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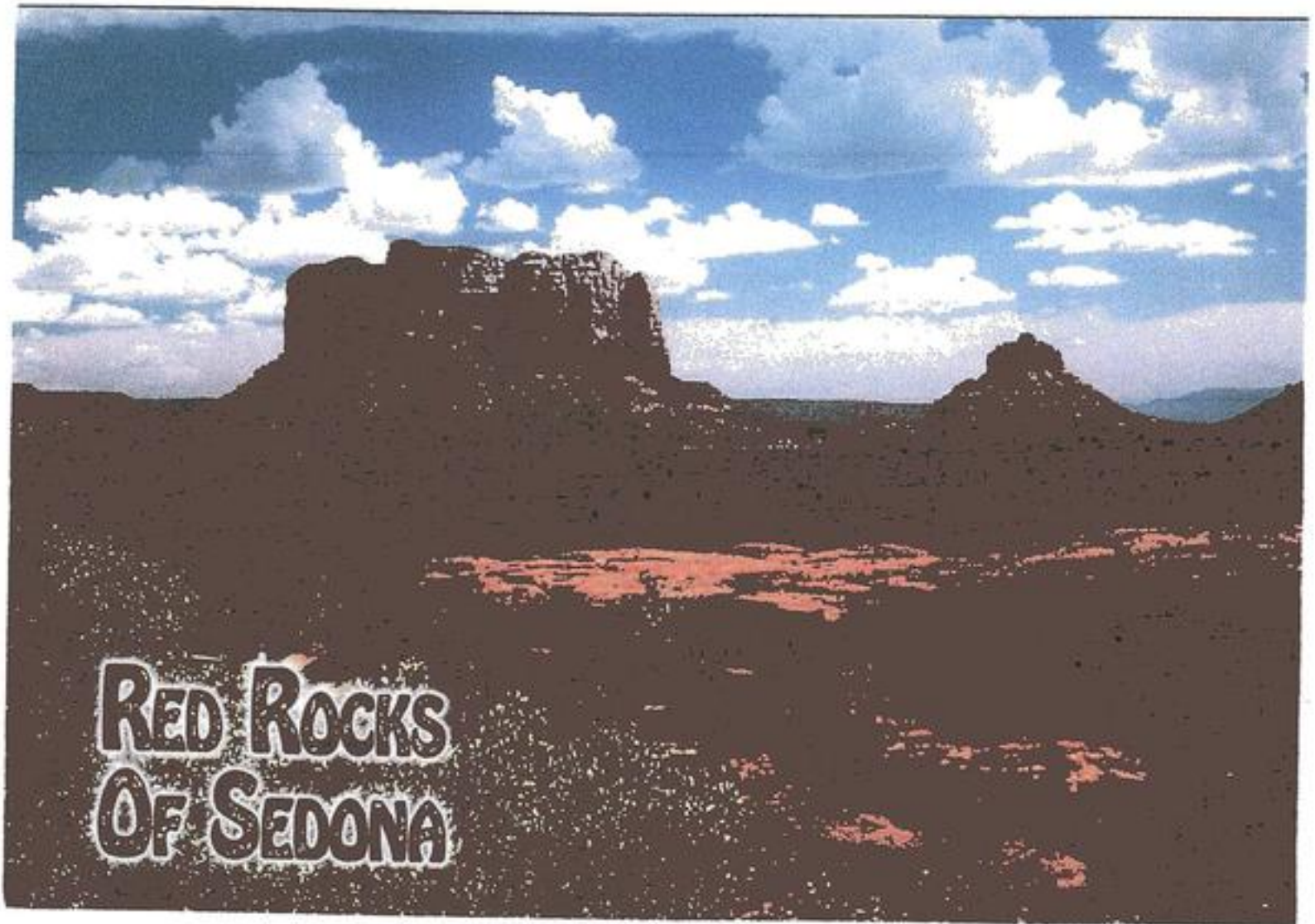
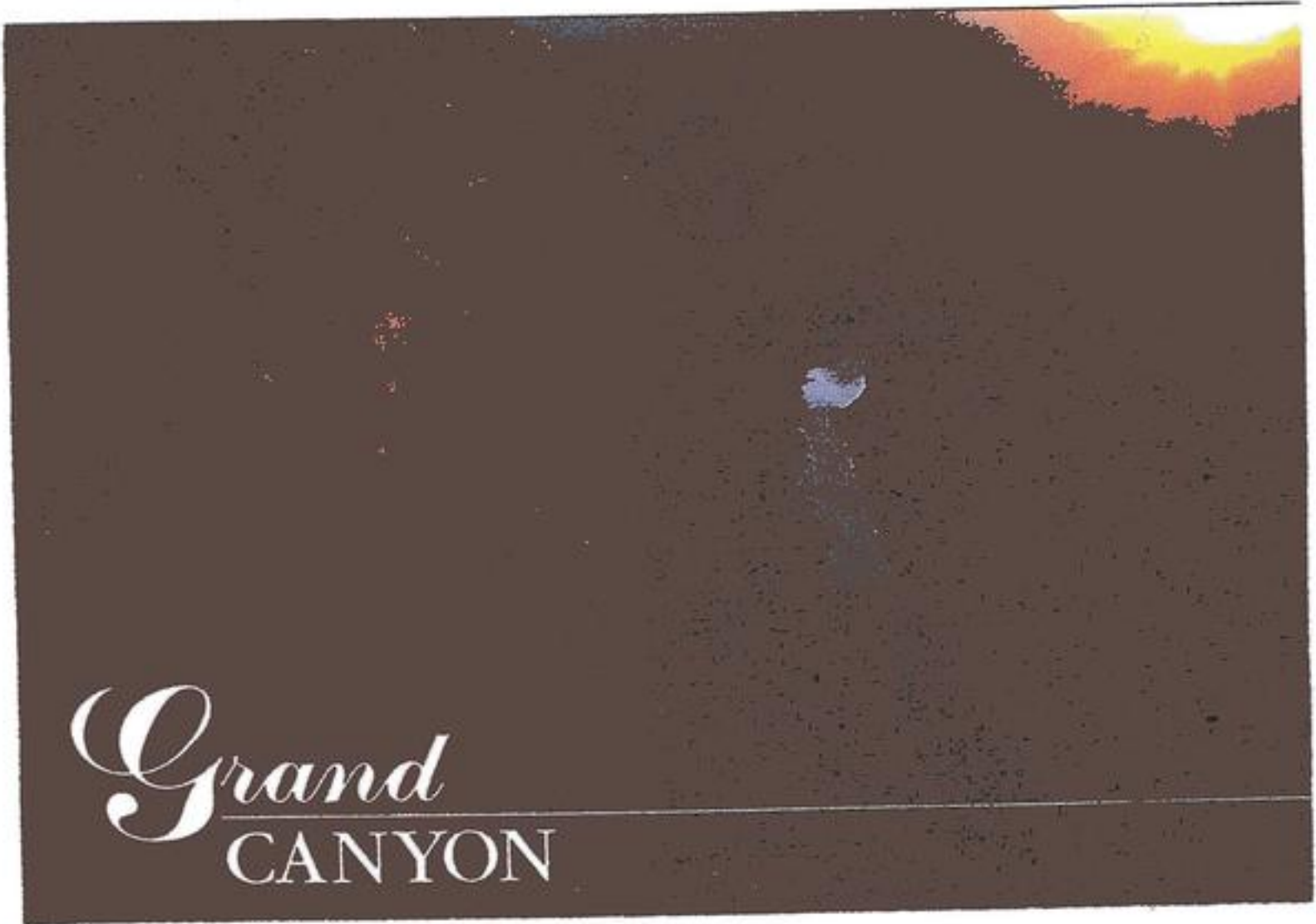
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GOOD MAN, ALL! KAEPERNICK!!!!!!

cast (Ronnie Stanley, Will Fuller, C.J. Proise) in last year's draft. But if Kizer can put it all together under Hue Jackson's tutelage, especially his accuracy and decision making, it's certainly plausible that Cleveland may have finally solved its long-standing problem.

53. Detroit Lions — Teez Tabor, CB, Florida: He didn't run well at the combine and was even worse at his pro day, and those performances may have dropped him from first-round consideration. But Tabor is a two-time all-SEC performer who promises to be much better in a football uniform than spandex for a defense that gave up 33 passing TDs in 2016.

54. Miami Dolphins — Raekwon McMillan, LB, Ohio State: A decent athlete and good player who solidifies a pedestrian linebacking corps. McMillan could challenge Koa Misi to start on the strong side of a defense that finished 30th against the run last year.

55. New York Giants — Dalvin Tomlinson, DT, Alabama: New York always favors deep talent on its defensive line, and Tomlinson certainly checks that box. The Giants also had a need after Johnathan Hankins' recent defection to the Colts.

56. Oakland Raiders — Obi Melifonwu, DB, Connecticut: He's got freakish athleticism (4.4 40-yard dash, 44-inch vertical leap, 11 feet-9 inch broad jump — the latter two figures combine bests in 2017), especially given his 6-4, 224-pound build. A four-year starter at UConn, Melifonwu is willing to play outside corner, slot or safety. Raiders DC Ken Norton will surely find an ideal home for him in a secondary that needs help. Melifonwu's ability to quickly diagnose plays and react will have to improve while he's taking a huge step up in competition level.

57. Houston Texans — Zach Cunningham, LB, Vanderbilt: At 6-3, 234 pounds, he isn't exactly a thumper, but Brian Cushing and Benardrick McKinney have that covered in Houston. But Cunningham is very good athlete who racked up tackles for the Commodores. He might start out playing mostly on passing downs.

58. Seahawks — Ethan Pocic, OL, LSU: A center for the Tigers, he could assume that role in Seattle and allow Justin Britt to go revert to tackle or guard. Blocking had to be a priority for the Seahawks after the abuse QB Russell Wilson absorbed last year as well as the running game's unusual ineffectiveness.

59. Kansas City Chiefs — Tanoh Kpassagnon, DE, Villanova: A sculpted athlete at 6-7 and 289 pounds who could develop into a special base end for K.C.'s three-man front. Of African descent, he told USA TODAY Sports' Tom Pelissero, "I wasn't the greatest player ever when I started. I just liked playing. It was my way of making friends here. It was really good for me all around. I just stuck with it and I'm here today."

60. Dallas Cowboys — Chidobe Awuzie, CB, Colorado: After losing four key defensive backs during free agency, including both starting corners, this is a gift for Dallas. Awuzie is excellent in the slot, though Orlando Scandrick effectively usually plays inside. Regardless, Awuzie is a talent who will doubtless step into the starting lineup somewhere.

61. Packers — Josh Jones, S, North Carolina State: He put on a show at the combine (4.41 40-yard dash, 37½-inch vertical). At 6-1, 220 pounds, Jones is an enforcer but no liability in coverage, which is key as Green Bay continues upgrading its shaky secondary.

62. Pittsburgh Steelers — JuJu Smith-Schuster, WR, Southern California: A very tough player whose name is typically linked to Anquan Boldin's as a comparison. Smith-Schuster's production dropped in 2016, yet he gleefully noted USC's resurgence as a program and was only too happy to be part of a winner. He can make chain-moving catches for Ben Roethlisberger when coverages have rolled toward Antonio Brown and/or Le'Veon Bell. A good insurance policy, too, as Martavis Bryant works his way back from suspension.

63. Bills (from Atlanta Falcons) — Dion Dawkins, OL, Temple: Buffalo jumps back into Round 2, apparently with the intent of plugging Dawkins into its right tackle spot. At 6-4, 314 pounds, he's an impressive specimen who should also create wider rush lanes for Shady McCoy.

64. Panthers (from New England Patriots) — Taylor Moton, OL, Western Michigan: After surrounding QB Cam Newton and his surgically repaired wing with two multi-dimensional backs, GM Dave Gettleman gets to work bolstering the blocking. Moton could get a shot at right tackle now that Mike Remmers has moved on.

ROUND 3-7 NEXT WEEK

Charles could give Broncos much-needed juice

The buzz word around the Denver Broncos facility recently has been juice. The Broncos' offense needed an infusion of it this offseason, whether in the draft or via free agency. If Jamaal Charles proves to be fully recovered from the knee ailments that derailed both his 2015 and '16 seasons with the Kansas City Chiefs, that's some significant juice for the Broncos' offense. Charles, who signed a one-year deal with Denver on Tuesday, gives Denver's offense flexibility it was lacking with its running back corps that previously included starter C.J. Anderson, who is coming off a knee injury of his own, second-year player Devonate Booker and rookie sixth-round pick De'Angelo Henderson.

Kaepernick hands out old suits outside parole office

NEW YORK (AP) — Former 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick has yet to find another NFL job, but he's donating some of his old suits in order to help others find work. Video and pictures from social media show Kaepernick standing outside a New York City parole office with two boxes of custom-made suits. An Instagram post by Kaepernick's "Know Your Rights Camp" campaign says the suits will make parolees "better equipped to achieve gainful employment" and "live more productive lives."

Kaepernick has been active in social justice efforts while trying to find his next stop in the NFL.

His decision to sit or kneel in protest during the national anthem ahead of 49ers games last season became a topic of national conversation.

Lonzo Ball's shoes cost a ridiculous \$495
Former UCLA star Lonzo Ball didn't score a shoe deal with Nike, Adidas or Under Armour, but that didn't stop his father, LaVar, from developing a signature shoe with his own Big Baller Brand. On Thursday, Slam Online unveiled the BBB ZO2 sneakers, and the shoes look fine. But that price tag certainly jumped out. The ZO2 sneakers will go for an absurd \$495 with a \$995 autographed option on the BBB website. For context, the LeBron XIV go for \$175 on the Nike website. Ball, who could be the top pick in the NBA draft, hasn't played an NBA game and is asking for \$320 more. The slides even go for \$220. Yahoo! Sports' The Vertical reported this week that LaVar was seeking a \$200 debut shoe. He's found a way to double that.

Celtics take Game 1 over Wizards behind Thomas' 33

BOSTON (AP) — Isaiah Thomas had 33 points and nine assists, and the Boston Celtics made 19 3-pointers to beat the Washington Wizards 123-111 Sunday and take a 1-0 lead in their Eastern Conference semifinal matchup. Thomas played just a day after attending the funeral for his sister, who died in a car accident earlier this month outside of Tacoma, Washington. Al Horford added 21 points, 10 rebounds and nine assists. Jae Crowder finished with 24 points. The Wizards were more energetic at the outset, jumping out to a 16-0 advantage and leading by as many as 17 points. But the Celtics rallied in the second quarter with Thomas briefly sidelined after getting one of his two front teeth knocked out.

Jazz flatten Clippers 104-91, win 1st-round series 4-3

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The young Utah Jazz have grown up quickly. Gordon Hayward scored 26 points and the Jazz eliminated the Los Angeles Clippers on Sunday with a 104-91 victory, closing out the first-round series 4-3 to earn the franchise's first postseason victory since 2010. "We've been through some pretty hard downs," said Hayward, a seventh-year veteran. "It definitely feels really good to go

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thunderous hits and sideline-to-sideline range to the table and can give San Francisco a nasty identity. But after a diluted drug sample and temper tantrum at the combine — not to mention a flagged shoulder issue, per NFL Network — he's got some things to clean up off the field.

32. Saints (from New England Patriots) — Ryan Ramczyk, OT, Wisconsin: He's short on experience but enhances the protection in front of aging QB Drew Brees, 38.

Ramczyk's arrival does raise some questions. Will he play inside, or might he allow incumbent RT Zach Strief, who sometimes struggles on the edge, to kick inside. Either way, a good pick-up for the long and short run.

ROUND 2

33. Green Bay Packers (from Cleveland Browns) — Kevin King, CB,

Washington: A big (6-3, 200), athletic defender, King would help remedy the secondary woes that sunk the Pack in the NFC Championship Game. He looks like an ideal Seattle corner, too, but comes off the board right before the Seahawks were originally scheduled to pick.

34. Jacksonville Jaguars (from San Francisco 49ers via Seattle Seahawks) —

Cam Robinson, OL, Alabama: The Jags enlisted support for QB Blake Bortles in Round 1 by taking RB Leonard Fournette. Now they move up one slot to get additional help for both players by reinforcing the offensive line with Robinson, a left tackle in college who seems likely to start his pro career at guard. But if Robinson proves he can handle NFL edge rushers, maybe he takes over for new LT Branden Albert in the not-too-distant future.

35. Seahawks (from Jaguars) — Malik McDowell, DT, Michigan State: Interesting choice here. There's no denying McDowell's talent improves the effectiveness and depth of Seattle's D-line as he's arguably the best defensive tackle in the whole draft. However there have been questions about his motor and football desire, so he'll have to quickly answer the naysayers amid a team culture based on competitive spirit.

36. Arizona Cardinals (from Chicago Bears) — Budda Baker, DB,

Washington: He and Tyrann Mathieu will help form what's becoming a very kinetic secondary. Baker plays with a ferocity atypical of a 5-10, 195-pound defensive back. He will fly into any area of the field to make a play in run support or coverage. He'll probably need to pack on some more weight to survive as an NFL safety. Thankfully, his skill set should also allow him to thrive as a nickelback in the interim.

37. Buffalo Bills (from Los Angeles Rams) — Zay Jones, WR, East Carolina: Their

wideout room was raided of depth this offseason, and holdover Sammy Watkins hasn't exactly proven reliable from a durability perspective. Jones certainly did in college, where he became the all-time FBS leader for receptions (399), including a mind-

boggling single-season record 158 (13.2 per game) in 2016. His speed and hands should make him a starter Day 1. His father, Robert Jones, and uncle, Jeff Blake, both played in the NFL for at least a decade.

38. Los Angeles Chargers — Forrest Lamp, OL, Western Kentucky: An excellent college tackle likely to man an interior position as a pro, Lamp is another asset obtained for QB Philip Rivers after WR Mike Williams went in Round 1. Lamp could immediately replace departed D.J. Fluker at guard.

39. New York Jets — Marcus Maye, S, Florida: The Jets suddenly have a new safety tandem, with Maye teamed with first rounder Jamal Adams. Maye was a versatile piece to the Gators' standout secondary and seems to always be around the ball. His acquisition further fuels rumors the Jets are looking to deal former first rounder Calvin Pryor.

40. Carolina Panthers — Curtis Samuel, WR, Ohio State: Think Percy Harvin. Samuel can play in the slot or backfield. His 4.31 time in the 40-yard dash at the combine was overshadowed by John Ross but nevertheless is indicative of big-play ability. Samuel and first rounder Christian McCaffrey form quite a versatile duo with a certain amount of interchangeability, not to mention insurance neither is overused.

41. Minnesota Vikings (from Cincinnati Bengals) — Dalvin Cook, RB, Florida State: It seems pretty clear questions about wear and tear on his body and potential off-field red flags got him barred from the first round. But Cook, the Seminoles' all-time leading rusher, is a do-it-all back now part of a potent committee with newly signed Latavius Murray. Good news for the Vikes, who ranked dead last in rushing offense in 2016. A great home-run threat for QB Sam Bradford, who threw a ton of checkdowns last year.

