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Dear Friends:  
ZIZ JHN. 1:2

Thank you for Allowing My Isolat-  
ed "VOICE" gratis priceless ACCESS  
To The Universal "MIND" !!! Heb 13:1-4

Accordingly I have Enclosed 51  
pages and please post ALL  
of them? (2 BLOBS)  
Thank you!

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51-pages

**“Words cannot express all that I’ve witnessed, experienced, lost, had done to me and will never regain.”**

—Incarcerated Worker at  
Wisconsin Secure  
Program Facility  
(Boscobel)

**“Due to me being a transgender woman in prison my daily life can sometimes be hard to the point where I’d want to kill myself. I go through a lot of BS with the staff and some inmates with them calling me nasty derogatory names and discriminating against me...I’ve filed civil action lawsuits against the DOC and WSPF employees for inadequate mental health treatment/care, emotional distress, cruel and usual punishment, discrimination, retaliation, harassment, torture, sexual harassment, mental anguish, deliberate indifference.”**

—Incarcerated Worker at  
Wisconsin Secure Program  
Facility (Boscobel)

### **Voices from Waupun Correctional Institute:**

**“If you notice, health care is a major problem! And remember, they’re told to either stop giving that medical or try something else. Cheaper of course! I feel like a guinea pig!”**

**“Saturday and Sunday I got force fed. They stuck a tube up my nose and force fed me. I believe this retaliatory treatment will continue until they break us. But in order to break me its going to take more than putting tubes down my nose and sending guards to my cell to harass me.**

**“We’ve lost Tuesday and Wednesday visiting days. The visiting room is cold in the winter and hot in the summer. Our visitors are routinely harassed because a lot of the officers are unprofessional or have poor people skills. There’s no reason for the visitors to be sweating on a visit when the officer part of the building is air conditioned.”**

**“Administrative Confinement was a CONSTANT threat they used to discourage that stuff. So now everyone is either scared to blink, or they don’t know what they’ve allowed themselves to conform to being mistreated.”**

**“Lockdowns happen often here. They’ve only made the public aware of like 3 lockdowns since I been here —since 2004. Since 2014, December, there’s been at least 9 lockdowns. It can last from 1-21 days, no inmate movement, including cell hall inmate workers. We don’t get showers or phone usage.”**

**“At one point we were told that we would be getting water in the bottle because the water in the building I work in was so and still is so bad that you can smell the metal in it.”**



**“Guys in seg. said the guards gassed inmate Francisco Flores-Ramos. Ramos later died of being gassed. Ramos was placed in set a week earlier because he stabbed 3 staff member. Given the news coverage of this incident, Ramos should have been transferred out of this institution. Given the quick conclusion by the sheriff’s department statement that this incident does not seem to be suspicious, it raises serious questions as to the integrity of the investigative process.”**

—Incarcerated worker at Green Bay Correctional Institute

Excerpts from *Incarcerated Worker*, Issue 3, Winter 2016. A project of the national IWW sent to incarcerated workers nationwide:

“October 6, 2015: 6,000 Incarcerated workers from federal prisons across the U.S. will be released this October/ November, and an additional 8,550 inmates will be eligible for early release between November 1st 2015 and November 2016. The released were charged with non-violent, mostly drug-related crimes. However, this good news comes at a price, one-third of the prisoners will be deported and despite Obama’s compassionate gesture; his administration has set deportations at an all time high.”

“October 8, 2015: Incarcerated Workers from the Eastern New York Correctional Facility won in a debate against a prestigious ivy-league debate team from Harvard University. The men were part of a rigorous college program for incarcerated workers called the Bard Prison Initiative. This victory is a great example of what we, disposed people, can accomplish when we seize the power of knowledge as organized and educated incarcerated workers!”

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**“This system of mass resocialization is one which has taken on a strict bureaucratic tone. Everyone here is forced into a pigeonhole of sorts and this causes the process of rehabilitation to be highly ineffective to say the least.”**

—Incarcerated worker at Oshkosh Correctional Institution

**“I am legally blind now in my right eye. I use a magnifying glass to read & write. The DOC showed no sense of urgency and denied me proper medical care.”**

—Incarcerated worker at Sanger B. Powers Correctional Center

### Attention mailroom:

The First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution protects free speech. Regulations that permit the government or its employees to discriminate on the basis of the content of the message cannot be tolerated under the First Amendment (i). Further, prisoners retain free speech rights. Thought control, by means of prohibiting beliefs, would not only be undesirable but impossible (ii). Fact of confinement and needs of the penal institution impose rational limitations on prisoner free speech rights (iii), but those restrictions must have a “valid, rational connection” to “legitimate penological interests” not related to the content of ideas (iv). Regulations and practices can only be justified when the practice “furthers an important or substantial government interest unrelated to the suppression of expression” (v). This means you cannot legally suppress the expression of ideas. Prison walls do not serve to form a barrier separating prisoners from the protections of the constitution (vi). Core political speech is most-zealously guarded and there is a public interest “in having free and unhindered debate on matters of public importance—the core value of the Free Speech Clause of the First Amendment” (vii). Thus, exclusion of printed material on the basis of its political perspective amounts to free speech retaliation and discrimination, which is illegal (viii). If you exclude printed material for an unlawful basis, or if you simply conjure up a false pretext for its exclusion, you have broken the law. The prisoner recipient of this mail has cause for bringing a civil rights action against you and has cause for gaining punitive damages—which means money. You and everyone who permits this action, from your supervisor to the director of the prison system, may be named in those civil actions, and you may also be subject to termination from your employment. Because this primer is included in this mailing, you will not be able to claim you did not know your actions were illegal. For these reasons, we ask that you conform to federal law and refrain from unlawful discrimination against the enclosed materials, permitting mail service of this literature that objectively meets all legitimate criteria set forth in prison regulations. i, *Reagan v. Time, Inc.*, 468 U.W. 641, 648-49, 104 Sct 3262 (1984). [T]he fact that society may find speech offensive is not sufficient reason for suppressing it. Indeed, if it is the speakers’ opinion that gives offense, that consequence is a reason for according it constitutional protection.” *Hustler Magazine, Inc. v. Falwell*, 495 US 45, 46, 108 Sct 876, 882. The government may not prohibit the expression of an idea simply because society finds the idea itself offensive or disagreeable, *U.S. v. Eichman*, 496 US 310, 319, 110 Sct 2404 (1990). “[A]bove all else, the First Amendment means that government has no power to restrict expression because of its message, its ideas, its subject matter, or its content.” *Police Dept. of Chicago v. Mosley*, 408 US 92, 95, 92 Sct 2286, 2290 (1972). ii, *Jones v. North Carolina Prisoners Labor Union*, 433 US 119, 97 Sct 2532 (1977). iii, *Pell v. Procunier*, 417 US 817, 822, 94 Set 2800, 2804 (1974). iv, *Turner v. Safely*, 482 US 78, 107 Sct 2245 (1987) v, *Turner, supra vi*, *Turner, supra vii*, *Pickering v. Board of Education*, 391 US 563, 573, 88 Sct 1731 (1968). viii, *Abu-Jamal v. Price*, 154 F3d 128 (3rd Cir., 1998); *X v. Blatter*, 175 F3d 378 (6th Cir. 1999)

### Voices from Secure Program Facility (Boscobel)

“It needs to be noted that Wisconsin has one of the highest recidivism rates in the country; one of the contributing factors is what’s going on within the prisons. Wisconsin has abandoned the principle of rehabilitation & correcting its ‘wards,’ for that means reduced recidivism, which means less jobs for those in rural areas—farming is not getting their bills paid!”

“I accept that I’ve committed crimes against society, those crimes were unconscionable and my incapacitation from society was necessary. But I can’t accept that social, psychological and physical abuse is part of that incapacitation.”

“You asked if I do any prison labor? Of course not! On top of these prison staff slaving prisoners for 12 cents an hour, they truly and seriously act as if they’re doing the prisoners a favor by allowing them (prisoners) to mop their floors, wash their walls, etc., etc., for 12 cents an hour...you can’t get someone to respect you when you’re not respecting yourself. I’m not beneath working at all! But 12 cents an hour?! Never!”

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

*-Martin Luther King, Jr.*



by E. Rodriguez 16 Drug ZOMBIES

THE ESTABLISHMENT; INCLUDING  
HOLLYWOOD AND INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX  
MEDIA AND ETC....

Universal Friends,

What's Right IS Right !!..in the Moral Uni-  
verse"!!!

Both Parties (R) and (D) are denying the  
VOTERS Their Human Right to vote for Donald  
J. Trump on Nov. 8, 2016!

They are Petrified of his Pro-  
jected Win...

FIRST TIME ENDORSEMENT

EVEN GLAMOUR.COM NOVEMBER 2016,  
Mag. Editor in Chief Cindi Leive, @cindi-  
leive [glamour.com/about/vote-2016] first  
time come-out to support "CLINTON TEAM"!!!

The VOTERS know Trump is correct:  
"It's Rigged"!!!

BY: LEON ZRBY DATED: OCTOBER 14, 2016

# THAT'S WHAT CRUEL PEOPLE SAY !!!

UNIVERSAL FRIENDS,

Did You see the gay Created and Produced FOX "SCREAM" TUESDAY, OCT. 18, 2016, 8 P.M. CDT., Episode starring Actor Jamie Lee Curtis Character, in which she, outrageously implied Donald J Trump desired to have sex with his own daughter!

Joy Behar, co-host, ON ABC.COM / THE VIEW has a running skit that Trump desire a sexual relationship with his own daughter!!!

At long last have you Neoliberals -  
NO SENSE OF COMMON DECENCY!!!

No family deserves that!

#IMAGINE/YOKOJOHN

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: OCTOBER 19, 2016

THE CLINTON TEAM AND PRESENT  
PRESIDENT "DIRTY TRICKS"!!!

UPDATE

From Day One, "The Clinton Team" and  
"Present President" knew Hillary could only win  
the election by demonizing her opponent:  
Here you go, Again!!!

DONALD J. TRUMP

IS A: RACIST

RAPIST

SEXUAL PREDATOR

RAPIST

SERIAL LIAR [i.e. POLITICAN!!!]

PSYCHOPATH

COMMUNIST (PUTIN'S PUPPET)!!

Ad Nauseam

At long last - FOLKS, HAVE YOU NO  
DECENCY!!!

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: OCT. 18, 2016



# Why Is Assange Pushing Trump's Conspiracies?

By Joe Conason, NationalMemo.com

My take...

The Clinton Team tendencies to shift blame for their own chronic well documented and well known "dirty tricks" and "criminal enterprise" aka politics is nowadays tipping towards the abyss!!

This "McCarthyism" used to evade attribution to the "Clinton Team" and present President, the contents of the WikiLeaks Email materials by shifting blame onto Russian is playing with "Nuclear Fire" for short term political expediency to gain and maintain domestic political power: **To Force A Woman President, Namely, HILLARY CLINTON 2016!!!**

"COLD WAR"!!! AND "WATERGATE"

"Clinton Team" member NBC "Meet The Press" Anchor Chuck Todd, SUNDAY, OCT 16, 10: A.M. CDT, harangued, ad nauseam, ~ Vice Presidential candidate Mike Pence

With the "Clinton Team's" Political Talking Points, i.e., Russian is interfering with America's Democracy!!! AND whether those like Donald J. Trump who dare to use its CONTENTS is not a Political Crime like "WATERGATE".

Over on "FOX SUNDAY", Same SUNDAY, Bob Woodward, of Washington Post Fame - Answered Resoundingly: NO!!!

EVEN BEFORE ACCEDING TO THE PRESIDENCY THE CLINTON TEAM HAS BROUGHT BACK THE "DARK SIDE"!!!

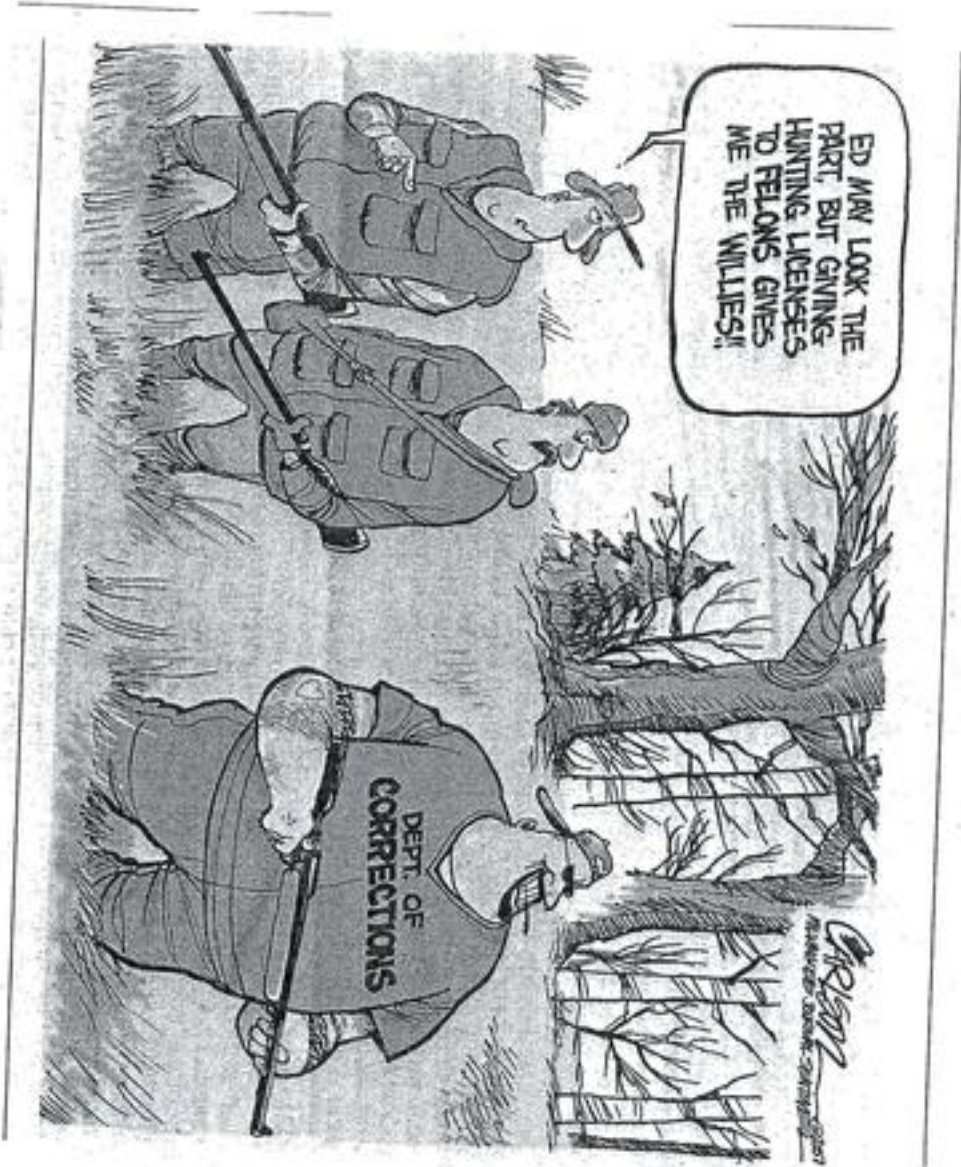
Bill was impeached! Will the "Clinton Team" in the White House go after their Emmies [AKA VAST RIGHTWING CONSPIRACIES? ] old Nixon [i.e. "Watergate"].

ASK Bernie Sanders!!!

Obviously 'The CLINTON TEAM' IN and out of the White House govern and LIVE as gangsters!!

BY: LEON ZRBY

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FLASH!! NEWS!!!

USA GOVERNMENT  
CLOSED DOWN

ASSANGE,

FONDER WIKILEAK, INTERNET ACCESS!!!

Nonetheless, the Government of ECUADOR  
assumed Responsibility for its disconnect  
ON Tuesday, October 18, 2016. CHECK-OUT:  
DEMOCRACY.ORG

However, Naturally Wikileaks have end-  
less Back-up capacity for this event-  
uality.

So, again, Today, October 19, Wikileaks  
Released more "CLINTON TEAM" Dirty  
Tricks and Dirty Laundry!!! exposed  
in their E Mails.

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: Oct. 19, 2016

# ECUADOR ADMITS IT HAS "TEMPORARILY" SILENCED ASSANGE!

quoting North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, who his regime had the capability of attacking U.S. bases in the Pacific. North Korea has not shown the capability yet of arming its missiles with nuclear weapons, nor does the pariah nation have a missile capable of reaching the continental United States.

