

"HERE COMES THE NEW BOSS SAME AS THE OLD BOSS"

UPDATE:

BERNIE SANDERS, 74,
"POLITICAL REVOLUTION"!!!
BURN BERNIE BURN!!!

BERNIE'S "POLITICAL REVOLUTION"
Leads to the old DEMOCRATIC PARTY!!!
JULY 24, 2016 NOVEMBER 4, 2016 POLLS!!!

Hillary (PREZ. BILL)
Will lead the "Revolution"
TO THE PROMISED LAND!!!

God dam we got fooled Again!!!!!!!

I M A G I N E !!! YOKO JOHN

WHEN YOU AIN'T GOT NOTHING YOU AIN'T GOT NOTHING
TO LOSE!!! DYLAN

WHILE MY GUITAR GENTLY WEeps!!! HARRISON

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

PLEASE DO YOUR MIND A FAVOR
VISIT THIS SITE WITH THE MOST REAL
POLITIK NEWS AND ANALYSIS - SOME
OF IT BEFORE APPEARING IN THE CORP-
ORATE MEDIA !!!

AND PLEASE TELL YOUR FRIENDS
ABOUT THIS "POLITICAL SAVANT"

I NEED ALL THE FRIENDS I
CAN GET !!!

"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.

Hot Topic

Doing It for the Gram

When you're so focused on documenting life, you might forget to live it.

Kirsten: "My friends and I recently decided to make a trip into New York City. We spent the entire train ride there talking about the perfect Insta opportunities we would create, then spent the whole day taking hundreds of pics, barely enjoying our time. We ended the day at a café, just so that we could order up their notoriously Insta-worthy lattes, complete with foam art. My friends don't even like coffee!"

Kiana: "Nothing reminds you more of how much you are documenting an event than your battery life! Snapchat totally kills it. I find myself budgeting my battery life so that I can be sure to save it for what I anticipate to be the most 'likeable' moments in my day. It can be so exhausting and I wish I didn't have this dilemma of how to spend my phone battery."

Hot Topic

Timing Is Everything

And it's all about those peak hours.

Hope: "I'm a sucker for likes. Right now, it's 4 P.M. and I have something I want to post, but I won't do it until 6 P.M. I strategize to reach my friends when they are scrolling through their feeds."

Kiana: "I never do that! I guess it's why I don't get a ton of likes."

Yudi: "It depends for me. If it's a photo I want everyone to see, I'm not going to post it in the middle of the night. But I'll always send a test post out. If the likes aren't racking up, I'll delete it and try again at a new time."

Simone: "If I want to share something and it's not a prime time to post, I will tweet about it first, then post a pic later. It might take away from how pumped I am about what I'm doing if I don't get a lot of likes."

Ariana: "Let's face it, we aren't posting to really get things out there. We want evidence that people like what we are up to."

Hot Topic

Measuring Your Selfie Worth

Posting pics gives you all the vulnerable feels—so does tracking the response.

Hope: "The other day I posted a picture of myself and I immediately compared it to other photos, and it got way less likes. I was kind of like, 'Crap, that's embarrassing. So I deleted it.'"

Simone: "When that happens, I kind of just tell myself that nobody saw it yet, because if they did see it, they would totally like it."

Kiana: "I agree with Hope. Sometimes when you post a picture, especially of yourself, and it doesn't get a lot of likes, your first thought is, 'Let me take this down before anybody else sees this and doesn't like it.'"

Kirsten: "Yeah, you kind of think, 'What did I do wrong? It crushes you momentarily.'"

Simone: "When somebody makes you feel not as great as you think you are, it takes a toll. You're putting yourself out there in order to get the attention, and when you're getting *negative* attention, it hurts twice as much."

Hot Topic

Your Virtual Squad

TFW your online actions affect your IRL friendships.

Yudi: "If a friend doesn't like a few of my photos in a row, I'll be like, 'Are you mad at me?' Social media is a new way to be passive-aggressive."

Kirsten: "Yes! One time, a friend was mad at me so she didn't tag me in a photo and stopped liking my photos. It adds another layer of drama."

Simone: "My friends and I argue over who gets to post what pic. We've even done rock-paper-scissors to decide."

Kiana: "That's actually better than posting the same pic! My girls and I have compared who got more likes on the same post. It's kind of obnoxious."

Ariana: "But what about when you get copied? When close friends have done it to me, I've seen it as flattery. But anyone who isn't as close, it's almost like they are trying to use my idea to get their own attention online."

Hope: "I've definitely had people imitate things that I've done on social. I try to take it as flattery, but it's easy to get mad when you clearly came up with a good idea first."

Kiana: "All this being said, it's still such an impactful way to interact with people. So many powerful movements have started on social media. I just wish there was a better way to prevent the negatives."

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THE OBSTACLE IN OUR PATH



In ancient times, a king had a boulder placed on a roadway. Then he hid himself and watched to see if anyone would remove the huge rock. Some of the king's wealthiest merchants and courtiers came by and simply walked around it.

Many loudly blamed the king for not keeping the roads clear, but none did anything about getting the big stone out of the way. Then a peasant came along carrying a load of vegetables. On approaching the boulder, the peasant laid down his burden and tried to move the stone to the side of the road. After much pushing and straining, he finally succeeded. As the peasant picked up his load of vegetables, he noticed a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been. The purse contained many gold coins and a note from the king indicating that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the roadway. The peasant learned what many others never understand.

Every obstacle presents an opportunity to improve one's condition.



RESEARCH

WISCONSIN LEADS NATION IN RATE OF BLACK MALE INCARCERATION

Wisconsin has the highest rate of black male incarceration in the country. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 1 in 8 black male residents of the state were incarcerated in 2010, a figure that is double the national average. John Pawasarat and Lois M. Quinn of the University of Wisconsin Employment and Training Institute examined two decades of state Department of Corrections (DOC) and Department of Transportation (DOT) files as part of an assessment of employment and training barriers facing African American men in Milwaukee County. They report that more than half of black men in their 30s and 40s had been incarcerated in state correctional facilities and, additionally, that only 10% of black men with DOC records had a current valid driver's license. They note that thousands of adults in Milwaukee's low-income neighborhoods, and particularly black males, have suspended licenses solely for failure to pay fines. In the neighborhoods with the highest concentration of people returning from prison, there are 25 people looking for work for every one available full-time job. In addition, since the 2008 recession, people returning from prison are competing with unemployed and underemployed skilled and unskilled workers for jobs that become available. Among other things, the authors suggest the state revise policies that contribute to mass incarceration and use the cost savings to fund employment and training programs for people who are currently or were formerly in DOC custody and to support programs to assist those individuals in getting their licenses reinstated.

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Down In The Dumps?

The story of the suicidal woman has each of us thinking about our own moments of sadness and depression.

"Loneliness...that's what makes *me* hurt," says the Notetaker. "I've lost so many good friends and relatives, there's this big, huge void right here (pointing to her heart)."

"I know what you mean," says our friend in the wheelchair. "I'm all the time thinking about my mother and father—especially my mother. I took care of her for three years before she died, and I wonder if I did all I could for her? I hope I did! I know I tried!"

"I try not to be depressed," declares the Old-timer. "Why worry? If it's something you can't change, accept it."

Reflection

"I'm my own best friend!"

Have you ever heard someone make a statement like that? Perhaps it sounded egotistical or selfish, but there is a lot of healthy advice in that little comment.

Most of us look to others to fulfill our needs and desires. And when they fail to satisfy our wants we are disappointed and sometimes resentful.

However, when we stop expecting others to *do* for us, we discover the value of self-love.

Once we learn to value our own company, loneliness loses its grip on us.

The lady in the wheelchair wonders whether she did all she could for her ailing mother. The fact that she *tried* is proof enough that she did the best she could—and that is all anyone could ask.

Finally, the Old-timer gives us some good advice. "If it's something you can't change, just accept it."

Acceptance is really rather simple. It is nothing more than letting go of a situation or problem and surrendering to God's will.

Think about this: If you wish to be joyful, be prayerful. God is always with us...especially in times of sadness or depression. A simple prayer, if just the whisper of the name of Jesus, can restore joy to a heavy heart.

† Is there something that is making you sad or depressed? What can you do to change these feelings?

If you were to sell your character, would you get full retail, or would it go for a bargain-basement price?

— Dad



YOU ARE DOUBLE DARED TO CROSS THAT LINE!!!

"Bruce Springsteen Cancels N.C. Show
Over Anti-LGBT Law", SEE BELOW P. 2;

SHOUT-OUT

TO: BLACK NATION FOUNDERS

WHOOP!

CHRIS ROCK

KEVIN HART

DISHONOR!!!

You ALL Mocked, Ridiculed! Derid-
ed and "Tamed out" the February 28, 2016
#ALLWHITE OSCAR BOYCOTT!!!

Now you money hungry Negroes,
you are TRIPLED-DARED to cross the N.C.
LGBT BOYCOTT LINE!!!!

"After relatively stable market share in the first two months of the quarter, Harley-Davidson appeared to lose market share at an accelerated pace...in March, resulting in an overall market share decline in the first quarter," Tomlinson wrote in the note to investors. No reason was given, but motorcycle market has been increasingly competitive -- and the best riding weather is yet to come this year.

A Harley-Davidson spokesman, Tony Macrito, said there would be no comment leading up to the next earnings report, scheduled for April 19.

Tomlinson says total motorcycle revenue will probably come in at \$1.2 to \$1.22 billion, a decrease of up to 4.3% over the same quarter last year.

Used motorcycles will likely outsell new ones at Harley dealerships, he says. Sales appear to be strongest in the South and weakest in the West.

Harrison Ford's 'Star Wars' jacket sells for \$191,000, which he will donate to epilepsy research
The 73-year-old actor's trademark Han Solo jacket from "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" sold in a recent auction for \$191,000 — which he's giving to the New York University Langone Medical Center and the Find a Cure for Epilepsy and Seizures (FACES) foundation to benefit the cause. Ford, who recently revealed his 25-year-old daughter Georgia has epilepsy, put the keepsake up for bidding last month on the [If Only online marketplace](#).

"I've been very impressed with the work NYU and the FACES team have done in the field of epilepsy research, and I hope this jacket will provide some means to further that exploration," Ford said in a statement at the time.

"This is a cause that's near and dear to me, and unlike the cynical Han Solo, I've got a good feeling about this."

"Star Wars" fans came out in full force in hopes of acquiring the iconic jacket, which Ford also signed, as more than 50 people joined the bidding before the auction closed on April 11, according to [Entertainment Weekly](#).

Last month, Ford told the [Daily News' Confidential](#) column that NYU's Dr. Orrin Devinsky was the one who correctly diagnosed his daughter with epilepsy after several other doctors failed to determine why she suffered multiple seizures in her youth.

Bruce Springsteen cancels N.C. show over anti-LGBT law

The LGBT community in North Carolina just got a big show of solidarity from none other than Bruce Springsteen.

The rock icon announced Friday on his official website that he is canceling Sunday's scheduled show in Greensboro to protest the state's newly passed House Bill 2 — dubbed the "bathroom law" — which dictates which public restrooms may be used by transgender individuals and prevents LGBT individuals to sue over human rights violations in the workplace.

"Taking all of this into account," he wrote, "I feel that this is a time for me and the band to show solidarity for those freedom fighters. As a result, and with deepest apologies to our dedicated fans in Greensboro, we have canceled our show scheduled for Sunday, April 10th."

As Springsteen asked fans' forgiveness, he urged them to see the bigger picture.

"Some things are more important than a rock show and this fight against prejudice and bigotry — which is happening as I write — is one of them," he observed. "It is the strongest means I have for raising my voice in opposition to those who continue to push us backwards instead of forwards."

At the Rock Hall of Fame induction ceremony Friday night in Brooklyn, Steven Van Zandt was asked about the decision.

"That was a tough decision, obviously - you never want to disappoint the fans... We felt the issue was too important. This vile and evil discrimination is starting to spread state to state, and we thought we better take a stand right now, early, and try to stop it," he said. "Or at least set an example for others to do the same... You have to hurt them economically to have them do the right thing morally, unfortunately... We don't take it lightly, believe me."

In late March, the NBA warned that it may pull the 2017 All-Star Game over the passage of HB 2, noting, "We are deeply concerned that this discriminatory law runs counter to our guiding principles of equality and mutual respect and do not yet know what impact it will have on our ability to successfully host the 2017 All-Star Game in Charlotte."

N.W.A. Joins Rock Hall With Four Rockers From the 1970s

NEW YORK (AP) — N.W.A. triumphantly entered the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Friday, the groundbreaking quintet that brought the rough streets of Los Angeles into homes through their music defiantly refuting those who suggested rappers didn't belong in the institution.

They joined the rock hall in a ceremony at Brooklyn's Barclays Center with 1970s-era rock acts Cheap Trick, Chicago, Deep Purple and Steve Miller.

N.W.A.'s rough-hewn tales tilted the balance toward West Coast rap in the late 1980s on songs like "F— the Police," "Boyz-N-The Hood" and "Straight Outta Compton." Following the act's breakup, Dr. Dre became one of music's most in-demand producers and a billionaire with a high-tech headphone company. Ice Cube moves between music and a successful acting career.

For all the success, some traditional rockers have resisted the inclusion of rap acts into the hall, most prominent Kiss' Gene Simmons, whose band was inducted last year.

"I want to say to Gene Simmons, hip-hop is here forever," said MC Ren. "Get used to it."

Rock 'n' roll is not just a musical style but a spirit that connects people, be they bluesmen or punk rockers, Ice Cube said. "Rock 'n' roll is not conforming to the people who came before you but creating your own path in music and in life," Ice Cube said. "That is rock 'n' roll and that is us."

Ice Cube turned to Dr. Dre, thanking him for letting him hang around and make music with him as a 15-year-old boy. Then he caught himself: "Stay in school, kids, God damn it," he said to the audience's laughter. Named for one of N.W.A.'s best-known songs, the movie "Straight Outta Compton" told the band's story and was one of the biggest box office winners of 2015.

They were inducted by one of music's hottest artists, Kendrick Lamar, who said N.W.A. members were heroes to kids like him growing up. They "proved to every kid in the ghetto that you could be successful and still have your voice while doing it." The act announced just before the event that they would not perform at the rock hall event.

Chicago was known for a brassy, jazz-rock fusion in its early days and settled into a comfortable career penning pop hits. Among their favorites were "Saturday in the Park," "25 or 6 to 4," "If You Leave Me Now" and "Does Anyone Really Know What Time it Is?"

Singer Rob Thomas, while inducting Chicago, indicated that Chicago was tougher and more innovative than people had given them credit for.

"If you think Chicago was your mom's band, man I want to party with your mom," Thomas said.

Metallica drummer Lars Ulrich described seeing the night's first inductees, Deep Purple, when he was nine years old and taken to their concert in Copenhagen. He said it changed his life.

"Almost without exception, every hard rock band of the last 40 years — including mine — traces its lineage back to Black Sabbath, Led Zeppelin and Deep Purple," Ulrich said. "They are always considered equal. In my heart, I am bewildered that they are so late in getting into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame."

The band was without one of its founding members, guitarist Ritchie Blackmore, who stayed away because current members wouldn't agree to play with him. But the inductees regarded him warmly in their speeches and paid tribute musically — performing "Smoke on the Water" with the signature riff that the guitarist came up with. Ulrich called it the guitar riff "that has actually been banned from playing in music stores to preserve the sanity of the staff." Steve Miller and his band played his crowd-pleasing hits "Fly Like an Eagle," "Rock 'n' Me Baby" and "The Joker" to an audience of fellow musicians and industry professionals sitting at tables at the Barclays

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Center and ticket-buying members of the public in the surrounding stands.

"If you listened to the radio, you listened to Steve Miller," said the Black Keys' Dan Auerbach, who inducted Miller with his partner Patrick Carney. He cited Miller's run of hits that also included "Jet Airliner" and "Jungle Love."

Miller stressed his blues roots in a speech, and showed off licks in the extended version of "Fly Like an Eagle." He thanked Les Paul, T Bone Walker, his parents and grandmother and a succession of band members. And the audience.

"Without you, nothing is possible and with your support, everything is possible," he said.

Paul Walker's daughter wins \$10.1M crash settlement

The daughter of Paul Walker has won a \$10.1 million settlement from the estate of Roger Rodas, who was behind the wheel of the Porsche in which both men died in November 2013.

Jeff Milam, the attorney for 17-year-old Meadow Walker, told [TMZ.com](#) that while Rodas was partially responsible for the crash, while not "directing the car through any particularly unsafe maneuvers when it went out of control."

The settlement between Walker and the Rodas estate was finalized in November 2014 but remained undisclosed until this week.

"Through his estate, Mr. Rodas, the driver of the car, took partial responsibility for the crash," Milas said in a statement to USA TODAY. "Meadow's lawsuit against Porsche AG – a \$13 billion corporation – intends to hold the company responsibly for producing a vehicle that was defective and caused Paul Walker's death."

He said the money would be placed in a trust for Meadow Walker, but that it only covers "a fraction of what her father would have earned had his life not been tragically cut short."

He added that he and his client intend to continue their lawsuit against Porsche AG in Los Angeles Superior Court, despite the fact that a federal judge dismissed a similar case brought by Rodas' widow Kristine earlier this week. She had claimed the accident was the result of a suspension failure and the lack of key safety features on her husband's 2005 Carrera GT.

"Plaintiff has provided no competent evidence that Rodas' death occurred as a result of any wrongdoing on the part of defendant," U.S. District Judge Philip S. Gutierrez wrote.

Both Walker, 40, and Rodas, 38, died at the scene after the Porsche hit a concrete pole and several trees while traveling 80-93 miles per hour in a 45-mph zone in Valencia, Calif. A 2014 inquiry cited the speed and the car's seldom-used, 9-year-old tires as the primary factors in the fatal crash. Both men's bodies were severely burned.

MTV Movie Awards 2016 winners list

The Force was strong at Saturday's MTV Movie Awards, as *Star Wars: The Force Awakens* blasted past all other films to wind up as the night's big winner.

J.J. Abrams' blockbuster adventure, the seventh *Star Wars* film, scored 11 total nominations and won three awards: Movie of the Year, Breakthrough Performance (for Ridley) and Best Villain (for Adam Driver, who played Kylo Ren in *The Force Awakens*). Hosted by Dwayne Johnson and Kevin Hart, the MTV Movie Awards celebrated some of the last year's biggest box office hits in addition to *Star Wars*. *Deadpool* won two awards, with star Ryan Reynolds grabbing both: Best Comedic Performance for playing the Merc with a Mouth and Best Fight (an award Reynolds shared with costar Ed Skrein).

Pitch Perfect 2 also won two trophies: Best Ensemble Cast and Best Kiss for Rebel Wilson and Adam DeVine.

Other winners included Chris Pratt (Best Action Performance), Charlize Theron (Best Female Performance), Leonardo DiCaprio (Best Male Performance), and Amy Poehler (Best Virtual Performance). Special honors were also presented to Will Smith, who received the MTV Generation Award, and Melissa McCarthy, who accepted the Comedic Genius Award.

In a shift from years past, the 2016 Movie Awards took place Saturday evening, but will air on Sunday on MTV. Viewers who tune in will be treated to new sneak peeks at *Captain America: Civil War*, *Suicide Squad*, and *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*.

The televised MTV Movie Awards kickoff Sunday at 8 p.m. ET on MTV. But the full list of winners is already here, and can be seen below.

Movie of the Year

Avengers: Age of Ultron

Creed

Deadpool

Jurassic World

WINNER: *Star Wars: The Force Awakens*

Straight Outta Compton

Best Female Performance

Alicia Vikander (*Ex Machina*)

Anna Kendrick (*Pitch Perfect 2*)

WINNER: Charlize Theron (*Mad Max: Fury Road*)

Daisy Ridley (*Star Wars: The Force Awakens*)

Jennifer Lawrence (*Joy*)

Morena Baccarin (*Deadpool*)

Best Male Performance

Chris Pratt (*Jurassic World*)

WINNER: Leonardo DiCaprio (*The Revenant*)

Matt Damon (*The Martian*)

Michael B. Jordan (*Creed*)

Ryan Reynolds (*Deadpool*)

Will Smith (*Concussion*)

Breakthrough Performance

Amy Schumer (*Trainwreck*)

Brie Larson (*Room*)

WINNER: Daisy Ridley (*Star Wars: The*

Force Awakens)

Dakota Johnson (*Fifty Shades of Grey*)

John Boyega (*Star Wars: The Force Awakens*)

O'Shea Jackson Jr. (*Straight Outta Compton*)

Best Comedic Performance

Amy Schumer (*Trainwreck*)

Kevin Hart (*Ride Along 2*)

Melissa McCarthy (*Spy*)

Rebel Wilson (*Pitch Perfect 2*)

WINNER: Ryan Reynolds (*Deadpool*)

Will Ferrell (*Get Hard*)

Best Action Performance

WINNER: Chris Pratt (*Jurassic World*)

Dwayne Johnson (*San Andreas*)

Jennifer Lawrence (*The Hunger Games: Mockingjay — Part 2*)

John Boyega (*Star Wars: The Force Awakens*)

Ryan Reynolds (*Deadpool*)

Vin Diesel (*Furious 7*)

Best Hero

Charlize Theron (*Mad Max: Fury Road*)

Chris Evans (*Avengers: Age of Ultron*)

Daisy Ridley (*Star Wars: The Force Awakens*)

Dwayne Johnson (*San Andreas*)

WINNER: Jennifer Lawrence (*The Hunger Games: Mockingjay — Part 2*)

Paul Rudd (*Ant-Man*)

Best Villain

WINNER: Adam Driver (*Star Wars: The Force Awakens*)

Ed Skrein (*Deadpool*)

Hugh Keays-Byrne (*Mad Max: Fury Road*)

James Spader (*Avengers: Age of Ultron*)

Samuel L. Jackson (*Kingsman: The Secret Service*)

Tom Hardy (*The Revenant*)

Best Virtual Performance

WINNER: Amy Poehler (*Inside Out*)

Andy Serkis (*Star Wars: The Force Awakens*)

Jack Black (*Kung Fu Panda 3*)

James Spader (*Avengers: Age of Ultron*)

Lupita Nyong'o (*Star Wars: The Force Awakens*)

Seth MacFarlane (*Ted 2*)

True Story

Concussion

Joy

Steve Jobs

WINNER: *Straight Outta Compton*

The Big Short

The Revenant

Documentary

WINNER: *Amy*

Cartel Land

He Named Me Malala

The Hunting Ground

The Wolfpack

What Happened, Miss Simone?

