download Festival 2016 on Saturday 11 June.

Nearly five decades on from their beginnings in Birmingham, the band - who have been widely proclaimed as 'The Greatest Metal Band of All Time' - will be coming back to the spiritual home of rock at Donington Park as part of their FINAL ever tour entitled "The End", which will see their biggest and most mesmerising production to date.

Ozzy Osbourne commented:

'Download is my absolute favourite summer festival. It's always like coming home. See you all there!'

'Thor' and 'Alien' movies to be shot in Australia next year

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — The latest movies in the "Thor" and "Alien" franchises will begin filming in Australia next year, the government said Thursday.

The government gave Twentieth Century Fox as well as Walt Disney Pictures and Marvel Studios a total of 47.25 million Australian

dollars (\$34 million) to woo them to Australia to make the feature films. Arts Minister Mitch Fifield said.

Ridley Scott will direct the unnamed Alien movie for Fox and Australian actor Chris Hemsworth will reprise his starring role as the superhero in the third instalment of the "Thor" series for Disney and Marvel, "Thor: Ragnarok."

While locations have not been announced, Disney recently finished shooting "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales" at Gold Coast studios in Queensland state and Fox has studios in Sydney.

Foreign Minister Julie Bishop defended the government spending to secure the movies, saying Australia was competing against other countries to attract movie makers.

She said her government had wanted the Scott-directed Fox hit film "The Martian" shot in Australia instead of Hungary.

Mary Ann Hughes, Disney Vice President of Film and Television, described shooting of the fifth instalment of the "Pirates of the Caribbean" franchise as a "wonderful experience."

Shooting had several setbacks and controversies. Star Johnny Depp's wife, Amber Heard, was charged with illegally bringing the couple's dogs into Australia against quarantine regulations. She could face up to 10 years in prison and heavy fines if convicted.

Hughes joked at a news conference that: "Since our lovely Chris Hemsworth lives in Australia, I suspect we won't have any issues with pets."

Hemsworth said in a video from Los Angeles that he was looking forward to working again in his home country.

"I look forward to introducing my Marvel friends to this beautiful country of ours," he said.

Simon Cowell replacing Stern on NBC's 'America's Got Talent'

NEW YORK (AP) — Simon Cowell is heading back in front of the cameras as a replacement for Howard Stern as a judge on NBC's summertime series "America's Got Talent."

NBC announced Thursday that Cowell, one of the show's producers and creators of the format, will start next season. The show has remained one of summer's most popular programs even as ratings for other reality shows have faded.

Cowell's caustic commentary on Fox's "American Idol" is what launched him into U.S. stardom. He left "American Idol" after the 2010 season, when it was still one of television's top shows, and will begin on "America's Got Talent" shortly after "American Idol" goes off the air for the final time.

"What I love about this show is that it's open to absolutely anyone," Cowell said. "America has some fantastic talent just waiting to be discovered, and I would like that talent to come to our show, including any dogs who can sing."

SIMON COWELL REPLACING STERN ON NBC'S...

Besides Stern, other judges this past season were Howie Mandel, Mel B and Heidi Klum. NBC has not announced whether the other judges will return. Nick Cannon has hosted the show.

The show will be in its 11th season next summer. The format has been replicated widely, now airing in 183 countries.

'Martian' rises to No. 1, debuts fail to launch

You can't keep a super-botanist astronaut down.

Matt Damon and the acclaimed drama *The Martian* orbited back to the top of the box office in its fourth weekend with \$15.9 million (and \$166.4 million total), according to studio estimates from Rentrak.

"The cream rises to the top, and *The Martian* has bridged that gap between being a very intelligent film that's also very entertaining," says Rentrak senior media analyst Paul Dergarabedian.

Jack Black horror comedy *Goosebumps* was just edged out of first place after taking the No. 1 spot last weekend; a \$15.5 million take was good enough for second, bringing its total to \$43.7 million. Steven Spielberg's Cold War drama *Bridge of Spies* came in No. 3 with \$11.4 million (\$32.6 million to date). The continued strong performances of *Spies* and especially *Martian* help their chances this award season, Dergarabedian says. Plus, "if you're a moviegoer and you have to choose, maybe you're going with the brand names you know like Matt Damon and Tom Hanks." A host of debuts crashed and burned around them, which made for "a pretty scary early Halloween for the movie industry," says Dergarabedian. "This is one of the most fragmented marketplaces I've ever seen." Coming in fourth was the Vin Diesel action fantasy *The Last Witch Hunter*, which was the best of the newcomers with \$10.8 million, and rounding out the top five was Adam Sandler's animated vampire comedy *Hotel Transylvania 2* with \$9 million.

Paranormal Activity: The Ghost Dimension, what's billed as the final chapter of the low-budget horror franchise, could only scare up \$8.2 million, good enough for sixth.

Steve Jobs, which stars Oscar hopeful Michael Fassbender as the Apple tech giant, snagged just \$7.3 million and seventh place as it expanded nationwide. (By comparison, Ashton Kutcher's *Jobs* debuted with \$6.7 million two years ago.)

"If you're chasing massive box office, it's tough with these sorts of films that appeal to the intelligentsia and thus don't find that mass audience who might just be waiting for *Hunger Games* and James Bond," says Dergarabedian.

Guillermo del Toro's spooky Gothic romance *Crimson Peak* fell to eighth, pulling in \$5.6 million — down 58% from last week. *The Intern*, starring Robert De Niro in the title role, ranked No. 9 with \$3.9 million, and Christian football drama *Woodlawn* took No. 10 with \$3.1 million.

Today at the launch of [Video & Audio Center's](#) new superstore in Woodland Hills, Calif., Lee will unveil a 24 karat version of Monster's recently-released BackFloat Bluetooth speaker that is waterproof and floats (\$179.95) and new headphones approved by international soccer star Cristiano Ronaldo.

The first line of 2,000 limited edition 24K BackFloat speakers (\$199) is headed to retail and [MonsterProducts.com](#). "Other Bluetooth speakers say they are waterproof but they sink right to the bottom. What good is that?" Lee said. "This is a new spin on the lifestyle of being able to go to beach with it or go to the pool. You can do a speakerphone conference right on the water. People can use them in the shower."

The new headphones, the ROC Sport black platinum over-ear headphones (\$329.95), are part of Monster's new premium product line designed for and endorsed by international soccer star Cristiano Ronaldo. The company got serious traffic -- more than 30 million views -- this August with an online promotional video showing Ronaldo in disguise as a homeless man kicking a soccer ball in a Madrid, Spain square. "He's the megastar of megastars," Lee said. The headphones have a "very rich finish" and the sound "is my best work," Lee said.

In December, Lee begins filming a six-episode Nickelodeon series called *Make It Monster* with *America's Got Talent* host Nick Cannon, who's been a Monster product advisor for years and will be the show's producer. The two will conduct a *Shark Tank*-like process for young entrepreneurs for kids and teens.

Wanna-be startups can show off their inventions to Lee, Cannon and retailers. "He and I have always focused on youth," Lee said. "We'll choose the most innovative invention and we will commit to making it and retail will stock it."

Monster Cable, founded by Lee in 1979, originally specialized in high-quality audio and video cables. But it became simply "Monster" as its product category expanded over the years.

Monster co-designed the Beats By Dr. Dre headphones that kickstarted the high-end stylish headphone category in 2008. Earlier this year, Lee filed suit against Beats, which was acquired by Apple in May 2014.

Attorneys are still taking depositions, Lee says. "It's kind of like the calm before the storm," he said.

Richard Petty boosts Ford Mustangs to 727 horsepower

Ford's Mustang fell behind in the horsepower race against rivals Dodge Challenger and Charger, but now it's pulling out its secret weapon in the battle for muscle-car supremacy: Richard Petty.

The NASCAR racing legend has an aftermarket performance shop that is boosting the horsepower of the Mustang GT from 435 to as much as 727, easily besting the factory-produced 707-horsepower

Challenger and Charger Hellcats of Dodge. The Mustangs will be sold through Ford dealers and will be fully backed by Ford's warranty.

"These new King edition Mustangs are pretty much the way I'd build my own," says Petty in a statement issued by Ford. "They are just great fun to drive and have a signature single exhaust. With the new paint on the Premier edition, that's how you know we built it. They look pretty sharp."

To get such an astounding surge in horsepower, Petty's Garage, as the aftermarket converter is known, takes a number of steps. It adds a Ford Performance supercharger to the stock 5-liter V-8 engine, which alone boosts horsepower to 670. Then it adds custom engine calibration, a cold-air intake and a MagnaFlow exhaust system. To handle the extra power, the car also comes with new half shafts, sway bars and a rear axle upgrade. There are also custom, wider tires front and rear.

The King Edition is priced at \$67,495. The King Premier, which beefs up the brakes and adds more modifications, goes for \$90,495.

What Is It? McLaren 570S Coupe: rear-wheel-drive, two-seat sports car
Starting Price: \$184,900

Competitors: [Porsche 911 Turbo S](#), [Audi R8](#), [Mercedes-AMG GT S](#)

Alternatives: [Chevrolet Corvette Z06](#)

Would I Buy It With My Own

Money? For roughly the price of Porsche 911 Turbo, the 570S' supercar demeanor makes it an instant winner.

We're not typically in the habit of recommending carmakers' least expensive offerings. But with its new 570S, McLaren makes any other course impossible. Simply put, the latest model from the vaunted English racecar constructor's growing catalog of high-performance road cars is not only its most affordable offering ever, it is also the most satisfying—the svelte repository of more easily accessible fun.

So much so that we can say with assurance that if our supertanker came in tomorrow, even half-loaded—because the 570S's starting price of \$184,900 is no more (and possibly even less) than that of a well-optioned Porsche 911 Turbo—we'd be talking to our McLaren dealer about it. And, as our English friends might say, sharpish. It's hard for even the most dimly aware car fan not to admire McLaren. Founded in the UK in the 1960s by New Zealand's legendary ex-patriot race driver and constructor, the late Bruce McLaren, and latterly run by the maniacally single-minded English engineer/businessman Ron Dennis, the long-running operation has won eight Formula One constructors titles and dominated many other forms of racing throughout the years. Just as remarkably, the firm all but reinvented the supercar game late in the last century (1992-1999) with its first road car, the stunning, jewel-like, cost-no-object F1. More than a million bucks to buy even then, today it's a rare, multi-

million dollar collectible that's appreciating in value with the velocity of, well, a Le Mans spec [McLaren F1 GTR](#).

After a lengthy hiatus, interrupted only by a disappointing joint venture with Mercedes-AMG to build the SLR, McLaren returned to the high-end road car fray for real and on its own in 2011, with the less expensive than F1 but still costly (\$230,000 and up) MP4-12C. Assembled in a purpose-built facility adjacent to McLaren's ultra-modern HQ in Woking, Surrey, that car was impressive, with supercar looks, blinding speed and immense grip, just as a buyer looking for a Ferrari 458 or other mid-engine supercar alternative might hope. While generally admired by the critics, however, the MP4-12C fell short of sales expectations, quickly sending McLaren engineers back to their cad-cam drawing boards.

Fortunately, the basic conception was sound. So in revised and lightly restyled form, that first new-era car [re-emerged in 2014 as the 650S](#), available as a coupe for \$267,900 or a convertible spider model for a not inconsiderable \$28,000 more, or, should you prefer even more power, as the still pricier (\$375,000) track-oriented 675LT. **Nicholas Sparks has another No. 1 best seller**

Here's a look at what's new on USA TODAY's Best-Selling Books list...

Sparks flies: By now, landing at No. 1 on USA TODAY's list must seem old hat for Nicholas Sparks. The new *See Me* is the novelist's fifth novel in a row to make its debut in the top spot. (The full list will publish on Thursday.)

See Me, Sparks' first book in two years, follows the No. 1 success of *The Longest Ride* (2013), *The Best of Me* (2011), *Safe Haven* (2010) and *The Last Song* (2009). (*See Me* is his 18th book to land in USA TODAY's top 5.)

The new dramatic romance, set again in North Carolina, is the story of Colin Hancock, who's trying to straighten out his life, and Maria Sanchez, a lawyer with troubles of her own.

On his web site, Sparks says that his latest characters "are among my favorites that I have ever created." He also tells fans: "*See Me* in some ways is similar to *The Guardian* and *Safe Haven*, in that the novel evolves from a simple love story to a story with thriller-like elements. However, unlike the previous novels, *See Me* has more twists and turns; part of the fun of the novel is in trying to figure out what's happening, and who the antagonist actually is."

Of course Sparks is equally well known for the hit movies spun off from his best sellers. According to publisher Grand Central, he has not yet sold the film rights for *See Me*. But an adaptation of *The Choice*, based on his 2007 novel (another No. 1 USA TODAY best seller), is due in theaters in February. After that, fans should prepare to bring tissues to

"AMERICAN IDOL CANCELLED AFTER 15th SEASON"

business internationally. The global gross is pushing on \$1 billion, and has yet to open in two huge and vitally important global territories," China and Japan. "It's the very definition of a summer popcorn movie." *Hot Pursuit*, starring Sofia Vergara and Reese Witherspoon, made \$13.3 million in its debut, despite a critical drubbing. The female buddy comedy eked out a paltry 6% critical approval rating on RottenTomatoes.com, though it fared better with audiences, with 51% liking it.

"I don't think anyone expected a massive debut," says Dergarabedian. "For comedies, it's important that critics say it's funny, so that was tough for *Hot Pursuit*. But what Warner Bros. was trying to do with this film was offer an alternative for female audiences. It should have a solid life on the small screen when it hits home video."

In third place, adult drama *Age of Adaline*, starring Blake Lively, is thriving in blockbuster season as it finds a niche, particularly drawing older audiences. In its third weekend, *Adaline* grossed \$5.6 million (with a minuscule drop of 10%), thus bringing its total to \$31.5 million.

April megahit *Furious 7* is still revving in fourth place, holding strong considering that the movie is in its sixth weekend of release (\$5.3 million, bringing its North American total to \$338.4 million and its global take to \$1.5 billion). Worldwide, it's the fourth-highest grossing film of all time, behind *Avatar*, *Titanic* and the original *Avengers*. Rounding out the top five is *Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2*, another critical bomb that appealed to only 6% on Rotten Tomatoes. But it added another \$5.2 million in its fourth weekend, bumbling its way to \$58.1 million.

Although this weekend is down by about 5% from the same weekend a year ago, Dergarabedian predicts "this summer is going to be ahead of last summer by leaps and bounds."

Not to be dismissed are well-received indies that are holding their own: *Ex Machina*, which earned \$3.5 million in its fifth weekend out, bringing this critical and audience hit to \$15.7 million. Also, *Far From the Madding Crowd*, which had a 361% increase over its debut last weekend, raking in slightly more than \$1 million in 99 theaters.

