

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 COÖPERATING 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.

“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.

VOICES From Behind WISCONSIN PRISON GATES

Issue 2, September 2016



“Changes need to be made throughout the system, and for that to happen we all need to come together.”

—Incarcerated Worker at Fox Lake Correctional Institute

The State of Wisconsin has capitalized off of incarcerating inmates—this includes the county jails, the courts and the prisons. It is no secret that D.O.C. is a billion dollar business—we are an assembly line to them...

The prisons would cease to function without the collective effort of the inmates. If all the inmates refused to work statewide, the Wisconsin prison system would die. Unless we push D.O.C. until their backs are to the wall, they will continue with their capitalizing scheme.”

—Incarcerated Worker at Dodge Correctional Institute

“Prison doesn’t stop a person from being a human being. Some of the greatest people in this world have been incarcerated.”

—Incarcerated Worker at Columbia Correctional Institute

AN INJURY TO ONE

This is a newsletter for people incarcerated in Wisconsin, based as much as possible



on what they are saying. It is edited and printed by the Milwaukee branch of the Industrial Workers of the World, Incarcerated Workers Organizing Committee. Please write us back if you have updates you’d like to give to people on the inside and the outside. The more that people talk together the less isolated we are. We are in contact with networks of prisoners areas outside of Wisconsin, and can help build those connections. Let us know if there are other people inside jails and prisons that we should contact. Besides the voices we quote here, the Milwaukee IWW is also helping groups at Waupun, Columbia and Green Bay Correctional with specific issues. Let us know if you want to hear more about these issues. Write to IWW: PO Box 342294, Milwaukee, WI, 53214

IS AN **INJURY** TO ALL

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Working Class Solidarity Against Prison Slavery

Voices from Fox Lake Correctional Institute:

“The situation here at Fox lake is best compared to an accident looking for a place to happen. The water is bad. It contains both lead and copper in amounts that exceed the federal guidelines. The staff don't drink the water. They bring bottled water to work with them. The food is not much better. There are a lot of health issues here at Fox Lake, with some inmates experiencing various illnesses from cancers to heart issues.”

“If they take your job, you have to wait 90 days before you can apply for another job, plus they make you stay in your room until 4:30 pm every day. And you are allowed one recreation period each day. So, to lose a job is to add insult to injury. So, some inmates have taken to brown nosing to keep their jobs.”

“Another dilemma that we are faced with is how the DOC has, literally, thousands of inmates detained on allegations alone as the result of being charged with a crime, but once the charges have been exonerated the client is stuck serving a revocation without a conviction.”

“As for the drinking water, I've just exhausted my administrative remedies and plan to file my suit after my release because the DOC has become so bogus that they outright deprive one of access to the courts, not caring any longer about lawsuits.”

“We are not given enough meat as required, but rather a lot of soybeans, which leads me to believe that staff is stealing big time. They are always talking cut backs, but the only thing they are cutting back on is prisoner needs.”

“Prison in Wisconsin is constructed to systematically break and destroy us mentally, emotionally, spiritually, morally, religiously, ethically, racially, socially!”

—Incarcerated Worker at Wisconsin Secure Program Facility (Boscobel)

“The masses have been conditioned to think that once that ‘convicted felon’ stamp has been applied to me, you, whoever, we're scum of the earth.”

—Incarcerated Worker at Wisconsin Secure Program Facility (Boscobel)

“Not only do you provide a medium for inmates to voice their concerns, but to an unquestionable degree, you empower us to become responsible for our future. But most importantly, you raise the awareness of the public to those issues that has a tendency to make our life unique as a human experience.”

—Incarcerated Worker at Fox Lake Correctional Institute

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Obama Issues Another 214 Commutations for Federal Prisoners

by Derek Gilna

PRESIDENT OBAMA ANNOUNCED 214 commutations on August 3, 2016, spurring hope that the pace will increase as he nears the end of his term in office. This latest batch, the largest number of commutations issued in a single day since 1900 according to the White House, brings the total during Obama's tenure to 562 – including 197 granted to life-sentenced prisoners. He has also denied almost 11,000 commutation petitions, while 3,893 petitions were closed without presidential action.

Commutation alters a prisoner's sentence but does not nullify the conviction. Prisoners who receive commutations are not freed immediately, but are transferred to a halfway house at a specified time before being released and placed on community supervision if applicable.

Prisoners' rights advocates applauded the announcement, but noted that the number of federal prisoners granted commutations is still minimal when compared to those who have filed petitions. Almost all of the commutations have been for drug-related crimes, although some were for combined drug and weapons charges.

"Our work is far from finished," wrote White House counsel Neil Eggleston. "I expect the President will continue to grant clemency in a historic and inspiring fashion." Eggleston noted that while the White House is committed to granting even more commutations, only Congress can bring about lasting change.

Sentencing relief bills have been stalled in Congress, though many hope they might pass either before the November election

or shortly thereafter, citing widespread bipartisan support for criminal justice reform legislation. "It is critical that both the House and Senate continue to work ... to get a bill to the President's desk," Eggleston stated.

There were still 11,477 commutation petitions pending as of August 11, 2016, and according to St. Thomas University law professor Mark Osler, at least 1,500 qualify for relief under the administration's Clemency Project, implemented in 2014. [See: *PLN*, May 2016, p.46].

Others have noted that while Obama has granted a large number of commutations, he has been stingy with pardons – generally considered more useful in assisting former prisoners who are seeking work or want to regain their civil rights. He has issued just 70 pardons, significantly fewer than those granted during the George W. Bush, Clinton and Reagan administrations.

Former U.S. Pardon Attorney Deborah Leff, recruited from private practice to oversee the Clemency Project at the Department of Justice, quit earlier this year and expressed dissatisfaction that the pace of commutations did not match the public-

ity, complaining that her recommendations were often ignored.

The President apparently received the message, and when announcing the most recent batch of commutations his staff indicated the pace will continue to accelerate, promising relief of "historic proportions."

U.S. Rep. Bob Goodlatte, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, said he was "deeply concerned" about the number of commutations granted by the President, accusing Obama of "blatant usurpation" of congressional authority. However, the right to issue pardons is expressly granted to the president by Article II, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution.

Of the 214 commutations announced in August 2016, sixty-seven were issued to prisoners serving life sentences – the vast majority for non-violent drug offenses. To date, Obama has granted more commutations than the past nine presidents combined. ■

Sources: www.thehill.com, www.usatoday.com, www.whitehouse.gov, www.theguardian.com, *Washington Post*, www.justice.gov

Appeal Doesn't Stay ODOC's "Second Look" Release Plan Obligation

by Mark Wilson

THE EN BANC OREGON SUPREME COURT held on October 22, 2015 that appealing a trial court order conditionally releasing a juvenile murderer who had served half his minimum sentence did not relieve prison officials of their statutory obligation to prepare the prisoner's release plan.

Oregon juveniles who: 1) committed their crimes after June 30, 1995; 2) were 14 years old or younger at the time of the offense; 3) were waived into adult court and convicted of a criminal offense; and 4) sentenced to at least 24 months in prison are eligible to request a "second look hearing" upon serving half their sentence.

Second look hearings involve a two-step process. The first step is initiated by the Oregon Department of Corrections (ODOC), which files a notice and request for a second look hearing no more than 120

days and no less than 60 days before the prisoner has served one-half of his sentence. The trial court must then schedule a hearing within 30 days of completion of one-half of the sentence.

The prisoner bears the burden of proving by clear and convincing evidence that: 1) he has been rehabilitated and reformed; 2) if conditionally released, would not be a threat to the safety of the victim, the victim's family or the community; and 3) would comply with the release conditions. Following the hearing, the sentencing court may order that the prisoner serve out the remainder of the original sentence or be conditionally released at a time specified by the court.

The second step of the process is triggered by the court's finding that conditional release is warranted. The ODOC is then

They Are All Life Sentences

by Gano Rinehart: J20307

"I just had to read it through to the end. It makes compelling reading." Fr. James Torres, S. J
America magazine

"... a must read." Rose Berger
Assoc. Editor, *Sojourners Mag.*

"Right on the money, brother."
Warren T. Yopp, 023075- UCI

Read sample on Amazon and Kindle.

Tired of yourself? Soften the tone of that inner critic

You may have heard of compassion fatigue, which besets caregivers who absorb too much emotional pain from witnessing the suffering of others.

And there's people fatigue, which is most common among introverts because they have a more limited capacity for social interaction than their extroverted counterparts.



Philip Chard

Some folks with self-fatigue still believe they are productive and worthwhile people, but are simply tired of being who they are.

Also, some folks experience decision fatigue, which occurs when one feels overwhelmed with a daily barrage of "What should we do?"

However, there is another variant of this mental

malaise that is equally problematic ... self-fatigue.

"I'm tired of being me," Nick explained, weariness on his face. "I can't get away from myself. Every waking moment, I'm with me, if that makes any sense."

It does. Because we Homo sapiens are self-conscious, we can look inward at ourselves (self-awareness) while also being engaged in our experiences (feeling, acting, cogitating). In doing so, we split the psyche between observer and participator.

The participator persona immerses itself in experiences and emotions, while the observer watches all

this unfold and then passes judgment, either favorably or critically. We become two distinct minds in one head, and the interplay between them makes this kind of mental fatigue possible.

"What do you find most difficult about being with yourself?" I asked Nick.

"I'm an anxious person. Always have been, and it's very tiring. I'm burned out on being wired all the time," he replied, reflecting his observer self's critique of his participator self.

Self-fatigue contributes to or outright causes a number of emotional maladies that often end up errantly lumped in with conditions like "depression" and "burnout." But self-fatigue is its own animal.

While it may seem like this condition involves disliking one's self, that's not always the case. Some folks with self-fatigue still believe they are productive and worthwhile people, but are simply tired of being who they are. As such, this can lead some to attempt radical and impulsive shifts in behavior and lifestyle (think midlife crisis), anything to push back the monotony or agitation of being one's usual self.

Familiarity between two people sometimes breeds indifference toward each other ("I've seen it all"). The same can occur within one's psyche. The two personas (observer and participator) can either sink into a "been there, done that" sort of dispassion, or the observer may grow weary of the participator's foibles or sufferings, as was true for Nick.

For him, the challenge is to soften the tone of his inner critic (observer), which cognitive behavioral therapy and meditation can expedite. These approaches, in turn, may lessen his participator's chronic anxiety, which he finds so onerous that it fuels the weariness with himself.

For those with self-fatigue characterized by boredom rather than angst, healthy lifestyle changes that interrupt old habits are the ticket. It's about being more interesting, enlivened and engaging to one's self.

Overall, addressing self-fatigue requires creating the proverbial "new you."

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INTRODUCTION

HOLLYWOOD ALL-WHITE MACHOMEN

BIRTH OF A NATION

GREAT WHITE FATHER W.D. GRIFFITH

COONS

WILLIE BAST

STEPIN FLETCHER

MADEA / MAMMY STEREOTYPES !!!

HALF-PINTS - MINSTREL

TYLER PERRY

SUPERMAN

OSCAR MICHEAUX

NAT TURNER

NATE PARKER

"THE MYTH OF THE BLACK RAPIST" !!!

UPDATED

SHOUT-OUT

TO: MR. NATE PARKER

SUPERSTAR! DIRECTOR!

PRODUCER!

A PROFILE IN COURAGE - 21ST CENTURY!!

Mr. Nate Parker, Co-wrote, Directed and Produced - and Starred in an Hugely Too Hot Anti-Establishment, especially Hollywood "Shot-callers"!!!, MOVIE - DEPICTING WHITE AMERICANS Worst Walking Nightmare; "A BLACK MAN DARINGLY TAKING-UP ARMS AGAINST WHITE OPPRESSION!!!", Namely, Revolutionary - MR. NAT TURNER!!!!

WHAT'S MR. NATE PARKER'S TRUE STORY

I've loved Mr. Parker ever since seeing him Guest on PBS.ORG / PAVIS SMILEY, where you told him in discussing Hollywood's mistreatment of BLACK PLAYERS and BLACK AUDIENCE; We have to produce our own projects!!!

Recently you told CBS.COM NEWS / 60 MINUTES of having only discovered Mr. Nat Turner while a student at PENN State.

HOWEVER, TOO MANY OTHER BLACKS ARE JUST DAMN IGNORANT OF THEIR OWN HISTORY [SEE, E.G. THE MISEDUCATION OF THE NEGRO...], AND WHITES CONSCIOUSLY DO NOT WANT TO KNOW IT [GROUP DENIAL!!!] - AND-OR - NOT LET IT BE KNOWN, NOT SHOWN!!!

MORE TELLING IT LIKE IT !!! IS:

FROM STANDING OVATION AND RECORD BREAKING \$17.5 MILLION DEAL AT SUNDANCE... SEE BELOW; P. AND THE CRITICS NEARLY UNANIMOUS DARNING OF THE 2017 OSCARS TO BOX OFFICE FLOP, SEE BELOW, P. P. 8-18;

WHY??! WHAT HAPPENED???

I Postulate You Took The Wrong Path To "ENLIGHTENMENT" [E.G. MICK JAGGER [AND HIS "ROLLING STONES" CROSSED THE OCEAN TO GO TO CHICAGO AT CHESS RECORDS TO SIT AT BLUES LEGEND MUDDY WATER'S "KNEE" LIKE A ROLLING STONE!!!]?

MM HERO! MR. NATE... WHY DIDN'T YOU "HEAD-BUTT" DOWN THE "DOORS" OF OUR LIVING LEGENDS, PIONEERS!!! TO MESSRS. HARRY BELAFONTE AND SIDNEY POITIER, WHO BEAT DOWN THAT "UN-BEATEN PATH"!!

WHAT YOU TALKING ABOUT!!!

The White Hollywood [i.e.] has a Perpetual Appointed Place for "THE BLACKMAN!!!", which is under his "Tomb of The Man" [e.g., Controversy surrounding: AVA DUVERNA'S "SALEM" Purported Mischaracterization of President Lyndon B. JOHNSON'S "HIS-STORY" ROLE; SEE BELOW, p. 12

MADEA / MAMMY STEREO TYPE VS. NATE TURNER

Tyler Perry's degradation and exploitation of The universal White Psyche's Stereotypical Black Images were too richly rewarded. White Negroe Oprah gave it her Midias Blessings!!

[SEE "I am Not Black, I am O.J." What O.J. SIMPSON MEANS to me BY TA-NEHISI COATES THE ATLANTIC.COM OCTOBER 2016, p. 80]

And with Record Breaking Gold at the Box Office. But with immensely more than that: "Madea Halloween Boo" Scored A-LISTER Tom Cruise from No. 1 Spot over October 21-23, 2016 Weekend! And also Scored A-LISTER Tom Hank

FROM OCTOBER 28-30, 2016 WEEKEND NO. 1 BOX
OFFICE SPOT. THIS ONE "SURPRISED" THE NBC NEWS.COM
SUNDAY 4: A.M. CDT...

"THE MYTH OF THE BLACK RAPIST" !!!

THE NUCLEAR HIT JOB
TO KILL THAT MOVIE !!!

SINCE O.J. TRIAL ACQUITTAL, IT IS NOW SOCIALLY
ACCEPTABLE ONCE AGAIN, AS IT WAS WHEN KKK
ROPE-TERROR REIGNED - TO "HIGH TECH LYNCH"
BLACKS SIMPLY ACCUSED OF ROPE BEFORE A TRIAL
[e.g. DR. BILL COSBY, PH.D.] - AND SIMILARLY AFTER
FAIR TRIAL ACQUITTAL [e.g. MR. NATE PARKER !!!]
CONTRAST: YOUR ALMA MATER PENN STATE RECENT
CELEBRATION OF FOOTBALL HERO JOE PATERNO -
NBC.COM / NEWS SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2016,
SEE BELOW P. 13
SAME OLE HIT JOB !!!

SEE PBS.ORG / NEWS HOUR AUGUST 31, 2016, WEDNES-
DAY 6: P.M. CDT THE WHITE ESTABLISHMENT MARCHED
OUT THEIR TWO-WHITE NEGROES HIT SQUAD, NAME-
LY, MIKE SARGENT, SO-CALLED BLACK FILM CRITIC,

AND MOMMY, 500 LBS. ROXANNE GAY, PURDUE UNIVERSITY, WHOM APPARENTLY WROTE A NYT.COM EDITORIAL CURSING YOU AS A GUILTY RAPIST [WHICH SHE ALSO DID ON THE PROGRAM!!

MR. SARGENT... DAMN SURE HAS A LOT OF BARK ON HIM BY EXCLAIMING THAT THE ATTACKS ON AN INNOCENT BLACK FOR RAPE: "IT'S NOT ABOUT RACE"!! [I BET HE GOT MORE THAN THIRTY PIECES OF BLOOD STAINED "SLIVER" FOR THAT DAMNABLE LIE!!! HE IS ONLY ASKED HIS OPINION ON BLACK SUBJECTS? NEVER ON, E.G. WOODY ALLEN, N

BRO. NATE DID YOU KNOW
YOU OSTENSIBLY REPEATED
AN EXEMPLARY AND ILLUSTRIOUS
BLACK MAN MOVIE PIONEER
HON. OSCAR MICHEAUX

ARE YOU HIP TO THIS FANSTASTIC BRO., I ATTACHED A SIP FROM HIS LIFE (BIO) OVERFLOWING CUP
" OSCAR DEVEREAUX MICHEAUX, P.P.

TO AID MY BOASTING OF TWO GREAT BRAVE BLACK MEN TO THE UNIVERSE, NAMELY- HIM AND YOU,
SEE BELOW, P.P. 16 & 21;

Like you, Mr. Micheaux wrote, produced and Directed a purposeful and Created BLACK FILM outside White Hollywood establishment "CASTE System". It is Reported they Destroyed his. Would not ALLOW it To Be distributed and SHOWN. Apparently he vowed to Never Buck That System again. SEE PBS.ORG / THE AMERICAN EXPERIENCE; ALSO, SEE BELOW, P.P. 17-18;

WITH TODAY'S VENUES
AND OUTLETS, WHO CAN'T
BYPASS THE RUSTIC OLD
HOLLYWOOD "GATE KEEPERS"!!!

CLOSING! AS YOU SEE BELOW, P.P.
Author William STYRON'S
Pulitzer Prize winning NOVEL "THE CONFES-
SIONS OF NAT TURNER" ostensibly depicting
MR. TURNER AS A RAPIST IN 1967 stirred
UP a Firey Fierce BLACK Backlash, P.
P. 14; 15 and 22-23

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5. **Order to Kill** by Vince Flynn and Kyle Mills (Atria, fiction, on sale Oct. 11)

What it's about: CIA operative Mitch Rapp is on a mission to keep Pakistani nukes out of the hands of terrorists.

The buzz: Mills is continuing the hit series begun by the late Flynn; last year's Rapp thriller, *The Survivor*, reached No. 4 on USA TODAY's Best-Selling Books list.

Exclusive: New 'Spider-Man' animated series coming in 2017

Spider-Man is getting back to his roots in a new animated TV series.

Marvel Comics' popular web-slinger superhero returns to his teenage years and his earliest days as a superhero in *Marvel's Spider-Man*, premiering next year on Disney XD.

"Spider-Man is the biggest action hero in the world. He is an iconic character whose duality makes him both relatable and aspirational for the Disney XD audience," says Marc Buhaj, senior vice president, programming and general manager for Disney XD. He promises "a fresh take on a beloved classic that will engage both new and existing Spidey fans with its compelling drama, exciting action and the signature sense of comedy."

Headed up by story editor Kevin Shinick (*Robot Chicken*) and supervising director Philip Pignotti (*Marvel's Avengers Assemble*), the new show focuses on insecure yet courageous teenager Peter Parker as he learns that with great power comes great responsibility — especially when you get the strange abilities of a spider.

"The simple title reflects a back-to-basics approach," says Cort Lane, senior vice president of Marvel Animation and Family Entertainment, adding that "it's just filled with heart and humor."

The current *Marvel's Ultimate Spider-Man* animated series — which has focused on teaming Spidey with Nick Fury and other young heroes while aligned with S.H.I.E.L.D. — ends its four-season run in January. Its two-part "Graduation Day" season finale will feature Spider-Man taking on archenemy Doctor Octopus and the Superior Sinister Six to save New York City.

Next year is a big one for Spidey on the small and big screens. In addition to the upcoming animated series, there's also a cinematic reboot for the hero: British actor Tom Holland, who had a small role in this past summer's hit *Captain America: Civil War*, stars in *Spider-Man: Homecoming*, slated for release July 7.

Box office: 'Girl on the Train' chugs past 'Birth of a Nation' for No. 1

The Girl on the Train derailed the competition its first weekend out. The psychological thriller chugged to an easy No. 1 with \$24.7 million, steamrolling *The Birth of a Nation* and *Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life*, according to studio estimates from comScore.

Adapted from Paula Hawkins' 2015 best seller, *Girl* stars Emily Blunt as a dubious

NAT TURNER'S BIO

drunkard who gets swept up in a murder mystery after a woman she watches from the train (Haley Bennett) goes missing. Despite praise for Blunt's performance, most critics lambasted the film (44% positive reviews on aggregate site RottenTomatoes.com), while moviegoers' reactions weren't much better (56% say they "liked it"). It falls short of Oscar-nominated thriller *Gone Girl*, a frequent comparison, which made its debut with \$37.5 million in 2014 on the way to \$167.8 million total.

Theater closures and inclement weather from Hurricane Matthew may have contributed to *Girl's* lower-than-expected box office, says comScore senior media analyst Paul Dergarabedian, who also blames a crowded marketplace for adult dramas.

With *Sully* soaring past \$100 million (\$113.5 million to date) and Ben Affleck's *The Accountant* arriving Friday, "it'll be hard for any movie to hold an audience when there are so many different options out there," Dergarabedian says. But *Girl's* relatively low budget of \$45 million still makes it a win, as do stellar notices for Blunt. "It's just another example of her incredible acting abilities and career, which is on a major trajectory," he says.