Ensemble Cast

Avengers: Age of Ultron

Furious 7

WINNER: *Pitch Perfect 2*

Star Wars: The Force Awakens

The Hunger Games: Mockingjay — Part 2

Trainwreck

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"N.-WORD"!!

But Whites are FORBIDDEN!!!

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a white man what he CAN or CANNOT SAY, IS
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ing called African-American!

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HOT TOPICS!!!

NEWS!!!

MARILYN MOSBY

" Baltimore's State's Attorney, MARILYN MOSBY ANNOUNCED charges against the officers involved in Freddie Gray's death "

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POLICE ADVOCATE!!!

Co Host former [MO] Prosecutor and current POLICE (BLUE LIFE MATTER) ADVOCATE!!
Attacked Black State's Attorney MOSBY as for purported Rush to Judgment when she charging the Cops, in discussing a Judge finding one of them NOT GUILTY!!!

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FOR ACCURACY...

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BECOMING BLIND TO POLICE MISCONDUCT?

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"United We are Community Strong."

POLITICS

The vast majority of Americans condemn police brutality. Yet in over 25 years no police officer has been charged for any criminal offense in Milwaukee after an inquest.

In the past few years Milwaukee police have been on the news for criminal acts of duty and on duty.

Police brutality, misconduct or negligence is not unique to Milwaukee; hundreds of Americans are killed by police every year. Many are criminals. But a horrifying number are non-threatening or even completely innocent—shot in their homes while responding to a noise in the living room, unarmed but tazed to death over some misunderstanding.

Dozens of lesser cases of brutality, corruption, and criminal incompetence occur and are publicized every day.

The internet is full of footage and credible reports indicating gross police misconduct.

I think Milwaukee could do far better by enacting a few reforms that fundamentally requires a whole rethinking of our current relationship with law enforcement.

I consider this change desirable but here I am concerned with another matter.

I am concerned with the trajectory in American society, and especially with what is to me one of the most troubling indications of a seemingly declining culture.

Have we become desensitized to police brutality?

I suspect the answer to my question is yes.

Derek Williams' plight is certainly not getting nearly the attention that the death of Trayvon Martin got.

I often see the question posed as to whether institutional racism has lessened much since the beating of Rodney King. But one power dynamic is forgotten in all this—the relationship between the state and cops.

The Williams case will one day be a national story largely because it served to frame various popular narratives concerning racism.

At least as important as any of these issues is the theme of the power of the state over individuals. The Frank Jude beating raised uncomfortable questions about what kind of society and institutions we have.

It does not appear that we are any closer to a satisfactory answer to the many questions raised about the relationship between state power and the governed.

To me those questions appear as urgent and fundamental as ever as when the Williams video shocked the city. Like a pebble in the eye, it was impossible to ignore. And yet, in the face of an avalanche, I fear the public will go blind once again.

The people who spoke up at last week's commission meeting were disruptive, and some of them should be cited for disorderly conduct, he said.

Ald. Milele Coggs said any further legal proceedings should instead focus on Schoen.

"Perhaps it is ... time for the Milwaukee County district attorney to take a fresh look at the case of Officer

Schoen and explore the possibility of charges," she said in a statement.

Earlier this week, Chief Deputy District Attorney Kent Lovern said he stands by his decision not to charge the officer.

Lovern concluded the use of force was inappropriate but decided it could not prove a criminal case against him. Lovern's decision not to

If the Derek Williams video did not exist, would anyone care?

When Frank Jude was beaten by Milwaukee police officers after leaving a party in Milwaukee's South side, it became a city-wide humiliation, but did it change anything?

charge Schoen stands in stark contrast to his prosecution of former Sheriff's Sgt. Scott Krause, who was convicted of a felony and sentenced to 18 months in prison after an incident civil rights advocates described as strikingly similar to Schoen's treatment of Tracy.

Commissioners are expected to issue a written decision further explaining their decision as soon as Wednesday.

Klomberg did not immediately return a call Wednesday.

Beil said he has not been able to learn much more about the assault from authorities.

"Why don't they make this information public?" he asked. "What's there to hide?"

Beil said prison workers involved in other recent incidents have also been treated at hospitals, though he did not know

whether any of them were admitted. One incident involving correctional staff occurred at a Fond du Lac hospital, he said.

News of assaults quickly travels through prisons around the state as officers email one another about them, Beil said.

"Whenever that happens, it sends shock waves through the system of, 'Are we next?'" he said.

He said assaults have been on the rise for the past 14 months, and he attributed them to Walker's move to sharply curtail collective bargaining for public workers.

"You disrespect the worker and the job site, and the inmates will disrespect the worker and the job site," Beil said.

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Justice for Sale

Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice Patience Roggensack carries a rare distinction on the right-wing majority that controls our state's highest court. She is the only one of the four Republican-allied justices who has not been charged with judicial misconduct.

That ranks right up there with "Never Been Indicted" as one of the worst campaign slogans. SHEPHERD EXPRESS JANUARY 10, 2013
But Roggensack has no qualms about campaigning on behalf of the court's unprincipled majority. She declared while launching her re-election campaign: "We are doing just fine.... We are working very well together, so don't give up on us."

"Working well together" is not how any halfway sober observer would describe a court where a male justice tries to strangle a female justice in an argument, where a white justice runs racist, untrue commercials to defeat an African-American justice, or where the majority justices rewrite court rules so that they don't have to disqualify themselves from deciding cases involving their own campaign contributors.

Ed Fallone, a Marquette University law professor challenging Roggensack, politely describes the court as "completely dysfunctional.... Her comments would indicate there are little chances for improvement if she's re-elected."

Another candidate, Vince Megna, is a private attorney who regularly takes on the automobile industry with "lemon law" cases. He knows a total wreck when he sees one.

Megna calls the choking incident between Justice David Prosser and Justice Ann Walsh Bradley simply the most brazen example of a court that has become a major embarrassment to Wisconsin.

Nearly a year ago, the Wisconsin Judicial Commission charged Prosser with unprofessional conduct for his physical altercation with Bradley and another incident in which Prosser screamed at Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson, calling her "a total bitch" and threatening to destroy her.

Nothing has happened since. That's because, as someone just said, the Wisconsin Supreme Court is completely dysfunctional.

In Wisconsin, the only body that can discipline a Supreme Court justice is, get this, the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

To stop the disciplinary action for his misconduct, Prosser simply got his three Republican-allied colleagues to recuse themselves so there wouldn't be a quorum to hear his case.

Roggensack happily joined the other two Republicans, Michael Gableman and Annette Ziegler, both of whom have been charged with judicial misconduct for unrelated matters.

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Regarding "Would you eat this?" (Jan. 15).
Would I eat that? Probably not. But, then again, I am not in jail.

Deciding Donors' Cases Is OK, Roggensack Says

Funny, Roggensack eagerly recused herself to prevent an obnoxious political ally from being disciplined for ugly, unprofessional conduct.

Compare that with the refusal of Roggensack and the other Republicans to recuse themselves from cases where any ethical person would agree they should recuse themselves. These refusals occurred in cases brought before the court involving parties who have contributed large sums or even bought commercials to get that justice elected.

No honest person, Republican or Democrat, could possibly fail to see the ethical conflict of interest. Allowing justices to sit on cases involving someone who has financed their election, in effect, legalizes buying the court.

Roggensack and her Republican colleagues openly encouraged such bribery, rewriting court rules to declare that justices could not be removed from a case involving someone who had contributed money to them. It's up to the individual justices to decide whether they should recuse themselves.

We already know how few ethics the majority justices have. We learned that more than a year ago Justice Gableman received free legal services from the law firm of Michael Best & Friedrich for two years to fight charges of ethical misconduct.

The dollar value of such representation easily could run into six figures. But that hasn't stopped Gableman from continuing to sit in judgment of clients represented by his generous law firm and, more often than not, ruling in their favor.

You'd never guess how Roggensack justifies putting the Supreme Court up for sale. She claims she was protecting the right to vote.

In a tortured opinion piece in the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* after she and her colleagues changed the rules, Roggensack's twisted logic went like this:

If she recused herself from a case because it involved someone who gave her lots of money, she would be disenfranchising all of the other people who voted for her without giving her any money. They voted for her because they wanted her to decide cases. She just couldn't let her voters down.

Roggensack was so desperate to cover up the brazen corruption Republicans have brought to the court she was even ready to pretend the court majority cares about protecting the right to vote.

If that were true, the court should unanimously uphold lower court decisions striking down as unconstitutional the Republican Legislature's attempt to disenfranchise hundreds of thousands of black, brown, elderly or student voters through a voter ID law.

Don't disarm American people
My conscience and the urgency of our current situation compel me to speak out.

The victim disarmament freaks are now telling us that they don't want to disarm us. They just want to take away our "assault weapons" — our semiautomatic, magazine-fed, military-style rifles — and the "high-

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capacity" magazines that feed them. They want us to believe that so long as we can own some kind of firearm, after our semiautomatic military rifles are taken, we are not disarmed.

That is a lie. The truth is that our semiautomatic, military-pattern rifles are the single-most important kind of arm we can own and are utterly necessary for effective defense of our lives, property and liberty.

When you are disarmed of your military rifles, you are disarmed. At that time, the lion's share of one's military capacity to effectively resist tyranny is removed. It is a significant force on the battlefield, and, as Patrick Henry said, when you give up that force, you are inevitably ruined.

Above all other firearms currently available to the American citizen, modern military pattern, semiautomatic rifles provide that military capacity. Protecting the keeping and bearing of such arms of military utility is the heart and soul of the Second Amendment.

Thus, any attempt to ban their possession, sale, purchase or transfer is an attempt to disarm the American people.



Protesters march at a Guns Across America pro-gun rally at the New York Capitol in Albany on Saturday as part of a national movement to stand up against proposed firearms restrictions.

Barcode and text: Kenneth W. Hauser Waukesha

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TO: PARADISE: MUHAMMAD ALZ

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BILLY "CRYSTAL" behind to make us
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J.B. Holmes (69), Gary Woodland (73) and Matt Kuchar (73).

McGirt began the day one shot out of the lead and one of 20 players within four shots of the lead. He was one of six who held at least a share of the lead in the final round, which was delayed 90 minutes by foul weather.

While he only made one birdie — coming on the par-5 5th — he made two clutch par saves in the playoff, the first from a greenside bunker, the second from nasty rough to the left of the green.

Some advice from Woods has helped McGirt. When he lost the 2012 RBC Canadian Open by one shot, he admitted to Woods that he had not looked at the scoreboards during the final round.

Woods, in so many words, got his point across and punctuated his counsel by telling McGirt he was an idiot.

Boxing legend Muhammad Ali dies at 74
SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Muhammad Ali, widely hailed as the greatest heavyweight boxer in the sport's history, died late Friday night after being hospitalized in Arizona a day earlier with a respiratory issue.

Ali, 74, had suffered from Parkinson's disease since the 1980s.

"After a 32-year battle with Parkinson's disease, Muhammad Ali has passed away at the age of 74. The three-time World Heavyweight Champion boxer died this evening," family spokesperson Bob Gunnell said in a statement.

Ali died at Scottsdale Osborn Medical Center, where the scene outside was quiet. Law enforcement sealed off entrances and news media was station across the street. Earlier Friday family members arrived at the hospital.

"I don't get it yet. I don't think it's hit me yet," Khalilah Camacho-Ali, one of Ali's ex-wives, told USA TODAY Sports.

Camacho-Ali had four children with Ali, with whom she was married for 10 years. "The only thing I'm worried about right now is my children. I wish I was there with them (in Scottsdale) to support them because I know they're taking this very hard."

Ali's prowess in the ring and his personality and social activism make him one of the most recognizable sports figures of the last century.

He secured an Olympic gold medal in the 1960 Summer Games and became one of the youngest heavyweight champions of all time, stunning the boxing world with a knockout of Sonny Liston to claim the title in 1964 at 22. It marked the first of three times Ali would win the heavyweight title.

By the end of Muhammad Ali's legendary boxing career, he had become the first three-time heavyweight champion. See his most iconic moments from inside the ring.

Shortly after the native of Louisville defeated Liston, Ali became a cog in both the civil rights and anti-war movement. Ali changed his name from Cassius Clay after he joined the Nation of Islam, and he was convicted of draft evasion in 1967 after he refused to fight

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in the Vietnam War because of religious beliefs.

His opposition to the Vietnam War cost him the belt and led to a three-year ban from boxing. His conviction for dodging the Vietnam War draft was overturned by the Supreme Court in 1971.

Ali's death is "sad, and yet, here was a person who probably did more to transform what people thought about race and religion and about peace, both in the United States and the world," Bob Arum, who promoted Ali in the 1960s and 1970s, told USA TODAY Sports. "I really believe that he even had more of an impact, because he had been this great boxer, and because he had made this tremendous sacrifice, giving up his career for what he believed in for 3½ years, that he had more of an impact than even Martin Luther King. I really believe that."

Ali returned to the ring in 1970 and suffered his first pro loss a year later in a title bout against Joe Frazier, who won via unanimous decision.

It was the first of three memorable fights against Frazier — with Ali winning the last two.

Ali reclaimed the heavyweight belt against George Foreman in one of the most storied events in sports history, "The Rumble in the Jungle" in 1974. Ali employed the "rope-a-dope," in which he allowed Foreman to tire himself out as Ali absorbed punch after punch, before he claimed the bout in Zaire — now known as the Democratic Republic of the Congo — with a knockout.

In 1978, a clearly overweight Ali lost his title to Leon Spinks but won it back in a rematch six months later, making him the first fighter to win the heavyweight title three times.

Ali retired from boxing in 1981 with a 56-5 record, three of the losses coming in his final four fights. He had 37 knockouts.

Ali was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease three years after his retirement. Family members believed his years of boxing contributed to the disease.

After his retirement, he concentrated on philanthropy and social activism.

He was admitted for medical treatment several times in recent years, including to treat pneumonia in December 2014.

UFC 199: Rockhold vs Bisping - Winners and Losers

The strangest thing about this event has been the fact that it was greatly overshadowed by so much of the hype surrounding the biggest Brazil card ever at UFC 198 and the grandest event they've planned for thus far at UFC 200. In fact, even headliner Luke Rockhold didn't want to fight on this card.

So with not much in the way of expectations for an event like this, a series of average of just passable performances would have been more than nice. The reality of it is that we got a series of really amazing performances instead with some great upsets and surprises. With two title fights at the top, it bolstered the card and gave it more legitimate star power as well. This was clearly one of the

best cards of the year so far, and lots of great stories have come from this event. Let's do this.

Winners

Michael Bisping - As I said earlier on social media, this is the year of the Cinderella story. First it was Miesha Tate, now it's the greatest fighter to have never fought for a title.

Coming in with just over two weeks notice, it's amazing that he came off doing a film to step up and seize the opportunity of a lifetime. Strange and somewhat unfortunate that it was only because Weidman was injured and Jacare was in need of surgery that he got the shot to begin with (not to mention Yoel Romero's suspension). The man most saw as yet another sacrificial lamb, repeatedly found a home for that left hook and blasted Rockhold with what was were probably some of the finest shots he's ever fired to become the unlikely champion in front of his family and friends. A true lifetime achievement that deserves a tremendous amount of praise. All these years of sacrifice and pain have yielded the ultimate reward, and this is truly one of the most historic fights we've had the pleasure to witness.

Dan Henderson - This was the fight that had me breathing heavy. Another unexpected showing from both fighters where once again Lombard looked like he was finishing his opponent early and got caught with a head kick that lead to a monster elbow that put the former Olympic Judoka to sleep. Hard. While most people would probably have preferred Hendo retire right then and there in the cage, it's only fair that he give it some time to consider what he wants to do. Another case of a fighter with a massive win being able to share the moment with his family in the cage, and one that we'll surely look back on in years to come.

Dominick Cruz - Perhaps it's safe to say the Faber/Cruz rivalry is mostly over now. Cruz used a nice variety of weapons to outmaneuver Faber and keep his title in a clear manner that showed just how far ahead of the rest of the division he truly is. It's a great division with some fresh matchups and compelling characters, so there should be no shortage of challengers for Cruz to face.

Max Holloway - Nine. Nine fights in a row and still sort of in a state of limbo. With the title picture being complicated now as McGregor has the belt with a series of misadventures outside of the weight class along with an interim title to be fought over at UFC 200, there's no clear path for him right now. He wants a crack at the belt, which he should eventually get with another performance like this and should arguably have by now, and a spot on a UFC card in Hawaii. That last one is going to be a bit difficult and may not happen anytime soon, but it seems like management wait until the smoke clears between Aldo and Edgar before making their next move with Holloway.

Dustin Poirier - Returning to lightweight has been the best thing so far for Poirier, who

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now is on a four-fight win streak and three of them have been finishes with two Performance of the Night bonuses, to boot. He's plugging away to keep moving up the rankings in the very best division in all of the sport, and that's a tremendous turnaround. He's shown improvement between each outing and he's one of the true feel-good stories.

Beneil Dariush - Having a five-fight win streak be broken by a loss to Michael Chiesa really lit a fire under Dariush. He came in hard and put on a relentless pace, disrupts any rhythm Vick might have tried to establish and kept blasting him with the big blind overhands in a manner similar to Bisping and eventually put him to sleep. Outstanding performance to regain momentum and continue his rise through the ranks.

Jessica Andrade - Dropping two weight classes is one thing, doing so and putting on a hurting on one of the most visible fighters of the division in such a dominant manner is another thing entirely. Andrade suffocated Penne with volume and some good shots, especially to the body. This puts her at 5-3 overall in the UFC and is her first finish in the Octagon since submitting Larissa Pacheco in 2014. Not sure where her ceiling is in this new division, but her wrestling and boxing can give anyone fits.

Alex Caceres - Never count out Bruce Leeroy. Since moving to the MMA Lab he's refined his game in such a way that he's just a threat no matter where he is or how hard he's been hit. He took advantages of some of the bad habits that Cole Miller had and survived on the ground to keep the action at the pace he's most comfortable with. Dumping Miller on his back and punishing him with slick boxing and great counters was great to watch. That and his great defense on the ground in the third and final round.

Ricardo Lamas* - Surprised? Don't be. That performance may have ended in a loss, but it gains him a ton of points with the brass with his tenacity and ability to not only remain competitive, but to keep giving Holloway fits. His stock will not take a big hit here, even at featherweight - a division that has a lot of moving pieces past the top 3 in the division.

Brian Ortega - This has been perhaps one of the most pleasant surprises we've had in a while, because after winning the RFA featherweight title, he's fit in perfectly into the UFC fold. He remains undefeated and made a major statement by going toe-to-toe with an established, wily veteran and ended up finishing him late in the fight. Yes, he still has a win overturned to a no contest due to PED use, but that's behind him and his development is unquestionable. He's got some gaps to fill, but so far he's doing great.

Luis Henrique da Silva - Frankenstein did some serious work and continues his undefeated streak and it bears repeating - all of his fights end in finishes. Only one bout was a submission win, the rest were KO or TKO victories. It should also be noted that

his last win was against UFC veteran Ildemar Alcantara, and it's too early to tell what is in his future, but this was a great way to introduce himself to the UFC.

Zuffa - Anyone that didn't order this PPV is going to be kicking themselves and they can still make some bank on post-event replay purchases. Also, announcing both McGregor/Diaz 2 as well as the return of Brock Lesnar was massive. Despite some problems with the approach, they had some very fine tributes to Muhammad Ali, without whom we perhaps may not have combat sports advance to where they are today.

Losers

Luke Rockhold - It really is disappointing to see someone that performed as well as he did against a seemingly unstoppable Chris Weidman come in and get finished like that, but we need to be clear - swagger is part of Luke's personality. Perhaps it wasn't adhering to the gameplan that did him in, but we have to factor what Bisping did right into the equation more than what Rockhold did wrong. Losing a belt to a fighter that on paper was at a massive disadvantage is pretty big, but he'll be back in the title picture fairly soon. He's an exceptional talent that got outworked by a clever fighter that was at the top of his game.

Urijah Faber - Not only is this the end of his rivalry with the aforementioned Cruz, but it looks like this is the end of any hopes for holding UFC gold. He mentioned his long career after the fight and was very much the consummate gentleman and teammate pushing his stable of fighters regardless of the loss. He's had a great career no matter what. Cruz was and is too much for him to handle at this point and that's just what it is.

Hector Lombard - Probably the one fighter that lost the most tonight. Returning to middleweight after claiming he wasn't feeling he was fighting at his best in the welterweight division, we need to remember he was undersized at 185, which is why he left that division in the first place. The painful part of it all is that if you look at the first round of both this fight and the one before, he just looked so *good*. This is surely not what the UFC management expected when they made the landmark signing of Lombard years ago, and he's on a two fight losing streak with his last win over Josh Burkman being overturned for PED use. One has to wonder if he even stays in the UFC at all after this string of performances and his reportedly thick purse.