42. New Orleans Saints — Marcus Williams, S, Utah: They continue revamping the pass defense, which was the NFL's worst in 2016. An explosive player, Williams joins first rounder Marcus Lattimore as New Orleans hopes to stem the bleeding in a pass-heavy division.

43. Philadelphia Eagles — Sidney Jones, CB, Washington: He might have been the No. 2 corner in this draft had he not been waylaid by an Achilles tear during his pro day. Still, he might be ready to play in the latter half of the upcoming season and seems like a pretty good value for a team that desperately needs corners.

44. Rams (from Bills) — Gerald Everett, TE, South Alabama: A highly athletic player who would surely have been a mismatch even if he wasn't playing against Sun Belt competition. Everett could be a nice intermediate target for QB Jared Goff amid a corps of receivers that lacks a standout. A former hoopster, Everett could be a star if he puts it all together.

45. Bears (from Cardinals) — Adam Shaheen, TE, Ashland: This 6-6, 278-

pounder could not be contained on the Division II stage, where he overmatched the competition on his way to accumulating 26 TDs over the last two seasons. Shaheen also has a basketball background and should post up quite a few linebackers with his huge body before escaping some with surprising 4.79 speed. Must navigate a large learning curve in the NFL, but maybe he and new QB Mitchell Trubisky will jell into a deadly combo in the Windy City.

46. Indianapolis Colts — Quincy Wilson, CB, Florida: New GM Chris Ballard continues overhauling a secondary that picked off just seven passes in 2016 and ranked 27th in pass defense. Wilson should start opposite Vontae Davis with first-round S Malik Hooker backing them up.

47. Baltimore Ravens — Tyus Bowser, OLB, Houston: They had to get younger on the edge after releasing Elvis Dumervil and with Terrell Suggs now 34. Bowser is explosive but inconsistent but will get the opportunity to learn from quite a mentor in Suggs.

48. Bengals (from Vikings) — Joe Mixon, RB, Oklahoma: Maybe not a stunner since the Bengals have a longstanding reputation for taking in players with checkered histories. Mixon's heinous assault of a woman in 2014 (caught on video) is infamous, and Cincinnati should prepared for a PR hit. From a football standpoint, he might be the best back in the draft, a dual threat (1,274 yards rushing last year, 538 receiving) who could immediately supplant Jeremy Hill and Gio Bernard atop the depth chart.

49. Washington Redskins — Ryan Anderson, OLB, Alabama: They needed another pass rusher given the secondary's struggles, not to mention Trent Murphy's four-game suspension to start the 2017 season. Anderson had 8½ sacks for the Tide in 2016.

50. Tampa Bay Buccaneers — Justin Evans, S, Texas A&M: At 6-0, 199 pounds, he's not the biggest guy in the bunch yet is athletic, aggressive and fearless. Probably not someone suited to playing in the box very extensively at the NFL level, but the Bucs may not ask him to, either.

51. Denver Broncos — DeMarcus Walker, DE, Florida State: He had 25 sacks over his final two years with the Seminoles and could be a real factor in sub packages as learns the professional ropes. At 6-4, 280 pounds, it's probably a stretch to think he can be an every-down linebacker and could be too light to be a base end. Nevertheless, he should earn an important role as a rookie.

52. Browns (from Tennessee Titans) — DeShone Kizer, QB, Notre Dame: Apparently the value was too good to pass up here after the Browns steered clear of Carson Wentz last year and Deshaun Watson last night. Kizer, an Ohio native, has all the talent in the world and has even been mentioned in comparison to Cam Newton. However he was far less effective in 2016 after losing the best parts of his supporting

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Son"!!! — in marrying Lady Meghan Markle —
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US MAGAZINE . COM / THE MAKING OF A PRINCESS
COVER STORY [W/PIC] MAY 1, 2017, P. 38 [W/PICS].

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SHARING WITH OUR UNIVERSE !!!

"TRUMP FIRES ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL WHO DEPIED HIM"

Former AG Sally Q. Yates, is set to appear before Congressional [Senate] committees' purportedly investigating Russia's involvement in USA 2016 Presidential Elections. — To Testify. Tomorrow!

A.G. SALLY Q. YATES
WAS THE BEST PERSON
ON TRUMP'S OUT OF DATE "TEAM"!

she gave Trump Competent Legal Counsel That his Executive Muslim Ban Order was Un-Constitutional.

Later, the courts upheld her sound opinions.

She warned him about Mr. Michael Flynn's Improper Russia Connections.

Later, Mr. Trump found her concerns valid, and ostensibly "FIRED" and exiled Mr. FLYNN!

"BAD SIGN" IN THE PRESENT
"OVAL OFFICE" !!!

Does Mr. Trump comprehend how to handle sound objective counseling?
OR, WILL IT GROW?
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ACTING AG SALLY Q. FEB. 03, 2017

Protests erupt at U.S. airports over ban on refugees

Protests erupted at airports around the nation Saturday as Americans reacted in outrage to President Trump's sweeping order that banned people from seven Muslim-majority countries from entering the U.S. and suspended the nation's refugee program. More than 120 people gathered at Newark Liberty International Airport clutching signs denouncing the executive order, alongside lawyers who rushed to airports to defend the rights of refugees, immigrants and green-card holders, among others, who were being detained and denied entry.

"This banning of people based on religion is not constitutional and it's not what we are about," said Yamandou Alexander of Jersey City, who hurried to Newark airport when he found out about the demonstration.

At the airport, attorneys stood by to help those in need. Attorney David A. Isaacson, who practices primarily immigration law in New York, said he learned of a Syrian citizen with a green card who arrived from Germany at around 4 p.m. was still being questioned two hours later, as his daughter waited for him to be released.

A Rutgers student who went to visit her ill mother in Syria and was on her way back also was having problems getting back into the country, said attorney Ayanna Lewis-Gruss. She said the student's host family reached out to attorneys at the airport after the woman was stopped on a layover in Paris and was not allowed to fly to Newark.

The protests on Saturday were organized spontaneously and grew throughout the day as news spread about the far-reaching impact of Trump's order. There were reports about legal residents detained at borders, stranded in other countries and in some cases deported. At the same time, refugees who had gone through years-long approvals to come to the U.S. were also being barred. As word spread, protests were organized too in other cities including Chicago, Denver and Dallas, as well as Dulles airport in northern Virginia. Protesters in Newark cheered around 9 p.m. ET after hearing that a federal court judge in Brooklyn had granted an emergency stay that put Trump's executive order on hold. The judge's order barred officials from deporting approved refugees and anyone who arrived in the U.S. with a valid visa from one of the seven countries singled out in the ban. It was unclear how quickly the order might affect people in detention.

At John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York, more than 1,000 people gathered by Saturday evening as word spread of the protest.

"I was in disbelief. I just had to jump in my car and head out here," said Hillary Frileck, of Brooklyn.

"This is what really scares me. This resonates with me. One person (who was detained) works for us. These people have visas. It's important for us to speak up. We have to rise

up. We can't just lay on our couches and think things will be OK."

"No ban. No wall."

#JFKTerminal4pic.twitter.com/kcFbrMjz1p — Keldy Ortiz (@KeldyOrtiz) January 28, 2017

Emily Witt of Brooklyn said she viewed the ban as a "bad moral decision" especially given that it was Holocaust Remembrance Day.

"Like everyone else, I'm just shocked and afraid," she said. "I didn't think I would see this. It's a rebuke to us. Once you start registering people because of their beliefs, it's the first step toward a country that goes against American values, where our right to free speech and freedom of religion and freedom of expression is threatened."

Sara Cullinane, director of Make The Road New Jersey, which organized the demonstration in the Newark, said they chose the airport because it's one of the hubs for the arrival of refugees who are then relocated to different parts of the country.

"We are all learning about the order means and how it will be interpreted," she said. In Chicago, thousands

of demonstrators gathered at O'Hare International Airport to protest the Trump order.

Matt Pryor, a spokesman with the International Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP) said more than a dozen people, including several with green cards, were detained at O'Hare International Airport as a result of Trump's executive order.

After the stay was issued in New York, Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel called on the federal government to immediately release those being detained in his city.

At 10:21 pm, IRAP attorneys said every traveler at O'Hare held under the Trump order had been released.

Pryor said IRAP attorneys identified one Syrian woman who arrived in Chicago and was stopped by immigration officials and sent back to Saudi Arabia, where she currently lives, before a U.S. district judge in New York issued a stay Saturday night, preventing such deportations.

The woman, who had a visa, came to visit her mother in Indiana, who had been diagnosed with breast cancer and was recovering after surgery.

At Los Angeles International Airport, bewildered travelers carrying their luggage stared at the nearly 200 protesters, who shouted, "No Trump, No KKK, No fascist USA," as they entered the Tom Bradley International Terminal.

Mohammed Al Rawi, 34, of Long Beach was among the protesters.

Al Rawi said his father, Qassim, was traveling from Baghdad to Qatar and was about to board a plane headed to Los Angeles when he was stopped by a representative of the airline.

"That gentleman took his passport and then they came back with an American gentleman who introduced himself as a representative of

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the U.S. Embassy in Qatar and told him his visa is no longer valid," Al Rawi said.

Al Rawi said his father and 30 other passengers were placed in a room for over 10 hours. His father was then sent on a plane back to Baghdad.

"He is just exhausted and devastated," Al Rawi said. "He was very excited to see his grandchildren. ... He hasn't seen them in almost two years."

At least 40 people gathered Saturday night at Sky Harbor International Airport in Phoenix to stand in solidarity with individuals arriving from London on a British Airways flight.

Sky Harbor officials declined to say whether any immigrants had been detained at the Phoenix airport, referring information requests to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Officials at the federal agency could not be reached for comment Saturday.

American Civil Liberties Union of Arizona officials said they were not aware of anyone being detained at Sky Harbor.

Jill Bernstein said she got home from errands Saturday afternoon and saw news of people protesting at JFK International Airport in New York and decided to invite 250 people on Facebook to join her at the gate of the international flight into Phoenix. She said she didn't even know most of the people who joined her.

"I just figured if we don't stand up whenever we have the opportunity to stand up then we are screwed," Bernstein said.

The group grew by two or three people every few minutes over an hour. The British Airways flight landed at 6:20 p.m.

Some passengers walking by the group gave shouts of solidarity to the protesters, while others shouted support for Trump.

Robert Burridge, 74, walked to the crowd and began crying. He had just returned from Mexico and said he wished he had been in the U.S. to be part of the marches following Trump's inauguration.

"Walking into this is so unexpected," Burridge said. "I'm so proud to be here again."

Trump Fires Acting Attorney General Who Defied Him

WASHINGTON — President Trump fired his acting attorney general on Monday night, removing her as the nation's top law enforcement officer after she defiantly refused to defend his executive order closing the nation's borders to refugees and people from predominantly Muslim countries.

In an escalating crisis for his 10-day-old administration, the president declared in a statement that Sally Q. Yates, who had served as deputy attorney general under President Barack Obama, had betrayed the administration by announcing that Justice Department lawyers would not defend Mr. Trump's order against legal challenges.

The president replaced Ms. Yates with Dana J. Boente, the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, saying that he would serve as attorney general until Congress acts to confirm Senator Jeff

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Sessions of Alabama. In his first act in his new role, Mr. Boente announced that he was rescinding Ms. Yates's order.

Monday's events have transformed the confirmation of Mr. Sessions into a referendum on Mr. Trump's immigration order. Action in the Senate could come as early as Tuesday.

Not sure which is more hypocritical, the Justice Department's acting AG's sudden interest in the rule of law or the left's newfound respect...

Ms. Yates's order was a remarkable rebuke by a government official to a sitting president, and it recalled the so-called Saturday Night Massacre in 1973, when President Richard M. Nixon fired his attorney general and deputy attorney general for refusing to dismiss the special prosecutor in the Watergate case.

Mr. Boente was sworn in at 9 p.m., according to White House officials, who did not provide details about who performed the ceremony.

In a statement, Mr. Boente pledged to "defend and enforce the laws of our country."

At 9:15 p.m., Ms. Yates received a hand-delivered letter at the Justice Department that informed her that she was fired. Signed by John DeStefano, one of Mr. Trump's White House aides, the letter informed Ms. Yates that "the president has removed you from the office of Deputy Attorney General of the United States."

Two minutes later, the White House officials lashed out at Ms. Yates in a statement issued by Sean Spicer, the White House press secretary.

"Ms. Yates is an Obama administration appointee who is weak on borders and very weak on illegal immigration," the statement said.

The firing of Ms. Yates came at the end of a turbulent three days that began on Friday with Mr. Trump's signing of his executive order. The action stranded travelers around the world, led to protests around the country and created alarm inside the bureaucracy.

Ms. Yates, like other senior government officials, was caught by surprise by the executive order and agonized over the weekend about how to respond, two Justice Department officials involved in the weekend deliberations said. Ms. Yates considered resigning but she told colleagues she did not want to leave it to her successor to face the same dilemma.

By Monday afternoon, Ms. Yates added to a deepening sense of anxiety in the nation's capital by publicly confronting the president with a stinging challenge to his authority, laying bare a deep divide at the Justice Department, within the diplomatic corps and elsewhere in the government over the wisdom of his order.

"At present, I am not convinced that the defense of the executive order is consistent with these responsibilities, nor am I convinced that the executive order is lawful," Ms. Yates wrote in a letter to Justice Department lawyers.

Mr. Trump's senior aides huddled together in the West Wing to determine what to do.

They decided quickly that her insubordination could not stand, according to an administration official familiar with the deliberations. Among the chief concerns was whether Mr. Sessions could be confirmed quickly by the Senate.

After Reince Priebus, the White House chief of staff, received reassurances from Senator Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, the Republican leader, that the confirmation was on track, aides took their recommendation to Mr. Trump in the White House residence. The president decided quickly: She has to go, he told them.

The official statement from Mr. Spicer accused Ms. Yates of failing to fulfill her duty to defend a "legal order designed to protect the citizens of the United States" that had been approved by the Justice Department's Office of Legal Counsel.

"It is time to get serious about protecting our country," Mr. Spicer said in the statement. He accused Democrats of holding up the confirmation of Mr. Sessions for political reasons. "Calling for tougher vetting for individuals traveling from seven dangerous places is not extreme. It is reasonable and necessary to protect our country."

Former Justice Department officials said the president's action would send a deep shudder through an agency that was already on edge as officials anticipated an ideological overhaul once Mr. Sessions takes over. One former senior official said that department lawyers would be unnerved by the firing. Democrats, meanwhile, hailed Ms. Yates as a principled defender of what she thought was right. Senator Chuck Schumer of New York, the Democratic leader, said in a statement that the "attorney general should be loyal and pledge fidelity to the law, not the White House. The fact that this administration doesn't understand that is chilling."

Mr. Boente has told the White House that he is willing to sign off on Mr. Trump's executive order on refugees and immigration, according to Joshua Stueve, a spokesman for the United States attorney's office in Alexandria, Va., where Mr. Boente has served as the top prosecutor since 2015.

Mr. Boente, who has been a prosecutor with the Justice Department for 31 years, had no hesitation about accepting the acting attorney general's job given his "seniority and loyalty" to the department, Mr. Stueve said in a telephone interview on Monday night.

As acting attorney general, Ms. Yates was the only person at the Justice Department authorized to sign applications for foreign surveillance warrants. Administrations of both parties have interpreted surveillance laws as requiring foreign surveillance warrants be signed only by Senate-confirmed Justice Department officials. Mr. Boente was Senate-confirmed as United States attorney and, though the situation is unprecedented, the White House said he was authorized to sign the warrants.

Ms. Yates's decision had effectively overruled a finding by the Justice Department's Office of Legal Counsel, which had already approved the executive order "with respect to form and legality."

Ms. Yates said her determination in deciding not to defend the order was broader, however, and included questions not only about the order's lawfulness, but also whether it was a "wise or just" policy. She also alluded to unspecified statements the White House had made before signing the order, which she factored into her review. Mr. Trump initially responded to the letter with a post on Twitter at 7:45 p.m., complaining that the Senate's delay in confirming his cabinet nominees had resulted in leaving Ms. Yates in place.

The Democrats are delaying my cabinet picks for purely political reasons. They have nothing going but to obstruct. Now have an Obama A.G.

— Donald J. Trump (@realDonaldTrump)
Jan. 31, 2017

The 1973 "Saturday Night Massacre" led to a constitutional crisis that ended when Robert H. Bork, the solicitor general, acceded to Mr. Nixon's order and fired Archibald Cox, the special prosecutor.

Ms. Yates, a career prosecutor, is different because she is a holdover from the Obama administration. She agreed to Mr. Trump's request to stay on as acting attorney general until Mr. Sessions is confirmed to be attorney general.

AP: Trump's voter fraud expert registered in 3 states

SAN FRANCISCO — A man who President Donald Trump has promoted as an authority on voter fraud was registered to vote in multiple states during the 2016 presidential election, the Associated Press has learned. Gregg Phillips, whose unsubstantiated claim that the election was marred by 3 million illegal votes was tweeted by the president, was listed on the rolls in Alabama, Texas and Mississippi, according to voting records and election officials in those states. He voted only in Alabama in November, records show. In a post earlier this month, Phillips described "an amazing effort" by volunteers tied to True the Vote, an organization whose board he sits on, who he said found "thousands of duplicate records and registrations of dead people."

Trump has made an issue of people who are registered to vote in more than one state, using it as one of the bedrocks of his overall contention that voter fraud is rampant in the U.S. and that voting by 3 to 5 million immigrants illegally in the country cost him the popular vote in November.

The AP found that Phillips was registered in Alabama and Texas under the name Gregg Allen Phillips, with the identical Social Security number. Mississippi records list him under the name Gregg A. Phillips, and that record includes the final four digits of Phillips' Social Security number, his correct date of birth and a prior address matching one

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DATED: MAY 07, 2017

FREE SOUTH AFRICA !!!

ZUMA MUST GO !!!

THE NEW BOSS SAME AS THE OLD BOSS / THE WHO

POSTED: LEON ZIRBY DATED: MAY 7, 2017

SHARING WITH THE UNIVERSE !!!

TRUMPnado !!!

UPDATE:

WHY I FAKE VOTED FOR TRUMP

"TO RAISE PROTEST MUSIC FROM
THE BANK VAULT !!!!!!

Rock & Roll

Rock's New Protest Era
How Rihanna, Bruce and hundreds more
musicians are taking on Trump agenda //

BY STEVE KNOPPER
ROLLINGSTONE.COM / Rock & Roll
FEBRUARY 23 - MARCH 9, 2017, P.P. 13-14

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BALL OF CONFUSION!!!

TO: HELL WITH THE DNC !!!