"That's the really cool thing about the movies now," Dergarabedian says. "There's such a great variety of the types of films that are out there: You have the specialty indies for an antidote to your typical summer blockbuster or buddy comedy."

New 'Captain America' has all-star cast
The Hulk is probably sad right now since he's one of the only Avengers not in *Captain America: Civil War*.

Production is now underway in Atlanta on the third *Captain America* film (out May 6, 2016), directed by Joe and Anthony Russo, and the cast list is like an all-star team of Marvel movies thus far.

Among the notables announced Thursday by Marvel: Paul Rudd, star of the upcoming *Ant-Man* (in theaters July 17), gets his first appearance alongside Earth's mightiest heroes as thief-turned-protagonist Scott Lang, and William Hurt reprises his *Incredible Hulk* role as Gen. Thaddeus "Thunderbolt" Ross. Chris Evans (Captain America) and Robert Downey Jr. (Tony Stark) are among the A-list carryovers from *Avengers: Age of Ultron* with others such as Scarlett Johansson (Black Widow), Jeremy Renner (Hawkeye), Don Cheadle (War Machine), Vision (Paul Bettany), Elizabeth Olsen (Scarlet Witch) and Anthony Mackie (Falcon).

Civil War begins with the new team of Avengers introduced at the end of *Age of Ultron* being involved in another international incident with lots of collateral damage. There is political pressure to institute a way to keep superheroes accountable and a governing agency to determine when the Avengers should be called into duty. Not everyone takes so well to the news, as it divides the good guys at an inopportune time and just as a new villain hits the international scene.

Mackie is a holdover from last year's *Captain America: The Winter Soldier* along with Sebastian Stan (Winter Soldier), Emily VanCamp (Sharon Carter) and Frank Grillo (Crossbones). And quite a few actors are making their Marvel debuts in *Civil War* including Chadwick Boseman (Black Panther), Daniel Bruhl (Baron Zemo) and Martin Freeman, whose character hasn't been revealed.

In addition to Atlanta, the movie — the 13th in the overall Marvel Cinematic Universe — will film in Germany, Puerto Rico and Iceland.

'American Idol' canceled after 15th season
Fox is pulling the plug on "American Idol" after 15 seasons.

The music reality show that was once the most popular on U.S. television will return in January, but Fox announced on Monday that it will be a farewell season for the series. Jennifer Lopez, Keith Urban and Harry Connick, Jr. will return as the judges for the final season as will host Ryan Seacrest. The announcement comes two days before the 14th season finale of "American Idol." The final two shows of the season, where the finalists perform and then a winner is announced, have traditionally been its best rated shows of the season for Idol. News of the cancellation could give a final boost to this week's ratings.

The show was once a ratings juggernaut and huge profit driver for Fox. It averaged more than 20 million viewers every season from 2003, its second year on the air, through 2011, according to ratings tracker Nielsen, making it the top rated non-sports program on television through most of that period. It reached a high point with an average of nearly 31 million viewers in 2006. "Idol" was the top rated show on television for eight consecutive seasons.

But its ratings have fallen hard since then, with an average of only 10.3 million viewers last season, and only 9 million viewers so far this year, making it the 20th most-viewed program. It is no longer even Fox's top rated program, losing that distinction to the new drama *Empire*.

Singer Darius Rucker presents a vet with keys to a free house

Singer Darius Rucker has presented the keys to a free house to a veteran from his native South Carolina.

Rucker gave the keys to Daniel Branham of Mount Pleasant on NBC's "Today" show on Wednesday. Rucker called Branham an America hero and Branham said he's a longtime fan of Rucker's music. The singer is giving away 11 homes while on tour this summer.

Branham is a Charleston, South Carolina, native who served 15 months in Iraq in the Army. While wounded by improvised explosive devices, he drove his vehicle to rescue nine fellow soldiers from a gas attack. The home giveaway is funded through a partnership with Wells Fargo and is also sponsored by Wal-Mart, the Military Warriors Support Foundation and the Dr. Pepper Snapple Group's Project Rebuild.

What is 'Wayward Pines' -- Fox's new, 'Twin Peaks' style series?

CLEVELAND, Ohio — The first major new series of the summer premieres tonight when Fox's much-hyped "Wayward Pines" makes its debut.

The show is a mysterious thriller based on Blake Crouch's novel "Pines" and brings together an all-star cast. Will it be the TV event of the summer? Here are a few reasons to give it a shot.

Its attempt to be "Twin Peaks" is kind of admirable

Let's get this out of the way: Nothing is "Twin Peaks." And "Wayward Pines" isn't necessarily trying to fill that void. Still, you can't help but draw comparisons between the two shows, which are both about mysterious towns where strange things happen. Thanks to its eerie vibe and willingness to draw the audience in with vague questions, "Wayward Pines" is capable of generating those "Twin Peaks" goose bumps. That's about as much as you can say for any show trying to step out of such a large shadow.

The cast is amazing

You'd be hard pressed to find a show with better names across its marquee. "Wayward Pines" stars Matt Dillon, Juliette Lewis, Toby Jones, Melissa Leo and Terrence Howard. All of the actors bring their A-games, especially Howard and Leo, who steal each scene they're in.

It's on for a limited time

"Wayward Pines" is billed as a limited series, which means it will only last 10 episodes. Then it's gone. Of course, we've heard that before with shows like "The Following" and "American Horror Story," which were supposed to be limited and then weren't. Given that "Wayward Pines" is loaded with

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"Corvette Racing's legacy and technology were significant influences on the development of the Corvette Z06 and the new C7.R Edition honors the direct link between the racecar and the production model," said Harlan Charles, Corvette's marketing manager, in a statement.

The car should be an awesome force when it comes to straightaways and banked turns. The 650-horsepower supercharged LT4 engine will work in conjunction with the car's other performance features, like its "magnetic ride control" suspension, special traction-control system and an electronic limited slip differential.

It comes only in a choice of two colors -- yellow or black.

The Corvette Z06 C7.R Edition shows how GM, like other automakers, tries to keep its performance cars fresh by offering unique and special limited editions.

Stocks open higher: Dow jumps more than 100

Stocks rose at the open with the Dow jumping more than 100 points as Wall Street seeks to break its three-day losing streak.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 0.6% and the Standard & Poor's 500 index gained 0.6%.

The Nasdaq composite index rose 0.6%.

Overseas, European markets were higher as Germany's DAX jumped 1.1% and France's CAC 40 gained 0.9%. Britain's FTSE 100 rose 0.2%.

In Asia, Japan's Nikkei 225 index fell 1% and Hong Kong's Hang Seng index gained 0.1%.

The Shanghai Composite rose 0.1%.

An early rally faltered Wednesday and stocks ended mixed as the Dow and S&P 500 notched a third straight day of losses. The Commerce Department's latest monthly report released Wednesday showed retail sales were essentially flat in April, falling short of Wall Street forecasts and setting off concerns about the momentum of growth in the world's biggest economy.

GM to Invest \$1 billion in Warren, Mich., tech center

General Motors Co. said its global investment spree will include bulking up white-collar operations, with the auto maker committing to spend \$1 billion to refurbish an iconic technical center in suburban Detroit that has long served as its engineering and design hub.

The investment, expected to lead to 2,600 new white-collar jobs, has been telegraphed by city officials in Warren, Mich. The sprawling 59-year-old complex will start getting upgrades this month, and work will continue through 2018.

The renovation, scheduled to be announced at a news conference Thursday, will include new design studios, renovated research-and-development facilities and a new IT building.

GM's GM, +0.32% Warren upgrade plans come amid a flurry of other investment plans for global facilities and product programs. Last month, GM said it would invest \$5.4 billion in U.S. factories over the next three

years, coming as the auto maker is in the midst of a EUR4 billion makeover in its European operation and a \$12 billion spree with partners in China. It plans to make \$9 billion in capital expenditures in 2015, a 28% increase compared with 2014.

'CSI' to end run with 2-hour movie

The crime series that influenced a generation of DNA sleuths — and was one of the top hits of the 2000s — is coming to an end.

As expected, the original *CSI* series, set in Las Vegas but filmed in Los Angeles, will end its run this fall, as a two-hour movie set to air Sept. 27, the first Sunday of the new TV season. And original stars William Petersen and Marg Helgenberger will be back for the sendoff.

The show, a surprise hit on Fridays in the fall of 2000, was quickly moved to Thursdays, where CBS challenged then-dominant NBC's "must-see" lineup, along with *Survivor*. It lasted 15 seasons, peaked at 31.5 million viewers in 2004 and spawned three spinoffs. *CSI: Miami*, starring David Caruso, and *CSI: NY*, starring Gary Sinise, both came and went, but a third, *CSI: Cyber*, with Patricia Arquette, was introduced in March, and will move to Sundays this fall.

Ted Danson, a recent-vintage *CSI* star, will join *Cyber* next season.

Will your favorite shows be back this fall?

This week, the TV networks are presenting their fall slates to advertisers and the media in New York and that means they had to clear out old, underperforming shows to make room for the new and shiny.

Here's a look at the status of this season's crop of scripted series (reality shows are excluded).

ABC

Renewed: *Castle*, *Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.*, *The Goldbergs*, *The Middle*, *Modern Family*, *Black-ish*, *Grey's Anatomy*, *Scandal*, *How to Get Away with Murder*, *Fresh Off the Boat*, *Last Man Standing*, *American Crime*, *Secrets and Lies*, *Marvel's Agent Carter*, *Galavant*, *Nashville*

Canceled: *Forever*, *Cristela*, *Revenge*, *Selfie*, *Manhattan Love Story*, *Resurrection*

CBS

Renewed, or almost: *Mike and Molly*, *Mom*, *The Big Bang Theory*, *Scorpion*, *NCIS*, *NCIS: Los Angeles*, *NCIS: New Orleans*, *Criminal Minds*, *Elementary*, *The Good Wife*, *Blue Bloods*, *Hawaii Five-0*, *Madam Secretary*, *2 Broke Girls*, *CSI: Cyber*, *CSI* (brief farewell season), *Person of Interest*, *The Odd Couple*

Canceled: *Battle Creek*, *Two and a Half Men*, *The McCarthys*, *The Millers*, *The Mentalist*, *Stalker*

Fox

Renewed: *Gotham*, *Bones*, *Empire*, *New Girl*, *The Simpsons*, *Brooklyn Nine-Nine*, *Family Guy*, *Bob's Burgers*, *The Last Man on Earth*, *Sleepy Hollow*

Canceled: *The Mindy Project*, *The Following*, *Red Band Society*, *Glee*, *Gracepoint*, *Mulaney*, *Weird Loners*, *Backstrom*

NBC

Renewed: *Chicago Fire*, *Chicago P.D.*, *Law & Order: SVU*, *The Blacklist*, *Grimm*, *The Night Shift*, *Undateable*, *The Mysteries of Laura*

On the bubble: *A.D. The Bible Continues*, *American Odyssey*

Canceled: *One Big Happy*, *About a Boy*, *State of Affairs*, *Parks and Recreation*, *Marry Me*, *Bad Judge*, *A to Z*, *Parenthood*, *Constantine*, *Allegiance*

CW

Renewed: *Jane the Virgin*, *Supernatural*, *Arrow*, *The Flash*, *The Vampire Diaries*, *The Originals*, *The 100*, *Reign*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *iZombie*

Canceled: *Hart of Dixie*, *The Messengers*

Cissy Houston has Bobbi Kristina update
Gospel singer Cissy Houston is speaking out, lamenting that her granddaughter Bobbi Kristina Brown's condition has not improved. "She's the same, she's not progressing at all," Houston told *Entertainment Tonight* in an interview Saturday. "She's not gone yet, but you know, whatever the Lord decides, I'm ready for her ... I have nothing to do with that. That's his job. It's his territory, you know? And I understand it."

The 22-year-old Bobbi Kristina, only child of Whitney Houston and Bobby Brown, was hospitalized three months ago. She was found unresponsive in a bathtub in her Roswell, Ga., home on Jan. 31. While she is no longer in a medically-induced coma, her condition has not improved.

On Friday, Bobby Brown and Pat Houston, Whitney Houston's sister-in-law, were legally appointed as co-guardians of Bobbi Kristina, known as Krissi. Cissy, Whitney's mother, supports the legal decision.

"We're a family... that works together for the best," she told *ET*.

Pat, Krissi's aunt, and Cissy control the estate inherited by Krissi after Whitney died in February 2012.

Doctors apparently have told the family that Krissi suffers from irreversible brain damage and that nothing can be done to better her condition, according to *ET*'s sources.

Pat Houston, Krissi's new co-guardian, is married to Cissy's son Gary Houston. Cissy tells *ET* that she relies on her sons, her family and God for strength in this arduous time and thanks everyone for their prayers and support.

'Avengers' stays on top with \$77.2 million
Avengers: Age of Ultron continues to dazzle audiences and take revenge on the rest of the box office offerings.

The Disney/Marvel sequel kept its power two weekends in a row, earning in its second weekend what many summer films would love to earn in their opening weekends — \$77.2 million.

The film now boasts a 10-day total of \$312.9 million, with a massive global total of \$875.3 million, according to studio estimates from Rentrak.

"Everyone expected this to be number one two weeks in a row," says Rentrak analyst Paul Dergarabedian. "It's doing massive

film, which pits the Caped Crusader (Ben Affleck) against the Last Son of Krypton (Henry Cavill), has earned \$261.5 million in just 10 days.

The superhero face-off dominated despite negative reviews (29% critical approval on aggregate site RottenTomatoes.com) and a massive drop of 68% from its first weekend, when it opened to a record-shattering \$166 million.

"It is a pretty significant drop, but this was expected," says Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for comScore. With more than \$681 million worldwide, "you have to consider it a box office winner, but on the critical front, it took a pretty hard beating. This was the poster child for that disconnect between critics and fans," who gave it a B grade on CinemaScore.

Batman v Superman is Zack Snyder's follow-up to 2013's Man of Steel. It co-stars Amy Adams, Jesse Eisenberg and Gal Gadot as Wonder Woman, the female superhero's first live-action feature-film appearance in her 75-year history. The blockbuster carries a hefty price tag of \$250 million.

In second place, Zootopia dropped just 17% in its fifth weekend to earn \$20 million. The critically adored comedy has now made \$275.9 million in North America and a staggering \$787.6 million globally, making it Disney's biggest animated success since 2013's Frozen (which scorched the box office with nearly \$1.3 billion worldwide).

Nia Vardalos' My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2 held strong with \$11.1 million and third place in its second weekend, which brings its total to \$36.5 million. The comedy arrives more than a decade after its predecessor, which sprinted down the aisle in 2002 with \$241.4 million in North America.