Bobby Green - Look, I get it. Green's style is based on taunts and feints with a lot of posturing and preening to offset his opponent and get in their head. It's a style that I personally appreciate in some fighters. At least the ones that do it well, and this was not doing it well. He rolled the dice and ate it against a very hard hitter that has no qualms with getting in close to make a fight as ugly as it has to be. Coming in off very long layoff, this is now his second straight loss in a row. As we've established before, a loss at lightweight could drop you more spots than

in pretty much any other division, so it's tough to see what they do with him now.

Jessica Penne - This was probably the saddest loss of the night, because much like her title fight against Joanna Jędrzejczyk back in June of last year, she just got overpowered and brutalized by more dynamic athletes with high-pressure games. Penne is an outstanding grappler and a very good fighter, but her last two fights haven't shown her true potential. Currently at 1-2 in the UFC, she should definitely get another shot in a relatively shallow division, but her striking defense and her offensive habits that tend to become liabilities need to be addressed.

James Vick - There's nothing wrong with a vibrant up-and-comer has his undefeated streak broken, but this one was brutal. Vick fought some very good opponent and was faced with a big test in taking on an opponent that was top ten material and a durable grappler that trained with a phenomenal striking coach. The loss looked bad, but the repercussions shouldn't be too bad for him. He's still got a ton of talent and should be able to iron out his faults. I personally agree that prospects are supposed to lose and that losses in MMA sometimes don't mean as much as they do in other combat sports.

Cole Miller - Probably the second worst loss on this card, despite the respectable showing in the third round. Miller's 3-3 with a no contest due to an eye poke in his last seven bouts, and is lost the opportunity to fight both Conor McGregor in a headliner or BJ Penn in his return bout. By all accounts, Miller is a nice guy. It's a sham to see him stumble like this and continually rush in instead of using his distance and then not be able to capitalize on the ground. He might get his walking papers here after a long UFC run with some very fun performances. Let's hope that's not the case.

Clay Guida - Clay is Clay. He's going to use his wrestling first and foremost, yet thrives on chaos. Unfortunately for him that leads to close heartbreaking decision losses in some cases and him getting finished in others. Guida is now 7-6 since 2010, with four of those losses being finishes, although only two were TKOs. Another fighter that may get cut after a long run.

Dong Hyun Kim - Yeah, he might be getting cut. Currently 0-2, both losses were KOs - one via slam, the other was this one. Usually I'm very high on Korea prospects, because as I've said ad nauseam, Koreans and Filipinos seem to have the best infrastructure for MMA development in all of Asia right now. Sadly, Kim has some adjustments and might be able to make another UFC run possible, but he needs to go back to the well for a bit.

Neither

Sean Strickland and **Tom Breesed** deserved better, but ended up in a fight that did neither party any favors. That leaves them in something of a holding pattern until their next fight, and we've seen this before when certain fighters are pitted against each other

HAIL TO THE ROYAL PRINCE

Raptor's formal entry into China signals again how the consumers have a huge interest in all things automotive. China has become one of the world's most vibrant automotive markets, with foreign makes prized, especially luxury vehicles. While Ford is considered a mainstream brand, Raptor is sure to compete with the likes of other off-road nameplates, such as Land Rover, in China.

The new Raptor has a 3.5-liter turbocharged EcoBoost V-6 engine that Ford says will be more powerful than the 411-horsepower 6.2-liter V-8 in the outgoing version, which got 13 mpg in combined city/highway driving. The smaller engine will use less gas, although figures haven't been announced yet.

"This is obviously the toughest and most capable truck we've ever built, and I think Chinese customers will really enjoy that aspect of it," Ford said.

Shrek has a new home: Comcast, NBC acquire DreamWorks Animation
DreamWorks Animation CEO Jeffrey Katzenberg has finally found a new home for Shrek at Comcast-owned NBCUniversal.

NBCUniversal, a division of Comcast, announced its acquisition of DreamWorks Animation on Thursday in a deal valued at about \$3.8 billion.

DreamWorks Animation stockholders will get \$41 for each share of common stock. Comcast expects to close the deal by the end of 2016.

The studio's shares (DWA) rocked up 24% to close at \$39.96 Thursday, while Comcast (CMCSA) shares edged 0.2% lower to close at \$61.15.

Katzenberg has been seeking a buyer for his studio in recent years — a move that would help it remain competitive against bigger studios, such as Disney and Fox. In the past, SoftBank and Hasbro had expressed interest. S&P Global Market Intelligence equity analyst Tuna Amobi said the acquisition could be "the richest ever premium for a studio deal," because Comcast paid more than 50% above DreamWorks Animation's closing price in recent days. Amobi also issued "buy" opinions on both companies' stocks in the note to investors Thursday.

When the deal is completed, Katzenberg will step down as CEO of the studio to become chairman of DreamWorks New Media, made up of the company's ownership interests in video company AwesomenessTV and its tech company, Nova. He will also be a consultant to NBCUniversal.

Katzenberg co-founded DreamWorks in 1994 with Steven Spielberg and David Geffen. DreamWorks Animation spun off as a public company in 2004.

"Having spent the past two decades working together with our team to build DreamWorks Animation into one of the world's most beloved brands, I am proud to say that NBCUniversal is the perfect home for our company; a home that will embrace the legacy of our storytelling and grow our businesses to their fullest potential," said Katzenberg in a statement. "This agreement

not only delivers significant value for our shareholders, but also supports NBCUniversal's growing family entertainment business. As for my role, I am incredibly excited to continue exploring the potential of AwesomenessTV, NOVA and other new media opportunities, and can't wait to get started."

DWA acquired AwesomenessTV in 2013. Earlier this month, Verizon acquired a 24.5% stake in the Generation Z-oriented online video maker; Hearst has a 25% stake, too. Comcast will fold the studio into NBCUniversal's Universal Filmed Entertainment Group, which includes Universal Pictures, Fandango, and NBCUniversal Brand Development. The deal bolsters the cable and Internet provider's already expansive catalog of content from NBCUniversal at a time when pay-TV licensing costs for programming continue to rise. Included in DreamWorks Animation's rich animation library are film franchises such as *Shrek*, *Madagascar*, *Kung Fu Panda* and *How to Train Your Dragon*.

"From consumer products and TV/film to digital media and theme parks, the deal could portend a sizable long-term upside," Amobi said.

In a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission, Comcast said that the acquisition would not only strengthen its film animation portfolio, but also "build its consumer products business, expand its theme park attractions, and enhance its position in the kids TV space."

Also in the filing, Comcast valued DreamWorks Animation as a \$4.1 billion enterprise, including the assumption of debt.

"DreamWorks Animation is a great addition to NBCUniversal," said NBCUniversal CEO Steve Burke. "Jeffrey Katzenberg and the DreamWorks organization have created a dynamic film brand and a deep library of intellectual property. DreamWorks will help us grow our film, television, theme parks and consumer products businesses for years to come."

Prince Dead at 57

The artist known as Prince has died ... TMZ has learned. He was 57.

Prince's body was discovered at his Paisley Park compound in Minnesota early Thursday morning.

Multiple sources connected to the singer confirmed he had passed.

The singer — full name Prince Rogers Nelson — had a medical emergency on April 15th that forced his private jet to make an emergency landing in Illinois. But he appeared at a concert the next day to assure his fans he was okay. His people told TMZ he was battling the flu.

Prior to his most recent appearance however, Prince had cancelled two shows due to health concerns. Prince became an international superstar in 1982 after his breakthrough album "1999."

He went on to churn out a ton of hits — and racking up 7 Grammys in the process. He also performed at the Super Bowl in 2007 ... in one of the greatest live performances of all time.

He also sold more than 100 million records during his career ... and the Academy Award for Best Original Song Score for *Purple Rain* in 1985.

Prince was married two times — the first time to his backup dancer Mayte Garcia. They split in 2000. He then married Manuela Testolini ... but they split in 2006.

'Little Red Corvette': Chevrolet pays tribute to Prince

As tributes continue to pour in marking the death of Prince, few were more striking than the one that came from General Motors' Chevrolet division.

Chevy bought full-page ads in six newspapers that depict the iconic back end of a crimson 1963 Chevrolet Corvette. It was pictured against a black background with the epitaph: "Baby that was much too fast, 1958-2016," a nod to the lyrics in Prince's 1982 hit *Little Red Corvette*.

The image was also tweeted and posted on Facebook.

Chevy wasn't alone. Other brands, from General Mills' Cheerios to Makers Mark whiskey also attempted tributes, braving a possible backlash in case the image or copy were deemed promotional.

The General Motors brand, however, played heavy on the understatement. Neither the GM nor Chevrolet names appear in the ad — only the car. And it all came together in the space of about three to five hours.

Craig Daitch, Chevy's advertising spokesman, and the brand's social media manager received the news of Prince's passing over their smartphones during a media drive near Nashville. Then they heard from Paul Edwards, Chevy's vice president of advertising. "We were all thinking the same thing," Daitch says.

The key was setting just the right tone. "We spent the afternoon thinking of how we could do that tribute in a tasteful way" in conjunction with the brand's ad agency, Commonwealth/McCann. "We didn't want to make the piece about Chevrolet. This was a tribute to Prince and Prince fans," Daitch says.

In the end, the ad was a model of simplicity. The ad ran in USA TODAY, *New York Times*, *Detroit Free Press*, *Detroit News*, *Minneapolis Star Tribune* and *Los Angeles Times*.

The reaction was immediate. Daitch said Chevy has received an outpouring of support, including 8,599 "likes" on Twitter and 8,346 retweets.

Replacing Strahan makes for 'Live'-ly speculation

Live with Kelly and Michael needs two things — a new co-host and a new title — after ABC announced that co-host Michael Strahan will

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five years is not insignificant, but it is a drop in the bucket compared to those they have sent abroad. According to one EPI estimate, Walmart alone was directly responsible for the loss of 200,000 American manufacturing jobs due to its Chinese offshoring.

It is perhaps much easier to make the argument that the service sector is experiencing a true revival. While several years ago it was common practice for American companies to offshore customer support call center jobs, many American companies and customer service contractors are adding or plan to add jobs in the U.S. As of last year, there were roughly five million Americans employed in some 66,000 call centers across the country.

The Reshoring Initiative provided 24/7 Wall St. with estimates for the U.S. based companies that have reshored the most manufacturing jobs in the past five years. These reshoring estimates are based on company announcements to move international manufacturing operations to the U.S.

These are the manufacturers bringing the most jobs back to America.

1. Walmart

> Total jobs reshored: 4,838

> Country reshored from: China

> State benefiting : N/A

> Industry: N/A

Walmart, the world's largest company, announced in early 2013 a "Made in USA" program in which it pledged to purchase \$250 billion of American-made products for its stores by 2023. Reshoring Initiative estimates that the company's investments will add several thousand jobs in the coming years, and that the investment could indirectly result in thousands more. Of course, the company is perhaps one of the biggest single importers of foreign goods into the United States. By one estimate, Walmart's Chinese imports alone displaced close to 200,000 American jobs.

2. Ford

> Total jobs reshored: 3,200

> Country reshored from: Mexico, Spain

> State benefiting : Ohio

> Industry: Transportation equipment

According to the Reshoring Initiative, Ford is bringing more jobs back to America than any U.S. company other than Walmart. Last year, Ford moved manufacturing of its F-650 and F-750 trucks from Mexico to a production plant in Avon Lake, Ohio. Additionally, in the spring of last year, the company announced it would shift production of its 2.0 and 2.3 litre Ecoboost engine from Valencia, Spain to Cleveland, Ohio. Ford implemented the manufacturing moves to reduce shipping costs and improve manufacturing quality.

The company will also receive millions of dollars in state tax breaks for bringing jobs to the Buckeye State.

3. Boeing

> Total jobs reshored: 2,700

> Country reshored from: N/A

> State benefiting : Missouri

> Industry: Transportation equipment

Boeing announced in the fall of 2014 it would transition several hundred manufacturing jobs from overseas to its plant in St. Louis, Missouri. The reshored jobs will primarily be parts manufacturing for the company's 777 series passenger jets. The restructuring will mean more jobs in the company's St. Louis plant, which currently serves as the headquarters for Boeing's Defense, Space and Security division. The division already employs some 14,500 local workers. The shift will also support new jobs at Boeing's assembly plant in Puget Sound, Washington, where final assembly of the aircraft takes place. The change is scheduled to be implemented by 2017.

Fiat Chrysler recalling more than 1.1 million vehicles

DETROIT (AP) -- Fiat Chrysler is recalling more than 1.1 million cars and midsize SUVs worldwide because their gear shifters may confuse drivers and allow them to exit their vehicles without placing them in "park."

The recall covers the 2012-2014 Dodge Charger and Chrysler 300 sedans and the 2014-2015 Jeep Grand Cherokee SUV. FCA is recalling 811,586 vehicles in the U.S. and 317,616 elsewhere.

An investigation by FCA and the U.S. government found that the electronic gear shifters in the vehicles were confusing and might lead people to believe that they were parked even if they weren't. FCA is aware of 41 injuries potentially related to the problem.

Owners will be notified. Dealers will update the transmissions so they won't move once the driver has exited. They will also add enhanced warning signals.

Mitsubishi Motors admits it falsified gas mileage data

Japanese automaker Mitsubishi Motors on Wednesday said it falsified fuel consumption test data involving 625,000 vehicles.

The firm said in a statement that it conducted testing "improperly" to present better fuel consumption rates than the actual figures, and the testing method was different from the one required by Japanese law.

It said the affected models were its own-brand eK Wagon and eK Space cars, and Dayz and Dayz Rook vehicles produced for Nissan Motor.

"We express deep apologies to all of our customers and stakeholders for this issue," the firm said in the statement.

Tetsuro Aikawa, President of Mitsubishi Motors Corp., said the misconduct was reported to Japan's transportation ministry, the Associated Press reported.

The company said it was stopping the production and sale of the applicable cars, and would carry out an investigation into vehicles manufactured for overseas markets. Mitsubishi and Nissan

will discuss compensation, it added.

The firm's share price was down 15% following the announcement.

The news comes after German automaker Volkswagen became embroiled in an emissions scandal in September after vehicles were rigged with software to cheat regulations. The scandal is expected to cost the company billions of dollars.

Ford says Mustang is now the world's top sports coupe

Ford, which revamped the current Mustang with foreign sales in mind, says the pony car was the world's best-selling sports coupe last year, based on new sales numbers.

About 19,000 out of a total of 141,000 Mustangs were sold outside the U.S. last year. Some of the hottest demand was in Europe, where 16,000 cars were sold. Despite high gas prices abroad, most customers are ordering the high-performance, but more fuel thirsty, V-8 engine.

"U.S. consumers have enjoyed interesting foreign sports cars for decades, so it was time for the Americans to return the favor with the worldwide launch of the new Mustang," says Erich Merkle, Ford sales analyst.

Mustang is made in Flat Rock, Mich. About 110,000 of the Mustangs produced were coupes and 30,000 were convertibles.

The big foreign sales represent a big change for Mustang, which never was thought of a serious world car for Ford. Some of its features just weren't a good fit for world markets. But Ford made the changes despite the risk of alienating some of its loyal buyers. And now the payoff is coming in sales abroad.

Ford to export its big, bad Raptor pickup to China

Ford is going to export its ultimate high-performance pickup truck to China — showing how wealthy Chinese consumers' appetites for American vehicles extend to some of the most extreme models.

The new version of the Ford F-150 Raptor SuperCrew arrives in China in 2017. It'll be an off-road beast packing massive power combined with a special chassis and suspension meant to take on rocks or the toughest terrain. The automaker says the design will "enable it to travel fast over challenging desert landscapes" — including, it adds, the Gobi Desert.

Raptor will arrive from the factory in Dearborn, Mich., with little modification — the most noticeable being some small lights added to the roof to comply with Chinese highways laws — but off-road enthusiasts there already know it well. Ford has been watching reports out of China that consumers have been paying up to \$160,000 for the precious few Raptors from the vehicle's past generation that were imported one by one. "We're seeing demand for it," says Henry Ford III, a descendant of the automaker's founder and global marketing manager for Ford Performance. "Chinese customers love products that are fun."

In the U.S., a Raptor has been listing for about \$45,000. The new 2017 version, which comes to U.S. showrooms this fall, is yet to be priced.

THAT'S WHAT FOOLS SAY!!!

KEEPING UP WITH THE KARDASHIANS
- JENNERS - WEST !!!

UPDATE :

Universal Friends:

People always talk bad about
the Kardashians - Jenners - Wests
FAMILY - but they NEVER say
they did BAD THINGS [NOT EVEN
A TRAFFIC TICKET] !!!

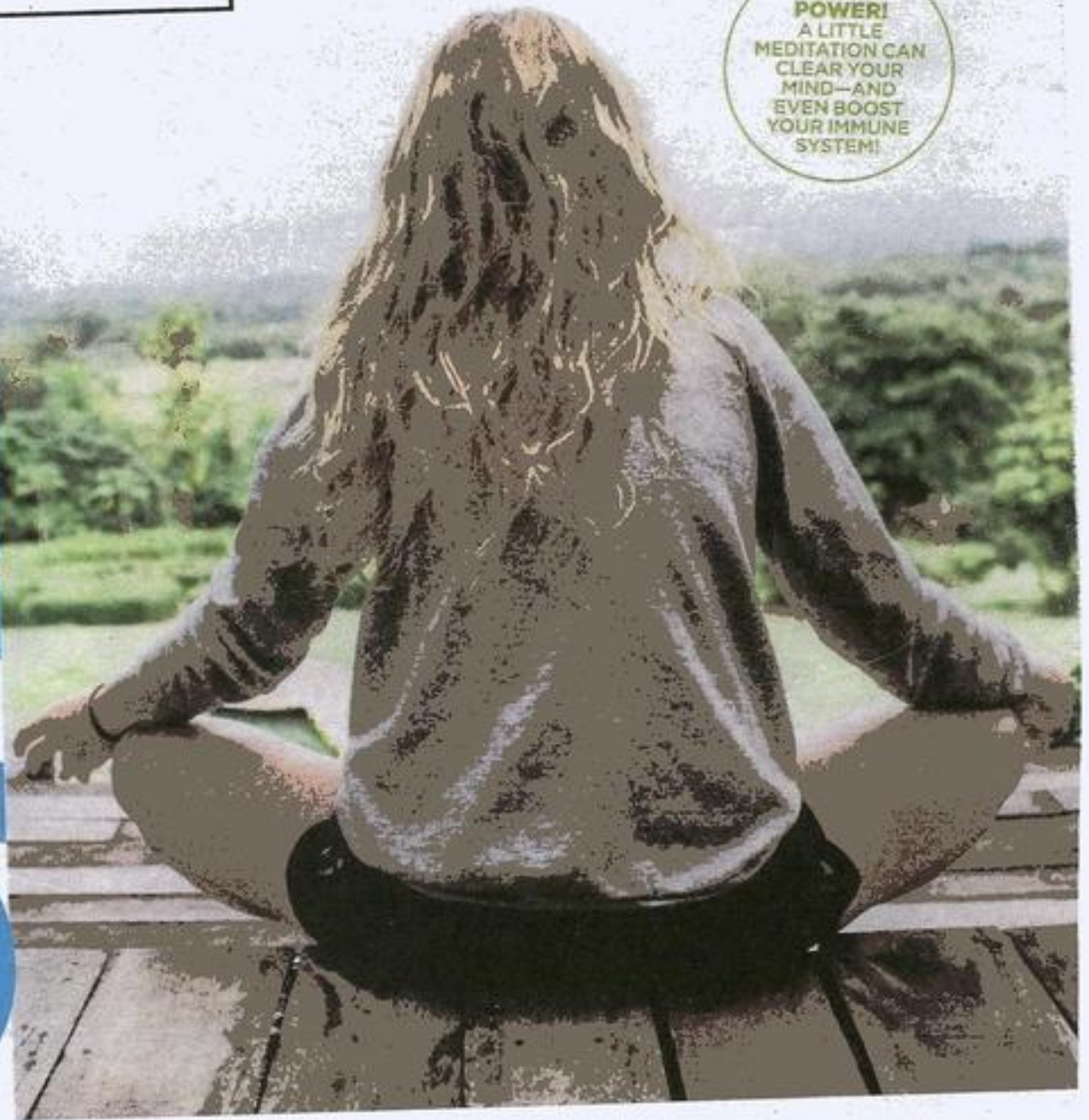
XOXO

DO NOT COVET YOUR UNIVERSAL NEIGHBOR'S LIFE!!

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: JUNE 11, 2016

BODY & HEALTH

find your **CHILL**



BRAIN POWER!
A LITTLE MEDITATION CAN CLEAR YOUR MIND—AND EVEN BOOST YOUR IMMUNE SYSTEM!

The secret to totally slaying your stress? Meditation. Yes, it may sound a little out there—but it's really all about breathing and taking time to focus on *you*. Gabrielle Bernstein, author of *Spirit Junkie*, shares how to get your Zen on.

by **ANDREA STANLEY**

For a High-Anxiety Situation

Do this next time you're feeling totally overwhelmed.

1. Stand at your locker or sit at your desk or walk down the hallway—no need to sneak away!
2. Inhale for five seconds, hold your breath for five seconds, and then exhale for five seconds.
3. Repeat the breathing pattern for one minute. You'll immediately feel less crazed and more centered.



THIS ONLY TAKES 60 SECONDS AND THEN YOU CAN BE ALL, "BYE, STRESS!"