Yet North Korea continues to test its abilities in spite of the sanction. Last month, it fired three missiles as world leaders are gathered in the east Chinese city of Hangzhou for the G-20 summit.

## Bolivia police arrest US man with some \$1.5 million in gold

LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP) — Bolivian police say they've detained a 76-year-old U.S. citizen with more than 121 pounds (55 kilograms) of gold.

Anti-narcotics chief Santiago Delgadillo says Robert Agnew Meyer also was found with a small amount of cocaine and several pounds (kilograms) of silver coins. He puts the value of the gold alone at more than \$1.5 million. Delgadillo says the man is being investigated for possible smuggling, though he has not been charged.

Police didn't say Saturday where Meyer is from or how long he's been living in Bolivia.

## German, Russian, Ukrainian, French leaders to meet in Berlin

BERLIN (AP) — German Chancellor Angela Merkel will host a meeting with the Russian, Ukrainian and French presidents on Wednesday to discuss efforts toward peace in eastern Ukraine — their first summit in a year, her office said.

Merkel invited Russian President Vladimir Putin, Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko and French President Francois Hollande to "assess the implementation of the Minsk (peace) agreements since the last meeting and discuss further steps," Merkel spokesman Steffen Seibert said in a statement Tuesday. The 2015 Minsk agreement brokered by France and Germany has helped end large-scale battles between Ukrainian troops and pro-Russia separatists in eastern Ukraine, but clashes have continued and efforts to reach a political settlement have stalled.

The four leaders have held sporadic meetings to discuss the accord's implementation, the last of them in Paris on Oct. 2 last year.

The decision to hold the Wednesday evening meeting in Berlin follows a flurry of telephone diplomacy over the past week, but host Germany already has downplayed chances of a breakthrough.

"If there were such a meeting, no one should expect that it will resolve all the problems," Seibert said on Monday.

"From the cease-fire, which isn't really one, to the stalled political process, a lot really is not satisfactory at all," he said. "But Minsk is the only thing we have, the only thing everyone can call on and that sets out a peaceful and political road for everyone."

## Roman coins ID'd in Japanese ruins, but their origin baffles

TOKYO (AP) — The eyes of a visiting archaeologist lit up when he was shown the 10 tiny, rusty discs that had sat unnoticed in storage for two and a half years at a dig on a southern Japan island.

He had been to archaeological sites in Italy and Egypt, and recognized the "little round things" as old coins, including a few likely dating to the Roman Empire.

"I was so excited I almost forgot what I was there for, and the coins were all we talked about," said Toshio Tsukamoto of the Gangoji Institute for Research of Cultural Property in Nara, an ancient Japanese capital near Kyoto.

The discovery, announced last month, is baffling. How did the coins, some dating to the third or fourth century, wind up half a world away in a medieval Japanese castle on the island of Okinawa? Experts suspect they may have arrived centuries later via China or Southeast Asia, not as currency but as decoration or treasure.

The 10 copper coins were unearthed in December 2013 at the 12th-15th century Katsuren Castle, a UNESCO World Heritage site, during an annual excavation for study and tourism promotion by the board of education in Uruma, a city in central Okinawa.

While the find has yet to be submitted for publication in an academic journal, an outside expert is convinced the coins are real. "There is almost no mistake" about their authenticity, said Makiko Tsumura, a curator at the Ancient Orient Museum in Tokyo, though she allowed that they could also be counterfeit versions from about the same time.

Four of the coins have are from the third to fourth-century Roman Empire, and a fifth one from the 17th-century Ottoman Empire. The remaining five are still being examined. The coins, which are on display at the Uruma City Yonagusuku Historical Museum through Nov. 25, were dug up from about 1 meter (yard) underground in a layer believed to be from the 14th to 15th century.

"At first, we didn't think they were coins. Those little round things, to us, seemed like armor parts," said Masaki Yokoo, a city official in charge of the archaeological project.

Details that were barely distinguishable emerged more clearly in X-ray analysis. One bears an image of fourth-century Roman Emperor Constantine I, and another shows a helmeted soldier holding a shield in one hand, while stabbing an enemy with a spear in the other.

The Ottoman coin is inscribed with the year equivalent to 1687, Yokoo said.

Tsumura said the X-ray analysis, photos, size and weight match typical Roman and Ottoman coins, resembling those excavated in China, Indonesia or India — places that had trade with Okinawa.

Tsukamoto said the coins might have been intentionally planted as a pacifying ritual at the castle, which was abandoned in 1458,

similar to armor, jewelry and other valuables buried in funeral rituals in Okinawa.

Further investigation, including analysis of the copper content and other artifacts found with the coins, may help identify the coins' origin.

Researchers are also seeking an explanation for why coins from two distinct eras were found near each other, and how a 17th-century coin could have been in a layer believed to be 200 to 300 years older than that.

"There are still lots of unknowns," said Okinawa International University archaeologist Hiroki Miyagi. "Our findings this time are just the beginning."

## UN announces agreement on 72-hour Yemen cease-fire

SANAA, Yemen (AP) — The warring parties in Yemen have agreed to a 72-hour cease-fire that will take effect shortly before midnight Wednesday, the U.N. special envoy to Yemen said.

Special Envoy Ismail Ould Cheikh Ahmed said he hopes the temporary truce can lead to "permanent and lasting end to the conflict." Ahmed said in a statement Monday that he received assurances from all parties to the conflict o cease hostilities at 11:59 p.m. local time on Wednesday for an initial period of 72 hours that is subject to renewal.

The warring factions agreed to follow the conditions of a temporary April cease-fire agreement, he said. The agreement requires them to "to allow free and unhindered access for humanitarian supplies and personnel" to all parts of Yemen, he said.

The war in Yemen began in 2014 when Shiite rebels known as Houthis based in the north seized the capital, Sanaa.

In March 2015, Saudi Arabia and its Gulf allies launched a campaign of airstrikes against the rebels. The Saudi-led coalition and the United States are backing the internationally recognized government of Yemen's president, Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi.

More than 4,000 civilians have been killed and 3 million of the country's 26 million people have been driven from their homes by the fighting. Hunger has become widespread in the Arab world's poorest country.

The southern city of Taiz is one of the hardest-hit areas.

Foreign Minister Abdel-Malak al-Mukhlafi demanded late Monday that a months-long siege of the city be lifted and relief supplies delivered to its residents without conditions. "Peace is our permanent choice," he said.

The cease-fire agreement was announced late Monday, a day after Ahmed, the U.N. envoy, met in London with U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and British Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson.

"This is the time to implement a cease-fire unconditionally and then move to the negotiating table," Kerry said after Sunday's meeting.

Ecuador admits it has 'temporarily restricted' Assange's Internet access

Ecuador acknowledged Tuesday that it has "temporarily restricted" Internet access for WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange at its embassy in London, after his whistleblowing site published documents from Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign. Ecuador's foreign ministry said in a statement that while the government stands by its decision in 2012 to grant asylum to Assange, it doesn't interfere in foreign elections. President Rafael Correa's government said it was acting on its own and not ceding to foreign pressures, the Associated Press reported.

"The decision to make this information public is the exclusive responsibility of the WikiLeaks organization," the foreign ministry said in a statement.

The foreign ministry didn't give specifics on the extent of the restrictions on Assange's access to the Internet, saying only that the restrictions on his communications wouldn't affect WikiLeaks' ability to carry out its journalistic activities.

WikiLeaks in tweets Tuesday morning alleged that U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry had asked Ecuador to stop Assange from publishing documents about Clinton last month during peace negotiations in Colombia with the FARC rebel group.

BREAKING: Multiple US sources tell us John Kerry asked Ecuador to stop Assange from publishing Clinton docs during FARC peace negotiations.

— WikiLeaks (@wikileaks) October 18, 2016

State Department spokesperson John Kirby categorically denied the assertion.

"While our concerns about WikiLeaks are longstanding, any suggestion that Secretary Kerry or the State Department were involved in shutting down Wikileaks is false. Reports that Secretary Kerry had conversations with Ecuadorian officials about this are simply untrue. Period."

The allegations from the online leaking platform, delivered in a series of tweets, come as WikiLeaks has published thousands of apparently hacked emails from John Podesta, Clinton's campaign manager. Julian Assange's internet link has been intentionally severed by a state party. We have activated the appropriate contingency plans.

— WikiLeaks (@wikileaks) October 17, 2016

Assange has been voluntarily holed up in the Ecuadorean Embassy in London since 2012 to avoid extradition to Sweden where he faces sex crime allegations. The Internet is one of Assange's lifelines to the outside world. Assange claims the sex crime case is a pretense for Sweden to extradite him to the United States, where he faces espionage charges for leaking sensitive diplomatic cables.

WikiLeaks released its ninth batch of Clinton-related emails on Sunday. They included information about how the candidate could appeal to black voters and

deal with the media. The Clinton campaign has suggested the Russian government has been supplying WikiLeaks with the emails, a claim both Moscow and WikiLeaks deny. WikiLeaks said Ecuador cut off Assange's Internet link Monday, shortly after it published transcripts of paid speeches Clinton gave to Goldman Sachs.

**10 Most Sought-after Classic Muscle Cars #4 Pontiac GTO (1964-1969)**

While the GTO appeared in 1964, it wasn't until 1965 that it really captured the attention of the muscle car crowd. The 1965 "Goat" remained a favorite of muscle car devotees even after it was outdriven in speed and power, thanks to its iconic status. Going from zero to 60 in the range of 6.1 seconds, it was one of the first cars to help create the muscle car phenomenon across the country.

Marketed to youth -- cheap and fast -- the Goat put a 6.3-liter V-8 in the body of a mid-sized Tempest, adding the classic split-grill design that remains one of the most recognizable front features of any muscle car. The 1967 increased the motor size and traded in its six-pack for a single 4-barrel carb, with a possible "Ram Air" induction option that increased the peak rpm and 360 horsepower, but it ended up in only 751 of the 82,000 units sold that year.

The 1969 "Judge" version raised the horses slightly, with a 6.5-liter engine and several luxury interior options packages. In addition to the internal redesign, changes were made to the outside that launched the popularity of the car all over again. It's no wonder that this auto's rarity and nostalgic status took its value from around \$36,000 in 2001 to as much as \$200,000 today.

**Honda recalls 350K Civics for brake defect**

Honda is recalling 350,083 of its new 2016 Civics because the electric parking brake may not engage when the engine is turned off, leading to the possibility that the car could roll away and crash.

It's not uncommon for new models to be recalled, but the pullback doesn't help the redesigned Civic, which has been a sales hit in an otherwise slow compact-car market. The recall covers Civics with both the 1.5-liter turbo and 2-liter engines.

Even though a large number of cars are involved, Honda says no accidents have occurred as a result. The issue was discovered by analyzing warranty claims. Honda says it found 342 cases in which the problem occurred.

The defect can be fixed with a software update, Honda tells the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in documents. The problem involves software in the vehicle stability control unit. Honda says it is programmed in such a way that it prevents the electric parking brake from being applied. The problem occurs when the driver tries to apply the brake after the engine is switched off.

The brake warning light will signal there's a problem to drivers. And the defect doesn't

appear if the brake is applied before the engine is turned off.

**Fiat Chrysler to reveal first Alfa Romeo SUV next month**

Alfa Romeo, which Fiat Chrysler has been trying to reestablish as a top luxury brand in the U.S. based on its Italian heritage and style, will reveal its first-ever SUV at the Los Angeles Auto Show next month.

In Europe, Alfa Romeo plans to begin selling an SUV called the Stelvio in 2017, according to WhatCar.com. The Stelvio is designed to compete with vehicles such as the BMW X3 and Audi Q5.

Fiat Chrysler declined to confirm the name of the SUV it will show at press preview of the Los Angeles show on Nov. 18 and 19.

CEO Sergio Marchionne announced plans in 2014 to launch eight new products by 2018 under a \$7 billion plan to take on premium German brands such as Audi, BMW and Mercedes-Benz.

But Marchionne has had to delay the introduction of several models because of technical issues and because of changing industry trends in China, where the company hoped it would be able to become a significant player. Fiat pulled Alfa Romeo out of the U.S. in the mid-1990s. Alfa Romeo's sales were modest through the 1980s, peaking at 8,201 in 1986.

Alfa Romeo revealed the Giulia, its big, sexy sedan, in Milan, Italy, in June, 2015.

Fiat Chrysler listed seven Giulia sedans as "sold" in September but those units will actually either be used for marketing purposes or for testing and early feedback, according to a company spokesman.

Alfa Romeo began selling the 4C -- a small two-seat roadster -- in the U.S. in 2014 but only intends to sell about 1,000 per year in the U.S. The company has sold 411 4C's so far this year in the U.S.

**Tesla mystery news may be quantum Autopilot leap**

SAN FRANCISCO -- On Wednesday, Elon Musk is promising a surprise announcement about Tesla.

The reveal will be "unexpected by most," Musk tweeted last week.

Anyone familiar with the electric automaker and its CEO's cryptic ways will know that this passes for specificity in Teslaworld. In the past, such teasing talk preceded upgrades such as a new "Ludicrous" mode for electric-car speed freaks or a software upgrade for music aficionados. So, what could Musk be rolling out this time?

Conversations with industry watchers and analysts put good odds on it being related to self-driving technology, specifically so-called Tesla Vision, which leverages computing power to help a vehicle navigate its surroundings based on inputs from cameras and radar.

Tesla Vision news would help steer the company away from the questions surrounding its original Autopilot self-driving system, which federal regulators continue to

investigate in relationship to a number of Tesla crashes worldwide.

Musk recently announced an upgrade to Autopilot, but he has hinted at a coming quantum leap.

On a call with investors earlier this summer, Musk said the next generation of Tesla autonomy “will blow people’s minds; it blows my mind (and) it’ll come sooner than people think.”

Quite the promise considering the growing number of automotive and technology companies feverishly working on autonomous driving, including Google, Uber, Volvo, Ford, Audi and Mercedes-Benz, to name a few.

But Musk is a master “of creating hype, and often delivering on it,” says Frederic Lambert, managing editor of electric car news site Electrek, which recently conducted a reader poll asking for guesses about Monday’s news.

Some 40% of respondents said they were expecting an Autopilot update, while 18% said Tesla Glass (a project allegedly focused on information-projection technology), 16% said Model Y (the company’s rumored cross-over sedan), and 15% said Model 3 Part 2 (Tesla’s forthcoming mass market sedan as yet has no interior).

A negligible number (4%) felt Monday’s announcement would have to do with a Tesla truck, something Musk listed in his comprehensive treatise on his company’s future, “Master Plan, Part Deux.” Long distance trucking is considered by some to be ripe for self-driving tech, and Uber has bet \$670 million on it through its recent acquisition of Otto.

Karl Brauer, analyst with Kelley Blue Book, says Musk needs to drop some truly impressive news in order to keep the company’s high-flying shares (TSLA) at their current \$200 mark, especially considering the stock’s volatility over the years. Tesla hit a high of \$280 in July 2015, and a low of \$150 last February.

Investors’ continued optimism over Tesla is anchored to Musk’s claim that it will soon go from being a niche (50,000 units a year) to mainstream (500,000 a year) manufacturer on the back of its \$35,000-and-up Model 3.

“The single most valuable announcement Elon could make would be anything that would make that (500,000 unit) claim stick,” says Brauer. “That could be news that they’ve reached some sort of production-line breakthrough (to deal with ongoing delivery challenges) or that they’re ready to produce all their own batteries (at Tesla’s in-progress Gigafactory in the Nevada desert).”

Brauer points out that where Tesla once was truly unique in the electric car space, it will soon face competition up- and downstream. Vehicles such as Porsche’s Mission E sedan would compete with the luxurious \$100,000 Model S and X, while General Motors’ new \$37,500 Chevy Bolt, which should begin production next year, may be capable of luring consumers away from the Model 3.

“Tesla’s been alone in that space for a long time, but it won’t be true next year,” says Brauer.

Wednesday’s mystery event isn’t the only bit of Tesla news barreling down the highway. Tesla is expected to announce its third quarter earnings on Oct. 26, two days before a solar roof-panel event being held here that is meant to showcase the potential synergy between Tesla and its acquisition target, solar panel installer SolarCity.

Despite the vertically integrated appeal of the purchase — Musk has described Tesla stores as a place to buy solar panels, Powerwall electricity storage packs and electric cars — the cost of absorbing SolarCity coupled with Tesla’s own growing pains have given investors pause.