God's Not Dead 2 managed just \$8.1 million for fourth place in 2,400 theaters. The faith-based film is a sequel to the 2014 hit.

Rounding out the top five, Miracles From Heaven continued to bless the box office with \$7.6 million in its third weekend, dropping only 22%. The Christian drama, starring Jennifer Garner and Queen Latifah, has now earned \$46.8 million.

"For that film to be doing this well is a testament to how loyal and passionate the faith-based audience is," Dergarabedian says. "Closing in on \$50 million, it's a total moneymaking machine."

In limited release, Richard Linklater's Everybody Wants Some!!, a "spiritual sequel" to Dazed and Confused, scored a solid \$323,000 in just 19 theaters (\$371,000 since opening Wednesday). In four theaters, Don Cheadle's Miles Davis film, Miles Ahead, trumpeted \$123,000 for a strong per-theater average of \$31,000.

Ronnie Wood says Rolling Stones to release new album, maybe this year

LONDON — The Rolling Stones keep on rolling: They're planning to release a new album, possibly this year, Ronnie Wood said Monday.

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Fresh from their historic free concert in Cuba on March 25, the "world's greatest rock band" is in London for the preview of *The Rolling Stones: Exhibitionism*, a vast interactive multimedia exhibit covering 20,000 square feet of London's high-culture Saatchi Gallery with five decades of Stones history.

But Stones fans may be more interested in what Wood had to say when he and Mick Jagger, Keith Richards and Charlie Watts arrived together for the show's private preview, all smiles and arms around shoulders. The show opens to the public Tuesday.

Check out the Rolling Stones! They're at the Saatchi Gallery to promote 'Exhibitionism'. See more on

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— News At Ten (@NewsAtTen) April 4, 2016

The Stones last released a studio album in 2005, but Wood said they have been in the studio and recorded some new material and some blues covers.

"We went in to cut some new songs, which we did," the 68-year-old Wood said. "But we got on a blues streak. We cut 11 blues in two days.

"They are extremely great cover versions of Howlin' Wolf and Little Walter, among other blues people. But they really sound authentic."

When asked when the new material would be released, Wood said only: "This year."

"When we heard them back after not hearing them for a couple of months, we were, 'Who's that? It's you,'" Wood said. "It sounded so authentic."

Richards, however, wouldn't go into any detail on the recent recording sessions.

"There's one coming," the 72-year-old guitarist said of a new album. "I can't say no more. My lips are sealed."

The Stones, which started as a blues band in 1962, just wrapped a tour of Latin America with their gig in Cuba, which followed by a few days the even more historic visit of President Obama to the island, a first for a POTUS in nearly a century.

The Stones have released 22 studio albums in Britain and 24 in the United States. *A Bigger Bang* was the last, and the band toured the album in 2005, '06 and '07.

They resumed touring in 2012 to mark the band's 50th anniversary, but have only released a couple of new songs since then.

"We're a working band," Wood said. "We'll be working again before the end of the year." And as everyone knows, from entertaining to excess, the Stones rarely do things on a small scale.

Their stuff on display at Saatchi includes more than 500 artifacts borrowed from the band's archive and private collectors, including musical instruments, lyrics, sketches, film clips, outfits, posters, album artwork and stage designs. There is even a fake donkey.

"In the end, we had over 25,000 things to choose from," said Australian rock promoter

Tony Cochrane, the show's executive producer. "I knew the Rolling Stones had a warehouse where they had kept a lot of their personal artifacts, memorabilia, famous instruments and the like. But no one could have known how enriched the collection was."

The result is a treasure trove for fans, who can ogle everything from a marabou-feather cape Mick Jagger wore to sing *Sympathy for the Devil* to a Maton guitar owned by Keith Richards whose neck fell off during the recording of *Gimme Shelter* (the song ends with a barely audible clunk).

Even casual fans will likely be impressed by the exhibition's attention to detail. It opens with a life-size recreation of an apartment the band members shared in 1962-63 in Chelsea, a then-raffish, now-affluent London neighborhood.

Mick, Keith, Charlie & Ronnie are at the launch of Exhibitionism! Come & see it!

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— The Rolling Stones (@RollingStones) April 4, 2016

"It was a hovel," Richards says on a recording, and the recreation captures the peeling wallpaper, mold-stained walls and unmade beds, the dirty dishes, empty beer bottles, broken eggshells and overflowing ashtrays. It even smells.

Exhibition curator Ileen Gallagher said the band members were "pretty astonished" by the result. "Although Mick said it wasn't quite that messy."

'American Idol' names Harmon its final winner

LOS ANGELES — *American Idol* went out big Thursday, naming Trent Harmon its final champion at the end of a two-hour-plus series finale that featured the return of dozens of singers who became famous on the one-time TV juggernaut.

After an evening packed with performances by former winners and finalists, including Carrie Underwood, Jordin Sparks and Fantasia, host Ryan Seacrest revealed Harmon had triumphed over fellow Mississippian La'Porsha Renae to become the Fox singing competition's 15th and final Idol. After the show, Harmon, 25, explained told USA TODAY why he collapsed to the stage after Seacrest called his name.

"I haven't been able to breathe in almost a year. I feel like in that moment, I got to decompress for the first time in almost a year," Harmon said, speaking backstage at Hollywood's Dolby Theatre. He marveled the collection of Idol talent that graced the stage before his victory was announced.

"There's a sea of people across that stage tonight that *Idol* made relevant in so many homes for so many years," he said. "Any time I'm mentioned (as a champion) with a Carrie Underwood or a Kelly Clarkson, I'm OK with that."

Renae told USA TODAY about her moment with Harmon after he was announced as the winner. "Trent just whispered in my ear, 'You

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know, this is what God wants. God has something really special for you. You won with me, too, baby.' "

She did in a way, as *Idol* mentor and record executive Scott Borchetta announced after the show that he was making a record deal with her, too.

"I love them both. They're both great," he said.

Harmon's victory came on the same stage where Kelly Clarkson became the first *Idol* in 2002. Clarkson, who is pregnant and did not appear live Thursday, had recorded a medley of her hits that played during the show. Fans responded especially strongly to the closing song, *A Moment Like This*, the first single she performed on the night she won.

The *Idol* season finale, criticized in many years as a cheesy spectacle overstuffed with promotional appearances by recording stars, had a different feel on its final outing. It was nostalgic and celebratory, as the series stayed in-house with performances by many memorable alumni, including a moving Season 3 reunion of Oscar winner Jennifer Hudson, winner Fantasia and LaToya London and songs by Season 2's Ruben Studdard and Clay Aiken, the champion and runner-up from *Idol*'s most-watched season finale.

The former competitors weren't the only familiar faces, either. The finale brought together original judges Simon Cowell, Paula Abdul and Randy Jackson, who joined *Idol*'s on-air constant, Seacrest, on the stage. At the start of the show, former co-host Brian Dunkleman, long an *Idol* punch line after his departure after Season 1, gave Seacrest an emotional hug .

After the show, Dunkleman, who hadn't seen Seacrest in 14 years, made a classy appearance before reporters, saying: "It's been a very cathartic evening for me. ... so amazing and really healing."

Idol couldn't ignore other famous moments that had little to do with top singing talent. Season 6 finalist Sanjaya Malakar sported many hairstyles in the audience, while William Hung was greeted warmly when he offered a rendition of *She Bangs*. His off-key, off-nearly-everything Season 3 audition earned him much criticism but also *Idol* immortality.

At the end of the show, an emotional Seacrest gave his final sign-off: "One more time – This is so tough – we say to you from Hollywood: Good night, America." The screen went dark, followed by a cryptic Seacrest coda: "For now."

Does that mean *Idol*, which is leaving the air largely because of declining ratings, could return? Creator Simon Fuller has talked of reinventing the show, although it could have a different format, be on a different platform and have a different name.

Backstage, Borchetta said he didn't know anything officially, but said any revival must be approached with care. "We went out on top." Any new version "had better be damned good."

Country Superstar Merle Haggard Dies At 79

Country music legend Merle Haggard died on Wednesday — his 79th birthday. He'd been fighting various health problems for a long time, but he kept on performing and releasing new albums.

Going once, going twice: Ruth's glove, Hendrix's cowboy hat

BIDDEFORD, Maine (AP) — A baseball glove belonging to hard-swinging Babe Ruth fetched \$118,000 at auction Saturday, the top item from a collection of memorabilia that included Walt Disney's Mickey Mouse ears and John Wayne's cowboy hat, boots and spurs.

The price paid for the left-handed glove showed once again that America's pastime resonates with collectors, said Troy Thibodeau from Saco River Auction. A face mask and catcher's mitt belonging to Hall of Famer Roy Campanella sold for \$42,000.

Other top items were a hat and harmonica from Janis Joplin that went for \$33,000 and Jimi Hendrix's leather cowboy hat that netted \$22,000.

All told, the auction of items that once belonged to the late New York TV talk show host Joe Franklin brought in \$500,000, Thibodeau said.

The items included leather jackets belonging to Steve McQueen and Marlon Brando, Laurel and Hardy's boxing gloves, and hats from the likes of Marilyn Monroe, Lucille Ball, Frank Sinatra, and Johnny Carson. They were put up for bid by an anonymous collector who spent years purchasing items from the collection of Franklin, Thibodeau said.

Franklin, who died last year at age 88, received many of the items celebrity guests who appeared on his show. But he also was an avid collector who bought and traded items.

He amassed so many items that he had to rent space for all of the stuff.

Franklin, who logged more than 300,000 guests during his career, auctioned off some of the items himself in 2002. Some of those items including Jack Benny's stage violin are back up for sale again as part of the collection in Biddeford, Thibodeau said.

Magazine apologizes to Clooney for 'fabricated' interview

LONDON (AP) — Celebrity magazine Hello! has apologized to George Clooney for running an interview that the star says was "completely fabricated."

Quotes from the article — in which the actor supposedly talked about his marriage to British lawyer Amal Clooney — were picked up by other publications around the world. But Clooney said in a statement "I have not given an interview to Hello! magazine and the quotes attributed to me are not accurate." He said "to have an 'exclusive interview' completely fabricated is something new, and a very disturbing trend."

Hello! said it had bought the interview in good faith from an agency, Famous. In a statement Friday, it apologized "unreservedly to Mr. Clooney and his wife Amal for any distress that publication of this piece may have caused them."

Billy Dee Williams returns as Colt 45 spokesman

Colt 45 is targeting its glory days with the return of its iconic '80s spokesman Billy Dee Williams.

The *Brian's Song* and *Star Wars* actor served as the malt liquor's brand ambassador for five years starting in 1986, when Colt 45 was the biggest name in malt liquor. Now Williams, 78, appears in a new 15-second video, released Monday, that teases an upcoming TV, print and online marketing campaign in which he is the star.

When Colt 45, owned by Pabst Brewing Co., contacted him about resurrecting the campaign, Williams thought "how interesting life is," he said in a phone interview from Amsterdam where he was making an appearance at a science fiction convention. "I suppose that it has always been a part of my life, because I put a face on it and a voice to it for so many years."

The actor also courted controversy in his spokesman role. Critics said the tagline of the Colt 45 ads — that "It works every time" — suggested the beer could be used to get women intoxicated quickly. That tagline remains part of the new ads, too.

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Malt liquor's container size and higher alcohol content, combined with its marketing campaigns, have also been criticized.

It's got higher alcohol content than other beers, thanks to a process that uses very little hops plus rice and corn to bolster the alcohol in the drink. Colt 45 weighs in at 5.6% alcohol content, while Miller Lite has about 4.2% and Budweiser has 5.1%. Other malt liquors, such as Colt 45 High Gravity, have 8.5%.

In his ads, Williams holds a 16-ounce can. But malt liquor is also sold in larger sizes, such as 40-ounce bottles, which were made popular in the '90s, when rappers such as Ice Cube served as spokesmen for various brands, including Pabst-produced St. Ides. Researchers at UCLA and elsewhere have found that malt liquor marketing targets minority consumers, including blacks and Hispanics. The 2005 paper titled "Malt Liquor Beers, And The People Who Drink Them, Are Different," published in the *Alcoholism: Clinical & Experimental Research* journal, found that malt liquor drinkers in L.A. were more likely to drink more alcohol, be homeless, unemployed and receive public assistance than other types of drinkers.

While Colt 45 has historically targeted African-Americans, "liquor advertising has always targeted men, and it has almost always been about making women, if not

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MARVEL'S AGENT CARTER ABC & CBS SUPERGIRL

What makes it go? A 3.5-liter V-6 engine producing 280 horsepower.

How big? 17.5 feet, about 3 inches longer than the last version.

How thirsty? 18 miles per gallon in the city, 25 mpg on the highway and 21 mpg combined in the front-wheel drive version.

The all-wheel drive is 19 mpg in the city, 26 mpg on the highway and 22 combined.

Overall? Lush truck,

BMW's 7-Series 'gesture controls' work pretty well

With its "gesture control" system, the 2016 BMW 7 Series has set its sights on introducing a few more hand gestures to a driver's lexicon. And the middle finger is not involved.

This standard system allows you to forego pressing any buttons or turning any knobs to do things such as increase or decrease the audio volume. Making any of six available gestures in the vicinity of the center console allows 3-D sensors to register and complete the requested-by-movement actions.

Whenever a gesture is available, a small icon appears on the 10.2-inch high-resolution touch-screen on the dash.

I found the system responsive and fun, even if it sometimes seemed to take a few moments to recognize my gestures, particularly with volume control. Yes, I could have used the volume knob, but where's the fun in that?

The available gestures in the 7 Series are:

- Turn up the volume by circling a finger clockwise.
- Turn down the volume by circling a finger counter-clockwise.
- Accept a phone call by pointing toward the touch-screen.
- Reject a call by swiping your hand to the right.
- Change the camera angle of the multicamera view by creating a circle with your thumb and finger.
- There's also a programmable two-finger point toward the screen gesture (for example, you can program this gesture to navigate to your home address from wherever you are).

I found the gestures for accepting and rejecting phone calls to be the most satisfying. Honestly, there is some real pleasure to be found in literally swiping away a work call that you are loath to take.

All this fun comes at a price. The 2016 BMW 750i xDrive sedan I tested was \$129,245.

That price might be worth it, though, because it felt wildly satisfying to swipe away those calls I didn't want to take.

TV cancellations: Every show's status in one spot

Before TV's spring ritual, the upfront presentation to advertisers that kick off Monday in New York, comes the housecleaning. Cancellation announcements came fast and furious on Thursday, with announcements from ABC and Fox, with more status updates expected today.

Here's an updated list of where your favorite shows stand.