Meanwhile, Nate Parker's divisive *Birth* got off to a lackluster start. The R-rated biopic, which follows Nat Turner's 1831 slave rebellion, opened in 2,100 theaters with just \$7.1 million for No. 6. The well-reviewed drama was snatched up by Fox Searchlight at Sundance Film Festival for a record-breaking \$17.5 million and was flagged as a major awards contender in light of the #OscarsSoWhite outcry.

But Parker — *Birth's* writer, director, producer and star — has been embroiled in controversy in recent months, since allegations resurfaced that he was charged and acquitted in a 1999 rape case while enrolled at Penn State. The woman committed suicide in 2012. It's difficult to say whether the backlash turned off potential moviegoers.

"Historically, controversies surrounding filmmakers don't really have an effect," Dergarabedian says. "Considering what's going on in the marketplace, it did just fine. It's not a huge number, but people are talking about it, and that's not always a bad thing" at the box office.

Fellow newcomer *Middle School* flunked out in its debut. The PG-rated comedy, adapted from James Patterson's best-selling young adult book series and starring *Gilmore Girls'* Lauren Graham, managed just \$6.9 million for seventh place.

Holdovers made up the rest of the top five. *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children* held strong in its second weekend with \$15 million for No. 2 (\$51.1 million total). *Deepwater Horizon* came in third with \$11.8 million (\$38.5 million), *The Magnificent Seven* in fourth with \$9.2 million (\$75.9 million) and *Storks* was No. 5 with \$8.5 million (\$50.1 million).

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Janet Jackson finally acknowledges pregnancy

Six months after announcing that she was putting her tour on hold while she planned a family, Janet Jackson is officially acknowledging her pregnancy with an exclusive in *People* magazine with her baby bump on full display.

Before the magazine feature, the closest she ever came to discussing the matter publicly was naming a single *Damn Baby*.

The child will be the first for Jackson, 50, and her third husband, Qatari businessman Wissam Al Mana, 41. The two have been married since 2012.

UFC 204 results: Michael Bisping keeps belt with decision over Dan Henderson in classic brawl

MANCHESTER, England — History nearly repeated itself on two occasions when Dan Henderson dropped UFC middleweight champ Michael Bisping to the canvas in their rematch seven years in the making.

But Bisping (30-7 MMA, 20-7 UFC), fighting before a hometown crowd, got back to his feet this time, and proceeded to outwork Henderson (32-15 MMA, 9-9 UFC) in the championship rounds to earn a unanimous decision.

The middleweight title bout was the main event of today's UFC 204 event at Manchester Arena in Manchester, England. It aired pay-per-view following prelims on FS1 and UFC Fight Pass.

Judges scored the bout 48-47 twice and 49-46 for Bisping, who used his post-fight speech to celebrate Henderson's toughness and berate most of his division's contenders.

"All you (expletive) (expletive) who are in the rest of the division," said the brash Brit, who claimed the No. 1 spot in the USA TODAY Sports/MMAjunkie middleweight rankings after his upset title win over Luke Rockhold in May. "(Chris) Weidman, what the hell? You lost your last fight. I've had three victories since you got your ass kicked by Luke Rockhold. Rockhold, I knocked you out in three minutes, buddy. Yoel Romero, you're suspended for steroids! Shame on you. All of you win a fight, get off the couch, and let's (expletive) do this."

The tirade drew big cheers from the crowd, but that was to be expected with former Manchester resident Bisping defending his belt for the first time on home soil and avenging a famous loss. Henderson was next on the mic, and of course he didn't get quite the reception, even though it was the last post-fight speech of his storied career.

Of all the accomplishments in 20 years of fighting, an undisputed UFC belt managed to elude Henderson, who promised Saturday's fight would be his last as a professional. Showing moments of vulnerability, the No. 14 middleweight tried to come to terms with the less than ceremonious end, which was decided not by a thunderous "H-Bomb," but by a panel of judges in his third attempt at a UFC title.

performing the Stones' "Exile On Main Street." It was one of the most pleasing shows I've ever seen. But the Stones couldn't get away with such a departure. They'd disappoint too many fans who came to the show thinking this might be the last time they'd ever get to see the Stones perform *Start Me Up*, *Jumpin' Jack Flash*, *Sympathy for the Devil* or *Brown Sugar*.

The Stones satisfied their fans by performing all of those songs. *Midnight Rambler* is not as dangerous as it was the first time I heard them 43 years ago. But that was before NWA, Nine Inch Nails and Rage Against the Machine brought scary to a new level. The Stones gave their audience satisfaction Friday night, and proved once again you can't always get what you want, but you get what you need.

On Saturday night, McCartney will almost undoubtedly give his fans what they want. But I'm most eager to see what Young will do because he never does only what his fans expect. I can't wait to see him roll his tumblin' dice.

Paul McCartney, Neil Young rock Desert Trip concert

INDIO, Calif. — The shooting that killed two Palm Springs police officers and injured another cast a pall over the Desert Trip concert on Saturday. People shuttling to the second day of the three-day concert at Indio's Empire Polo Club had their rides delayed by almost two hours as police conducted their manhunt. People at the polo club followed the news on their mobile devices and talked about how terrible the shooting was.

Fortunately for some, opening act Neil Young started his set more than 20 minutes late. By then, the Palm Springs coach riders were just filing into the polo club. Young, dressed in a dark T-shirt with the words "Water is life," a black hat and dark jeans, sat at his piano and started singing the sublime *After the Gold Rush*. The figurative clouds seemed to part, and the emphasis was again back on the music.

At 9:45 p.m. PT (30 minutes after his scheduled start time), headliner Paul McCartney wandered on stage after a long, bombastic recorded multimedia sequence emphasizing his historical place in pop culture, and the place melted into pure joy. The former Beatle opened with *A Hard Day's Night*, sounding magnificent on the huge Goldenvoice sound system, and middle-aged women started jumping up and down. Smiles abounded among young and old. He followed with a Wings song from the 1970s, *Jet*, powered by his propulsive bass, and happiness was restored as McCartney addressed the crowd as if they were at a festival that skewed much younger. "Good evening, Coachella!" he said, looking nattily attired in matching dark pants and coat with an open-collared shirt. "Welcome to the desert!"

McCartney mixed Beatles songs such as *Day Tripper*, *Can't Buy Me Love* and *I've Got A*

Feeling, with Wings and solo hits and even the surprise of an instrumental version of Jimi Hendrix's *Foxy Lady*. There was a slight rasp to his voice, but it really didn't prevent him from selling his classic hits to the adoring audience.

McCartney and Young were further realizations of promoter Paul Tollett's dream of bringing active, creative legends from the 1960s to a massive audience at the Empire Polo Club in Indio. Bob Dylan and the Rolling Stones delivered Friday, and Young and McCartney more than survived their legendary shadow.

While McCartney generated pure joy, Young brought a '60s relevance to the evening. His second song was a solo acoustic guitar version of his biggest hit, *Heart of Gold*, satisfying a huge percentage of the sold-out crowd of 75,000 people. But then he got serious.

More so perhaps than even Bob Dylan, Young is the conscience of the Baby Boomer generation, and his repertoire reinforced the message from the news of the day that there are more important things than going to a concert and partying hard.

After his fourth song, *Mother Earth (Natural Edition)* — performed solo on an antique pump organ and harmonica — a team of guys in radioactive-protective suits came out and sprayed the stage, as if to say the environment is toxic. Then Young's backup band, the excellent Promise of the Real, joined him for a wide-ranging program of new, obscure and classic rock songs.

The recently introduced *Show Me* is about the battle for water, a theme further illustrated by tepees off stage that also said, "Water is life." The new *Hang Glider*, referring to terrorist secret hang gliders, features the lyrics, "I think I know who to blame/All those people with funny names/Moving into our neighborhood/I can't tell if they're bad or good."

Young brilliantly paced his show to end with the hard-rocking *Welfare Mothers*, which he called a new theme song for Donald Trump, and the anthem that proved a perfect bookend to his opener, *Keep On Rockin' in the Free World*.

Young fan Terry Craig of Scottsdale called it the "best opening act of all time."

"He does not want to be in the Stones' shadow after their set last night," he said. "He wants to show — with the kids in the band — he's still got it, especially with this old catalog. On fire! Top of his game!"

The headlining act, McCartney, wasn't scheduled to begin his set until 9:15 p.m. local time and didn't go on until about 9:45 p.m., but fans began taking positions at the front of the stage as soon as the gates opened at 2 p.m. Pete Ybarra of Dallas-Fort Worth was among the first to arrive in the standing pit for the opportunity to see McCartney for the seventh time. He brought his own chair and food and made plans to keep his spot until the show was scheduled to end at midnight.

"Me and my wife go out separately," he said, "because if you leave, someone will take your spots."

"It's just so huge," Ybarra said of the concert. "I've never been to something this big. The stage is so huge. I've never seen anything like it."

Paul and Tracey Manning came from Melbourne, Australia, for Desert Trip. They regularly follow their favorite groups on concert tours — last year, they followed both the Rolling Stones and U2 at the same time. But they said they hadn't seen anything like this.

"You'll never see these performers together again," Paul Manning said. "I think they're all similar sort of artists, so it's probably a bit of a reunion for them as well."

Almost halfway through the three-day Desert Trip celebration, the inaugural Goldenvoice event was getting rave reviews.

"The quality of the bands is off the charts," said Jennifer Glendon of Boston. "Last night, the Stones were amazing."

Books: New and noteworthy

USA TODAY's Jocelyn McClurg scopes out the hottest books on sale each week.

1. Around the Way Girl by Taraji P. Henson (Atria/37 INK, non-fiction, on sale Oct. 11)

What it's about: Henson, who has become a huge star cracking wise and witty as Cookie Lyon on Fox's hit show *Empire*, tells the story of her road to the top in this new memoir.

The buzz: *Empire* — and Cookie — are back for a third season this fall.

2. Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult (Ballantine, fiction, on sale Oct. 11)

What it's about: Picoult tackles the issue of racism when Ruth Jefferson, an experienced black nurse, is asked by white supremacists not to touch their newborn baby — who goes into distress.

The buzz: The best-selling author will do a USA TODAY Facebook Live chat Oct. 26 at 1 p.m. ET/10 a.m. PT; go to USA TODAY's Life Facebook page, or books.usatoday.com.

3. A Life in Parts by Bryan Cranston (Scribner, non-fiction, on sale Oct. 11)

What it's about: Cranston joins Henson on the celeb memoir parade this week as he looks back on his life and acting career, including, of course, *Breaking Bad*.

The buzz: Cranston was nominated this year for an Emmy for his portrayal of Lyndon B. Johnson in *All the Way* on HBO. (He lost to Courtney B. Vance in *The People v. O. J. Simpson: American Crime Story*.)

4. Bridget Jones's Baby: The Diaries by Helen Fielding (Knopf, fiction, on sale Oct. 11)

What it's about: This novel about Bridget Jones' baby bump is based on Fielding's columns, which appeared in Britain's *The Independent*.

The buzz: In an unusual twist, the movie — which stars Renée Zellweger and hit theaters last month — beat the book to the punch.

The Birth of a Nation

Let the 2017 Oscar Chatter begin. Star **Nate Parker** (above pic) writes, produces and directs a chapter of vital American history that's more relevant than ever. It's the bio of slave Nat

Turner, who, in 1831, led a revolt, in the south. The incendiary drama earned two standing ovations at its premiere.

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"Racial Fury Unleashed

The Birth of a Nation

Nate Parker, Arnie Hammer

Directed by Nate Parker

3 1/2 STARS [EXCELLENT]

HERE'S A TOUGH QUESTION:

DO YOU JUDGE NATE PARKER'S THE [OF] BIRTH OF NATION AS A FILM, OR PUT PARKER ON TRIAL AS A "BLACK" MAN, A STUDENT AT PENN STATE IN 1999 WHO WAS ACCUSED OF RAPPING AN 18-YEAR-OLD WOMAN, A CRIME

for which he was acquitted? I'll leave the playing-God stuff to social media, where it thrives, and stick to what's on screen, which by any standard, is a momental achievement."

SUM

"... he has thrillingly accomplished a movie of potent provocation and passionate heart that ranks with the Year's best."

— By Peter Travers Rolling Stone [ISSUE 1272]
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THE BIRTH OF A NATION

3- STARS RATING

At the Sundance Film Festival in January, Nate Parker received two standing ovations for directing, co-writing, financing and starring in this searing true story about an infamous slave uprising. He's been embroiled in scandal since then, but there's denying this is a powerful piece of film-making... Better movies will come along this year; few will pack this kind of wallop." [Also starring Armie Hammer].
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A HOT RACE FOR OSCAR GLORY
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The Birth of a Nation
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Get ready for a new landmark in American cinema. Sharing a title, but nothing else, with D.W. Griffith's 1915 silent-screen polarizer that lauded the KKK, *The Birth of a Nation* celebrates a bloody 1831 slave rebellion. Led by Nat Turner (Nate Parker), a Virginia-born slave and Baptist preacher, the revolt is a massacre, a literal face paint. Star, writer and debuting director Parker (now mired in controversy) is brilliant and blistering in all departments. Even when he overreaches, Parker electrifies, showing that, then and now, black lives matter. — RollingStone.com / MOVIES SEPTEMBER 8, 2016

AVA DUVERNA

FIRST BLACK TO DIRECT A FILM
NOMINATED FOR THE ACADEMY AWARD
FOR BEST PICTURE...

O.J.: Made in America

Just when you think you know it all about the man at the center of the Trial of the Century, along comes this ultra-pivoting documentary.

Using rarely seen home videos and new interviews, this epic illustrates how O.J. SIMPSON (above pic) went from football star to acquitted murderer.

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"The 'Myth of the black rapist'"

as Portraying black men as Prone to Sexual Violence against White Women. Suspected sexual assault was a long-standing racist stereotype used as rhetorical justification for lynching black men. In order to address these concerns, ten leading black intellectuals wrote essays criticizing the work, collected in William Styron's *Nat Turner: Ten Black Writers Respond* (1968).

THE CONFESSIONS OF NAT TURNER IS A 1967 Pulitzer Prize winning novel by U.S. writer William Styron, presented as a first-person narrative by historical figure Nat Turner, the novel concerns the slave revolt in Virginia in 1831. It is based on The Confessions of Nat Turner: The Leader of the Late Insurrection in Southampton, Virginia, a first hand account of Turner's confessions published by a local lawyer, Thomas Ruffin Gray, in 1831.

Oscar Devereaux Micheaux (January 2, 1884 – March 25, 1951) was an American author, film director and independent producer of more than 44 films. Although the short-lived Lincoln Motion Picture Company produced some films, he is regarded as the first major African-American feature filmmaker, the most successful African-American filmmaker of the first half of the twentieth century and the most prominent producer of race films. He produced both silent films and "talkies" after the industry changed to incorporate speaking actors.

Micheaux was born on a farm in Metropolis, Illinois on January 2, 1884. He was the fifth child born to Calvin S. and Belle Michaux, who had a total of thirteen. In his later years, Micheaux added an "e" to his last name. His father was born a slave in Kentucky. Because of its surname, his father's family appears to have been associated with French-descended settlers. French Huguenot refugees had settled in Virginia in 1700; their descendants took slaves west when they migrated into Kentucky after the American Revolutionary War.

Micheaux was born when African Americans were trying to succeed in a world dominated by whites. Micheaux struggled with social oppression as a young boy, which he reflected in writing in later years. To give their children education, his parents relocated to the city for better schooling. Micheaux attended a well-established school for several years before the family eventually ran into money troubles and were forced to relocate to the farm. Unhappy, Micheaux became rebellious and discontented. His struggles caused internal problems within his family. Micheaux's father was not happy with him and sent him away to do marketing within the big city. Micheaux found pleasure in this job because he was able to speak to many new people and learned many social skills that he would later reflect within his films.

When Micheaux was 16 years old, he moved to Chicago, Illinois to live with his older brother, then working as a waiter. Micheaux became dissatisfied with what he viewed as his brother's way of living "the good life." He rented his own place and found a job in the stockyards, which he found difficult. Micheaux worked many different jobs, moving from the stockyards to the steel mills.

After Micheaux was "swindled out of two dollars" by an employment agency, he decided to become his own boss. His first business was a small shoeshine stand, which he set up at a white suburban barbershop, away from Chicago competition. Micheaux learned the basic strategies of business and started to save money. He became a Pullman porter on the major railroads. At that time, Pullman porters were considered prestigious jobs for African Americans, as they were relatively stable and well-paid, secure and gave freedom of travel and acquaintance. This job was an informal college education for Micheaux. He profited financially, and also gained contacts and knowledge about the world through traveling, as well as a greater understanding for business. When he left the position, Micheaux had seen much of the United States, had a couple thousand dollars saved in his bank account, and made a number of connections with wealthy white people who helped his future endeavors.

Micheaux moved to Dallas, South Dakota, where he bought land and worked as a homesteader. This experience inspired his first novels and films. His neighbors on the frontier were all white. "Some recall that [Micheaux] rarely ate at table with his white neighbors". Micheaux's years as a homesteader allowed him to learn more about human relations and farming, a time in his life full of tests and experiments. While farming, Micheaux wrote articles and submitted them to press. The Chicago Defender published one of his earliest articles.

Marriage and family

In South Dakota, Micheaux married Orlean McCracken. Her family proved to be complex and burdensome for Micheaux. Unhappy with their living arrangements, Orlean felt that Micheaux did not pay enough attention to her. She gave birth while he was away on business. She was reported to have emptied their bank accounts and fled. Orlean's father sold Micheaux's property and took the money from the sale. After his return, Micheaux tried unsuccessfully to get Orlean and his property back. Although he had

saved while working as a Pullman porter, Micheaux lost his money during this time. After many failed attempts to recover some of his assets, he needed to move into his next career and make some money.

Writing and film career.

Micheaux decided to concentrate on writing and, eventually filmmaking, a new industry. He wrote seven novels. In 1913, 1000 copies of his first book, *The Conquest: The Story of a Negro Homesteader* were printed. He published the book anonymously, for unknown reasons. Based on his experiences as a homesteader and the failure of his first marriage, it was largely autobiographical. Although character names have been changed, the protagonist is named Oscar Devereaux. His theme was about African Americans' realizing their potential and succeeding in areas from which they were previously excluded.

In 1918, his novel *The Homesteader*, dedicated to Booker T. Washington, attracted the attention of George Johnson, the manager of the Lincoln Motion Picture Company in Los Angeles. After Johnson offered to make *The Homesteader* into a new feature film, negotiations and paperwork became contentious between him and Micheaux. Micheaux wanted to be directly involved in the adaptation of his book as a movie, but Johnson resisted and never produced the film.

Instead, Micheaux founded the Micheaux Film and Book Company of Sioux City and Chicago; its first project was the production of *The Homesteader* as a feature film. Micheaux had a major career as a film producer and director: he produced over 40 films, which drew audiences throughout the US as well as internationally. Micheaux contacted wealthy white connections from his earlier career as a porter, and sold stock for his company at \$75 to \$100 a share. Micheaux hired actors and actresses and decided to premiere as Chicago was celebrating the return of troops from World War I. The film and Micheaux received high praise from film critics. One article credited Micheaux with "a historic breakthrough, a creditable, dignified achievement". Some members of the Chicago clergy criticized the film as libelous. *The Homesteader* became widely known as Micheaux's breakout film; it helped him become widely known as a writer and a filmmaker.

In addition to writing and directing his own films, Micheaux also adapted the works of different writers for his silent pictures. Many of Micheaux's films were open, blunt and thought-provoking regarding certain racial issues of that time. Micheaux once commented, "It is only by presenting those portions of the race portrayed in my pictures, in the light and background of their true state, that we can raise our people to greater heights". Financial hardships during the Great Depression eventually made it impossible for Micheaux to keep producing films, and he returned to writing.

Significant films

Micheaux's first novel *The Conquest* was adapted to film and re-titled, *The Homesteader*. This film, which met with critical and commercial success, was first produced in 1918. This film revolves around a man named Jean Baptiste. Called the Homesteader, Baptiste falls in love with many white women but resists marrying one out of his loyalty to his race - people of ethnic African descent who were classified as black in the society. He sacrifices love to show his masculinity and be a key symbol for his fellow African Americans. Baptiste looks for love among his own people and marries an African-American woman. Their relations deteriorate. Eventually, Baptiste is not allowed to see his wife. She kills her father for keeping them apart and commits suicide. Although Baptiste is accused of the crime, he is ultimately cleared. An old love helps Baptiste through his troubles. After he learns that she is a mulatto and thus part African, they marry. This film deals extensively with race relationships.

Micheaux's second silent film was *Within Our Gates*, produced in 1920. Although sometimes considered Micheaux's response to the film *Birth of a Nation*, Micheaux said that he created it independently as a response to the widespread social instability following World War I. *Within Our Gates* revolved around the main character, Sylvia Landry, a mixed-race school teacher. In a flashback, Sylvia is shown growing up as the adopted daughter of a sharecropper. When Sylvia's father confronts their white landlord over

money, a fight ensues. The landlord is shot by another white man, but Sylvia's adoptive father is accused and lynched, along with her adoptive mother.

Sylvia is almost raped by the landowner's brother but discovers that he is her biological father. Micheaux always depicts African Americans as being serious and reaching for higher education. Before the flashback scene, we see that Sylvia travels to Boston seeking funding for her school, which serves black children. They are underserved by the segregated society. On her journey, she is hit by the car of a rich white woman. Learning about Landry's cause, the woman decides to give her school \$50,000.

Within the film, Micheaux depicts educated and professional people in black society as light-skinned, representing the elite status of some of the mixed-race people who comprised the majority of African Americans free before the Civil War. Poor people are represented as dark-skinned and with more undiluted African ancestry. The mixed-race people are also featured as some of the villains. The film is set within the contemporary Jim Crow era. It contrasted the experiences for African Americans who stayed in rural areas and others who had migrated to cities and become urbanized. Micheaux explored the suffering of African Americans in the present day, without explaining how the situation arose in history. Some feared that this film would cause even more unrest within society, while others believed that it would open up the public's eyes into the unjust treatment by whites of blacks. Protests against the film continued until the day it was released. Because of its controversial status, the film was banned from some theatres.