“The ambition of the entire platform is immense, but there’s a lot of execution that has to happen to fulfill the promises made to the Street,” says Colin Rusch, senior research analyst with Oppenheimer.

That said, Rusch remains bullish due to Tesla’s first-mover advantage in the premium electric-vehicle space, with a brand that has become synonymous with cutting edge technology despite occasional glitches (as with the upward-opening “falcon doors” on its Model X SUV).

The big reveal may well be made on a conference call given that media so far have been given no indication there will be a live event at the company’s Palo Alto headquarters. Either way, Rusch is convinced the update will feature incremental news, either Autopilot upgrades or more details on the Model 3.

But what he really wants to hear more about is how the ambitious Musk plans to fund the bold visions that have boosted Tesla’s valuation to \$29 billion, almost two-thirds that of venerable Ford Motor.

While a capital infusion would seem to be a given considering the proposed tenfold ramp-up in production, Musk last Sunday took to Twitter, his preferred mouthpiece, to specify that neither Tesla nor SolarCity would be raising funds in the next few quarters through either debt or equity deals.

But, says Rusch, “by the end of 2018, they’ll need to raise a couple of billion.”

When that happens, bet on Musk breaking the news with another trademark tweet.

#### **Judge to hear objections to \$10B Volkswagen emissions deal**

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A federal judge on Tuesday was set to hear from Volkswagen owners opposed to a \$10 billion settlement over the automaker’s emissions cheating scandal before he determines if the deal is fair to consumers.

More than two dozen people — many of them car owners unhappy with the proposed settlement — signed up to address U.S. District Judge Charles Breyer in San Francisco. He will decide whether to give the deal final approval, though he may not issue a ruling at the hearing. The judge gave it preliminary approval in July.

The settlement calls for Volkswagen to spend up to \$10 billion to buy back or repair about 475,000 Volkswagens and Audi vehicles with 2-liter diesel engines and pay their owners an additional \$5,100 to \$10,000 each. Any repair options have yet to be finalized. Vehicles with that type of engine make up the vast majority of the roughly 560,000 cars caught up in the scandal.

Attorneys who negotiated the deal have said it includes substantial payments to car owners and has resounding support. More than 311,000 people have registered for the settlement and less than 3,300 people have opted out, the attorneys said in a court filing last month urging Breyer to give the deal final approval.

Some owners have said they should receive the full purchase price of their vehicles. Others have opposed deductions for extra mileage.

The settlement also includes \$2.7 billion for unspecified environmental mitigation and an additional \$2 billion to promote zero-emissions vehicles. The combined \$14.7 billion deal would be the largest auto scandal settlement in U.S. history.

The scandal erupted in September 2015 when the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said the German automaker had fitted many of its cars with software to fool emissions tests, putting dirty vehicles on the road. Car owners and the U.S. Department of Justice sued.

The software recognized when the cars were being tested on a treadmill and turned on pollution controls. The controls were turned off when the cars returned to the road. The EPA alleged the scheme let the cars spew more than 40 times the allowable limit of nitrogen oxide, which can cause respiratory problems in people.

Volkswagen still faces potentially billions more in fines and penalties and possible criminal charges.

#### **Bezos second richest in the U.S., passes Buffett**

SAN FRANCISCO — Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos has passed Warren Buffett as the second richest American this year on the Forbes 400 list of the richest people in the United States.

Bill Gates, co-founder of Microsoft, remained at the top of the list, as he has for years, with \$81 billion.

The surprise was Jeff Bezos, who took second place due to a run up in Amazon stock that added \$20 billion to his net worth, more than anyone on the list. The Forbes list, published earlier this month, put his worth at \$70.7 billion.

Amazon’s stock has seen a sharp rise in the last six months, from a low of \$474 in February to a high of \$844 on October 5, though it has since come down. The stock (AMZN) closed Tuesday at \$817.65.

Warren Buffett, CEO of Berkshire Hathaway, fell to third place, with \$64.9 billion. Buffett had held second place below Bill Gates for 15 years.

# Two-faced cat is no lie

At 12 years old, he makes it into Guinness World Records

By RODRIQUE NGOWI  
Associated Press

Worcester, Mass. — Frank and Louie the cat was born with two faces, two mouths, two noses, three eyes — and lots of doubts about his future.

Now, 12 years after Marty Stevens rescued him from being euthanized because of his condition, the exotic blue-eyed ragdoll cat not only is thriving but also has made it into the 2012 edition of Guinness World Records as the longest-surviving member of a group known as Janus cats, named for a Roman god with two faces.

"Every day is kind of a blessing; being 12 and normal life expectancy when they have this condition is one to four days," Stevens said, stroking Frank and Louie's soft fur as he sat on her lap purring. "So, he's ahead of the game; every day I just thank God I still have him."

Frank and Louie's breeder had taken him to the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University, where Stevens was working at the time, to be euthanized when he was just a day old. Stevens offered to take him home, but experts told her not to get her hopes up.

Janus cats almost never survive, and most have congenital defects, including a cleft palate that makes it difficult for them to nurse and often causes them to slowly starve or get milk in their lungs and die of pneumo-



ASSOCIATED PRESS

A cat named Frank and Louie has two mouths, two noses and three eyes.

nia. The condition is the result of a genetic defect that triggers excessive production of a certain kind of protein.

But Frank and Louie did not suffer from most of the common Janus problems.

Frank and Louie's two faces have a complicated relationship. Both noses work, but one mouth does not have a lower jaw and isn't connected to his one esophagus, so he can't eat with it. Stevens discovered that only after the

cat got an MRI later in life.

The animal can see out of only two of his three eyes. The middle one can't even blink and makes Frank and Louie appear to be staring even when his other eyes are closed.

"The condition itself is very rare, and I think that the fact that this cat became an adult, a healthy adult, is remarkable," said Armelle deLaforcade, an associate professor at Cummings and head of the emergency services section.

Frank and Louie does not seem to be bothered by his condition and has developed a friendly personality. The breed is known for its soft and silky fur, docile temperament and penchant for relaxing in a person's arms like a rag doll.

He is "very, very laid back, not afraid of people, very friendly and he's actually more of a dog than a cat," Stevens said. "He walks on a leash, he goes right in the car; he loves car rides."

People often want to touch Frank and Louie's long, luxurious fur while Stevens is out walking him.

"It's funny because people walk up to him thinking it's a nice, fluffy white cat and they're walking up with a big smile on their face to pat him, like, 'Oh, what a beautiful cat' and I see a look of horror come over their faces when they actually see his face," Stevens said.



THE MOST OUTRAGEOUS  
POLITICAL LIE IN 2016  
PRESIDENTIAL RACE!!!

UNIVERSAL FRIENDS,

Let me share this outrageous lie —  
Intenable in our: "Moral UNIVERSE" !

VP (D) Joe Biden

NBC.COM / MEET THE PRESS, SUNDAY,  
OCT. 16, 2016 10:AM. EDT — Anchor Chuck  
Todd asked VP (D) Joe Biden to distinguish  
Bill Clinton (D)'s sexual allegations  
from the current ones being made against  
Donald J. Trump (R)....

RESPONSE

VP Biden exclaimed Clinton was "punished" ... "he was impeached" !!!  
/ WRONG!

The U.S. Congress does the charging of offense(s) in a BILL OF IMPEACHMENT...

Thereafter, the U.S. Senate hold trial and is alone empowered to convict or acquit...

SEN. (D) JOE BIDEN

Then U.S. Senator (D), member of the Senate Judiciary Committee - Voted with his majority Senate colleagues to Acquit President Bill Clinton (D). Thus, VP (D) Biden, himself, Voted to protect Clinton from any PUNISHMENT!

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: Oct. 19, 2016

## BLACK VOTES MATTER

ALL VOTES COUNT, BUT HILLARY CLINTON'S FATE MAY BE IN THE HANDS OF BLACK WOMEN IN PARTICULAR, A TRIO OF INFLUENTIAL AFRICAN AMERICAN THINKERS SOUND OFF ON THE HILLARY - AND THE HILLARY WISH FOR ... P. 238

"When the ballots are in, black women voters may decide this election. Three writers defend and negotiate Hillary Clinton's policies, record, and White House pun. - P. 44

NAMELY, Salamishah Tiller; Donna Brazile AND INTRIM DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE CHAIR, BY NINA BURLEZGA; P.P. 240-241; AND MARGO JEFFERSON, P. 241 ...

"... Without women of color [Latinas also went disproportionately DEM, but not as many voted], there is NO gender gap!" - P. 238

- SOURCE: ELLE.COM NOVEMBER 2016  
MY SAVANT TAKE AWAY

A long time ago a BLACK MAN  
Named Malcolm X Told Mike Wallace; The  
ONLY Black folks allowed ON TV are the ones  
who tell the White Establishment what they  
Want to hear.

Another piece of History is that  
they choose these so-called "White Negroes"  
[e.g. I am Not Black, I am QT. !!!] spoke-  
man for 23 Million Black Folks!!!

Ostensibly, the Millennials are  
well-aware [CONSCIOUS !!!] of this  
Illuminating HISTORY!!!

Here is Presented Brief List:

Booker T. Washington  
Jesse L. Jackson, Sr.  
Vernon Jordan  
AL SHARPTON  
DANNA BRAZIL  
BLACK CHURCHES  
CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS

# ARE BOUGHT AND OWNED!!!

Are Given Millions of Dollars to Turn  
out the Black Vote for HILLARY NOV. 8, 2016!!!

Heck!!! These Government (D)  
Agents Do Not Own and Speak for 23  
Million BLACK VOICES [YOUR VOTE!!!]!!

## MONEY TALK!!!

"MONEY DOESN'T TALK, IT SWEARS  
OBSCENITY, WHO REALLY CARES,  
PROPAGANDA, ALL IS PHONY."

— BOB DYLAN

#IMAGINE/YOKOJOHN

BY: LEON IRBY      DATED: OCT. 19, 2016

# IS THE BLACK VOTE "CAPTURED"?

BY JESSE JACKSON, SR.

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IN his COLUMN Rev. JACKSON, SR. easily eloquently give his over 40 years stale argument, contrary to his own cited OPPOSITION irrefutable evidence in the AFFIRMATIVE — that the BLACKS OUGHT to CONTINUE to give Democrats their UNCONDITIONAL "VOTE" !!!

Rev. JACKSON, SR. cited:

Why? "Are black voters so loyal to Democrats that their issues are ignored? Donald Trump suggest as much, arguing that blacks had "Nothing to lose" by voting for him. Now a column by Femi Chideya at FiveThirtyEight, com cites academics who make similar argument."

MY SAVANT TAKE AWAY !!!

JESSE and his Pals get the Bacon  
[ MILLIONS of dollars for themselves!!!

And use KKK Fear Tactics to scare  
Blacks to the Pals to VOTE FOR HILLARY!!

THE REVOLUTION WILL NOT BE TELEvised!!

BREAK THE CHAIN OF FOOLS!!!

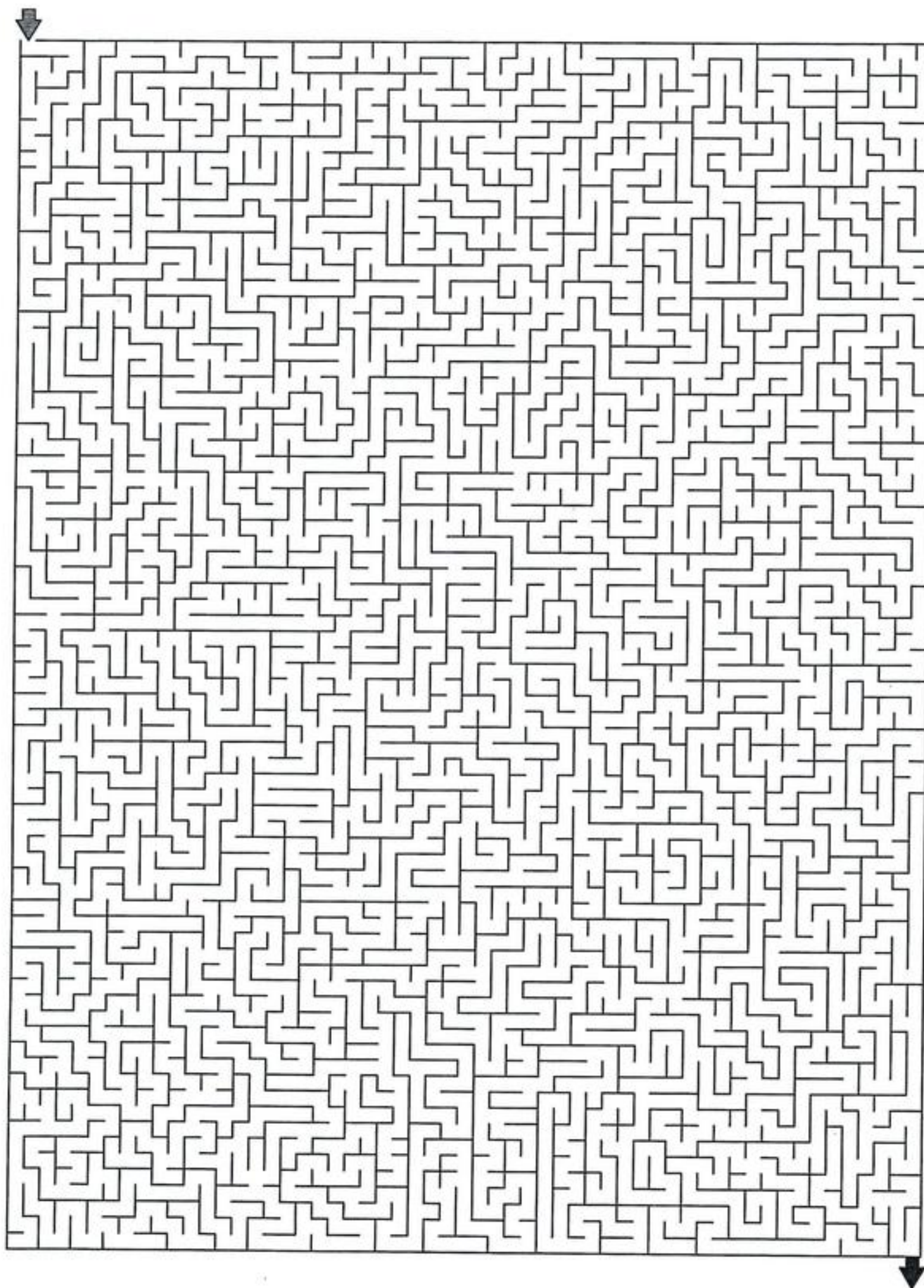
VOTE TRUMP!!!