ABC

Renewed: *Fresh Off the Boat, The Middle, The Goldbergs, Modern Family, Black-ish, Grey's Anatomy, Scandal, How to Get Away with Murder, Quantico, Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D., Once Upon a Time, Dr.*

Ken, American Crime, The Catch, The Real O'Neals, Last Man Standing

Canceled: *Nashville, Castle, Marvel's Agent Carter, The Muppets, Blood & Oil, The Family, Galavant, Wicked City, Of Kings and Prophets*

CBS

Renewed: *Supergirl (moves to CW), Life in Pieces, Scorpion, NCIS, NCIS: Los Angeles, NCIS: New Orleans, 2 Broke Girls, Criminal Minds, The Big Bang Theory, Mom, Elementary, Hawaii Five-0, Blue Bloods, Madam Secretary*

Canceled: *CSI: Cyber, Person of Interest, Code Black*

On the bubble: *Limitless, The Odd*

Couple, Criminal Minds: Beyond Borders, Rush Hour

NBC

Renewed, or almost: *Superstore, Chicago Med, Chicago Fire, Chicago P.D., Law & Order: SVU, The Blacklist, Blindspot, Shades of Blue, Grimm*

Canceled or nearly dead: *Heroes Reborn, You, Me and the Apocalypse, The Player, Truth Be Told, Telenovela, Crowded, Undateable, Heartbeat, Game of Silence, The Mysteries of Laura*

On the bubble: *The Carmichael Show*

Fox

Renewed, or almost: *New Girl, Brooklyn Nine-Nine, The Simpsons, Bob's Burgers, Family Guy, Gotham, Scream Queens, Empire, Bones, Last Man on Earth, Lucifer, Rosewood, Sleepy Hollow*

Canceled, or nearly dead: *Grandfathered, The Grinder, Second Chance, Minority Report, Cooper Barrett's Guide to Surviving Life, Bordertown*

On the bubble: *The X-Files*

CW

Renewed: *Jane the Virgin, Crazy Ex-Girlfriend, The Flash, Arrow, DC's Legends of Tomorrow, The 100, Supernatural, The Vampire Diaries, The Originals, iZombie, Reign*

Big second-weekend drop-off for 'Captain America: Civil War' at box office

LOS ANGELES — It's "Captain America's" weekend at the box office once again by a large margin, but even with \$72.6 million in earnings, the superhero pic left some room for other newcomers like "Money Monster," "The Darkness" and "The Lobster" to play, according to comScore estimates Sunday. "Captain America: Civil War" dropped 59 percent in its second weekend in theaters, in line with the second weekend showings of "Avengers: Age of Ultron" and "Iron Man 3." While it's on the higher end of second weekend falls in the Marvel Cinematic

Universe, the Disney and Marvel film is still performing phenomenally well. In just two weeks, it has earned \$295.9 million in North America, passing the total domestic grosses of "Captain America: Winter Soldier" film by over \$35 million.

Disney's "The Jungle Book" remained in second place with \$17.8 million, bringing its domestic total to \$311.8 million after five weekends in theaters.

Meanwhile, the R-rated George Clooney and Julia Roberts financial thriller "Money Monster" got off to a healthy third-place start with \$15 million, beating expectations in its first weekend in theaters after premiering at the Cannes Film Festival. The film cost only \$27 million to produce.

"We felt like in the wake of 'Captain America,' we could open to \$10 million. To open to \$15 million in that time frame is really a great number for us and it bodes well for the playability of the movie," Rory Bruer, Sony's president of worldwide distribution, said. "We're very proud to be part of this genre. The adult thriller is not an easy code to crack."

The Blumhouse release label BH Tilt also opened the micro budget horror film "The Darkness" for the Friday the 13th weekend. The film, which stars Kevin Bacon, brought in \$5.2 million from only 1,755 screens to take fourth place.

In limited release, distributor A24 also scored big with "The Lobster," a dark comedy about relationships starring Colin Farrell from director Yorgos Lanthimos. The film scored the best specialty opening of the year with \$188,195 from just four screens in New York and Los Angeles before its expands nationwide over the next two weekends. It's a good strategy to launch movies that don't have massive budgets on the weekend after the summer movie season kick-off, ComScore Senior Media Analyst Paul Dergarabedian said.

"Traditionally this second weekend in May is not an enviable weekend to be releasing on, but it can be a land of opportunity for films that fill a particular niche, or bring in an audience who might not be interested in these big blockbusters," Dergarabedian said. "It's not competing with all the noise."

The summer movie slate only gets more crowded from here on out. Next weekend sees the opening of "The Angry Birds Movie," "The Nice Guys," and "Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising," before the big Memorial Day release of "Alice Through the Looking Glass" and "X-Men: Apocalypse."

"It was a big weekend, but not the most exciting weekend," Dergarabedian said. "It's mostly business as usual."

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

Police in Chicago suburb find missing Sinead O'Connor

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can't rest on its laurels. It's easy now to look good after two consecutive years of sales and earnings declines, but if it wants to earn its recent highs, it's going to have to get back to where it was when both ends of its income statement peaked in 2013.

Twirling fries around in a slippery and saucy steel bowl may seem like a simple idea, but it's the right move for McDonald's. The test should expand beyond the Bay area stores, probably around the time that the chain will need the boost later this year.

McDonald's testing fresh, not frozen, hamburger patties

McDonald's is testing to see if consumers warm up to hamburger patties that don't come out of the freezer.

The fast-food chain is testing hamburgers made from fresh beef in 14 locations in the Dallas area, the company says. Instead of frozen patties, burgers like the Bacon Clubhouse and Double Quarter Pounder with Cheese are being molded from freshly ground beef.

If rolled out nationwide, the move could help McDonald's repel competition from rival chains like Shake Shack and In-N-Out, both of which tout using fresh, never frozen, beef in their burgers.

The patties are formed from the same grade of beef as the frozen variety, and employees are cooking them as customers order.

The test has been going on since November, but "it's very premature to draw any conclusions" yet, says spokeswoman Lisa McComb. Considering McDonald's has 14,000 locations in the U.S., rolling out fresh patties to all of them would no doubt be a huge undertaking.

"Like all of our tests, this one, too, is designed to see what works and what doesn't within our restaurants," McComb says, adding that the company is monitoring operations, customer response and price points.

Fast-food chains have drawn the ire of health advocates and customers for menus heavy on processed food and a lack of fresh options. It's trying other experiments as well, such as new sizes of the Big Mac. In test is a huge a one-third pound "Grand Mac" and a single patty "Mac Jr." in some restaurants in Ohio and Dallas-Fort Worth.

Subaru warns 48,500 near-new cars could lose steering

Subaru ordered its dealers to stop selling two key models Thursday because of a defect that could result in the loss of steering.

The Japanese automaker says it is recalling 48,500 new and near new cars because drivers potentially could lose control if they have the defect. Of those, about 22,000 are in customer's hands, says spokesman Michael McHale.

The recall involves 2016 and 2017 Legacy and Outbacks, which now need to be checked by mechanics to see if they have the glitch that occurred during manufacturing.

The company told the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration that the machining in the creation of the steering columns may not have been done properly because of an incorrect setting on the tool used to make them. The defective shafts may allow the steering wheel to rotate freely. Under that condition, Subaru says in the filing that drivers won't be able to steer the car. Having lost control, the car could crash. The defect was discovered when the owner of a 2016 Outback had their vehicle towed to a dealership.

Chevrolet's new small car website aimed at young buyers

Older Americans aren't buying many small vehicles, but Chevrolet has rolled out an online tool to help younger consumers find and consider such models as the Sonic, Spark and Trax.

A new site, to be called ChevySmallCars.com, is aimed at "a younger, more socially savvy buyer," according to Steve Majoros, Chevrolet director of cars and crossovers. "We've introduced a lot of new vehicles in the last few years, and the new website is a great way to expose a portion of our portfolio that not everyone knows about."

The three small models accounted for 6.7% of Chevrolet's U.S. sales of 656,172 this year through April. The Trax, a subcompact crossover, is doing quite well, as its year-to-date sales are up 39% to 18,237. But sales of Sonic and Spark are 11% and 36%, respectively.

ChevySmallCars.com will offer content for younger consumers and will try to allow visitors to engage and discover Chevy on their own terms. At the heart of it is "Small Talk," three short webisodes featuring the Sonic, Spark or Trax, produced by "Funny Or Die" and hosted by comedian Al Madrigal. Other elements include a feature called "Sonic Sessions," in which various musical acts perform a song in a Sonic. Another offering, "Find Your Smallmate," gives visitors the opportunity to take a quiz and, based on their answers, matches a small car to their personality.

Review: Honda Ridgeline adds pizzazz without odd looks

SAN ANTONIO — Honda is about to take a second swing at building one of America's favorite vehicles: the pickup.

The all-new Honda Ridgeline due to hit dealerships in June has more power, better fuel economy and a lower starting price than Honda's first pitch to U.S. drivers, which garnered critical praise but failed to win large numbers of buyers when it was on sale from 2006 to 2014.

Perhaps most important, the all-new 2017 Ridgeline looks like a pickup. Gone are the odd, sloping walls of its bed and the triangular buttresses that linked the roof of the cab to the sides of the bed. Honda expects the Ridgeline to compete with midsize pickups such as the Chevrolet Colorado,

GMC Canyon, Nissan Frontier and Toyota Tacoma. Ford is widely expected to join the fray in a couple of years.

The new Ridgeline acquitted itself well in a couple of days of testing in the Texas hill country. The new 3.5-liter V-6 engine delivers 280 horsepower and 262 pound-feet of torque. That's competitive with other new midsize pickups and a healthy increase from the old Ridgeline's 250 horsepower in its V-6.

The Ridgeline accelerated comfortably on the Texas highways and hills, pulling smoothly and holding its own in traffic. The V-6 and all-wheel drive system proved capable in light off-roading that including driving through deep, soft sand up a steep dirt incline. The Ridgeline's towing capacity of 5,000 pounds trails other V-6 midsize pickups.

Ridgeline prices start at \$30,375 for front-wheel drive and \$32,175 for all-wheel drive, including the \$900 destination fee. The top model, a new trim level simply called the Black Edition, stickers at \$43,770 and comes with all-wheel drive, navigation, leather upholstery and the truck's craziest feature — truck-bed audio.

The combined fuel-economy ratings top competitive gasoline-powered midsize pickups but trail diesel pickups. Ridgeline checks in at 18 miles per gallon in the city, 25 mpg on the highway and 21 mpg combined. The all-wheel drive is 19 mpg in the city, 26 mpg on the highway and 22 combined. By offering a front-wheel drive version of the previous Ridgeline the automaker expects it to help boost sales in southern states, where snow is not a factor. The ride is smooth, absorbing bumps and cushioning off-road impacts. The steering and brakes deliver Honda's usual fine performance. The cab is quiet at highway speeds. The Ridgeline's interior is roomy and comfortable. The front seat provides plenty of storage. The gauges are simple and clear. Climate controls are simple, but the audio system retains the flat-panel touch points Honda cars use instead of switches or dials for volume and tuning.

Apple CarPlay and Android Auto for smartphones come with upper models that have an 8-inch touch screen. A 5-inch touch screen is standard. Soft materials cover the dash and doors.

The rear seat also has plenty of passenger room and delivers good cargo space thanks to lower seat cushions that fold up to make room for big load.

What Stands Out

Looks: Like a regular pickup now.

Power: V-6 has 30 more horsepower.

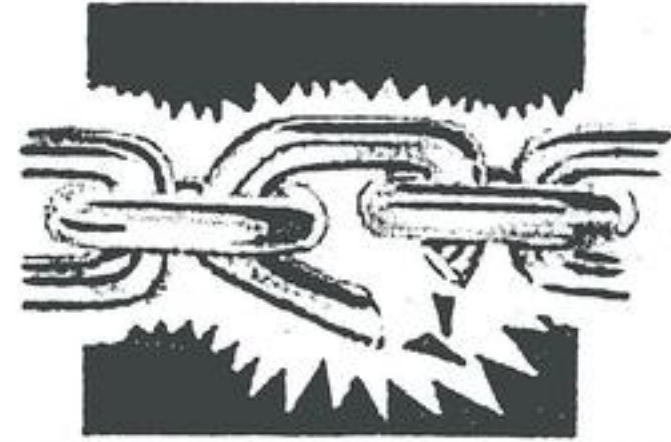
Audio: Listen in the truck bed.

2017 Honda Ridgeline

What? The latest version of Honda's midsize pickup.

When? Arrives next month.

Where? Built in Alabama.



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There would appear to be a growing multitude of reasons for renewed hope among those sentenced to lengthy terms of incarceration. Responding to the not so fleeting disdain over the use of mass incarceration in this nation, many state legislatures and federal courts are now a bit more open to the evidence-based alternatives.

In California, the term-to-life prisoner population has had a decades-long vigil for even a modicum of meaningful change from the state's legislative branch. With the passage of 2012's SB 9, 2013's SB 260, and now 2015's SB 261, (introduced by Senator Loni Hancock) the long-term prisoners serving an indeterminate or determinate sentence for an offense committed prior to age 23, will have an enhanced consideration for early release. In CA, this equates to approximately 10% of the current prison population. SB 261 requires the Board of Parole Hearings (BPH) to "give great weight to the diminished culpability of juveniles as compared to adults, the hallmark features of youth," when considering such prisoners for parole.

It's not clear what the exact percentage of those serving a term-to-life sentence committed their offense prior to age 23, but it's expected that they will represent a sizeable chunk of that 10% referred to above.

There are several court cases of particular interest, two of which are soon to reach some form of resolution. The first would be the Johnson v. Shaffer Class Action Settlement (#2:12-cv-1059). All CA prisoners serving a term-to-life sentence are class members to the Johnson case. On October 2, 2015, an Amended Stipulated Settlement was filed. The court has not yet issued an order approving this proposed settlement, and class members were permitted to file any objections/comments no later than November 13, 2015.

This settlement will require the BPH-hired psychologists to prepare a new Comprehensive Risk Assessment (CRA) every three years, as opposed to every five years. The settlement also requires that "all future CRA's will clarify that the Overall Risk Rating is relative to other life prisoners." And the settlement also requires the BPH to "formalize a process for prisoners to lodge timely written objections asserting factual errors in a CRA before their parole hearing occurs." Keith Wattley of UnCommon Law, Attorneys for Plaintiff Sam Johnson and the Plaintiff Class, have ably litigated this case since it was filed in April of 2012.