Micheaux adapted two works by Charles W. Chesnutt, which he released under their original titles: *The Conjure Woman* (1926) and *The House Behind the Cedars*. The latter, which dealt with issues of mixed race and passing, created so much controversy when reviewed by the Film Board of Virginia that he was forced to make cuts to have it shown in the state. He remade this in 1932, releasing it as *Veiled Aristocrats*. Both versions of the film are believed to have been lost.

Themes

Micheaux's films featured contemporary black life. He dealt with racial relationships between blacks and whites, and the passage for blacks trying to achieve success in the larger society. His films also reflect his ideologies and life experiences. The journalist Richard Gehr said, "Micheaux appears to have only one story to tell- his own- and he tells it repeatedly".

Micheaux sought to create films that would counter white portrayals of African Americans, which tended to emphasize inferior stereotypes. Micheaux created complex characters of different classes, and was never interested in simplicity. His own life experiences were the basis for much of his work. Growing up in southern Illinois, which had long been influenced by Southern migrants and culture, he learned about some relationships between African Americans and whites, and their misunderstandings.

Style

The critic Lupack described Micheaux as pursuing moderation with his films and creating a "middle-class cinema". His works were designed to appeal to both middle- and lower-class audiences.

Micheaux said, "My results...might have been narrow at times, due perhaps to certain limited situations, which I endeavored to portray, but in those limited situations, the truth was the predominate characteristic. It is only by presenting those portions of the race portrayed in my pictures, in the light and background of their true state, that we can raise our people to greater heights. I am too imbued with the spirit of Booker T. Washington to engraft false virtues upon ourselves, to make ourselves that which we are not."

Death

Grave of Oscar Micheaux in Great Bend being decorated during the 2005 Oscar Micheaux festival. Micheaux died on March 25, 1951 in Charlotte, North Carolina, of heart failure. He is buried in Great Bend Cemetery in Great Bend, Kansas.

Legacy and honors

- * The Oscar Micheaux Award for excellence was established.
- * The Oscar Micheaux Society at Duke University continues to honor his work and educate about his legacy.
- * 1987, Micheaux was recognized with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.
- * 1989 the Directors Guild of America honored Micheaux with a Golden Jubilee Special Award.
- * The Producers Guild of America created an annual award in his name.
- * 1989, the Black Filmmakers Hall of Fame gave him a posthumous award.
- * Gregory, South Dakota holds an annual Oscar Micheaux Film Festival.
- * 2002, scholar Molefi Kete Asante included Oscar Micheaux on his list of 100 Greatest African Americans.
- * On June 22, 2010 the US Postal Service issued a 44-cent, Oscar Micheaux commemorative stamp.
- * 2011, the Taubman Museum of Art in Roanoke, Virginia created a category for donors, the Micheaux Society, in honor of Micheaux.
- * *Midnight Ramble: Oscar Micheaux and the Story of Race Movies* (1994) is a documentary whose title refers to the early 20th-century practice of some segregated cinemas of screening films for African-American audiences only at matinees and midnight. The documentary was produced by Pamela Thomas, directed by Pearl Bowser and Bestor Cram, and written by Clyde Taylor. It was first aired on the PBS show *The American Experience* in 1994, and released in 2004.

Works

Filmography

- * *The Homesteader* (1919)
- * *Within Our Gates* (1920)
- * *The Symbol of the Unconquered* (1920)
- * *The Brute* (1920)
- * *A Son of Satan* (1922)
- * *The Dungeon* (1922)
- * *The Gunsaulus Mystery* (1922)
- * *The Virgin of the Seminole* (1922)
- * *Deceit* (1923)
- * *Uncle Jasper's Will* (1923)
- * *Birthright* (1924 film) (1924)
- * *Body and Soul* (1924)
- * *Marcus Garland* (1925)
- * *The Spider's Web* (1926)
- * *The Conjure Woman* (1926), adapted from novel by Charles W. Chesnutt
- * *The Millionaire* (1927)
- * *The House Behind the Cedars* (1927), adapted from novel by Charles W. Chesnutt
- * *When Men Betray* (1928)
- * *Thirty Years Later* (1928)
- * *Wages of Sin* (1929)
- * *Darktown Revue* (1930)
- * *A Daughter of the Congo* (1930)
- * *Easy Street* (1930)
- * *The Exile* (1931)
- * *Black Magic* (1932)
- * *Ten Minutes to Live* (1932)
- * *Veiled Aristocrats* (1932)

- * Ten Minutes to Kill (1933)
- * The Girl From Chicago (1933)
- * Harlem After Midnight (1934)
- * Lem Hawkins' Confession (1935) also released as Murder in Harlem
- * Temptation (1936)
- * Underworld (1936)
- * God's Step Children (1938)
- * Swing! (1938)
- * Birthright (1939 film) (1939)
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- * The Notorious Elinor Lee (1940)
- * The Betrayal (1948)

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1910s

- * The Homesteader

1920s

- * Within Our Gates
- * The Brute
- * The Symbol of the Unconquered
- * The Gunsaulus Mystery
- * The Dungeon
- * The Hypocrite
- * Uncle Jasper's Will
- * The Virgin of the Seminole
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- * The Broken Violin
- * The House Behind the Cedars
- * Thirty Years Later
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- * Veiled Aristocrats
- * Ten Minutes to Live
- * Black Magic
- * The Girl from Chicago
- * Phantom of Kenwood
- * Harlem After Midnight
- * Murder in Harlem
- * Temptation
- * Underworld
- * God's Step Children
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- * Lying Lips
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Historical background

The novel is based on an extant document, the "confession" of Turner to the white lawyer Thomas Gray. In the historical confessions, Turner claims to have been divinely inspired, charged with a mission from God to lead a slave uprising and destroy the white race. Styron's ambitious novel attempts to imagine the character of Nat Turner; it does not purport to describe accurately or authoritatively the events as they occurred. Some historians consider Gray's account of Turner's "confessions" to be told with prejudice, and recently one writer has alleged that Gray's account is itself a fabrication. Styron takes liberties with the historical Nat Turner, whose life is otherwise undocumented. The "Confessions" is largely sympathetic to Turner, if not to his thoughts.

Plot summary

The time is November, 1831. Black slave Nat Turner sits in a Virginia jail awaiting execution for his crimes. Nat led a slave rebellion which ended in the deaths of dozens of white people as well as many of his own closest friends. Thomas Gray, a smug, oily prosecuting attorney, urges Nat to "confess" his crimes and make peace with God. Nat begins to think back on his past life and tells the novel in a series of flashbacks.

Nat's first master was Samuel Turner, a wealthy Virginia aristocrat who believed in educating his slaves. Nat learned to read and write, and also became a skilled carpenter. Unfortunately, when he was still a child Nat's mother was brutally raped by an Irish overseer while the master was away. This traumatic experience gives Nat both a burning hatred of white people and a secret revulsion from women's bodies and the sexual act.

Samuel Turner has vaguely promised Nat his freedom, but through a series of misunderstandings Nat is sold instead to an impoverished preacher named Reverend Eppes. Eppes is a filthy, drooling homosexual who is obsessed with young boys, and he is determined to make Nat "pleasure" him at the earliest opportunity. Though Nat is not especially interested in young women at this point, he finds Eppes physically distasteful and shies away from physical contact. Discouraged, Eppes soon sells young Nat to a pair of cruel redneck farmers who brutally whip the frightened, timid slave and treat him like an animal. This intensifies his growing hostility towards whites.

After bouncing around different masters for a number of years, Nat finally ends up as the property of a decent, hard-working farmer named Travis. Travis allows Nat to do skilled work as a carpenter and to read his Bible and preach to other slaves. During his religious fasts deep in the deserted woods, Nat begins to have strange visions of black and white angels fighting in the sky. Gradually he comes to believe these visions mean he is to lead the black race in a holy war to destroy all whites.

Complications arise, however, when Nat meets Margaret Whitehead, the beautiful, vivacious daughter of a wealthy widow who lives nearby. Though her family owns many slaves, high-spirited Margaret opposes slavery and openly admires Nat's preaching. Gradually the two of them become friends, though Nat is haunted by the fear that if his plans succeed lovely Margaret must die.

With several loyal slaves behind him, Nat finally launches his rebellion in late August 1831. This is a time when most wealthy whites are away on vacation, which will make it easier for the slaves to seize weapons and attack the nearby town of Jerusalem. From the very beginning, however, Nat's rebellion goes all wrong. His recruits get drunk and waste precious time plundering and raping. A crazed, axe-wielding, sex-obsessed slave named Will begins ridiculing Nat's leadership and attempting to seize control of the tiny slave army. And Nat himself, unexpectedly sickened by the sight of blood and the screams of his white victims, begins to doubt both his own mission and God's plan for his life.

The final crisis occurs as the slaves storm the Whitehead plantation. In a tragic twist, Margaret and her sisters have not gone away on vacation after all. Filled with unreasoning hatred, Will the axe-wielding maniac slays all the white women but Margaret, openly taunting Nat and daring him to prove his black manhood to the rest of the recruits. With a heavy heart, Nat grabs his sword and chases Margaret into a nearby field, where he slays her with great reluctance. As the breath leaves her body, the pure young maiden sighs her forgiveness for her unwilling executioner.

Back in the jail cell, lawyer Gray smugly announces that the hangman is ready to punish Nat for his crimes. As he concludes their final interview, he asks the failed black leader if he has any regrets for having caused so much suffering and death. Nat calmly replies that he has only one regret, and marches off to the gallows with dignity, already envisioning a heavenly reunion with Margaret Whitehead.

Literary significance and criticism

Despite defenses by notable African-American authors Ralph Ellison and James Baldwin, the novel was strongly criticized by many black Americans. Styron's portrayal of a legendary black resistance leader as a reluctant warrior who bumbles every attack and fumbles his way to total defeat generated enormous resentment. No less offensive to many black readers was the narrator's flattering portrayal of many of the novel's slave owners, such as the "saintly" Samuel Turner. The character of Margaret Whitehead, in particular, seemed to enrage black readers, as she is permitted to flirt with Nat and chatter on endlessly about her love for poor downtrodden blacks while remaining sunnily unaware of her own slave owning status. For much of the novel Nat sighs over the slim, virginal blonde like a love-struck adolescent, while showing little or no interest in women of his own race.

Issues of class divided readers as well. While the white slave owners in the novel, especially the wealthy ones, are represented as generous, courteous, and basically decent, poor whites are held up to ridicule as simpletons and deviants. Turner and his supporters (particularly the scene-stealing, scenery-chewing madman Will, who many readers saw as a thinly disguised version of black rock and roll pioneer Little Richard) are caricatured as disturbed, monstrous figures. Nat and his rival Will are both continually shown fantasizing about sexually assaulting white women. Critics took issue with Styron using the "myth of the black rapist", as portraying black men as prone to sexual violence against white women. Suspected sexual assault was a longstanding racist stereotype used as rhetorical justification for lynching black men. In order to address these concerns, ten leading black intellectuals wrote essays criticizing the work, collected in William Styron's *Nat Turner: Ten Black Writers Respond* (1968).

Historian Eugene D. Genovese defended Styron's right to imagine Turner as a fictional character.

Despite protests against the novel, Styron's work won critical acclaim and the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction in 1968.

Bill Clinton has cited the novel as one of his favorite books.

SHOUT-OUT

TO: FORMER U.S. ATTY. GEN.
ERIC HOLDER

O' how you Democrats Loved FBI Director James Comey. SEE BELOW "FBI Director, Hillary Clinton 'extremely careless' but NO charges recommended", p.

The Real Reason for the attack on Mr. Comey is he follows the Law, as is his Job - Not political! Like, e.g., when NO investigation was done on you in 2004 concerning your Boss Bill Clinton's pardons and President George W. Bush's administration alleged Law Breaking.

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285 million pounds of fireworks: 4th of July by the numbers

American flag? Check. Hot dogs? Check. Fireworks? Triple check.

This 4th of July, we're celebrating the nation's 240th birthday.

So how exactly do Americans celebrate? To put things in perspective, here are some numbers from 2015 that might make you gasp... and a little woozy.

FLAGS

Fourth of July can't be celebrated without seeing red, white and blue everywhere. Probably the most important Fourth of July feature is the U.S. flag.

63.9% of people own a U.S. flag

\$4.4 million was spent on imports of U.S. flag, the vast majority of which came from China (\$4.3 million)

FOOD

Yogi would be proud, Americans do a lot of picnicking on the 4th. According to the National Retail Federation, 64.5% of people will attend a Fourth of July picnic or barbecue.

There is \$6.77 billion in planned spending on Fourth of July food, and it just so happens that July is National Hot Dog Month. The National Hot Dog and Sausage Council says that out of an estimated 20 billion hot dogs consumed by Americans each year, 155 million are consumed on July 4.

FIREWORKS

There are two broad types of fireworks. Consumer fireworks are those that average citizens use, and display fireworks—the kind used by professionals.

According to the American Pyrotechnics Association,

Total amount of fireworks used: 285.3 million pounds

Consumer fireworks used: 260.7 million pounds

Display fireworks used: 24.6 million pounds

So how much money is spent on fireworks?

Total revenue: \$1.09 billion

Consumer: \$755 million

Display: \$340 million

It's important to practice safety measures when using fireworks. Serious misuse and illegal explosives account for a large number of firework-related injuries each year.

67% of all firework-related injuries happen within month of July 4

690 people use emergency services for firework-related injuries on July 4

Seven people die due to fireworks each year

While those numbers may seem frightening, remember that only 0.04% of non-fatal injuries were firework-related. Firework injury rate was almost 42% lower in 2015

than 2000, even though in 2015 there were 285.3 million pounds of fireworks used compared to 2000's 152.2 million pounds.

BIGGEST FIREWORK SHOW

The biggest Fourth of July firework show in the country is Macy's 4th of July Fireworks Show in New York City, which is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year. Approximately 3 million spectators will watch from the city

and about 15 million people will watch NBC's live broadcast the show.

From six barges on the Hudson River:

Over 40,000 shells will launch
12,000 pounds of black powder will be used to launch the shells

As many as 1,000 shells will launch per second

Jolly Good Soda is back, on a limited basis

A once widely distributed Wisconsin-made soda is now back the shelves at some retail locations, reports The Sheboygan Press. For the first time in nearly a decade, Random Lake-based Krier Foods resumed production of Jolly Good soda.

The frosty beverage is only available in a limited number of Eastern Wisconsin gas stations and retailers, the Sheboygan Press says.

Back in the 1990's the brand was distributed across Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, and Minnesota.

S.C. town bans saggy pants

Better pull those breeches up!

A South Carolina town passed an ordinance on Tuesday banning saggy pants that "intentionally" display undergarments, according to local reports.

The Timmonsville Town Council approved the new rules on Tuesday night in a 5-1 vote, WBTW-TV reported.

The ordinance bans people from being naked in public, showing pornographic material and from wearing pants that show their underwear.

Under the new ordinance, law enforcement will give first offenders a verbal warning, and second-time offenders may be placed in a registry of repeat offenders. For those who break the ordinance up to three times, a \$100 to \$600 fine may be issued, according to WMBF-TV.

Timmonsville Mayor Pro Tem

William James, Jr., said the ordinance is about self-respect, WMBF-TV reported.

On the Timmonsville town Facebook page some commented that the ordinance was long overdue.

"It's about time that someone does something," April McKee Biddle said in a comment. "It is indecent. My 8-year-olds have pointed out to me men with their belt buckles right over their privates. That, in my eyes, is very near exposure."

And while the measure may seem extreme, Townville isn't the first town to pass dress code measures targeting saggy pants. Laws banning saggy pants kept popping up in the news several years ago, though the measures weren't all well received.

A Florida town repealed its saggy pants law shortly after it passed in 2014 when the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People threatened to sue, WKMG-TV reported.

Pope meets with parents of U.S. student found dead in Rome

Pope Francis on Wednesday met with the parents of an American student who was found dead in a river in Rome.

Beau Solomon, 19, a student at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, disappeared last week after arriving to study at the John Cabot University in the Italian capital. He was last seen early Friday at a pub popular with U.S. students, hours after he arrived.

On Monday, the John Cabot University confirmed that Solomon's body was found in the Tiber River.

A statement from the Holy See carried by the Associated Press said the pope expressed "compassion and his closeness in prayer to the Lord for the young man who died so tragically" to Solomon's parents during a meeting at the Vatican early Wednesday. Italian police detained a homeless man, Massimo Galioto, 40, from Rome, on Tuesday in connection with Solomon's death. The ANSA news agency said preliminary autopsy results indicated he had suffered injuries consistent with a fall.

FBI director: Hillary Clinton 'extremely careless' but no charges recommended

(CNN)FBI Director James Comey said Tuesday that he would not recommend charges against Hillary Clinton over her use of private email servers while secretary of state, removing a huge shadow hovering over her presidential campaign.

But Comey administered an extraordinary tongue-lashing to Clinton and her aides, rebuking them for being "extremely careless" in the handling of classified information and saying the presumptive Democratic nominee should have known an unclassified email system was no place to conduct sensitive government business.

The FBI director pointed out that the probe was tasked with examining whether Clinton or her aides had mishandled classified information either intentionally or in a grossly negligent way.

"Our judgment is that no reasonable prosecutor would bring such a case," Comey announced after a lengthy recap of the investigation apparently designed to protect the integrity of his agency in a highly charged political atmosphere.

Comey's decision not to recommend charges likely removes the threat of prosecution in the middle of Clinton's campaign for the presidency, but the political fallout will continue. His explicit criticism of Clinton's conduct offered her enemies a trove of fresh ammunition for their assault on her character, honesty and trustworthiness — one of her biggest vulnerabilities.

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In a stunning moment of Washington theater, Comey stepped up to the microphone to deliver the FBI's findings just over two hours before Clinton climbed aboard Air Force One to travel to her first campaign event with President Barack Obama. Adding to the tension, he made clear the White House and the Justice Department "do not know what I am about to say."

White House Press Secretary Josh Earnest said the White House doesn't have an official

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response to the FBI's announcement, saying the case is still active and in the hands of the Department of Justice.

Earnest added: "I am confident that the President and Secretary Clinton are not discussing the FBI investigation that is completed" on Air Force One. Neither Obama nor Clinton addressed Comey's remarks during their campaign event in Charlotte, North Carolina, though Obama praised Clinton's work at the State Department.

Comey delivered a stern lecture to Clinton and State Department colleagues at her side during her tenure as top U.S. diplomat between 2009 and 2013.

"Although we did not find clear evidence that Secretary Clinton or her colleagues intended to violate laws governing the handling of classified information," he said, "there is evidence that they were extremely careless in their handling of very sensitive, highly classified information."

In the first reaction from the Clinton camp to Comey's statement, spokesman Brian Fallon said that the campaign was "pleased that the career officials handling this case have determined that no further action by the Department is appropriate."

"As the secretary has long said, it was a mistake to use her personal email and she would not do it again. We are glad that this matter is now resolved."

Later, aides said they were relieved by the announcement, even though they know it's far from being in their rearview mirror.

The findings of the FBI probe immediately detonated on the campaign trail with presumptive Republican nominee Donald Trump crying foul.

"The system is rigged. ... Very very unfair! As usual, bad judgment," [Trump tweeted](#). He later issued a statement in which he claimed U.S. "adversaries almost certainly have a blackmail file on Hillary Clinton," which he said "disqualifies" her from the presidency. At a Tuesday evening rally in North Carolina, Trump again pointed to the FBI's decision as fresh evidence of a "rigged system."

"Whats going on is very big ... for Bill Clinton to go to the plane, then to have what happened ... Everybody thought based on what was being said she was guilty. She was guilty. And it turned out that, 'We're not going to press charges.' It's really amazing," Trump said as his crowd of supporters broke out in a chorus of boos.

And House Speaker Paul Ryan said Comey's announcement "defies explanation."

"No one should be above the law," Ryan said in a statement. "But based upon the director's own statement, it appears damage is being done to the rule of law. Declining to prosecute Secretary Clinton for recklessly mishandling and transmitting national security information will set a terrible precedent."

Ryan later recommended on Fox News' Kelly File that the Director of National Intelligence "should block her access to classified

information" as a form of punishment. And he said House Republicans would ask Comey to answer them in hearings on Capitol Hill.

"There are a lot of unanswered questions here," Ryan said, though he did not say that Comey folded to political pressure when asked. "He shredded the case that she had been making all year long."

Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus blasted the FBI's decision.

"I certainly don't understand how you describe a textbook definition of gross negligence, and you have case after case after case of soldiers and other military personnel being kicked out of the military ... for things that are far less egregious than what Hillary Clinton did," Priebus told CNN's Wolf Blitzer on "The Situation Room."

He said watching Comey's news conference, he expected criminal charges against Clinton, and called his decision "a real head-scratcher."

"Hillary Clinton lied about something that was very basic," Priebus said.

But CNN senior political commentator David Axelrod, who formerly worked for Obama, said that Tuesday's dramatic developments were the "best result" Clinton could have hoped for.

"As a political matter, what Hillary Clinton needed was a resolution -- and she got it today," Axelrod said on CNN.

Clinton has admitted her use of a private email server — discovered during investigation by the House Select Committee — on Benghazi was a mistake. But she has maintained that she never received or passed on information that was marked classified at the time -- a legalistic position that has exposed her to significant political fire. Comey said that the FBI "painstakingly" combed through every bit of Clinton's multiple servers and mobile devices that they could from her four-year tenure as secretary of state. He described a series of obstacles, including a server that had its software wiped.

"It was like removing the frame from a huge jigsaw puzzle and then dumping all the pieces on the floor. ... We searched through all of it," he said.

The Justice Department is considered highly likely to accept Comey's recommendations. Attorney General Loretta Lynch said as much amid a furor last week over her encounter with former President Bill Clinton on an airport tarmac in Phoenix, which sparked claims by Republicans that a fix was being concocted to ensure Hillary Clinton was not charged.

Comey said of the 30,000 emails that Clinton's team turned over to the State Department, 110 emails in 52 email chains were determined to have contained classified information "at the time they were sent or received," Comey said. Eight of those chains contained information considered "top secret," the highest level of classification.

That's in addition to 2,000 emails that were "upclassified," or determined to have classified information only in hindsight. Comey also said the FBI found "thousands" of emails that were work-related but deleted and not given to the State Department, either by regular purging by Clinton or officials during her tenure or mistaken deletion by her lawyers removing personal emails before turning over work-related emails to the State Department.