# IF THE MIND IS ENSLAVED THE BODY CAN NEVER BE FREE / MLK, JR.

BY: LEON IRBY

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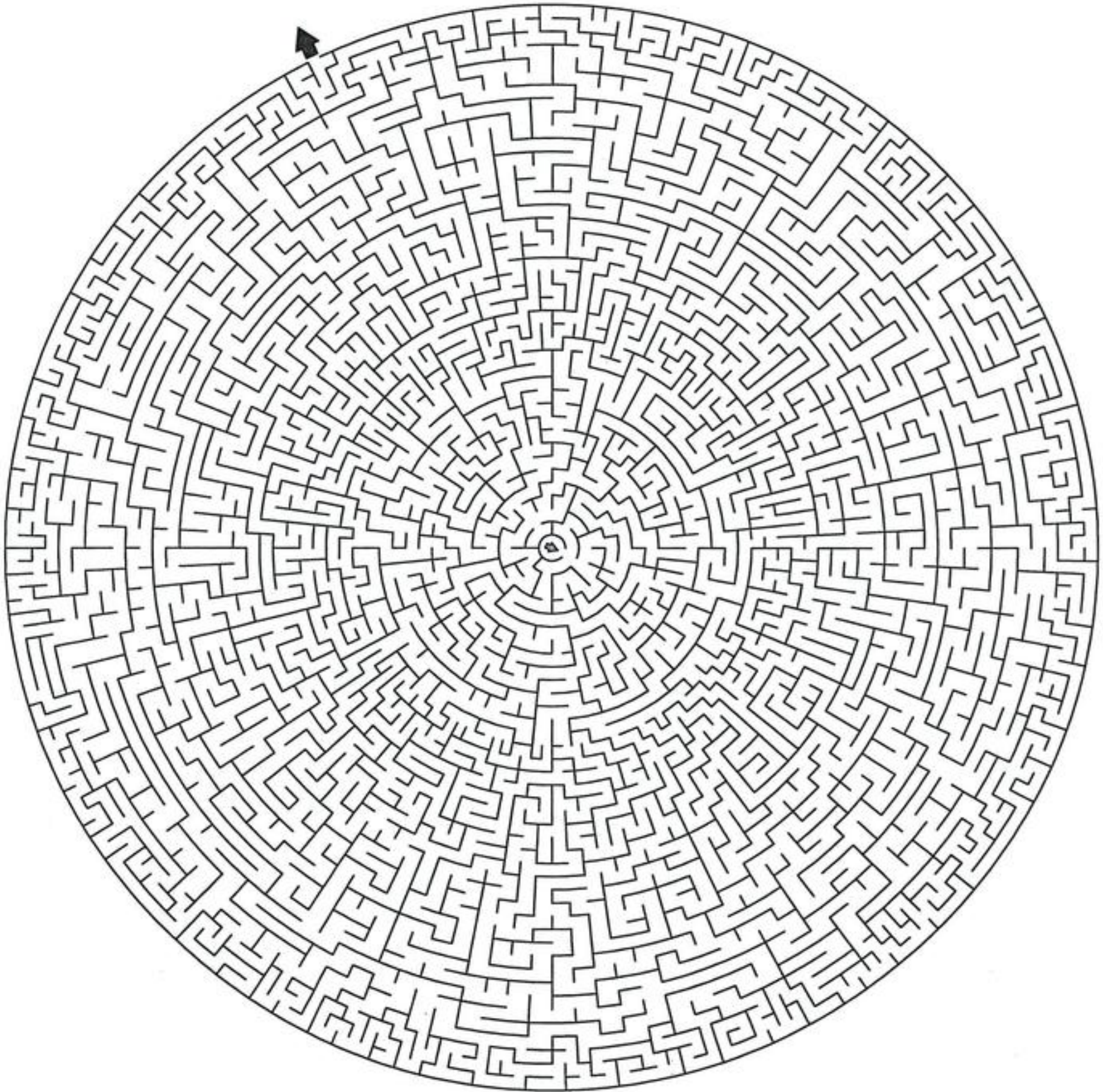
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ZEN THIS !!!

WHO IS THAT LADY !!!

SHAILENE WOODLEY

Criminal Trespassing  
and engaging in a riot

The Divergent actor, 24, and 26 other  
Dakota Access Pipeline Protesters were  
busted [and].. October 10th in Bismark,  
North Dakota. Due back in court  
October 24, 2016, Woodley who spent  
a night in jail, could face 30 days be  
hind bars.

- US MAGAZINE. COM / ORANGE IS THE NEW  
BLACK OCTOBER 31, 2016 P. 9

"YOU SAY YOU WANT A REVOLUTION" !!!

UPDATE:

I told you in my previous blog, how  
I saw this in her MAGAZINE pics, in her  
Magical Soul !!!

USMAGAZINE.COM / LOOSE TALK  
OCTOBER 31, 2016, P. 12

THE CORPORATE MEDIA HAS  
A MASS BLACK-OUT ON THIS  
HOT TOPIC !!!

Nonetheless, UNIVERSAL VOICE AMY  
GODDMAN, HOST OF DEMOCRACY NOW.ORG  
gave SHAZLENE a huge "MIC" to VOICE  
her and her Native Peoples and  
other fellow "LAND" PROTECTORS"  
True STORY — ON MONDAY, OCT. 24,  
2016

PLEASE HEAR AND JOIN !!!

# I M A G I N E / Y O K O J O H N

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: OCT. 24, 2016  
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"COMPARED TO WHAT" !!!

UPDATE !!!

BERNIE SANDERS  
AND BERNIE'S SANDER'S  
"BERNIE'S BABIES" !!!  
AND WIKILEAKS; CLINTON'S  
EMAILS

With Podesta: The Podesta's Emails  
Leaks Referring to CLINTON'S TEAM  
GENUINE OPINIONS ON SEN. (A) SANDERS.

He Looks Senile and Feeble ON  
the Campaign Trail arguing for the same  
people who Robbed Their "REVOLUTION" !!

"YOU SAY YOU WANT A REVOLUTION" !!!

!!! AND his "BABIES" APPEAR "DELUSIONARY"  
Perhaps; Sarah Silverman can SPANK  
Their BUTTS and Scream them DOWN  
and Send them ALL BACK HOME !!!

#HOPE WE DON'T GET FOOLED AGAIN!!! /THE WHO

BY: LEON ZIRBY DATED: OCTOBER 25, 2016

OPPS, BABY, I DID IT, AGAIN!!!

UPDATE:

"GLORIA STEINEM: SOME OF US  
ARE BECOMING THE MEN WE  
WANT TO MARRY."

BRITTANY SPEARS

BRITTANY SAID SHE'LL NEVER GET  
MARRIED AGAIN!!!

"A WOMAN IS GOTTA HAVE IT"

BRITTANY NEEDS A MAN,  
[WHO'LL MAKE...]  
WHO KNOWS HOW TO  
BE A GOOD WIFE !!!

XOXO

#IMAGINE/JOHNYOKO

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: OCT. 25, 2016

THAT'S WHAT PEOPLE SAY !!!

GOLD MADE MEN  
AND WOMEN UNEQUAL

— BUT Twitter

MADE THEM ALL COMMON!!!

BY: LEON I RBY DATED: OCTOBER 25, 2016

ABC.COM / EMMY AWARDS 2016  
HOST SENOR JIMMY KIMMEL, COM

UNIVERSAL FRIENDS !!

I Rebuke and Vehemently Protest  
Senor Jimmy Kimmel Mockery and de-  
meaning Universal gents Dr. Bill Cosby!  
and AHX. Jahnnie Corcoran (sic)  
in his UNFUNNY Minstrel Skit!!!

Senor Jimmy is there No other  
kinds of shades of men to be the  
butt of your A--hole Humor!!!

Lol!

#IMAGINE / YOKOJAH!!!

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: OCTOBER 25, 2016



ABC.COM / EMMY AWARDS

WHAT IS THIS TIME !!!

BLAKE SHELTON - GWEN SEFANI

ARE THE 21st CENTURY VERSION OF

ELIZABETH TAYLOR AND EDDIE FISHER

!!!

#MY VANCE!!!

BLAKE SHELTON AND GWEN SEFANI GIVE

Uber-ubiquitous !!!

TV! MAGAZINES! IT WISCONSIN - here

Earlier this year - when Blake's upcoming

concert was advertised on Radio Gwen's

MUSIC and NAME IS ATTACHED!!! IT

PRESIDENT OBAMA'S WHITE HOUSE!!!

UP IN MS. MIRANDA LAMBERT'S

ANGELIC FACE!!!

THEIR LOVE BRAND IS A

CASHCOW!!!

GWEN MUSIC NO. 1 ON THE HOT 100 HIT

CHARTS; JOB ON NBC.COM / THE VOICE!

JOINT MUSICAL VENTURES !!!

1003

BY: LEON ZRYB DATED: OCTOBER 25, 2016

# LOVERBOY

# ALLYOUNGBOYS LOVE !!! / JOHNNYKID

XO

THE OUTRAGE WAS LEFT BEHIND  
IN THE 20th CENTURY !!!!!!

MODERN LOVE !!!

BLAKE WENT TO LA A COWBOY  
AND BECAME A COWASS !!!!!!

BLAKE, THE GOOD OLE  
COUNTRY BOY !!!

SHE IS A LADY!!!

CHECK-OUT: MIRADA MOVES ON AS BLAKE  
FLAUNTS HIS NEW LOVE, LAMBERT DATES  
UNDER COVER.

— BY ERIC ANDERSON USMAGAZINE.COM

DECEMBER 14, 2015, P. 14.

KEEPING-UP WITH SUPERLADY  
SUPER-SUPER-MODEL  
KENDALL JENNER !!!

UPDATE

The Inimitable,  
Occasionally Awkward  
Kendall Jenner  
COVER STORY [ W/ PICS ] Allure Special  
ISSUE OCTOBER 2016 [allure.com](http://allure.com)

The RISE and RISE of  
Kendall Jenner

Just when you thought she couldn't  
get more famous - SHE PROVED US WRONG,  
— BY JANCEE DUNN Photographed by  
Patrick Demarcheller, p. 212

WHAT I SAY:

Hey!!! Everybody knows the old  
songs: "Beautiful"; Beauty is SKIN DEEP!  
AND PRETTY GIRLS COMES A DIME A DOZEN!!

# MAGICAL

You gotta have that old MAGIC...  
— NO ONE CAN DECIIPHER OR EXPLAIN  
IT.

ONLY ENJOY!!!

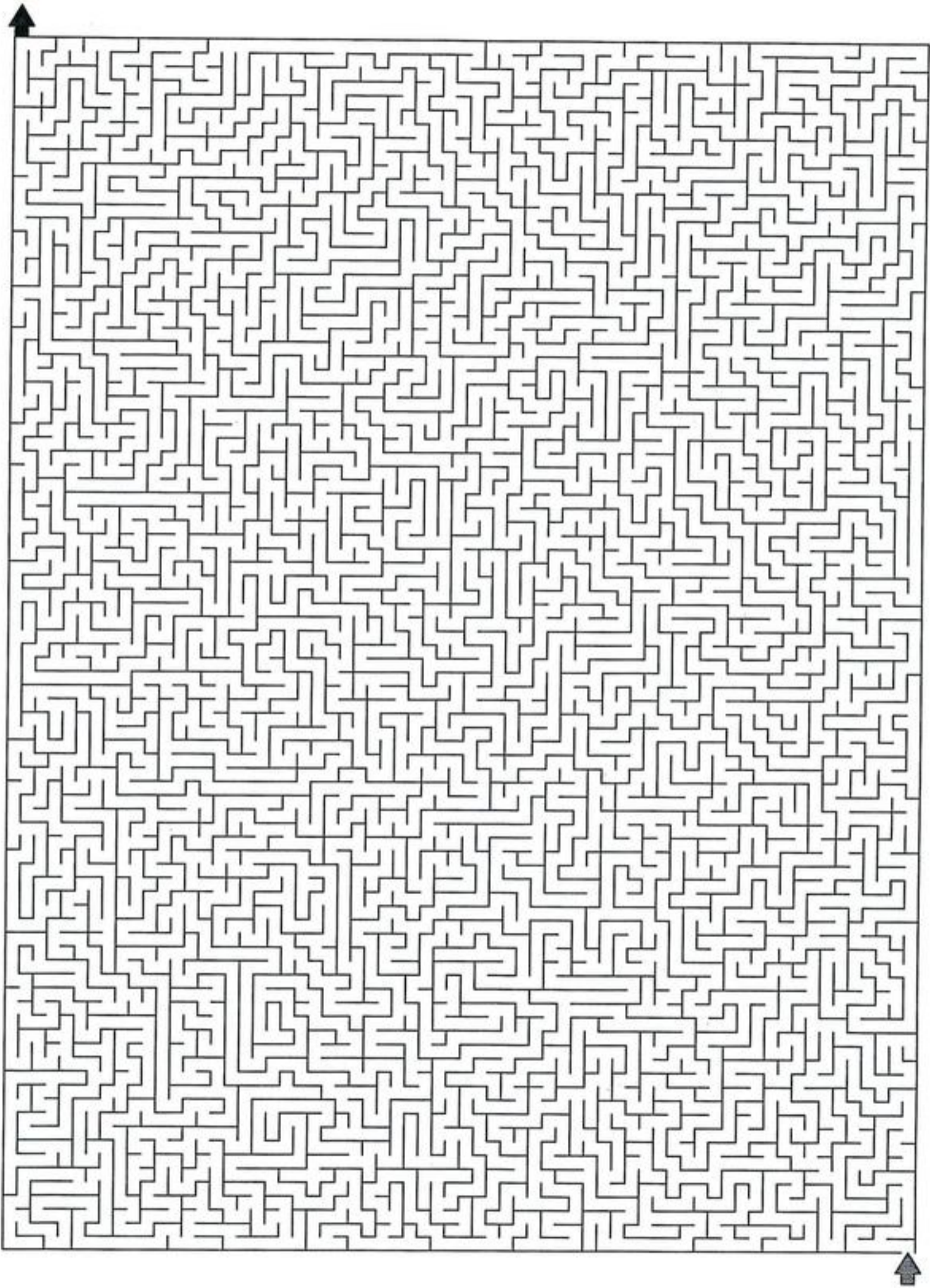
CLOSING PRAYER!!!

Thank God that Rabid "Nightmare-  
SLEEP WALKING" Stalker Did Harm our  
Kendall!!!

AMEN!!!

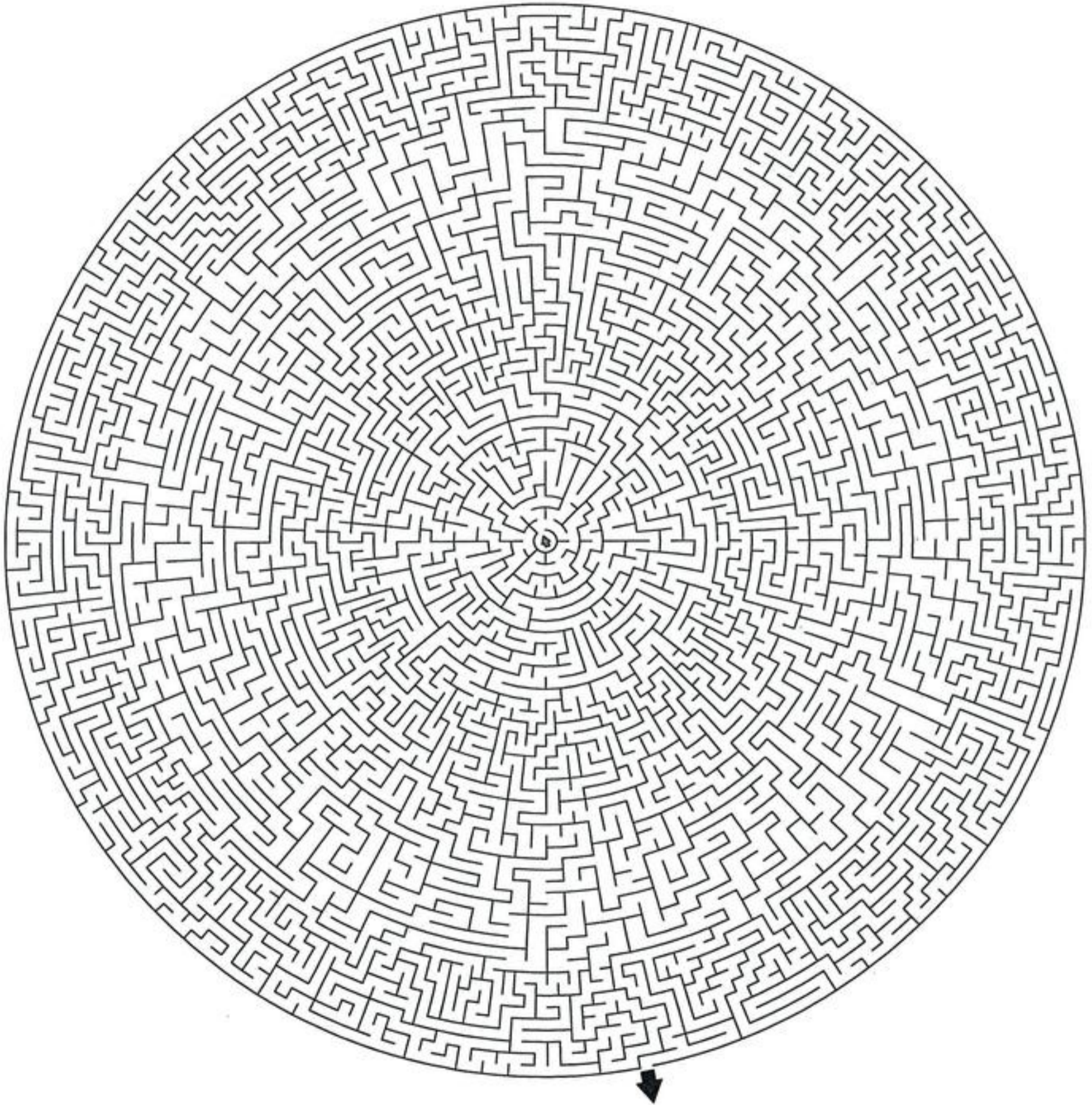
#SUPERSUPERMODEL!!!

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: OCT. 26, 2016



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NEW BOOK !!!