Another case currently pending in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, Gilman v.

parole ELIGIBLE POPULATION, cont'd
Brown Jr., (#CIV-S-05-830 LKK/CKD) was decided in favor of the Plaintiff Class (CA's term-to-life prisoners) back in February of 2014. The State Attorney General's Office has appealed this case to the Ninth Circuit where it is now pending. The Gilman case was orally argued and submitted in the Ninth Circuit Court on June 17, 2015. The Trial Court in Gilman declared that California's Prop. 9 (Marsy's Law) and Prop. 89 violates the ex post facto rights of the class members. Prop. 9 was the 2008 law permitting subsequent parole hearings to be deferred for up to 15 years. Prop. 89 was a 1988 law which permitted the governor to reverse parole board decisions. In the best case scenario where this case survives each of the state's appeals and remains affirmed by the Courts, it is likely to be several more years before the case concludes, and the "Stay" currently placed upon it is lifted. -But what a great victory! The Gilman case has been ably litigated by Attorney Carter C. White of the King Hall Civil Rights Clinic in Davis, California, and Monica Knox, Office of the Federal Defender.

There has been a lot of attention paid to the 6,000 prisoners soon to be released by the federal government. This appears to be at the urging of President Obama, responding to a climate of change toward rehabilitation, rather than mass incarceration. About 2,000 of these released federal prisoners will be deported upon release. The prisoner release is being done by the Bureau of Prisons (Federal Government) in response to an action by the U.S. Sentencing Commission. No state prisoners in California, or any other state, will be released under this action.

And of course, we would be remiss if we failed to consider the quickly approaching final benchmark in Plata v. Brown Jr., (#2:90-cv-00520 KJM/DAD) where CA must reduce its state prison population down to 137.5% of design capacity by February 28, 2016. This case has no direct bearing on the term-to-life prisoner population with regards to release on parole, but certainly speaks to the space and availability of critical programs, not to mention living conditions, in the coming years. According to the state's recent Status Report (10/15/15) filed in the case, CA's current prison population is at 112,195 (135.7%). This is already about 2% lower than what the Court required the state to reach by February 2016. However, the previous two monthly Status Reports filed in the case reflect a steady increase in population. So, given how close the numbers currently are, the reported population count

should prove interesting come the final benchmark in February of 2016.

It is true that over the past several years, rhetoric about mass incarceration as a cure for crime has faded in the face of its evidence-based results. Perhaps it is now that we enter an era in which the injustices so gleefully perpetuated in the past may be reversed by the very same judicial and legislative agencies that created them.

Sources: SB 261 Legislative Counsel's Digest/2-18-15, Johnson v. Shaffer "Amended Stipulated Settlement"/10-2-15, Gilman v. Brown Jr. "Order"/2-28-14, MSN-Report By Sari Horwitz/10-10-15, Plata Report/10-15-15.

LIBERAL KNOWLEDGE

It is the education which gives
a man a clear conscious view of his own
opinions and judgments,
a truth in developing them,
an eloquence in expressing them,
and a force in urging them.
It teaches him to see things as they are,
to go right to the point,
to disentangle a skein of thought,
to detect what is sophistical,
and to discard what is irrelevant.
It prepares him to fill any post with credit,
and to master any subject with facility.
It shows him how to accommodate himself
to others, how to throw himself
into their state of mind,
how to come to an understanding with them,
how to bear with them.
He is at home in any society,
he has common ground with every class;
he knows when to speak and when to be silent;
he is able to converse, he is able to listen;
he can ask a question pertinently,
and gain a lesson seasonably,
when he has nothing to impart himself;
he is ever ready, yet never in the way;
he is a pleasant companion,
and a comrade you can depend upon;
he knows when to be serious
and when to trifle, and he has sure tact
which enables him to trifle with
gracefulness and to be serious with effect.
He has the repose of a mind which lives
in the world, and which has resources for
its happiness at home
when it cannot go abroad.

JOHN HENRY NEWMAN (1852)

In the process of change there is a period, which varies in length, and sometimes feels like holding water in our hands. This period begins with confusion, doubt, and discomfort. And it ends with confidence, insight, and faith. We're talking about the process of changing our beliefs, values, and principles. Our filter for all of these things is our conscience, where our morals are considered, and our decisions and behavior become the results. When we are at the end of this process of change, we gain the ability to trust our instincts, our impulses, and our conscience. We are at peace.

In our pasts, there are many instances where being impulsive landed us in trouble. Whether we were unable to control our emotions, or we simply had anti-social beliefs and principles, or our values were out of whack. Either way, we were "working with a faulty deck" meaning we had an inferior basis with which to start from. So, really it was inevitable that our impulses resulted in negative consequences. There should not be any surprise, and yet, we were still surprised, confused, and possibly depressed each and every time. During this period, it is tough to understand what we were doing wrong, or why we kept on doing the wrong thing over and over again.

As we begin to change, and to try some new things, we probably felt strange and uncomfortable, until we gained some confidence and familiarity with our change. As we looked at our beliefs and determined whether they were healthy or unhealthy, we learned to identify where we developed those beliefs, and why we carried them with us. As we inspected our values to see if we valued the "right things" in our lives, and whether our priorities were straight. And as we looked at the principles we followed, and determined whether they represented our true selves, or not. As we changed who we were and became our new self, we also learned how to control our impulses, and to avoid negative consequences. We did this as an act of self-preservation mostly, because we were still changing.

In the end though, after we are who we desire to be; healthy and pro-social in our thoughts and beliefs, we still sometimes feel like we are holding on, resisting temptation and impulse, remembering consequences and goals to continue to make good decisions. Then there is a period beyond this, where we again learn to trust

ourselves, to rely on instinct and where it's okay to be impulsive, because our impulses don't hurt others or cause negative consequences for ourselves. It's about living life and being spontaneous sometimes. It's about having the confidence to take chances and to know that they are based in morality and pro-social thinking. It's about trusting ourselves and who we have become.

When our conscience is listened to, and can be trusted, we become confident, insightful, and successful. We develop self-efficacy and faith in ourselves to overcome and to succeed. We are truly at peace, because while we are still able to fail, we are unable to ever return to our old selves. Our core values, beliefs, and principles are all in alignment with our morals, and our conscience guides us. Our instincts, impulses, and drive all move us in a direction which is also guided by our conscience. We no longer have to "hold on" when faced with difficult situations. We can relax in the confidence that our impulses will be pro-social and reflect our true selves. We can let go of the fear of betraying our inner thoughts and shame of past mistakes. We are at peace with ourselves, and our lives are full and satisfying again.

PUBLIC POLICY REPORT

The California Institute on Public Policy released a report on September 28, 2015. The report found that CA's SB 109, Governor Brown's prison realignment program, after 4 years since its implementation, has failed to reduce the rate at which released prisoners are returned to prison due to having committed a new offense. —The recidivism rate still remains at about 65% despite the state's Department of Corrections (CDCR) "claims" to have an increased focus on rehabilitation.

The study also found that the increased number of released prisoners has not caused an overall increase in the state's crime rate, contrary to the espoused predictions of the many Sheriff and District Attorney Associations, and various other conservative right-wing special interest groups.

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CA's YOUTHFUL OFFENDER HEARINGS

On October 3, 2015, Gov. Brown signed SB 261 into law. This bill expands the Youthful Offender Parole Hearings to those who committed their crimes prior to age 23, and have already served at least 15 to 25 years of their sentence.

SB 261 creates a Youth Offender Parole process that requires parole board commissioners to give great weight to the fact that someone was very young at the time of their crime and cannot be held to the same level of responsibility as an adult.

SB 260, which was passed into law in 2013, created these same Youthful Offender Hearings for those who committed their crimes prior to age 18. Since that law went into effect in 2014, nearly 300 such offenders have been paroled. Of those paroled, not one has been returned to prison for violation of parole or committed a new crime. That is pretty remarkable considering California's current recidivism rate for parolees in general is about 65%.

We wish to extend our deepest heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to Senator Loni Hancock for the introduction of this bill, to Elizabeth Calvin of Human Rights Watch, for her immeasurable efforts to make this bill happen, and to the many advocates and researchers at the Fair Sentencing for Youth Coalition, FCLCA, Human Rights Watch, Post Conviction Justice Project of USC School of Law, Prison Law Office, Three Strikes Clinic at Stanford Law School, UnCommon Law, Youth Law Center, and anyone else we may have missed here. —We thank you, and our many loved ones thank you.

For more information about SB 261, please write: Elizabeth Calvin; Human Rights Watch; 11500 W. Olympic Blvd., Suite 540; Los Angeles, CA 90064. The Prison Law Office has also prepared a free handout that explains the new Youthful Offender Parole Hearing process. Write them at: Prison Law Office; General Delivery; San Quentin, CA 94964. You can also have your friends and family read or print this new law at: www.fairsentencingforyouth.org.

THE THING ABOUT ISOLATION

At some point during our prison stay, most term-to-life prisoners have experience with isolation. In the California prison system, isolation can come from several situations: a Security Housing Unit (SHU) term/placement, Administrative Segregation (Ad-Seg), or from long periods of lockdown (now referred to as "Modified Program"), or even the possible

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seclusion caused by health problems. We are an aging population.

In the most recent of studies shown, the prison systems themselves must acknowledge that reform needs to come to the policies applied to SHU prisoners. In California prisons, and likely in all other prison systems worldwide, the number of prisoners who are confined in the above-listed situations make up the highest percentage of suicides and attempted suicides. Make no mistake, it is the isolation that is the root driving dynamic, and isolation is the factor common to all the listed situations.

It is now a well-known fact that newborn babies will die if not touched and given regular contact stimuli by human hands. Objects will not serve as a substitute, it must be the power of touch. The phenomenon is called "Failure to Thrive," and that is a good, descriptive label. Failure to Thrive is what happens to adults who are isolated.

A PBS program recently reported that in the recent past, prisoners of any kind in Soviet Russia were never beaten, tor-
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tured or threatened. They were routinely isolated, because the Soviets found that it works almost 100% of the time. The prisoner is broken, and eventually gives the incarcerating authorities what they want.

The down-side is that the prisoner comes out of the isolation a broken human being, forever changed, the way a computer file is changed when saved over. The earlier iteration is wiped out, never to be recovered. This process of causing permanent psychic damage to prisoners through the psychological torture of isolation is inhuman, barbaric, and unconstitutionally cruel and unusual. It has no redeemable value, and is far more severe and widespread than we will ever be able to gauge.

The effects of isolation manifest much like any disease, but are most closely related to substance abuse in that it is progressive. This means that no matter how long it's been since the last isolation, the sickness will pick up where it left off at the end of the last period of isolation. It never fully heals.

Is this somehow supposed to be believable as rehabilitative? Do we really send people to prison so that they can be tortured psychologically, given a progressive psychological disease, and to be made into people who are far more damaged and deeply scared emotionally than before incarceration?

As a society, we should care much more about our incarcerated. They are not worthless slugs, they are simply confused human beings.

Something like 96% of the prison population will one day be released on parole. We must begin to move beyond consideration and do something about the reality that we must pay forward our investment in what we want our prisoners to be when they do parole. We must come to the point of being willing to bring equity, humanity, dignity, respect, and healing into the lives of prisoners. We have become sensitive to victims, but that movement is in danger of being a hate-monger mill, and it needs to be tempered with Restorative Justice. The Restorative Justice model has a future in this area because it includes healing for both victim and offender.

Communities need to form Restorative Justice groups and begin the process of real healing -not warehousing and psychic wounding to attempt to control people. This is the time. If not now, when? Stop the isolation. Reach out to a prisoner today. We all need the human touch. If not you, than who is going to step up? We all have our respective parts to play, and we all share the responsibility of the results that may come from our collective indifference.

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LITTLE KNOWN REASONS TO PAY ATTENTION



The following information was taken from California's "Status Report" filed over the previous four months, in the Plata case. This is the case where California was ordered to reduce its prison population down to below 137.5% of design capacity by February 28, 2016.

- * As of 10/15/15, the State's 34 adult prisons confined a total population of 112,195 (135.7%) prisoners. This population count has increased by about 550 prisoners since last month's Status Report.
- * As reported in each of the four previous monthly Status Reports, California's prisoner population has experienced a consistent INCREASE in population. In July/2015, the population was reported at 111,168. In August/2015, the population was reported at 111,518, an increase of about 350 prisoners. In Sept/2015, the population was reported at 111,656, an increase of about 200 prisoners. And most significant, in Oct/2015, the population was reported at 112,195, an increase of about 550 prisoners. Considering the steadily elevating increases in population each month, two things have become clear. First, it appears that Governor Brown's Prison Realignment Act, even combined with the thousands of prisoners released under Prop. 47 and Prop. 36, and a handful of early paroles, the Realignment Act has plateaued (4 months ago) and we are back on the road to a steadily rising population with an unchanged recidivism rate of 65%. Secondly, it is now highly questionable whether California will meet the 137.5% by February/2016, as mandated in the Plata case.
- * California prisoners being confined in out-of-state private prisons is currently: 5,907.
- * As of 10/15/15, the total number of prisoners released under Prop. 47 was 4,463.
- * As of 10/15/15, the total number of prisoners released under Prop. 36 was 2,144.
- * Between Feb/2014 to Oct/2015, the BPH has conducted 948 parole hearings for elderly prisoners over the age of 60 years. Of these hearings, 259 paroles were granted. (Up only 4 grants over the previous 4 months.)
- * As a result of SB 230 (Enacted Oct. 3, 2015) term-to-life prisoners found suitable for parole will be released upon their Minimum Eligible Parole Date (MEPD), or upon the expiration of the 150 day review period if the MEPD has already passed. The BPH has announced that it will no longer set future parole dates beyond these limits.
- * Between Jan/2014 to Sept/2015, the BPH conducted 836 Youthful Offender Parole Hearings (SB 260). Of these hearings, 230 paroles have been granted. (Up only 6 grants since last month's Plata report.)
- * Prisoners who become eligible for a Youthful Offender Parole Hearing under SB 261 (effective Jan/2016) will receive a hearing date by January 1, 2018, if you are currently serving an indeterminate sentence. If you are a prisoner serving a determinate sentence, you will receive a hearing date by December 31, 2021.

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In California, Oklahoma and Maryland, the Governor is permitted by law to reverse the parole board's decision to grant parole. No other States permit their Governor to have such a power. Considering the parole process is already implicitly fraught with politics, it is particularly egregious how the many victim groups have taken advantage of these state's electorate to pass such horridly abusive laws.

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In November, President Obama banned the box for federal jobs.

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The idea of starting EXPO originated at Project RETURN. One member of Project RETURN's alumni group told me that "now, we would always say that if everybody in the state who is incarcerated or has a relative who is incarcerated started to vote you could control every political position in the state of Wisconsin and probably the country. Well, guess what, it's starting to happen because it's completely unfair, and all kinds of people are seeing how unfair the system is."