UPDATE:

A Revolution Deferred
BY COLE STRANGLER

IN THESE TIMES.COM

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"How the Democratic Establishment beat back
Keith Ellison's DNC bid."

The Democratic Party must rid itself of
The CLINTONS, e.g. See Hillary ON NBC NEWS.COM
NIGHTLY NEWS, Wed, May 3, 2017, 5:30 P.M. CST,
AND Obama.

Clinton cannot accept she can not be
elected President. Her NEGATIVES are too HIGH!!

She lost in 2008 and 2016!!!

The only one Obama would fight- 2008-
2016 IS CITIZEN RANNEY!! [E.g. "He is a
Jackass!!!"]

AKA "AN AMERICAN DREAM TOO FAR"!!!

AS I CORRECTLY WARNED YOU ALL IN 2014,
AFTER EIGHT-YEARS OF THE "FIRST BLACK PRESIDENT"
- WHITE AMERICANS WOULD FURTHER ELECT-
" ANOTHER FIRST."! THEY REVERT BACK TO A WHITE
MALE!

ANY ONE THOUGHT THEY WOULD DO SO
IS SADLY LIVING IN THE AMERICA DREAM - NOT
THE AMERICA REALITY!! SEE BELOW, P.

Hillary IN THE PART OF ACTIVE RESIST-
ANCE IS THE EXTENDED 2016 ELECTION TO TRUMP
[OR REPUBLICAN PRESIDENT] 2020 RE-ELECTION!!

NOW!!! ASAP! GET RID OF CLINTON
AND OBAMA!!!

#SAVE THE UNIVERSE

HILLARY CLINTON

"PRESUMPTIVE DEMOCRATIC PRES. NOMINEE"

California to pick up another load of beekeeping supplies, his 14th trip this spring. "A lot of people I know are actively working toward a solution," said Gerard Schubert, president of the East Central Wisconsin Beekeepers Association. "Once you know what you're up against, you can begin to solve it. But it's going to take time."

But Hansen's California suppliers are also feeling strained. This season, Hansen ordered four semi-tractor trailer loads — about \$1 million in bees — but was told he could order just three trailers.

As beekeepers in Wisconsin and elsewhere have become more reliant on importing colonies, the price for bee packages has risen. It cost Palkovich about \$1,000 this year to import her hives - that's \$143 per bee package - to re-stock all seven of her hives, which cuts into profits from the honey she sells.

Twelve years ago, each package cost her about \$40. She worries she may have to abandon beekeeping if the cost of re-stocking surpasses shop income, she said.

Educating beekeepers

Are Wisconsin beekeepers hurtling toward a future that relies on imports alone?

Gerard Schubert, president of the East Central Wisconsin Beekeepers Association, doesn't think so. Bees of the future, he said, will be bred with better genetics that may help them resist diseases and the Varroa mite. Until then, though, beekeepers require education to keep their hives thriving, he said.

Because this drop in bees has been well publicized, more people are opting to raise their own colonies. And when these upstart beekeepers don't do enough to weed out the mite, diseases can spread through their hives and to other beekeepers' hives. A healthy hive can pick up the mite while pollinating in its three-mile radius, the typical territory of a hive.

Treating the mite with oxalic acid, a chemical found in rhubarb, or treatment strips sold at some hardware stores can help control mites, Schubert said.

Planting more wildflowers and other plants that bees pollinate may help stem losses, too, Schubert said.

Because the practice of beekeeping is changing so quickly, sustaining hives has become nearly trial and error. Until the situation gets under control, many Wisconsin beekeepers will continue to import.

"A lot of people I know are actively working toward a solution," Schubert said. "Once you know what you're up against, you can begin to solve it. But it's going to take time."

NASA: Fireball in Arizona sky was an asteroid

PHOENIX -- The boom and flash of light that broke the predawn quiet and lit up the sky early Thursday, was a small asteroid, about 10 feet in diameter, that entered the Earth's atmosphere above Arizona, according to NASA officials.

Scientists estimated that the object was moving at more than 40,000 mph when it sped across the Arizona sky shortly before 4 a.m.

There were no immediate reports of damage. "If Doppler radar is any indication, there are almost certainly meteorites scattered on the ground north of Tucson," a spokesman from NASA's Meteoroid Environment Office said in a statement released Thursday afternoon. The Arizona Geological Survey's seismic network picked up an impact near Payson, and the agency believes that it marks the detonation of the asteroid.

More than 140 people have reported the "bright fireball" that illuminated the sky around 3:57 a.m. Thursday to the American Meteor Society, a spokesman said. Very bright meteors, also referred to as "fireballs," occur quite frequently over oceans and other inhabited areas but are usually not visible in daylight, the society said.

Dust and meteorites fall to Earth's surface daily, according to the NASA statement, with between 80 and 100 tons of material entering the atmosphere each day.

The object on Thursday was seen primarily from Arizona, but several other witnesses in Utah, New Mexico, California, Texas and Nevada said they saw the fireball as well, the society stated on its website.

Two Chicago men were driving east on Interstate 40 near Kingman for their weekly visit to Arizona for work when one of them captured video of the object on a GoPro. Mark Olhava said he was sleeping when he woke up to his co-worker's stunned reaction — his co-worker had just witnessed the asteroid and his camera had captured it all. Olhava said he immediately downloaded the video and watched it. His video has since been used for several news media accounts from across the state and serves as a key visual to what happened early Thursday.

"He told me when it happened that you could see it coming from a distance and he said it felt like an hour but it happened within seconds," Olhava said.

"I have to admit, it was pretty cool."

According to the American Meteor Society, up to several thousand meteors are in the Earth's atmosphere each day; however, the rarity of the fireball is determined by how bright it is — the brighter the meteor, the rarer it is.

Paul Ryan rips Trump comments as 'textbook definition of racist'

House Speaker Paul Ryan on Tuesday delivered a forceful rebuke of Donald Trump's suggestions that a judge may be biased against him because of his Mexican Heritage.

"I disavow these comments," Ryan said. "Claiming a person can't do the job because of their race is sort of like the textbook definition of a racist comment. I think that should be absolutely disavowed. It's absolutely unacceptable."

But the Wisconsin Republican, who endorsed Trump last week, said he still supports him.

"Do I believe that Hillary Clinton is the answer? No, I do not," he said. "I believe that we have more common ground on the policy issues of the day and we have more likelihood of getting our policies enacted with him than we do with her."

The remarks reflect the difficult balancing act that lay ahead for Ryan and other Republicans in the coming months with the ever-unpredictable Trump at the top of the party's presidential ticket.

Ryan offered a litany of criticisms of Trump's comments, calling them "indefensible" and "wrong-headed" and urging Trump to back away from them because it would be the "mature and responsible thing."

"And the thinking behind it is something I don't even personally relate to," Ryan said. "But at the end of the day, this is about ideas, this is about moving our agenda forward." He made the remarks at a press conference announcing House Republicans' policy prescriptions for combating poverty, the first of several areas in a platform they hope will unite the party. Ryan said he has had "exhaustive" conversations with Trump about the policies and is confident Trump will likely embrace them.

"I see it as my job as Speaker of the House to help keep our party unified," he said. "I think if we go into the fall as a divided party, we are doomed to lose."

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., didn't go as far as Ryan in condemning Trump's remarks, but he told reporters on Capitol Hill Tuesday that Trump perhaps should be talking instead about the economy, Obamacare and "other issues the American care about."

"In addition to that, it's time to quit attacking various people you competed with or various minority groups in the country and get on message," McConnell said. "He has an opportunity to do that. This election is eminently winnable. The American people at their core do not want four more years like the last eight. And so I hope that is what he'll do. We're all anxious to hear what he may say next."

AP: Clinton is presumptive Democratic presidential nominee

Hillary Clinton is the Democratic Party's presumptive presidential nominee, according to the Associated Press, securing enough support from superdelegates to push her over the top on the eve of the final round of state primaries.

Both AP and NBC News reported Monday night that a sufficient number of superdelegates had indicated their support for Clinton to guarantee she will have the 2,383 delegates needed at the party's July in convention in Philadelphia to win the party's nod.

Clinton, a former secretary of State, U.S. senator and first lady, becomes the first woman to lead a major-party presidential ticket.

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MONDAY JUNE 6, 2016

Robby Mook, Clinton's campaign manager, issued a statement suggesting the campaign thinks the call by the news organizations is premature since it was based on additional new votes from superdelegates, the party officials and activists who have a vote at the convention and can support a candidate regardless of primary results. Superdelegates have been a source of controversy from the beginning of the nominating contests when her rival, Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, contended that they gave her an unfair early advantage.

"This is an important milestone, but there are six states that are voting Tuesday, with millions of people heading to the polls, and Hillary Clinton is working to earn every vote. We look forward to Tuesday night, when Hillary Clinton will clinch not only a win in the popular vote, but also the majority of pledged delegates," said Mook.

Clinton drew within 25 delegates of the nomination after the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico voted over the weekend. The newly minted presumptive nominee is planning a victory party Tuesday night in Brooklyn after the results from primaries in New Jersey and California, which the campaign believes will give her an overwhelming lead in both pledged delegates and the popular vote. Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota and South Dakota also hold Democratic contests Tuesday.

"We are on the brink of an historic, unprecedented moment, but we still have work to do, don't we?" Clinton said at a rally Monday night in Long Beach, Calif. "We have six elections tomorrow and we're going to fight hard for every single vote, especially right here in California."

In a tweet following the AP announcement, Clinton said she was "flattered" but urged voters in the six states holding contests Tuesday to get out to vote.

We're flattered, @AP, but we've got primaries to win. CA, MT, NM, ND, NJ, SD, vote tomorrow! <https://t.co/8t3GpZqc1U>
— Hillary Clinton (@HillaryClinton) June 7, 2016

That message was echoed by her husband, former president Bill Clinton, who tweeted, "what she said."

What she said. Let's have a great turnout tomorrow! <https://t.co/c76EUt3RZA>
— Bill Clinton (@billclinton) June 7, 2016

The Clinton campaign is cautious about declaring victory after Sanders has repeatedly vowed to fight all the way to the party's convention in July in Philadelphia.

Speaking in Los Angeles days ago, he said it "will be a contested convention." The early call may fuel hard feelings among Sanders and his supporters, who've repeatedly complained that the system is "rigged."

Michael Briggs, a Sanders spokesman, issued a statement saying "it is unfortunate that the media, in a rush to judgement, are ignoring the Democratic National Committee's clear statement that it is wrong to count the votes

of superdelegates before they actually vote at the convention this summer."

"Secretary Clinton does not have and will not have the requisite number of pledged delegates to secure the nomination," said Briggs, noting that superdelegates "can change their minds" before the July convention. "Our job from now until the convention is to convince those superdelegates that Bernie is by far the strongest candidate against Donald Trump."

Everest explorers: Trash, bad behavior threaten mountain

RENO — A recent ascent of Mount Everest exposed climbers Cory Richards and Adrian Ballinger to some of the most exclusive and spectacular views on the planet.

It also provided a close-up view of some of the biggest controversies on the world's biggest peak — litter, safety breakdowns and bad behavior.

"The good far outweighs the bad, but there are issues," Ballinger said. "If those things aren't regulated or managed, those issues will become greater and greater."

Ballinger, of Olympic Valley, Calif., and Richards, of Boulder, Colo., recently returned from their attempt to summit the mountain without the aid of supplemental oxygen. Richards made the summit, Ballinger turned back just a few hundred meters short of the peak.

It was the first Everest attempt for Richards, who was already considered one of the best mountaineers in the world. Ballinger, who had summited six times previously with supplemental oxygen, is recognized as a respected Everest guide. He's also the owner of Alpenglow Expeditions, a guiding company on the mountain.

Their constant social media updates provided unprecedented coverage of an Everest expedition as it unfolded. And for the most part the updates celebrated the epic terrain and monumental challenge of the mission. But they also identified human-caused safety and environmental problems on the mountain. And in subsequent interviews the climbers worried that litter, unsafe climbing decisions and theft and other bad behavior threaten the sanctity of the mountain and future expeditions.

"N. Side #Everest same problems as S. Side w/ cut-rate operators. Trash and human waste in camps + needless accidents," Ballinger tweeted during the expedition.

After descending to base camp Ballinger elaborated on the tweet during an interview by satellite phone. Problems he cited included trash left behind, stolen oxygen bottles and people commandeering tents that belong to other people.

"That to me is just a complete affront to the mountain and it is going to ruin it north side and south side," he said.

Specifically, Ballinger, said another group stole six oxygen bottles his camp stored in reserve in case of emergency. Also, on the return down the mountain they found people had used the tents they had fixed at three of

four camps. At least one of the tents was damaged by a squatter, he said.

Richards said he was troubled by apparent safety problems. There were six deaths on the mountain around the time Richards and Ballinger were climbing.

"People were overzealous with their attempts at getting people to the summit," Richards said. "That, to me, is inexcusable."

Also Everest ER, which is operated by the Himalayan Rescue Association, reported a 2% to 3% increase in frostbite cases.

The organization, which reported seeing about 300 patients during the seven-week season, said crowding contributed to oxygen related issues.

"Yesterday a few climbers visited for care after descent," an Everest ER blog post stated. "They described long waits on fixed lines, during which time they used more of their oxygen than they budgeted."

To Richards the instances of frostbite were evidence that guided expeditions need a stronger emphasis on safety.

"The monetary value of putting someone on the summit is not worth that person losing fingers or toes," he said.

Ballinger said many of the problems can be attributed to guiding companies charging costs so low they don't have the money to maintain proper safety and cleanliness standards.

"One of the ways those guys cut costs is they don't bring enough Sherpa power to do the work on the mountain," Ballinger said. "The Sherpa aren't bad, there just aren't enough of them to do the work. So corners essentially get cut."

Ballinger said the Chinese government, which controls access on the north side, where he and Richards climbed appears to be taking a greater interest in Everest. The south side is in Nepal, which is less developed. For example, the north side now has a paved road to base camp and the Chinese government is also constructing rail access. To access base camp on the Nepal side requires a 10-day walk.

Ballinger said he's hopeful the Chinese, who have more resources than Nepal, will expand on their efforts with greater environmental and safety regulations.

"China is really looking at the north side of Everest as a really important tourist destination," he said. "They want the mountain to be pristine and special and important."

Meanwhile, Nepal is struggling to cope with famine and a government that's in perpetual crisis.

"When they are struggling with those types of issues, I can understand why Everest climbers are not their priority," Ballinger said.

Although Richards and Ballinger were clearly troubled by some of the decisions and activity on the mountain, Everest blogger Alan Arnette said that, if anything, conditions on the mountain are improving.

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PRESIDENT 2012

No! No!

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Barack H. Obama

Marc Rubio

TED CRUZ [UPDATED: 5-3-2016]

ALL FOREIGNERS

ALL HELL NO!!!

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AN AMERICAN DREAM TOO FAR

After our first American Black President, Americans is apparently a long way from, as is said, experimenting with yet another "FIRST"; First woman, First Cuban President.

It's back to the "SAMENESS" offered in Vice President Joe Biden or Sen. (R.KY.) Ron Paul.

Hillary and her elitist supporters are caught up in not "a fairy tale" but an American Dream Too Far.

BY: ACHY OBEJAS "Seeing Reds"
IN THESETIMES.COM DECEMBER 2013, P. 16

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#EVERYBODY IS TALKING !!

I AM TALKING ABOUT CBS.COM / THE TALK
TALKING ABOUT DR. BILL COSBY, PHD IN "HOT
TOPICS" ON APRIL 28, 2017, FRI. 11 P.M. ET.

IN DEFENSE OF DR. BILL COSBY, WHO HAS
NOT BEEN FAIRLY TRIED AND CONVICTED OF
A CRIME, EXCEPT IN HOLLYWOOD!!!!

UPDATE: Cohost Alisha Tyler, [I am Not Black,
I am Alisha Tyler, aka, I am Not Black
I am O.J.J.!!! Whom only love and marry
white men!

And Cohost Sheryl Underwood, is
richly paid to DEMON and de-
stroy Black Race.

HOW LONG!!!

Therefore both viciously "High Tech Lynched"
Bill for untold purported rapes!

Their obvious Mala en se intention were to
silence Bill's wonderful daughter Pled on be-
half of her father!!! God bless her!!!

Alisha declared Kayne West and Bill can

LOFZ

Never Return!!!

"TELL ME HOW DO YOU LOVE!!!"

POMPOUS A-- Sheryl Said: "The Community"
[What "Community" she speaks for won't I.D.!?] won't
Accept Bill back.

See Bill, 79, "wants to perform!"

"HOT TOPICS"
"CAN BILL COSBY MAKE A Comeback?"

Bill never left. After his JUNE 2017 Jury
Trial VERDICT: DISPENSATION [Bill with
simply return to the stage [Remember Bill
was packing in the White audiences and left
That stage to a stand ovation!!!] for an endless
ENCORE and standing ovation.

JUSTICE DELAYED IS DENIED!!!

Bill is now BLIND!!! Bill's Real and T.V.,
Wives closest to this man, still support him!!!
HELL YEA!!!

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: MAY 7, 2017
2012

THAT'S WHAT PEOPLE SAY!!!

WHAT DOES SHE SEE IN THAT GUY?
IN a world of Tom and Gisele, where the cheerleader always seem to go for the QB, seeing successful, strong, stunning women choose a partner without Ken-doll look gives every guy hope, **HEATHER HAVRI-LESKY** reveals why many women find the UNCONVENTIONALLY HANDSOME MAN — or sometimes the average Joe — the best catch of all.

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WHAT I SAY!!!

Above too: SUPERFICIAL!!!

They choose what they see in their own
"LOOKING GLASS"!!!!!!

#MONEYCANTBUYMELOVE!!!

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: MAY 06, 2017

SHARING WITH OUR UNIVERSE !!!

UPDATE: SHOUT-OUT OUTSIDE THE WALLS
TO: HARVEY, I AM A LAWYER
TMZTV LIVE . Com

ACTOR MISCHA BARTON

MARCH 16, 2017

YOU ARE EVIL ENSE ! Why and who
MUST SEE TAPE OF ACTOR BARTON OSTENSIBLY
EXPERIENCING SOME KIND OF A "BAD TRIP"
at her Home !!! ?

Mr. Shakespeare is reported to have
bemoaned: First let's Lock-up in Hell
ALL of the Lawyers!!!

PRAYER:

I pray to God you find the Decency
to leave this Angel alone and let her
and our sick society to HEAL!!!!

AMEN

#IMAGINE

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That's harassment

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GOOD NEWS !!!

UPDATE:

FROM DEATHROW TO JOHNNY DEPP'S
HOLLYWOOD MANSION, ...

SHOUT-OUT OUTSIDE THE WALLS TO:
DAMIEN ECHOLS

Latest sightings on April 18, 2017,
NBCNEWS.COM/NIGHTLY NEWS, 5:30 PM CST,
was with Activist Johnny Depp protesting
State Murder in Arkansas ... !!!