UPDATE:

KEEPING-UP WITH TWO  
MANIFICIENT CHAMPIONS

UNIVERSAL FRIENDS:

PLEASE let me Introduce you to  
and Commend to you SKI CHAMPION  
MANIFICIENT LINDSEY VONN'S — Author  
NEW BOOK:

STRONG IS THE NEW BEAUTIFUL

NOW ON BOOK-SHELVES and elsewhere  
EXCELLENT CLASSICS ARE ON SELL !!!

RUN !!

I KNOW and you TOO that this is a  
MUST READ !! Because it is about  
and BY A BEAUTIFUL AND STRONG LADY

ACCESS HOLLYWOOD LIVE TUESDAY OCTOBER  
4, 2016

MY PEN WON'T BE STILL !!!

IF LINDSEY doesn't THINK she is beaut-  
iful, who in the heck does she THINK  
is pretty !!!

1 of 2

GOLF CHAMPIONS TIGER WOODS !!!

LINDSEY DATED TIGER FOR 3-YEARS.

RECENTLY TIGER CONFESSED TO PBS.ORG/  
CHARLIE ROSE THAT HIS LIFE-TIME ONLY RE-  
GRET IS: HE DID NOT COMPLETE ONE MORE  
YEAR AT STANFORD...

MY TAKE !!!

TIGER (ZEN) IS SAYING: IF HE HAD  
STAYED IN COLLEGE THAT ONE MORE YEAR, [THE  
RIVER WOULD HAVE FLOWED BY ALL OF HIS PAST  
LIFE !!!] HE WOULD HAVE MISSED "LIVING"  
HIS EXPERIENCES IN LIFE AFTER LEAVING  
SCHOOL AT AN UNTIMELY SEASON

WATCH THE RIVER FLOW !!!

I DO PRESUME TO PRAY TIGER WOO  
BACK MS. WILLING LINDSEY! THAT CHAMPION  
CAN THAT... TAME THAT WILD TIGER IN  
YOUR TANK!!! XOXO

# ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE / XOXO JOHN

BY: LEON IRBY

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THE FIRST LAW !!!

BEAUTY LIES IN  
THE FLAWS.

EMBRACE WHO  
YOU ARE,

AND NEVER STOP  
LOVING YOURSELF."

LINDSEY VONN

theNewPotato.com

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

" IS IT TOO LATE  
TO SAY I AM SORRY !!!

UPDATE

RUTH BADER GINSBURG, 83  
SUPREME COURT JUSTICE

COLLIN KAE PNERNICK

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, 83,  
gave her overdue Apology for her  
"out of order" - Side bar UNKIND,  
Interruptive, IMPACTFUL OPINION that  
our UNIVERSAL HERO COLLIN KAE PNERNICK  
NFL KNEELING PROTEST WAS "STUPID AND  
DISRESPECTFUL" !!!

GOD SPEED!!!

We feel you [I feel !!] you are  
Too Tired and are overdue ANXIOUS to  
Retire with President (D.) CLINTON IN  
OFFICE 2017!!!

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# COLLIN KAEPNER NICK

UPDATE:

PROTEST SOCIAL INJUSTICE!!!

NFL 49ers Quarterback Star refuses  
To Stand during National Anthem ...  
#GMA SUNDAY 7: A.M. CDT AUGUST 28, 2016

5 YEARS \$100 MILLION

TAKING A STAND BY SATTING DOWN  
49ers NFL Quarterback. NBC.COM/  
TODAY SUNDAY. 7: P.M. CDT. AUGUST 28,  
2016 A FORTUNE AT RISK!!

WHAT'S NEW

Radio Conservative Radio Chatterbox:  
Rush Limbaugh Screams "HOT AIR" that our  
Hero Collin and us and others for the NFL  
TV VIEWING RATINGS HUGE DECLINING.

BY: LEON ZRBY DATED: OCTOBER 26, 2016

THAT'S WHAT PEOPLE SAY!!!

"SILENCE IN THE FACE OF EVIL IS EVIL ITSELF"!!!  
- Dietrich Bonhoeffer -

"HE WHO PASSIVELY ACCEPTS EVIL IS AS MUCH INVOLVED IN IT AS HE WHO HELPS TO PERPETRATE IT. HE WHO ACCEPTS EVIL WITHOUT PROTESTING AGAINST IT IS REALLY COOPERATING WITH IT."!!!

"I'd RATHER ANNOY PEOPLE WITH MY HONESTY AND LOUD OPINIONS THAN STAY SILENT."!!!

- Demi Lovato -

SOURCE: USMAGAZINE.com/FEUD OF THE WEEK NICKI (US) DEMI MAY 23, 2016, p.10

"DO YOU REALLY WANT TO STIR THE POT?" I'LL GET ASKED. "ONCE I'd THOUGHT ABOUT IT, ACTUALLY. I DO."

ON BEING VOCAL ABOUT HER OPINION.

- CHLOE GRACE MORETZ -

SOURCE: UNMAGAZINE.com/LOOSE TALK AGUGUST 22, 2016, p.12.

## THE BASKET OF DEPLORABLES

By: Ernesto R. Rodriguez / 09/24/16

Will the "Basket of Deplorables" vote America into the hands of the German Nazis? It is no secret that Donald Trump is a Nazi advocating violence against people of color and undermining the American government.

The F.B.I. Has clearly proclaimed Trump a "Traitor to the American people."

The Internet has exposed Trump as a Nazi using Hitler methods to get himself elected to the presidency of the United States. Trump denies being associated with the Klan in spite of his father being arrested on Klan activities and made to pay \$40 million for refusing to rent housing to Blacks.

It is no secret that the so-called deplorables are racists who are killing minorities to provoke a race war—The Charleston Massacre. If a II Civil War breaks out, ISIS may step in to defend the underdogs. Remember, ISIS' aim is not against people of color, but they are against the wealthy who are trying to control the world and take their oil.. Trump's racism is pushing the minority population of America into the protective hands of ISIS—United we stand, divided we fall!

Trump is falsely promising to create millions of jobs for Americans while he is taking his businesses out of the country and denying jobs to Americans. He has also hired immigrants then refused to pay them, again denying jobs to Americans.

While Trump is accusing Mexicans of bringing drugs to America and being rapists, Trump is involved with some of the biggest drug dealers in New York and has been accused of several rapes—it is all documented on the Internet. He is also known to have conflicting Mob, China, Turkey and Russian connections.


Trump has demonstrated that his only aim in this campaign is money and keeping this country racially divided—lose or win this election you can bet he is counting millions of dollars his donors have given him—which he is using to pay off his debts! And God forbid that he be given power over our national treasury!

Countries around the world have made it clear that they will not deal with Trump if he is elected, nor permit the USA to land on their property. Mexico has threatened to break the Hidalgo treaty and take back its land from the USA.

We all know that Trump supporters are the Nazis of America with ties to Hitler philosophy—so here is the bottom line. Look forward to a Holocaust that will create an all white society in America "by any means possible" if Trump is elected. There will be mass graves of minorities, homosexuals, lesbians, "half breeds," and "white trash women", men, babies, and the Jewish people.

I was born in 1935 and I am a living witness to what Hitler did in those days and as I live today I am seeing Hitler-Trump trying to rise again from the grave. Don't be fooled that White Supremacy will make America Great—the only ones who will benefit by electing Trump are the racists Nazis of America.

Let's out vote the "Basket Deplorables" And keep all America safe!

  
Ph: 577.204.9278

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

UPDATE !!! WHY I PROJECT (R, N.Y.)  
DONALD J. TRUMP HUGE TRUMAN  
AND (D) BARAK H. OBAMA TYPE  
UPSET PRESIDENTIAL WIN EVEN  
AGAINST MY OWN RIGHT BRAIN-  
SIDE AND POLLS AND BIASED  
PUNDITS !!!

I'll list them Randomly BELOW:

A] CLINTON IS SO UNPOPULAR  
[ 53 PER CENT UNFAVORABILITY POLLS ] !!!

B] POPULAR NEED FOR "CHANGE" IN  
WASHINGTON !!!

C] ENOUGH WHITE MEN  
LIKE IN WISCONSIN GOVERNOR'S  
[ RACE WINNING GOV. (R) SCOTT  
WALKER V. (D) MARY BURKE !!! ]



D] CLINTON had 8 Years IN THE WHITE-  
HOUSE [1993-2000] !!!

E] ENOUGH VOTERS WHO OPPOSE ANY LADY-  
PRESIDENT [2017] !!!

F] ENOUGH VOTERS WHO THINK CLINTONS  
ARE SERIAL "CROOKS" !!!

G] ENOUGH WOMEN WHO OPPOSE A  
LADY, ESPECIALLY MADAME HILLARY !!!

H] ENOUGH VOTERS WHO THINK THE  
"SYSTEM IS RIGGED" !!!

I] ENOUGH VOTERS WHO RESENT !!!  
THE OPPONENTS PURELY EVIL  
ATTACK AND SCHEMES  
AGAINST CANDIDATE TRUMP AND  
HIS FAMILY !!! EVIL!

J] ENOUGH VOTERS WHO OPPOSE  
AND HUGELY RESENT "THE  
ESTABLISHMENT" / HOLLYWOOD  
/ MEDIA BLATANT BIASES  
AGAINST TRUMP AND HIS  
VOTERS !!!

K] BIAS POLLS USED AGAINST  
TRUMP'S CANDIDACY !!!

L] LIKE IN 2012 THE POLLS  
SHOWING PRESIDENT LOSING TO  
MR. ROMNEY (R) ARE WRONG!!!

M] MICHAEL MODRE'S "DEPRESSIVE"  
AND "SCARY" GUEST APPEARANCE  
ON ABC.COM/THE VIEW  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2016,  
TO TALK ABOUT HIS SUPPORT FOR  
CLINTON (D), BUT ALSO HIS  
FEARS VOTERS MAY SELECT  
TRUMP (NOV. 08, 2016) !!!

N] CLINTON TEAM RUNNING  
LIKE LOSERS! RUNNING  
SCARED!

CLINTON TEAM IS CAMPAIGN-  
ING IN COVERT DESPERATION  
UNDERCOVER OF CHASING AN  
ILLUSIONARY "MANDATE" !!!  
THAT SHE ACTUALLY IS LOSING  
BY SENDING-OUT "OVERKILL"  
POPULAR SURROGATES:

CHECK-OUT THIS PARTIAL IMPRESSIVE LIST  
ALL RICH ELIST:

FIRST "BLACK PRESIDENT" BILL CLINTON!

FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN BARAK H.  
OBAMA-PRESIDENT !!

FIRST-LADY MICHELLE OBAMA!!!

VP JOE BIDEN!!!!

FORMER VP AL GORE!!!!

ALL CORPORATE MEDIA AND ENTER-  
TAINMENT ESTABLISHMENT...

MILEY CYRUS!!!!

KATY PERRY!!!!

BIG OPRAH!!!!!!!!!!!!

O] CONSTANT CHASING HUGE BUCKS DONAT-  
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P] WIKILEAKS "NUCLEAR BOMBSHELL"!!!  
NEAR NOVEMBER 8, 2016, WHICH  
SHALL BLOW HER CAMPAIGN OUT OF  
THE POLITICAL WATERS!!!

Q] TRUMPS FORGOTTEN AND UNCOUNTED  
VOTERS!!!

(Rep. Wis.) PAUL RYAN "won't campaign with or defend Trump"

bikers who had traveled from near and far to see them. A large crowd surrounded them, struggling to make it to the front as they held up their phones for pictures.

Scooter stared at his admirers, wagging his tail as he was placed on the bike seat, while Sandoval addressed his countrywide fans on his Facebook livestream.

"I'm kind of at a loss for words for the first time in a long time right now," he said. Sandoval and Scooter have raised more than \$250,000 for the military by riding across the country, hitting every Harley-Davidson dealership in the lower 48 states. This was their last one. They have a Facebook page, Scootin America, where fans can follow their journey.

Sandoval began his trip in November 2014, departing from Florida with Scooter as a way to give back to the military, for which he always had admiration. He said that after making poor choices in his 20s, he regretted not having joined. He chose the motorcycle trip as a way to give back because he was passionate about riding and wanted to use what he loved to make a difference.

When Sandoval started, he did not have the support he does now. He spent many nights camping next to his bike behind gas stations, in church parking lots, in fields and between buildings, he said in a video on the Scootin America page.

"It was a very lonely, long road for a long time," he said.

But he always had the company of Scooter — now 8 years old — who has been riding with Sandoval his entire life.

"He loves to ride more than I do," Sandoval said. He's ridden with him since he was 10 or 11 weeks old.

The duo faced many challenges on their journey, including injuries.

Sandoval broke his leg two months ago, and Tooter, a woman from Minnesota who was traveling with him, was recently hit by a semi truck. She is currently on the road to recovery.

They even had the occasional run-in with cops for speeding, though one time, Sandoval admitted, a cop only wanted to take his picture.

He is finished with the ride, but not with supporting the military.

"Whatever I do I'll try to find a way to make it work for our country," he said.

#### A ghost ship on Lake Superior? You decide

A man claims to have seen a ghost ship rising and falling in the waves of Lake Superior near Marquette, Mich.

Jason Asselin of Kingsford, Mich., in the state's Upper Peninsula posted a video Monday on YouTube showing footage of Lake Superior, WDIV-TV, Detroit, reported. A tall, eerie image appears to be moving in the waves.

"Saturday evening far off coast from Marquette, Mich., appeared this mysterious ship that had to be gigantic! Almost as if a ghost ship was showing itself to the

world," Asselin said in describing the video on his channel. "Even if it was a ship, what could be that tall in these choppy waves?" Or could it be something less of an apparition, something already off the coast of Marquette? Some of Asselin's commenters say it may be Granite Island lighthouse and tower, the image rippling in the warmth of Superior's water vapor as it meets the colder air — kind of like heat waves off asphalt in the summer.

Among the vessels that have sunk off the coast of Marquette, according to information from Marquette Underwater Preserve and The Great Lakes Shipwreck File:

- **The DeSoto**, a three-masted schooner that stranded in 10 feet of water and broke up Dec. 12, 1869. No lives were lost.
- **The Florida**, a two-masted schooner that was crushed against the Marquette docks in a Nov. 17, 1886, blizzard. One man died.
- **The Charles J. Kershaw**, a wooden freighter that struck Chocoley Reef and sank Sept. 29, 1895. Its crew of 13 survived.
- **The D. Leuty**, a wooden freighter lost while struggling to enter Marquette harbor on Oct. 31, 1911. Its remains are about 800 feet off Lighthouse Point near downtown Marquette; no one died.
- **The Henry B. Smith**, a wooden freighter that left its safe harbor of Marquette at the end of a storm Nov. 10, 1913, to get a load of iron ore to Cleveland and never was seen again; all 25 aboard perished. Shipwreck hunters found it May 24, 2013, in 535 feet of water, according to Lake Superior Magazine. Asselin's video had close to almost 165,000 views as of Tuesday night. He said his YouTube channel features "snowmobile hill climbing, racing, nature scenes, life in upper Michigan, local new stories and many other subjects from upper Michigan and Wisconsin."

The Great Lakes is home to more than 6,000 shipwrecks, the Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum estimates, while a historian, Mark Thompson, estimates more than 25,000 wrecks large and small. About 30,000 lives have been lost in shipwrecks across all five Great Lakes, according to the museum.

#### Paul Ryan tells House Republicans he won't campaign with or defend Donald Trump

WASHINGTON — The nation's most powerful Republican told his party Monday he's now focusing on making sure Hillary Clinton doesn't get a blank check as president with a Democratic Congress, suggesting he doesn't believe Donald Trump can win the election.

House Speaker Paul Ryan's office quickly said he was not conceding the election's outcome. But pro-Trump GOP House members got that impression, pushing back and saying Trump can still prevail and should not be abandoned. One outspoken conservative called Ryan and other Republican leaders "cowards."

A person who was on Ryan's conference call with GOP lawmakers said the speaker

declared that he will "spend his entire energy making sure that Hillary Clinton does not get a blank check with a Democrat-controlled Congress." The person wasn't authorized to be quoted by name and demanded anonymity.

Ryan, of Janesville, said he wouldn't defend Trump or appear with the Republican presidential candidate for the rest of the campaign, according to lawmakers and Republican congressional staff, who also spoke on condition of anonymity.

Trump fired back on Twitter: "Paul Ryan should spend more time on balancing the budget, jobs and illegal immigration and not waste his time on fighting Republican nominee."