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

PRESIDENT OBAMA'S BATHROOM LAW
MAY 13, 2016

THE INFAMOUS DAY
THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY
USURPED THE BLACK CIVIL
RIGHTS MOVEMENT
WITHOUT HAVING SUFFERING;
THE LYNCHINGS !!!
CASTRATIONS !!!
POLICE DOGS !!!
CHURCH BOMBINGS !!!
TERRORISM (KKK) !!!
HOUSE BURNINGS !!!
LOSS JOBS !!!
ENSE SLAVERY !!!
POLITICAL ASSASSINATION !!!
BLOODY SUNDAY !!!

1292

AD INFINITUM !!!
PUT BLACK SKIN ON IT
LEGALIZE IT !!!

BUT DONE SIMPLY BY DECREE OF THE
FIRST SO-CALLED BLACK PRESIDENT
AND HIS BLACK FEMALE U.S. ATTORNEY
GENERAL LORRETTA LYNCH !!!

#"ALL WE NEED IS LOVE" !!! JOHNYOKO

CHECK-OUT: CBS NEWS.COM EVENING NEWS
SCOTT PELLY, ANCHOR, MAY 13, 2016 5:30 CD
AMY GOODMAN / DEMOCRACY NOW.ORG MAY
26, 2016 THURSDAY [DISCUSSING]

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JOKE OF THE DAY!!!

UPDATE!

WHOOPI

ABC.COM/THE VIEW

WEEKDAYS 10:AM. CDT. USA

Whoopi Goldberg is OKAY with ONLY
BLACKS calling out to her the
EN SE EVIL "N- Word", but
calling her "African-American"
is a Fighting word!!!

LOL

MISEDUCATION OF THE NEGRO !!!

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: JUNE 11, 2016

WHO'S LAUGHING THE LOUDEST !!!

WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENT DINNER

... PRESS DINNER ...!!!

APRIL 29, 2016

SHOUT- OUT

TO: PRESIDENT BARACK H. OBAMA
USA ...

The President's JESTED:

IF this material WORKS well,
I'M going to use it at
GOLDMAN SACHS next year....

WINK! WINK!!!

WHO IS KIDDING???

I KNOW you'll have the LAST
LOUDER LAUGH ALL THE WAY TO THE
BANK!!!

.LOL

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: JUNE 11, 2016

LET'S DANCE DOWN THE !!! AISLE !!!

IT'S NOT SWINGING ON ABC.COM /

THE BACHELOR OR ITS BACHELORETTE

IT'S LOVE AND WEDDING BELLS SOUNDING

WITH ABC.COM / DANCING WITH THE STARS !!!

W SAVE THE FIRST DANCE [FOR OUR WEDDING DAY]
Shark Tank's Robert Herjavec, 53, and DANC-
ing with Stars Pro Kym Johnson, 39, are
engaged after one year of dating. They
were partners on season 20 of the
ABC competition. "USMAGAZINE.COM /
THE RECORD MARCH 14, 2016, p. 51

HOLLYWOOD CHORUS GIRL AND MILLIONAIRE

Robert and Kym made the FAIRYTALE COME
TRUE (GIRL) !!!

! PETA & MAK'S

ENGAGEMENT CELEBRATION

It's the next step! Two months after
he popped the question, DANCING WITH THE
Stars! MAK'S CHMERKOVSKIY and Peta
Margatroyd toasted their engagement

With a Masquerade-theme-fete February
20 "[2016]... US MAGAZINE.COM MARCH
7, 2016, P 34

"LOOKING FOR LOVE IN ALL THE
WRONG PLACES" !!!

It's Not "Bachelor", Nor "Bachelorette"
It's ALL happening at ABC.COM / DANCING
WITH THE STARS" !!!

LOVE AND MARRIAGE!!!

"EVERY BODY LOVES SOME BODY SOMETIMES" !! DZATO

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: JUNE 13, 2016

KEEPING UP WITH THE KARDZANS - JENNERS -
WESTS !!!

UPDATE:

Since [c. 2014], I first gazed
a pic of photogenic young sister Kendall
Jenner, I felt she was the prettiest,
talented shining star in the MARVELOUS
ROYAL FAMILY !!!

FAMILY TRADITION !!!

So; Naturally - I wondered what
LUCKY GUY she would GIVE her pre-
cious HEART to.???

YOUNG LOVE !!!

We got a "make believe" Love
story in USMAGAZINE.COM JANUARY 18,
2016 "HARRY & KENDALL [COVER PIC &
MORE], P. 44 (HARRY STYLES)...

THE ONLY KKK THAT LOVE BLACK MEN!!!

USMAGAZINE.COM APRIL 18, 2016, P. 47

UPDATED: THE MOST BEAUTIFUL SUPERMODEL
KENDALL, 20, "LOVE LIFE".;

To fell Curious Hearts, Like mine -
OF "KENDALL & JORDON" ("WITH PIG") ... Secretly
dating " Point guard JORDON Clarkson LA
LAKERS" for a few months."

* JUST CARRYING ON A FAMILY TRADITION!!!

THE LUCKEST MAN IN THE UNIVERSE!!!
IN MY MIND, MR. JORDON HAS HEAVEN ON
EARTH!!!

God Bless RADZANT Kendall!!!

FAN!!!

ONE LOVE!!!

BETTER BE GOOD TO AMERICA'S SWEETHEART!!!
BY: LEON IRBY DATED: JUNE 13, 2016

"STOLE THE PHONY CROWN" !!!

UPDATE:

LIKE KING ELVIS

QUEEN B

WAS CROWNED

BY "THE ESTABLISHMENT"

NOT !!!

YOU AND ME !!!

IT'S ONLY ROCK-N-ROLL BUT I LOVE IT
- MICK JAGGER

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: JUNE 17, 2016

Our deepest fear is not we are inadequate.
Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure.
It is our light, not our darkness that frightens us.
We ask our selves, who am I to be so brilliant, gorgeous,
talented and fabulous?

Actually, who are we not to be?
You are a child of God. ("UNIVERSAL")
Your playing small doesn't serve the world.
There's nothing enlightened about shrinking so that
other people won't feel insecure around you.
We were born to make manifest the glory of God
that is within us.

It's not just in some of us, it's in everyone.
And as we let our light shine, we unconsciously
give other people permission to do the same.
As we liberated from our own fears,
our presence automatically liberates others.

SOURCE: A RETURN TO LOVE by MARIANNE
WILLIMSON (as quoted by NELSON MANDELA
in his INDEMNITY, 1994) ...

I wonder if: "our presence automat-
ically liberates others" the "others" don't
want to leave the plantation, then
what are the consequences !!!

AMERICANS SLAVES

SOUTH AFRICAN ZULU

IF THE MIND IS ENSLAVED THE BODY CAN
NEVER BE FREE !!!

I M A G I N E !!! YOKO JOHNSON !!!

" IF THE MIND IS ENSLAVED
THE BODY CAN NEVER BE FREE " !!!
— MLK, JR.

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: JUNE 17, 2016

WHAT'S SHAKING TONIGHT!!!

I got MY JULY 2016 VOGUE
IN TODAY

AMY SCHUMER

IS [PIC] ON THE COVER!!!

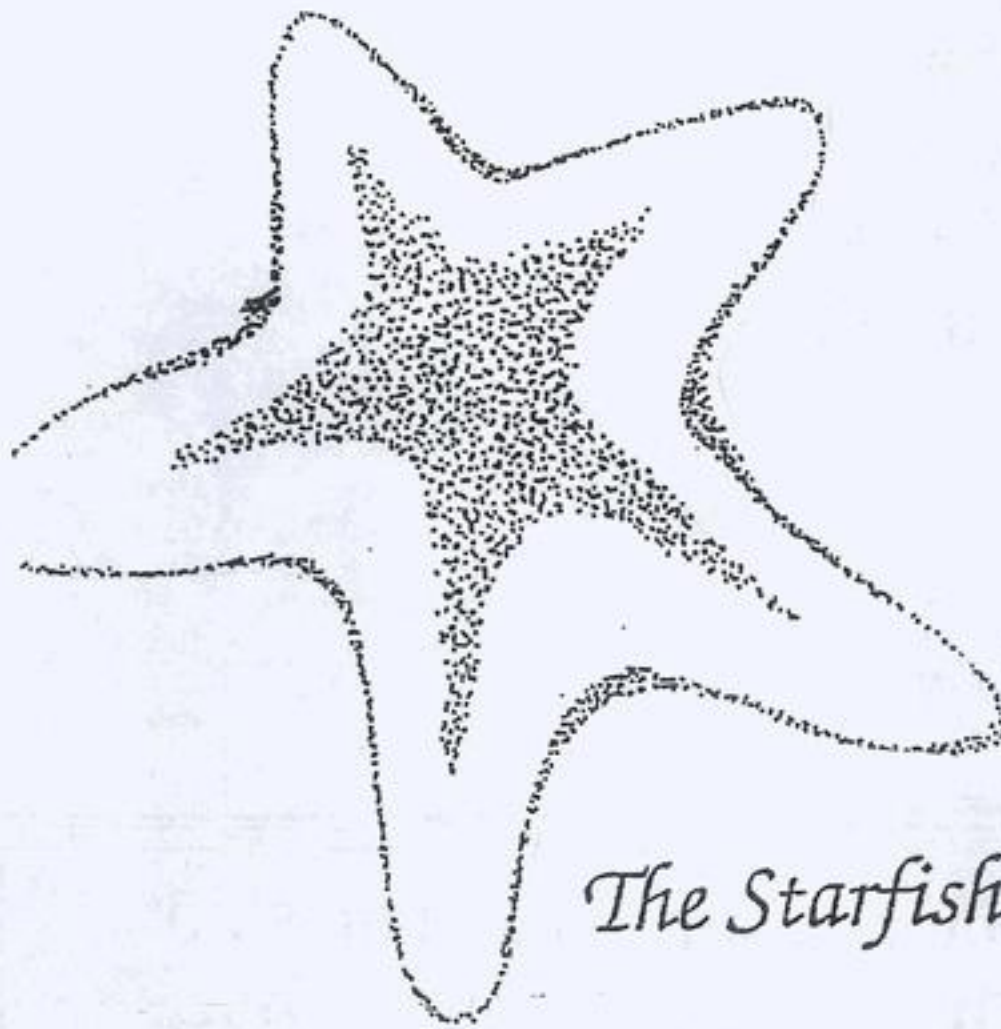
Another Saturday Night
And I ain't got Nobody!!!

— Sam Cooke.

Lol!!!

I got nothing to do tonight!!!

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: JUNE 25, 2016



The Starfish Story

A well known author was vacationing on a beautiful coast. One morning, very early, he was walking along the beach. In the distance he saw a lone figure dancing. Fascinated by this celebration of dawn, he moved closer. It was then he realized that the young man was not dancing, but was picking objects up from the beach and tossing them out into the sea in one graceful movement. As he approached the young man, he saw that he was throwing starfish.

"Why in the world are you throwing starfish into the water?", he asked.

"If the starfish are still on the beach when the tide goes out and the sun rises higher in the sky, they will die," replied the young man as he continued tossing them out to sea.

"That's ridiculous! There are thousands of miles of beach and millions of starfish. You can't really believe that what you're doing could possibly make a difference," the observer countered.

The young man picked up another starfish, paused thoughtfully and remarked as he tossed it out into the waves, "It makes a difference to this one."

Be more concerned with what
God thinks about you than what
people think about you.



A person's true character is
revealed by what he does
when no one is watching.



*Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you,
but like slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart.*

Ephesians 6:6 (NIV)

The measure of a man is not
how great his faith is but
how great his love is.



*And now these three remain: faith, hope and love.
But the greatest of these is love.*

1 Corinthians 13:13 (NIV)

Conscience is God's built-in
warning system. Be very happy
when it hurts you. Be very
worried when it doesn't.



*And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience
void of offence toward God, and toward men.*

Acts 24:16



POSTED BY: LEON IRBY 2012 DATED: JUNE 21, 2016

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Nathan Brown exonerated!



Dear Penny,

INNOCENCE PROJECT

I'm writing with great news! Nathan Brown walked out of a Louisiana state prison a free man today after a Jefferson Parish judge overturned his conviction for attempted rape. Results from DNA testing proved his innocence and pointed to an alternative suspect, a man who is currently serving a sentence for a felony in Mississippi and who, at the time, lived only a few blocks away from the crime scene. Brown served nearly 17 years of a 25-year sentence for a crime that he did not commit.



Nate Brown (white shirt) with Louisiana exoneree Michael Williams (black cap) and legal team just after his release.

Despite having four alibi witnesses who testified he was at home on the night of the crime, Nate was convicted based on a mistaken cross racial identification by the victim. Nate's trial attorney met him for the first time on the first day of his trial and provided a less than effective defense. He has always maintained his innocence and contacted us to help prove that he was wrongfully convicted.

With the consent of the Jefferson Parish District Attorney's office, we were able to conduct DNA testing on crime scene evidence which excluded Nathan. When that profile was entered into the federal DNA database, it matched to a man serving a sentence for another felony in Mississippi who lived just blocks away from the crime scene at the time of the attack.

We'd like to thank our colleagues at the Innocence Project of New Orleans for working with us to help gain Nathan's freedom. We also want to thank you for your ongoing support of the Innocence Project and our work. We wouldn't have been able to free Nathan without your help.

You can read more about [Nathan's case on our blog](#).

Sincerely,

Vanessa Potkin
Senior Staff Attorney

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"TELL ME WHAT I SAY" !!!

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

MY HUGE !!! FANTASTIC Z DEAL !!!

UPDATE; PRISON LAW: FANTASTIC LEGAL THEORY!

First, I diligently attempted to pitched
MY NOVEL LEGAL ... HUGE Z deal to THE NAT-
IONAL PRISON PROJECT, ACLU, WASHINGTON, D.C.,
"LIMITED RESOURCES", SEE BELOW, P , and to
MILWAUKEE, WI, ACLU, ACLU-WI. org, with
SIMILAR "BS !!!" REJECTION; IN below, P
Wholly Negative!

JUST THE FACTS !!!

I'm currently "LOCKED-DOWN" within the
WISCONSIN Department of Corrections [DOC]
Prison so-called Columbia Correctional Instit-
ution [CCI] with officially DIAGNOSED
circa 70 per cent inmate population with
[SERIOUS] "MENTALLY ILL" inmates.

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UNIVERSAL FRIENDS, I Share with You a Three
PAGES "THE CAP TIMES", MADISON, WI., NEWSPAPER
REPORTING SOME FORMER CCI-PRISON GUARDS "SIDE"

BELOW P.P.

"WE'D LOVE TO SEE YOUR PLAN"!!!!!!

I Proposed the FILING of a 42 U.S.C. 1983
Federal CIVIL RIGHTS LAWSUITS in the Western
District of Wisconsin (Wis. D.C.) in Madison, WI.,
ALLEGING [A] We were convicted of crimes
and thereafter sentenced to serve our
sentences in a prison, Not a MENTAL INSTITUTION;
[B] CIRCA 70 PERCENT OF MENTALLY
ILL INMATES IN CCI-PRISON AMOUNT to a
MENTAL INSTITUTION, NOT a PRISON; [C] There-
after, because we purported 25 percent,
whom aren't classified as "MENTALLY ILL",
we are constitutionally ENTITLED to removal
CCI-PRISON, DE FACTO Mental Ill, to a genuine
PRISON — NOT IN NAME ONLY — to serve out our
sentence.

ONE ILLUMINATING [IRL] ANALOGY

ONE FACT SITUATION (ZRL) IS COOK
COUNTY JAIL, CHICAGO, IL, Hired a Female
Psychologist to supervise Majority of

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MENTALLY ILL INMATE POPULATION. The Jail
SUPERVISOR said: COUNTY JAIL is De facto
& Mental INStitution. NPR "MARKET PLACE"
TUESDAY 6: P.M. CDT JUNE 30, 2015; NYT.com

PROPOSED REMEDIAL ACTION

(1) The Result ought to be Adequate
Psychiatric Medical Care for Mentally ILL
INMates; (2) INJUNCTION against Placing
US, NON-MENTALLY ILL INMates, SEE BELOW
"PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICE CLINICAL CONTACT"
(1-14-2014) i.p. AND (3) CORRECTION
towards the U.S. Supreme Court ILL-Ad-
vised Decision, and Societal MISAPPLICAT
ION, eliminating crucially Need "MENTAL
HOSPITALS" !!!

HOW YOU LIKE THAT FANTASTIC
IDEAL ???



Dear Sir or Madam:

AMERICAN CIVIL
LIBERTIES UNION FOUNDATION

PLEASE RESPOND TO:
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DAVID C. FATHI
DIRECTOR
ATTORNEY AT LAW*

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PRACTICE LIMITED TO
FEDERAL COURTS

We regret to inform you that the ACLU's National Prison Project (NPP) no longer has the resources to respond to individual requests for legal assistance or information. Because of our limited resources, we do not do any advocacy for individual prisoners, nor do we provide representation in individual criminal cases. For these reasons, please do not send any court documents or any documents that you need returned.

The NPP has also discontinued paper circulation of all publications, including the NPP Journal, Prisoners' Assistance Directory, and Play It Safe.

Again, we deeply regret that we can no longer respond to your requests.

Sincerely,

David Fathi
Director

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October 19, 2015

Mr. Leon Irby #033802-A
Columbia Correctional Institution
P. O. Box 900
Portage, WI 53901

RE: INQUIRY #2015-366

American Civil
Liberties Union
of Wisconsin Foundation
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F/ 414-272-0182

Dear Mr. Irby,

This letter is in response to your request for assistance. We have reviewed your complaint and unfortunately, we are unable to assist you in this matter. The ACLU of Wisconsin is a private, not for profit organization that accepts very few cases for direct representation. We lack the staff or resources to accept the cases of everyone who asks for our help or do legal research for them. This does not imply any judgment about the merits of your case; it is simply not a case we can handle at this time.

You should know that before you can file a lawsuit, you must file an Administrative Complaint with the I.C.E. (Inmate Complaint Examiner) for each action that you believe violates your rights. Normally, you must file a complaint within **14 days** of when the problem occurs. If the decision by the I.C.E. is not favorable to you, you must appeal to the Wisconsin Department of Corrections in Madison, Wisconsin. Normally, you must appeal within **10 days** of the unfavorable decision.

You also normally must file a "Notice of Injury and Claim for Damages" within 120 days of your injury in order to preserve your right to sue the government for violations of state law. More information about this requirement is in Sections 893.80 and 893.82 of the Wisconsin Statutes. The Notice of Injury and Claim for Damages is not required to sue for violations of federal law, including the federal constitution. There are other time limits and may be other filing requirements for federal claims.

We have also enclosed some information that may be helpful to you. We regret that we are unable to assist you in this matter.

Please note, according to our document management policy, we destroy all inquiries and documents sent to us after seven (7) years. If you sent original documents you would like returned, please notify us in writing immediately to arrange to retrieve the documents. You may be required to pay to have documents sent to you.

Sincerely,

Laurence J. Dupuis
Legal Director

Enclosures

LJD/dl



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WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

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Help wanted at maximum security prisons: Low pay, high stress, dangerous conditions



By line

1 hour ago - By Steven Elbow | The Capital Times

Steven Elbow

Steven Elbow joined The Capital Times in 1999 and has covered law enforcement in addition to city, county and state government. He has also worked for the Portage Daily Register and has written for the Madison weekly newspaper in Madison.

Len Below didn't plan on retiring this year, but forced overtime and growing safety concerns at Columbia Correctional Institution got to be too much for the veteran guard.

"They are severely understaffed," said the 54-year-old sergeant, who left the job in April after 33 years. "It's getting to be very unsafe there."

Below is one of several sergeants who have retired from the maximum-security facility in Portage since February. One current staffer put the tally at nine, with three others



transferring to other institutions late last year. And that doesn't include newer officers who have fled the high stress and low pay that comes with working at an institution that

some say is getting less safe every day.

And beginning last week, CCI implemented changes spelled out in the state budget that will leave most of its guard towers empty overnight.

"When there's less staff, and less experienced staff, that puts us in greater danger," said Below. "They don't have the experience dealing with inmates."

Some describe CCI as a powder keg.

"The only way this is going to change is if we have a riot," said Bill, a veteran guard who asked that we not use his real name. "That's what we're getting to at the prison here."

Another guard, who also recently retired years earlier than he had originally planned, said the prospect of such an incident played into his decision.

"They keep putting band-aids on such a bad situation, something terrible is going to happen there," said Jim, who didn't want his real name used because of concern about future job prospects. "And they're all going to point fingers at someone else."

The shortage of guards is an issue throughout the Department of Corrections' 21 prison facilities, but it's exceptionally acute at CCI, where the state has resorted to tiring guards from other institutions with free hotel stays, mileage reimbursement, meals and overtime to work six-week stints.

Guards, both current and recently retired, attribute the exodus of employees to crushing workloads, compromised safety and stagnant pay in the wake of the state's elimination of collective bargaining rights in 2011. And with starting wages at \$15.20 per hour — well below the pay at county lockups and guard positions in surrounding states — the state is having a hard time filling the void.

"They're working nights, weekends and holidays at a maximum security prison," said Jim. "They can make that money at Wal-Mart."

Jim said he decided to "pull the plug" when the forced overtime on weekend and night shifts — often spent performing physically and mentally demanding tasks that normally fall to younger employees — became too much.

"There's a bunch of us that just up and quit because we just couldn't take it anymore," Jim said. "At my age, I'm not going back to fighting convicts every day."

"The work rules changed"

The guards say the shortage stems from the law known as Act 10, Gov. Scott Walker's 2011 initiative to dismantle collective bargaining for public employees, with the exception of police and firefighters. And although prison guards consider themselves an integral element in the public safety landscape, they weren't included in the exemptions.