Three of those were classified at the time, he said.

However, Comey said there was not evidence of any kind of coverup in regards to those emails.

"We believe our investigation has been sufficient to give us reasonable confidence that there was no intentional misconduct in relation to that sorting effort," Comey said. He also noted that while the FBI could find no direct evidence of an intrusion into Clinton's server by hostile foreign governments, given that she corresponded with individuals whose accounts were compromised and that the server was not secured by government protections, and that she used her email in hostile foreign territories, "It is possible that hostile actors gained access to Secretary Clinton's email account."

Ultimately, Comey said his recommendation against charges stems from the fact that there is no precedent for charging someone under similar circumstances, saying the FBI could not find a single case in which a person was charged with crimes for similar actions.

"Although there is evidence of potential violations of the statutes regarding the handling of classified information, our judgment is that no reasonable prosecutor would bring such a case," Comey said, saying the FBI could not find a single case in which a person was charged with crimes for similar actions.

He also emphatically stated that the investigation was conducted fairly and unbiased.

"This investigation was done honestly, competently and independently. No outside influence of any kind was brought to bear," Comey said. "Opinions are irrelevant. ... We did our investigation the right way. Only facts matter, and the FBI found them here in an entirely apolitical and professional way."

Donald Trump praises Saddam Hussein for killing terrorists

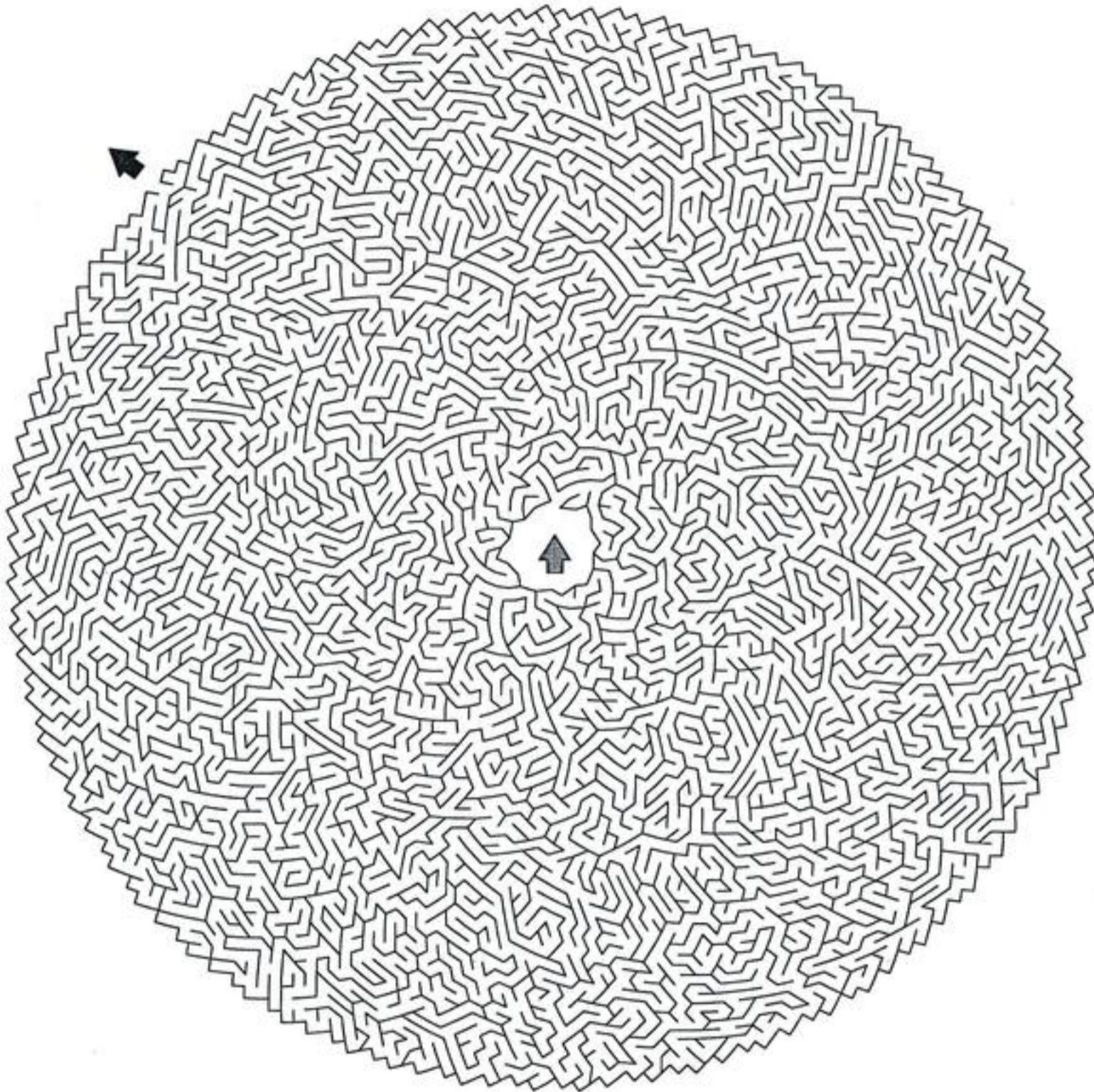
SHARONVILLE, Ohio — Donald Trump deems Saddam Hussein worthy of praise because he killed terrorists "at a very high level," the presumptive GOP nominee told *The Cincinnati Enquirer* in an exclusive interview Wednesday evening.

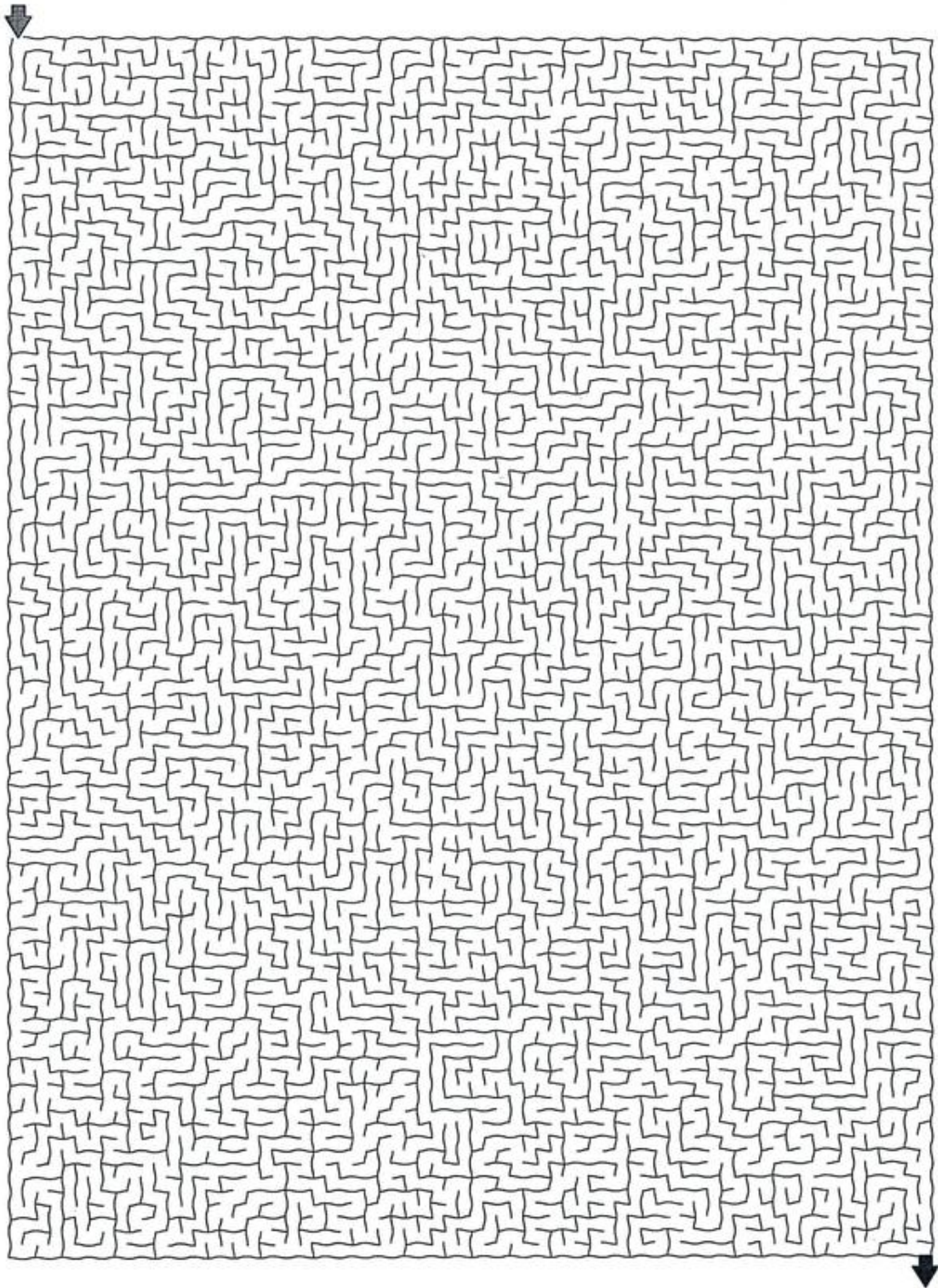
He emphasized that Hussein was "a very bad guy," a message he re-emphasized in his rally speech later. But he said he's highlighting the late Iraqi dictator while on the campaign trail because of one thing.

"Saddam Hussein killed terrorists, OK?"

Trump said. "That was something that was a

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WISCONSIN STATUS AS A PRESIDENTIAL BATTLEGROUND STATE IN QUESTION

seven times greater than in Lake Erie, which is the most polluted of the Great Lakes.

"It's a timely response to recent studies that show the San Francisco Bay contains an abundance of micro-plastics, including foam fragments, that come from plastic products that fragment easily," said Miriam Gordon, California Director of Clean Water Action. Debbie Raphael, director of the San Francisco Department of the Environment, acknowledged the city can't control its borders but said it can lead the way.

"Like so many of the policies that start in San Francisco, we're hoping that this policy gets picked up in surrounding communities and at the state level so its maximum impact can be realized," she said, adding that San Francisco's contracted garbage company cannot recycle the product.

Businesses are on board, said Jim Lazarus, a senior vice president at the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, committed to the city's goal of sending nothing to landfill by 2020.

"It's just a fact that a lot of polystyrene ends up in landfill," he said, "and where there are reasonable alternatives, packaging options, we support that."

The measure prohibits San Francisco businesses from using the material to sell goods, so butchers within city limits, for example, can't use the foam to wrap meat and poultry.

But the city can't stop meat packed elsewhere from using foam trays. It can't stop Amazon from shipping people their new electronics in foam.

And that's why Walter Reiter, deputy director and legal counsel for the EPS Industry Alliance, said the ordinance is a sham. The alliance represents businesses that make and use expanded polystyrene. It is pondering a legal challenge.

"It's going to do nothing about the protective packaging coming in," he said. "I don't know how it reduces their waste stream."

San Francisco Supervisor London Breed proposed the ordinance. The ban on the retail sale of foam goods is effective Jan. 1. The prohibition on meat and fish trays is effective July 1.

Wisconsin's status as presidential battleground in question

MILWAUKEE — The presidential ad wars have begun, and they're being waged almost entirely in nine key states.

Wisconsin isn't one of them, which raises some obvious questions.

Is this state, which has voted Democratic for president seven times in a row, a true presidential battleground?

Or is it not really in play?

Will Democrats decide it's safe enough they don't need to pull out the stops to win here?

Will Republicans decide their best efforts are better spent elsewhere?

"Ultimately, if you're advertising, you're serious. If (Wisconsin) is truly competitive or had a chance to be competitive we would be seeing advertising," says Ken Goldstein, a

political scientist with the University of San Francisco, and formerly with the University of Wisconsin.

Right now, the "people who invest money in elections" have made the judgment Wisconsin is not a top-tier battleground, says Goldstein, an expert in campaign advertising. "What the lack of ad buys tells us is that at best it's number 11 or number 12" on the battleground list, he says.

It's still early, and campaign strategies change. The key indicator to watch will be whether Donald Trump makes a serious and sustained advertising effort here, because it's up to Republicans to expand the map and try to put Wisconsin in play.

But Trump has yet to air any battleground-state ads, so we don't really know what his electoral strategy is.

Three other groups have launched presidential ad campaigns, however, and they are our best early guides to the battleground map.

On the Democratic side, Hillary Clinton and a pro-Clinton PAC, Priorities USA, are both on the air.

And on the GOP side, the National Rifle Association is airing pro-Trump, anti-Clinton ads.

Where are they advertising?

Six states are seeing ads from all three groups: Florida, Ohio, Colorado, Virginia, Pennsylvania and Nevada.

Three more are seeing ads from the Clinton campaign and Priorities USA: Iowa, New Hampshire and North Carolina.

As far as the air wars go, these nine states are the premier presidential battlegrounds at the outset of the general election campaign.

The NRA has also advertised in Maine, and Clinton has advertised in Nebraska. (Both states award electoral votes by congressional district, and both have a single district that is more competitive than the state as a whole).

"Our money is where our mouth is. I don't think the RNC has ever been in Wisconsin this early, with this many people, in (its) history."

Reince Priebus, Republican National Committee chair

Reince Priebus, the Wisconsin attorney who chairs the Republican National Committee, asserts that his home state is an unquestioned battleground. He says the GOP has 50 paid staff in the state, proof of its commitment.

"Our money is where our mouth is," says Priebus. "I don't think the RNC has ever been in Wisconsin this early, with this many people, in (its) history."

Those efforts, which are also aimed at contests for U.S. Senate and other offices, are significant.

But in the end, targeted advertising and candidate travel will be the true "tell" of whether his side thinks it can win at the presidential level here, and whether the state is being "hotly" contested.

Not all Republicans are convinced that will happen.

"I just don't see the chance of (Trump) being able to put Wisconsin in play," says GOP congressman Reid Ribble, who opposes Trump's nomination and refuses to support him in the general election.

Ribble points to several factors: statewide polling that has consistently shown Clinton ahead; Trump's weakness in the base GOP counties of southeast Wisconsin, where he did poorly in the state's April primary; and continued resistance to Trump on conservative talk radio in the state.

"They're going to have to direct resources to another state where they think they can win it. Every campaign has to make those decisions," Ribble says.

"I just don't see the chance of (Trump) being able to put Wisconsin in play."

GOP congressman Reid Ribble Ribble's GOP colleague, U.S. Rep. Sean Duffy, disagrees, saying Trump will be competitive here once GOP voters consolidate behind him.

"It's tough to win Wisconsin in a presidential year — we'll cede that point," says Duffy. And "if you have depressed (GOP) turnout in southeast Wisconsin, I don't think you will win."

But Duffy says, "if you get a traditional GOP presidential-year turnout in southeast Wisconsin, we win, because the north is changing. Trump will do very well (there)." Because she leads here, Clinton probably doesn't need to advertise in Wisconsin until Republicans do. Gillian Drummond, a campaign spokesperson for Clinton in the state, said, "Hillary Clinton is committed to running hard in Wisconsin," both for her own race and to help other Democrats on the ballot.

Justin Barasky, a spokesman for the pro-Clinton Priorities USA, says his group is "constantly assessing the map and the dynamics of the race," and will shift its targeting as needed.

Goldstein says a state's battleground status is not just a matter of how close it is in the polling, but how competitive it is compared to other states — where it ranks in the hierarchy of battlegrounds.

In 2004, Wisconsin was a top five target for presidential ads.

In the run-up to the 2008 election, it ranked seventh in ad spending.

In 2012, it ranked ninth in the number of presidential ads aired.

"It has been leapfrogged by other states," says Goldstein.

"Wisconsin is shaping up to be more like the Wisconsin of 2012 and 2008 than it was in 2000 or 2004," says Joe Zepecki, a Democratic consultant who worked on the Obama campaign in Wisconsin four years ago. "We simplify when we say 'battleground.' There are tiers of battlegrounds."

Wisconsin was the closest state in the country in 2004. It was more competitive in 2004 than Colorado, Virginia, North Carolina and

"It's a terrible cover-up," she said in a telephone interview from her home in Los Angeles. "I don't know why. Maybe because the Olympics were that year or it was an election year and (President Bill) Clinton didn't want to have a terrorist attack on U.S. soil."

Michelson said she intends to attend this year's memorial service on Long Island.

"I go because I'm with people who understand," she said. "When I was there the last time there was a woman who came up to me and just held me. That was so meaningful to me."

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Actor Joe Mantegna pauses each year on the TWA Flight 800 anniversary to remember Lois Van Epps.

The film and television star fondly recalls Epps as a young English teacher in Cicero, Illinois, in the mid-1960s, when she encouraged him to join the drama club after seeing him play bass in his rock band, the Apocryphals.

"She was wonderful; she was a young, beautiful teacher at the time," he told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. "I would not be exaggerating to say she was one of the five most influential people in my career."

Van Epps, who was 58 and on Flight 800 headed to a vacation in France, had also taught at Edgemont High School north of New York City. Colleague Liz Schutt remembered her generosity. "If a student couldn't afford a prom dress, she got it for them."

Fittingly, she said, the Lois Van Epps Scholarship has awarded \$147,000 to 89 Edgemont seniors since the crash.

Is it you? \$540M Mega Millions ticket sold in Indiana

CAMBRIDGE CITY, Ind. — An undercurrent of excitement permeated the busy Cambridge City gas station that sold the winning ticket for Friday night's \$540 million Mega Millions jackpot.

There also was one main question: Who is the winner?

The Speedway station is by the McDonald's restaurant on the southeast corner of Indiana 1's intersection with Interstate 70. As the cars with license plates from a variety of states pulling up to the station's pumps Saturday indicated, whoever bought the winning ticket could be from almost anywhere.

So, is the new multimillionaire a friend or neighbor? A fellow Hoosier or neighboring Buckeye? Or just a stranger passing through? "I'm hoping it's someone local, because that's awesome ... just great," said Amanda Payne of Hagerstown before she filled her gas tank. "Being here on 70, you just don't know."

Cody Sankey of Economy was hoping for a local winner, too.

"You want to stimulate our local economy, how about that?" he said. "Bring \$540 million to Wayne County."

Friday's prize, which has just the one winning ticket, is estimated — before taxes — at \$540

million for a 30-year annuity or at \$380 million for a one-time lump sum, according to the Hoosier Lottery. The total is estimated as the third-highest Mega Millions jackpot and the highest ever won by just a single ticket, according to Mega Millions. The jackpot ranks seventh among Mega Millions and Powerball jackpots.

The Mega Millions jackpot far exceeds two major Powerball jackpots won with tickets purchased at Richmond Speedway stations. A ticket bought at the National Road East Speedway was worth \$314.3 million for David Cotterel of Riverside, Ohio, in August 2007. The Speedway on National Road West also sold a winning ticket in July 1998 for a \$295.7 million jackpot. Thirteen machinists from Westerville, Ohio, who had pooled their money, shared that prize.

The most recent winner, whoever it is, must claim the jackpot at the Hoosier Lottery Headquarters in Indianapolis, said Dennis Rosebrough, the Hoosier Lottery's director of public relations. That prize payment center opens at 8:30 Monday morning.

Rosebrough said the winner might be waiting for the center to open, or might take more time.

"It's a waiting game," he said.

Whoever holds the winning ticket has 180 days to claim the prize, and can also.

Rosebrough said winners of large jackpots often speak to lawyers, financial planners or both prior to claiming their prizes.

Vikki Jordan of Milton wasn't sure Saturday whether she was the winner, at least when she pulled up to a gas pump at the Cambridge City Speedway. She couldn't remember if she bought a ticket at the station for Friday's drawing or not.

"I could be (the winner)," she said. "I'd better go check my ticket."

"Every lotto ticket I've ever bought's at this gas station, except yesterday. I'm not the winner. I'm just the local guy that gets to take part in the excitement, I guess."

Cody Sankey

Alas, Jordan isn't the winner. Neither Payne nor Sankey won either, but they were excited about the winning ticket being sold in Wayne County.

"Every lotto ticket I've ever bought's at this gas station, except yesterday," Sankey said.

"I'm not the winner. I'm just the local guy that gets to take part in the excitement, I guess."

Payne said she usually buys her lottery tickets at the Speedway, but this time, she purchased her ticket at another Cambridge City location.

"I think it's wonderful, but I sure wish it was me," she said. "But, hey, it could be a family member."

"I buy tickets about every week."

Unfortunately, yes, it wasn't me this time. It will be someday, though. It will be."

The Speedway station also will be a winner, according to Rosebrough. He said retailers that sell winning tickets receive a percentage of the prize up to \$100,000 and the size of

Friday's jackpot would ensure the gas station receiving the full \$100,000.

Employees inside the station were not permitted to speak to the media Saturday, but there was a gleam in their eyes that indicated they shared in the excitement generated by the winner. They referred media requests to a phone number for NPC Public Affairs, where a spokesman said they do not comment on lottery ticket sales.

The winning Mega Millions ticket matched white balls 8-19-20-55-73 and yellow ball 5. Odds of matching all six balls are 1 in 258,890,850. Tickets are sold in 43 states, the District of Columbia and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

San Francisco enacts broad ban on foam cups, coolers, toys

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — San Francisco, say goodbye to those squeaky, Styrofoam-like coffee cups that have long been a staple of picnic outings.

In fact, people in San Francisco won't be able to buy polystyrene foam coolers, kiddie pool toys or packing peanuts after supervisors approved a measure in June that goes far beyond the prohibition on foam food carryout containers in effect in dozens of cities and counties.

Environmentalists are cheering San Francisco's ban as the most comprehensive by a large U.S. jurisdiction on the cheap insulating foam that cushions goods and keeps drinks hot or cold. They say the lightweight plastic is extremely slow to decompose, and it pollutes waterways, harming marine life and birds.

Detractors, however, say the legislation does nothing to stop foam-wrapped goods that are shipped into the city — such as heaters, computers and just about everything else — defeating San Francisco's stated purpose of reducing waste. They'd rather San Francisco recycle the product.