People with records have the potential to become one of the most politically powerful groups in the United States, but we have often been excluded from the policymaking process and professional conversations on mass incarceration. Nearly one out of three adults in the nation has a conviction or arrest history. In the coming years, EXPO will continue to build the power of people with records.

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JUVENILE JUSTICE

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In January 2016, two new court decisions came out that make it a little easier, for those who were convicted and sentenced as adults for crimes allegedly committed when they were juveniles, to get a potential sentence modification.

In *Montgomery v. Louisiana*, 2016 U.S. LEXIS 862, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that inmates who are serving mandatory life sentences without parole for homicides they committed as juveniles should have a chance at release through a resentencing hearing or be considered for parole. This decision also made the sentencing provisions established in *Miller v. Alabama*, 132 S.Ct. 2455 (2012), that the judge must take into account that "children are different", retroactive and applicable to anyone convicted and sentenced prior to the *Miller* ruling.

Although the decision in *Montgomery v. Louisiana* may not directly help anyone serving time in Wisconsin, because Wisconsin has never had mandatory life-without-parole *sentencing* law, the decision in *McKinley v. Butler*, 809 F.3d 908 (7th Cir. 2016) applies directly to Wisconsin inmates.

In *McKinley*, a 16-year old Chicago teen shot and killed a 23-year old in 2001 • The 16-year old was convicted of First-Degree Murder and sentenced to 100 years (two consecutive 50-year sentences). Upon habeas corpus review, the 7th Circuit determined that, in light of *Miller v. Alabama*, the sentencing judge failed to take into account how "children are different", and how those differences counsel against irrevocably sentencing them to a lifetime in prison. The 7th Circuit noted that the "children are different" analysis applies to discretionary life sentences as well as de facto life sentences (such as 100 years). The Court determined that *McKinley* had to be resentenced in compliance with the provisions established in the *Miller* ruling.

This *McKinley* decision swings the door wide open for guys, who *were sentenced to a lengthy* term for a crime allegedly committed as a juvenile, to lobby for sentence modifications.

LAWSUIT SETTLEMENTS

* In December 2015, the prisoner plaintiff in *Sheppard v. Walker, et al.*, Case No. 12-cv-703 (W.D. Wis.) settled his lawsuit for \$10,000. The lawsuit raised claims of a Sergeant and Lieutenant at the Columbia Corr. Inst. making fun of a prisoner's legitimate expressions of feeling suicidal. The staff treated the prisoner's suicidal disposition as a rule violation -and they initiated- disciplinary actions against him, instead of contacting the Psychologist on-call. The prisoner ultimately attempted to hang himself with a bed sheet. Fortunately, the attempt was unsuccessful, but afterwards, when the prisoner wrote a letter to the Warden complaining about how staff ignored his pleas for help when he was feeling Suicidal, the prisoner was then given a second Conduct Report for allegedly "lying about staff" in his letter. Part of the non-monetary conditions of the settlement also included an expungement of the bogus Conduct Reports from his record.

§ In the Summer of 2015, the prisoner plaintiff in *McGhee v. Suliene, et al.*, Case No. 13-cv-00067 (W.D. Wis.) settled his lawsuit for \$20,000. The lawsuit raised claims of a doctor at the Columbia Corr. Inst. being negligent and indifferent towards a prisoner's ongoing shoulder pain and injury.

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EX-Prisoners Organizing (EXPO) is Leading Efforts to Transform Wisconsin's Unjust Penal System by Mark Rice

EX-Prisoners Organizing (EXPO) is a group of formerly incarcerated people who drive WISDOM's ROC Wisconsin campaign to end mass incarceration. Other organizations in Wisconsin provide direct services to previously imprisoned people, but EXPO is the only group of previously imprisoned people in the state who organize to change the system.

My experience with Wisconsin's corrections system inspired me to join EXPO and help lead WISDOM's campaign. Public officials in Wisconsin forced me to spend 20 months of my life in Wisconsin prisons for a non-violent crime and six months of my life in the Milwaukee Secure Detention Facility for violating a rule of supervision that did not involve a new crime. When I was in prison, I witnessed the racial injustice of Wisconsin's penal system. The majority of people I was incarcerated with were African American men and Latino men. Many of these men were serving very long sentences for non-violent crimes.

I know how difficult the reentry process can be. When I got out of prison in 2000, I learned that the box on job applications which inquires about conviction history can be a significant barrier to employment for people with records. After I got released, I applied for many jobs that required me to check the box, and I did not get interviewed for any of these jobs. Later on, I experienced discrimination in housing. In 2009, I moved to Chicago to attend a graduate school there. Even though I had not been convicted of any new crimes in nearly a decade, many companies would not let me live in their apartments because of my conviction history.

I completely turned my life around over the last 16 years. During this time period, I earned two master's degrees and worked for several nonprofit organizations. I currently chair WISDOM's Post-Release Issues Workgroup. I am also a PhD candidate at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and a board member of Project RETURN, a nonprofit organization in Milwaukee that helps men and women leaving prison make a positive and permanent return to our community.

EXPO aims to influence conversations about penal policy and people who have experienced incarceration. We also aim to restore people with records to full participation in the life of our communities. EXPO wants everyone to view people with arrest and conviction histories as human beings, members of families, and assets to communities. We fight to end all forms of structural discrimination against formerly incarcerated people. All EXPO members have the opportunity to attend one-day, two-day, and weeklong leadership development programs conducted by WISDOM and the Gamaliel Foundation. Over 100 people have already participated in our training programs.

EXPO is needed in Wisconsin for several reasons. Wisconsin incarcerates African American men and Native American men at rates higher than any other state. Wisconsin spends more on corrections than on the University of Wisconsin system. Although Wisconsin and Minnesota have similar crime rates and similar populations, Wisconsin imprisons people at twice the rate of Minnesota and spends more than twice as much on corrections. The opportunity costs of mass incarceration in Wisconsin are huge. The huge amount of money we waste on unnecessarily incarcerating people should instead be spent on public education, public transportation, health care, and other needed services.

The stories of many EXPO leaders show that people with records cannot only change, but can become key leaders of social movements and organizations. EXPO members have led organizing efforts around issues like ban the box, sentencing reform, crimeless revocations, treatment alternatives to incarceration, solitary confinement, and transitional jobs. We work to transform Wisconsin's unjust penal system and raise awareness of problems facing formerly incarcerated people by

- participating in WISDOM's public actions and policy workgroups,
- doing presentations at community organizations,
- writing opinion pieces,
- meeting with legislators,
- testifying at public hearings, and
- appearing on radio and television shows.

The efforts of EXPO leaders have already had an impact on state and federal policies. Our work prompted policymakers in Wisconsin to reduce the use of solitary confinement in Wisconsin prisons, expand the state's Treatment Alternatives and Diversion (TAD) program, and expand a transitional jobs program that helps people with barriers to employment find jobs.

During our weeklong training program in the summer of 2015, we decided to join a national campaign that aimed to get President Obama to issue an Executive Order to ban the box for federal jobs and federal contractors. We initially reached out to state and local elected officials throughout Wisconsin and asked them to call on President Obama to ban the box. Dozens of politicians supported our campaign. In July, EXPO leaders joined formerly incarcerated leaders from across the nation to participate in a ban the box rally in front of the White House. After the rally, we met with some of President Obama's policy advisors. In addition, we educated, organized, and mobilized communities across Wisconsin.

GOD REFUSES TO ANSWER MY QUESTIONS

BY: Ernesto R. Rodriguez / 05/13/16 / 517-204-9278

Since I was born, I have been told that "GOD" has great powers and that that he has the power to heal all illnesses...but I have come to the conclusion, after 80 years of waiting and praying, that the human race is insane and that "GOD" has no desire to deal with us. If anything, perhaps it is time for another Sodom and Gomorrah or a good flood.

We are at war with ISIS and in the middle of being wiped off the map, because of our stupidity—how we treat each other and how we treat others with disrespect and abuse--And somehow we find time to indulge in more stupidity. We have a GOP clown racist, Donald Nazi Trump, dividing the people of America and causing Americans to seek help from ISIS in their struggle against racism. How can we Americans declare war against ourselves in the middle of chaos? And when we need unity?

Donald Trump has taken the Republican party to a new lower level—The GOP world issues are not about "making America great again" but rather who is fucking who! When asked questions about world issues the jerk starts crying that he is being treated unfairly—of course—he is covering up his lack of political knowledge and denies making racial and stupid remarks about women and minorities.

At one time sodomy was illegal. Now we allow men to screw and chew each other in the butt and call it a marriage and these folks want more "civil rights" they want all genders peeing together! According to cases they have won, ...Cannibalism has been around since the beginning of time. But mark my word, it won't be long and our U.S.A. Supreme court will give moms and dads the civil rights to kill, cook, and eat their own children. We need to protect our children from being sodomized or eaten.

Politicians and wealthy folks are now getting away with violating our civil rights like poisoning our water and air with deadly chemicals and no one is being prosecuted. And they are stealing our tax dollars. And who are these individuals who are spraying deadly chemicals on our food products?

Factors of unemployment are low IQ's, uneducated or undereducated, women who have taken over most jobs from their male counterparts (Mexican are not taking your jobs,), and the believes that working is slavery, and drug addiction. So why are we wanting to legalize more drugs that are turning our children into drug zombies?

The war on drugs coming to America is a failure because American pharmaceutical companies are producing plenty of opiate drugs for our children and adults' appetite. Our demand is greater than our army against drugs. Don't blame the drug dealers (or the Mexicans) for the desire of Americans to stay high and the greed of the police and politicians.

Immigration, American died in the civil war to keep their slaves and even now Americans want cheap labor in our prisons, and to the point of taking your jobs to another country—whites folks leaving us all to suffer here in jobless America.

It's time we stop praying and stand up on our own two feet and realize that "GOD" is not going to help us get rid of Trump and the rest of the problems mentioned in this article—this is something we need to do on our won even at the expense of breaking the law as Trump has done. And for those of you who disagree and say, "God works at his own time...." all I can say is that you only reap what you sow.

Signed: *ERodriguez*

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Kirk Odom, shown with wife Harriet in March, is set to have his conviction overturned because of erroneous forensics testimony at his trial.

Prosecutors: D.C. man is innocent

Kirk Odom, convicted of 1981 rape, served 20 years in prison

BY SPENCER S. HSU

Federal prosecutors agreed Tuesday that a Washington man imprisoned for 20 years for rape is innocent and they acknowledged scientific errors in his case after DNA evidence proved that another man committed the crime.

Kirk L. Odom will become the second District man in two months and the third in three years to have his conviction for rape or murder overturned because of erroneous hair matches claimed in court by FBI forensic experts.

Odom's case was featured in a series of articles in April in which The Washington Post reported that Justice Department officials have known for years that flawed forensic work might have led to the convictions of potentially innocent people.

Odom, 49, served his sentence and was released from prison in 2003. He was convicted of raping, sodomizing and robbing a 27-year-old woman before dawn in her Capitol Hill apartment in 1981. However, court-ordered DNA testing revealed in January that the hair fragment in his case

could not have come from Odom. Further DNA testing of stains on a pillowcase and robe indicated that only another man, not Odom, could have committed the crime.

"More than 30 years after Mr. Odom's conviction, DNA testing reveals that he suffered a terrible injustice," U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. wrote in a two-page filing in D.C. Superior Court.

"The United States expresses its profound regret for the harm suffered by Mr. Odom, and requests that this Court immediately vacate Mr. Odom's convictions and dismiss the indictments against him with prejudice," Machen wrote.

Odom, who was identified in court as the attacker by the victim, was thrilled at the news.

"Oh my goodness, the storm is over, yes yes!" Odom said from the office of his attorney, Sandra K. Levick, chief of special litigation for the District Public Defender Service.

"There's no more dark clouds, and the sun is beginning to shine very bright," said Odom, who lives in Southeast Washington with his wife, Harriet, a medical counselor.

Asked if he would say anything to police or prosecutors, or to the victim, Odom responded, "There's nothing much to say except, 'God bless you.'"

The Post generally does not



"The sun is beginning to shine very bright," Kirk Odom said.

name victims of sexual assaults without their permission.

The man whose DNA matched the stains is a convicted sex offender. He will not be charged, because the statute of limitations has expired on the crime, Machen said.

In a written statement, Machen endorsed eliminating the statute of limitations on sex crimes.

"Though we can never give him back the years that he lost, we can give Mr. Odom back his unfairly tarnished reputation," Machen wrote. "Three decades ago, law enforcement got it wrong: Mr. Odom did not commit this crime. . . . It is never too late to secure justice — even if that means correcting a grave injustice from decades earlier."

Odom would become the 293rd person cleared by post-conviction DNA testing in the United States, after the judge rules on what is now a joint

motion between the prosecution and defense.

Odom would be released from lifelong parole and no longer would have to register as a sex offender. He also would be allowed to seek financial compensation for damages sustained during his 20-year incarceration. Prosecutors also said they would agree to seal his arrest and conviction record.

In May, a Superior Court judge dismissed the murder conviction against Santae A. Tribble, 51, after DNA tests disproved testimony at his trial from an FBI hair expert linking him to the 1978 killing of a District taxi driver. In December 2009, Donald E. Gates was exonerated of a 1981 rape and murder in Rock Creek Park — again after DNA tests ruled out a hair match claimed by the FBI.

"We salute Mr. Odom for having the courage and fortitude to withstand more than 31 years convicted of terrible crimes for which he was absolutely innocent," Levick said. "We salute the United States Attorney's Office for joining us today to remedy this tragic injustice. And we salute the Department of Justice and the FBI for agreeing to a review of all cases involving hair evidence of the kind used to convict Mr. Odom, Mr. Tribble and Mr. Gates."

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Flawed forensics spur case reviews

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Justice Dept., FBI to reexamine thousands of criminal convictions

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BY SPENCER S. HSU

The Justice Department and FBI have launched a review of thousands of criminal cases to determine whether any defendants were wrongly convicted or deserve a new trial because of flawed forensic evidence, officials said Tuesday.

The undertaking is the largest post-conviction review ever done by the FBI. It will include cases conducted by all FBI Laboratory hair and fiber examiners since at least 1985 and may reach earlier if records are available, people familiar with the process said. Such FBI examinations have taken place in federal and local cases across the country, often in violent crimes, such as rape, murder and robbery.

The review comes after The Washington Post reported in April that Justice Department officials had known for years that flawed forensic work might have led to the convictions of potentially innocent people but had not performed a thorough review of the cases. In addition, prosecutors failed to notify defendants or their attorneys even in many cases they knew were troubled.

On Tuesday, the Justice Department announced that it would conduct the more expansive review.