The law sounded the death knell for the guards' union, and what once was viewed by the guards as a collaborative effort to maintain safety and fairness in the workplace became a top-down system in which the administration dictated the terms of employment.

"The work rules changed, the amount of safety and protections changed," said Below, "and it spiraled out of control since then."

New rules that put mandatory overtime on a rotating basis rather than basing it on seniority have fostered resentment among senior staffers. Guards cite family gatherings, trips and events they've had to abandon because of mandatory overtime.

Below, with 33 years of seniority, said it got to the point that every day he went to work, "I don't know if I was getting out."

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Jim said the new hires haven't taken the situation much better.

"Even the rookies don't like it because now they see their vacation is never going to get better in 30 years," he said.

Corrections officials say they've stepped up recruitment and training efforts. But guards call it a never-ending battle.

"They hire 10 and 15 quit," said Jim.

"Corrections is a zoo right now," said Bill. "And CCI is the focal point where the most chaotic stuff has been going on."

An email request for interviews with Corrections Secretary Ed Wall, appointed by Walker to the post in 2012, and CCI Warden Mike Oltmann, who has held the post since March of 2014, went unanswered.

Columbia Correctional Institution, about 43 miles north of Madison, opened in 1986 on 510 acres of land on the outskirts of Portage. As a maximum-security facility, it houses some of the state's most violent offenders. Serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer, who was beaten to death in 1994 by a fellow inmate, was held there. CCI's official operating capacity is 541, but overcrowding has been a perennial issue. The facility housed 639 inmates in 2014, according to its annual report for that year. In all, the prison employs 342 people, including guards, administration and civilian staff.

According to the 2014 annual report, CCI should have 233 sergeants and officers on staff. But the Department of Corrections reported that last May, CCI was 63 positions short, compared with 19 vacancies a year earlier.

All three guards interviewed for this report maintained that the number of open positions at the institution has at times exceeded 70. While the staffing shortage is most acute at CCI, other institutions are feeling the pinch as well.

Fox 11 News in Green Bay recently obtained records that show a dramatic increase in guard staff vacancies statewide since Act 10 became law in 2011. In 2012, Fox 11 reported, there were 88 full-time guard openings in the state's correctional facilities. This past spring there were 403.

Corrections spokeswoman Joy Staab said the staff shortage stems from a prison boom in the 1990s that saw an influx of new guards who are now nearing retirement age. Added to that, she said, is an expanding economy that presents more opportunities for people seeking work.

She acknowledged that the problem is particularly acute at CCI.

"The most recent vacancy rates at CCI are presently higher than those in other facilities, but vacancy rates fluctuate across facilities from month to month due to employee movement," she said in an email. "So a single point in time comparison is often quickly outdated."

To address the shortage, she said, the department has doubled the number of training academies.

"While we have added more than 1,000 correctional officers in Secretary Wall's tenure, we are still experiencing turnover due to retirement and now increased competition from municipal, county and private sectors as Wisconsin's economy continues to strengthen," she said.

'Rookies training rookies'

Guards say it's not the economy creating vacancies as much as the fact that people who come to CCI quickly realize they don't want to work there. The exodus of veterans, they say, has left the institution with overworked, inexperienced new hires who find it difficult to navigate the intricacies of the job. They maintain that the situation has contributed to a string of recent incidents including the Feb. 12 murder of an inmate by his cellmate, a weeks-long lockdown and ongoing safety concerns.

"We've lost all the experienced staff, so now you have rookies training rookies," said Below. "And they weren't properly trained because the people training them weren't well trained."

One of the sergeants who left in February, Faye Hart, told the Portage Daily Register that CCI used to be the "best prison in the state."

"We were the most secured and trained," she said. "Well, that's not the case anymore."

The lockdown, a measure that restricts inmate movement and curtails privileges went into effect on May 6 after an inmate stabbed an officer with a pencil and wasn't fixed until a month later.

Guards said that lockdown was prolonged because the institution didn't have the staff to perform the routine tasks of ushering inmates to recreational facilities and the library, which are discontinued when a prison is in lockdown mode.

Staab denied that assertion, characterizing the lockdown as a routine measure that corrections facilities take "for various reasons."

"It is not uncommon for an institution to go into lockdown status as a result of a serious incident while staff review processes and identify ways to help prevent similar incidents from occurring in the future," she said. "This is done to provide a safe environment for staff and inmates."

But isolating inmates by depriving them of privileges just adds to an already dangerous situation, according to Jim, the recently retired guard.

"You keep taking rec away because you don't have enough staff, and you keep taking things that keep a lid on the joint away, and the staff are just dead tired from working double shifts every day," he said.

Also in May, another inmate attacked a librarian with makeshift scissors, according to a report in the Portage Daily Register.

In another recent incident, a housing unit was locked down after two inmate-on-inmate assaults. Staab wouldn't provide details, but according to a staffer contacted by The Capital Times, an inmate allegedly used a fan motor sucked into a pillowcase to pummel another inmate. The following day another fight broke out in retaliation for the assault.

Below said inexperience was "absolutely" a factor in the string of recent incidents.

"We're getting less experienced staff and more violent inmates with more needs in the mental health area," said Below.

Bill said new hires have been plunged into a situation in which they're too overwhelmed to take a proactive approach to the job.

New hires, he said, "don't want to be confrontational."

But confrontation, Bill said, is part of the job.

"If they see you're enforcing the rules, then they're not going to break the rules," he said. "That's one of the things that have been preached in corrections since I started."

The guards said the prison administration has done little to ensure that situations involving inmate behavior are handled properly.

"A lot of them left for the railroad"

Bill said the situation at CCI is so challenging that at least two of the guards on loan from elsewhere left before their six-week stint was up.

Jim said most of the veterans who have left qualified for retirement, but they wanted to stay on for a few more years. They couldn't take the stress.

"It's terrible," he said. "That's why we all left when we could. I feel sorry for all the people with 15 to 20 years in that are stuck there."

And while veteran staff walk out the door, new hires have little reason to stay. Guards interviewed for this story said some new staffers were coming on board only to find that the pay was so insufficient they needed to apply for food stamps or other government subsidies to get by.

"These young people are making \$15 an hour and they've got to put \$200 or \$300 out of a paycheck in order to pay for their health care," said Bill. "They're barely making ends meet."

For 11 News in Green Bay recently reported that state corrections wages lag behind those at county lookups and in other states, in some cases by a considerable margin. State corrections wages in Iowa start at \$18.02 per hour. In Illinois the training wage is \$20.57.

In Brown County, jail guards start at \$19.11 per hour, Fox 11 reported. Outagamie County guards make \$21.18 to start.

Jim said it's little wonder that guards have left. Some have been driving over an hour to and from work, the staffer said.

"They're all looking to go to county jails," he said. "A lot of them left for the railroad, a lot of them are trying to get to the county jails, some of them quit and went to (outdoors retailer) Cabella's."

"Pay is the issue"

While Wolf recently met with Republican lawmakers on the staff shortage issue, there have been no details released on how the department plans to deal with the situation in the long-term.

State Sen. Rick Gudex, R-Fond Du Lac, one of the Republicans attending the meeting, said it was a productive discussion.

"Further details of those plans will be released in the near future by the department," he told WISC Channel 3. "In the meantime, the department will continue aggressive recruitment activities to fill the vacancies at several correctional facilities across the state."

State Rep. David Bowen, D-Milwaukee, an Assembly Corrections Committee member, said the plan should include higher pay and a look at "re-inviting unions back to the table."

"It's possible that this is getting so bad that we could run into a situation where prisoners don't have any oversight and there aren't people in place to make sure things are being run the right way," Bowen said.

In a column this week, state Sen. Jon Egerbach, D-Middleton, and Rep. Dave Conditine, D-Baraboo, took aim at Walker and corrections officials.

"Staffing shortages are not new," they write. "Unfortunately Gov. Scott Walker Walker and his administration at the Department of Corrections seem to be the best to react."

The lawmakers note the mental toll of a "stressful" and "dangerous" job "that can at times be all consuming, costing people their relationships, friendships, lives outside of work and sometimes personal welfare and health."

At \$15 per hour, just over \$31,000 a year, they write, it's simply not worth it.

"Pay is the issue for the hiring of new guards," they write. "Without the safety risks and simple physical and mental challenges of working in a prison institution that would be a decent living wage, but with their presence it is not."

The recently passed biennial state budget does not provide for pay increases. And veteran guards say recruitment efforts are futile. In the shortage area, at least, the pool of potential recruits has been fished out.

"That prison's been there for 30 years," said Jim. "People that want to work there are already there."

That assessment runs counter to accounts of town hall meetings Wolf held with staff last year. According to those accounts, Wolf met concerns by telling staffers that if they didn't like their jobs, there were thousands of others waiting to take them.

"You listen to Scott Walker and you listen to Ed Wolf and they'll tell you that there are 10,000 people lining up to take your job," said Bill. "It's like to know where those 10,000 are. Because if they're out there and they're all qualified to be corrections officers and they want the positions, then why aren't we filling them?"

Share your opinion on this topic by sending a letter to the editor at letters@madison.com. Include your full name, hometown and phone number. Your name and town will be published. The phone number is for verification purposes only. Please keep your letter to 250 words or less.

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THIS IS THE MAD! MAD!
WORLD THAT HOLDS ME!!!

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CAN'T "SHAKE IT OFF" !!!

UPDATE:

SHOUT-OUT

TO: CALVIN HARRIS

CALVIN & TAYLOR & KANYE !!!

DID TAYLOR STAB YOU IN THE
HEART !!!

WILL THERE BE "BAD BLOOD" !!!

"ET WEEKEND.COM" SATURDAY JUNE 18, 2016
showed you in KANYE WEST'S SHOES, and
discussed its meaning, as I do now !!!

CAN YOU READ THE SIGN ???

It's easy to see, without looking too far !!!
COYLANI ~

It's SIGNIFYING: TAYLOR PLAYED ME
AND KANYE TOO DEEP ... TO THE DEEP !!!

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: JUNE 21, 2016

CANT " SHAKE IT

"THAT'S WHAT PEOPLE SAY" !!!

SHOUT-OUT
TO: CALVIN HARRIS

Hey!! Man!!! Now do you
know what its like to have
your "NAME" written into
TAYLOR SWIFT'S PLAYERS BOOK
"BLANK SPACE" !!!

CHECK-OUT: US MAGAZINE.COM "CALVIN &
TAYLOR SHOCKING SPLIT" JUNE 20, 2016, P. 7
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KORNFIELD

PLAYERS GONA PLAY! PLAY! PLAY!!!

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: JUNE 21, 2016

"PARENTS TEACH YOUR CHILDREN WELL"

Friends check-out: "Signing off

Elizabeth Hasselbeck, 38,

Will step down from Fox & Friends this month to focus on raising her children, Grace, Taylor, 8 and Isaiah, 8"

US MAGAZINE DECEMBER 14, 2015, P 41
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Mother Teach Your Children
To "LOVE" - AND NOT HATE as you
Taught in your Rich Job "FOX &
Friends" !!!

NAMASTE !!!

ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE!!! YOKO & JOHN

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: JUNE 21, 2016

NOT TOO WHITE! NOT TOO PRETTY
TODD BY-PASS PLAYING THE GAME
BY THE RULES !!!

UPDATE

YELLOW FLAG

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS QUARTERBACK
TOM BRADY, 38, WILL SERVE A FOUR-
GAME SUSPENSION FOR HIS ALLEGED
ROLE IN DEFLATEGATE, WHEN AIR WAS
REMOVED FROM GAME BALLS BY TEAM
ASSISTANTS."

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BY: LEON IRBY DATED: JUNE 28, 2016

"BAD BLOOD" !!

SHOUT-OUT

TO: MS. LENA DUNHAM
GIRLS HBO

Lena Dunham - Sees a Naked Misrepresentation of Superstar and Player Taylor Swift Body Nearby Naked Blackman [KANYE] as outrageous Rape !!!

Thus, Illuminating the True Reason for her Irrational Venomous Envy Malice Towards Dr. William H. Cosby, Ph'd, Whom is Facing UNPROVEN RAPE Allegations...

Dr. Cosby, is also MISREPRESENTED Nude in Artist Kanye West "Masterpiece Theater" !!!

PLEASE CHECK-OUT: RELATED STORY IN US MAGAZINE / FURY OVER KANYE VIDEO JULY 11, 2016, P. 48

ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE YOKO & JOHN!!!

FAME PUT YOU UP WHERE THINGS ARE HALLOW!!!
BONNIE
& LENNON

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: JULY 05, 2016

LEGAL NOTES

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

Submitted by JEVON JACKSON #299078 NLCI

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.

"SO SUE ME IF I GET IT WRONG" !!!

UPDATE:

UNIVERSAL FRIENDS PLEASE let me share
with you this:

FURY OVER KANYE VIDEO

The strange bedfellows [Bush,
Cosby and Trump?] in West's re-
flection on fame won't take their
Nude depiction lying down." BY
DANA ROSE FALCONE US MAGAZINE.COM
JULY 11, 2016, p. 48

"FAME PUTS YOU UP WHERE THINGS
ARE HALLOW"

Swift, for part, "was livid and
appalled that Kanye would go so
far," ... "She wants to sue." p. 49

PRO BONO LEGAL OPINION

You have NO case!!!

The Controlling Precedential U.S. Supreme Court case law would be REV. JERRY FALWELL V. LARRY FLINT, (A) HUSTLER MAGAZINE... IN WHICH REV. Falwell Sued for DEFAMATION; MALICIOUS, et al.; CLAIMING A CARTOON ISSUE depicting his mother, as a character in AN OBSCENE, INFLAMMATORY HUSTLER MAG. CARTOON CAST THEM [HIM] IN A BAD LIGHT!!!

WILD! WILD!! WEST!!!

Likewise; however, "Similar" as to MR. West's "ART THEATER" -, The Court Resoundingly DISAGREED WITH REV. Falwell's Argument, AND THEN RULED IN MR. FLINT'S FAVOR, FOR HIS MAG.'S CARTOON WAS PROTECTED "FREE SPEECH", AND AMOUNTED TO PERMISSIBLE "SATIRE"!!!

Ostensibly, "SATIRIZING" Public Figures IN Patently "UNREAL SITUATIONS IS HARMLESS!!!

CASE CLOSED NO LAWSUIT AVAILABLE!!!

DON'T BE SO DARN FRIVOLOUS!!!

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: JULY 05, 2016

"THAT'S WHAT PEOPLE SAY" !!!

Beyonce gets praised for #LEMONADE,
which provoked internet bullies and attacks
against innocent people and children;
LIKE MS. AVA DASH ...!!!!!!

SOURCE: Nina Parker guesting on Access
Hollywood.com July 6, 2016, Wed.

WHAT A SHAMELESS OUTRAGE & /&
"TRUMPIS" !!!

#READ WHAT YOU SOW !!!

BY: LEON ZRBY DATED: JULY 7, 2016

WORDS! WORDY!! HUMPITY DUMPITY!!!

UPDATE: TRUMP!!

"TRUMPISM!" ; TOUGH TALK!!!

TRUMP TO SUICIDE BOMBER

[KAMIKAZE!!! MARTYR!!!]:

"You're a Radical ISLAMIST"!!!!!!

SUICIDE BOMBER TO TRUMP:

BOOM!!! BOOM!!! BOOM!!!!!!

BANG! BANG!! BANG!!!!!!

#IMAGINE!! YOKO JOHN

#TALK IS CHEAP!!!

#LIVE TALK!!!

"SUICIDE BOMBER HITS NEAR U.S. CONSULATE IN SAUDI ARABIA
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REALITY [END TV] 'SUICIDE BOMBER...'

tracking down and killing defectors who've fled the country, the U.S. officials said.

Among the individuals named are:

•Kang Song Nam, director of the Prisons Bureau in the Ministry of State Security, which uses torture, deliberate starvation and sexual violence as the lead agency investigating political crimes and administering the country's network of political prison camps.

•Choe Chang Pong, director of the Ministry of Public Security, responsible for internal security, social control, censorship and riot suppression. Ministry officers also use torture and sexual violence to extract confessions, the State Department report said.

•Jo Yon Jun, vice director of North Korea's Organization and Guidance Department, which enforces ideological discipline.

• Cho Il-U and O Chong-Kuk, officials of the Reconnaissance General Bureau, which hunts down defectors after they flee North Korea.

Thad McBride, an international trade attorney at the law firm Bass, Berry & Sims, said the sanctions are mostly symbolic, especially since they include Kim Jong Un, but more action could follow.

U.S. companies would be prohibited from doing business with Kim or any companies he controls, and any assets he owns in the U.S. would be frozen, McBride said. The sanctions would also impact U.S. companies doing business with foreign companies, in China for example, that are owned by Kim or other persons or entities named in the new sanctions list.

An executive order signed by President Obama in March gives the U.S. Treasury broad authority "to cut them (North Korea) off from the U.S. economy," McBride said. "What the government has been doing is piece-by-piece and person-by-person ratcheting up the sanctions."

The listing is the most comprehensive effort by any government to name individuals responsible for specific actions in North Korea, the officials said. It was compiled with help from international rights monitors and civil society groups, the Korean Institute for National Reunification and testimony and recordings by North Korean defectors who described raids by security officials, and personal accounts of executions, the U.S. officials said.

The U.S. action follows a 2014 report by the United Nations Human Rights Commission, which focused on a system of forced labor camps in North Korea.

The sanctions will have a worldwide ripple effect because they make it risky for any financial institution or entity around the world to hold assets for the individuals and entities named, one senior administration official said.

"Removing anonymity of someone who manages forced labor camps is novel in North Korea and we think it will have an impact," another senior administration

official said. "This sends a message to mid-level officials that if they participate in these activities we will know who they are."

Week of terror underscores a 'desperate' Islamic State

Three cities in separate countries hit by suspected Islamic State terrorists in the past week dealt a tumultuous blow to safety in those regions, heightening fears of the militants' capabilities and where they could strike next.

The reign of terror includes Sunday's massive suicide bombing in Baghdad that killed at least 157 people; the weekend hostage-taking at a restaurant in the Bangladesh capital of Dhaka that left 22 dead and Tuesday's bombing at the Istanbul airport that killed 44.

The massacres demonstrate that the Islamic State has established cells around the world — and is still capable of heinous attacks despite its recent setbacks on the battlefield. "The Islamic State is losing territory in Iraq and Syria, but it is still a formidable opponent and very dangerous," Bruce Riedel, a former CIA officer and an analyst with the Brookings Institution, said Sunday.

The militant group claimed responsibility for the assaults in Baghdad and Dhaka, and is strongly suspected of being responsible for the Istanbul bombing.

Since the Islamic State has suffered losses over the past two years in more conventional military operations, the extremist group is now focusing on guerrilla warfare and terrorism, said Daniel Byman, a professor at Georgetown University's Walsh School of Foreign Service.

"We've already seen the number of foreign fighters going to Iraq and Syria decline. From the Islamic State's point of view, these are desperate attacks. But they are successful in their own right and do indicate that we will see more attempts," said Byman, also a senior fellow at the Center for Middle East Policy at the Brookings Institution.

He added that the more desperate the Islamic State becomes, the more the group, also known as ISIL or ISIS, will rely on amateurs. "ISIS has tens of thousands of individuals that are scattered not just in the Middle East but also to West Africa, to Southeast Asia, and beyond," CIA Director John Brennan told the Council on Foreign Relations last week.

The Islamic State's presence in other parts of Asia has also been growing in recent years, though its presence in the Middle East is larger. The Islamic State commands about 6,000 fighters in Libya.

Baghdad

Sunday's attack in Baghdad — one of the worst since the U.S. invasion in 2003 — reflects a shift in strategy for the Islamic State. As the militant group has been pushed out of territory it controls in Iraq and Syria, it has resorted to more conventional terror attacks against civilian targets.

The truck bombing comes one week after U.S.-backed Iraqi forces recaptured Fallujah,

a city about 40 miles west of the capital, which was a major defeat for the terrorist organization.

The Iraqi government had hoped that driving the militants out of Fallujah would help prevent the Islamic State from getting bombs into Baghdad, since Fallujah straddles major roads into the capital. The U.S. air campaign had also expanded airstrikes to target car bomb factories used by militants in an effort to stop high-profile terror attacks, which pose a risk to the stability of the U.S.-backed Iraqi government.

Dhaka

A 10-hour siege ended Saturday at a restaurant in the heart of the capital city's diplomatic quarter with 20 hostages and two policemen dead. Hostages unable to quote from the Quran were pulled aside and hacked or knifed to death. Police killed six of the terrorists.

"In the case of ISIS and its connection to international terrorism in Bangladesh, they have mentioned the country several times in *Dabiq*, their online journal," Sajjan Gohel, the international security director at the Asia Pacific Foundation, told CNN. "They talked about the fact that they were going to carry out more attacks, they were going to increase the tempo, and they were calling for volunteers from Bangladesh to join them."

The Islamic State has established a presence in Bangladesh, a predominately Muslim country, as it has in other parts of the world, said Patrick Johnston, a terrorism analyst at RAND Corp. The group has been able to build its presence in places like Bangladesh by exploiting local grievances and weak governments, Johnston said.

Three suspected Islamic State terrorists blew themselves up late Tuesday at Ataturk International Airport.

Residents said they were already bracing for something like this to happen again in Turkey, which has endured nearly 20 terrorist attacks that killed 300 people and injured more than 1,000 others in the past year.

"Almost every month since June 2015, there have been suicide bombings all over the country," said Ege Memis, 24, a student. "The only protection people have is their luck."

The growing terrorist threat heightens the risk of destabilizing Turkey, a NATO member and U.S. ally in the war against the Islamic State.