What's formally known as "expanded polystyrene" is the latest plastic to be targeted by cities and counties, much like the single-use plastic bag, which San Francisco outlawed in 2007. Most people recognize the material by its brand name Styrofoam, although Styrofoam is not used to make disposable cups or packing peanuts.

The San Francisco measure builds off a 2006 ordinance mandating food vendors and restaurants use recyclable or compostable carryout containers. That meant no puffy polystyrene.

Cities such as Seattle, Los Angeles, and Portland, Oregon, followed suit. New York City tried, but a state judge last year overturned a ban on plastic foam containers and packing peanuts, saying they could be recycled.

A 2015 study found 8 percent of microscopic particles found in the San Francisco Bay were identified as foam, likely from polystyrene products, said Rebecca Sutton, a senior scientist with the nonprofit San Francisco Estuary Institute. Overall, the amount of plastic bits found in the bay was

Pennsylvania, all states that have emerged since then as "hotter" battlegrounds.

In 2012, 10 other states were closer than Wisconsin.

Obama's relative popularity here made Wisconsin less competitive in 2008 and 2012. And unless it's remedied, Trump's weakness here could have the same effect in 2016.

At this point, Pennsylvania appears to be settling into the role Wisconsin occupied in the Bush-Kerry election of 12 years ago — a blue-leaning state where Republicans sense real opportunity to go all out and win.

Political scientist Larry Sabato of the University of Virginia ranks 11 other states as more competitive than Wisconsin in his "Crystal Ball" Electoral College ratings. The website "FiveThirtyEight" lists

Wisconsin among 12 states to watch, but rates it as less competitive than 10 of those states.

Wisconsin will surely see presidential ads and presidential campaign visits between now and November. But how big a role it actually plays is very much in question.

1 dead; Wis. declares emergency after damage from heavy rains

MILWAUKEE — Gov. Scott Walker Tuesday declared a state of emergency in eight northern Wisconsin counties after torrential overnight rains — as much as 11 inches in one town — flooded parts of the area, closing roads, swamping harbors and washing out at least one bridge. One man drowned after driving his car into a flooded ditch.

According to the Bayfield County Sheriff's office, on Tuesday morning, Delmar Johnson, 84, of Tower Lakes, Ill., was trying to maneuver around a washout on County Highway M near Cable, Wis. But Johnson backed up his vehicle too fast into a flooded ditch along the highway, officials said.

A firefighter from the Cable Fire Department was able to rescue Johnson's 84-year-old wife, who was a passenger in the car. The firefighter was able to get Johnson out of the car, but efforts to revive him were unsuccessful.

Storms that had brought tornadoes to Minnesota entered northwest Wisconsin with heavy rains and strong winds, bringing flash flood warnings to Ashland, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Iron, Sawyer, Washburn and Polk counties.

A wide swath of the north woods recorded rain totals nearing double digits with Wascott in Douglas County topping the list at 11 inches, according to the National Weather Service.

Keith Kesler, Douglas County Director of Emergency Management, said that trees and branches were brought down in the area by the heavy wind and rain, but those were mostly cleared Tuesday afternoon. Some country roads were still impassable because of high water late Tuesday afternoon.

Travel in Ashland County was being discouraged Tuesday, according to a press

release from the Wisconsin State Emergency Operation Center.

The White River south of Ashland rose about 7 feet to a record level early Tuesday, passing the previous record from 1953. To the east of Ashland, the Bad River near Odanah rose over 15 feet within six hours to its third highest level before the river gauge stopped reporting Tuesday morning.

In Iron County, flooding washed out much of Saxon Harbor, where two creeks spill into Lake Superior, damaging or destroying 85 boats, according to the Wisconsin Emergency Operations Center. There were 33 people stranded on Michigan Island off of Saxon Harbor Tuesday morning, but they were rescued and no injuries were reported.

Terry Brauer, owner of Saxon Pub in Iron County, said some boats went over the breakwall and vehicles and campers had been washed into Lake Superior Tuesday morning. No one was injured.

"We're out here on an island right now," Brauer said, referring to the many washed out roads in the area.

On Sand Island, within the Apostle Island National Lakeshore, 11 kayakers were rescued after their vessels washed ashore, according to the National Park Service. U.S. 63 at Matts Drive in the town of Grand View in Bayfield County was closed because the roadway was washed out in both directions, according to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

"There's like no road, it's just gone on both ends," Rory Arens, owner of Pats Place bar on US Highway 63 in Grand View, said.

"We're stuck out here like we're on an island. People said there's a couple back roads you might be able to take, but I think you would have to do a lot of maneuvering."

'Jaws' in Beaver Lake: Animal attacks paddle boarder

ASHEVILLE, N.C. — A beaver suspected of carrying rabies attacked a paddle boarder on Beaver Lake, inflicting multiple lacerations.

An animal control officer with the Asheville Police Department caught the beaver Saturday, less than a day after the 3:30 p.m. ET Friday incident. It was euthanized and was being tested Monday at a state laboratory in Raleigh N.C., for the virus.

"I saw a big splash, but I didn't see what the splash was from," said Betsy Bent, 67, who has used Beaver Lake for 22 years. "It came up under my board and knocked my board over, and then it latched onto my leg and wouldn't let go. I didn't know what it was at that time. I didn't think there was any 'Jaws' in Beaver Lake."

Once Bent fell in the water, the beaver kept attacking.

"I was yelling, 'Help, I'm being bitten!' " she said. "A very nice fisherman was talking to me and motioning me to come over, and then it turned around and attacked me again and latched onto my hand. Then it came around a third time and latched onto my other hand."

The angler helped beat the beaver off her and brought Bent to shore. She was transported to

Mission Hospital for care of multiple lacerations.

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Betsy Bent, Asheville, N.C.

"Beavers chew on logs, so I've got some pretty good lacerations and staples and stitches," Bent said.

She also had to begin rabies shots, multiple injections over two weeks. The vast majority of rabies cases reported to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention each year occur in wild animals such as raccoons, skunks, bats, and foxes, according to the CDC's website.

The rabies virus infects the central nervous system, ultimately causing disease in the brain and death. The shots prevent the disease from progressing.

Mike Carraway, a wildlife biologist with the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, said it is unusual for beavers to attack humans.

"It's pretty rare, but it has happened before and it has happened in North Carolina before," Carraway said. "In a situation like that, you want to treat it like it is rabies." Bent said she Googled beaver attacks and found that the animals can be aggressive when defending their dams or young and continued development has encroached on their territory.

Bent looked on the bright side, saying the series of six shots is not as bad as the older routine, which involved more than a dozen injections in the abdomen. She did receive three shots the first day, has a followup shot Monday and will need shots on the seventh and 14th days after the attack.

Insurance will cover most of the cost, she said.

A frequent lake user, Bent said she never had fallen off her paddle board before this incident. She also does not want people to get a bad impression of the popular north Asheville lake.

"We've lived just up the road for 22 years," Bent said. "It's a wonderful lake. This is just a bizarre accident. We'll be back again."

Missing boys found in mine

IRON RIDGE, Wis. -

Three boys who went missing Sunday night in Dodge County have been found safe. Authorities were searching for Zachary Heron, 16; Tate Rose, 16; and Samuel Lein, 15, around and inside an abandoned iron mine in southern Wisconsin after they were last seen Sunday afternoon. Their bikes were found near the Neda Mine late Sunday night. Searchers said the boys came out dirty but OK. The boys told deputies they had wandered into the mine around 3 p.m. to explore the decades-old tunnels but lost their way and couldn't get out.

"Once they got to a place where their lights ran out they just hunkered down in the dark and tried to catch some sleep," said Brian

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McNulty of Milwaukee's Heavy Urban Search Team. "They looked very relieved to see some people."

Just before 1 p.m. Monday, crews found the boys about 100 yards into the mine while they were searching after hearing shouts for help. Uninjured aside from some bumps and scrapes, the three went home with their parents.

"Praise the lord," said Debbie Palmer, one of the volunteer searchers. "There were so many people, so much support - they brought the kids out, and they're fine, they're dirty, they're happy, the moms are crying, the dads are hugging, and it's a beautiful day here."

"A very sad situation turned into a very joyous one, because everyone came out of it with minor injuries," said Dodge County Sheriff Dale Schmidt. "I can tell you as a father, I wouldn't want to be in that position." The families of the three boys released a statement Monday afternoon.

"At this time it's so hard to find words adequate to express how incredibly blessed we feel to have our boys back with us safe in our homes. We along with our family and friends went straight to the Lord God to ask for the safe return of Sam, Zach and Tate. "We want to express our utmost gratitude for the countless Emergency Service Workers who united together to bring our boys home safely. We will be forever grateful to each and every one of you for working tirelessly throughout the night and the heat of the day to do this. It was amazing to watch both the families and different organizations supporting each other and seamlessly putting a plan together."

The Neda Mine is owned by the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee because of its large bat population. UWM said an estimated 100,000 bats live in the mine, which is among the Midwest's largest winter shelters for hibernating bats.

The mine is not open to the public except for UWM's arranged field trips.

The mine is a total of four miles

underground, according to the sheriff.

The Madison Heavy Rescue Team was among the numerous agencies responding to assist in the search. There were 10 fire departments, four EMS units and other agencies assisting at the scene.

16-million-year-old planet with three suns discovered

Don't forget the sunscreen on planet HD 131399Ab: It has three suns.

The far-off planet, located about 320 light years from Earth in the constellation Centaurus, is unlike any other known world, scientists say.

Anyone on the planet — if it harbored life, which scientists don't think is possible — would either experience constant daylight or enjoy triple sunrises and sunsets each day, depending on the season, which last longer than human lifetimes.

The orbit of the 16-million-year-old planet is by far the widest known path within a multi-star system. And, surprisingly, it's quite

stable, scientists announced in a study published Thursday in the journal *Science*.

Typically, the complex gravitational attractions from other suns in such a system render the orbit unstable, meaning the planet could be ejected from its path.

"We were surprised to find the planet in an orbit so long that it could be influenced by all three stars," said astronomer Daniel Apai of the University of Arizona and one of the study co-authors.

The planet takes around 600 years to orbit its main sun. Since the planet was discovered about a year ago, astronomers have only seen a tiny fraction of its elliptical orbit. Apai said scientists' best guess is that the planet mainly orbits the most massive and brightest star in the system, labeled star A.

"In the few other systems where planets and multiple stars co-exist, the planets have usually been seen very close to one star and very far from the other, therefore the planet's orbit was always dominated by one star," Apai said.

If researchers are wrong and its orbit is longer, "it could swing to the other stars and back, an orbit which in most cases would lead to the planet being slingshotted out of the system," Apai said.

The planet was discovered by astronomers using the European Southern Observatory's "Very Large Telescope" in Chile. It is one of the youngest exoplanets — planets outside our solar system — discovered to date.

Kevin Wagner, the study lead author and discoverer of the planet, said this is the only planet they've discovered so far in this system, but there could also be other planets orbiting the other two stars.

It's unlikely there's life on the planet, which is gaseous, just like Jupiter in our solar system, Apai said.

"It has quite high temperatures, no liquid water, extremely powerful winds, and no surface; just below the uppermost layer of the atmosphere it rains liquid iron droplets," he said. "Earth-like life — life as we know it — would be extremely unlikely, if not impossible, to exist in this atmosphere."

Wagner said it's possible that if the planet has moons, they could harbor some form of life, just as Jupiter's moons might in our solar system.

S. Korea announces site for U.S. missile defense system

SEOUL, South Korea - An advanced U.S. missile defense system will be deployed in a rural farming town in southeastern South Korea, Seoul officials announced Wednesday, angering not only North Korea and China but also local residents who fear potential health hazards that they believe the U.S. system might cause.

As words of the location for the Terminal High-Altitude Area Defense, or THAAD, spread even before the government's formal announcement, thousands of residents in the town of Seongju, the site for the U.S. system, rallied and demanded the government cancel

its decision. A group of local leaders wrote letters of complaint in blood that they plan to give to the Defense Ministry.

"We oppose with our lives the THAAD deployment," one of the letters said, according to Seongju local council speaker Bae Jae Man, one of the 10 people who wrote the letter.

Seoul and Washington officials say they need the missile system to better deal with what they call increasing North Korean military threats. On Monday, North Korea warned it will take unspecified "physical" measures once the location for THAAD is announced. Seoul's Deputy Defense Minister Ryu Je Seung told a news conference that Seongju was picked because it can maximize the THAAD's military effectiveness while satisfying environmental, health and safety standards. No other details were given, although U.S. military bases are in the area. Ryu said a THAAD system stationed in Seongju would cover up to two-thirds of South Korea's territory from possible North Korean nuclear and missile threats. He said the defense chiefs of the countries approved the decision.

China and Russia oppose the system that they believe helps U.S. radar track missiles in their countries. Seoul and Washington say the system targets only North Korea. Many South Koreans worry China, South Korea's biggest trading partner, might take economic retaliatory measures.

Residents in Seongju and several other villages previously rumored to be candidate sites for the THAAD system have already launched protests, citing fears that the electromagnetic waves that THAAD radar systems emit can possibly cause health problems.

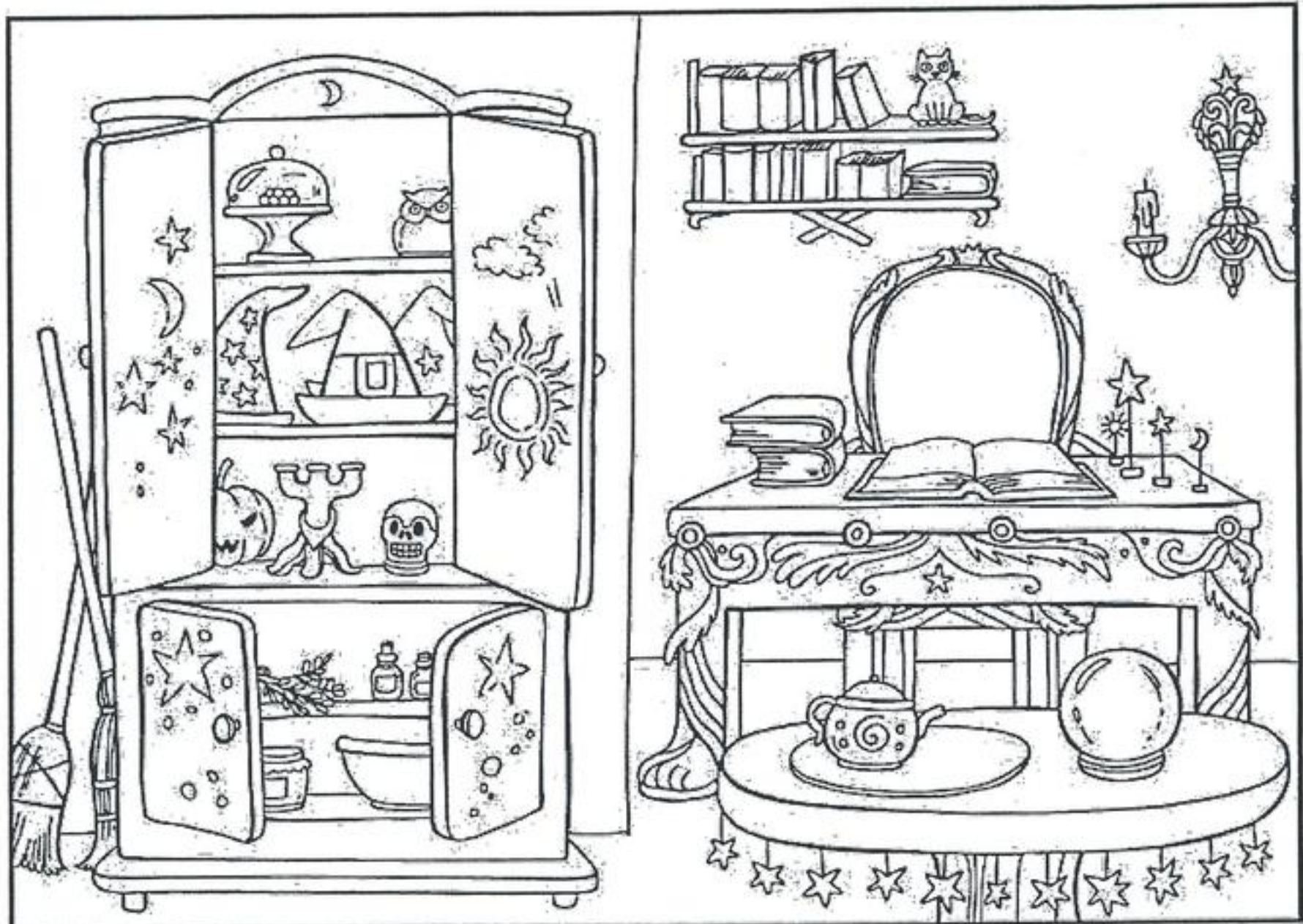
Defense officials have disputed that, saying the system will be located on a mountain, not in a residential area, and is harmless if people stay at least 100 meters (yards) away from it. Seoul and Washington launched talks on the THAAD deployment after North Korea conducted a fourth nuclear test and carried about a long-range rocket launch earlier this year.

The United States stations about 28,500 troops in South Korea as deterrence against potential aggression from North Korea. China assisted North Korea during the 1950-53 Korean War, while American-led U.N. troops fought alongside South Korea.

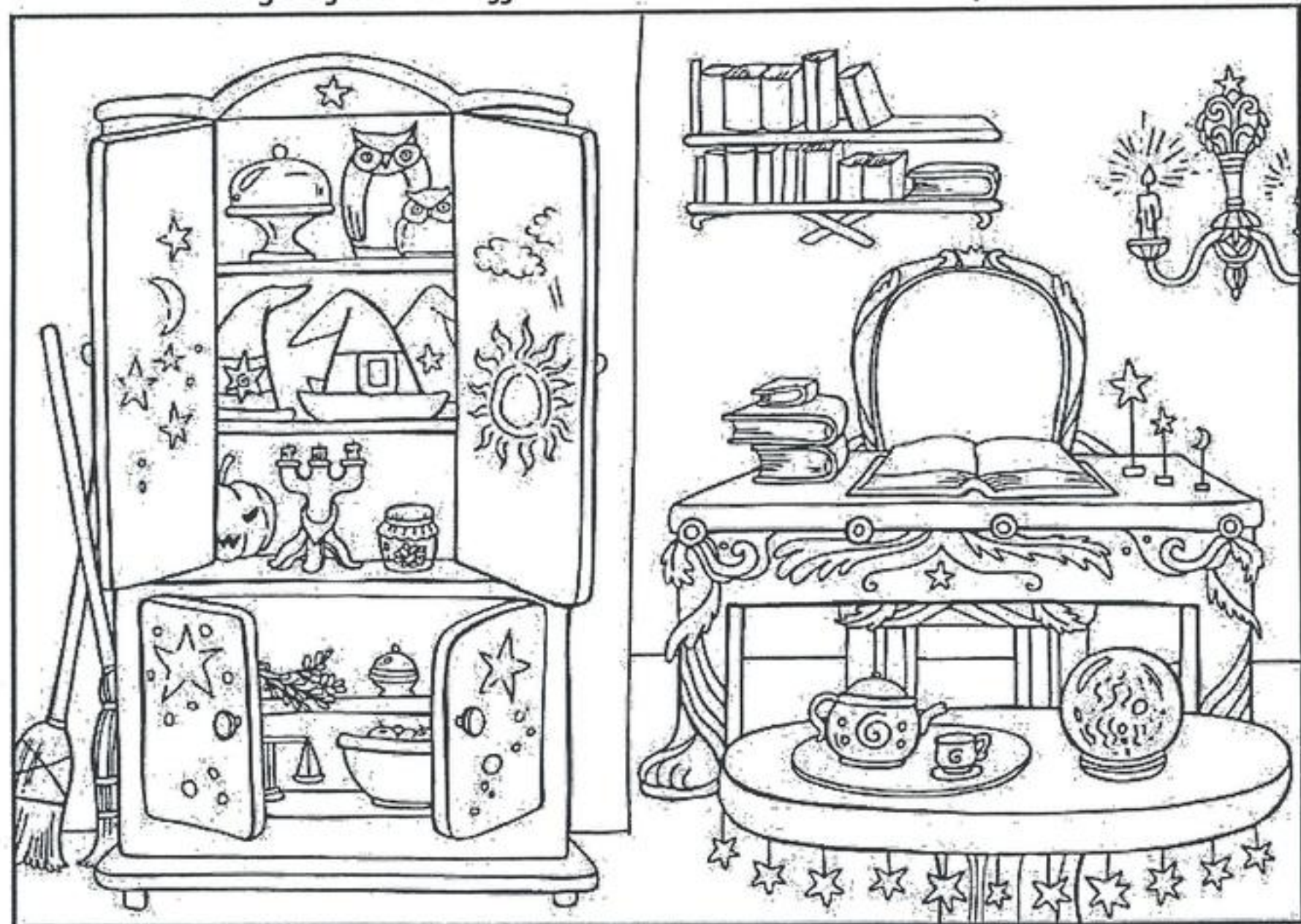
Theresa May will be Britain's next prime minister

LONDON — British Prime Minister David Cameron said Monday that he will resign by Wednesday, paving the way for Home Secretary Theresa May to succeed him as the United Kingdom's second female leader. Cameron's announcement came just hours after May's only competitor for Conservative Party leader and prime minister — Energy Minister Andrea Leadsom — dropped out of the running.

Graham Brady, who leads the committee overseeing the election of the new



Can you find 15 differences between these two pictures?





Halloween Sudoku

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A frantic search for a toddler who vanished after her parent's boat crashed in a Florida River, ended when police found the child floating in an air pocket beneath the boat. Police responded to a call around 10:40 p.m. Friday stating that a boat had capsized in the Indian River with an adult man, woman and two young children on board, according to Cocoa Police.

Tammy Bossard, the mother of the rescued child, said she was asleep with her 7-month-old daughter Charlotte in her arms when the boat crashed.

"I woke up in the water holding Charlotte, and I woke up right next to the boat and I saw a hole in the side of the boat, and climbed on top and shoved Charlotte up there," Bossard said.