THANK YOU!

FOR YOUR SUCCESS [MAKING IT] !!!

FOR acting to save specific G-LIVES !!!

FOR LOOKING BACK !!! HER. 13:1-3

RAGE ON!

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

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: MAY 04, 2017

GOOD NEWS!!

FROM DEATHROW

MORE GOOD NEWS !!!

OLD NEWS

UPDATE:

Paradise Lost
The child Murders
at Robin Hood Hills

The "West Memphis Three,"
a group of teens serving time
for the 1993 slaying of three
boys in Satanic ritual, became
a cause célèbre thanks to this
explosive - and graphic - 1996
documentary. Two sequels ex-
plore [and graphic] - (sic) their
imprisonment and, at last, release.
AMAZON Prime, HBO Now)

SEE US MAGAZINE.COM / NOW ON VIDEO
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DAMIEN ECCHOLS PLUS 2 LIBERATION EPIC

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TRUMP NADOR !!!

DONALD J. TRUMP (R, N.Y.) PRACTICALLY
DEVASTATED THE BUSH FAMILY DYNASTY...

Tragic Billy Bush, whom NBC.NEWS.COM/
TODAY, STILL ... FIRED IS YET LOOKING FOR
TV WORK; SEE BELOW, p. 2

ON JANUARY 20, 2017, MR. TRUMP GOT
NEW GIG IN THE WHITE HOUSE.

SEE ABC.COM / THE VIEW / HOT TOPICS
BILLY BUSH APRIL 19, 2017 WED. 10:AM. CST

GO BILLY BOY GO!!!

BY: LEON IRBY

NBC NEWS FIRES BILLY BUSH AFTER LEWD TRUMP TAPES AIRS

Legs and Ain't Gonna Bump No More (With No Big Fat Woman).

Journey

The lineup of this San Francisco-based band has frequently shifted since its heyday in the late '70s and '80s, but its 1981 power ballad *Don't Stop Believin'* remains a quintessential karaoke pick.

Kraftwerk

The hugely influential synth-rock outfit, founded in Düsseldorf in 1970 by Ralf Hutter and Florian Schneider, has shaped every electronica-shaded act of the past 40 years.

MC5

The Lincoln Park, Mich., natives courted controversy with incendiary 1969 debut album *Kick Out the Jams*, which includes fan favorites *Motor City is Burning*, *Ramblin' Rose* and the title track.

Pearl Jam

Voted the greatest American rock band ever in a [2005 reader poll](#) at usatoday.com, the Eddie Vedder-fronted grunge group wrapped a North American tour this summer, which included festival stops at Bonnaroo and New Orleans Jazz Fest.

Tupac Shakur

Two decades after his shooting death in 1996, the mythic West Coast rapper/actor (and bitter rival of the Notorious B.I.G.) still resonates with his vivid lyrics and unflinching honesty, epitomized on his best-selling *All Eyez on Me*.

Steppenwolf

The John Kay-led group charted 12 singles on the *Billboard* Hot 100 between 1968 and 1974, including top 10 hits *Born to Be Wild*, *Magic Carpet Ride* and *Rock Me*.

Yes

Largely responsible for bringing progressive rock to the mainstream, these symphonic, experimental Englishmen are considered the forefathers to other beloved synth-driven bands such as Rush and Dream Theater.

The Zombies

Famed for hazy vocals accompanied by psychedelic guitar riffs and jazz-inflected electric piano, the band's *Odessey and Oracle* album was ranked one of the 100 all-time greatest by *Rolling Stone*.

NBC News fires Billy Bush after lewd Donald Trump tape airs

NEW YORK (AP) — NBC News on Monday fired "Today" show host Billy Bush, who was caught on tape in a vulgar conversation about women with Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump before an "Access Hollywood" appearance. Bush was suspended at the morning show two days after contents of the 2005 tape were reported on Oct. 7. Once it became clear he wouldn't be back, NBC and Bush's representatives had been negotiating terms of his exit.

On the tape, Bush is heard laughing as Trump talks about fame enabling him to grope and try to have sex with women not his wife. Trump has denied groping women, and Bush later said he was "embarrassed and ashamed" by what was caught on tape.

NBC made the announcement of his firing in a note from "Today" show top executive Noah Oppenheim to his staff. Oppenheim called Bush, who spent 15 years at "Access Hollywood," "a valued colleague and longtime member of the broader NBC family. We wish him success as he goes forward." Bush, a 44-year-old father of three and nephew of former President George H.W. Bush, said that he was "deeply grateful for the conversations I've had with my daughters, and for all of the support from family, friends and colleagues. I look forward to what lies ahead."

The settlement with NBC did not include a non-compete clause, meaning Bush "is a free agent," said his lawyer, Marshall Grossman. Financial terms of the deal were kept confidential.

In an interview with CNN on Monday, Trump's wife, Melania, said that her husband was "egged on" by Bush in the conversation. "I wonder if they even knew the mic was on," Melania Trump said, referring to her husband and Bush. She said they were involved in "boy talk, and he was led on — like egged on — from the host to say dirty and bad stuff." Asked to comment, Grossman said, "I thought that Donald Trump would claim that he was not on the bus."

In the 2005 tape, which was first revealed by The Washington Post, Trump discusses unsuccessfully seeking an affair with another "Access Hollywood" employee, Nancy O'Dell. Trump said that when he was attracted to beautiful women "I just start kissing them. It's like a magnet." He said that when you're a star, women let you. "Grab them by the p----. You can do anything," Trump added.

The two men discussed an actress who was waiting from at the end of the bus ride. When they got off, Bush urged the woman to hug Trump and added, "how about a little hug for the Bushy?"

Trump said in the second presidential debate that he never did any of the actions heard on the tape, which he described as locker room talk. But a number of women have since come forward and said that Trump had surprised them in the past by groping or unexpectedly kissing them on the lips. Bush had only worked at "Today" for two months. Since women make up roughly two-thirds of the audience during the hour that he hosted, he faced an uphill battle gaining the trust of viewers.

NBC, which did not comment on the agreement beyond Oppenheim's statement, had Harry Connick Jr. filling in for Bush on Monday and Tuesday.

Ulysses S. Grant emerges a hero in new bio American political thinking has a way of coalescing around concepts that hold the public's attention for a time, then fade.

"Temperament," for example, is on many tongues this election season, after years of not being much on anyone's mind.

That may be why Ronald C. White's new biography of Ulysses S. Grant, *American*

Ulysses (Random House, 667 pp., **** out of four stars), seems especially relevant, despite its focus on the sepia-toned memory of a military leader who rose to prominence — and then the presidency — in the 1860s. This exhaustive book, at nearly 700 pages, portrays a deeply introspective man of ideals, a man of measured thought and careful action who found himself in the crosshairs of American history at its most crucial moment. As Abraham Lincoln's Union-saving commanding general during the Civil War, the Ohioan Grant, an early West Point graduate, was hardly a war-whooping rouser of his troops. In fact, he first distinguished himself during the Mexican-American War of 1846-48 as a quiet quartermaster, managing supply lines with discipline and dedication.

Historian White, we're told, spent seven years researching Grant, uncovering some new correspondence, and so he emerges with a fresh interpretation of the man. He convincingly refutes the dusty conclusion that Grant was, for all his wartime heroism, a drunk whose two-term presidency, from 1869-77, was notable mainly for its corruption.

"To the extent Grant developed his military abilities during the Mexican War, he did so largely by observing the leadership of senior officers," writes White. "He was impressed by (General Zachary) Taylor's dress and his approachability." Taylor's temperament, his calm in the face of danger, was a match for Grant's, but there were struggles. White concludes that a period of heavy drinking at a remote posting in northern California — during which Grant felt without purpose and missed his beloved wife, Julia, and their children — led him to resign from the Army in 1854, only to return to it as the Civil War began.

But White finds little if any evidence that Grant fought alcoholism afterward, despite rumors and accusations. If anything, Grant's incessant cigar-smoking was likely his chief undoing — he died of throat cancer in 1885, and the most poignant section of the book is White's account of how Grant suffered through his sickness yet worked on to complete his *Personal Memoirs*, a richly expressive chronicle (as published by Mark Twain) that has never been out of print. The larger point of White's book, which challenges the reader with detailed dissections of the Civil War battles that Grant's Union Army fought en route to a bitter triumph, is that Grant was a noble man of vision. White believes the disputed scandals of Grant's second term in office unfairly overshadow what he fought for — the political rights of African-Americans, a better Indian policy, effective federalism — and against, including voter suppression and the Ku Klux Klan.

A true American Ulysses, Grant lost and found himself on his road to American greatness.

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when it was released during the Lyndon Johnson Administration. Here we are, a half-century later, still wondering who is "Mr. Jones"? You half expected him to insert the name Donald Trump or Paul Ryan when he asked, "You know something's happening but you don't know what it is. Do you, Mr. ..."

For his encore, Dylan finally performed the song that Rolling Stone magazine named the greatest rock song of all time, *Like A Rolling Stone*. He didn't perform it with Mick Jagger and Keith Richards, as many of his fans hoped, but he hasn't sung it in so long, fans shrieked with delight at the opening chords, and he performed it with a forcefulness that was lacking as far back as the 1990's. Then, just to let his fans and everybody else know he still isn't accepting the role thrust upon him as the voice of his generation, he came back with another encore from the Tin Pan Alley era that many people thought he personally had destroyed. He sang Cy Coleman's *Why Try to Change Me Now*, accepted his applause and went on his way for his next stop on his Never Ending Tour.

The Stones had to infuse their show with more energy than last week to overcome Dylan's revitalized performance, but they were certainly up to the challenge. Their second song was *Get Off Of My Cloud*, an oldie from before the period when they re-invented themselves with *Jumpin' Jack Flash*, and featured new fire power. The song signaled the fact that they were doing a new show with material they didn't perform last week. The roller coaster ride continued with two more songs they didn't do last week, the beautiful ballad, *Angie*, and the especially pertinent *Sweet Virginia*, in which Jagger sings, "Yes I got the desert in my toenails." The Stones were the band most of the crowd of 75,000 people had come to see. Danilo Garcia, of Sao Paulo, Brazil, said he doesn't even know most of the songs in Dylan's typical set list. But he loves the Stones. Taylor Swain, 25 of La Habra, said he's a classic rock fan, but not a passionate Dylan fan. He described his feelings for Dylan as "respect, but no real drive to follow."

His father, Murphy Swain, on the other hand, said Dylan deserves the Nobel Prize because, "he's a poet laureate and that's what he got it for."

Neither Dylan nor the Stones chose to rest on their laurels during the second weekend of Desert Trip. Jagger seemed to say last weekend didn't matter any more.

"They say if you can remember Desert Trip One," he said with a twist on the cliché about the 1960's, "you really weren't there."

Chuck Berry partners with Nashville's Dualtone Records for first album in decades

Chuck Berry will team with Nashville-based Dualtone Records to release his first studio album in 38 years in 2017.

Berry announced the new album, "Chuck," on Tuesday, his 90th birthday. He said the

album is dedicated to Themetta Berry, his wife of 68 years.

"This record is dedicated to my beloved Toddy," Berry said in a media release. "My darlin' I'm growing old! I've worked on this record for a long time. Now I can hang up my shoes!"

Dualtone has a track record of partnering with iconic artists, previously releasing albums by June Carter Cash and Guy Clark. The East Nashville label is home to popular Americana artists the Lumineers and Shovels and Rope, among others.

"It is a great honor to be a part of this record and the broader legacy of Chuck Berry," Dualtone President Paul Roper said. "This body of work stands with the best of his career and will further cement Chuck as one of the greatest icons of rock and roll."

Berry is widely viewed as among the most influential artists on rock and roll with hits like "Johnny B Goode," "Never Can Tell," and "Roll Over Beethoven." He was inducted into the inaugural Rock and Roll Hall of Fame class of 1986.

Berry's son, Chuck Berry Jr., described the new music as covering a wide spectrum from hard-driving "rockers to soulful, thoughtful time capsules of a life's work."

"What an honor to be part of this new music," said Charles Berry Jr. "The St. Louis band, or as dad called us 'The Blueberry Hill Band,' fell right into the groove and followed his lead."

Rock and Roll Hall of Fame nominees include Tupac Shakur, Pearl Jam, Journey
A slew of fresh faces could be joining rock's pantheon.

Tupac Shakur and Pearl Jam are among the first-time nominees for induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2017, both of whom became eligible just this year. Other artists to score their first nominations Tuesday include Journey, Depeche Mode, Jane's Addiction, Electric Light Orchestra, Joan Baez, Bad Brains and Steppenwolf. Disco pioneers Chic are back in the running with a record 11th nomination since 2003, followed by soul singer Joe Tex with his fifth. German electro-pop outfit Kraftwerk and the Boston-based J. Geils Band each earned their fourth nods, while Chaka Khan earned her second as a solo artist. (She was also nominated with funk band Rufus for 2012 induction.)

Artists are eligible for consideration 25 years after releasing their first single or album (1991, for the newest crop of nominees). Inductees will be determined by more than 800 artists, historians and music-industry professionals.

The public can participate in the process by casting votes through select media outlets, including usatoday.com, *Rolling Stone*, *The Huffington Post*, SiriusXM and rockhall.com. Voting ends Dec. 5 and the top five artists will make up a fan's ballot, which counts as a single vote.

The 2016 inductees will be announced in December and the induction ceremony will

be held at Brooklyn's Barclays Center in April for the second year in a row.

Meet the 2017 Rock Hall nominees

This year's hopefuls:

Bad Brains

Steered by frontman H.R. and guitarist Dr. Know, the Washington band rewrote the definition of punk rock by incorporating elements of jazz, reggae and funk.

Joan Baez

The long-reigning "Queen of Folk" championed Bob Dylan on his rise to fame in the 1960s, but also created enduring classics such as her self-titled debut, which was added to the Library of Congress' National Recording Registry last year.

The Cars

The Boston rockers have stood the test of time with songs such as *Just What I Needed*, *My Best Friend's Girl* and *Drive*, and reunited for 2011's *Move Like This* album after Benjamin Orr died from pancreatic cancer in 2000.

Chaka Khan

Hailed as the "Queen of Funk," the emotive songstress has won 10 Grammy Awards, including best female R&B vocal performance for *I Feel for You*.

Chic

With dance-floor classics *Le Freak* and *Good Times*, Nile Rodgers and company gave disco a brilliant, soulful upgrade and inspired generations of pop and hip-hop artists.

Depeche Mode

Frequently cited as a major influence on artists such as Nine Inch Nails, Coldplay and Arcade Fire, the British electronic outfit is slated to return with its 14th album, *Spirit*, next year.

Electric Light Orchestra

The band famous for wedding classical instruments with rock 'n' roll holds the record for having the most top 40 hits on the *Billboard* Hot 100 singles chart without ever hitting No. 1.

J. Geils Band

The Massachusetts bar band fully embraced pop on 12th album *Freeze Frame* in 1981, which spawned the suggestive No. 1 smash *Centerfold*.

Janet Jackson

A dance/pop icon and the youngest child of the Jackson family, the *Rhythm Nation* singer mysteriously postponed her world tour earlier this year, only to recently confirm that she's pregnant with her first child at age 50.

Jane's Addiction

The Los Angeles-bred alt-rockers earned critical acclaim and a cult following for albums *Nothing's Shocking* and *Ritual de lo habitual*, the latter of which they celebrated with a slew of 25th anniversary shows last month.

Joe Tex

Heralded as the "Clown Prince of Soul," the '60s trailblazer melded gospel and comedy in hits such as *Hold What You've Got*, *Skinny*

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BERRY MANILOW

CAME OUT TO THE
UNIVERSE: GAY !!

GOOLZZZ!! SUPRISE! SUPRISE!!!

XOXO!

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ELVIS FAKE CROWS !!

RIRI IS THE REAL QUEEN
SINGER OUT THERE NOWADAYS !!

UPDATE: IT'S LOVE ON THE BRAIN!!

" IVY LEAGUE RIRI

Rihanna was Presented with Harvard's Humanitarian of the Year for her Charity Work, "I made it to Harvard" she said, "Never thought I'd be able to say that."

QUEEN RIRI!!! Sings deep from
her BIG HEART!!!
XOXO!!!

Rollover "B" and "A" LET RIRI TAKEOVER!!!

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When the child was born, her publicist, Paula Witt, told USA TODAY "Janet Jackson and husband Wissam Al Mana are thrilled to welcome their new son Eissa Al Mana into the world." She added, "Janet had a stress-free healthy delivery and is resting comfortably."

Al Mana is Jackson's third husband. She previously was married to James DeBarge and Rene Elizondo Jr.

Books: New and noteworthy

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

1. Letterman: The Last Giant of Late Night by Jason Zinoman (Harper, non-fiction, on sale April 11)

What it's about: The comedy critic for *The New York Times* takes on David Letterman, who left late-night in 2015 and who in retirement has grown a formidable beard.

The buzz: "The Letterman biography fans have been waiting for," says *Booklist*.

2. The Shadow Land by Elizabeth Kostova (Ballantine, fiction, on sale April 11)

What it's about: A young American woman in Bulgaria helps an elderly couple into a taxi and realizes she has one of their bags — which contains an urn filled with human ashes; by the author of *The Historian*.

The buzz: It's an Indie Next pick of independent booksellers. "One of the most engrossing novels that I've read in a while," says Dianne Patrick of Snowbound Books in Marquette, Mich.

3. The Road to Jonestown by Jeff Guinn (Simon & Schuster, non-fiction, on sale April 11)

What it's about: An account of the infamous Jonestown massacre of more than 900 people in Guyana in 1978 and the madman behind the Peoples Temple, Jim Jones.

The buzz: "Vivid, fascinating," says *Kirkus Reviews*.

4. My Cubs: A Love Story by Scott Simon (Blue Rider Press, non-fiction, on sale April 11)

What it's about: NPR's Simon, a lifelong Chicago Cubs fan, looks back on the magical season that brought the team a 2016 world championship and ended a 108-year drought.

The buzz: As baseball gets underway, the world wonders if the Cubs can do it again.

5. One Perfect Lie by Lisa Scottoline (St. Martin's Press, fiction, on sale April 11)

What it's about: In this thriller, a high-school baseball coach who is hiding his real identity poses a threat to the community.

The buzz: Scottoline has had 26 USA TODAY best sellers including *Damaged*, which hit No. 9 last August.

Reports: Garner, Affleck file for divorce

It's really over, despite all those wishful reconciliation stories: Jennifer Garner and Ben Affleck are getting divorced, nearly two years after announcing their separation. TMZ was first with the news, followed by People, US Weekly, E! and others citing anonymous sources that Garner and Affleck filed papers Thursday, without the aid of lawyers and in a manner suggesting a coordinated legal

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strategy. That will likely mean a mediation instead of an all-out fight in court. Together, Garner filed a divorce petition and Affleck filed a response. Both cited irreconcilable differences, both are seeking joint physical and legal custody of their three children under the age of 11, and they are negotiating a financial settlement, according to the reports and the Associated Press.