"Turkey has been very vulnerable to terrorism," said Bulent Aliriza, an analyst at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. "Turkey has been involved in balancing act for a year now. It is cooperating with the United States and trying to prevent ISIS from retaliating."

Suicide bomber hits near U.S. consulate in Saudi Arabia

A suspected suicide bomber carried out an attack early Monday near the U.S. consulate in the Saudi Arabian city of Jeddah, according to the interior ministry.

The attacker died and two security men were wounded with minor injuries, according to the ministry statement.

The ministry said the attacker detonated his suicide vest when security guards approached him near the parking lot of a hospital. Some cars in the parking lot were damaged. No one immediately claimed responsibility for attack.

The attacker was apparently headed in a car toward a mosque near the U.S. consulate. The U.S. Embassy in Saudi Arabia confirmed to the Associated Press that there were no casualties or injuries among the consular staff. The embassy said it remains in contact with Saudi authorities as they investigate the attack.

The interior ministry did not specify if it there are indications the bomber intended to target the U.S. diplomatic compound.

The attack comes on the same date that the U.S. celebrates Independence Day and just days before the end of the holy month of Ramadan, in which observant Muslims fast from dawn to dusk.

The U.S. consulate was the scene of an attack in 2004, when five employees and four gunmen were killed. The Saudi wing of al-Qaeda claimed responsibility for that attack.

EgyptAir voice recorder may verify fire before crash

Information extracted from the voice recorder aboard doomed EgyptAir Flight 804 indicates crew members attempted to douse a fire prior to the crash, multiple media outlets reported Tuesday.

Reuters reported the voice recorder supports information obtained from the Airbus 320's data recorder indicating smoke on the plane. The Cairo-bound Airbus 320 crashed in the Mediterranean Sea on May 19, more than three hours after leaving Paris, killing all 66 people aboard. The black boxes were found and pulled from the sea a month later. The voice recorder was damaged in the crash but repaired by scientists in France before being returned to Egyptian investigators. The recorders are crucial to the investigation because the cause of the crash remains a mystery. No group has claimed responsibility for bringing down the plane, and the crew issued no distress calls.

An automated system aboard the plane sent messages that smoke was detected in a lavatory, an avionics equipment area and elsewhere during the final minutes of the flight.

The bodies that had been mapped at the crash site, almost two miles deep in the sea, were recovered Sunday by a search vessel contracted by the Egyptian government. The Paris prosecutor's office last week opened an involuntary homicide inquiry into the crash but said at the time it was not a terrorism investigation.

Apple stock's bearish signs are rising

Investors looking for hard numbers to support a bullish case on Apple (AAPL) shares are swimming against a rising tide of data pointing in the opposite direction.

The most recent analysis and stock trading related to Apple is uniformly and decidedly bearish.

The latest came Tuesday, when the brokerage unit of Citigroup trimmed its earnings estimates for the second half of Apple's fiscal year ending in September.

Citi blamed knock-on effects from the United Kingdom's decision to leave the EU, something we flagged here almost two weeks ago.

Yet Brexit is merely the latest Apple worry on Wall Street, where Citigroup is far from alone.

Average earnings estimates that were first slashed on the company three months ago were trimmed again in June — for Apple's current quarter, current fiscal year and next year as well.

During the past 30 days, for example, analysts who cover the stock took another 3 cents a share off their estimates for the quarter and fiscal year ending in September, on average.

Apple is seen earning \$1.63 a share in the current period (fiscal Q4) and \$8.25 for the full fiscal year, both well below year-ago numbers.

Apple bulls argue that these near-term expectations, like those for the fiscal third quarter, which the company is expected to report on July 26, are already baked into its stock price.

Yet last month, Wall Street also knocked down its collective profit view on Apple by 8 cents a share for the fiscal year ending in 2017.

While that sounds small, the cumulative effect of all these cuts since Apple's last earnings call in April has been to effectively kill the medium-term growth case for its shares.

By September 2017, Apple is expected to be a company with lower annual sales and smaller annual profit than it posted in fiscal 2015.

During these two fiscal years, Apple sales are seen dropping to \$226 billion from \$234 billion, while earnings per share are seen falling to \$9.03 from \$9.22.

If you believe year-over-year growth in annual profit drives stock prices higher, while annual declines cause stocks to fall, the two-year estimate trend does not favor Apple. It also rebuts the argument that this fiscal year's sharp drop in sales and profit is a mere blip that will be reversed by the coming iPhone 7.

Not according to the most recent trading action in Apple suppliers.

On Tuesday, shares of at least four chip companies that sell components to Apple sold off on iPhone 7 concerns.

Cirrus Logic (CRUS) and Skyworks (SWKS) both fell 6% on heavier-than-usual volume, after they were downgraded by Pacific Crest Securities, while Qualcomm (QCOM) and Texas Instruments (TXN) both fell about 2%.

As if pessimism on both Apple and its suppliers wasn't enough, a technical analysis of its stock price is also of little comfort.

In mid-June, the 50-day moving average price of Apple shares dropped below their 100-day moving average.

When that happened last July, Apple shares fell 25% during the next six months.

Indeed, a look at an Apple chart shows that it's much closer to testing its 52-week low, just below \$90, than climbing back to its 52-week high around \$133.

To be sure, as reported here before, Apple's dividend should make it a core holding for tech income investors.

But unless Apple reports better-than-expected results or issues a better-than-expected forecast later this month, it's hard to find any numbers that would make an investor seeking growth or momentum buy its shares.

More than 500,000 hoverboards recalled

SAN FRANCISCO — If you got a hoverboard more than two months ago, it's a danger and you should return it. That's the message from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, which on Wednesday announced the recall of more than 500,000 hoverboards from ten companies.

"This is a major recall that families and consumers across the country should respond to — immediately. Many of the industry's major players, including Swagway and Razor, are offering refunds, repairs or replacement hoverboards, depending on the model," said Commission chairman Elliot Kaye.

The self-balancing, battery-driven scooters have a disconcerting tendency to burst into flames due to problems with poorly-designed lithium batteries packs overheating. There have been at least 99 incident reports of the battery packs in hoverboards catching fire or exploding, according to the Commission. It has investigated more than 60 hoverboard fires in 20 states, which together resulted in more than \$2 million in property damage.

Check for UL certification

The only safe hoverboards are those certified by UL, previously known as Underwriters Laboratories, a company that sets safety standards for many consumer products. However, few of the hoverboards currently in use meet the standards, which were issued in February, after millions had been sold. The first UL-certified hoverboard, the Ninebot model N3M320, didn't go on sale until May 10 of this year.

Anything without UL certification is unsafe and should be returned or safely disposed of, the Commission says.

"Let me be clear about this — all of the hoverboard models included in this recall were made with fundamental design flaws that put people at real risk. They were made and sold without a safety standard in place," said Kaye.

The list of recalled hoverboards can be found on the Commission's website.

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Sentencing Reform and Corrections Act Introduced with Broad Bipartisan Support

by Derek Gilna

ACCORDING TO ITS BIPARTISAN SPONSORS, the Sentencing Reform and Corrections Act (S. 2123), introduced in the U.S. Senate on October 1, 2015, will have a major impact on the mandatory minimum sentencing regimen that has filled federal prisons with many non-violent offenders. Unlike all of the other legislation currently pending in Congress, this bill contains language that would have clear and unequivocal retroactive application to those already sentenced under certain mandatory minimums.

Specifically, the federal "three strikes" provision for drug offenses would be reduced from life without parole to 25 years, applied retroactively, and the 20-year

mandatory minimum sentence for a second drug offense would be reduced to 15 years, also retroactively. Mandatory minimums for certain firearm-related offenses would be reduced, too.

Notably, the bill would make retroactive the Fair Sentencing Act of 2010, which reduced the disparity between crack and powder cocaine sentences, and expand the safety-valve provision for non-violent drug offenders with non-serious criminal histories. The effect of such statutory language can not be overstated, as it will eliminate many of the procedural hoops that federal prisoners have to jump through in order to obtain judicial relief. Unfortunately, violent

offenders, sex offenders and certain other prisoners are excluded, but for once, career offenders are not. The legislation would further allow some federal prisoners to earn additional good time credit for completing rehabilitative programs, and includes provisions related to juvenile offenders.

The Senate bill will of course have to be approved by the Senate Judiciary Committee, pass the full Senate and then be approved by the House of Representatives before it can be signed by the President, who has signaled his support for the legislation. The House introduced a similar criminal justice reform bill on October 5, 2015.

"We want to make sure our federal laws and regulations effectively and appropriately punish wrongdoers, protect individual freedom, safeguard civil liberties, work as efficiently and fairly as possible, do not impede state efforts, and do not waste taxpayer dollars," said U.S. Rep. Bob Goodlatte.

Unlike other sentencing reform legislation pending in both houses of Congress, the new Senate bill has important co-sponsors. One of the architects of the legislation is Senator Charles Grassley, who chairs the Senate Judiciary Commit-

tee and has long been a "tough on crime" proponent. The bill also has the support of Senators Charles Schumer, Patrick Leahy and Dick Durbin, all Democrats, as well as Republican Senators Lindsey Graham, Paul Rand and John Cornyn. This powerful lineup of co-sponsors from both sides of the aisle bodes well for eventual passage of this important legislation.

Prisoners' rights advocates have been largely supportive of the bill.

"Today is an historic moment. It's more than symbolic. This approach exceeds expectations," stated Christine Leonard, executive director of the Koch Industries-supported Coalition for Public Safety.

Senator Grassley agreed, saying the bill "addresses legitimate over-incarceration concerns while targeting violent criminals and masterminds in the drug trade. It's the product of thoughtful bipartisan deliberation."

Wade Henderson, president of the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, commented that "Thirty years of 'tough on crime' sentencing has created an unjust system that imprisons more people than any other nation in the world, a disproportionate number of whom are black,

Latino, low-income and non-violent."

However, in an October 2, 2015 article, *Mother Jones* senior reporter Shane Bauer noted that the Senate bill is "remarkably unambitious" in addressing the problem of mass incarceration, observing that it only applies to the federal criminal justice system when ten times as many prisoners are housed in state prisons and local jails. Nor would the legislation eliminate mandatory minimum sentences; it would only reduce them, and in fact would create new mandatory minimums for some offenses.

"Overall, the bill focuses on politically safe issues – long sentences for nonviolent drug offenses are now widely unpopular," Bauer wrote. "But it doesn't address the main driver of mass incarceration: sentencing for violent crimes."

The Sentencing Reform and Corrections Act has 26 co-sponsors; it was passed out of the Senate Judiciary Committee on October 22, 2015. ■

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MR. SNOOP DOGG LATEST INCARCERATE: MLK JR.

Distortion. The monitor view has a slight distortion. It's a wider view than you get from a standard rear-view mirror. I found I almost didn't need to use my side mirrors. The edges of the view are distorted. Because of this, I found the rear camera mirror wasn't as good for parking maneuvers, especially at night. I really think you'd want to use the conventional mirror for that and the conventional rearview camera (that displays on the center screen).

Overall, I like the rear camera mirror, but I also think it'll take me awhile before I'm as comfortable with the monitor setup as I am with a mirror. And, in conditions such as rain and fog, the conventional mirror will still likely be the way to go.

Coloring books are a hot fad, e-book sales decline: Nielsen report

Adult coloring book sales exploded, and e-book sales cooled off, according to Nielsen's 2015 U.S. Book Industry Year-End Review released Wednesday.

Print book sales increased 3 percent over 2014, while e-books' share of the market dropped from 27 percent in 2014 to 24 percent last year.

BookScan tracked total print book sales of 653 million units last year, according to Nielsen. While there was a dip in digital sales overall, the romance and thriller categories showed stronger digital sales than print. Those who are reading books digitally also are increasingly turning to their smartphones, with e-book consumption via smartphone growing from 7.6 percent in 2014 to 14.3 percent in 2015.

In other trends, non-fiction grew, with a 12 percent gain in children's books and a 7 percent gain in adult books.

And as for those stress-reducing coloring books for grownups: An estimated 12 million copies sold in 2015, compared with 1 million in 2014.

Caitlyn Jenner to mark Olympic anniversary on SI cover

NEW YORK (AP) — Caitlyn Jenner will mark the 40th anniversary of her gold-medal Olympic win in the decathlon with a cover story in Sports Illustrated.

The magazine, on newsstands on June 8, also will release a film on June 6 on SI.com with Jenner visiting various stops along her Olympic journey, including the University of Oregon campus track, where she qualified for her first Olympics in 1972, and San Jose City College, where she trained for the 1976 games, Sports Illustrated said in a statement Wednesday.

The magazine featuring Jenner on the cover hits newsstands June 8. Jenner, at the time Bruce Jenner, was featured on the SI cover in the Aug. 9, 1976, issue after winning gold. It was another magazine, Vanity Fair, that debuted Jenner as a transgender woman last July.

NBC's 'Red Nose Day Special' raises \$30M for kids' charities

UNIVERSAL CITY, Calif. (AP) — NBC's "Red Nose Day Special" mixed comedy and

musical performances with heartfelt pleas for children in need, raising more than \$30 million.

Funds raised during the live variety show Thursday night will benefit children's charities around the world.

The second annual charity telecast — already a 25-year institution in the U.K. — featured more than 60 celebrities. Most appeared on pre-produced video pieces, but Mila Kunis, Ashton Kutcher, Minnie Driver, Scott Foley, Mayim Bialik, Malin Akerman, Jane Lynch and Jay Pharoah were among the stars manning the phones and appearing live on the air.

"New Girl" star Lamorne Morris took several donor calls during the telecast, but acknowledged afterward that he could hardly hear what callers were saying. One pitched him a movie script, he said.

Craig Ferguson hosted the live show on a soundstage at Universal Studios near Los Angeles. During commercial breaks, he implored the audience to laugh.

"It doesn't matter if it's not funny," he said off-camera. "You're laughing to save lives." The two-hour telecast included pre-taped performances by Elton John and Blake Shelton and videos of experiences Jack Black and Julia Roberts had with homeless and sick children.

Ferguson joked off-camera that the celebrity phone banks looked "like the Scientology center." Kunis, Kutcher and "The Big Bang Theory" star Johnny Galecki were animated as they answered calls and passed the phone handsets to each other.

"I got my first call!" declared a clearly pleased Kunis moments after the program started.

Driver said she spoke with "a lovely drunk person."

"I think they donated more than they intended," she said.

Stars appearing by video on the live special included Anna Kendrick, Margot Robbie, Sarah Silverman, Paul Rudd, Blake Griffin, Chris "Ludacris" Bridges and Tracy Morgan, who offered an updated retelling of "Snow White."

Donations collected for Red Nose Day support domestic and international children's charities such as Save the Children and the Boys & Girls Clubs of America. Viewers were encouraged to participate by buying red clown noses at Walgreens and hosting their own "fun-raisers."

'Biggest Loser' Being Investigated By L.A. Sheriff For On-Set Drug Use

NBC's The Biggest Loser might find itself on the losing end of the law over claims that illegal and prescription drugs were handed out on the long-running weight-loss reality show. "Malibu/Lost Hills Station personnel are conducting an inquiry regarding the unsubstantiated allegations," the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department said today after reports of on-set drug use started to circulate. "There is no further information available at this time," they added Tuesday of what the

LASD called claims of "illegal narcotics use in the past."

'The Biggest Loser' is under fire after former contestants are claiming they were encouraged to use more than exercise and healthy diets to lose weight while on the NBC competition show.

One thing we do know is investigators won't have a lot to look at on the site where Biggest Loser is shot. The set at the huge King Gillette Ranch in Calabasas was dismantled last fall after filming on The Biggest Loser: Temptation Island wrapped. Ending on February 22, the 17th cycle of the series saw former trainer Bob Harper take over as host with Dolvett Quince and Jennifer Widerstrom as the trainers again. The prize was \$250,000. A "Biggest Loser" champion is coming to the defense of the weight-loss competition in the face of serious accusations about diet pills and sabotage. Ali Vincent won season 5 of "The Biggest Loser" and discussed the claims made by Season 2 contestant Suzanne Mendonca who said she was asked to take baking soda, sabotaging her chances of winning. Vincent has fired back saying: "It makes me mad. It makes me feel sad. It is like a big family and it is like a big slap in the face of The Biggest Loser."

NBC did not respond to a request for comment on the Biggest Loser investigation. "The safety and well-being of our contestants is, and has always been,

paramount," TBL producer Endemol Shine North America said in a statement today.

"Contestants are told at the start of the show that there is zero tolerance for any weight-loss drugs. We prohibit the use of any illegal substances, in addition to the many other rules and procedures of the show that are designed to ensure safety."

Snoop Dogg rails against 'Roots'

Rapper and actor Snoop Dogg is calling for a boycott of the new Roots miniseries in an expletive-filled social media post.

In the video on Instagram and Twitter, Snoop Dogg rails about the remake of Roots, which premieres Monday as a four-night series on History, A&E and Lifetime channels.

The remake is based on ABC's landmark 1977 miniseries of the same name, taken from author Alex Haley's 1976 novel, which explored the horrors of American slavery.

He takes exception to the portrayal of slavery in Roots and the movie 12 Years A Slave, which won the best picture Oscar in 2014 and a best supporting actress award for Lupita Nyong'o.

"I don't understand America. They just want to keep showing the abuse that we took hundreds and hundreds of years ago. But guess what? We're taking the same abuse," he says. "Think about that part. When you all going to make a (expletive) series about the success that black folks is having. The only success we have is Roots and 12 Years A Slave?"

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GM reports sales gains in China as SUVs gain favor

Despite all the talk of a slowing economy in China, General Motors is doing just fine there when it comes to vehicle sales.

General Motors and its joint venture partners sold 277,979 vehicles in April in China, a 7.5% increase from the year-earlier month.

The performance was led by continuing strong demand for SUVs and a 56% rise in sales for Buick, GM's largest brand in China. Buick sold 98,992 vehicles last month, led by strong demand for the Excelle GT sedan and Envision SUV. The new LaCrosse hybrid electric vehicle will soon be joining the recently introduced gasoline LaCrosse midsize sedan in the lineup.

"GM continues to grow in segments that are on top of customers' purchase lists," said Matt Tsien, president of GM China. "We have more new vehicles on the way in the SUV, MPV and luxury segments." Highlights included:

- Cadillac.** Sales rose 13% to 7,007 units, including the new CT6 sedan that went on sale in January and the new XT5 crossover that debuted in April.

- Chevrolet.** Sales fell 29% from April 2015 to 35,431. Chevrolet is launching several new models later this year, including the Malibu XL.

- Baojun.** Sales of the Baojun brand were up 56% to 37,915, led by the Baojun 730 MPV and Baojun 560 SUV. A new Baojun 310 hatchback was recently revealed at the Beijing auto show and will go on sale this summer.

- Wuling.** Sales dropped 14% to 98,580 units, reflecting continued contraction of the mini-commercial vehicle market.

Through the first four months of 2016, GM and its Chinese partners sold 1,241,631 vehicles, an increase of 1.7% from the same period last year.

GM killing off its trusty Buick Verano compact car

General Motors has made it official: It is ending production of the Buick's compact sedan.

The well-regarded Verano compact will become the latest car model to disappear as consumers increasingly demand boxy SUVs and crossovers instead of conventional cars. Fiat Chrysler is phasing out the Chrysler 200 and Dodge Dart.

"Buick is announcing that the Verano, manufactured in Orion, Mich., will be phased out in North America following a short 2017 model year run ending in October, 2016," the GM statement says. "The announcement underscores the changing consumer market dynamics where there is a growing demand for SUVs in North America."

Verano's demise was rumored earlier this month and Buick dismissed the talk at the time as "speculation."

Verano was introduced in 2011 at a time when when gas prices were higher.

A Buick spokeswoman, Jennifer Korail, added that no job losses are expected at the

plant. GM is investing \$245 million at the Orion plant. It said earlier this year that production of its new electric car, the Chevrolet Bolt, is expected there.

Off-road review: 2016 Ram Rebel loves the dirt

MALIBU, Calif. — As soon as you see it tear through the dirt, you know there's a lot to love about the Ram 1500 Rebel.

For this off-road-oriented pickup, the attraction takes three chief forms: functionality and beauty and the intersection of the two.

In the rugged hills above this seaside city known as a movie industry playground, we took a Ram up and down steep roads with plenty of loose dirt and ample opportunities to slip into trouble. Whether it was twisting around the sharpest of corners or kicking up a roostertail of dust (at the able hands of an experienced Ram driver, not us), the Rebel could handle it.

The key to its off-road prowess is 33-inch Toyo tires and Bilstein shocks, both of which come standard. The big tires give the truck its tremendous 11.1 inches of ground clearance and rock-climbing ability, and the shocks handle the worst, repeated jolts without fatigue.

Also in the functionality category is an impressive amount of storage in unexpected places. There's spaces underneath the second-row seats and the optional storage boxes built into the sides of the truck bed, called RamBoxes, and a cool divider for the bed that doubles as a rear gate extender. They are so handy that they are worth the extra \$1,295. When it comes to looks, this truck is loaded with attitude. It starts with the blacked-out grille and the blacked-out space behind the halogen projector headlights and fake hood scoops. Our favorite touch: The seats are imprinted with a design that mirrors the tire tread on those big 33s.

A pair of hulking black tow hooks cry out that this no normal street truck.

So Rebel appears aimed at both hardcore off-roaders or those who just venture into the dirt occasionally and love its rugged look. Sure enough, there's a two-wheel-drive version for them, but all Rebels come in the big crew cab. Rebel competes against Toyota Tundra TRD Pro and Nissan's Titan XD Pro-4X, which also have off-road capability. There's also a new version of Ford's awesome Raptor pickup on the way.