Soon after, her husband also climbed on top of the boat at which point they began hearing their other daughter, crying underneath the boat.

Though three of the victims were safe at that time, police were concerned that the 22-month-old girl was trapped under the boat. The officers searched the area surrounding the boat and then hear soft cries coming from the boat, according to officer Matthew Rush. Corporal Alan Worthy, Officer Rush, and a good Samaritan, dove into the water as Cocoa Police Department Sgt. Mike Dellatorre helped direct the men and coordinated a helicopter on scene, Rush said.

"It was very hard to see. My hand in front of me, could barely see that," Worthy said. "We know she's under there, we're just not sure where and it was a very time-consuming process diving in from different points of the boat."

Fortunately, 44 minutes after they received a call, Rush was able to pull the girl out from under the hull of the overturned recreational boat.

"I located the child, pulled the child down out of the hull of the boat and then up out of the water where the child was turned over to Sgt. Dellatore on the boat," Rush said. The child was wrapped in blankets and treated by a nurse until the group got to shore.

"Usually incidents like this don't turn out like that," Rush said. "A boating accident that severe with that much damage could have been a lot worse. Air pocket in the boat and a life jacket I would say saved her life." The Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission will handle the crash investigation. In addition to the Cocoa Police Department, the U.S. Coast Guard and the Brevard County Sheriff's Office also responded to the incident.

NASA's Curiosity rover captures 360-degree panorama of Mars

Where are we again?

New 360-degree images of Mars captured by NASA's Curiosity rover look more like the Southwestern U.S. than the surface of another planet.

The images captured on Aug. 5, 2016, show eroded mesas and buttes, which are capped

with rock that is resistant to wind erosion, according to a statement from NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

NASA's Curiosity rover tweeted a GIF of the view on Friday. "Join me on #Mars amid Murray Buttes," the rover said on Twitter. The Curiosity rover landed on the red planet four years ago and is currently examining younger layers of the planet's surface as it climbs Mount Sharp, according to NASA.

"A key goal is to learn how freshwater lake conditions, which would have been favorable for microbes billions of years ago if Mars has ever had life, evolved into harsher, arid conditions much less suited to supporting life," NASA said in a statement.

NASA's Williams passes Scott Kelly's U.S. space record

MELBOURNE, Fla. — Scott Kelly is widely known as the Ironman of U.S. astronauts after his recent yearlong mission aboard the International Space Station, during which he set a NASA record for most cumulative days in space with 520 over four flights.

But as of Wednesday, that career record belongs not to Kelly but Jeff Williams, an unassuming NASA veteran who doesn't mind if his six-month tour lacks the promotion and buzz of Kelly's "#YearInSpace."

The commander of the station's six-person Expedition 48 crew marked his 521st day in space Wednesday, a total expected to reach 534 days by the time he returns to Earth on Sept. 6 to conclude his fourth spaceflight. On Wednesday, Kelly called Williams to congratulate him on his achievement.

"I wanted to congratulate you on passing me up here in total number of days in space," said Kelly. "It's great to see another record broken. ... But I do have one question for you. And my question is: You got another 190 days in you?"

Williams said, "That question's not for me, that's for my wife."

Don't expect the retired Army colonel — a 58-year-old grandfather who is the oldest NASA astronaut to live on the orbiting laboratory complex — to boast about the achievement.

"It's an honor to spend any day in space, and certainly to have accumulated that time is truly an honor for me," Williams told NASA TV recently.

But he prefers to shift the attention to the station itself, which he considers humanity's greatest technological feat, and the international partnership that has put it together.

"That's really the bigger story to me, personally," he said.

Williams' 20-year astronaut career has spanned the station's assembly, which began in 1998.

His first flight was a 2000 shuttle mission that helped set up the fledgling outpost for its first permanent crew later that year. Crews have now lived continuously on the space station for nearly 16 years.

Since that 10-day shuttle flight, it's been all long-duration missions for the Wisconsin

native, who has launched three times from Kazakhstan on Russian Soyuz spacecraft. He's the first American to serve on three International Space Station expeditions, which typically last five or six months each. The previous two were in 2006 and 2010, before station construction was officially complete.

Williams' current mission has helped set the stage for the station's next chapter, which will rely more on commercial operations. On Friday he performed his fourth spacewalk, pairing with NASA's Kate Rubins to install a docking port that opened the door for Boeing and SpaceX crew capsules to visit the outpost late next year or in early 2018. They are preparing for another spacewalk next week.

Williams also has helped set up a prototype habitat module designed by Bigelow Aerospace, a potential precursor to private space stations that could follow the space station.

A West Point graduate in 1980, Williams later earned two master's degrees and finished first in his class at the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School.

Still, it took him about 10 years and multiple applications to win entry into NASA's astronaut corps in 1996. He preaches perseverance to young people.

Williams is old enough to remember Russia as a Cold War adversary. Now he sees the space station partnership involving the U.S., Russia, Europe, Japan and Canada as a model for peaceful international relations.

"I trust that it serves as a very positive example to the world below," he said. When he returns to Earth in less than two weeks, Williams told CBS News recently that he looks forward to seeing family and friends and to "the simple things in life." Those include smells of Earth often taken for granted, relaxing in quiet without the station's constant hum of fans and pumps, and anything his wife will cook for him. "She's the real hero in all of this, putting up with me being up here that many days over the years," he said.

And Williams knows records are made to be broken. In fact, Peggy Whitson, currently fourth on NASA's career list with 377 days in space, is scheduled to launch to the International Space Station in November and set a new U.S. record next year.

General to testify about burning letters in Bergdahl case

FORT BRAGG, N.C. (AP) — The judge overseeing Army Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl's military trial said Monday that a top general must testify about destroying letters that he received from supporters and critics of the soldier who walked off his post in Afghanistan.

The judge, Army Col. Jeffery Nance, also cast doubt on the viability of an early 2017 trial date for Bergdahl, but stopped short of changing it.

Nance expressed skepticism about the relevance of the approximately 100 letters

Firefighters gain on devastating California blazes

Firefighters in Southern California were gaining ground Sunday on a devastating blaze that destroyed more than 100 homes in mountainous San Bernardino County, while another blaze farther north threatened the iconic Hearst Castle.

The fires were among several burning in tinder-dry California, where years of unrelenting drought have left much of the state vulnerable this fire season.

The Blue Cut Fire, raging about 70 miles northeast of Los Angeles, had burned almost 60 square miles of rugged country while forcing up to 80,000 people to flee their homes. Most evacuation orders were lifted over the weekend as firefighters worked to solidify containment lines, the state Department of Forestry and Fire Protection said.

The fire was 85% contained late Sunday, Cal Fire said. Almost 2,000 firefighters were battling the blaze aided by almost two dozen air tankers and helicopters.

"They're holding the perimeter fairly well. It's just a matter of getting the containment lines cut around it," U.S. Forest Service spokeswoman Lyn Sieliet told the Los Angeles Times. She said wind gusts were reaching 50 mph — "enough to move the fire."

No deaths have been associated with the fire, but 105 homes and more than 200 other buildings were destroyed. San Bernardino County Fire Marshal Mike Horton told the Associated Press he will lead a team of 15 investigators, technicians, hazardous materials experts and others to determine the extent of the damage.

"We come in right on the heels of the fire," Horton told AP. "Once it's cool enough, we go parcel-by-parcel."

In Central California, the Chimney Fire has burned almost 40 square miles in San Luis Obispo County, and some towns have been under evacuation orders for more than a week. The fire roared to within three miles of the Hearst Castle, built almost a century ago for newspaper magnate William Randolph Hearst. The building, now a National Historic Landmark, was closed to visitors as a precaution.

That fire, which destroyed more than 30 homes and more than a dozen other structures, was 35% contained while evacuation orders remained in effect for several towns, Cal Fire said.

Battalion Chief Richard Brocchini told sanluisobispo.com that fire crews were working in "challenging territory" of dry, rugged terrain. Relatively higher humidity overnight provided some relief, but the fire remained "dynamic," he said.

"It's still pretty challenging," Brocchini said. "We obviously take advantage every time we can, or when mother nature allows us to."

A rare, nearly complete T. Rex skull just arrived in Seattle

SEATTLE - A four-foot long skull of a Tyrannosaurus Rex arrived at the Burke Museum Thursday morning, and could well prove to be one of the best-preserved skull specimens ever seen, according to museum scientists.

The T. rex was found in northern Montana, part of the Hell Creek Formation where many dinosaur fossils have been found.

The skull, protected in a plaster cast reinforced with wood, is not the only bone found from this giant meat-eating dinosaur. Scientists at the Burke Museum estimate they have 20% of the skeleton so far, including vertebrae, ribs, and the hips. Researchers are optimistic that many of the other bones are still buried in the hillside awaiting excavation, but it's far too early to know just how complete the skeleton is.

It's named the "Tufts-Love Rex" in honor of two volunteer paleontologists, Luke Tufts and Jason Love, who found it on the last day of a fossil hunting expedition in 2015.

It's believed the T. rex was about 15-years-old when it died. It died about 300,000 years before the mass extinction that happened 66 million years ago -- believed to be initiated by an asteroid that crashed into the Earth. By projecting the overall size of the dinosaur from the skull and other parts, it's estimated the animal would have been as long as a city bus -- about 40 feet -- and the hips would have been 12-feet-high

The skull, still in its plaster cast, will be on display at the Burke starting Saturday through October 2. Then the skull will be taken off display. The painstaking process of removing it from its plaster covering, as well as other pieces of soft sandstone around it, could take another year.

Excavation of the remaining bones is expected to resume next summer.

Scientists discover Earth-like planet orbiting star closest to our sun

An Earth-size planet that could boast water, even an ocean, has been found circling the star nearest our sun, hinting that the conditions for life could exist next door. Researchers have identified a plethora of planets outside our solar system that both resemble Earth in size and dwell in the "habitable zone," where liquid water is possible. But no other Earth-like planet outside our solar system is as close to humans and their observatories as this new world, making it the best possible hunting ground for living organisms.

The find, reported in a study published Wednesday in *Nature*, has scientists reaching for superlatives.

"An absolutely amazing discovery," says Victoria Meadows of the University of Washington. "This will be the most accessible, closest planet in the habitable zone to our solar system."

"The excitement is that it's around the closest star to our sun," says Rory Barnes, also of the University of Washington, adding that it's "exciting, too, to realize perhaps the next star over has a planet with life on it."

Announced after a search by astronomers from around the world, the new planet circles a small star called Proxima Centauri. That star, though invisible to the naked eye, is only 4.2 light-years — about 25 trillion miles — from Earth, making it our nearest stellar neighbor.

The specs of the new planet, called Proxima b, sound much like Earth's. It is 1.3 times the mass of the Earth or bigger. It is probably rocky, like Earth, and not a Jupiter-like ball of gas. And it's just the right distance from its star that it would be warm enough for liquid water to pool on the surface, assuming the planet has an atmosphere.

Of course, it may not have an atmosphere, a prerequisite for life. Tipping the odds against life a bit, Proxima b's star blasts it with far more high-energy radiation than our planet receives from the sun.

All the same, the planet may still be hospitably wet, Meadows says, depending on how and where it formed billions of years ago and how its star behaved during the planet's infancy.

Picking out the planet has taken some of the most powerful telescopes in the scientific arsenal. The first signals of a world orbiting Proxima Centauri were recorded more than a decade ago, and more such signals have continued to trickle in — but never enough to be convincing. So astronomers recruited multiple telescopes to stare at the star earlier this year.

The intensive observations confirmed that the star quivers slightly, the result of a slight perturbation induced by its small planet. That quiver translates into barely detectable changes in the light streaming from the star. Other planets outside our solar system have been announced with fanfare, only to quietly fade away when they couldn't be confirmed. But "the fact that we have been able to see a signal over so many years tells us that there really is a bona fide planet," says study co-author Richard Nelson of Britain's Queen Mary University of London. "If you've got one in your backyard, it tells you that through the galaxy there are going to be many, many of these types of planets."

To determine whether organisms thrive on Proxima b, scientists will need to take a picture of the planet itself. Analysis could reveal molecules that would be telltale signs of life.

No existing instrument could snap such pictures. But such technology is under design, and the new discovery will likely galvanize construction of observatories that could take a portrait of this new world. The planet is even close enough that perhaps someday robots could reach it.

A space mission to reach exoplanets won't be ready until the "coming centuries," says David Armstrong of Britain's University of Warwick. "But the first one we'll send it to will be this."

Toddler found floating in air pocket under capsized boat

Sgt. BOWE BERGDahl CONT.

that Gen. Robert B. Abrams put in a "burn bag" to be incinerated, but the judge still decided that the head of U.S. Army Forces command must testify. Abrams has been traveling and has the option to testify in person or by phone at a pretrial hearing this week.

"There are some questions I have to ask about the 100 or so letters," Nance told the lawyers.

The destruction of the letters is one of several reasons why the defense says Abrams, who referred the case to a general court martial, should be disqualified from the case. They also cite his prior role advising former U.S. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel during efforts to return Bergdahl from captivity and questions about whether Abrams considered defense objections to the findings of a preliminary hearing.

The defense is seeking a reset in the case that would allow another commander to decide whether it warrants a general court-martial. Prosecutors say the letters — which were largely sent by members of the public — didn't constitute evidence and that Abrams shouldn't be required to testify, nor should he be disqualified.

"Bringing him into court to testify would provide no value," said prosecutor Maj. Justin Oshana, who noted that defense lawyers have already interviewed Abrams outside of court.

Defense attorney Eugene Fidell argued in court that the letters were valuable for reasons including that they may have contained leads that Bergdahl's lawyers could have pursued.

"We'll never know what they said. All we have are Gen. Abrams' assurances," Fidell told reporters afterward, stressing the need to question him further.

The judge also said Monday that defense attorneys can propose a significant revamping of pretrial deadlines, and he may consider changing the trial date in the future. The defense has argued that trial deadlines have been jeopardized by the pace at which prosecutors are producing classified information. Prosecutors acknowledged Monday that they were likely to miss an upcoming deadline on the documents, saying it's taking time to get military and intelligence agencies to review them.

Fidell said after the hearing that there is "a lot of doubt" surrounding the February trial date. Bergdahl, who is from Hailey, Idaho, walked off his post in Afghanistan in 2009 and wound up as a captive of the Taliban and its allies until 2014. The Obama administration won his release by swapping him for Guantanamo Bay detainees. Bergdahl faces a court-martial on charges of desertion and misbehavior before the enemy. The latter charge carries up to a life sentence.

On Tuesday, defense attorneys are scheduled to argue a separate motion that public comments by U.S. Sen. John McCain impermissibly tainted the case.

Wolf attacks on cattle and hunting dogs rise

Nearly two years after the gray wolf was placed back on the federal list of endangered species, wolf attacks on Wisconsin livestock and hunting dogs are rising.

State Department of Natural Resources statistics show 58 confirmed or probable wolf "depredations" — deaths or injuries — of domesticated animals this year through Aug. 15, compared to an average of about 37 for that period in each of the previous three years.

The DNR attributes the increase to growth in the wolf population, which this winter was estimated at nearly 900, its highest level since before the 1960s when the species was all but extinguished by hunters.

The state is providing farmers with more electrified fencing and noisy, light-emitting gadgets to keep wolves away from cattle. And the state pays tens of thousands of dollars each year to people who lose animals to wolves.

But two state lawmakers say the situation is intolerable, and they are staging a "wolf summit" next month to urge Congress to remove the species from the endangered list so that hunting and trapping can resume. State Sen. Tom Tiffany blamed wolves for unsatisfactory deer hunting experiences reported by constituents.

"We have become a wolf sanctuary in Minnesota, Michigan and Wisconsin," Tiffany, a Republican from Hazelhurst, said Wednesday. "It needs to be brought under control like any other species."

But conservationists say Tiffany is grandstanding for a few hunters who want to kill wolves as trophies, and for an agriculture lobby seeking more taxpayer subsidies. Wolf damage to livestock is minor — especially compared to the harm deer, elk and geese cause to crops, said Melissa Smith, executive director of Friends of the Wisconsin Wolf. And most injuries to hunting dogs could be avoided if hunters wouldn't run the dogs through areas where wolves are known to be raising pups.

"The wolf controversy is coming from a very small vocal minority in Wisconsin," Smith said. "The positive benefits of wolves far outweigh the few depredations there are." Tiffany said the summit he is co-sponsoring with state Rep. Adam Jarchow, R-Balsam Lake, Sept. 15 in Cumberland will reveal the "havoc" raised by wolves.

He said wolves stampede farm animals, causing them to lose weight. And wolf pack disruptions of the deer herd have left unsuccessful hunters so discouraged that they talk of giving up their cabins, Tiffany said.

But Smith said scientific research indicates wolves have an overall beneficial impact on farming and natural resources. Wolves keep the voracious deer herd moving so it can't settle in and seriously damage crops or wild vegetation that protects surface water —

including valuable trout streams — from erosion, Smith said.

And in a state that has mostly stopped trying to stop the spread of chronic wasting disease, wolves picking off sick deer may be the best hope of preventing the deadly disease from causing a collapse of herd, Smith said.

Three hunts

Before Wisconsin was settled in the 1830s, thousands of wolves lived here, but by 1960 hunters had eliminated them.

Wisconsin gave the species protected status in 1957, and the federal government followed suit in 1974.

Wolves migrated into the state from Minnesota, and by 2011, the population had grown to an estimated 824.

In 2012, President Barack Obama's administration removed Great Lakes wolves from the endangered list. Three hunts were held in Wisconsin, despite concerns the population was too fragile.

The wolf population decreased, and in December 2014, a federal judge ordered Great Lakes wolves listed again.

That ended the hunt, and generally prohibited the government from trapping and killing wolves that attacked farm animals. From 2012 through 2014, a total of 176 wolves linked to attacks on farm animals had been removed by farmers or government officials, said Brad Koele, a DNR wildlife biologist who handles depredation claims.

One wolf was dispatched last year under an exception in the prohibition for potential hazards to humans. It was removed after wolf tracks were found in a barnyard where workers with mental or physical handicaps walked from building to building, Koele said. The DNR supplied farms with \$160,000 in wolf deterrents such as fencing and noise-generating devices in 2014. The amount grew to \$180,000 last year.

The number of wolf-attack claims classified as confirmed or probably-valid in 2015 was 77, still far less than the 111 in 2011 and 95 in 2012, Koele said.

There has never been a confirmed wolf attack on a human in the continental U.S. outside of Alaska, and very few pet dogs are attacked, Koele said.

Missing calves

The state compensates the owners of animals injured or killed by wolves.

More than \$200,505 was paid out this year on claims made in 2015. It was the third highest payout in program history.

The record was nearly \$215,000 in 2012, when nearly \$191,000 of the total was paid out for 257 missing calves.

Under state law, farmers could be compensated for an unlimited number of missing calves each time a wolf attack was confirmed, Koele said.

After talks with the Wisconsin Cattlemen's Association, the DNR in 2013 won approval for an emergency rule limiting claims to five missing calves per attack. The limit, however, was lifted after the wolf regained endangered status in 2014.

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The amount paid for a farm animal is based on market value. Compensation for a calf was about \$1,300 in 2014 and \$800 last year, Koele said.

Wisconsin is the only state that compensates owners for hunting dogs killed or injured by wolves.

The state pays \$2,500 for each hunting dog killed, even if the dogs are run through areas the DNR has mapped as dangerous because of wolf activity. An advisory committee has called for an end to payments to people who have records of illegal hunting, but the recommendation is on hold, Koele said. Typically, hounds used in bear hunting are the ones killed or injured by wolves, he said. In 2016, through Sunday, 24 claims have been made for hunting dogs, more than for all of 2015, and bear hunting season hasn't begun. Koele said good weather may have caused higher participation during the summer's training season, when hunters run hounds after bear, but don't shoot them. Dogs may be injured or killed when they encounter wolves in areas where attempts have been made to bait bears with containers of food byproducts that also attract wolves and other wildlife. Conflicts also occur in "rendezvous areas" where wolves bring pups and are likely to take action to protect them. Wisconsin Bear Hunters Association president Al Lobner didn't respond to a request for comment.

Ho-Chunk to spend \$153M for casino expansion, new hotels

The Ho-Chunk Nation is planning to spend \$153 million to expand three of its casino sites in Wisconsin, including the flagship casino in Wisconsin Dells.

Ho-Chunk announced plans to expand the Dells, Wittenburg and Black River Falls casinos on Tuesday, with work scheduled to start in September.

"We are extremely excited to grow and offer new amenities that will only enhance one of the best entertainment experiences in the region," said Ho-Chunk Nation President Wilfrid Cleveland in the news release.

"It's a win-win for everyone when we can create more jobs throughout Wisconsin and add more value to our guests' experience," Cleveland said.

The Wittenburg and Black River Falls casinos will get new hotels in the expansion. The Wisconsin Dells' work includes new off-track betting and poker rooms, a renovated bingo area, and a new hotel main entrance and lobby.

About 100 new jobs are expected to be created with the expansions, adding to the existing 3,400 Ho-Chunk Nation work force, the new release said.

5 decades, 220,000 deaths later, Colombia says it has a deal

MIAMI — The longest-running armed conflict in the Western Hemisphere is coming to a close as the Colombian government reached a historic peace accord with rebel leaders Wednesday in Havana.

Negotiators read out a joint statement in Cuba, which has hosted most of the talks, after the final round of negotiations between the leaders of the Colombian government and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, known as the FARC. "The termination of armed confrontation signifies, most importantly, the end of the enormous suffering the conflict has caused," read the joint statement. "We do not want there to be one more victim in Colombia. The end of the conflict will open a new chapter in our history."

The two sides have battled for five decades in the remote corners of Colombia's jungles and mountains, leaving more than 220,000 Colombians dead, forcing 360,000 to flee the country and displacing about 6.7 million Colombians from their homes.

President Obama called Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos on Wednesday to congratulate him on the historic deal and to pledge U.S. support as the country navigates the difficult road of implementing the peace plan.

The peace accord still must be certified in a national referendum, which will ask voters to approve or reject the deal. After Wednesday's signing, Santos said he would send the agreement to Congress and that the national vote will take place Oct. 2.