Rock Hall recap: The ceremony's 8 big moments

NEW YORK — Rock 'n' roll doesn't throw many parties like the yearly Rock and Roll Hall of Fame induction.

The genre's royalty gathered Friday night at the Barclays Center in Brooklyn to welcome the 2017 Rock Hall class, an esteemed group consisting of Electric Light Orchestra, Joan Baez, Pearl Jam, Tupac Shakur, Yes, Journey and Nile Rodgers.

From all-star tributes to Chuck Berry, Prince and Tupac, to the night's most emotional speeches, here are the eight moments to watch for when the Rock Hall induction ceremony premieres on HBO on April 29 (8 ET/PT).

A tribute to Chuck Berry

The festivities kicked off with an all-star tribute to Chuck Berry, recognized as the first musician the Rock Hall ever inducted.

Following a video presentation remembering Berry's life, ELO's Jeff Lynne took the stage minutes before his own band was inducted into the Rock Hall, honoring Berry with his own take on *Roll Over Beethoven*.

Joan Baez gets political

When Joan Baez's folk-music peer Jackson Browne took the stage to induct the legendary protest singer into the Rock Hall, he acknowledged that the recognition was "long, long overdue."

In a touching speech, where he admitted Baez's was the first album he ever bought as a young music fan, Browne spoke about how her music's dedication to social justice is still relevant in today's political climate. "When I hear (her recordings) now, I feel a deep sadness that the songs are as needed now as then, now more than ever," he said. "The changes that began happening in the '60s are still happening ... we need to be as empowered now as we were then."

Baez's speech touched on the same political themes as Browne's, as she spoke about her history of representing disempowered parties in both her music and her activism.

She also dedicated her speech to her granddaughter, who she said "had no idea who I was until I took her backstage at a Taylor Swift concert," only to have the younger pop star greet her warmly. "I want my granddaughter to know I fought against an evil tide and had the masses on my side," Baez said.

An all-star hip-hop tribute to Tupac Shakur

In a candid and touching remembrance for his former labelmate and close friend, Snoop Dogg tackled the duties of inducting Tupac Shakur into the Rock Hall, recalling the

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pair's rise through '90s hip hop together in a six-minute speech.

Snoop remembered how Pac gave him his first blunt, accompanied him on an unexpected parasailing trip with rap mogul Suge Knight, and outfitted him in a matching designer suit. Calling Shakur the "greatest rapper alive," Snoop recalled visiting the rapper's mother after his death, comforted by her strength.

Following his emotional speech was a stacked tribute performance. Led by Alicia Keys on piano, Snoop returned to the stage, accompanied by fellow rappers YG and T.I. to deliver a mashup of Pac's greatest hits.

Steve Perry rejoins Journey for one night only

In honor of Journey's Rock Hall induction, former frontman Steve Perry reunited with the band for the first time in 12 years. While he didn't perform with Journey, he joined his former bandmates onstage for a heartfelt speech thanking his fans and family. "You put us here, we would not be here had it not been for you," Perry said, thanking his fans. "Your tireless love and consistent devotion, you never have stopped. But from my heart I must tell you — I've been gone a long time, but you've always been in my heart."

Nile Rodgers takes a victory lap

While Nile Rodgers wasn't the most famous face to take the Barclays stage Friday, the legendary producer likely has the longest résumé, producing hits for icons including Madonna, David Bowie and Diana Ross. After an introduction from Pharrell Williams, who collaborated with Rodgers on Daft Punk's 2013 hit *Get Lucky*, Rodgers dedicated his speech to praising the many names he's worked with over his career. As he bragged, he's worked with a large chunk of the people in the Rock Hall already. "When people work with me they think I'm the boss but for every record, I join their band," he said. "I want to make every artist know I have their interest at heart. My name doesn't mean (expletive)."

"This award is really because of all the people who allowed me to come into their lives and join their band, be it Madonna, Mick Jagger, Bowie, Pharrell, Diana Ross ... it just goes on and on and on," he added.

Lenny Kravitz's short-and-sweet Prince tribute

While many awards shows have featured Prince tributes since the singer's death one year ago this month, not every performance did justice to the pop icon. Lenny Kravitz attempted to avoid the self-indulgent pitfalls of past Prince remembrances by limiting his Rock Hall tribute to two tracks, *When Doves Cry* and *The Cross*.

Instead of attempting to imitate the Purple One in his singing, dancing and guitar skills, Kravitz wisely found strength in numbers during his performance, inviting a powerful choir onstage to bolster his vocals.

Dave Letterman emerges as Pearl Jam's biggest fan

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WHY I FAKE VOTE FOR TRUMP !!!

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MS. JANE FONDA

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SHARING WITH OUR UNIVERSE !!! :

"SOUTHERN MAN" U.S. ATTORNEY JEFF SESSIONS,

I V. RUSH !!!

IN 2014, I CORRECTLY BLOGGED AMERICAN VOTERS
WOULD NOT ELECT HILLARY CLINTON PRESIDENT !!!

IN 2015, I CORRECTLY BLOGGED DONALD J. TRUMP
WOULD BE ELECTED PRESIDENT IN 2016 !!!

NOW NEW PROJECTION;

Now I am Ready to PROTECT MR. SESSIONS
IS TOO SMALL AND ITS THE WRONG TIME (BY 60 YEARS
CIRCA] FOR HIS HUGE NEW JOB !!! SEE BELOW PP. 4-5

SEEING EYES SEE

WITHOUT LOOKING TOO FAR;

REPUBLICANS "MAKE HAY" BEATING DOWN
VULNERABLE POOR, AND BROWN FOLKS, WHOM ARE
NOT - CANNOT FIGHT BACK !!!

FIRST 100 DAYS JEFF SESSIONS
IN U.S. ATT. GEN. JOB.

MR. SESSIONS COULD NOT "STOP BLINKING"

ON ABC.COM / THIS WEEK, SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2017 10:11 AM ET., UPON HOST (A) STEPHANOPoulos QUESTIONING HIS REACTIONS TO NYC, NY. BIG IRISH POLICE COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS THAT SESSIONS MISLABELING HIS CITY A HIGH CRIME AMERICAN CITY: "MADE HIM RED IN THE FACE"!!!

BAD ACCENT !!!

His Racist "Dog Whistle" Exclamations regarding a Federal District Court Judge Derrick Watson in Hawaii [i.e., Former President Barack H. Obama's Birth Place!!!] Blocking Enforcement of President Trump's Purported Replacement Muslim Immigration Ban; Inferring Hawaii was an Island — Not ONE of these UNITED STATES. SEE below, P. 6

"HE JUST WANT TO BE ON THE SIDE THAT'S WINNING" !!!

Yet the Republicans — including then Sen. (R. Ab) Sessions — Heaped Huge Praise on a Texas Federal District Court Judge; "Congressional Republicans: Stop down to Obama" blocking his Executive Immigration Order. SEE below, P. 7

I CAN SEE FOR MILES
AND MILES!!!:

PROJECTED HIS KNEEL!!!

MR. SESSIONS ARMS ARE TOO SHORT TO
COMBAT PARTS OF THE "FIGHTING BACK" EST-
ABLISHMENT, aka, SYSTEM (i.e. NYC. ! Chi-
cago! California, etc.)!!!

HOW LONG!!!

IMAGINE YOKO JOHN

"HOPE WE DON'T GET FOOLED AGAIN"

U.S. ATTY. GEN.

JEFF SESSIONS (R. ALA.)

Senate GOP triggers nuclear option to break Democratic filibuster on Gorsuch
(CNN) The Senate Thursday triggered the so-called "nuclear option" that allowed Republicans to break a Democratic filibuster of Supreme Court nominee Neil Gorsuch. The chamber is now expected to vote to confirm Gorsuch Friday around 11:30 a.m. ET.

The controversial changes to Senate rules, made along partisan lines, allows filibusters of Supreme Court picks to be broken with only 51 votes rather than 60.

The actions Thursday capped more than a year of tension over an empty Supreme Court seat, with both parties taking action that led to an outcome neither party wanted.

It was a situation loaded with nuance, procedural twists and Senate history -- not to mention a spot on the nation's highest court -- and a standoff that reflected a peak in polarization following a deeply divisive presidential election.

The move came after Democrats blocked the nomination under the previous 60-vote threshold. Only four Democrats -- Sens. Michael Bennet, Joe Donnelly, Heidi Heitkamp and Joe Manchin -- crossed party lines to side with the Republicans.

Subsequent party-line votes allowed the GOP majority to change the precedent for Supreme Court nominees, leading up to the final vote breaking the filibuster.

After the final vote was gavelled, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell went down his row and gave soft high fives to Majority Whip John Cornyn and two aides. Later on the Senate floor, Democratic Sen. Richard Blumenthal of Connecticut lambasted the high-fives, saying it was not a moment to celebrate. "It saddens me," he said. "No one should sleep well tonight." McConnell called Gorsuch after the series of votes Thursday to let him know the outcome, according to an aide close to Gorsuch. Members of the White House confirmation team and several former law clerks for Gorsuch watched the vote from the Senate gallery.

What's next?

When Democrats held the majority, with Sen. Harry Reid as their leader, they used the nuclear option in 2013 to advance lower court and executive branch nominees, much to the disapproval of Republicans.

Now that Republicans are in the majority, they're citing that Democratic action as a precedent.

"Harry Reid decided that executive nominations will be done by simple majority, and we just simply went with the Harry Reid rule today," said Sen. Rand Paul, R-Kentucky. "I don't think this is any different from what he put forward."

Members of both parties acknowledged the risks of the change. It essentially allows the majority party to clear future Supreme Court nominees with ease, so presidents could appoint more ideological nominees that

wouldn't require much, if any, bipartisan support.

Manchin described Thursday as a "very sad day," saying the Supreme Court won't have "have a check and balance" system in which the minority has input on future justices. He argued that senators will "rue the day that this happened."

"They all know what goes around comes around," Manchin told reporters. "I was just extremely sad."

Both sides blamed each other for the episode. Democrats blasted Republicans for using the workaround. Republicans, meanwhile, said they felt they had no other option because of the Democratic filibuster.

"For the life of me, I don't understand why the Democrats made such a fuss about this (nominee)," said Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah.

"They look stupid. The next one, I mean I expect Armageddon."

Republican Sen. Susan Collins of Maine was heavily involved in bipartisan conversations to find a way to avoid the nuclear option, but she said Wednesday they were simply unsuccessful.

"I've had midnight calls on this, 6:30 a.m. calls on this," she said. "Worked all weekend and we just couldn't get here."

Will the Senate become the House?

With the nuclear option in 2013 affecting executive branch nominees and the one used Thursday affecting the Supreme Court, many senators worry the next casualty to lose the 60-vote filibuster threshold is legislation.

Democratic Sen. Chris Coons, who was also part of bipartisan talks, said on the Senate floor Thursday that he has come to regret voting with his party for the nuclear option nearly four years ago. "And I anticipate that many of my colleagues will come to regret the decisions and actions taken today and tomorrow in this Congress and in Congresses ahead."

Collins said she's going to lead a letter and get signatures from other senators saying they will not support using the nuclear option on bills.

"I think that's the step in the right direction. It's going to take some time to heal," Sen. Mike Rounds, R-South Dakota, said on the idea of a letter. "Clearly emotion is pretty raw in the United States Senate right now."

"We have to be an institution that functions with one another," Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, told reporters. "I do not want the Senate to be the House. It puts it on me and those who also work hard to be bipartisan to be even more bipartisan. So, I'm going to do that and I'm going to start today."

How did this all come about?

On January 31, Trump announced Gorsuch as his pick for the next Supreme Court justice, filling a seat vacated when Antonin Scalia passed away in early 2016.

Gorsuch's first call after being announced went to another judge named Merrick Garland, who'd been nominated by President Barack Obama after Scalia's death. But in the midst of a heated presidential election,

Republicans refused to consider Garland's nomination and kept the seat empty until the next president was sworn in.

It was a risky move and Democrats were furious, but it ultimately paid off for Republicans when Trump won in a surprise victory last November.

Fast forward several months, Democrats were still steaming over what some have called a "stolen" Supreme Court seat and brought it up multiple times throughout Gorsuch's confirmation hearings and in Senate floor speeches.

On top of that, Democrats also took issue with Gorsuch's performance at his hearings, saying he was evasive in his answers, and they zeroed in on his decisions in a few cases, painting him as far-right and out-of-the-mainstream.

Republicans, on the other hand, argue Gorsuch answered more than 20 hours of questions and was abiding by what's known as the "Ginsburg standard" so as not to show his cards on how he'd rule in cases that may come before him.

Hitting back against the argument that he's extreme, Republicans say Gorsuch sided with the majority in 99% of his opinions as a federal judge in the past decade, and the GOP said that of the 2,700 cases he has ruled on, 97% were decided unanimously.

Republicans, in fact, felt that Trump picked a relatively safe nominee and rallied behind Gorsuch, even as Democrats signaled early on that they would filibuster his nomination.

During border visit, Sessions outlines immigration plan

NOGALES, Ariz. (AP) — Attorney General Jeff Sessions toured the U.S.-Mexico border Tuesday and unveiled what he described as a new get-tough approach to immigration prosecutions under President Donald Trump. The nation's top law enforcement official outlined a series of changes that he said mark the start of a new push to rid American cities and the border of what he described as "filth" brought on by drug cartels and criminal organizations.

The tour included visiting a port of entry, where Sessions exited an SUV in a white shirt and baseball cap before entering a restricted area.

Sessions has been steadily expanding the Justice Department's role in the anti-immigration agenda of the Trump administration, but the border trip offered the most comprehensive look yet at his plans. During his visit, he urged federal prosecutors to intensify their focus on immigration crimes such as illegal border crossing or smuggling others into the U.S.

Such prosecutions are already happening on a large scale. They made up more than half of all federal prosecutions in fiscal year 2016, according to the Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse at Syracuse University. But prosecutions were slightly down from fiscal year 2015.

In a three-page memo, Sessions told U.S. attorneys to prioritize immigration

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prosecutions by appointing a border security coordinator who can oversee investigations, keep statistics and provide legal advice and training to prosecutors. The coordinators would meet regularly with federal immigration authorities.

In addition, Sessions said federal prosecutors must consider bringing felony charges against those who have illegally entered the country more than once as well as those who marry to evade immigration laws. He also urged prosecutors to consider charging those illegally in the country with felony identity theft and document fraud.

"This is a new era. This is the Trump era," he said. "The lawlessness, the abdication of the duty to enforce our immigration laws, and the catch and release practices of old are over." Sessions defended Trump's proposed border wall, saying it will be another tool to fight illegal immigration amid efforts within the Justice Department and other branches of government to punish and deter border crossers.

He also returned to a common theme from the Trump campaign by saying drug cartels and criminal gangs are turning American cities into "war zones" by raping and killing innocent people.

"It is here, on this sliver of land, where we first take our stand against this filth," he said. Critics blasted the initiatives announced by Sessions as fear-mongering and anti-immigrant rhetoric not rooted in facts.

"Once again, Attorney General Sessions is scaring the public by linking immigrants to criminals despite studies showing that immigrants commit crimes at lower rates than the native born," said Gregory Z. Chen, director of government relations for the American Immigration Lawyers Association. Sessions made the announcement in Nogales, a border city that has witnessed a dramatic drop in immigrant and drug smuggling in recent years as more people enter the country in Texas, many of them Central Americans fleeing violence in Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador.

The Border Patrol's Tucson sector, which comprises most of Arizona, saw about 65,000 arrests of immigrants last fiscal year, roughly half the number agents made in 2012, according to Border Patrol data. Marijuana seizures have also dropped by about 28 percent from 1 million pounds in 2012 to 728,000 last year.

Following the border tour, Sessions spoke to officials at an International Association of Chiefs of Police conference outside Phoenix. He discussed crime rates, the border wall, immigration enforcement and sanctuary cities. He chided critics of mass incarceration and the decline in the prison population. Sessions was also set to speak with service members at Luke Air Force Base near Phoenix.

Sessions' immigration plans have long been foreshadowed. Even as it plans to cut the Justice Department's budget by more than \$1 billion, the Trump administration wants

hundreds of millions of dollars to hire 60 federal prosecutors and 40 deputy U.S. marshals to focus on border cases.

The proposal also calls for adding \$1.5 billion to Immigration and Customs Enforcement's budget to find, detain and deport immigrants living in the U.S. illegally, along with more than \$300 million to hire 500 new Border Patrol agents and 1,000 immigration agents.

Afghan officials: 36 Islamic State fighters killed by U.S. bomb

KABUL, Afghanistan. — Afghanistan officials say the U.S. attack on a tunnel complex in eastern Afghanistan with the largest non-nuclear weapon ever used in combat by the U.S. military has left 36 Islamic State group fighters dead.

There were no civilian casualties, according to the Ministry of Defense statement, which also said that several IS caves and ammunition caches were destroyed.

Hakim Khan, 50, a resident of Achin district where the attack took place, welcomed the attack on ISIS, saying: "I want 100 times more bombings on this group."

The bomb, known officially as a GBU-43B, or massive ordnance air blast weapon, unleashes 11 tons of explosives.

Tillerson tells Putin that relations between U.S., Russia are at 'low point'

Secretary of State Rex Tillerson and Russian President Vladimir Putin held more than two hours of "very frank" talks Wednesday in the Kremlin amid tensions over a U.S. airstrike against a Syria air base blamed for last week's deadly chemical attack.

In remarks to reporters after the meeting, Tillerson said he told the Russian leader that current relations between the two countries are at a "low point."

"There is a low level of trust between our two countries," Tillerson said in a joint news conference with his Russian counterpart, Sergey Lavrov. "The world's two foremost nuclear owners cannot have this kind of relationship."

Lavrov described the talks between the secretary and Putin as "substantial" and "very frank."

In their remarks to reporters, both sought to emphasize opportunities for improving relations. Lavrov said a "deconfliction" hotline would be restored to avoid inadvertent collisions by the air forces of both countries in the Syrian war zones. Russia suspended the agreement following the U.S. attack on a Syrian airfield last week in response to an alleged chemical weapons attack by Syria on areas controlled by forces opposed to Syrian President Bashar Assad, a Russian ally.

Lavrov also said Russia was calling for an independent investigation through the U.N. into the circumstances surrounding the chemical attack and the U.S. response to "try and identify the culprits."

While he said the two sides had agreed to work together on an international investigation into the attack, Tillerson

spokesman R.C. Hammond says "no agreement was reached."

Still, Washington is not standing in the way of an investigation. The U.S. says the U.N. doesn't need action from the U.S. to investigate because there are already mechanisms in place to investigate chemical weapons use in Syria.