The renewed tension Monday came after Ryan disinvited Trump from a GOP unity event in Elkhorn on Saturday, a day after a 2005 video surfaced in which Trump is heard bragging about how his fame allowed him to "do anything" to women. At the Elkhorn event most state Republican leaders who spoke didn't mention Trump, and some audience members expressed anger at Ryan and other leaders for abandoning him.

The remarkable developments Monday came as Trump battled to rescue his campaign. Some leading Republicans have withdrawn their support or even called for him to drop out of the race.

Endorsement still stands  
Several people on the call said Ryan explicitly told House members, "You all need to do what's best for you in your district." Ryan said he was "willing to endure political pressure to help protect our majority," a person on the call said.

Ryan's message appeared to signal his disbelief in Trump's ability to turn the campaign around with four weeks until the Nov. 8 election, though he didn't actually revoke his endorsement. He said his decision was driven by what he thought was best for the Republican-led Congress, not himself, according to people on the call.

Rep. Reid Ribble, R-Sherwood, told the Wisconsin State Journal he did not hear Ryan say he would never defend Trump.

But Ribble said Ryan was explicit in urging Republican representatives to deal with Trump in a way that matches their constituents' views. Ribble, a longtime, outspoken Trump critic who is not seeking re-election, said House Republicans realize Trump's comments were politically toxic. "They know that there was a lot of damage done, particularly with women voters," Ribble said.

Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner, R-Menomonee Falls, signaled in a Monday statement that he is standing by Trump.

"Now is not the time to make perfect the enemy of the good," Sensenbrenner said. "Mr. Trump is an imperfect nominee, but Hillary Clinton is a bet America cannot afford to make."

In the eyes of many Republican leaders, the recently released tape of a 2005 conversation

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This is the first poll of the Buckeye State since Sunday's debate and since a damaging video of Trump was released on Saturday. More than half of poll respondents who saw Sunday night's debate — 52% — said Clinton was the victor, while 31% said Trump won. Those who said the candidates tied totaled 17%.

Baldwin-Wallace's survey indicated voters are deeply dissatisfied with both the two major party candidates. About 47% of Clinton supporters are more about keeping Trump out of the White House, while 63% of those who supported Trump said they did so to stop Clinton from winning on Nov. 8. But the polling indicated undecided voters are leaning toward Clinton, not Trump.

"A large percentage of Ohio's electorate is most passionate about who should *not* be president," said Tom Sutton, Baldwin-Wallace political science professor and director of the Community Research Institute, in a news release. "The core support for each of the major party candidates has stayed largely unchanged, but the bad news for Trump is that more of the undecideds — and some third party supporters — who are now coming off the fence are moving to Clinton." The poll of 1,152 likely Ohio voters was conducted from Sunday (starting after the debate at 11 p.m.) through Tuesday 7 p.m. It has a margin of error of +/- 3 percentage points for registered voters.

#### **Trump: Islamic State may take over U.S. if Clinton wins**

Donald Trump did not hold back at a Florida rally on Wednesday, attacking Hillary Clinton as "corrupt," the media as "dishonest," the Republican Congress as ineffective — and the entire country as vulnerable to a takeover by the Islamic State if Clinton wins the Nov. 8 election.

"They are hoping and praying that Hillary Clinton becomes president of the United States, because they'll take over not only that part of the world, they'll take over this country," Trump told backers in Ocala, Fla. Repeatedly predicting dire consequences if he loses the election, Trump said at one point that "our country has never been so low" and "I'm ashamed with what's happened to our country, and so are you."

Citing the WikiLeaks document dumps of emails from the Clinton campaign, Trump recited a litany of accusations that include double dealing and special favors for contributors to the Clinton Foundation, "cashing in" on government service, and claims that the Justice Department protected the former secretary of State during the email investigation.

Clinton officials have not confirmed the authenticity of individual emails, but have accused the Russians of involvement in hackings designed to bolster Trump's presidential bid.

"By dribbling these out every day WikiLeaks is proving they are nothing but a propaganda arm of the Kremlin with a political agenda doing Putin's dirty work to help elect Donald

Trump," said Clinton spokesman Glen Caplin. "The FBI is now investigating this crime, the unanswered questions are why Donald Trump strangely won't condemn it and whether any of his associates are involved."

Saying Clinton would be "the most corrupt and most dishonest person" ever president, Trump also accused the media of promoting and protecting her. "Without the media and without the press," Trump said, "Hillary Clinton would be nothing."

Trump is engaged in a tour of Florida less than a week after the release of a 2005 tape in which he talks about aggressively moving in on women, revelations that prompted some Republicans to call on him to exit the presidential race.

The Republican nominee is also looking at a slide in polls in a variety of key states, including Florida.

Some of Trump's Republican critics have also questioned his increasingly harsh attacks on Clinton. Tweeted Sen. Jeff Flake, R-Ariz.: "Republicans should not be okay with @realDonaldTrump threatening to jail his opponent after the election. That is not who we are."

During his remarks in Ocala, Trump added the entire political establishment to his indictment, saying member of both parties cover up mutual self-dealing.

"I am so disappointed in Congress ... and I mean both sides," Trump said.

Trump singled out Republican House Speaker Paul Ryan, who announced this week that he would no longer defend or campaign with the Republican nominee. In Ocala, Trump hit Ryan for not calling to congratulate him after Sunday's debate with Clinton.

"There's a whole sinister deal going on," Trump said.

Claiming victory in that debate against Clinton, Trump said he was "so happy what we did to annihilate the enemy the other day."

Trump told supporters in Ocala he expects to win the election, but did cite the narrowness of polls in Florida,

"If I lose," he said, "I'm going to be so angry at Florida."

#### **Two missiles fired from Yemen land near U.S. warship**

Two missiles fired from rebel-held territory in Yemen landed near a U.S. warship in the Red Sea, the U.S. Navy said Monday.

Ian McConaughy, a spokesman for U.S. Navy Forces Central Command, said it was unclear if the USS Mason — a guided missile destroyer — was specifically targeted, but the missiles were fired in its direction in the space of an hour from 7 p.m. local time Sunday.

The Navy said that no American sailors were injured and the warship was not damaged. Pentagon press secretary Peter Cook said the missiles appeared to have been fired from territory in southern Yemen controlled by Iran-backed Shiite rebels

known as Houthis, *the Wall Street Journal* reported.

The incident happened in international waters north of the Bab el-Mandeb Strait in the southern Red Sea, according to the *WSJ*. The Houthis denied targeting the warship. The launches came as a ballistic missile fired from Yemen targeted an air base near the Muslim holy city of Mecca in Saudi Arabia, local media reported, in apparently the deepest strike into Saudi territory by Houthis and their allies.

The incidents follow a Saudi airstrike on a funeral hall in the Yemeni capital Sanaa on Saturday that killed more than 140 people. The Saudi government said Sunday that it would investigate, with assistance from U.S. experts.

#### **Woman gets free cash from ATM, returns the next day**

(NEWSER) — The public might not be too happy with Wells Fargo right now, but Wells Fargo has good reason to be happy with one particular member of the public, per the AP. Pennsylvania's Kristina Edwards found herself in an awkward but potentially lucrative situation Sunday morning when one of the bank's ATMs in Glenolden started spitting money out at her, the Delaware County Daily Times reports. The single 35-year-old mom of two had pulled up to a drive-thru machine to take out \$60 for the supermarket, but instead of three crisp \$20s, the ATM kept them coming in multiples for about 30 seconds out of a second slot meant for deposits. By the time the generous money-dispensing slot closed, Edwards had \$380 in hand—and she knew she didn't have enough in her account to justify the payout. "I panicked," she says. "It was like something out of a movie."

She asked the driver who'd been in front of her if the money was his (it wasn't). And when she called the bank's 800 number, the person on the other end told her just to take it back to the branch when it reopened the next day. And so she did, without much of a question in her mind. "I know what it's like to struggle with money," she tells Fox 29. "\$380 is a lot of money to a lot of people." Edwards said she was informed the cash would be deposited into a bank fund. The most disappointing part of her experience: She said no one at the branch even offered a thank-you when she brought the money back, though a corporate rep says the bank is indeed "grateful."

#### **Man and Chihuahua traveled 82,000 miles on motorcycle to support military**

GETTYSBURG, Pa. — Adam Sandoval and his Chihuahua, Scooter, have logged 82,000 miles on a motorcycle over the last two years, traveling cross-country six times to support the Wounded Warriors Project and the American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund. Along the way, the duo has grown a fanbase. Last weekend, Sandoval, with Scooter tucked in his jacket, arrived to great fanfare for a meet-and-greet inside the Gettysburg Battlefield Harley-Davidson dealership with

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in which Trump made vulgar, predatory comments about women not only jeopardized his own uphill candidacy but that of Republicans fighting to hold their majority in the Senate. Now some believe their commanding majority in the House could be in peril, too.

Pence backs running mate  
Some conservatives expressed alarm with Ryan's tone, according to those on the call. California Rep. Dana Rohrabacher called Republican leaders "cowards," one person on the call said.

Trump got backing Monday from his running mate, Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, who gave a series of television interviews, urging Republicans to stand behind Trump.

"This is a choice between two futures," Pence declared, saying he never considered leaving Trump's ticket. "I'm honored to be standing with him," Pence said.

For voters appalled by Trump's words, the businessman's debate performance Sunday likely did little to ease their concerns. He denied he had kissed and groped women without their consent, dismissing his claims that he had as "locker room" talk.

Still, Trump's intensely loyal supporters might well be energized by his vigorous criticism of Clinton. He labeled her "the devil" and promised she would "be in jail" if he were president because of her email practices at the State Department — a threat that drew widespread criticism.

"That was a quip," Kellyanne Conway, Trump's campaign manager, said Monday on MSNBC's "Morning Joe." She also wouldn't confirm Trump's threat, if elected, to appoint a special prosecutor to investigate Clinton. Trump was "channeling the frustration" of voters, she said.

According to a person involved in Monday's House GOP call, Oregon Rep. Greg Walden reported that Trump's polling numbers began falling after his first debate with Clinton last month and he expected a further decline.

Rep. Sean Duffy, R-Wausau, said he endorsed Trump because of his policies, not "because of his stance on women or his family values."

Duffy said in a statement Monday that he's standing by the candidate. His northern congressional district is the only one Trump won in the Wisconsin primary.

While Duffy said Trump's recent comments are "reprehensible," he said he endorsed Trump because of his policies and because "four years of Hillary Clinton would be unacceptable."

The 8th Congressional District in northeast Wisconsin is open this year, and Ryan has said he's focused on helping Mike Gallagher win the seat against Democrat Tom Nelson. Gallagher criticized Trump's comments about women but has been generally supportive. His campaign spokeswoman did not respond to a message Monday.

Nelson, the Outagamie County executive, launched a new TV ad Monday tying Gallagher to Trump. The ad airing in the

Green Bay and Fox Valley market includes clips of Trump's lewd comments released Friday and older clips of him boasting about not paying income taxes and mocking a disabled reporter.

"Mike Gallagher still says we have to support Donald Trump," the narrator in the ad says. "No, we don't. We don't have to support Mike Gallagher either."

The Trump video overshadowed potentially damaging revelations about Clinton's paid speeches to Wall Street firms. Emails released by WikiLeaks last week showed Clinton told a group that it's acceptable for a president to project differing positions in public and private.

WikiLeaks published another 2,000 emails Monday that it said belonged to Clinton campaign chief John Podesta.

**Winner named at giant pumpkin annual weigh-off in California**

— An annual pumpkin-weighing contest in Northern California has a new winner: a third-grade teacher in Washington state who raised a giant one weighing 1,910 pounds. Cindy Tobeck, 42, who lives outside Olympia, Washington, said her pumpkin grew steadily since she planted it in April, spending much of that time in a greenhouse with heated soil. She said the secret to growing giant pumpkins is using the right seed.

"I am just over the moon elated right now," she said. "It was just a real steady grower. It wasn't an explosive grower... it kept growing well into the summer when a lot of pumpkins slow down."

Hers came from a 2,230-pound pumpkin that won a different contest last year.

Tobeck beat out more than two dozen other pumpkins from Oregon, Washington and California, said Timothy Beeman, a spokesman for the Safeway World Championship Pumpkin Weigh-Off in Half Moon Bay. The runner-up weighed 1,723 pounds. Tobeck was shy of the contest record by about 150 pounds.

At \$6 a pound, Tobeck will receive nearly \$11,500 in prize money

Last year, Oregon farmer Steve Daletas won the 42nd Half Moon Bay pumpkin weigh-off, when his pumpkin came in at 1,969 pounds. On Sunday, the Giant Pumpkin European Championship was held in Ludwigsburg, Germany, and a pumpkin weighing about 2,623 pounds took home the award for the heaviest. If anyone would have broken that record they would have received a special \$30,000 mega prize.

**In a medical first, brain implant allows paralyzed man to feel again**

For the first time, scientists have helped a paralyzed man experience the sense of touch in his mind-controlled robotic arm.

For the cutting-edge experiment, a collaboration between the University of Pittsburgh and the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, electrodes smaller than a grain of sand were implanted in the sensory cortex of the man's brain. The electrodes

received signals from a robot arm. When a researcher pressed the fingers of the prosthesis, the man felt the pressure in the fingers of his paralyzed right hand, effectively bypassing his damaged spinal cord.

The results of the experiment, which have been repeated over several months with 30-year-old Nathan Copeland, offer a breakthrough in the restoration of a critical function in people with paralyzed limbs: the ability not just to move those limbs, but to feel them.

The experiment with Copeland was a featured stop Thursday when President Obama visited Pittsburgh for a White House Frontiers Conference on advances in science, medicine and technology. The researchers described how neuroscience has been able to build a technology where simply imagining a motion translates into motion, in this case a robotic arm.

"It's amazing. Pretty cool," Obama said, before asking Copeland to "blow it up" with a handshake, where they each pulled their hand away at the end. "I couldn't be prouder of all of you."

Copeland was a teenager when his car spun out of control on a rainy winter night more than a decade ago. The western Pennsylvania man was diagnosed with tetraplegia, paralysis of all four limbs. He has some ability to move his shoulders.

Five years ago, he volunteered for the research at UPMC. There, a team of surgeons, biomedical engineers and doctors of rehabilitative medicine had been toiling with the technology that, they hoped, would enable paralyzed people to again feel sensations — something even more difficult to achieve than movement.

Copeland, who had been studying nanotechnology before his accident, was the perfect subject. Last spring, the surgeons implanted four tiny electrodes in the left hemisphere of his brain, into the sensory cortex area that senses touch in the body's right hand and fingers. Copeland already had chips implanted in his brain that connect him to a mind-controlled robotic arm. To test whether the new chips could allow him to experience touch, he was blindfolded so that he couldn't see what the researcher was doing. One by one, the researcher touched each of the fingers on the robot's right hand, and each time Copeland correctly identified the location of the touch.

"I can feel just about every finger," Copeland said Wednesday. "Sometimes it feels electrical, and sometimes it's pressure, but for the most part, I can tell most of the fingers with definite precision. It feels like my fingers are getting touched or pushed." The research team was quietly ecstatic.

"I was awfully relieved," biomedical engineer Robert Gaunt acknowledged. "Nathan was pretty happy. These were places on the hand that he hasn't felt in 10 years." Prior to this experiment, no robotic limb had allowed a paralyzed person to experience the

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natural sense of touch, a top goal in rehabilitative prosthetic medicine. For a prosthetic limb to truly mimic the full functionality of a human one, it needs to be endowed with sensory feedback to and from the paralyzed person's brain. Currently, electrical stimulation of nerves in amputees' bodies offers enough sensation to allow for improvements in the control of artificial limbs, but not true sensation. In paralyzed people without a functioning peripheral nerve system, it has been impossible to experience touch. Mind-controlled robotic arms got them only half way: Being able to move and manipulate objects was an advance, but without the sensation of touch, these prosthetic limb movements tend to be slow and clumsy. "With Nathan, he can control a prosthetic arm, do a handshake, fist bump, move objects around," Gaunt said. "And in this [experiment], he can experience sensations from his own hand. Now we want to put those two things together so that when he reaches out to grasp an object, he can feel it. ... He can pick something up that's soft and not squash it or drop it." To even get to this point involved massive collaboration with multiple institutions and researchers, Gaunt said. The microelectrode package and control system were developed by Blackrock Microsystems and the robotic arm by the Applied Physics Lab at Johns Hopkins University. The experiment, published Thursday in the journal *Science Translational Medicine*, lists 10 authors and 10 departments and institutions. Four years earlier, Jennifer Collinger, another member of the team, was involved in an experiment that served as a kind of stepping stone. Jan Scheurmann, a 36-year-old mother of two, was the volunteer this time. Scheurmann had been diagnosed with spinocerebellar degeneration, a disease that destroys the connections between the brain and muscles. The Pittsburgh researchers enabled the woman to consistently perform many natural and difficult motions with her arms and hands using a brain chip that controlled a human-like robot arm. Her goal: to eat a piece of chocolate on her own. In 2012 she did. "We've been working since 2010 to get to this point, doing the background research, doing the regulatory work, and the pre-surgical involvement," Collinger said. "For Nathan, he did this with the greater good in mind. He was willing to be the pioneer, and he's excited to be the very first person to feel sensation. And now he's excited to see how far we can take it."