Adam Isacson, who has visited and studied Colombia for nearly 20 years for the Washington Office on Latin America, said Colombians already showed their approval of the peace talks when they re-elected Santos in the 2014 presidential election over Óscar Iván Zuluaga, an outspoken opponent of the negotiations.

"Santos was re-elected in a referendum on the peace process," he said.

Colombia's struggling economy and rising crime since then have driven down Santos' popularity. If voters reject the peace deal, Isacson said the country will be forced to start from scratch.

Even if it passes, Colombia still faces a difficult road toward reconciliation.

"It's not a one-year issue to be solved, but a 20-year issue to work day by day, year by year," Rafael Pardo, a Santos adviser who will direct post-conflict efforts, said during a recent trip to Washington.

Pardo said 25 national agencies will work with each Colombian state and municipality to implement the various pieces of the peace deal. That includes disarming rebels who dominate more than 100 cities and moving them to 23 temporary "normalization zones" and eight rural encampments to begin their reintegration to Colombian society. The process will be monitored by a team of United Nations observers, mostly coming from other South American countries.

The deal also requires that farmers, whether they're affiliated with the FARC or not, eliminate all remaining coca plants, which have fueled the cocaine industry in Colombia. The accord requires that the government redistribute lands to former

FARC members and farmers who have never had proper legal claims over their properties. And the government, working with private businesses, is required to push more industry into rural areas to provide reliable jobs for the country's poor.

"The gap between a peasant and a person living in a city is enormous (in Colombia)," Pardo said. "So the post-conflict goal is to reduce those gaps."

The biggest challenge facing the government could be simply reclaiming those rural areas. Eighty percent of Colombia's population lives in urban areas, but about 70% of the country is rural land, meaning many of those areas don't have any government services.

Brian Winter, vice president for policy at the Americas Society/Council of the Americas, said that lack of government presence in such huge swaths of the country helps explain why cocaine production has increased in recent years.

"The government in Bogotá has never controlled 100% of Colombian territory, which is a shocking thing for Americans to think about," Winter said. "Some of the areas where the FARC operates are places where the federal government has never set foot." The easiest task facing the government, however, could end up being disarming the FARC troops. Cynthia Arnson, director of the Latin American Program at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, said Colombia's long war has had the unintended benefit of giving the government experience reintegrating soldiers into society. Arnson said more than 49,000 rebels from different groups have already entered government reintegration programs with a high level of success.

"The task of implementing (the peace deal) is just enormous," she said. "But the Colombian reintegration agency has decades of experience and already has reintegrated tens of thousands of combatants."

Ending the civil war could also have a profound economic effect for Colombia as tourists and business owners who have long feared the country's violence reconsider the South American country. Dan Restrepo, a former adviser to President Obama on Latin America, said the civil war has mostly been fought far from Colombia's metropolitan areas, which have been improving dramatically in recent years.

"It'll help perceptions catch up to reality," said Restrepo, now a senior fellow at the Center for American Progress. "The basic security numbers for Colombia are leaps and bounds better than they were 10, 15 years ago. This big, splashy peace deal allows people who aren't paying a ton of attention to take another look."

At least 247 dead as quake rocks central Italy

ROME — A powerful earthquake toppled homes, churches and shops in a wide swath of medieval towns in central Italy Wednesday, killing at least 247 people and

Sgt. BOWE BERGDahl's MILITARY CASE DEC. 11, 2015

didn't match that or exceed that, and this is what we get."

Bowe Bergdahl: I wanted to be Jason Bourne

Washington (CNN) It took just 20 minutes for Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl to realize he'd made a grave mistake by departing his Army unit in Afghanistan in the middle of a June 2009 night.

He was armed with only knives and aware that he'd face serious punishment -- or perhaps even be shot, if his identity was mistaken as he approached the outpost -- if he turned back.

"I'm going, 'Good grief, I'm in over my head,'" Bergdahl said in a "Serial" podcast released on Thursday.

"Suddenly, it really starts to sink in that I really did something bad. Or, not bad, but I really did something serious," he said. So he set off to gather intelligence and mimic a film idol: Jason Bourne.

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He decided to collect intelligence on the Taliban in hopes it would help him eventually return to the U.S. military with something to show for his absence.

"Doing what I did is me saying that I am like, I don't know, Jason Bourne," Bergdahl told Mark Boal, the filmmaker whose interviews with the Army private first class will make up the second season of "Serial."

"I had this fantastic idea that I was going to prove to the world that I was the real thing," Bergdahl said. "You know, that I could be what it is that all those guys out there that go to the movies and watch those movies -- they all want to be that -- but I wanted to prove I was that."

It didn't work. Bergdahl, armed only with a knife, said he was quickly captured by Taliban fighters on motorcycles, starting what would be nearly five years in captivity - - ended only when President Barack Obama swapped five Taliban detainees who had been held at the Guantanamo Bay detention facility for Bergdahl's freedom in May 2014. Bergdahl could now face a court martial and charges that could lead to a sentence of life in prison. He's assigned to an administrative Army job in San Antonio.

Boal, a filmmaker who wrote and produced "The Hurt Locker" and "Zero Dark Thirty," conducted 25 hours of interviews with Bergdahl. The podcast's creator, Sarah Koenig, said its second season will focus largely on those interviews.

Here are four other interesting tidbits from the first episode, titled "DUSTWUN" -- or "duty status -- whereabouts unknown."

-- Bergdahl said he was rebelling against "leadership failures" at his outpost and hoped his departure would provoke investigations by creating a crisis. Bergdahl said he feared "the lives of the guys standing next to me were in danger of something seriously going wrong."

-- He quickly realized he couldn't fight off the Taliban. A line of about five motorcycles

with Taliban members riding on them found him as he walked along a road in the open desert, and six or seven riders were armed with AK-47s. "All I had was a knife. I'm not stupid enough to try knife off a bunch of guys with AK-47s," he said.

-- He was held in grim conditions by the Taliban. He said "standing in an empty, dark room hurts -- physically, but more than that. It's mental. You're almost confused," he said, adding that he would wake up in the dark unable to see his own hands.

-- Bergdahl pushed back against claims from other soldiers that he'd left a note behind expressing his disillusionment, saying he'd left no such note. It signaled that he could oppose some elements of the version of events from his departure made public so far.

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The new moon in Sagittarius is ripe for adventure and for entering new arenas. While you're at it you may just decide to be someone completely different than the person you're used to being. Why not try on a different personality? No one knows you in this new place, and even if they did they would probably find the change-up novel and daring.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). In Hamlet, Shakespeare suggested that nothing is either good or bad, "but thinking makes it so." You'll frame today's events as neutral or positive and this will considerably reduce your stress level.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Remember when you felt trapped? You freed yourself only to wind up in a similarly restrictive situation. This time, seek reform from within. When you feel inwardly free you'll stop getting into restricting situations.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The past and present do not equal your life. Your dreams for the future are a large part of your personality these days. Share your vision and you'll learn who is really on your side.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You've a very real concern for injustice and stand up for those who are not being treated fairly. Just make sure you have the whole and true story before you begin your defense.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You berate yourself too much for errors that come with the territory of being human. You're doing your very best. Mistakes are normal. Let it go at that. Besides, perfection is boring.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It may seem appealing to re-create the passion you once had because you already know the territory. Be honest, though: Has this cycle run its course? Are you just resisting the end because you're afraid of the unknown?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). While you're known for indecision, there are some decisions you make practically automatically. You know the answer with every fiber of your being. "He who is fixed to a star does not change his mind." — Leonardo da Vinci

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're once again getting that feeling of being cosmically

connected, like your parents are the Earth and the sky, your cousins are the animals and your journey is as effortless as an orbit. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Get on your own side. You owe it to the rest of the world to be confident and content in whom you are. The one who is friends with his or her own mind will have many friends indeed. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It's like you're pressing on the walls and bookshelves searching for the hidden door to the secret chamber where the mystery will finally be solved. You will find no hidden door because the hidden door is you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll test and re-test theories. You'll poke to see where the possible holes in the story are. You want to believe, though you won't be able to until you've put the idea through your judgmental paces.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Knowing what you want to do for money and doing it well — it's not something to be taken lightly. Many aren't lucky enough to fall into such a fantastic work groove as the one you'll hit today.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 11). An abiding wisdom will guide your year. Lasting love will be worth the sacrifice and effort; your gentle tenacity will pay off. You will have deep gratitude and reverence for the gift you are offered in February whether or not you can accept it. Money and fun in March are the start of a new social chapter. Taurus and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 30, 17, 2 and 19.

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Isaiah Briscoe each had 10 points for the Wildcats.

Javontae Hawkins scored 19 points for EKU (7-3), which entered as one of the nation's best 3-point shooting teams (44 percent), but made 5 of 18 from behind the arc.

NO. 11 PURDUE 93, HOWARD 55

In West Lafayette, Ind., freshman Caleb Swanigan scored 11 of his 19 points during Purdue's 56-point first half.

Swanigan also had 12 rebounds as the Boilermakers improved to 10-0 for the first time since winning their first 14 games in 2009-10.

The Bison (6-4) lost for just the second time in eight games while playing without Division I scoring leader James "J-Byrd" Daniel, who has a toe injury.

Kendall Stephens scored 14 points for Purdue, which had assists on 28 of its 34 field goals.

Dalique Mingo led Howard with 14 points, and Marcel Boyd added 12 before fouling out.

NO. 13 ARIZONA 85, FRESNO STATE 72

In Tucson, Ariz., Allonzo Trier scored 27 points, Ryan Anderson added 17 and Arizona pulled away late.

The Wildcats (8-1) had a hard time shaking Fresno State, allowing the Bulldogs to hang close until the closing minutes.

Fresno State (6-3) held its composure in one of college basketball's toughest environments, staying within reach well into the second half behind Marvelle Harris, who scored 23 points.

NO. 15 PROVIDENCE 66, BOSTON COLLEGE 51

In Providence, R.I., Rodney Bullock scored 17 points as Providence beat Boston College in the first game for the Eagles since several team members fell ill to a restaurant-related virus.

The Boston Public Health Commission said lab testing confirmed the presence of a gastrointestinal illness at a Chipotle restaurant near the BC campus. More than 120 students were affected, including some players.

Ben Bentil had 16 points and eight rebounds for the Friars (9-1), who led 37-23 at halftime.

Eli Carter scored 15 points for Boston College (3-6).

DAYTON 72, NO. 21 VANDERBILT

In Nashville, Tenn., Kendall Pollard scored a season-high 21 points, and Dayton rallied from 16 points down late in the first half to get the road win.

Scoochie Smith added 13 points as Dayton (7-1) shot its way back into the lead despite just seven points from leading scorer Charles Cooke.

The Commodores (6-3) not only blew a big lead on their own floor in their second straight loss, but they also will be without top shot blocker Luke Kornet for four to six weeks due to a torn medical collateral ligament in his left knee.

Wade Baldwin IV and Damian Jones scored 18 apiece for Vanderbilt, which hit just one of its final six shots.

Badgers men's basketball: UW-Milwaukee snaps 22-game losing streak against UW

The more video he watched, University of Wisconsin men's basketball coach Bo Ryan couldn't help but notice how much UW-Milwaukee had taken on the personality of its coach.

Ryan has a pretty good scouting report on Rob Jeter, his former player and longtime assistant: tough, active, resilient.

"A lot of those guys are starting to play like he did when he was in college," Ryan said earlier this week of Jeter, a member of Ryan's first NCAA Division III championship team at UW-Platteville, "and he was good."

What Ryan saw in person on Wednesday night at the Kohl Center, where the Panthers rallied from a 15-point deficit to shock the Badgers 68-67, was even more convincing. Junior point guard Jordan Johnson scored 22 points to help Milwaukee (7-3) end a 22-game losing streak to the Badgers. The Panthers' only other victory in 33 meetings against the Badgers came on Dec. 12, 1992, a 77-72 decision at the UW Field House.

"The best way that you can repay a mentor, a father figure, uncle, brother, friend like Bo is try to put a team on the floor that plays well, plays the way he taught me to play the game," Jeter said afterward. "And tonight we played the game the way he taught me to play it. Our guys played the only way we have a chance to win this type of game."

The defeat ruined a big game from junior forward Nigel Hayes, who finished with a career-high 32 points. Hayes scored 17 of UW's 27 points in the second half but was just 12 of 19 from the free throw line overall, including some costly misses late in the game.

"He could have hit a few more free throws," Ryan said. "Any competitor would take a look at that game and find some things that they could have done better. But he needed some help from his teammates."

UW shot 29.2 percent in the second half. UW junior point guard Bronson Koenig (16 points) was 2 of 10 from the field after halftime and missed a shot in the closing seconds that would have given the Badgers the win.

Junior forward Vitto Brown missed eight of his nine shot attempts and made a poor decision that led to a turnover late in the game.

UW's ball movement was good in the first half, when it averaged 1.18 points per possession.

That number fell to a dismal 0.75 in the second half, with missed free throws and shaky shot selection at times among the biggest reasons for the slide. The Badgers (6-4) had just one assist on seven made field goals after halftime and went nearly 9 minutes without a field goal at one point.

"We had some looks," Ryan said.

"Sometimes finishing is not as easy as it looks. ... When the ball doesn't go in, there's a lot of things that don't look right."

Senior forward Matt Tiby had 15 points and 11 rebounds for the Panthers, but both Ryan and Jeter thought Johnson was the difference in the game.

"He was fabulous," Jeter said of Johnson, a junior college transfer. "He might be 5-9 ... but tonight he played like he was 7-foot. He really attacked the rim in the land of the giants and really made some plays for us." Milwaukee trailed by 11 points at halftime but opened the second half with a 7-0 run, which Jeter said "gave us a belief that we had a chance to do something special."

The Panthers didn't take their first lead of the game until Johnson scored with 2 minutes, 31 seconds left. After Hayes tied it with two free throws, Johnson answered with a floater to once again put the Panthers in front. Hayes made two free throws with 1:08 left to tie it at 64, but junior guard Akeem Springs gave Milwaukee the lead for good by draining a pair of free throws five seconds later.

UW had two chances to tie it, but Tiby drew a charge on an out-of-control Brown with 57.3 seconds left and Hayes missed two free throws with 24.5 seconds left.

After Springs made two free throws to give Milwaukee a 68-64 lead, Koenig made a 3-pointer from the left wing to cut UW's deficit to one point with 13.4 seconds left.

The Badgers forced a turnover in the backcourt and set up a final play. Koenig came off a screen on the top of the key and had three options: Look for Hayes on the block, try to get to the basket or shoot another jumper.

Koenig settled for the third option and missed a long jumper from the right wing. Milwaukee secured the rebound as the buzzer sounded.

Ryan said he didn't have a problem with Koenig taking the shot he did. Koenig, meanwhile, was second-guessing himself afterward.

"We were in double bonus," Koenig said, "so I probably should have drove and got some contact and got to the line."

Milwaukee shot 81.5 percent from the free throw line, but it was the number of attempts that pleased Jeter the most.

"We shot 27 free throws in the Kohl Center. That was the difference," Jeter said. "That's what got us the win. In order to get to the free throw line, you've got to attack the rim, you've got to attack the post. That's who we want to be, and that's who we were tonight." Who were the Badgers? At least in the second half, they were a shell of the team that showed toughness and tenacity during impressive victories over Syracuse and Temple last week.

"We didn't come out with enough sense of urgency," Hayes said. "You always know with these in-state games that teams will always find a little extra to bring and we

123. Avast Conspiracy

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BRIDGE	PROW
BULKHEAD	QUARTERDECK
BULWARK	RIGGING
COMPANIONWAY	RUDDER
CROW'S NEST	SAIL
FORECASTLE	SCUPPER
GANGPLANK	SPAR
GUNWALES	STEM
HATCH	STERN
HELM	TILLER
HOLD	WINCH
HULL	YARDARM

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124. The Inn Crowd

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BEST WESTERN	MARRIOTT
BILTMORE	OMNI
CLARION	PLAZA
DAYS INN	RADISSON
DRAKE	RAMADA
ECONOLOGDE	RITZ
FOUR SEASONS	SAVOY
HILTON	SHERATON
HOLIDAY INN	WALDORF-
HOWARD	ASTORIA
JOHNSON'S	WESTIN

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127. Touchdown!

BARAJAS	LOGAN	O A I R S H E R E M E T Y E V O P G L A
BEN-GURION	MALPENSA	N H E T R A A N V I E L I M S N A A A T
BRADLEY	MCCARRAN	H E A T H R O W E D S A J A R A B T U N
CHARLES DE GAULLE	MIDWAY	R E S R S T W R A W K Y S L O F I W M A
DULLES	NARITA	A B H K E S I N L A A E G P Y R O I U R
FRANKFURT	NEWARK	F R A N K F U R T Y L R N E A L O C O R
GATWICK	O'HARE	K A N L I I K E Y L O U K N R P A K E A
HARTSFIELD	REAGAN	S D N S P E L L U A G E D S E L R A H C
HEATHROW	SHANNON	O L O R T L P D H O T O R A E D G M A C
KENNEDY	SHEREMETYEVO	R E N A I D R A U G A L K F R A Y O M M
LAGUARDIA		A Y L G L O G A N O I R U G N E B O R E

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128. Travel and Vacation Flicks

AIRPLANE!	RAIN MAN	R P G N I C N A D Y T R I D L A N E S N
AIRPORT	ROAD TO BALI	E T R A I A N T H E T E R M I N A L S U
BOUNCE	SIDEWAYS	D A S O M E L I K E I T H O T N B E D R
CITY SLICKERS	SOME LIKE IT	I R Y R A U T T O T R O P R I A O N I T
CON AIR	HOT	R O A D T O B A L I E O M O B I U A L H
DIRTY DANCING	STARMAN	Y T W I E S I N S S S G A I D T N L O G
EASY RIDER	THE TERMINAL	S B E E N S T I E E V E D M A O C P R I
GIDGET	THE TRIP TO	A N D T I M N C I T Y S L I C K E R S N
KALIFORNIA	BOUNTIFUL	E S I F A V A D O R I T E O G F H I I D
MIDNIGHT RUN	TITANIC	S F S W I L O N M A I N R O F I L A K I
POSEIDON	TWINS	L U F I T N U O B O T P I R T E H T S M

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"We cannot accept that the basic values of the European Union are being so seriously breached," he said.

"Anyone who, like Hungary, builds fences against refugees from war or who violates press freedom and judicial independence should be excluded temporarily, or if necessary for ever, from the EU." Asselborn said changing EU rules to make it easier to expel Hungary was "the only way of preserving the cohesion and values of the European Union."

Hungary built a razor-wire fence over 100 miles long last year to stem the flow of migrants entering the country, most of them en route to northern European nations from countries including Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan. More than 1 million migrants entered Germany last year.

Hungary will hold a referendum on October 2 on EU proposals to relocate asylum-seekers among member states using mandatory quotas, a plan that is opposed by the right-wing government of Prime Minister Viktor Orban.

Last month, a Human Rights Watch report said that Hungarian police and soldiers beat migrants and forced them back across the border to neighboring Serbia.

Also Tuesday, the Elders, a human rights group made up of global leaders and founded by Nelson Mandela, criticized an agreement by the EU to send migrants back to Turkey in return for financial aid.

The group said the deal was a "bad example" to other countries, was "morally dubious" and might be illegal under international law.

5.9 earthquake rattles Colombia's second city

BOGOTA, Colombia -- A shallow, 5.9 magnitude earthquake rattled residents of Colombia's second-largest city of Medellin on Tuesday night in the country's biggest tremor in over a year.

Colombia's natural disaster office said there were no immediate reports of damage or casualties. The U.S. Geological Survey said the quake struck shortly before 9 p.m. local time near the western town of Mutata. The tremor had a depth of 10 miles (4 kilometers) and was felt as far away as the capital, Bogota.

While the quake startled people relaxing at home it barely registered among soccer fans attending a match in Medellin between Atletico Nacional and Bolivar from Bolivia. Colombia is a seismically active country with a large potential for damage owing to its mountainous terrain and location along the Pacific Ocean ring of fire.

Swedish appeals court upholds Assange detention order

STOCKHOLM - A Swedish appeals court on Friday upheld a detention order for WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange, dismissing the latest attempt by the 45-year-old Australian to make prosecutors drop a rape investigation from 2010.

The decision by the Svea Court of Appeal means that the arrest warrant stands for the 45-year-old computer hacker, who has avoided extradition to Sweden by seeking shelter at the Ecuadorian Embassy in London since 2012.

Assange, who denies the rape allegation, has challenged the detention order several times. He says he fears he will be extradited to the United States to face espionage charges if he leaves the embassy.

His Swedish defense lawyer, Per Samuelsson, said he would appeal the decision to the Supreme Court.

"We are naturally disappointed that Swedish courts yet again choose to ignore Julian Assange's difficult life situation," Samuelsson told The Associated Press. "They ignore the risk that he will be extradited to the United States."

Swedish prosecutors say they are not in contact with counterparts in the U.S. and that they would also need Britain's permission should a third country seek his extradition. Upholding a lower court ruling, the appeals court said Swedish prosecutors are actively trying to move the investigation forward and set up an interrogation of Assange at the embassy. Acting on behalf of Swedish investigators, an Ecuadorian prosecutor is set to question Assange on Oct. 17.

"This means that there is at present no reason to set aside the detention order. Julian Assange's claim to that effect shall therefore be refused," the court said.

It also brushed aside the findings of a U.N. working group, which described his stay at the London embassy as "arbitrary detention." The court noted that the panel's finding wasn't binding on Swedish courts and that Assange's stay at the embassy "is not to be regarded as an unlawful deprivation of liberty."

The investigation stems from Assange's brief relationship with two women he met during a visit to Sweden six years ago. Allegations of sexual molestation and unlawful coercion were dropped last year when the statute of limitations expired. The rape allegation, which involves one of the women, will expire in 2020 if Assange hasn't been indicted by then.

Marianne Ny, the top prosecutor in the case, welcomed the court's decision and said the interrogation with Assange would go ahead as planned.

"I have handled many rape and sex crimes cases," she told AP. "I have never experienced before that someone sought shelter at an embassy. So this situation is really unusual."