Russia has suggested the attack may have been the work of rebels or that Syrian planes hit hidden caches of chemical weapons controlled by them. The U.S. has said its intelligence reports show conclusively that the chemical attack was planned and carried out by Syria. At least 86 people were killed in the attack.

Tillerson, who said prior to this visit that Russia was either complicit or incompetent regarding Syrian use of chemical weapons, sidestepped the issue or any Russian role in the attack.

"We have no firm information to indicate was any involvement by Russia or Russian forces into this attack," he said. "What we do know, and we have very firm and high confidence, (is) that the attack was planned and carried out by the regime forces at the direction of Bashar Assad."

The two sides expressed their agreement over the need to defeat the Islamic State in the region. Lavrov said defeating the terrorist group is a more important priority than Assad remaining in power.

"We have to see common threats, they are apparent," he said. "We should be guided by common sense, not emotions."

Both officials addressed the question of allegations of Russian interference in the U.S. elections. Tillerson said there was no talk of additional sanctions in the wake of U.S. charges over the issue, but noted that it was an issue raised by Congress. "We are mindful of the seriousness of that particular interference in our elections and I am sure that Russia is mindful of it as well."

Lavrov, echoing past denials of any Russian hacking or other interference in the electoral process, said Moscow hasn't seen "a single fact, or even a hint at facts" proving the U.S. allegations of Russian interference.

The unscheduled talks between Putin and the secretary came as Moscow warned against the U.S. repeating its missile strike on a Syrian air base.

Russian authorities earlier said a meeting with Putin was not on the agenda, but Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters the Russian leader could meet with Tillerson "if it is decided" that he needs to be briefed on the outcome of the secretary's talks with his Russian counterpart Lavrov.

In an interview broadcast Wednesday before the meeting with Tillerson, Putin said relations with the U.S. have worsened in the first few months of Trump's presidency. "It can be said that the level of trust at the working level, especially at the military level, has not become better but most likely has degraded," he told state broadcaster Mir TV.

TRUMP SUFFERS SECOND DEFEAT AS REVISED TRAVEL BAN ON HOLD

R-N.C., head of the hard-line conservative House Freedom Caucus. No. 3 Senate leader John Thune, R-S.D., said he will propose devoting more of the GOP tax credit to lower-earning people. It would currently begin phasing out for people earning \$75,000 annually.

"It'd be nice to add it to the House bill, but if necessary it'd be in the Senate," Thune said. **Border wall materials: Concrete, 'other'** PHOENIX — With more than 640 private contractors expressing their interest in designing and building wall prototypes along the U.S.-Mexico border, U.S. Customs and Border Protection now says it is considering creating two separate categories of barrier designs.

CBP is expected to issue the request for proposals (RFP) for the project as soon as Wednesday, and award several lucrative contracts over the next few weeks. Until those RFPs are made public, it's not known exactly what kind of wall the agency will seek.

On Tuesday, though, the agency said that because of high interest in designing the prototypes, it is considering breaking down those submissions based on the materials used.

"We currently contemplate releasing two RFPs — one focused on concrete designs, and one focused on other designs," the brief update posted to the Federal Business Opportunities website reads.

It's not clear yet what the "other designs" refers to. However, it's worth noting that almost all of the nearly 700 miles of fencing already built along the U.S.-Mexico border is made of steel barriers.

Also worth noting: None of the bids will be to build "the wall" itself, along the entirety of the 1,900-mile southern border. The bidding so far will be only for prototypes, all expected to be built in Southern California. President Donald Trump has frequently described the future wall as "big" and "beautiful," but has otherwise released very few details about what the actual barrier will look like.

As a candidate more than a year ago, he gave MSNBC one of his most detailed descriptions of the wall, although many questions about it remain.

"I'm talking about precast (concrete) going up probably 35 to 40 feet up in the air," he said. "That's high, that's a real wall. It'll look good. It'll look as good as a wall can actually look and it's gonna do the trick."

In the pre-solicitation notice posted to the Federal Business Opportunities website, CBP issued some further direction to interested bidders about the border wall prototypes.

"We anticipate procuring concrete wall structures, nominally 30 feet tall, that will meet requirements for aesthetics, anti-climbing, and resistance to tampering or damage," the post read.

But the additional post late Tuesday seemed to indicate contractors have an interest in using other materials, as well.

"To accommodate the industry interest and feedback," it wrote, the agency "intends to expand the opportunity for offerors to propose wall designs."

Trump suffers second defeat as revised travel ban on hold

GREENBELT, Md. (AP) — President Donald Trump's revised travel ban has suffered another federal court setback after a judge in Maryland rejected a revised measure that bans travel targeting six predominantly Muslim countries.

Judge Theodore Chuang ruled Thursday in a case brought near the nation's capital by the American Civil Liberties Union and other groups representing immigrants, refugees and their families. The groups argued that the underlying rationale of the ban was to discriminate against Muslims, making it unconstitutional. Chuang granted a preliminary injunction nationwide basis. It was the latest ruling against Trump's revised travel ban. On Wednesday, a judge in Hawaii rejected the ban.

Government lawyers argued that the ban was substantially revised from an earlier version signed in January that was later blocked by a federal judge in Washington state. They said the ban was ordered in the interest of national security to protect the U.S. from "radical Islamic terrorism."

The Maryland plaintiffs also argued the ban illegally reduces the number of refugees authorized to enter the U.S. this year. Chuang granted a preliminary injunction prohibiting the enforcement of the travel ban nationwide pending further orders from the court. He declined to stay the ruling should an emergency appeal be filed.

The White House did not immediately respond to the Maryland ruling.

The Wednesday ruling came from U.S. District Judge Derrick Watson in Honolulu, who rejected the government's claims that the travel ban is about national security, not discrimination. Watson also said Hawaii would suffer financially if the executive order constricted the flow of students and tourists to the state, and that Hawaii was likely to succeed on a claim that the ban violates First Amendment protections against religious discrimination.

Watson criticized what he called the "illogic" of the government's arguments and cited "significant and un rebutted evidence of religious animus" behind the travel ban. He also noted that while courts should not examine the "veiled psyche" and "secret motives" of government decision-makers, "the remarkable facts at issue here require no such impermissible inquiry."

"For instance, there is nothing 'veiled' about this press release: 'Donald J. Trump is calling for a total and complete shutdown of Muslims entering the United States,'" Watson wrote, referring to a statement Trump issued as a candidate.

Trump called the ruling an example of "unprecedented judicial overreach" and said his administration would appeal it to the U.S.

Supreme Court. He also called his new travel ban a watered-down version of the first one, which he said he wished he could implement. "We're going to win. We're going to keep our citizens safe," the president said at a rally in Nashville. "The danger is clear. The law is clear. The need for my executive order is clear."

If the administration seeks an emergency stay of Watson's decision at the 9th Circuit, the matter would be heard by different judges from the three who ruled on the case last month. That's because the panel of judges assigned to such cases rotates every month, said court spokesman David Madden.

The 9th Circuit on Wednesday declined to reconsider the 3-0 decision not to reinstate the original ban. In a dissent, five judges said they considered that decision incorrect and wanted it vacated.

"Whatever we, as individuals, may feel about the president or the executive order, the president's decision was well within the powers of the presidency," Judge Jay Bybee wrote for the five.

Watson issued his 43-page ruling less than two hours after hearing Hawaii's request for a temporary restraining order to stop the ban from being put into practice.

The hearing was one of three held Wednesday in federal courts around the country. U.S. District Judge James Robart in Seattle, who blocked the initial travel ban last month, did not immediately rule on a request from an immigrant-rights group to block the revised version.

In all, more than half a dozen states are trying to stop the ban. A case brought by Washington state argues that the new order harms residents, universities and businesses, especially tech companies such as Washington state-based Microsoft and Amazon, which rely on foreign workers. California, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York and Oregon have joined the claim. Trump's initial travel ban, issued on a Friday in late January, brought chaos and protests to airports around the country as travelers from seven nations — Somalia, Iran, Iraq, Syria, Sudan, Libya and Yemen — were barred from entering even if they had prior permission to come to the U.S. The State Department canceled up to 60,000 visas, but later reversed that decision.

Robart ordered the government to stop enforcing the ban, which also suspended the nation's acceptance of refugees from around the world, and a three-judge panel from the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals unanimously declined to reinstate the ban.

US announces charges against Russian officers in Yahoo hack

WASHINGTON — The United States announced charges Wednesday against two Russian intelligence officers and two hackers, accusing them of a mega data breach at Yahoo that affected at least a half billion user accounts.

The hack targeted the email accounts of Russian and U.S. officials, Russian

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Why you should drink water first thing every day

The benefits of water are well known, but experts say reaching for H₂O before your morning cup of coffee could jumpstart your system just when you need it most.

After going several hours without a sip, a serving of water first thing can hydrate the body while aiding digestion and metabolism. Here's what experts advise.

The body's 'gold standard fluid'

Water does wonders for our wellness. Angela Lemond, national spokesperson for the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, calls it "the gold standard fluid for the body."

"An adult body is around 55-60% water," she said, so "drinking water everyday is vital for the body to work correctly."

Lemond has heard theories that drinking two glasses in the morning on an empty stomach can aid digestion and other functions. While no studies she's seen confirm this, it does make "some biochemical sense."

"Our bodies are pretty dry when we wake up in the morning," she said. "Drinking a couple glasses of water to allow the body to rehydrate allows for better digestion when you do eat. It also helps with moving the lower bowels for regularity in the mornings. "If you are not properly hydrated, body processes do not work as efficiently."

Make your metabolism more effective

Drinking water doesn't cause a significant calorie burn, said Alissa Rumsey, a registered dietitian with the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics based in New York. But "it does ensure that your metabolism is functioning optimally."

It can stave off the munchies, too: Your body can mistake thirst for hunger when you're dehydrated, Rumsey said, leading to overeating. She also advises starting the day in a hydrated state.

"After being asleep all night, we wake up every day slightly dehydrated," Rumsey said. "Starting the day with two glasses of water upon waking is a great way to begin the day hydrated."

As for the ideal temperature of drinking water, it doesn't matter much.

"Drinking enough water to stay hydrated is more important than whether it is warm or cold," Rumsey said. "The amount of energy our bodies have to use to warm up cold water is negligible, so it really doesn't make that much of a difference."

For optimal digestion, Lemond recommends water at room temperature.

How many glasses?

Feeling thirsty is a sure sign you need water, but experts say you shouldn't wait until signs of dehydration. Most people need somewhere between 60 to 100 ounces of water per day, said Rumsey: "The more physically active you are, the more fluids you will need to replace sweat loss."

Lemond recommends 90 to 120 ounces daily for adults, though this could vary greatly depending on energy level, sweat rate and medical history. Foods we eat, such as

fruit or hot soups, contain some water, too, she noted.

Don't drink and dine

According to Lemond, it's ideal to not drink anything during meals—water included.

"For digestive health, we do say that drinking nothing during a meal is best, followed by the second best thing, drinking room temperature water.

"This is more to avoid digestive issues such as gas and bloating more than anything," Lemond said. Nothing she's seen suggests pairing water with food could inhibit nutrient absorption, she added.

Drinking enough water before and after meals can help ensure optimal digestion, Lemond said, granting the body enough fluid to produce the necessary gastric juices to properly break down food.

Facing defiance, GOP leaders press ahead on health bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Facing mounting rank-and-file defiance, Republican leaders and the White House redoubled their efforts Tuesday to muscle legislation overhauling America's health care system through Congress following a sobering report about millions being shoved off insurance coverage.

President Donald Trump, whose strong Election Day showing in GOP regions makes him the party's ultimate Capitol Hill vote wrangler, discussed the legislation by phone with the House's two top Republicans. He also dispatched Vice President Mike Pence and health secretary Tom Price to hear GOP senators' concerns.

With leaders hoping to move the measure through the House next week so the Senate can debate it, House Speaker Paul Ryan and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell acknowledged they were open to changes. Trump's spokesman affirmed a willingness to accept revisions to win support.

"This has never been a take it or leave it," said Press Secretary Sean Spicer.

The GOP bill is the party's response to seven years of promising to repeal President Barack Obama's 2010 health care overhaul. It would undo that law's individual mandate, which requires most people to have coverage, by ending the tax penalty on those who don't. It would also provide age-based tax credits instead of the subsidies geared to income in Obama's statute, end that law's expansion of Medicaid and curb its future spending, and let insurers boost rates for seniors.

On Monday, the Congressional Budget Office said the Republican legislation would reduce the ranks of the insured by 24 million in a decade, largely by cutting Medicaid recipients and people buying individual policies. That would be more than the 20 million who've gained coverage under Obama's overhaul — and attach a big number to a problem haunting GOP governors and members of Congress whose states have benefited from "Obamacare."

"I plan to vote NO" on the GOP bill, tweeted Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, R-Fla., among a

mounting number of Republicans who expressed opposition following the report's release. "As written the plan leaves too many from my #SoFla district uninsured."

The budget office report also said the measure would reduce federal deficits by \$337 billion over the next decade, largely by cutting Medicaid, the health insurance program for the poor, and eliminating Obama's subsidies for low- and middle-income people. The report said that the bill's changes would result in federal subsidies that would fall to half their current size in a decade and that older, lower-earning people would be hit especially hard.

Those findings further energized Democrats, who already were unanimously opposing the GOP repeal effort.

"Of course you can have savings if you cut off millions of people from access to health care," said House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi of California.

Pence and Price discussed the legislation over lunch with GOP senators at the Capitol. Participants said senators suggested targeting the bill's new tax credits more at lower-earning people, improving benefits for seniors and protecting the expansion of Medicaid, the federal-state program that helps lower-income people afford care. McConnell, R-Ky., acknowledged the bill could be reshaped, saying, "It will be open to amendment in the Senate."

Ryan, R-Wis., added on the Fox News Channel, "Of course we want to listen to our members and make improvements to the bill, so long as those improvements don't make the bill harder to pass."

Criticism cascaded from both ends of the GOP political continuum, suggesting leaders face a festering problem.

Freshman Rep. John Faso, R-N.Y., from a closely divided Catskill Mountains district, said he was concerned the bill would hurt hospitals and was undecided about supporting it. He's a member of the House Budget Committee, which is expected to sign off on the bill Thursday in what Rep. Tom Cole, R-Okla., said could be "a bumpier ride" than last week's approval by two other panels. Citing the bill's projected increase in uninsured people, Rep. Leonard Lance, R-N.J., from another close district, said he opposed the bill. Rep. Mark Amodei, R-Nev., said he was leaning no because of people losing coverage, saying of CBO's projections, "If the numbers are in the ballpark, it sounds like we've gone back to where we started after seven years."

Conservatives continued complaining the Republican measure doesn't fully repeal Obama's law, as they and Trump promised in last fall's election campaigns. Their demands include voiding the law's requirement that policies cover 10 specified benefits like mental health services, which they say drives up consumers' costs.

"Ultimately it will be President Trump that saves this deal," said Rep. Mark Meadows,

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bodies found as Ace Kimberly and his daughter Rebecca. His two teenage sons remain missing.

Deadlocked Supreme Court deals big blow to Obama immigration plan

In a crushing blow to the White House, the Supreme Court announced Thursday it was evenly divided in a case concerning President Barack Obama's controversial executive actions on immigration.

The one-sentence ruling, issued without comment or dissent, means that the programs will remain blocked from going into effect, and the issue will return to the lower court. It is exceedingly unlikely the programs will go into effect for the remainder of the Obama presidency.

Obama, speaking at the White House, lamented the ruling.

"For more than two decades now our immigration system, everybody acknowledges, has been broken," Obama said. "And the fact that the Supreme Court wasn't able to issue a decision today doesn't just set the system back even further, it takes us further from the country that we aspire to be."

The ruling will impact the more than 4 million undocumented immigrants seeking to be able to come out of the shadows and apply for these programs to stay in the United States. Immediately after Obama announced them in late 2014, Texas and 25 other states challenged the plans and they were blocked nationwide by a federal district court the next year.

Immigration has already been a prominent and highly charged topic of the 2016 election already this year, and this ruling guarantees it will only be more so.

Presumptive Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton criticized the ruling, saying it is evidence not only of why the Supreme Court needs a ninth justice, but also that the delay of Obama's immigration programs adds importance to putting a Democrat in the White House to continue the fight to put them in place.

"Today's deadlocked decision from the Supreme Court is unacceptable, and show us all just how high the stakes are in this election," Clinton said in a statement Thursday morning. She later tweeted, calling it "heartbreaking."

Hispanic Americans are also becoming an increasingly influential electoral demographic in key swing states that Democrats hope they can turn blue by painting Republicans as backward on immigration. Already liberal groups were putting out statements seeking to tie the Republican Party to Trump's comments in light of the ruling.

Obama used his statement to hit Trump as well, saying, "Immigration is not something to fear. We don't have to wall ourselves off from those who may not look like us right now or pray like we do or have a different last name because being an American is about something more than that."

Impact of Scalia's death

The 4-4 split on the court is also more evidence of the long shadow of Justice Antonin Scalia's death this February.

"This is a ruling that affects millions of American families, but because the Supreme Court does not have its full complement of nine justices, the court was unable to deliver a definitive ruling a case of such national importance," said Elizabeth Wydra, president of Constitutional Accountability Center.

While Scalia likely would have voted with the conservatives on the court against Obama, resulting in the same overall outcome of the policies remaining blocked, legal experts say the lack of a definitive answer is harmful to the courts.

"The resolution of the immigration case -- or lack thereof -- underscores how handicapped the Supreme Court can be when it's not fully staffed," said Steve Vladeck, CNN contributor and professor of law at American University Washington College of Law.

"Although proponents of President Obama's immigration plan might prefer this result to a 5-4 loss, which would have set a nationwide precedent, rulings like these create uncertainty for the courts and the country going forward -- uncertainty that, at the end of the day, puts more pressure on the political branches and dilutes the role of the Supreme Court."

Congressional Republicans: 'Slap down' to Obama

Texas was supported at the Supreme Court by the GOP-led House of Representatives, who said that the programs went forward after the President failed in his attempts to persuade Congress to revise immigration laws.

"This is a slap down to the President," Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-South Carolina, told CNN. "It shows there are limitations on the President's actions and the only way to resolve this problem is through the Congress."

"Today, Article I of the Constitution was vindicated," House Speaker Paul Ryan said in a statement. "The Supreme Court's ruling makes the President's executive action on immigration null and void. The Constitution is clear: The president is not permitted to write laws -- only Congress is. This is another major victory in our fight to restore the separation of powers."

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott called Obama's action "an unauthorized abuse of presidential power that trampled the Constitution." In a statement, he added, "as the President himself said, he is not a king who can unilaterally change and write immigration laws."

Legal limbo

Thursday's ruling essentially perpetuates indefinitely a legal limbo that undocumented immigrants who were potentially eligible for the program have been living since the first court ruling blocking the President's programs.

Millions had readied applications for the deferred action, only to enter a holding pattern as the court cases played out.