"The Department and the FBI are in the process of identifying historical cases for review where a microscopic hair examination conducted by the FBI was among the evidence in a case that resulted in a conviction," spokeswoman Nanda Chitre said in a statement. "We have dedicated considerable time and resources to addressing these issues, with the goal of reaching final determinations in the coming months."

Post-conviction review is largest ever done by FBI

FBI spokeswoman Ann Todd deferred comment to the Justice Department.

In its April report, The Post identified two District men convicted largely on the testimony of FBI hair analysts who wrongly placed them at crime scenes. Santae A. Tribble, now 51, was convicted of killing a taxi driver in 1978, and Kirk L. Odom, now 49, was convicted of a sexual assault in 1981. Since The Post report, Tribble's conviction was vacated, and on Tuesday, prosecutors moved to overturn Odom's conviction and declare him innocent. Their cases had never been previously reviewed by the Justice Department.

Chitre said the new review would include help from the Innocence Project, a New York-based advocacy group for people seeking exoneration through DNA testing. It also would include the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

Steven D. Benjamin, a Richmond lawyer who is incoming president of the association, called the review "an important collaboration" and a departure from one-sided government reviews that left defendants in the dark.

"Mistakes were made. What is important now is our working together to correct those mistakes," Benjamin said, adding that his organization would "fully assist in finding and notifying all those who may have been affected."

The review also comes as the National Academy of Sciences is urging the White House and Congress to remove crime labs from police and prosecutors' control, or at least to strengthen the science and standards underpinning the nation's forensic science system.

The last time the FBI abandoned a forensic practice was in 2005, when it ended efforts to trace bullets to a specific manufacturer's batch through analyzing their chemical composition after its methodology was scientifically debunked. The bureau released files in an estimated

2,500 bullet-lead cases only after "60 Minutes" and The Post reported the problem in 2007.

Michael R. Bromwich, a former Justice Department official



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Santae A. Tribble's murder conviction was vacated this year.

who investigated the FBI Laboratory in the mid-1990s as inspector general and, more recently, the city of Houston's crime lab, said the review is important as the nation's crime labs come under scrutiny.

"These recent developments remind us of the profound questions about the validity of many forensic techniques that have been used over the course of many decades and underscore the need for continuing attention at every level to ensuring the scientific validity and accuracy of the forensic science that is used every day in our criminal justice system," Bromwich said.

The Post reported in April that hair and fiber analysis was subjective and lacked grounding in solid research and that the FBI lab lacked protocols to ensure that agent testimony was scientifically accurate. But bureau managers kept their reviews limited to one agent, even as they learned that many examiners' "matches" were often wrong and that numerous examiners overstated the significance of matches, using bogus statistics or exaggerated claims.

Details of how the new FBI review will be conducted remain unclear. The exact number of cases that will be reviewed is unknown. The FBI is starting with all reports made by hair and fiber examiners, which is expected to far exceed 10,000 case reports. From those, the focus

will be on a smaller number of hair examinations that resulted in positive findings and a conviction.

It also is unclear whether the review will focus only on exaggerated testimony by FBI examiners or also on scientifically unfounded statements made by others trained by the FBI, or made by prosecutors. Also unclear is at what point government officials will notify defense attorneys or the Innocence Project.

In past reviews, the department kept results secret and gave findings only to prosecutors, who then determined whether to turn them over to the defense.

4 people cited for protest in Capitol

Madison — Police cited four people Thursday for holding signs in the state Capitol without having permits.

The citations were the latest example of the Capitol Police cracking down on protesters. All four were cited for unlawfully displaying signs and one of the four was also cited for resisting an officer, according to Capitol Police.

What about wolf's suffering?

Out-of-state wildlife biologist Jim Beers worries about the "horrible, cruel and painful deaths" suffered by dogs from wolf encounters (Your Views, Aug. 20).

It is the hunter who puts his dogs into jeopardy. What about the pain and suffering of a trapped wolf trying to escape by gnawing its leg off? Wolves are God's creatures, too. A trap for an animal is like an improvised explosive device to a soldier in Afghanistan.

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Two killed after Amtrak train slams into backhoe

CHESTER, Pa. — Two Amtrak workers were killed and dozens of passengers were injured when a train bound for Washington, D.C., slammed into a backhoe south of Philadelphia on Sunday morning, authorities said.

The tragedy, which halted service along much of the Northeast corridor, came less than one year after an Amtrak derailment in Philadelphia killed eight people.

Amtrak Vice President Stephen Gardner said the lead engine of the Palmetto train, which runs from New York City to Savannah, Ga., derailed at about 8 a.m. ET with 341 passengers and a crew of seven. Chester Fire Commissioner Travis Thomas said two people were killed.

Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., said he was told by Amtrak board chairman Anthony Coscia that the backhoe operator and a supervisor, both Amtrak employees, were killed, the Associated Press reported. Schumer, speaking in New York, said it's unclear whether the backhoe was performing regular maintenance or was clearing debris from high winds overnight.

Gardner said 31 passengers were taken to hospitals with non-life-threatening injuries. Other passengers were being transported by bus to train stations in Philadelphia and Wilmington, Del.

"Local emergency responders are on the scene and an investigation is ongoing. Northeast Corridor service between New York and Philadelphia is suspended," Amtrak said in a statement. Amtrak later announced that service between Wilmington and Philadelphia was suspended but was expected to resume within hours.

All Amtrak service is suspended between New York City and Philadelphia at this time.

Updates available at <https://t.co/0oILXAZsFc>.

— Amtrak (@Amtrak) April 3, 2016

Federal Railroad Administration spokesman Matthew Lehner said federal investigators were on the scene, and the National

Transportation Safety Board sent a team. NTSB investigator Ryan Frigo said the train's event data was sent to Washington for analysis. Information from the device will help investigators determine the train's speed during the collision, he said.

Frigo could not answer why workers were on the track Sunday morning, whether the train's engineer was alerted about them or whether a warning system exists.

"This is something we look at as part of our investigation but I do not have that factual information," Frigo said.

Donovan Bryan, a Defense Department worker from Springfield, Va., said he was in the third car from the front when the train, rolling "full bore" at 50 or 60 mph, hit the construction equipment.

"I heard the bang and saw the flames shoot up, and then the train eventually came to a halt after maybe around a minute or so," he

said while waiting for his wife to pick him up at a staging area set up at a local church.

"You could feel the hit, and then (the train car) jumped and I saw flames," he said. "And I felt the heat from the flames."

Also on the train was former Republican presidential candidate Steve Forbes, who tweeted Sunday, "Prayers to families of those killed and injured."

Was on Amtrak 89 that derailed this morning. I'm fine. Prayers to families of those killed and injured.

— Steve Forbes (@SteveForbesCEO) April 3, 2016

Mariam Akhtar, of Washington, D.C., told 6abc.com that she was on the sixth car of the train.

"It felt like the train hit something and there were like three or four really big bangs and it kind of threw us off the seats we were sitting in," she said. "There was a lot of smoke and everybody was yelling."

Ari Ne'eman, a disability rights activist from Silver Spring, Md., who was traveling from New York to Washington, told the Associated Press she was in the train's second car. She said the conductor sent people to the rear of the train, where they were evacuated to a nearby church.

"The car started shaking wildly, there was a smell of smoke, it looked like there was a small fire and then the window across from us blew out," Ne'eman told AP. "It was a very frightening experience. ... I was just so thankful that the train had come to a stop and we were OK."

The collision caused delays across the Northeast corridor. Passengers found themselves stuck with few answers as to what was happening and the reason behind the delays.

Susan Buckley, who was on her way home to New York, boarded a train early Sunday morning in Washington, D.C., and had no problems until she hit Wilmington. There, an unusually long stop prompted questions from riders, who were told there was a hold ahead on the tracks and they would have to wait.

"Finally they came on and told us there was a derailed train and we were stuck for hours and we should find other means of transportation," Buckley said. "Our favorite announcement was, 'Hello folks, just giving you an update. ... There's no update. The train is stopped indefinitely.'"

The cause of the crash was not immediately known. On May 12, 2015, a northbound Amtrak train barreled into a curve in Philadelphia at 106 mph, causing a derailment that killed eight people and injured 200. The NTSB is expected to issue a final report on that crash by summer.

Clinton says FBI has not contacted her over her use of private email server
WASHINGTON — Hillary Clinton said Sunday she has not yet been contacted by the FBI in the investigation surrounding her use of a private email server while she served as secretary of State.

"No, no, they haven't," Clinton said on NBC's *Meet the Press* when asked if agents had been in touch with her. "But, you know, back in August, we made clear that I'm happy to answer any questions that anybody might have. And I stand by that."

Clinton said she is not concerned that the investigation may still not be finished by the time Democrats have their national convention in July.

"No, I'm not," she told moderator Chuck Todd. "Because I don't think anything inappropriate was done. And so I have to let them decide how to resolve their security inquiry, but I'm not at all worried about it." The Democratic front-runner acknowledged once again that sending emails from a private server while secretary of state was "a mistake."

"So let me just say again, I sent emails to government employees on their government accounts," Clinton said. "I had every reason to believe they were in the government system. It was a matter of convenience. I've said repeatedly, it was not the best choice. It was a mistake. But I think that anybody who's actually looked at this has concluded that I have now put out all of my emails. Go and ask others for their emails. Ask everybody else who's in public office. I'm the one who's done it, and I did it because I thought it was the right thing to do."

Clinton also said she's "confident" she'll debate her Democratic rival, Sen. Bernie Sanders of Vermont, before the New York primary on April 19, but would not commit to a specific date.

"I'm not the one negotiating it, that's going on between our campaigns," Clinton said.

Sanders has been pressing Clinton to debate. Sanders, a Brooklyn native, believes he has a chance to win New York while Clinton, a New York resident and former U.S. senator from the state, said she expects to carry the Empire State.

Sanders said Sunday on ABC's *This Week* that he also is confident that there will be a debate before the primary.

"I think we will reach an agreement," he said.

Trump complains that Kasich is 'taking my votes' and should leave GOP race

Republican presidential front-runner Donald Trump said Sunday that rival candidate John Kasich should get out of the race because he is taking delegates away from Trump and has no chance of winning the GOP nomination.

"He's taking my votes," Trump told reporters at a Milwaukee diner, according to the *Associated Press*. Trump was campaigning in advance of Tuesday's primary election in Wisconsin.

Trump said he made the same complaint to the Republican National Committee. Trump met with RNC Chairman Reince Priebus last week. Priebus is not calling on anyone to get out of the race.

Kasich, the governor of Ohio, has so far won only his home state but has continued to accumulate delegates in primaries that award

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delegates based on the percentage of the vote that a candidate gets.

Kasich's campaign spokesman said the same argument could be made for Trump or Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas to leave the race since it is possible that neither one of them may garner the 1,237 delegates needed to clinch the nomination before the July GOP convention in Cleveland.

"Since he (Trump) thinks it's such a good idea, we look forward to Trump dropping out before the convention," quipped Kasich spokesman Chris Schrimpf.

Kasich is betting on a brokered convention to give him an unlikely win in the three-man race for the Republican nomination. If none of the three candidates have enough delegates to win the nomination on the first ballot at the convention, then delegates can essentially switch to whomever they want on subsequent ballots.

Kasich said a contested convention would be "cool."

"It's going to be so much fun," he said Sunday on ABC's *This Week*. "Kids will spend less time focusing on (Justin) Bieber and (Kim) Kardashian, and more time focusing on how we elect presidents. It will be so cool."

Wisconsin primary: 5 takeaways

Milwaukee (CNN) Ted Cruz's win over Donald Trump in Wisconsin means a contested GOP convention is not only possible, but may be probable. And Bernie Sanders reminded Hillary Clinton that the Democratic race isn't over yet.

Wisconsin was a must-win for both Cruz and Sanders as the 2016 race shifts to New York, where both front-runners will try to regain their footing in the state they call home. Both did just that -- and they racked up big margins of victory, with Cruz besting Trump by 15 percentage points and Sanders ahead of Clinton by 13 points.

Here are five takeaways from Tuesday's contests:

A contested convention is more likely

For Trump, getting the delegate math to add up to 1,237 before the Republican National Convention in Cleveland was always a tall task.

Cruz's big Wisconsin win raises the possibility that Trump romps in the Northeast, wins California and still comes up just short, throwing the nominating battle into a contested convention.

Cruz tried again to consolidate the anti-Trump movement, touting in a Milwaukee speech the \$2 million he said his campaign has raised Tuesday alone.

He also made a play to unify Republicans, dropping his usual attacks on Trump and instead taking aim at Clinton in his victory speech.

"Either before Cleveland or at the convention in Cleveland, together, we will win a majority of the delegates, and together, we will beat Hillary Clinton in November," Cruz said.

The Texas senator's supporters -- and Republicans allied with anybody whose name isn't Trump -- crowed that Wisconsin marked a turning point in the race, especially as Trump watches delegates slip away in states he's already won because his campaign hasn't mastered the contest's procedural intricacies. "GOP voters in Wisconsin rejected Donald Trump just like the entire Republican base will do in Cleveland this summer," Katie Packer, a Republican strategist who helms the anti-Trump Our Principles PAC, said in a statement.

Trump has to regroup

The good news for Trump: The next stop is New York, where the billionaire calls home and is up in the polls.

But Wisconsin shows he has some brand maintenance to do.

Voters in Wisconsin just weren't as angry, or frustrated, with Republican leadership as voters in other states. Four in 10 say they're scared about Trump as the nominee. And many said Trump, not the man he has branded "Lyin' Ted," has run the most dishonest campaign

Bern-ing hot headed into New York

Sanders got an affirmation of his momentum, with six wins in the last seven contests. He will need that momentum to stay strong if he's going to truly knock Clinton off her heels.

To keep his streak going, Sanders will need to beat her out east -- in New York on April 19, and then in some combination of Pennsylvania, Maryland, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Delaware the following week. In those states, Sanders will be competing without his typical advantages. In Wisconsin, loyal Democrats split 50-50, but Sanders won independents 71-29. The east coast races, though, are closed contests -- which means only registered Democrats can participate, limiting his ability to bring new, young voters into the process.

What Wisconsin gives Sanders is the ability to keep raising big dollars, and keep his supporters energized in states where organizational work will be especially important. He has outraised Clinton, \$109 million to \$75 million, in the last three months.

Before heading east, Sanders made a stop in Laramie, Wyoming, where he'll try to make it seven out of eight states when that state holds its caucuses Saturday.

"I was told that about 5,000 people participated in the last Wyoming caucus. It looks like all of them are here tonight," he joked as he started his speech, leaning hard into one buzzword: "Momentum."