National Toy Hall of Fame names 2016 finalists

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Meet the 12 toys that are finalists for 2016 induction into The Strong's National Toy Hall of Fame. They include such long-time favorites as the swing and coloring book.

But some more recent toys, such as Rock 'Em Sock 'Em Robots and Nerf, also are finalists. Two or three of the 12 will be inducted on Nov. 10, said Shane Rhinewald, spokesman for Strong.

"What they really show is the scope of play — from the swing to more modern action figures," he said.

Thousands of toys were nominated. A committee at Strong selected the finalists. That list will now go to a national selection advisory committee, which includes experts from various colleges.

National Toy Hall of Fame inductees "We are looking for iconic toys — instantly recognizable. And they have longevity," Rhinewald noted.

To date, 59 toys have been inducted into the National Toy Hall of Fame.

This year's 12 finalists are:

- Bubble Wrap. Created by accident in 1957 by two engineers who were attempting to develop a new kind of wallpaper.
- Care Bears. Began as a line of greeting cards in the early 1980s but evolved into a brand whose bears star in storybooks, television shows and games.
- Coloring Book. New York printer McLoughlin Brothers is credited with inventing the books that have enjoyed renewed popularity lately thanks to adult-oriented versions featuring complex designs.
- Clue. The game that invites players to solve a murder remains a best-seller nearly 70 years after its release.
- Dungeons & Dragons. The 1970s role-playing game featuring imaginary worlds of magic and monsters influenced today's computer game industry.
- Fisher-Price Little People. A wooden version first rode the Safety School Bus in 1959. The brightly painted figures were given arms and legs in the 1990s.
- Nerf. The foam balls safe enough to throw indoors were first produced in the 1960s.
- Pinball. The machines have long been a mainstay at bars, amusement parks and arcades, with players using flippers to launch steel balls through mazes.
- Rock 'Em Sock 'Em Robots. Competitors throw mechanical punches in an effort to knock the block off of their opponent's boxer.
- Swing. Found in ancient cave drawings in Europe and ceramic vases from Greece — and in playgrounds and backyards everywhere.

• Transformers. Hasbro's shape-changing action figures are featured in comic books, games, breakfast cereal and movies, the latest of which is due out in June.

• Uno. The 1971 game where players dispose of the cards in their hands has sold steadily for more than four decades.

Study: How the sugar industry lied about heart disease

Internal documents from the 1960s show a Harvard coronary heart disease study was probably skewed, according to a [study](#)

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from Nusra or "will suffer the consequences" of airstrikes.

Nusra recently said it changed its name to Jabhat Fatah al-Sham and severed its ties to al-Qaeda.

Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Mikhail Bogdanov said peace talks to resolve Syria's five-year civil war could resume next month, according to the Associated Press. A date would be set by the United Nations envoy to Syria, Staffan de Mistura, he said.

"If the talks fail, it will lead to a serious resumption of fighting, and Syria goes back to a darker place and we can't stop that," Kerry said. "The danger of these talks failing is that we can't get back to a united Syria that can pull itself back together."

Hundreds of thousands of people have been killed in the conflict, and some 11 million have been forced from their homes. Before the cease-fire began Monday, Assad said his government is committed to "freedom that starts with restoring security and safety, goes through reconstruction and ends with the independent national decision." He spoke after prayers marking the Muslim holiday Eid al-Adha in the battered city of Daraya, which the government recently retook from opposition forces, the Syrian Arab News Agency reported. The once-bustling city outside Damascus is now virtually abandoned, with rebel fighters allowed to retreat and civilians evacuated by the government.

Syrian opposition groups mostly said they would abide by the cease-fire, despite concerns it favored Assad's government. The hard-line Islamist group Ahrar al-Sham, however, fell short of signing off.

"A rebellious people who have fought and suffered for six years cannot accept half-solutions," the group's second-in-command, Ali al-Omar, said in a video statement translated by the BBC.

China says U.S. must take 'due responsibility' in NK nukes

China on Monday called for America to "take on its due responsibility" after North Korea carried out its fifth nuclear test.

The call came after Defense Secretary Ash Carter said China had an "important responsibility" for the latest test and called on it to pressure its neighbor after the North on Friday said it tested its largest nuclear warhead yet. China is the reclusive communist nation's largest trading partner. Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying told reporters Monday that Carter was "being too modest" and cited a Chinese saying, "Whoever started the trouble should end it," the Associated Press reported.

"I think the U.S. should go over the process of the development of the nuclear issue and earnestly work on a tangible and effective resolution," she added.

The North's official Korean Central News agency reported Monday that the U.S. wanted to cover "its criminal nature as a world nuclear proliferator and divert the attention of

the international community elsewhere," and said "the U.S. is prodding its allies into nuclear weaponization."

Also on Monday, South Korean officials said the North could be ready to carry out another nuclear test at any time.

South Korea has developed a plan to destroy Pyongyang by bombing in the event of signs of a nuclear attack, the South's Yonhap news agency reported Sunday.

North Korea's announcement that it successfully conducted a "higher level" test of a nuclear weapon drew immediate condemnation from the United States, South Korea, China and Japan. The U.N. Security Council held an emergency meeting on the matter.

President Obama condemned the test and promised new sanctions "to demonstrate to North Korea that there are consequences to its unlawful and dangerous actions."

The test was the North's second in eight months and its fifth since 2006. Pyongyang said it was of a nuclear warhead designed to be mounted on ballistic missiles and showed that it was prepared to strike enemies including the United States if provoked.

U.S. flexes muscle at North Korea, flying bombers over South Korea: reports

In a show of strength, the U.S. sent two supersonic B-1 Lancer strategic bombers to fly over South Korea on Tuesday as a response to North Korea's fifth nuclear test on last week, the Associated Press and Reuters reported.

An AP photographer spotted the B-1 bombers, escorted by U.S. and South Korean jets, as they flew over the Osan Air Base 75 miles from the North-South border.

According to AP, the bombers likely landed in their base in Guam.

The fly-over was scheduled Monday but was delayed due to weather conditions in Guam, Reuters reported.

It's a display of force following North Korea's fifth nuclear test on Friday, AP reported. The test supposedly involved "standardized" warheads, which raised concerns that the North is making progress in its weapons testing program.

U.S. Treasury Secretary Jack Lew said the country would keep pressure on North Korea, South Korea's Yonhap news agency reported. "They have done more testing both of nuclear weapons and of missiles in recent months in a way that has the world's attention clearly focused, and we will continue to sharpen financial tools as we can," he said. "The goal is to change the policy."

Super Typhoon Meranti takes aim on Taiwan, China

Clocking wind speeds of 190 mph, Super Typhoon Meranti, now the Earth's strongest storm of the year, is forecast to slide south of Taiwan on Wednesday before barreling into China.

The monster storm is the strongest recorded since 2013, when Super Typhoon Haiyan

killed more than 6,000 people in the Philippines.

As of late Tuesday afternoon (EDT), or early Wednesday morning Taiwan time, Meranti was centered about 300 miles south of Taipei, Taiwan, weather.com reported.

Meranti prompted Taiwan officials to evacuate nearly 1,800 tourists from offshore islands and close some schools and offices. The storm produced gusts of 230 mph Tuesday morning over open water, along with waves around 48 feet, the Joint Typhoon Warning Center said.

Though predicted to weaken somewhat as it approaches land, Meranti is still expected to bring flooding rain, damaging winds and dangerous storm surge to Taiwan, according to AccuWeather.

In Taiwan, Meranti's peak impacts will be Wednesday local time (Tuesday night and early Wednesday EDT), weather.com said. Rainfall totals could approach 30 inches in the mountains of Taiwan, and could lead to significant flash flooding and mudslides, AccuWeather Meteorologist Adam Douty said.

Taiwan's Central Weather Bureau issued a typhoon warning for central and southern parts of the country, including Tainan City and Kaohsiung City, weather.com reported.

Some Taiwan residents, especially those in remote areas, are not well prepared to withstand the typhoon's strong gales, the *China Post* newspaper reported. Xianglan Village in Taitung, battered badly by Typhoon Nepartak in July, has not yet been fully reconstructed, the paper said.

Nepartak made landfall on the southeastern shore of Taiwan as a Category 4 super typhoon with top sustained winds of 150 mph in July, killing three people.

Sustained winds of 100 mph to 120 mph are likely when Meranti nears the shore on Wednesday, resulting in downed trees and power outages, AccuWeather warned. Ferry service has already been suspended in some areas.

After impacting Taiwan, the storm will move toward mainland China by Thursday, where the potential remains for Meranti to make landfall with winds equivalent to that of a Category 3 hurricane, Douty said.

As of Tuesday afternoon U.S. time, the typhoon recorded at least 185-mph winds for 24 straight hours, a feat only matched by one other typhoon since 1970, according to meteorologist Phil Klotzbach of Colorado State University.

A typhoon becomes a "super typhoon" when sustained wind speeds reach 150 mph.

Call for Hungary to be kicked out of EU over refugee stance

Luxembourg's foreign minister on Tuesday called for Hungary to be kicked out of the European Union for treating refugees "worse than wild animals."

Jean Asselborn called for a temporary or permanent expulsion for the central European country in an interview with the German newspaper *Die Welt*.

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WHAT LANGUAGE?

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19. ROMANIAN

20. RUSSIAN

21. SPANISH

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5. CHINESE

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3. CHEESE
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5. COFFEE
6. COOKIE
7. CRACKER
8. CUSTARD
9. DATES
10. FRUIT
11. GINGER-
BREAD
12. ICE CREAM
13. JAM
14. JELLY ROLL
15. KUMQUATS
16. LEMONADE



17. MACAROONS

20. RAISINS

18. MELBA

21. TARTS

TOAST

19. PRALINE

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JESSE JACKSON



African Americans vote overwhelmingly for Dems not because we reject the Republican Party but because the RP rejects us.

Is the Black Vote 'Captured'?

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

In recent elections, about 90% of the black vote has gone to Democrats. Chideya cites Professor Paul Frymer of Princeton, who argues that politicians focus their appeals on swing voters, particularly "moderate, disaffected whites in the middle — whether you call them soc-

cer moms or NASCAR dads."

Chideya also cites two recent studies on how well black interests are represented in government. A 2015 report from the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies concluded that "black voices are less equal than others when it comes to policy." And a 2015 law review article by Professor Nicholas Stephanopoulos of the University of Chicago Law School "found that black support for Congressional legislation actually decreased its chances of passage."

Are blacks voting against their own interests? Are they a "captured group" who would be better off if they weren't so pro-Democrat?

African-American voters are neither fools nor inherently Democratic partisans. When Lincoln Republicans were leading the fight for the freedom amendments after the Civil War — the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments — African-Americans voted overwhelmingly with Republicans. Blacks began voting Democratic when FDR launched the New Deal and stood with poor and working people in the Great Depression. When Democratic Dixiecrats fought to sustain legal segregation, many African-Americans in the South voted Republican. Dr. Martin Luther King's father was a Republican.

But then, after Lyndon Johnson pushed through the Voting Rights Act and the Great Society, Republicans — beginning with

Richard Nixon's Southern strategy and continuing with Ronald Reagan and beyond — used racial dog-whistle politics to consolidate their party in the white South. The party of Lincoln became the party of Jefferson Davis.

Now African-Americans vote overwhelmingly for Democrats not because we reject the Republican Party but because the Republican Party rejects us. If we vote our interests, we have little choice but to vote against a party that has systematically tried to undermine and constrict the right to vote, that votes against affordable housing, against expanding Social Security and against poverty programs.

Republicans have led the fight against a living wage. They oppose efforts to curb gun violence in our cities by blocking background checks and repealing the ban on assault weapons. They vocally undermine enforcement of equal employment laws and anti-discrimination measures. Their Supreme Court nominees gutted the Voting Rights Act, and their legislators have blocked efforts to restore it. They have consistently voted against any plan to rebuild our cities, reinvest in infrastructure and put people to work. They oppose efforts to ease the student loan debt that burdens too many African-Americans.

Blacks vote against Republicans in overwhelming numbers because Republicans are overwhelmingly campaigning against our core interests. Republicans can appeal to black

voters but only if they reach out and change their policy positions. As former New Orleans Mayor Mark Morial told Chideya, "A chicken can't root for Colonel Sanders."

Arguably, the real "captured group" of voters are the poor and working-class white voters who vote Republican. That vote is surely against their economic interests. Republicans have won their votes by appeals to race, to religion and to conservative social issues, but they never deliver. Liberal social movements for equality — the civil rights movement, the women's movement and the gay rights movement — continue to make progress. And working and poor white people continue to lose ground economically. Now polls suggest that they favor Donald Trump for president, someone who opposes lifting the minimum wage, opposes empowering workers to organize, opposes expanding Social Security, wants to repeal health care reform and vows to cut taxes on the rich and corporations.

African-Americans aren't a captured bloc of voters. We are people who are voting our interests — and looking for allies. Republicans have to decide if they want to continue to push off against us or begin to reach out to us.

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MY SAVANT TAKE !!!

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and Larry Kudlow, SENIOR CONTRIBUTOR CNBC...
Host Todd used the whole hour, ON AIR TIME -
To blatantly IN THE PUBLIC FACE - Prosecute Hillary
Clinton's case pertaining to FRIDAY, OCT 28, 2016,
FBI Directors Letter to Congress Notice of Newly
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FBI Director. Their key word defense is "it's
UNPRECEDENT" to release such information dur-
ing a Presidential Race. I will address this below.

EMAIL CONTROVERSY AND FBI DIRECTOR JAMES COMEY

CLINTON TEAM LOVED MR COMEY LAST SUMMER BUT
ATTACK HIM VICIOUSLY IN FALL!!

Host Todd viciously prosecuted Hillary's case
to NBC Justice correspondent Pete Williams and
VPC RZN candidate Mike Pence! Must he re-
lease more information and NO EVIDENCE OF CLINTON
'S WRONGDOING ETC...

The Panelist all joined in one voice with host
Todd except amazingly Mr. Kudlow.

Then guest Presidential candidate (I-Utah)
EVAN McMULLEN...

Who Labeled both Hillary and Trump (R, NY)
as: "Corrupt"!!!

Mr. Kudlow wisely and skillfully and properly
challenged his characterization as to Trump (R, NY);
Why do you say Mr. Trump is corrupt?

No rational response.

Mr. Kudlow: Broken laws ~ "That's what
corruption essentially means" ~

When Mr. Kudlow: Prosecuted Mr. Trump's
way to win the Election, Host Todd Chabruptly
cut him off, and pivoted to Trump's alleged
potential lawsuit against the women claiming he
commit sexual misconduct!!!

The Host and other Panelist Literally
shouted down and attacked the lone Mr. Kudlow.

WHAT'S "UNPRECEDENTED"??

What's unprecedented is a Presidential
Candidate suspected of being "crooked"!!!

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BY SALIM MUWAKKIL

The Paradox of Bernie and the Black Voter

ONE OF THIS ELECTION SEASON'S MOST STRIKING developments is Sen. Bernie Sanders' inability to attract black voters to a campaign that speaks more directly to their needs than any major candidate's in recent memory—if ever. Even Jesse Jackson's pioneering campaigns failed to challenge the economic foundations of white supremacy like Sanders does.

Some argue, then, that a vote against Sanders is an abandonment of black voters' best interests. Scholar-activist Cornel West attributes the black electorate's preference for Hillary Clinton to "an addiction to the familiar"—and black leadership's support of Clinton to "moral cowardice."

Despite West's hyperbolic tendencies, Sanders' campaign made him a liaison to black voters. But his highly charged criticism of President Obama (West has called him a "pimp" and "a black puppet of corporate plutocrats") have won him few fans among folks still smitten with the first black president.

In the South, Sanders needed a surrogate with a "gospel accent." Using West for this purpose reveals the campaign as either tone-deaf to black cultural nuances or so desperate for high-profile black support that it doesn't care. Other black Sand-

ers surrogates—activist-actor Danny Glover, rapper Killer Mike, the iconic Harry Belafonte—were enlisted to bolster his racial bonafides but instead gave the campaign a bookish, boutique character.

Certainly they failed to pierce Hillary Clinton's firewall of Southern black support. She carried margins of 7 to 1 or more among black voters. That support likely stems from her history as first lady of Arkansas, hazy nostalgia for the boom days of the Clinton '90s and her embrace of the beloved Obama. (The possibility of electing the first female president could also be a factor: Women comprise 66 percent of the black electorate.) Sanders does only a bit better with Northern black voters, winning roughly 30 percent in Michigan, Ohio and Missouri.

Many are perplexed by what they see as black Americans' perverse allegiance to Clinton. Michelle Alexander, author of *The New Jim Crow*, for example, argued in a widely

discussed *Nation* essay that Clinton doesn't deserve black support. Alexander notes that the Clintons "presided over the largest increase in federal and state prison inmates of any president in American history."

Others are not so perplexed. Glen Ford of Black Agenda Report, argues that black people "tune Sanders out, because their main purpose for voting in national elections is to keep the White Man's Party, the Republicans, out of the White House, and believe Clinton has a better shot." Ford is on target. Although he bemoans this tendency, it has been honed by centuries of hard-earned experience. The *New York Times*' Charles Blow calls it "functional pragmatism."

When Ta-Nehisi Coates gently chided Sanders for excluding reparations from his policy demands, the senator's supporters went ballistic. Cedric Johnson in *Jacobin* and Paul Street in *Counterpunch* launched attacks that recalled those '70s ideological screeds denouncing black nationalists as "bourgie" class traitors.

The significance of these ideological nuances made an appearance during the Flint, Mich., debate when Sanders' response to a question about his "racial blind spots" implied that only black people live in "ghettos" and that most black people were poor.

It was a minor, verbal gaffe. But it might have revealed a bit of Sanders' worldview. His conflation of black America with the lumpenproletariat, a Marxist-Leninist conceit widely held during the Black Panther Party era, the time of Sanders' ideological formation, but one that can elide the specificities of racial oppression and the subtleties of class divisions in the black community.

Sanders has been trying hard to update his rhetoric to be more attentive to issues of white supremacy. He effectively incorporated an early encounter with Black Lives Matter protesters into a more inclusive campaign platform.

But his gaffe also played into an ongoing squabble among progressives about the role of race in class struggle (or the role of class in racial struggle). That issue has been rancorously debated for the better part of a century now. Despite the historic campaign Sanders has run, we still don't seem any closer to resolving it. ■



Cornel West's enthusiasm hasn't been enough to get the black community excited for Sanders.

COP APOLOGIZES FOR MINORITY MISTREATMENT

By: Ernesto R. Rodriguez 10/23/16

In the Lansing State Journal 10-19-16 you published a wonderful article of about Police Chief Terrence Cunningham addressing the International Association of Chiefs of Police in San Diego who said, "The first step ...is for law enforcement to acknowledge and apologize for the actions of the past and the role that our profession has played in society's historical mistreatment of communities of color..."

Racism (The White Supremacists Groups) have caused over 850.000 deaths in the civil war over slavery and thousands more die daily since the end of the civil war at the hands of racism which includes racists policemen. If racism is allowed to continue, we will destroy America as we know it today. Racism will never make America great under any circumstances.

If we continue to hide our historical prejudices and refuse to bring the issue to the negotiating table , nothing will be solved, and there will be more and more violence. We need more people like Mr. Terrence Cunningham to make America great again. Erasing racism is like watering your garden—you can make beautiful flowers grow—we reap what we sow!

A handwritten signature or set of initials in black ink, appearing to be 'ER' followed by a long horizontal line.

Cop apologizes for minority 'mistreatment'

Head of police chiefs' group says officers must build trust

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An apology for the role police officers played "in society's historical mistreatment of communities of color" issued by the president of the International Association of Chiefs of Police quickly drew mostly positive reviews from advocacy groups and other law enforcement officials.

IACP leader Terrence Cunningham, speaking Monday at his group's annual conference, said laws adopted at the federal, state and local level in the past required officers to perform "unpalatable tasks" such as ensuring legalized discrimination.

"While this is no longer the case, this dark side of our shared history has created a multigenerational, almost inherited, mistrust between many communities of color and their law enforcement agencies," Cunningham said.

He said most officers had nothing to do with those practices and find it difficult to understand the mistrust felt by many minority citizens. Work must be done to build trust, he said.

"The first step in this process is for law enforcement and the IACP to acknowledge and apologize for the actions of the past and the role that our profession has played in society's historical mistreatment of communities of color," Cunningham said. "At the same time, those who denounce the police must also acknowledge that today's officers are not to blame for the injustices of the past. If either side in this debate fails to acknowledge these fundamental truths, we will be unlikely to move past them."

Al Sharpton, who heads the National Action Network, welcomed the apology. NAN issued a statement saying Sharpton "will urge officers around the United States to back his words up with action and legislation to protect



Terrence Cunningham addresses the International Association of Chiefs of Police meeting Monday in San Diego.

"The first step ... is for law enforcement to acknowledge and apologize for the actions of the past and the role that our profession has played in society's historical mistreatment of communities of color."

Terrence Cunningham, IACP president

communities of color from the onslaught of police misconduct that has disturbed the country."

The NAACP's Legal Defense Fund tweeted: "Good 1st step. Some next steps: require anti-bias training; discipline officers who engage in bias policing."

Delrish Moss, who took over as police chief of Ferguson, Mo., this spring, also was positive. Ferguson made headlines two years ago when officer Darren Wilson, who

is white, fatally shot unarmed black man Michael Brown. The shooting sparked protests across the nation.

Moss, who is black, told the Associated Press he had negative encounters with police when he was growing up.

"There are communities that have long perceived us as oppressors, there are communities that have long perceived us as the jackbooted arm of government designed to keep people under control, and that's one of the things we have to work hard to get past," Moss told AP. "I'm glad it's being addressed (by the IACP) because the only way to get past it is to first acknowledge the existence of it."

Chuck Canterbury, national president of the Fraternal Order of Police, released a statement saying apologies don't address issues such as urban decay, unemployment and homelessness.

Lt. Bob Kroll, head of the Police Officers Federation of Minneapolis, objected to Cunningham's statement.

"Our profession is under attack right now and what we don't need is chiefs like him perpetuating that we are all bad guys in law enforcement," Kroll told the AP.