Thursday's ruling was not a final decision in the matter, it only continues an injunction preventing the programs from going into effect. The question of the constitutionality of the program still remains before the lower courts. The roughly 4 million undocumented Americans who were awaiting Thursday's decision find their situations largely unchanged, though the ruling guarantees their undecided status will continue likely through the end of Obama's presidency.

Vladeck said the undocumented immigrants do not face a serious threat of deportation. "But so long as the lower court's ruling remains intact, they also won't be able to take advantage of the benefits that the President's initiative was intended to provide," he said. FWD.us, an immigration advocacy group with roots in Silicon Valley, called the ruling a "devastating loss" for millions.

"Today is a very tough, disappointing day," FWD.us President Todd Schulte said in a statement. "This morning, a few million United States citizens with undocumented parents, hundreds of thousands of DREAMers, and millions of their family and friends received devastating news. The hope that they would benefit from DAPA and expanded DACA and be able to live their lives in ways so many of us take for granted, such as driving to work without the fear that a broken taillight will end in our family being torn apart, remains out of reach."

Mi Familia Vota pledged to continue the political battle was well as the legal one, blaming Republicans for inaction.

"Let's be clear, our community will never forget that it was Republican elected officials and politicians who stood in the way of the well-being of our families and have blocked any solutions to fix our broken immigration system," Executive Director Ben Monterroso said in a statement. "While this is a setback in our fight, we are fully committed to find a fix to our broken immigration system through a comprehensive immigration reform with a pathway to citizenship. The solution is in the hands of our community, and we will demonstrate the power of our vote come November."

What Obama's plans do

The White House announced the programs in November 2014, issuing a five-page guidance memo enabling qualifying undocumented workers to receive temporary relief from the threat of deportation and to apply for programs that could qualify them for work authorization and associated benefits.

The Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents (DAPA) targets the nearly 4.3 million undocumented parents of citizens and lawful residents, and the second program expands the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), initiative aimed at non-citizens who came to the country as children.

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share, a year earlier. It has posted a loss in all but two of the last 24 quarters, according to S&P Global Market Intelligence. Revenue slid to \$6.1 billion during the fourth quarter, from \$7.3 billion a year earlier. The dip was largely due to the reduced number of both Sears and Kmart full-line stores, which led to a revenue loss of \$596 million. Sales at stores open at least a year also plummeted 10.3%, representing a loss of \$555 million in revenue

Mysterious equipment spotted on SpaceX drone ship

CAPE CANAVERAL — Stephen Marr had his suspicions when he photographed a mysterious piece of equipment atop SpaceX's drone ship at Port Canaveral on Monday.

"I knew there was something different there," Marr, 34, said.

So he did what any lover of space and social media would do: He posted it online. Reddit users quickly propelled Marr's clear, high-resolution photo to the top of the website's SpaceX community and so began discussion that the object was likely a highly anticipated robot that would interact with Falcon 9 first stages.

"Optimus Prime," as some have nicknamed it, could one day secure first stages after they land on SpaceX's autonomous spaceport drone ships. Like previous upgrades, it could cut down on costs, number of required personnel and turnaround time between launches. It could also improve safety.

"Optimus Prime" refers to a character from Transformers.

Ricky Lim, senior director of launch operations for SpaceX, told Florida Today the device is "in the testing phase" and is a "future capability" that SpaceX plans to introduce as soon as it passes the test regimen.

"I don't think it's very far away" from being used, Lim said. "But it's new."

SpaceX did not comment when asked about its functionality and features.

Lim said SpaceX doesn't have an official name yet for the robot, joking that, for the time being, "we'll let Reddit name it for us."

Marr's photo bucks the trend of grainy cellphone images — it was captured with a telephoto lens during a six-minute helicopter tour of the Space Coast. Marr's girlfriend, Tiffany Guerin, is a professional photographer and was with him during the tour.

"A couple hours later, I checked it, and it was just blowing up," Marr said.

"Everybody seemed to really appreciate that picture."

For Marr, the photograph solidifies his and Guerin's decision to move to Cocoa Beach from Tennessee six weeks ago after fostering a love for space.

"I love it. Obviously it's the reason we moved down here," Marr said.

"This is kind of my Super Bowl, to watch SpaceX do the things they do," he said. "Then you've got Blue Origin coming

up, and everyone's innovating. It's just an exciting time to be watching this kind of stuff."

SpaceX's next mission — now targeting no earlier than March 29 from Kennedy Space Center — will be closely watched. It will mark the first time the company attempts to fly a used, or "flight proven," Falcon 9 first stage and brings full circle CEO Elon Musk's vision for rocket reusability. It was first flown nearly a year ago in April 2016 on the CRS-8 resupply mission to the International Space Station.

On board will be SES-10, a commercial communications satellite built by Airbus Space and Defense for Luxembourg-based SES. Once deployed, the satellite will significantly increase communications bandwidth for Latin America.

SpaceX will attempt to land the flight proven first stage on the "Of Course I Still Love You" drone ship stationed in the Atlantic Ocean.

This elevating car can drive over traffic

All of us who've ever been stuck in traffic have fantasized about the ability to press a button and magically avoid the bottleneck. Verizon is spotlighting what just might be the coolest vehicle ever — one that lets you escape traffic jams by safely driving over the cars in front of you. The vehicle widens and elevates to allow this to happen, as this promotional video reveals.

Before you get too excited that this 8,500-pound vehicle is in your future, note that Verizon Telematics is merely trying to call attention to Hum by Verizon, a module that plugs into your car's onboard diagnostic port. Hum is compatible with more than 150 million passenger vehicles dating back to the 1996 model year, and for a subscription fee provides such features as roadside assistance, monthly auto health reports, a mechanics hotline, and speed alerts. It works with a companion app on your smartphone. But no, plugging Hum into your own car won't suddenly make it widen and rise so that you too can avoid the line of cars in front of you.

Verizon teamed up with a content marketing firm Thinkmodo on this Hum Rider video, which it hopes will go viral like some previous Thinkmodo videos, including this funny/scary Devil Baby sequence.

Thinkmodo in turn contracted a mechanical engineer, A2ZFX, to actually build the one and only Hum vehicle. It took roughly 8 weeks; no cost was given.

Flashing on the screen at the end of the Hum Rider video is a warning that, "No one should attempt to recreate or re-enact the activity shown." Sorry, but you'll have to seek other ways to beat bumper-to-bumper traffic.

Fiat Chrysler to spend \$1B to make Jeep pickups in Midwest plants

DETROIT — Fiat Chrysler Automobiles on Sunday confirmed plans for a Jeep pickup

along with the Wagoneer nameplate, saying it will launch both a Jeep Wagoneer and Grand Wagoneer and will invest \$1 billion at plants in Michigan and Ohio to assemble the new SUVs.

The automaker said that Sunday's announcement is the second phase of a plan announced in January 2016 to shift the assembly locations of a number of vehicles and said the plans announced Sunday will create 2,000 jobs.

The automaker said it will retool and modernize its aging Warren Truck Assembly Plant in Michigan and will make the Wagoneer and Grand Wagoneer SUVs there. It did not release any details about the vehicles or photos.

Details about FCA's massive plant reshuffling plan began to emerge in 2015, ahead of contract talks with the UAW.

"These moves, which have been under discussion with Dennis Williams and the rest of the UAW leadership for some time, expand our capacity in these key segments, enabling us to meet growing demand here in the U.S., but more importantly to increase exports of our mid-size and larger vehicles to international markets," FCA CEO Sergio Marchionne said in a statement.

While Marchionne confirmed plans last spring to move assembly of the the Ram 1500 from Warren Truck to Sterling Heights Assembly plans for the Warren plant were unclear.

Legendary Musician, Rock and Roll Pioneer Chuck Berry Dies at 90

The question of who exactly invented rock and roll may never ever be conclusively decided. But few did more to shape and popularize the genre than Chuck Berry, who died Saturday in Missouri, the St. Charles County police confirmed. He was 90.

Berry's onstage showmanship, guitar-playing, song arrangements, and lyrics were hugely influential on artists such as Elvis Presley, the Beatles, the Rolling Stones, and the Beach Boys. The latter's "Surfin' USA" so directly copied Berry's song "Sweet Little Sixteen" that the rock pioneer cried foul and was given a co-writing credit.

Berry scored his biggest hit in 1972 with the novelty single "My Ding-a-Ling" but it was the records he released in the '50s with the Chicago-based Chess label for which he will be best remembered. (In the 2008 movie Cadillac Records inspired by the Chess Records story, Mos Def portrayed Berry.)

These include "Maybelline," "Roll Over Beethoven," "Johnny B. Goode," and "Carol," which would be covered by the Rolling Stones early in their career.

By the late '70s, the hits had dried up, and in 1979 Berry was found guilty of tax evasion and sentenced to four months in jail.

However, he remained a revered figure by the music icons he had inspired. When Keith Richards inducted Berry into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1986, the Stones

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"It's not only the right thing to do, but it's good business," said Danielle Brown, chief diversity officer at Intel.

Primary and secondary school teachers have one of the narrowest gender wage gaps. Kisha Mattox, a third and fourth grade school teacher in the Oakland, Ca. public school system, appreciates the parity. In her previous career as a human resources specialist, "I noticed a pay disparity" between men and women, Mattox says. But in her current field, "male and female teachers in public schools get paid the same because we have a union. I think other industries need unions, mainly because women and teenagers are taken advantage of in some professions."

Goodyear retires blimps but keeps familiar form in flight

Goodyear has let the helium out of the last of its fabled fleet of blimps, but the company's flight program will continue.

About two dozen employees were on hand early Tuesday to witness the deflation of the California-based Spirit of Innovation. But shed no tears, blimp fans, you'll still see a familiar blue-and-gold form floating over your favorite sports event or awards show. Although the blimp's replacement, Wingfoot Two, will look about the same when it arrives at Goodyear's airship base in Carson later this year, it will be a semi-rigid dirigible.

Such aircraft, one of which has already replaced Goodyear's Florida blimp, have a frame, which means they maintain their shape when the helium is drained. Blimps, on the other hand, go flat. Wingfoot Two, currently operating in Ohio, will be replaced by yet another dirigible when it leaves there for Southern California.

Far more important to Goodyear is that the new airships are faster, quieter, larger, easier to fly and more maneuverable than the blimps it introduced more than 90 years ago. Still, the company plans to keep calling the new models blimps.

"Because a Goodyear Semi-rigid Dirigible doesn't roll off the tongue," laughed company airship historian Eddie Ogden.

Crew members Tuesday yanked a rip line to open a section at the top of the blimp's big gas bag, known as an envelope. It took about two minutes for it to crumple to the ground. Ogden said Goodyear employees watched the deflation with mixed emotions.

"There were a couple tears because they've been working with blimps for so long," he said. "But the program has always changed over the decades and this is a step forward. The new model is incredible to watch fly." The switch to dirigibles offers a similar-looking, cigar-shaped flying machine but one that's 246 feet long, nearly the length of a football field and 50 feet longer than the old blimps. With room for three engines instead of two, it will be able to hit speeds of over 70 mph and turn on a dime.

The quieter engines also will provide an advantage in covering golf tournaments, Ogden said, by eliminating the racket that can

sometimes disrupt golfers lining up their putts. The ability to hover will allow a pilot to better position the aircraft to capture NASCAR race finishes and key moments in a baseball game.

And the ability to take off and land like a helicopter will put an end to those funny-looking runway pursuits by the ground crew. Still, the Spirit of Innovation was an innovator in its day and its deflation comes with some emotion.

Its gondola, originally christened Columbia in 1986, became Eagle in 2002 and finally Innovation following a public name-that-blimp contest in 2006.

With the lifespan of the envelope nearing an end, it was time to mothball it, said Matthew St. John, chief pilot at the Carson airship base and the man who took the blimp on its final flight above last month's Academy Awards. The craft's historic gondola will be shipped to Goodyear's century-old Ohio airship base to be put on permanent display. Other parts are going to museums, and the envelope is being recycled.

"The engines can be repaired and replaced, the gondola can be repaired and refurbished, the tail fins can be refurbished," said St. John, who plans to fly "Innovation's" replacement. "But with the envelope, there's a safety measure there that we take a very serious look at and say, 'OK, this is the mark, and we're not going to go beyond that mark,'" he said.

Sears and Kmart might not have enough money to stock their shelves

The company that operates Sears, the department store chain that dominated retail for decades, warned Tuesday that it faces "substantial doubt" about its ability to stay in business unless it can borrow more and tap cash from more of its assets.

"Our historical operating results indicate substantial doubt exists related to the company's ability to continue as a going concern," Sears Holdings said in a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Sears Holdings operates both Sears and Kmart stores.

While it said it is working to find ways to mitigate that doubt, it said that it can't be sure that it will be able to raise the cash to keep going.

In January, Sears said it planned to close 150 stores. In the following month, the retailer initiated a restructuring program aimed at cutting \$1 billion in costs annually and reducing debt by \$1.5 billion helped by proceeds from the sale of one of its most valuable brands, Craftsman tools to Stanley Black & Decker.

"We acknowledge that we continue to face a challenging competitive environment," Sears said in the filing. But it's bleeding cash: After its 2016 loss, it had to finance its cash needs for operating expenses from "investing and financing activities."

Sears, which at the end of its fiscal year had about 140,000 employees, said that it expects

to continue to try to generate cash from real estate sales and borrowing. The company said it is also exploring ways to "unlock value" through its Home Services and Sears Auto Center, Kenmore appliances and DieHard batteries and parts business by partnering with other companies, or other means. It says it hopes those actions are enough to ward off the "substantial doubt" that it warned about in the filing.

Sears said that if it continues to experience operating losses and is unable to generate additional liquidity it may not be able to access additional funds under its credit agreement or be able to afford to pay for inventory to stock its stores or pay for other services it needs to operate. Some of Sears' challenges reflect those of the broader retail industry, with traditional stores struggling to compete with online retailers. But Sears also has faltered because of its management's decisions, including the sale of its more than \$30 billion credit portfolio to Citibank in 2003, and a merger with Kmart that tied together two struggling chains. It also failed to keep up with changing shopper tastes and habits even before the intense competition traditional retailers are currently facing from online sellers took hold.

Sears Holdings CEO Edward Lampert, a hedge fund manager who oversaw the Sears merger with Kmart, began his own turnaround strategy for the ailing company, loaning it cash and spinning off parts as the situation grew worse.

Founded in 1886, Sears was built around its famous catalog that was so complete that entire houses could be ordered -- delivered in pieces to be built on a site.

In the era of the department store, Sears reigned supreme in middle America by offering the widest range of products -- from jewelry to electric saws, dresses to tires. As recently as the 1990s, the chain thrived under CEO Arthur Martinez who made a bigger push into high-profit apparel and reignited shopper interest in the retailer with the "Softer Side of Sears" campaign. All the time, though, price-cutting mass merchandiser Walmart was growing and overtook Sears as the nation's largest retailer. Even as Sears was cutting costs in February, new doubts were being raised about its future. The company's retail store sales decline was the worst among the top 250 retailers tracked by eMarketer as of November.

Lampert hoped to save the chain by putting the focus on a customer loyalty program that awards discounts. The hope was that it would build enthusiasm again with customers who were long loyal to the retailer, famous for its Sears catalog that was the bible of home shoppers long before online sellers took hold. The company said it lost \$607 million, or \$5.67 per diluted share, during the quarter that ended on Jan. 28. That compared with a loss of \$580 million, or \$5.44 per diluted

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guitarist claimed to have "lifted every lick" that Berry ever played.

Chuck Berry sales spike 9,000% posthumously

After news broke that Chuck Berry, founding father of rock 'n' roll, died on Saturday at the age of 90, many fans turned to his music, sending sales of the artist's catalog through the roof.

According to preliminary numbers from Nielsen, sales of Berry's best-selling album titles spiked over 9000% following the singer's death.

Sales of Berry's most memorable songs also saw significant sales increases, with *Johnny B. Goode* up 5800%, *Maybellene* up 9300%, *No Particular Place to Go* up 6100%, *You Never Can Tell* up 3400% and *Roll Over Beethoven* up 9000%.

Other musicians' catalogs saw sales boosts in the weeks after their death, with fans buying 1.1 million Prince songs on April 21, 2016, the day of the artist's death.

Fans' nostalgia for Berry's music will likely drive sales of his final album *CHUCK*, out Friday. In a Facebook note, Berry's representatives confirmed that the forthcoming album, the artist's first in 38 years featuring mostly new and original music, would not be pushed back in response to his death.

"As a tribute to Chuck Berry, and with gratitude to his fans around the world, we will be following through on those plans in the coming days," reads the note.

Lollapalooza 2017: Chance the Rapper, Lorde, Muse lead the lineup

MILWAUKEE — Pride of Chicago Chance the Rapper is headlining Lollapalooza in his hometown for the first time this August.

Joining the recent three-time Grammy winner on top of the bill are bombastic arena rock act Muse, alternative pop star Lorde and indie rock A-lister Arcade Fire, which will play its first U.S. show for 2017 at the festival.

Wednesday's lineup reveal also includes Atlanta rap stars Migos, esteemed French electronic act Justice, and electropop duo Sylvan Esso, among 176 acts.