### Sparks fly between Turkey, Iraq as battle looms to oust ISIL from Mosul

WASHINGTON — The leaders of Turkey and Iraq exchanged sharp words as they prepare for a military operation to oust Islamic State militants from the terror group's last major redoubt in Iraq.

The latest salvo came from Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, in response to a demand from Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi that Turkey withdraw its troops from Iraq, where they've been training a multi-ethnic force to participate in the looming battle.

"You are not my interlocutor. You are not at my level. You are not my equivalent. You are not of the same quality as me," Erdogan said, referring to al-Abadi in a speech to Muslim religious leaders from the Balkans and Central Asia. "Your screaming and shouting in Iraq is of no importance to us. You should know that we will go our own way," Erdogan said, according to the Associated Press. The disagreement is about 2,000 Turkish troops based at a camp named Bashiqa in northern Iraq, where Turkey has been training Sunni Muslim Iraqi Arabs and Kurdish Peshmerga forces for a role in liberating Mosul. Thousands of Islamic State fighters have been digging in for months in the city of about 1 million people, which they've controlled since sweeping across Iraq in 2014.

Turkey's parliament two weeks ago voted to extend its troop deployment in Iraq to combat "terrorist organizations," according to Reuters. That description is broad enough to encompass the Islamic State and Kurdish militants that Turkey hopes to block from gaining power because they're linked to a separatist movement Turkey has been fighting at home.

Iraq's Shiite-led government wants its forces to lead the offensive and condemned the vote. "We have asked the Turkish side more than once not to intervene in Iraqi matters and I fear the Turkish adventure could turn into a regional war," al-Abadi warned on Oct. 5 in comments broadcast on state TV. "The Turkish leadership's behavior is not acceptable and we don't want to get into a military confrontation with Turkey."

The U.S. State Department on Tuesday urged Turkey to respect Iraq's wishes.

"All of Iraq's neighbors need to respect Iraq's sovereignty and territorial integrity," State Department spokesman John Kirby said. "We call on both governments to focus on their common enemy, our common enemy, which is Daesh," Kirby said, referring to the Islamic State group by its Arab acronym.

"The campaign to retake Mosul is an Iraqi operation," Kirby said.

The Iraqi-Turkish spat could hinder preparations for the long-expected showdown, which President Obama's special envoy for U.S. operations against the Islamic State said last week was ready to launch.

"We now have all the pieces in place to get (the Islamic State) out of Mosul," the envoy, Brett McGurk, told reporters in a briefing Friday.

The preparations include assembling more than 30,000 fighters including Kurdish Peshmerga, Iraqi Security Forces, about 14,000 local tribal fighters from Nineveh

province and local police, McGurk said. The preparations also include a game plan for humanitarian assistance, displaced people and governance, he said.

"We worked very hard and had very close cooperation with our partners in Erbil in the Kurdistan Regional Government and (Kurdish) President Massoud Barzani and the Government of Baghdad to agree on the overall disposition of forces — where everybody would go, what they will do," McGurk said.

### Saudis to probe Yemen airstrike that hit funeral home

The Saudi government said Sunday that it would investigate reports that an airstrike hit a packed funeral hall in Yemen's capital, killing more than 140 people and injuring hundreds.

The Saudis said U.S. experts would assist with the investigation into Saturday's attack in Sanaa. In a statement the Saudi-led coalition called the bombing "regrettable and painful" and expressed condolences.

The country has been racked by civil war between Iranian-backed Houthi rebels and Yemen's internationally recognized government of President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi.

The Saudi-led bombing campaign has presented difficulties for the United States. The Saudi coalition's air campaign has been plagued by allegations that it has killed civilians by indiscriminate bombing. More than 3,980 civilians were killed and 6,909 injured since the beginning of the war in March 2015, according to the aid group Oxfam.

The U.S. military has provided limited support for the Saudi-led campaign but has stopped short of providing targeting and other direct assistance.

On Saturday, the White House said it was prepared to reduce its support even further in the wake of the recent allegations.

"We are deeply disturbed by reports of today's airstrike on a funeral hall in Yemen, which, if confirmed, would continue the troubling series of attacks striking Yemeni civilians," National Security Council spokesman Ned Price said in a statement Saturday.

"In light of this and other recent incidents, we have initiated an immediate review of our already significantly reduced support to the Saudi-led coalition," the statement said.

Saturday's funeral was held for Sheikh Ali al-Rawishan, the father of Galal al-Rawishan, the interior minister in the rebel-led government, the Associated Press reported. Among those killed was Maj. Gen. Abdul-Qader Hilal, head of the capital's local council, officials said, while Galal Al-Rishwan was seriously wounded, the AP said.

### U.K. may pay \$6 billion for EU trade post-Brexit, report says

LONDON — The United Kingdom may have to pay as much as \$6 billion a year for access to the European Union's single market after it

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"The probability of Zika-induced microcephaly occurring doesn't appear to be that high, but when it does, the damage is horrible," Tang said. Tang and researcher Hongjun Song of Johns Hopkins explained repurposing already-approved drugs is a quicker alternative than developing a new medicine.

"In this sort of global health emergency, we don't have time," said Song. "In this way, we hope to create a therapy much more quickly." Of the 6,000 compounds tested, one already on the market showed the ability to inhibit the infection from spreading and reproducing. One of the identified compounds, is found in the drug Niclosamide, which has been used for 50 years to treat tapeworm. When applied to the Zika strand that infected Puerto Rico in 2015, it appeared to stop the virus in its tracks. Tang said tests are still needed to determine a specific treatment regimen for treating the infection.

## Clinton blasts Trump for rejecting 'American exceptionalism'

CINCINNATI — Donald Trump's visit to Mexico Wednesday serves as an example of the way a Trump presidency would undermine the U.S.'s leadership as an "exceptional" nation, Hillary Clinton told veterans Wednesday.

Clinton criticized Trump for "trying to make up for a year of insults and insinuations by dropping in on our neighbors for a few hours and then flying home again," as her Republican opponent headed to Mexico to test his diplomatic prowess in a visit with the country's president.

Trump has criticized some Mexican immigrants who are living in the U.S. illegally, and his signature campaign issue is his pledge to build a wall on the U.S. border with Mexico and persuade Mexico to pay for it. "That's not how it works," Clinton said of diplomacy and international leadership. Still, she avoided the jokes and mockery she sometimes uses when criticizing Trump and avoided saying his name in her speech to the American Legion gathering — a group that included some Trump supporters — in Cincinnati.

Trump's visit to Mexico preceded a long-awaited speech he scheduled for Wednesday night in Arizona on his immigration stances, which appear to have softened in recent days. Trump then plans to fly to Cincinnati for his own address Thursday morning at the American Legion convention and a midday rally in Wilmington, Ohio. The two candidates are returning to Ohio as polls show them locked in a tight race in the quintessential swing state. Clinton has just under a 4-percentage-point lead over Trump in the Real Clear Politics average of Ohio polls in the last month. Her lead over Trump nationally is larger, more than 5 percentage points, and she is dominating in swing states such as Pennsylvania, Michigan and New Hampshire. In Cincinnati, Clinton argued Trump has rejected American exceptionalism, the notion that the U.S. has a special role in the world as a leader and purveyor of

democracy. The principle has traditionally been championed by Republicans, whom Clinton is trying to woo, and Trump has drawn on the principle in some ways, such as by insisting that America strive to become "great" again.

But Trump generally has opposed the use of the term and rejected the principle that the U.S. is better than other countries, to whom he routinely says the U.S. is losing.

"My opponent is wrong when he says that America is no longer great," Clinton said Wednesday, echoing the feelings of many devotees of American exceptionalism. They advocate for more engagement of the U.S. internationally to spread democratic ideals, while Trump has often taken a more isolationist approach.

That approach would hurt the U.S.'s standing, Clinton said, vowing to keep the U.S. the "greatest country on earth."

"Our power comes with a responsibility to lead humbly, thoughtfully and with a fierce commitment to our values," she said. "When America fails to lead, we leave a vacuum." Several convention attendees wouldn't speak on the record about Clinton and her speech, citing the Legion's non-partisan nature. But some were privately critical of her foreign policy and veterans affairs record.

"I'm in the minority in this bunch," said Robert John of Chambersburg, Pa., who said he's been a Clinton supporter since 2008.

He characterized as weak the applause given to Clinton, although he noted it was a more respectful welcome than she had received at a Veterans of Foreign Wars convention in North Carolina in July. There, she was heckled by a few members of the crowd.

But even John thought Clinton went too far in references to Trump. According to John and several other attendees, both candidates' campaigns had been instructed by the American Legion to limit political punches in their speeches at the convention.

"When you mention the other person, that goes over the line," John said. "But they have Trump tomorrow. I'm sure he won't pull any punches."

Rick Sucee of Bellingham, Wash., said he is undecided on who to support. But Trump has his ear. Sucee is attracted to the GOP candidate's immigration proposals and hopes his shoot-from-the-hip rhetoric is just an act. "That's what I'm concerned about," he said. "But I'm trying to look at the whole picture." Unlike others *The Enquirer* spoke to at the convention, Sucee said he had admired Clinton's service as a U.S. senator, something he said he witnessed personally on Capitol Hill visits. He acknowledged her experience as secretary of State.

"She certainly knows how the government works," he said.

To Rep. Warren Davidson, R-Ohio, Clinton's work as secretary of State doesn't back her words.

"We witnessed Hillary's foreign policy prowess during her time as Secretary of State and it was an absolute disaster," Davidson, an Army veteran, said in a statement the Trump

campaign distributed ahead of Clinton's speech. "The Obama-Clinton strategy of 'leading from behind' set the table for ISIS to grow. She routinely compromised classified information on her private e-mail servers, and it appears she traded access to the State Department for donations to the Clinton Foundation."

## Trump holds firm on immigration in Phoenix speech

PHOENIX — Donald Trump clarified his views on immigration in a speech Wednesday in Phoenix, saying the country needs a wall on the southern border, extra agents patrolling it and an aggressive system to urgently expel 2 million immigrants with criminal ties. As part of a 10-point plan, Trump said he envisions a revamped system that accepts only people likely to thrive and love their new country.

The 72-minute speech largely reinforced the hard-line position Trump has staked out from the beginning of his campaign. He maintained illegal immigration fuels crime, drains the social safety net and leaves Americans with fewer job options in their own country.

"There is only one core issue in the immigration debate and that is the well-being of the American people. Nothing even comes a close second," Trump said to loud applause. "Our greatest compassion must be for our American citizens."

While Trump had discussed "softening" on immigration reforms in recent weeks, his Phoenix speech made clear he intends to head into the fall campaign stressing concepts like zero-tolerance, "extreme" vetting of immigrants and no amnesty.

The first feature of his plan was the wall that he has promised nearly from the beginning. "We will build a great wall along the southern border," said Trump, who was joined by his running mate, Indiana Gov. Mike Pence. "And Mexico will pay for the wall, 100%. They don't know it yet, but they're going to pay for it."

It was Trump's fifth visit to Arizona since entering the presidential race, underscoring the central role of immigration in his campaign, but also the GOP's tenuous political hold on the state this year.

Trump's speech came hours after the Republican nominee met with Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto in Mexico City. Trump said the two discussed the need for both countries to stem illegal immigration and said he viewed a wall as a sovereign right. Trump said they did not discuss payment for the wall, though Peña Nieto said later in a post to Twitter that he raised the issue.

"At the start of the conversation with Donald Trump, I made clear that Mexico will not pay for the wall," according to Peña Nieto's account.

The foreign visit raised further interest in the Phoenix event that had been anticipated nationally for more than a week yet swirled with questions of cancellation, a change in topic or a shift in Trump's policy position. Since at least June, Trump backed off promises of mass deportations. On Aug. 23,

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for example, Trump told Fox News "there could certainly be a softening because we're not looking to hurt people." After drawing a line against allowing a path to citizenship for illegal immigrants, Trump added, "They'll pay back taxes. They have to pay taxes. There's no amnesty, as such. There's no amnesty, but we work with them." In Phoenix on Wednesday, Trump held firm on deporting illegal immigrants, prioritizing those with serious criminal records. Last week Trump acknowledged that approach is "the same thing" as the Obama administration has used "perhaps with a lot more energy." "We will begin moving them out, day one," Trump said "My first hour in office, those people are gone. ... You can call it whatever the hell you want, they're gone." Underscoring the criminal problem he said illegal immigrants represent, Trump shared the stage with several people who said they had lost loved ones in incidents ranging from wrong-way drivers to shootings. Trump promised again to institute extreme vetting that would bar immigrants from countries that pose a security threat, such as Syria and Libya. This would include questioning prospective immigrants about whether they believe in "honor killings" against women and radical Islam. "We have no idea who they are," he said of refugees entering from such places. "It's going to end badly folks. It's going to end badly." In some cases undocumented immigrants are treated "better than our vets. Not going to happen any more folks. November 8." In Cincinnati, Hillary Clinton, the Democratic nominee, ripped Trump's visit to Mexico before he got there. "It certainly takes more than trying to make up for a year of insults and insinuations by dropping in on our neighbors for a few hours and then flying home again," she said. Trump's immigration speech comes as he is trailing Clinton in most national polling, though some surveys showed her lead beginning to shrink again.

**Obama expands protected waters off Hawaii, creating world's largest reserve**  
WASHINGTON — President Obama will use his power to designate national monuments on Friday to create the world's largest protected marine area off the coast of Hawaii, the White House said. Obama will more than quadruple the size of the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument, to 582,578 square miles — more than 50 times larger than the land area of the Hawaiian Islands themselves. The White House also announced that Obama would travel to the region next week, visiting the landmark Midway Atoll at the western edge of the area to address the threat of climate change and the importance of protecting public lands and waters. He'll also visit his native Hawaii to take part in a conference of Pacific Island leaders and a world conservation conference in Honolulu. From there, he's scheduled to attend a summit of the Group of 20 world leaders in China.

Friday's action will permanently protect coral reefs and underwater habitats home to more than 7,000 species, including rare whales and sea turtles listed under the Endangered Species Act. Commercial fishing and drilling are prohibited, and the designation also has implications for navigation, with voluntary restrictions on travel through certain areas and a requirement that ships notify the U.S. Coast Guard when they enter or exit the area. The monument was first designated by President George W. Bush in 2006 as the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Marine National Monument and later renamed in honor of Papahānaumoku and Wakea, the husband-and-wife Hawaiian gods of earth and sky. Bush's proclamation first designated 139,800 square miles. Obama's action expands the area all the way to the western edge of U.S. territorial waters.

UNESCO designated the area a world heritage site in 2010. In addition to its environmental, geologic and scientific value, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization cited the "deep cosmological and traditional significance for living Native Hawaiian culture."

Midway, where Obama will visit Thursday, includes two of its own protected areas, the Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge and the Battle of Midway National Memorial. The area is administered by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Fish and Wildlife Service and the State of Hawaii. But the White House said the federal government would sign an agreement to give Hawaii more control over the area.

Only Congress can create new national parks. But under the 1906 Antiquities Act, the president can designate sites as national monuments, giving them many of the same protections. And Obama has used that authority more than any president in history. Earlier this week, Obama used the power to overcome congressional opposition to a National Park in northern Maine, designating 87,500 acres of forest as the Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument. Thursday marked the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service.

**Biden announces \$2.45 billion for Amtrak upgrades**

WILMINGTON, Del. — The Northeast Corridor's passenger rail infrastructure — its trains, stations, and rails — will be upgraded using a \$2.45 billion federal loan to Amtrak, Vice President Joe Biden said Friday afternoon — the largest single loan in the U.S.

Department of Transportation's history. Biden announced the funding — which will come from the Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing Program — during an impassioned speech in front of scores of transportation officials at the Wilmington train station, which in 2011 was named the Joseph R. Biden Jr. Railroad Station.