The Rebel — a version of the regular Ram full-size pickup — can be a power monster. It packs a 3.6-liter Pentastar V-6 or 5.7-liter Hemi V-8. In the dirt, we weren't hurting for power or torque with the V-8. It helped that it was paired with Ram's rotary automatic-transmission dial on the dash, allowing us to easily click between gears. On a narrow dirt trail with sharp turns, we had to do some backing up along the way.

The Ram Rebel is priced at \$43,270, plus \$1,195 in delivery charges, for the two-wheel-drive with a standard V-8, or

\$45,200 for the four-wheel-drive version with a standard V-6. The Hemi is a \$1,150 option. All in all, the Rebel lives up to its name — a beast of a truck meant to defiantly take on steep hills.

What stands out

Trail capability: At home in the dirt

Looks: Blacked-out badness

Size: Big 33-inch tires make this a tall truck

2016 Ram 1500 Rebel

What? A full-size, off-road capability crew-cab pickup

When? Went on sale last year

Where? Made in Warren, Mich.

How much: \$43,270 to start, plus \$1,195 in delivery charges

What makes it go? A 3.6-liter Pentastar V-6 or 5.7-liter Hemi V-8 in the four-wheel-drive version

How big? 19 feet

How thirsty? 15 miles per gallon in the city, 21 mpg highway and 17 mpg combined on the V-8 in the four-wheel drive version.

Overall: For those who spend a lot of time off-roading, this could be their truck

Cadillac's cool camera mirror will catch your eye

Instead of a conventional rear-view camera, Cadillac has come up with one that offers either the standard reflection or the view from a camera on its 2016 Cadillac CT6 sedan and 2017 Cadillac XT5 SUV.

If the driver chooses it, the rear-camera view can be on full time as you drive, projected on the rearview mirror. It's convenient for when visibility is compromised by a backseat full of passengers.

It also worked well at night in dry conditions. During the drier portion of my night test. The camera doesn't really get "blinded" by other car's headlights, and I was able to pick up a surprising amount of detail in the monitor.

But there are some drawbacks.

Water on lense. Backup cameras can have trouble seeing when water is on the lens. The rear-camera mirror struggles when it's raining. While Cadillac covers the camera's lens with a hydrophobic coating that sheds water, at some point, if it's wet enough and humid enough, any lens will collect enough water to be hard to see through. During my foggy, rainy test drive, I could see things more clearly through the conventional mirror than the camera. Interestingly, on the 2017 Cadillac XT5 there's a washing system to help clear the lens.

Angle. The camera is mounted right above the license plate, which displays a lower view than what's projected in a traditional rear-view mirror. So when you look at the camera mirror, you see the headlights and grille of the vehicle behind you. The different angle is most noticeable in stop-and-go traffic.

Glare. Other editors took the car out when the sun was low in the sky and noticed glare bouncing off of the monitor, making it hard to see the display. (Think of using a tablet computer in bright sunshine, only the tablet's surface is a mirror, so the glare is more pronounced.)

Snoop Dogg says he won't watch *Roots* and calls upon other African-Americans to follow suit.

"Let's create our own (expletive) based on today. How we live and how we inspire people today. Black is what's real," he says. USA TODAY has reached out to the History Channel for comment.

Earlier, *Roots* co-executive producer LeVar Burton, who played the central character in the 1977 miniseries, enslaved protagonist Kunta Kinte, told USA TODAY that the remake was needed as part of a national discussion.

"We are clearly engaged in the conversation in America and it's one where everybody needs to be involved," Burton says. "If you are living in America right now, then the story of slavery is relevant to you, because it's shaped the country and the culture in which you live, whether you want to admit that or not."

Dr. Heimlich, 96, uses his maneuver to save choking woman

CINCINNATI (AP) — The 96-year-old retired chest surgeon credited with developing the namesake Heimlich maneuver has used it to save a woman choking on food at his senior living center.

Dr. Henry Heimlich was in the dining room at the Deupree House in Cincinnati, where he lives, when an 87-year-old woman sitting next to him began choking Monday night. The dining room maitre d', Perry Gaines, told The Cincinnati Enquirer that Heimlich dislodged a piece of hamburger from the woman's airway and she quickly recovered. Heimlich said he was having dinner when he looked over at the woman sitting next to him and could see that her face was growing pink and she was obviously choking. He said he got up behind her and began the technique. "As soon as I did the Heimlich maneuver, a piece of meat with a bone in it immediately popped out," he said.

Choking victim Patty Ris said Friday that she couldn't breathe and Heimlich rushed over to stand her up and dislodge the food.

"I definitely would have died right then and there," said Ris, who said she felt fine Friday and had no after-effects. "There was no doubt about it."

Ris said that after she regained her breath Heimlich explained to her what he had done. She told him afterward: "God put me in this seat next to you."

Heimlich said in interviews Friday that it was the first time he'd used his maneuver, and his son Phil Heimlich said he believed that was accurate. But the doctor said in at least one previous account, a 2003 interview he did with BBC News Online, that he had applied his emergency technique three years earlier. The Heimlich maneuver involves abdominal thrusts applied to a choking person in an effort to lift the diaphragm and force air from the lungs to dislodge any object.

Heimlich has said he developed the maneuver after reading accounts of people choking in restaurants, with many of them dying.

Through the years, he appeared on radio and television shows including "Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson" to discuss and demonstrate the technique.

Heimlich's views on how and when the maneuver should be used have put him at odds with some people in the health field.

'X-Men: Apocalypse' rules, 'Alice' struggles at holiday box office

X-Men: Apocalypse opened with \$80 million for the long Memorial Day weekend, destroying competition that included *Alice Through the Looking Glass*, which disappointed with \$34.2 million over four days.

The Bryan Singer-directed *X-Men* filled the multiplexes with a cast of mutants that included newcomers Sophie Turner and Tye Sheridan, along with franchise marquee names such as Jennifer Lawrence and Michael Fassbender.

But the ninth film in the *X-Men* franchise underperformed against expectations and its own standards, coming in far below Singer's 2014 Memorial Day outing *X-Men: Days of Future Past*, which made \$110.6 million over the same span, according to [comScore](#).

Apocalypse was hurt by harsh reviews, scoring a paltry 48% positive critical rating on the review aggregation website [RottenTomatoes.com](#), while audiences graded it an A- at [CinemaScore](#).

"There's no reason to complain about an \$80 million four-day weekend," says Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for comScore. "But certainly other films in the franchise have had better reviews and seen better box office."

Alice Through the Looking Glass had its own issues, even as it brought back much of the same cast from Tim Burton's quirky 2010 film version of *Alice in Wonderland*, which starred Johnny Depp as the Mad Hatter, Mia Wasikowska as Alice and Anne Hathaway as the White Queen and opened with \$116 million.

Looking Glass, directed by James Bobin, was stung by critics, with just 30% liking it on Rotten Tomatoes; audiences were kinder, grading it an A- on CinemaScore.

"They should have called the *Alice* sequel *Alice in Blunderland*, at least as far as the box office is concerned," says Jeff Bock, box office analyst for Exhibitor Relations. He added that the movie's performance was also affected by a "tumultuous" week surrounding Depp.

The actor's estranged wife Amber Heard filed for divorce Monday after 15 months of marriage, and a [judge has granted a domestic violence restraining order against Depp](#) until a June 17 hearing. [In a statement to People](#), Depp's rep called the accusations "salacious false stories, gossip, misinformation and lies about his personal life."

The Angry Birds Movie flew into third place with \$24.6 million for the holiday weekend. The PG-animated film based on the popular

game app has earned \$72.3 million in two weeks.

Captain America: Civil War landed in fourth with \$19.7 million over four days. In its fourth weekend, the Marvel superhero adventure passed *Deadpool* (\$362.8 million) to become the year's biggest film to date domestically with \$377.2 million.

Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising rounded out the top five, taking \$11.5 million over the long holiday. The R-rated comedy starring Zac Efron and Seth Rogen has earned \$40.7 million after two weekends in theaters.

Jordan Spieth gets first win in Texas by closing with 65 to win Colonial

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Jordan Spieth has a win at home in the Lone Star State.

Spieth won at Colonial after birdieing the last three holes Sunday for a 5-under 65, including a chip-in from behind the 17th green following a fortunate bounce off a marshal. He punctuated his first PGA Tour victory in Texas with a closing 34-foot putt when needing only a bogey to win.

It was the eighth career win for Spieth, the world's No. 2-ranked player, and came in only his third tournament since blowing a five-stroke lead on the back nine last month when trying to win the Masters for the second year in a row. He will try to defend his U.S. Open title in three weeks at Oakmont.

At 17-under 263, Spieth finished three strokes ahead of Harris English (66) at the Dean & DeLuca Invitational. Colonial member Ryan Palmer and Webb Simpson tied for third, both shooting 68 while in the final group with Spieth to finish at 13 under. Spieth started the back nine with three consecutive birdies before his only bogey, which could have been much worse after going into a bunker well left of the par-3 13th and then blasting a shot over the green. Then at 14, after hitting his drive into a fairway bunker and shouting after his shot short of the green, he saved par with a 14-footer that rolled just to the right edge before falling into the cup.

After a 20-foot birdie at the par-3 16th, Spieth hit a wayward tee shot at the 17th. The ball ricocheted off the lower leg of a marshal and into the first cut of rough instead of much heavier stuff. Spieth signed a glove "Thanks" to the marshal, but his approach from 173 yards sailed over the green before he chipped in after relief from a temporary structure.

Nearly two months before his 23rd birthday, Spieth broke a tie with Tiger Woods for wins at age 22 or younger. The only player with more that young was Horton Smith with 14 from 1928-30.

With the first-prize check of \$1.2 million, Spieth has earned more than \$24 million on the PGA Tour.

Colonial was Spieth's third consecutive tournament since his month-long break after the Masters seven weeks ago. He missed the cut at The Players Championship before tying for 18th last week at the Byron Nelson, when he went into the final round alone in second

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place at the tournament where six years ago as a 16-year-old amateur he finished tied for 16th in his first PGA Tour start.

Spieth started Sunday with nine consecutive pars, including a 32-footer at the par-3 No. 8 after hitting his first shot into heavy rough. His first curling 20-foot birdie at the 10th started his back nine before a pair of short birdies.

Spieth hit a wayward tee shot at the 192-yard 13th, almost immediately pointing his 7-iron to the left and shouting "Fore!" He then yanked his ball out of the bunker over the green before a chip to inside 3 feet for a bogey.

When the final group was introduced before teeing off at No. 1, in the shadow of the Wall of Champions, the applause and cheers for Palmer were as loud as those for Spieth.

Palmer opened with consecutive birdies to go a stroke ahead of Spieth for the lead. He got to 14-under after a 12-foot birdie at No. 7, which he followed by reaching back for a hand slap with caddie James Edmondson, the four-time Colonial club champion.

But Palmer had two bogeys and not another birdie until the last hole, after Spieth had already made his final putt.

Martin Truex Jr. wins Coca-Cola 600 in record-setting fashion

CONCORD, N.C. — A look at all the results and action from Sunday night's Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte Motor Speedway:

WINNER: Martin Truex Jr. finally outran his bad luck, finishing off an absolutely dominating performance to score his first victory of the season. Truex entered the Coke 600 ranked fourth in laps led this season, but had only one top-five finish to show for it due to repeated misfortune. This time, Truex was able to lead almost the entire race and drove to victory lane for the first time since last June at Pocono Raceway. The win is the fourth of Truex's career and puts him into the Chase for the Sprint Cup.

"It's just kind of sinking in now that we won the 600," Truex said in victory lane. "It's a big day. We've got the troops on the cars. It's a special weekend. Just a lot of emotion right now. It's a weekend you dream about.

"I had confidence; I had faith. We have a lot of great people behind us. Sherry and I, we know how to fight."

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Truex's girlfriend Sherry Pollex was diagnosed with Stage 3 ovarian cancer nearly two years ago, but she was by Truex's side in victory lane for the emotional celebration.

"It's amazing," Pollex said, while wiping away tears. "He had to lose all those races to win a big one. We've been through so much. This is just icing on the cake."

NEW RECORD: Truex broke Jim Paschal's record for the most laps led in the 600 (335). The previous record was set in 1967. Truex

led 392 of 400 laps — or 588 miles — in one of the most dominating performances in the history of NASCAR.

IN THE WALL: Jeffrey Earnhardt broke up a lengthy green-flag sequence by hitting the wall between Turns 3 and 4, causing the third caution of the race just past the halfway point of the event.

LOST CONTROL: Brian Scott went for a spin on lap 114, losing control out of Turn 2 during a long green-flag run. He didn't hit anything, however, and was able to continue in the race after causing the second caution of the evening.

COMPETITION CAUTION: NASCAR called for a yellow flag on lap 25 to allow teams to check tire wear after a rainy morning washed rubber off the track.

DROPPING TO THE REAR: Tony Stewart was supposed to start 21st but had to fall to the back of the field prior to the green flag for unapproved body modifications. Stewart didn't have a good night after that, either. At one point, he told his team he felt like a "C-grade driver" and noted the pit crew was getting beaten by "C-grade teams."

Indy 500: Rookie Alexander Rossi wins 100th running

INDIANAPOLIS — Running on fumes on the final laps of the race, rookie Alexander Rossi ran out of fuel coming out of Turn 4 — and still managed to win the 100th running of the Indianapolis 500 on Sunday.

Rossi, a 24-year-old native of California, coasted to the line ahead of Carlos Munoz, Josef Newgarden and Tony Kanaan as late-race fuel strategy led to a wild and tense finish.

A year ago, he was watching this race from Monaco.

It was perhaps one of the more unlikely Indy 500 victories, as Rossi has almost no experience in racing on oval tracks after spending several years pursuing a career in Formula One. Rossi couldn't quite believe it himself.

"I have no idea how we pulled that off," he said, in a television interview immediately after the race.

Rossi thanked his Andretti Autosport team, which gave him a ride in IndyCar this year.

"At one point, we were 33rd," Rossi said.

"And we rolled the dice and we came through and made it happen. And this is just phenomenal. I had no idea I'd be in IndyCar, I had no idea I'd be in the Indy 500 and now I'm here, we've won and I'm at a loss for words. It will change my life for sure."

Move of the race: Teams got nervous that they didn't have enough fuel to finish the race in the closing laps, so several top contenders made stops for a quick splash of fuel in the last 10 laps. But Rossi stayed out, and the gamble paid off — just barely.

Juan gone: Defending race winner Juan Pablo Montoya crashed on lap 64 when his car's back end broke loose in Turn 2, sending him into the outside wall. Montoya was uninjured but his car was too damaged to

continue. That ended his bid for a third Indy 500 win, after winning last year and in 2000. **Helio hit:** Helio Castroneves was among the main contenders going into the final quarter of the race, but he sustained damage to the left rear bodywork of his car and had to make an extra pit stop to replace the rear wing assembly.

Pit problem: Two top contenders collided in the pits during a caution flag shortly after the race's halfway point. Ryan Hunter-Reay and Townsend Bell were pulling out of their pit stalls at the same time when Bell bumped into Helio Castroneves, who was in the outside lane, then pinballed into Hunter-Reay. Both cars stalled on pit lane, and fell outside the top 20 once they restarted. It wasn't the only issue on pit lane during Sunday's race. Will Power was penalized after making contact with Tony Kanaan's car during an early stop.

Sage setback: Sage Karam started 23rd and had worked his way into the top 10 when he drifted high in Turn 1 and hit the wall on lap 94. It was a tough break for Karam, who is trying to work his way back into a full-time ride in IndyCar. A crew had to make brief repairs to the impact-absorbing SAFER barrier in the area that Karam hit.

LADY GAGA: The six-time Grammy Award winner replaced Keith Urban — who skipped his appearance because of a back issue — to fill-in during a two-seater ride with Mario Andretti. The 1969 Indy 500 winner helped pace the field for a few laps, along with Roger Penske, who was driving the pace car in his 50th year as a motor sports team owner.

UFC Fight Night 88 results: Cody Garbrandt lays waste to Thomas Almeida for first-round KO

LAS VEGAS — In a fight between fast-rising bantamweights, [Cody Garbrandt](#) extended his unbeaten streak and handed [Thomas Almeida](#) his first career loss, stopping the Brazilian with authority in the first round.

Garbrandt's (9-0 MMA, 4-0 UFC) early aggression paid off when he backed Almeida (20-1 MMA, 4-1 UFC) against the fence and snuck in a right hook that caught his chin, sending him to the canvas at the 2:53 mark of the opening frame.

The bantamweight bout headlined today's UFC Fight Night 88 event at Mandalay Bay Events Center in Las Vegas. It aired on FOX Sports 1 following prelims on the same channel and UFC Fight Pass.

The matchup was a rare treat in UFC matchmaking terms, pitting two undefeated up-and-comers against each other on the way up the promotion's bantamweight ladder. Prior to the fight, tension between the fighters surfaced in the form of a confrontation between Garbrandt and Almeida's corner, with the two being pulled apart in the lobby of the event's host.

Garbrandt appeared to be more hyped up than usual for the bout, which often doesn't bode well for a fighter when the action goes into deep waters.

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darkness to help with the rescue. "You just don't know what Mother Nature is capable of. There's only so much cave, and there's way more water."

The group that spent more than six hours inside the cave included Clemson University students, four tour guides and two police officers who got trapped when they tried to rescue the group, Kentucky State Police Trooper B.J. Eaton said.

There was no communication between the stranded cavers and the more than 150 emergency personnel at the scene.

Authorities didn't know exactly where the missing cavers were underground, and the only light the group had came from headlamps they wore.

Heavy rains began pouring down hours after the group ventured inside, Foster said. The storm hit earlier and harder than expected, and Foster grew so worried that he decided to call authorities and trek inside to get them.

The cavers were a group of college students from Clemson University in South Carolina on a field trip to explore the water system in the cave. Russell led four of them on what was supposed to be a five-hour trip beginning at 10 a.m., and another guide had a dozen.

Until Russell noticed the water, they were unaware of the rising waters threatening to block the cave's entrance, which is the lowest point and first to flood.

Hidden River Cave begins at a sinkhole, 150-foot deep, in the center of downtown Horse Cave. It has two subterranean rivers that flow more than 100 feet below ground.

As Russell tried to lead his group out, the mist grew so thick it kept fogging up one student's glasses. He could barely see and kept stumbling.

"Just imagine going hiking in the mountains at night during a rainstorm and a mudslide," Russell said. "That's what this feels like. The water was so loud, it was like a jetliner; it was roaring."

Russell and his group were surprised to find the rescuers at the cave's mouth. But the other guide's group was still unaccounted for.

Foster and Police Chief Sean Henry began working their way deeper into the cave. The water was waist high in places and rising.

There's only one way out, and they knew they'd have to come back out the way they came in. At one point, Henry said he saw the water closing in behind him and wondered if he'd ever leave. He held his flashlight in one hand and radio in the other, though his radio stopped picking up a signal shortly after they entered.

They could hear nothing over the roar of the water. Foster started to doubt he'd come down the right passage. He said anxiety built like a rock in his stomach. Then they heard it: "We're here. We're OK!" The students had shouted after seeing their flashlights.

The way out was the most precarious, when they had to wade and swim through high water, Foster said. But they all made it through. They emerged about 4:30 p.m.

Everyone lost was accounted for and uninjured.

"When they came out of the cave, they were neck-deep in water," Hart County Emergency Management Director Kerry McDaniel said.

"I've never been more happy to see the sunlight," Foster said. "It's such a good feeling when you get around the corner and you see the light, and you know you're going to make it out. What a relief."

Over the top: Trump sews up delegates to seal GOP nomination

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Triumphantly armed with a majority of his party's delegates, Republican Donald Trump unleashed a broadside attack Thursday on Hillary Clinton's prescriptions for energy, guns, the economy and international affairs, shifting abruptly toward the general election with his likely Democratic opponent locked in a divisive primary contest.

The New York billionaire shrugged off signs of discord in his party hours after sewing up the number of delegates needed to clinch the GOP nomination, a feat that completed an unlikely rise that has upended the political landscape and set the stage for a bitter fall campaign.

"Here I am watching Hillary fight, and she can't close the deal," Trump crowed during an appearance in North Dakota. "We've had tremendous support from almost everybody." Trump's good news was tempered by ongoing internal problems. Those include the sudden departure of his political director and continuing resistance by many Republican leaders, including House Speaker Paul Ryan and New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez, to declaring their support for his outsider candidacy.

At the same time, Clinton faced fresh questions about her use of a private email server while secretary of state, even as she fought to pivot toward Trump, who she warned would take the country "backward on every issue and value we care about."

The State Department's inspector general released a report a day earlier concluding that Clinton did not seek legal approval for her private email server, guaranteeing the issue will continue nagging her campaign for a second summer. She insisted Thursday that she had done nothing wrong.

"It was allowed. And the rules have been clarified since I left about the practice. Having said that, I have said many times, it was a mistake. And, if I could go back, I would do it differently," Clinton said, according to an interview transcript provided by ABC News.

Campaigning before union workers in Las Vegas, she decried Trump's anti-union comments and his proposal to deport millions of immigrants who are in the U.S. illegally. She said he is an "unqualified loose cannon" who should never be president.

Complicating her election challenge, Clinton's Democratic rival Bernie Sanders embraced the possibility of a one-on-one debate with Trump. The Republican said he'd

"love to debate Bernie," but would want the debate to raise at least \$10 million for charity.

"The problem with debating Bernie," Trump noted, "he's going to lose."

Sanders, appearing on ABC's "Jimmy Kimmel Live," kept alive the notion of a debate, saying that he and Trump have "very different" views of the world. Sanders said "the goal would be to have it in some big stadium here in California."