"I know a little bit about New York because I spent the first 18 years of my life in Brooklyn, New York. Now please keep this a secret -- do not tell Secretary Clinton; she's getting a little nervous and I don't want her to get more nervous -- but I believe we've got an excellent chance to win New York and a lot of delegates in that state," he said.

Clinton waiting for Sanders

Wisconsin was the kind of state -- overwhelmingly white, and independents are allowed into party primaries -- that Sanders had to win. And he did: He crushed Clinton among voters 18-29 by his standard margin of 82% to 18%, and won those 30-44, two to one. He won white voters, 59% to 41%. That number was flipped among non-whites, but in Wisconsin, 83% of the Democratic electorate was white.

States like New York that are far more diverse have proven to be Clinton country. And the former secretary of state is wasting no time welcoming Sanders back to the state where he grew up.

Readers of The New York Daily News will see a front-page story Wednesday denouncing "Bernie's Sandy Hook shame." Sanders Tuesday faced blistering criticism over his interview with the newspaper's editorial board, where he seemed unable to go beyond top-level talking points on his core policy issues, like breaking up the big banks. In an unusual move, Clinton's campaign sent out the entire Sanders transcript as part of a fundraising email.

"We've said for a long time that this primary is about who's really going to be able to get things done. And from reading this interview, you get the impression Senator Sanders hasn't thought very much about that. In fact, even on his signature issue of breaking up the banks, he's unable to answer basic questions about how he'd go about doing it, and even seems uncertain whether a president does or doesn't already have that authority under existing law," Clinton aide Christina Reynolds wrote.

The GOP's battleground woes

If Gov. Scott Walker's experience of three statewide wins in four years shows anything, it's that Republicans can win in Wisconsin. But Cruz and Trump may have an uphill climb in November.

Exit polls showed that only 62% of Republicans said they'd vote for Trump in the fall. Another 10% said if he's the nominee, they'd support Clinton, while 17% said they'd back a third-party candidate and 8% said they wouldn't vote at all.

For Cruz, the numbers were similar: 66% said they'd vote for him, while 6% said they'd back Clinton. But 18% said they'd pick a third-party candidate, and another 6% would stay home.

It's an ominous sign for the fall. Wisconsin isn't a must-win state for a Republican in the general election -- but it is winnable, and, like Illinois, Pennsylvania and New Hampshire, it's home to a vulnerable senator (Ron Johnson) who the GOP hopes will be part of a governing majority next year.

Those exit poll numbers are, in theory, good for John Kasich, because they bolster his argument that he's the only electable Republican left standing.

But the Ohio governor has his own problems. The same factors that hurt Trump -- Wisconsin is highly educated and less angry - - should have helped Kasich. Yet he finished



There are thirty books of the Bible in this paragraph. Can you find them? this is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket, on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much, he passed it on to some friends. One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his john boat. Another friend studied it while playing his banjo. Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend judges the job of solving this puzzle so involved, she brews a cup of tea to help her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a fact. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. Truthfully, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in this paragraph. During a recent fund raising event, which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta Phi lemonade booth set a new sales record. The local paper, The Chronicle, surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As Daniel Humana humbly puts it, "the books are all right here in plain view hidden from sight." Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation that may help is that books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. Also, keep in mind, that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mad exodus. There really are 30 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in this paragraph waiting to be found.

I gave you the first one (john) only 29 more to find. Good luck!

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There is no instant of time so favorable to us as is the present one.

The past is history. The future is unborn. To live in either is to dwell in a dreamland of memory or of fantasy.

The only reality of time is the present moment. It is within it that we must make our lives what we wish them to be. So it is also within it that we must be what we hope to become.

To be and to do it now; that is the secret to successful and purposive living.



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Reflection

Consider an opening night crowd in a theater lobby, waiting to be seated before the play. Some are patient, passing the time in pleasant conversation; others anxious, pushing to be first through the doors; still others appear distracted, their thoughts far from focused on the moment at hand.

And, of course, there are always a handful of late arrivals who slide into their seats just as the curtain rises. And, unfortunately, a few never do make the curtain.

Like the theater-goers, each of us anticipates Heaven in a different way—patiently or anxiously or casually. Yet, like an opening night crowd, none of us knows exactly what to expect.

It has been said that Heaven would hardly be Heaven if we could define it. After all, there is nothing better than a good *mystery*, and when it comes to suspense, Heaven has no match!

We do know that Heaven promises an eternity in the presence of God; that God is Love. Also, scholars tell us that the being we become in Heaven will be closely aligned with the being we are here on Earth. In other words, we will be fully aware of our identity and the identities of those we knew in this world. Some even say we will bring with us our earthly body and soul with one difference—our mental and physical



**He is
risen, he
is not
here!**

Reflection

Sharing is the stairway to healing.

God did not stop after creating Adam. No, He also created Eve, a companion for Adam, someone to *share* those early experiences of humankind.

Perhaps this was God's way of saying, "I don't expect you to go it alone! You'll need each other to lean on, to find strength in one another!"

It's true, life is far too great a challenge to tackle alone. Fortunately for us, God speaks through His people. How often have you heard His voice on the lips of another?

Those times when we least want to share are the times when we most *need* to share. But with whom...?



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Dear Friend,

If you are at all like us, you are thrilled that more than 9 million Americans (so far) have voted for a democratic socialist born in Brooklyn to be president. Exit polls suggest that a majority were under 30. Socialism is no longer scary – and capitalism is! But, you are troubled, like we are, that millions have also voted for Donald Trump.

And that's exactly why we need to strengthen political organizations that help us direct our anger at the status quo and ruling-class structures, and continue the political revolution for the long term.

We are proud democratic socialists, just like Bernie, and many Americans – perhaps including you – are coming to realize they are, too. You may think that we are writing to ask you to support a candidate or even a new party – but it's not that.

This is about what to do *between* elections, no matter who wins them. We want to tell you a little about who we are and what we do. We hope when you hear us out, you will join us in DSA!

So: democratic socialism. What exactly does that mean to us? It means solidarity and shared values; justice and equality; peace and understanding; tolerance; and the brotherhood and sisterhood of all people.

It means that we understand that our current economic system concentrates too much power in the hands of too few people. It means we believe that the power of the 1% must be challenged if humankind is truly to move forward. Finally, it means we believe that confronting that power requires throwing away all the "isms" that divide us, and in their place putting forth a vision of a world where ordinary people control their own destinies.

In the face of these goals, the conventional wisdom tells us to be "sensible" and "pragmatic"; to trim our sails, take what we can get, and protect what we have.

Well, the one and only thing we have learned from the Right is this: *trimming our sails doesn't work.* They think big, albeit in the wrong direction. We must counterbalance their cruel and divisive vision with one of *collective* liberation.

If Bernie's campaign teaches us anything it's that we must stand up and say what we truly believe. To point the finger at Wall Street and the entire billionaire class, the mega-corporations that want to ship jobs overseas if they can't exploit their workers here. To say that the "free market" emperor has no clothes. To shout that military solutions to diplomatic crises make our country less secure, and anti-immigrant policies to address job losses

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undermine the security of *all* workers. And, finally, to speak out about the urgent need to redistribute wealth and power. That old slogan: “Be Reasonable – Demand the Impossible!” captures the essence of this moment – and our movement.

Today, far too many people struggle to get by due to an economic crisis that we lay directly at the door of Wall Street, big business, and the politicians they own. Who else, besides Occupy Wall Street, Bernie Sanders, and activists like us have called for significant tax increases on the super-wealthy? Certainly very, very few of the people elected to represent us. That must change!

If you look at the food fight called the Republican campaign, you see the inevitable consequence of years of a national debate between the Far Right and the Center Right: a campaign defined by xenophobia, misogyny, militarism, and a bidding war over tax cuts to benefit the 1%. It is a stark reminder of the obstacles we face.

Simply put, those of us who see the need for revolutionary political change must be organized *before, during, and after* electoral campaigns if we are to make elected officials respond to *us* instead of the 1%.

Just a few years ago pundits and plutocrats were shouting from the rooftops about the “wonders of modern capitalism.” Then the stock market and housing bubbles burst – and we discovered how corporations were cooking the books. It’s a scandal that most of the destruction and game rigging perpetrated by corporations is perfectly legal: Funneling millions of dollars to elected officials – perfectly legal. Extorting subsidies from local governments and driving down wages for middle- and low-income workers, like Wal-Mart does – perfectly legal. Undermining unions – perfectly legal. We say it’s time to make those things *perfectly illegal!*

Some see us as too optimistic, too utopian. Fine ideas, some say, but not possible, especially with Republicans, like Governor Scott Walker of Wisconsin, trying to repeal most of the social progress of the twentieth century. Or corporate Democrats like Mayor Rahm Emanuel of Chicago busting unions. And too many “moderates” still afraid of, or even blocking, needed reforms like Medicare for all.

Of course, “utopian” is what they once called the 8-hour day. And the weekend! And paid sick leave! And women’s suffrage! And the minimum wage! And civil rights! They will *always* tell us that. The problem is that too many of us are still listening to them.

That is precisely why DSA is so important today. We *never* forget that the many reforms that we take for granted were first the ideas of wild-eyed radicals. Society needs radicals – the Martin Luther Kings, Susan B. Anthonys, Mother Joneses, and more. Otherwise, critical reforms stagnate – and then vanish.

What DSA wants to accomplish is what Bernie Sanders has accomplished in the past year, and what radicals have always accomplished: broadening the debate, expanding the options, and thereby changing political possibility itself.

We cannot build a strong Left in the United States with a laundry list of demands or slick policy proposals. If a transformative Left is to gain power and permanency, it must offer a coherent and positive set of values and programs – in short, *a vision*. We are up to that challenge!

Our vision is rooted in the enduring values of democracy, equality, and solidarity. We believe that we can and must bring institutions under democratic control and ensure full participation in every sphere of public life. Every day, many of this country’s most important decisions are made not in the legislatures but in boardrooms, on trading floors, and in lobbyist offices. That must end.

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It is up to us to make sure that in the future, this year's election is regarded as the *beginning* of the transformation of our country, instead of another lost opportunity.

Of course that's easier said than done, and engaging in that work can't distract from an election campaign that won't be over until November. But that doesn't mean that we cannot *start now*. We have already organized local meetings of activists in Philadelphia, Sacramento, Washington, D.C., and Boston. These events, which we have titled Political Revolution 101, bring together union activists, local progressives, racial justice organizers, and Bernie supporters. They explain democratic socialist ideas and focus on long-lasting, people-powered organizations and coalitions. By the end of 2016 we will have held events in at least a dozen more cities. And we are joining with other progressive organizations to facilitate a national conversation on the best way forward, starting in June at the People's Summit in Chicago—a project that is just beginning to get noticed in the press.

We regularly train community activists around the country on how our economy and political system are rigged against ordinary people. We equip them with the skills to fight for reforms like a financial-transactions tax and Medicare-for-all single-payer healthcare, as well as changes in our political system. We provide organizers with tools for building a multi-racial, multi-class, democratic socialist movement that can resist the divisive tactics of the Far Right and win lasting victories.

We hope you will join us in our efforts. Your contribution of \$40, \$75, \$100, or more will make you a card-carrying democratic socialist. And it will make us a little bit stronger and better able to speak truth to power and expand the struggle.

We seek nothing less than the freeing of the human mind and spirit through the radical restructuring of our economic, social, and political institutions. It is not work for the timid or faint of heart. Our friend and DSA's founding chair Michael Harrington said it well:

We live today in the most radical of times. Those who lose heart on the very eve of a new generation of change should remember that socialism is not a matter of a political victory on this or that day, or even this or that decade. It is a moral and intellectual reformation, the creation of a new civilization. Humanity is fighting at this very moment over the content of that new civilization, and that struggle will go on beyond the lifetime of every one of us.

We are proud to be part of that struggle – how could we not be? Won't you please join us?

In solidarity,

Barbara Ehrenreich

Cornel West

P.S. Join DSA today and you'll get a subscription to the Democratic Left magazine, and join at the \$75 rate or higher and we'll send you our limited-edition "Continuing the Political Revolution" bumper sticker, while supplies last!

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We also believe that everyone must have an opportunity to develop their abilities to the fullest, and everyone has the right to share in the wealth they help create. For starters, that means we must provide everyone the decent housing, health care, and education this country can so easily afford.

Finally, we believe that the common good represents more than the sum of hundreds of millions of individual interests. Only by *working together* can we preserve our planet from environmental destruction and our society from gross inequality. Only together can we truly be free.

Don't think, however, that our commitment to radical social change somehow places us above the fray. On the contrary, it demands – and shapes – our active involvement in the daily struggle to organize for change. It is this struggle that builds solidarity, radicalizes people, and shifts power relations. Thousands of us work in every progressive movement, whenever folks fight against injustice. Our strategy centers on forming and supporting coalitions among all constituencies for social change, building a majoritarian movement that can democratically transform our society and bring about a true political revolution.

Let me give you just a few examples of what we mean.

- In Michigan, our members were key players in coalitions that have passed numerous living wage and LGBTQ-rights ordinances. Our student members organized a campaign at Wayne State University that instituted anti-sweatshop purchasing regulations. And we joined in the fight to block “emergency financial manager” bills that led to the Flint water crisis.
- The University of Texas El Paso Young Democratic Socialists fought hard this year for an anti wage-theft ordinance to protect primarily immigrant workers, and organized students in solidarity with striking Lexmark factory workers in Juarez, just over the border from their campus. They have also energized students and the community about the Sanders campaign, helping introduce Bernie to critical voters in their majority-minority city.
- Our members in Atlanta joined with a coalition to demand justice for Anthony Hill, a black Afghanistan war veteran suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder who was shot and killed by police while crawling naked and unarmed on the ground during a bipolar episode. After supporters of Hill's family camped in vigil outside the courthouse, a grand jury indicted an officer on two counts of felony murder and one count of aggravated assault. We continue to fight for police accountability and universal mental healthcare.

We can't stress enough how important it is to build a visible democratic socialist organization that keeps new activists involved in these kinds of campaigns between elections. And many people agree! We're growing by leaps and bounds, especially in places you might not expect, such as Florida, Texas, Oklahoma, and North Carolina. People are hungry for this kind of community. But we don't ignore elections either. Thousands of our members have been working for Bernie, many for more than a year. And local elections offer many opportunities to elect candidates committed to the political revolution, or to kick out those who enforce the status quo, like former Cook County State's Attorney Anita Alvarez in Chicago.

Hundreds of thousands of new people have been activated by Bernie's call for a political revolution. They represent a tidal wave of support for a new program of real change that strikes at the root of our problem: the rigged economy, unbridled corporate power, an electoral system that barely makes room for alternative ideas, and powerful institutions that promote and enforce racial and gender injustices. Our challenge is to motivate and train those activists, building a political force that will not be denied.

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