"This is a serious, serious upgrade," Biden said. "One out of every three jobs (in the country) are here, along this corridor ... you'd need seven more lanes on I-95 to accommodate the traffic if Amtrak shut down."

With the money from the loan, Amtrak will purchase 28 new trains for the Northeast Corridor's Acela service between Boston and Washington, D.C., which would expand its capacity by 40%.

The funds will also pay for track upgrades south of Baltimore and station upgrades in New York City, Baltimore and Washington. The terms of the loan were not disclosed by the vice president's office. Under the RRIF program, the Federal Railroad Administration is authorized to provide direct loans and loan guarantees of up to \$35 billion to help pay for rail infrastructure in the United States.

Biden, long an advocate of passenger rail service, is known for commuting aboard Amtrak trains from Wilmington to Washington during his tenure in the U.S. Senate. He still rides the train along the route as vice president, from time to time, he said, to the annoyance of his Secret Service detail.

The Northeast Corridor is the nation's busiest and only profitable rail line.

But not everyone in Congress is such a staunch proponent of passenger trains. Amtrak, the nation's publicly owned rail company, has been scorned by fiscal conservatives, who say it needs to operate more efficiently or be privatized. As a result, funding trains, tracks and stations has been a challenge at the federal level.

Last year, federal and state agencies, including Amtrak, developed a 5-year plan to spend \$17.7 billion on infrastructure along the Northeast Corridor between 2016 and 2020. Only 40% of the planned projects had been funded by the end of 2015, according to the Congressional Budget Office.

On Friday, Biden raised his voice when his speech turned toward opponents of passenger rail service in the U.S.

"Why as a country are we so boneheaded to not understand the essential value of rail system that's modern throughout the whole country?"

A January report from the Government Accountability Office stated it is difficult to determine how well various Amtrak lines perform financially because the agency does not keep sufficient records.

**Limit 3 pets: Upscale N.C. town refuses to allow more**

BILTMORE FOREST, N.C. — The Stoneciphers say they won't spend one night in their newly renovated 6,700-square-foot historic home until the law changes — and they've fighting City Hall to make it happen.

The new property owners in this exclusive enclave found that they've run up against the town's pet ordinance, which limits the number of animals to three. Debra and Harry Stonecipher own a dozen cats, all of them indoor felines that have been neutered or spayed.

"These are family members. They are not something we would ever consider abandoning or leaving behind," she said. "The last thing I want to have happen is move into that house with my family and have police show up with some kind of search warrant and try to take

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them or do something. I'm not prepared to live that way."

In April, the couple approached the town board, offering to pay a pet fee and vowed that as their existing pets die they would own no more than six felines. Through documents and their lawyer, they explained that the cats, most of them rescued from kill shelters, now are fed in a downstairs kitchen area and receive top-notch veterinarian care.

In a unanimous vote, the three commissioners rejected the couple's terms without discussion, prompting the Stoneciphers to file a lawsuit in May against the Asheville suburb with fewer than 1,500 residents.

On Saturday, the Stoneciphers sent letters to residents they hope to call neighbors, explaining that they are not litigious people and never had filed a lawsuit previously. They considered selling the house they intended to make their retirement home if their cats are barred but opted to take legal action after receiving support from some in the community, which cozies up to the renowned Biltmore Estate and has its own 135-acre country club.

The couple brought the issue to the Board of Commissioners themselves after discovering the pet limit in reading the code as they neared the end of a 15-month, multi-million-dollar home restoration.

They are law-abiding people and wanted to be above-board rather than make a secret of animals they cherish and often discuss with friends and acquaintances, Debra Stonecipher said.

The existing ordinance likely dates to the Biltmore Forest's 1923 incorporation, Town Administrator Jonathan Kanipe wrote in email. In his research, he can find no citations or enforcement action being taken against residents who have more than three pets. He also does not believe a resident ever has approached the board about a waiver, as the Stonecipher's have done.

"I certainly would not attempt to speak for the commissioners, but I believe they are comfortable with the town's ordinance as written and did not wish to grant a written waiver in this matter," he wrote.

A trial date has been set for June 2017 though the Stoneciphers hope mediation will occur long before that date. They and their tribe currently live in the Asheville area.

Among the issues the suit raises is the vague nature of the ordinance, which does not define the types of animals it covers.

Livestock generally is not allowed, but it's unclear if four hamsters also would run afoul of the rule or if an aquarium full of tropical fish are in violation.

In its more detailed ordinance, Asheville allows homeowners to have six pets. Residents with more can appeal to the animal control officer, who has the authority to raise that number in individual cases.

The Stoneciphers purchased the Biltmore Forest home in September 2014, moving to Asheville to find a facility that could care for her ailing father, who suffered from Alzheimer's disease.

The area had always piqued her interest, but with her father in need of care, they rushed ahead with their own retirement decision and bought a residence known as the Knight House, completed in 1927 for a founding director of the Biltmore Estate Co.

Homes in Biltmore have a median value of about \$900,000, compared to \$235,000 in Asheville, according to Zillow.

Along with major repairs to address a wet basement and replacement of systems in the aging house, they refurbished the home to its period. Those architectural renovations prompt a discussion from Debra Stonecipher almost as passionate as a conversation about her beloved cats — almost.

Among the clowder of cats, the oldest is P.J., a Maine coon whose too-quick early growth required that titanium pins be implanted in his hips. More recently, he suffered seizures that nearly left him impaired and blind.

The youngest: Baby, found as a kitten on a rainy evening in a parking lot. Part of his head was scalped and smashed in, but he was brought to her veterinarian, which treated him for weeks before trying to find him a home.

"Nobody wanted to take him, maybe because they weren't sure what they were getting," Debra Stonecipher said. "They called me because they take care of our cats. I said, 'If I come and see him, that'll be it.'"

He made the crew an even dozen.

The Stoneciphers spent careers in the aerospace industry, and she said she knows they are fortunate financially. Their donations to causes and charities long have included animal rescues.

"We have the intent. We have the means," Debra Stonecipher said. "We have the time and the patience to take this as far as we need to take it, so we can live in our home with our family, which poses no threat or disruption to anyone."

#### **Hiker Dies Because Husband Used App Instead of Map**

A hiker's fatal fall in March has been blamed on using a smartphone app map instead of an actual map. The BBC reports Jane Wilson and her husband Gary were hiking on Tryfan in Wales when it started to get dark and they decided to skip the summit. While attempting to descend the mountain, Gary was looking at an Ordnance Survey app while Jane went a short way ahead to make sure the path was safe, according to the *Telegraph*. The *Manchester Evening News* reports Gary heard his wife fall, got to safety, and called for help. Rescuers found the 53-year-old librarian's body at the bottom of a 30-foot cliff with a fractured skull.

At a hearing Friday, Jane's was ruled an accidental death due, in part, to using an app instead of a map. "Apart from potential difficulties caused by poor detail on an electronic map, batteries on mobile phones have a nasty habit of running out just when you need them most," the *Telegraph* quotes a spokesperson for Mountain Rescue England and Wales as saying. A detective says the app map "would have been small and not as detailed" and took the couple on a route that

was not the safest. A director with Ordnance Survey says hikers should always use the app in conjunction with an actual map "due to the nature of mobile devices when navigating the real world." Authorities also say Jane wasn't wearing appropriate footwear for the hike.

#### **This Is the Only Floating ZIP Code in the US**

No home or building in the US has the ZIP code 48222, and yet more packages are being delivered to it than ever before. The *New York Times* has a fascinating peek at life aboard the country's only floating ZIP code, assigned to a nearly 70-year-old boat that calls the Detroit River home. Mail addressed to 48222 is delivered to the *JW Westcott II* of Detroit's JW Westcott Company (est. 1874), which it turn delivers it to the massive freighters crossing the Great Lakes between the US and Canada. The freighters don't have time to stop for their crews' mail, so the *JW Westcott II* sails right up alongside the vessels, keeps pace with them, and makes the delivery, usually in a bucket (hence the company's official motto: "Mail by pail.")

At the same time the Postal Service is hurting, business is booming for JW Westcott Company. The freighters' crews rarely have a chance to shop, sometimes going two months without leaving the boat—Jim Hogan, part of five generations of Hogans to run the mail boat, describes them as "basically trapped"—so the *JW Westcott II* helps them out, delivering pants, toilet paper, coffee pods, pizza, books, cigarettes, and more. Sailors pay over the phone with their credit cards or simply lower cash down in the bucket. The *JW Westcott II* services approximately 100 freighters, making 15 to 18 deliveries every 24 hours.

#### **Exclusive: U.S. pilots provide first account of tense Syrian jet encounter**

**A MILITARY BASE IN SOUTHWEST ASIA** — Two American fighter pilots who intercepted Syrian combat jets over northern Syria last week said they came within 2,000 feet of the planes without the Syrians aware they were being shadowed.

The tense encounter occurred after Syrian jets dropped bombs near a U.S. adviser team with Kurdish forces in northern Syria. The Pentagon warned Syria that American forces were authorized to take action to defend its troops. Syrian aircraft haven't dropped bombs in the area since then, and the U.S. military is no longer operating continuous combat patrols there.

"I followed him around for all three of his loops," one of the American pilots, a 38-year-old Air Force major, told USA

TODAY Wednesday in the first detailed account of the incident. "He didn't appear to have any idea I was there."

The two pilots asked that their names be withheld for security reasons.

"The behavior stopped," said Brig. Gen. Charles Corcoran, commander of the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing, which conducts airstrikes in Iraq and Syria from an undisclosed location in this region. "We made our point."

# Opioid abuse: How we got here

By BHUPENDRA O. KHATRI

Deaths from drug overdose now outnumber gun deaths in the United States. We should look at what got us into this situation.

In the 1990s, armed with the knowledge that nearly one-third of Americans will experience chronic pain at some point in their lives, and that 20% suffer from pain on a daily basis, Congress felt compelled to act. It could not bear the fact that "pain" was costing the country more than \$125 billion a year. It went to work and expeditiously named the 2000s as the "Decade of Pain Control and Research."

A bill championed by Sen. Orrin G. Hatch of Utah was passed by the 106th Congress and signed into law by President Bill Clinton in 1999. This Pain Relief Promotion Act encouraged practitioners to prescribe and administer controlled substances to relieve pain and discomfort. In fact, practitioners were encouraged to treat pain aggressively even when the treatment may increase the risk of death.

However, even before the government made it a criminal offense to undertreat pain, the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) government-funded health care programs had declared that it was the right of every patient to have his or her pain assessed, treated and monitored without being influenced by that individual's social, economic or cultural background.

Pain was declared to be the "fifth vital sign," along with pulse, blood pressure, temperature and respiratory rate. Any facilities that failed to follow these requirements risked their accreditation. Since a hospital's revenue is greatly affected without JACHO's seal of approval, committees were set up to penalize doctors who would not prescribe narcotics for pain.

The doctors who failed to prescribe enough narcotics to control pain were now called "narcophobes." Some were

forced to undergo training to become "narcophilic" doctors. "A patient is always right," declared JCAHO. A self-reported level of pain on a scale ranging from 0-10 was considered to be the most reliable indicator of pain intensity. Health care providers were now told not to rely on the patient's facial expression or body language to gauge pain management. A report of "severe pain" on the scale had to be treated, regardless of the patient's clinical examination.

The 1999 law that "No disciplinary action will be taken against a practitioner based solely on the quantity and/or frequency of opiates prescribed," accompanied by other laws to persecute doctors for undertreating pain, resulted in a dramatic increase in prescriptions. The use of painkillers quadrupled between 1999 and 2010. Doctors were now writing about 300 million prescriptions a year for painkillers. That is enough for every adult American to be medicated around the clock for a month, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. For those patients who indicate the level of pain being high on the "pain scale," stronger pills are made available.

This mandate became a marketing opportunity for the opioid pharmaceutical industry. In 2009, Purdue Pharma's OxyContin, an opioid pain reliever chemically close to heroin, reached annual sales that topped \$3 billion.

For JCAHO and the politicians who championed a "pain-free America," this was a resounding victory, but it came with a most disastrous outcome. Alarming statistics are emerging. Little by little, physicians began to see that a systematic control over how and when and with what they could treat patients would become the industry norm in the years to come. But they surely did not predict that this "direct intervention by regulatory agencies" would also lead to some catastrophic results, the magnitude of which this country had

never seen.

According to CDC Director Tom Frieden, while most things are getting better in the world of health, this situation is getting worse. Killing pain is what Congress set out to do, but the same weapon is not only killing people but has profound and far-reaching consequences.

The pendulum is now swinging the other way. The CDC has declared prescription drug abuse an epidemic. The lawmakers now are eager to take steps to correct the problem. The government is waging an aggressive war against pain doctors, making them the scapegoats for the failed drug war. The physicians present a better target than underground black-market drug dealers.

These new laws are time-consuming. In addition to performing a detailed history and physical, physicians are required to review mental health, opiate-addiction risk and pain-assessment questionnaires filled out by patients. They need to discuss with patients the benefits and risks of opioid use. An individualized treatment plan with meaningful goals needs to be developed and reviewed at every visit.

Physicians are required to have patients sign a Controlled Substance Agreement that includes prescribing policies, consent to drug screening, permission to conduct random pill counts, requirements to take the medications only as prescribed and the consequences of violating the contract conditions. Additionally, physicians must order annual urine drug screening, review reports documenting narcotic prescriptions dispensed from pharmacies and see patients in clinic at least four times a year.

As a consequence, some physicians are now undertreating pain or have stopped prescribing narcotics. While physicians are being taken on a roller-coaster ride, it is the patients who suffer the most.

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# The missing piece in state response to heroin

By **ROBERT KRAIG**  
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In modern medicine, it is only common sense that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. It is well understood by patients and doctors alike that it is much more effective and cheaper to prevent a disease, or catch it in its early stages, than to treat it once it has become a serious health risk.

Although there is now an overwhelming expert consensus that drug and alcohol addiction are medical conditions, just like breast cancer or diabetes, our approach to prevention has not caught up to the medical science.

Wisconsin's response to the spread of heroin and opioid addiction is a case in point. Newspaper headlines and the state Department of Justice call the heroin and opioid crisis an "epidemic." As addiction is a medical condition, not an individual moral failing, this is appropriate. Despite this recognition in language, we have not responded the way we would if there were a serious disease sweeping the state. If there was an epidemic of flu or malaria, or any other life-threatening disease, our public health system would take dramatic action to prevent it from spreading.

Wisconsin's H.O.P.E. (Heroin, Opiate, Prevention and Education) legislation, passed in the state Legislature in several stages, has taken aim at addiction on a number of levels: expanded treatment and diversion programs, tighter monitoring of opioid prescriptions and arming more first responders with naloxone, a promising drug that can counteract an opiate overdose. The H.O.P.E. initiatives, which were approved by overwhelming margins, show bipartisan agreement that state government has a vital role to play.

What's missing from the initial response of state government to the spread of heroin and opioid addiction is a proactive approach to prevention that is up to the scale of the problem.

Large-scale prevention must start with Wisconsin's teenagers and young adults. It's well-established that substance use disorders begin during adolescent years. Research shows that nine in 10 Americans who meet the medical criteria for addiction as adults started using risky addictive substances before age 18.

Thanks to short-term grant funding, a handful of Wisconsin high schools are making early prevention a priority. These resources give each school the opportunity to partner with a local health service provider to offer SBIRT (Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral to Treatment) to all students in at least one grade level.



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With the abuse of heroin and opioids in Wisconsin being described as an "epidemic," Robert Kraig and Erik Kirkstein argue that the state needs to do more on the prevention side.

Unlike invasive and ineffective drug testing, SBIRT is an evidence-based approach to identifying potential risky use early. Students begin by completing a confidential questionnaire regarding substance use. If a student shows signs of risky or dangerous levels of substance use, the program will work with the young person to get him or her back on a healthy path by providing the young person with brief counseling with a trained adult, or in rare cases, refer the person to treatment.

SBIRT helps prevent all kinds of substance addictions, including alcohol, heroin and opioid abuse, and other drug addictions. If we're going to bring early prevention programs such as SBIRT up to the scale needed to fight this epidemic, lawmakers must act boldly. Making prevention a priority means allocating the funds necessary so every high school has the resources to implement robust prevention programs.

It's time for Wisconsin to get out ahead of the crisis and ensure that more young people in the state have the opportunity to reach their full potential and realize the American dream. It is important for voters to talk to candidates about the need for funding drug and alcohol prevention in Wisconsin's schools during the elections. This is the best way to ensure that the Legislature will take bold and bipartisan action in the next state Budget.

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