Just 75 delegates short of her own delegate majority, Clinton remains on a path to clinch the Democratic presidential nomination, according to an Associated Press count. But Trump got there first.

The New York businessman sealed the majority by claiming a small number of the party's unbound delegates who told the AP they would support him at the national convention in July. Among them was Oklahoma GOP chairwoman Pam Pollard.

"I think he has touched a part of our electorate that doesn't like where our country is," Pollard said. "I have no problem supporting Mr. Trump."

It takes 1,237 delegates to win the Republican nomination. Trump has reached 1,239 and will easily pad his total in primary elections on June 7.

Many on the right have been slow to warm to Trump, wary of his conservative bona fides. Others worry about his crass personality and the lewd comments he's made about women. Trump said during a press conference Thursday that he would "absolutely" end his habit of attacking fellow Republicans now that the nomination is effectively his. But that truce appeared to be short-lived.

Speaking later at a rally in Billings, Montana, Trump said 2012 GOP nominee Mitt Romney, who has refused to endorse him, had "failed so badly." His campaign also released a celebratory Instagram video that features a montage of former rivals, including Jeb Bush and Ted Cruz, saying he would never be the party's nominee.

Still, millions of grass-roots activists, many of them outsiders to the political process, have embraced Trump as a plain-speaking populist.

Steve House, chairman of the Colorado Republican Party and an unbound delegate who confirmed his support of Trump to the AP, said he likes the billionaire's background as a businessman.

"Leadership is leadership," House said. "If he can surround himself with the political talent, I think he will be fine."

Still, Trump's pivotal moment comes amid a new sign of internal problems.

Hours before clinching the nomination, he announced the departure of political director Rick Wiley, who was leading the campaign's push to hire staff in key battleground states. In a statement, Trump's campaign said Wiley had been hired only until the candidate's organization "was running full steam."

His hiring about six weeks ago was seen as a sign that party veterans were embracing

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Trump's campaign. The White House contender ignored questions about internal problems on Thursday and instead took aim at Clinton.

He told a Bismarck audience that Clinton has "declared war on the American worker," that she's "going to abolish your right to own guns," and that she created a foreign policy legacy "of total chaos."

He said, "The choice in November is a choice between a Clinton agenda that puts donors first or an agenda that puts America first: my agenda."

Trump also entered a new phase on the fundraising front. Having bashed donors for much of the past year, he hosted his first major campaign fundraiser the night before: a \$25,000-per-ticket dinner in Los Angeles.

At the Billings rally, Trump offered new specifics on his general election strategy.

"What I'm going to do is I want to focus on 15-or-so states," he said, that could go "either way."

Among those he mentioned: the Democratic bastions of California and New York, which he insists he can put into play.

2 climbers die on way down Everest

Two climbers who reached the summit of Mount Everest died on the way down from apparent altitude sickness, according to reports.

Eric Arnold, whose Twitter account said he was from Rotterdam, reached the summit on his fifth attempt. He was in a group of more than 40 climbers who reached the 29,035-foot summit on Friday, according to Reuters. Employees of the Seven Summit Treks agency in Kathmandu told reporters that Arnold died at Camp IV and had been suffering from weakness and frost bite.

Hours later, another member of the expedition team, Australian climber Maria Strydom, died after showing signs of altitude sickness, the Associated Press reported. Their deaths were the first confirmed this year on Everest. It was still undecided when and if their bodies would be brought down from the high altitude and it would depend on the team and family members.

Arnold's personal website was taken down and replaced with an "In Memoriam" picture of the climber.

The last tweet on his account was Friday and included a picture of him in full gear and an oxygen mask and, translated from Dutch, read "Mountaineer Eric Arnold reached top Mount Everest at fifth attempt."

Strydom, a finance lecturer at Monash University's business school in Melbourne, was attempting to climb the seven summits of the world with her husband, according to the AP. She had already climbed Denali in Alaska, Aconcagua in Argentina, Mount Ararat in Turkey and Kilimanjaro in Kenya. Two of Arnold's previous attempts to climb Mount Everest, in 2014 and 2015, were cut short by deadly earthquakes, according to *The Himalayan Times*.

Arnold had told a local Dutch television station last year that climbing Mount Everest

was a childhood dream, the Associated Press reported.

"I used to have a poster of Mount Everest above my bed," he said.

Threat from Russian and Chinese warplanes mounts

WASHINGTON — Chinese and Russian warplanes have been increasingly aggressive intercepting U.S. military aircraft and patrolling near America's West Coast, prompting the Air Force's top combat officer to label their provocations one of his top worries.

Air Force Gen. Herbert "Hawk" Carlisle, who leads Air Combat Command, said in an interview with USA TODAY that meeting the challenge from the Russian and Chinese to flights in international airspace is essential but dangerous.

"Our concern is a resurgent Russia and a very, very aggressive China," Carlisle said. Both countries are intent on expanding their spheres of influence — Russia in eastern Europe and the Pacific with China focusing much of its effort over the disputed South China Sea.

"Their intent is to get us not to be there," Carlisle said. "So that the influence in those international spaces is controlled only by them. My belief is that we cannot allow that to happen. We have to continue to operate legally in international airspace and international waterways. We have to continue to call them out when they are being aggressive and unsafe."

The stakes are high. Aggressive intercepts of U.S. patrol planes run the risk of mid-air collisions that would escalate tensions among nuclear powers.

"Any accident that occurs while the U.S. military is playing cat and mouse with Russian or Chinese forces could escalate into a real fight," said Loren Thompson, a defense industry consultant and military analyst at the Lexington Institute. "If it does, American victory is not assured, because U.S. forces are operating thousands of miles from home and the other side is near its main bases. Small confrontations can turn into big wars, and Russian military doctrine embraces the use of nuclear weapons to win local conflicts."

An increasing number have occurred in recent months, Carlisle said, with fighters from Russia and China buzzing perilously close to American military aircraft.

The Pentagon has denounced the hazardous intercepts for more than a year, although condemnation hasn't halted the practice. On May 17, two Chinese fighter jets flew dangerously close to a U.S. Navy patrol plane over the South China Sea. China has been on a campaign to assert its sovereignty over the busy waterways, building artificial islands on reefs in the sea and establishing military bases. In late April, a Russian fighter pilot performed a "barrel roll" over the top of an Air Force RC-135 reconnaissance plane, Carlisle said, above the Black Sea.

There has also been an uptick in long-range bomber activity from the Russians in Eastern

Europe and extending to flights off the U.S. West Coast, Carlisle said.

"We have seen an increase," Carlisle said.

"All the way down to the California coast. The number and frequency has increased." For China, the goal appears to be establishing control of the international airspace over the South China Sea. There are conflicting territorial claims among countries in the region with China upping the ante by establishing a military bases on artificial islands around the Paracel and Spratley Islands chains.

Carlisle expects that the Chinese will institute an Air Defense Identification Zone over a large portion of the South China Sea. Zones like these extend beyond a country's borders in its national security interests. Aircraft entering such a zone are required them to identify and locate themselves. The United States has established them after consulting with neighboring countries.

The Chinese unilaterally set up an identification zone in the East China Sea in 2013. Carlisle expects a similar action soon in the South China Sea.

"Their expansion into the Paracels and the Spratleys is so they can declare it and then have the capability to enforce it, where they can do intercepts," Carlisle said. "They are doing it outside of what could be consider the norms."

Maintaining communication with the Russian and Chinese military is key to avoiding mishaps, Carlisle said. Training pilots to deal with intercepts will continue.

"As they become more aggressive, you run the risk of miscalculation," he said. "You don't know where that's going to lead, or end."

Russia crackdown on anti-Putin media worsens

MOSCOW — President Vladimir Putin's government is tightening the noose on free speech more and more in Russia by intimidating and forcing out independent journalists critical of the Kremlin, the journalists and media watchdogs allege. "I've never imagined myself writing for foreign Russian-language media. I thought that was something out of the Cold War," said journalist Oleg Kashin, a Putin critic who was beaten outside his Moscow home in a 2010 attack that remains unsolved. He was fired from his Russian newspaper job in 2012 and has yet to find permanent work in Russian media.

"I've found a lot of colleagues in the same situation... and I don't feel as lonely as three and a half years ago," Kashin said.

In the latest apparent crackdown, three top editors of RBC, one of Russia's major news companies, were fired after a report on assets Putin allegedly held.

Their ouster came just days after police launched a criminal case against RBC's management over alleged embezzlement. Last month, Russian authorities raided offices of ONEXIM Group, a holding company that controls RBC and is owned by Russian

Justice Clarence Thomas breaks 10-year streak, asks question in court
For the first time in a decade, Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas spoke during oral arguments.

Just last week, CNN wrote about the 10 years since Thomas' last question at oral arguments. That anniversary, February 22, came on the same day the Supreme Court first heard oral arguments after the death of Justice Antonin Scalia, who was Thomas' ideological soul mate and who had defended his lack of questions over the years.

"No one was more ideologically aligned with Justice Scalia than Justice Thomas, who has historically been reluctant to ask questions at oral argument because he believes his colleagues already do more than enough talking," said CNN contributor Stephen I. Vladeck. "That he's now asking questions -- for the first time in over a decade -- is as powerful evidence of the impact of Justice Scalia's absence as anything we've seen from the justices thus far," he said.

The comments from Thomas were directed at a government attorney Ilana H. Eisenstein in a case called *Voisine v. United States*. The case concerns whether a prior domestic assault conviction based on reckless conduct qualifies as a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence that would block the plaintiffs from possessing a firearm.

"Everyone leaned in disbelieving," said Slate's Dahlia Lithwick, who was in the courtroom. "The colloquy went back and forth several times with Thomas pressing the assistant solicitor general," Lithwick said.

"This is a misdemeanor violation," Thomas said at one point to Eisenstein. "It suspends a constitutional right. Can you give me another area where a misdemeanor violation suspends a constitutional right?" he asked.

Thomas has offered a variety of reasons for his silence from the bench.

"We have a lifetime to go back in chambers and to argue with each other," Thomas said in 2013, according to The Associated Press. He noted that the lawyers only have about 30 minutes to present their side of the case.

"They should argue. That's a part of the process," Thomas said and added that he doesn't like to "badger people."

Although Scalia and Thomas disagreed on some cases, they agreed on many and were close friends. Thomas was a lector at Scalia's funeral and released a statement after his death saying, "It is hard to imagine the court without my friend. I will miss him beyond all measure."

Thomas spoke at Scalia's funeral on February 20.

The two men had radically different styles from the bench, however. Scalia often peppered advocates with questions while Thomas silently listened.

Scalia defended his colleague's silence, and asked enough questions for the both of them. In 2012, he told CNN's Piers Morgan that when he was a young lawyer he appeared

before the justices as an advocate and was only asked two questions.

"It was not at all unusual for justices not to ask questions," Scalia said.

"Thurgood Marshall rarely asked a question. Bill Brennan rarely asked questions," he said, referring to retired iconic justices.

"Leave Clarence alone!" Scalia joked.

Carrie Severino, a former clerk for Thomas, said she was surprised Thomas decided to break his silence, because of his long-held belief that the number of questions during oral argument had become excessive.

"It is possible that Thomas was asking a question that he thought Scalia might have brought up," said Severino, "or, maybe he thought of a question that no one else was asking," she said.

Romney implores: Bring down Trump

(CNN) Mitt Romney delivered a sweeping broadside against Donald Trump on Thursday, laying into the Republican presidential front-runner with a sharper attack than any of the party's 2016 contenders have made against the billionaire business mogul. "Here's what I know: Donald Trump is a phony, a fraud," Romney said. "His promises are as worthless as a degree from Trump University. He's playing members of the American public for suckers: He gets a free ride to the White House, and all we get is a lousy hat."

Romney said that "dishonesty is Donald Trump's hallmark," pointing to his "bullying, the greed, the showing off, the misogyny, the absurd third-grade theatrics."

There's irony in Romney's speech: Just four years ago, he courted Trump's endorsement -- even after Trump had led the "birther" controversy against President Barack Obama, insisting that Obama release his birth certificate to prove he is an American citizen.

Trump returns fire

Trump hit back by mocking Romney's 2012 loss at a campaign rally in Portland, Maine -- pointing to Romney's efforts to secure Trump's endorsement.

"He was begging for my endorsement. I could have said, 'Mitt, drop to your knees' -- he would have dropped to his knees," he said. He said of 2012: "That was a race, I have to say, folks, that should have been won ... I don't know what happened to him. He disappeared. He disappeared. And I wasn't happy about it, I'll be honest, because I am not a fan of Barack Obama, because I backed Mitt Romney -- I backed Mitt Romney. You can see how loyal he is."

He said Romney thought about running again in 2016, but "chickened out."

Romney tweeted after his own speech but before Trump's that had the New York businessman made similar statements about the KKK and others in 2012, he would not have accepted the endorsement.

"If Trump had said 4 years ago the things he says today about the KKK, Muslims, Mexicans, disabled, I would NOT have accepted his endorsement."

U.S. Air Force tests long-range ballistic missile

VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — The U.S. Air Force successfully tested its second unarmed ballistic missile in a week Thursday night, part of its ongoing effort to demonstrate the accuracy and effectiveness of America's aging ground-based missiles. The intercontinental missile blasted out of a silo here shortly after 11 p.m. PST and shot skyward before travelling 4,200 miles in about 30 minutes, landing on target in the ocean near the Kwajalein atoll in the Marshall Islands in the South Pacific. "The test tonight is one of the ways in which we demonstrate that these missiles are safe and reliable and effective," Deputy Defense Secretary Robert Work said shortly before the launch.

The Minuteman III missiles, which date to the 1970s, have a range of 6,000 miles and travel at speeds of up to 15,000 miles per hour. Another unarmed Minuteman III missile was launched from Vandenberg Air Force Base over the weekend.

About four missile tests are conducted each year and the tests are publicly announced and closely monitored by other countries.

"Anyone who is a nuclear power is sure to be watching these tests and has to be at least aware that the United States nuclear deterrent is as strong as it has ever been," Work said. The test comes as relations between the United States and Russia have worsened and as North Korea is attempting to expand its nuclear capabilities.

The United States has criticized Russia's military actions in Syria, where it is conducting a bombing campaign aimed at propping up the regime of President Bashar Assad.

Russia is also rapidly modernizing its own nuclear arsenal, said Adm. Cecil Haney, who heads U.S. Strategic Command, and watched the test.

Woman bites rare pearl while dining at Italian restaurant

ISSAQUAH, Wash. (AP) — A woman bit down on a rare pearl while eating a meal of clams and other seafood at an Italian restaurant in Washington state.

KOMO-TV reports (<http://goo.gl/ohETuU>) Lindsay Hasz and her husband Chris were eating at Montalcino Ristorante Italiano in Issaquah recently when she bit into something hard in her entree.

Hasz says she wasn't sure what it was but put it in her pocket and went home to do research.

She took it to a gemologist, who determined it was a Quahog purple pearl worth about \$600.

Ted Irwin of Northwest Geological Laboratory says the find is rare, with only one in a couple million being of gem quality. Montalcino owner Cindy Nardone says she's happy for Hasz.

Hasz says she may have the pearl made into a necklace.

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Alabama's last dry county legalizes alcohol sales

Pop the champagne! Two cities in Alabama's last completely dry county voted to legalize the sale of alcohol on Tuesday.

Clay County was the last completely dry county in the state, which has several other counties that are considered "dry," but have cities that allow the sale of alcohol.

That means not one of the local municipalities or cities in Clay County could sell alcohol prior to the vote, according to Tammy Andrews, who speaks on behalf of the Clay County Chamber of Commerce.

But those days are over.

On Tuesday, residents of Lineville and Ashland voted overwhelmingly to legalize the sale of alcohol.

In Ashland, 65% voted to legalize the sale of alcohol and in Lineville, 75% voted in favor, Andrews said.

Margaret Barchine, of the National Alcohol Beverage Control Association, says for most states the decision to be wet or dry is carried out on "an extremely local level."

"Even if it's a dry county they may have cities or towns that are wet," Barchine said.

In the U.S., only seven states still have completely dry counties, according to Barchine. She said there are also eight states that have counties which are considered wet, but have dry localities.

Guam boy's 3-year-old message in a bottle becomes environmental lesson

It was three years ago when Daniel Holms was ready to sail through the blue Pacific waters to help transfer a sailboat.

Before hopping on board the *Lorax* en route to Palau, he brought his son Oliver, then 6, as an early birthday present and took one last family photo.

Oliver had a request before they set sail.

"He asked me to drop a message for Santa Claus," Holms says. "So we put it in a wine bottle and we dropped it off once we got to the deepest part. The message didn't make it to Santa Claus but it came pretty close."

Close was halfway to the North Pole, Holms says.

The message in a bottle was found on Midway Atoll by a field biologist studying seabirds.

Although fairly surprised to get a response from the message, the experience has turned into a lesson on protecting the environment.

"I wrote Santa Claus a message," Oliver, now 8, remembers.

On a white sheet of paper, the boy wrote "Oliver wons you Santa." Meaning, Oliver wants you Santa.

His father completed the message with more details about why the bottle had been dropped.

"This Bottle was dropped at Challenger Deep on April 07, 2013 (April 06 in the states) (Oliver's birthday) ... If found, please let Santa Claus know."

On the way to Palau, the crew of the *Lorax* drifted across the deepest part of the world, the Challenger Deep in the Marianas Trench.

It took just a day and a half to get there, Holms says. With calm seas and blue skies, Holms did as his son wished and dropped the bottle.

Nearly three years later, field biologist Sarah Youngren was combing the beaches of Midway Atoll when she spotted the mysterious green bottle.

She and her fiancé, Dan Rapp, travel between field jobs in Alaska and Hawaii and currently are working in Midway studying Bonin Petrels, volunteers for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

"When I walk on the beach, I am constantly searching for interesting marine debris," Youngren says.

"On the walk during which I found the bottle, there had been strong winds from the north, which can dislodge interesting things from the ocean currents that run north of the island. Glass balls (fishing floats) are the coveted prize, so that is always the top thing I am looking for."

The biologist says she always keeps an eye out for interesting things washing up ashore and usually comes across bottles that are empty or "filled with some questionable liquid."

"This one had enough bio-fouling on the outside that it warranted a second look," she says. "I was excited when I realized I could see the message Dan's son had written to Santa through the glass!"

Luckily, Youngren says, much of the cork was still intact.

"All the words in the message were still intact once we got the message out of the bottle. The paper was damp, a bit moldy and got torn a bit, because we were a bit overexcited and pulled it out with a piece of wire while the paper was still damp," she says.

The bottle was found on Feb. 20. Holms only left a mailing address on the message so Youngren did some Internet sleuthing, eventually finding him on Facebook.

Holms received the message from Youngren on Feb. 23 and initially didn't believe it. He backtracked, looking at Youngren's Facebook page just to double-check and saw the bottle.

"I was surprised, for sure," he says. "We dropped the bottle and I didn't think I'd really expect to see much of it. It's a pretty big ocean."

His son was just "a little surprised."

"It was a long time ago, so I mostly forgot about it," he says.

Midway is approximately 2,860 miles away from where the bottle was dropped into the ocean, Holms explains. The bottle likely traveled northwest from Challenger Deep and eventually drifted back east following the ocean currents. It likely traveled some 4,000 miles, he says.

That got Holms, a Cub Scout den leader for Pack 23 on Naval Base Guam, thinking.

"Something as simple as a bottle getting thrown in the ocean, it goes somewhere," he says. It doesn't just disappear if it's capped.

It's kind of neat to show how big the ocean is, but how small it really is. All that garbage is going to wash up somewhere."

Holms plans to use his experience to teach his Cub Scouts about ocean trash and its effects as part of their "Leave No Trace" awards badge. He'll be tapping on Youngren to help him with the lesson. Youngren and her fiancé have master's degrees in marine science, with thesis work focused on documenting plastic ingestion in seabirds.

"I suggested talking about how the bottle ended up here," Youngren says. "And through video chat and a long Ethernet cable, introducing them to the Albatross that nest right outside the U.S. Fish and Wildlife office. This was Oliver's bottle; he had his dad drop it for him. Now he has a connection to where it ended up. I think that is cool."

Catwalk: Wisconsin cat disappears, then reappears in Florida

NAPLES, Fla. (AP) — It takes about 22 hours to reach Florida by car for a person traveling from Wisconsin.

But if you're a cat, the 1,484-mile journey likely takes closer to two months. At least that's how long it took Nadia, the Russian blue, to trek from her home on a snowy December day to sunny Naples this week where animal officials helped find her owners.

The Naples Daily News reports Cheri Stocker adopted the cat nine months ago in Wisconsin. On Christmas Eve, the cat escaped.

A Naples woman found the kitty in North Naples.

Workers at an animal shelter found the cat's microchip and, through a pet relocation service, got hold of Stocker's sister, who had been listed as an emergency contact.

A few facts about leap day

Surrounded in history and superstition, February 29 only comes once every four years— and we have one Monday. Here are a few facts about leap day.

Bachelor's Day

In Ireland, February 29 is Bachelor's Day - a traditional holiday when women propose to men. Scotland began the tradition in 1288 by passing a law permitting women to propose and if refused, the man had to pay a fine. Now, the tradition is just an amusing historical tidbit.

2. Gregorian calendar roots

Pope Paul III, the last of the Renaissance popes, was born on a leap day in 1468. Interestingly enough, it was another pope who established the Gregorian calendar - Pope Gregory XIII.

Julius Caesar introduced the idea, but the math he used wasn't quite right, creating too many leap years. Essentially, every 400 years, we ended up with three extra days, so to compensate, centuries must be divisible by 400 to count as leap years. Years like 1700, 1800 and 1900 are only 365 days long, rather than 366.

Leap day babies