Celebrating its 26th anniversary in 2017, Lolla is among the premiere music events in the world, with 400,000 people expected to attend the Grant Park festivities Aug. 3 to 6. The breakdown of artists by day is as follows:

Thursday: Muse; Lorde; Cage the Elephant; Wiz Khalifa; Porter Robinson; Liam Gallagher; Migos; Spoon; Lil Uzi Vert; Jon Bellion; George Ezra; Capital Cities; Kaytranada; Baauer; the Drums; A-Trak; Tritonal; Gryffin; CRX; Temples; Suicideboys; Hippo Campus; Honne; Cheat Codes; Kevin Devine; Paper Diamond; Middle Kids; The Hunna; Oliver Tree; Jain; The O'My's; Declan McKenna; Unlike Pluto; Atlas Genius; Arizona; Gibbz; Pham; Michael Blume; Elohim; Stanaj; Kweku Collins; MAX

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Friday: The Killers; Blink-182; DJ Snake; Run the Jewels; Foster the People; Ryan Adams; Gramatik; Phantogram; Tegan and Sara; Crystal Castles; Kaleo; Little Dragon; 3LAU; Whitney; Andrew McMahon in the Wilderness; Majid Jordan; Getter; The Pretty Reckless; Slushii; Cloud Nothings; Jidenna; Mura Masa; Bishop Briggs; Ookay; The Districts; Pup; Moose Blood; Skott; The Lemon Twigs; Mondo Cozmo; San Holo; The Frights; Saint Jhn; Bibi Bourelly; Missio; Cobi; Moksi; Slothrust; Allan Rayman; Frenship; Harriet Brown; Jesse Malin

Saturday: Chance the Rapper; The XX; Alt-J; The Head and the Heart; Kaskadee; Glass Animals; Vance Joy; Mac DeMarco; Russ; 21 Savage; Banks; Sylvan Esso; Alison Wonderland; Live; Royal Blood; Nightmre; Warpaint; Highly Suspect; Zara Larsson; Jai Wolf; Ephwurd; Alvvaays; G Jones; Amine; San Fermin; The Japanese House; Leon; The Shelters; Blossoms; Jacob Banks; Michael Christmas; Flint Eastwood; Ron Gallo; Madeintyo; Young Bombs; The London Souls; 888; Wingtip; Colony House; Brayton Bowman; Lady Pills

Sunday: Arcade Fire; Justice; Big Sean; The Shins; Zeds Dead; Rae Sremmurd; Tove Lo; Milky Chance; Grouplove; Dvbbs; Borgore; Lil Yachty; London Grammar; Rag 'n' Bone Man; Noname; Joey Badass; Charli XCX; Car Seat Headrest; Slander; Machine Gun Kelly; 6LACK; Sampha; Maggie Rogers; NF; Joyryde; Joseph; Barns Courtney; Vant; Grace Mitchell; Blaenavon; Lo Moon; Dirty Audio; Whethan; Sofi Tukker; Xavier Omar; Boogie; Wax Motif; The Walters; Duckwrth; Spencer Ludwig; Flor; Goody Grace; Tucker Beathard

Kidzapalooza Stage Thursday through Sunday:

Tim Kubart & the Space Cadets; Lucky Diaz; Q Brothers; Sleepy Man; Jo Jo & the Pinecones; Lard Dog & the Band of Shy; Little Miss Ann; School of Rock Allstars

Four-day general admission passes quickly sold out after going on sale Tuesday. Daily tickets for \$120 go on sale at 11 a.m. ET on Wednesday at lollapalooza.com. VIP and platinum packages are also available.

Chuck Barris, 'Gong Show' host who claimed he was a CIA assassin, dies at 87

Chuck Barris, the man who gave us game shows like *The Newlywed Game* and *The Gong Show*, has died at 87.

Publicist Paul Shefrin, speaking on behalf of Barris' family, confirmed to the Associated Press that the self-proclaimed "King of Daytime Television" died at his home in Palisades Park, N.Y.

Born in Philadelphia in 1929, Charles Barris had a hardscrabble youth after his dentist father died of a stroke, leaving his family destitute.

He graduated from what is now Drexel University in 1953 and worked odd jobs until he found his way into television through a short-lived entry level position at NBC, which he followed with a gig at ABC. It was

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there that he began building his game-show empire.

During this period, Barris wrote the 1962 hit song *Palisades Park*, which was recorded by Freddy Cannon, but his true calling was game shows.

He made an immediate impact on the genre with *The Dating Game*, which premiered in 1966 and featured a young woman or man posing tongue-in-cheek risqué questions to three prospective dates who were hidden behind a screen. Jim Lange served as the original host and Chuck Woolery emceed the show during its final years.

The Dating Game also introduced several future celebrities to the audience, including Arnold Schwarzenegger, Sally Field, John Ritter and a pre-*Charlie's Angels* Farrah Fawcett.

Barris also created and hosted *The Gong Show* (1976-1980), which was synonymous with 1970s game-show kitsch.

The Gong Show, a progenitor of *America's Got Talent*, repackaged vaudeville for TV, with assorted acts of varying talent levels auditioning on air. Instead of receiving three strikes and being torn to shreds by Simon Cowell, Barris would beat a gong and the condemned performer would be mocked by B-list celebs.

A number of stars avoided getting gonged and went on to become famous: comedians Steve Martin and Paul "Pee-wee Herman" Reubens; country musician BoxCar Willie; Cheryl Lynn, who would go on to record the disco hit *Got to Be Real*; and Andrea McArdle, who would originate the title role of *Annie* on Broadway in 1977.

Barris was the Mark Burnett of his day, supplying network TV with 27 hours worth of game-show programming at his peak. But by 1980, he realized his heyday was coming to an end and sold his production company for a reported \$100 million.

His next undertaking, movie production, was not as successful and his *Gong Show Movie* adaptation stayed in theaters for only one week.

That brought on a crisis of confidence and Barris holed up in a New York hotel for two months writing his 1984 memoir *Confessions of A Dangerous Mind*, in which he claimed to have been a CIA assassin. It was adapted into a 2002 film directed by George Clooney.

He would write three other books, including 1993's *The Game Show King: A Confession and 2004's Bad Grass Never Dies: A Sequel to Confessions of a Dangerous Mind*.

Its claims that a game-show host spent his spare time traveling the world taking out bad guys were met with raised eyebrows.

"It sounds like he has been standing too close to the gong all those years," quipped CIA spokesman Tom Crispell. "Chuck Barris has never been employed by the CIA and the allegation that he was a hired assassin is absurd."

Barris took the CIA's response as tacit confirmation, noting, "Have you ever heard

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the CIA acknowledge someone was an assassin?"

Barris was married three times: first to Lyn Levy, the niece of a CBS founder, which lasted from 1957-1976. The marriage produced Barris' only child, daughter Della, who died of a drug overdose in 1998 at age 36.

In 2010, he wrote about her substance-abuse struggles in *Della: A Memoir of My Daughter*.

In 1980, he married Robin Altman; they divorced in 1999 and he married his third and final wife, Mary, in 2000.

That year, he also suffered a health crisis: part of one lung had to be removed due to cancer and a post-operative infection led to a month in intensive care.

'Beauty and the Beast' roars to No. 1 with monstrous \$170M in box office

NEW YORK — Disney's live-action Beauty was a beast at the box office, opening with an estimated \$170 million in North American ticket sales and setting a new high mark for family movies.

Beauty and the Beast blew past the previous record-holder for G- or PG-rated releases, according to studio estimates Sunday. Last year, Disney's Finding Dory debuted with a then-PG-best \$135 million.

Beauty and the Beast felled many other records, too. It's the year's top opening so far and a new best for March releases, and it ranks seventh for all time, not accounting for inflation.

The film, made for about \$160 million, is the latest effort by Disney to re-create one of its animated classics with live action. The makeover of the 1991 Oscar-winning film follows previous live-action remakes such as Alice in Wonderland, Cinderella, Maleficent and The Jungle Book. Many more are on the way, too, including Dumbo, Mulan, Aladdin and The Lion King.

"Nostalgia is a very powerful driver for these films," says Dave Hollis, Disney's head of distribution. "There's an opportunity to see these beloved stories in a way that's never been seen before, but you get to build that on the foundation of something that's very familiar.

"But you don't get to \$170 million because of nostalgia," Hollis adds. "You have to ultimately make these movies great."

Beauty and the Beast, starring Emma Watson and Dan Stevens, found widespread acclaim and some backlash for including what has been called Disney's first openly gay character. Josh Gad plays Gaston's sidekick, LeFou, who has a very brief "exclusively gay moment," as director Bill Condon described it, late in the film.

Though many applauded the character's subtle twist as overdue progress, some derided it. An Alabama drive-in theater canceled showings. And after Malaysian censors required the scene be edited, Disney

pulled the film from release there; an appeal will be heard this week.

None of that dragged down the movie's massive opening. It took in \$180 million overseas.

Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for comScore, says any backlash may have only helped Beauty and the Beast, which he predicts will eventually top \$1 billion globally.

"This was a real tempest in a teapot," Dergarabedian says. "This obviously had zero impact on the movie. ... I don't think that was going to dissuade anyone except the most narrow-minded from seeing this film." Beauty and the Beast also got a boost from good word-of-mouth and largely good reviews.

Other studios stayed clear of the juggernaut. Last week's top film, Kong: Skull Island, slid to second place with \$28.9 million. The King Kong relaunch has thus far earned \$110.1 million domestically.

The R-rated X-Men spinoff Logan, starring Hugh Jackman, added \$17.5 million for third place (\$184 million total). Jordan Peele's horror sensation Get Out slid to fourth with \$13.3 million (\$133.1 million). Faith-based film The Shack finished fifth with \$6.1 million (\$42.6 million).

The only film that tried to open nationwide against Beauty and the Beast was the microbudget horror release The Belko Experiment, which earned \$4.1 million. Danny Boyle's Trainspotting sequel, T2: Trainspotting, made its debut in five theaters in New York and Los Angeles, earning \$180,000 for a strong per-theater average of \$36,000.

Book Buzz: 'The Shack' is solid on USA TODAY's best-sellers list

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

'Shack' is steady at No. 1: *The Shack*, William P. Young's 2007 religious novel about a man shattered by the murder of his young daughter, is the first title to dominate USA TODAY's best-seller list in 2017, with this week marking the fourth consecutive week the book has claimed the No. 1 spot. (The full list will be published Thursday.)

Sales of the book are undoubtedly boosted by the film adaptation, starring Octavia Spencer as God and Sam Worthington as a grieving father who meets the Trinity in the very shack his daughter was killed.

The Shack has spent 211 weeks on USA TODAY's list, debuting at No. 143 on Jan. 24, 2008. But it quickly became a phenomenon, and by July 24, 2008, had risen to No. 2. With the movie, the book returned to the top 50 in January in anticipation of the film and first appeared at No. 1 on March 2, the same week the film opened nationwide. Other movie tie-ins are also selling well. They include: *A Dog's Purpose* by W. Bruce Cameron at No. 16, *Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly at No. 18 is and *The*

Zookeeper's Wife by Diane Ackerman, soon to be released in theaters, at No. 19.

A 'Brit' on the list: Authors Catherine Coulter and J.T. Ellison land at No. 2 on this week's list with *The Devil's Triangle* (Gallery Books), the fourth in the 'A Brit in the FBI' series. In the book FBI Special Agents Nicholas Drummond and Michaela Caine investigate a natural disaster that may be man-made.

The growing popularity of the series continues to grow, and Coulter appreciates it. The author told USA TODAY, "Five years and counting — what amazing fun we're having. J.T. and I love to brainstorm plots for Nicholas Drummond ... Two writer brains are better than one, which we discovered early on. It is so amazing that we've struck a chord with the readers this way."

This is the highest debut for the duo (Coulter did reach No. 2 on her own with *Insidious* in August of last year.) Their previous books, *The Final Cut*, *The Lost Key* and *The End Game* debuted at No. 3, No. 6 and No. 7 respectively.

Nancy Kerrigan told to 'break a leg' on 'Dancing With the Stars' by Kristi Yamaguchi

Maybe Kristi Yamaguchi should have just left it at "Good luck, Nancy."

"Dancing With the Stars" alum Yamaguchi raised plenty of eyebrows this week when she extended her well wishes to fellow former figure skater Nancy Kerrigan, who's competing on the current season of the ABC competition series. Unfortunately, Yamaguchi's choice of words could have been better.

"So excited for you @NancyAKerrigan! Can't wait to see you grace that ballroom floor, break a leg!" Yamaguchi tweeted at Kerrigan.

The traditional showbiz phrase "break a leg" took on a dark overtone in this case, in light of the 1994 attack on Kerrigan, during which she was clubbed in the knee with a police baton in a staged attack at the hands of an assailant hired by the ex-husband of her skating rival, Tonya Harding.

Talk about opening up old wounds, figuratively if not literally.

Twitter users were quick to make the connection, posting a flurry of GIFs expressing their shock and amusement.

"Kristi Yamaguchi wished Nancy Kerrigan luck on 'DWTS' with possibly the worst choice of words ever," one observer noted.

"That may or may not have been a good choice of words. O.o," offered yet another Twitter user. Kerrigan, anyway, seemed to take the comment in her non-injured stride, tweeting, "Thank you so much Kristi! I'm excited to get this started said for the advice you had for me. this its a blast!"

Yamaguchi is married to Bret Hedican, the former North St. Paul High School and St. Cloud State University star who played 17 seasons in the NHL and was a member of the Carolina Hurricanes in 2006, when they won the Stanley

Inmate speaks out on danger of gangs

His victim's father forgives

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As a member of the Spanish Cobras street gang, Adam Procell was one of the shooters in an exchange of bullets in 1995 that killed 18-year-old Robbie Bruce in the crossfire.

When charged as an adult at age 15, Procell was offered a plea deal that would have returned him to the juvenile system and guaranteed release in 10 years.

His lawyer, parents and grandmother urged him to take it. He didn't.

He was found guilty and sentenced to life.

From behind bars, Procell has renounced his gang affiliation and put his energy toward preventing teenagers from joining gangs.

He's written and self-published a 500-page book, constructed a detailed proposal on how officials can address gang



FAMILY PHOTO

Adam Procell poses with his uncle, Derrick Procell, at Oakhill Correctional Institution this year. Adam Procell has been incarcerated since he was involved in a gang-related shooting at 15. With the help of his uncle, Adam Procell has produced anti-gang materials to help kids stay out of trouble.

violence and designed a website and iPhone app — without internet access or ever actually holding a smartphone — that helps concerned parents gauge the likelihood their child has been

recruited by a gang. He estimates he has warned about 10,000 students about the dangers of getting swept into gang violence through workshops held in prison.

"I feel it's the least I can do to my victims to show them that I am sorry," he said.

The father of his victim wrote to Procell almost two decades after the murder in Milwaukee when he heard about Procell's efforts. David Bruce encouraged Procell to keep sharing his knowledge and even wrote to the Wisconsin Parole Commission in support of his release.

"The night I found out Robbie was killed, I was so furious," Bruce told the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. "My gut reaction was, I just wanted to get my hands on whoever was responsible and I wanted to kill him."

When he saw Procell in court, he was struck by his age.

"Here was this wimpy, little 15-year-old kid sitting there with his attorney," Bruce said. "I actually felt kind of sorry for the guy."

Over the years, he gained even greater sympathy for Procell and others like him.

"They're not animals, these are human beings," said Bruce, who now lives in Illinois. "In many cases they're just kids

"I feel it's the least I can do to my victims to show them that I am sorry."

ADAM PROCELL,
INMATE SPEAKING ABOUT HIS EFFORTS TO PREVENT TEENS FROM JOINING GANGS

that came from a bad home, couldn't catch a break and started hanging around with the wrong crowd."

Procell is waiting on his next step toward parole — a supervised job picking up trash at locations outside the prison. He said prison staff members have told him that there are hundreds of people vying for three positions.

He tries to stay upbeat but feels an urgency to spread his message outside prison while kids will still listen to him. He's 36 now and feels it is getting harder to relate to kids.

"The prison's not bad," he said. "It's just the waiting."

a high school study hall monitor Hampton joined

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discussing said HOT ISSUE.

WHY!!!

POLICE PROFILING WHILE DRIVING!!

"RIDING WITH CHUCK" AT HOME IN ST. LOUIS
WITH THE 75-YEAR-OLD LEGEND, WHO WAS STILL
GETTING HARASSED BY THE COPS.

- BY MARK JACOBSON (C. 2008)

" The Avalon was a serious let down after all that detail-rich automotive Phantasmagoria described in tunes like " No Money Down " and " You can't catch me. But there was a purpose to it, Chuck said: " In a Toyota, the cops don't stop you as much. "

Did the cops actually stop him, even now? I asked.

" Shit yeah, Chuck said, with a flash of sternness. " They stop me. They'll let me go after they see it's me, but they stop me Always have, always will. "

That was another thing Chuck gave me the horses-mouth testimony that even when you're the Father of Rock & Roll, the cops will still stop you for being, as Chuck said, " a color other than white "

Rolling Stone, com

Rolling Stone (RS 1285) APRIL 20, 2017,
P. 35 (W/PIC)

All lives matter, but some clearly more than others in our nation

BY FRANK HARRIS III
The Hartford Courant

On a recent Sunday morning in my Illinois hometown, I saw a photographer wearing a T-shirt. On the front it asked: "Why did God make me black?"

When he turned, I saw the answer: "Because He knew I could take it - like Jesus."

As I sat through the service at the all-black Baptist church I had attended in my youth, I thought about those words

— God making me black and this notion of black people "taking it."

I could ask, "Why did God make white people white?" Is the answer: "Because He knew they could dish it out?"

That would be unfair because many whites don't "dish it out."

So it also goes that not all blacks can take it. But there should be no shame in not taking it.

I would ask how many whites would trade places with us and "take it."

I find little solace in being morally superior to

those who treat me like "it." My solace comes in getting them to stop "it."

So I ask another way: How many other Americans would be happy if treated the way black Americans are?

Would you take it? Could you take it? Should you take it?

The police are but one element of "taking it." That said, it is not my wish to paint the police with one broad stroke,

just as our government authorities want Muslims to stop fellow Muslims from committing terror-

ism under the banner of Islam and denounce those who do, so we need our government authorities, namely police officers, to stop their fellow officers from committing terror behind the shield of law enforcement and to denounce them when they do.

Yet, each time another black is captured on video being killed, we receive excuses as to why they were justifiably killed. "If they had done this," "If they had not done that."

Our lives are in varying degrees of danger no matter what we do.

So we get Alton Sterling in Louisiana and Philando Castile in Minnesota killed by police officers on con-

secutive days.

Add to this the five white and Latino officers killed in Dallas by Micah Johnson who, I surmise, saw the repeated killings of black men by white police, heard previous marchers' chants of "Hands up, don't shoot" and "Black Lives Matter," and saw, after everybody went home, too many cops kept shooting and showing black lives don't matter.

And he could not take it.

Not everyone accepts we were put on this Earth to take it. And of those who choose not to take it, not everyone will respond the same.

Some will march. Some will pray. Some will write.

Some will speak. Some will sing. Some will cry. Some will kill and willingly die.

And as tragic as the two days were when two more black men were shown on video being killed by police, it was the third day, when the white and Latino police officers were shot and killed, that the conversation shifted and the nation began to mourn, which shows again that if all lives matter, certain lives matter more than others — particularly white lives dressed in blue.

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MODERN LOVE !!!

UPDATE: "FINALLY MAKING IT OFFICAL"

ACTORS KATIE HOLMES AND JAMIE FOX

FLESH AND BLOOD LOVERS OUT IN THE
HOLLYWOOD LIME LIGHT !!!

Has Trump USA Progressed beyond JFK
back in the days of Harry COHEN and Actors
Black SAMMY DAVIS JR. and still alive KIM
NOVAK... Very white and blonde !!

TOM CRUISE CAST A
HUGE SHADOW IN THE TOWN

Mr. Fox has gone back To FOX TV.

US MAGAZINE.com

APRIL 24, 2017, P. 42 (W/PIC)

BE FREE !!!

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BY: LEON IRBY DATED: APRIL 30, 2017

"My husband is like, 'So you're not going to go through your mail but you are going to watch the Bachelor?'"

ON her love for the ABC dating show.

ALLISON WILLIAMS

US MAGAZINE / LOOSE TALK

USMAGAZINE.COM

MARCH 20, 2017, P. 8

My universal friends let me share with you my mild JEST:-

BACHELOR/BACHELORETTE

AKA LOVE HOLLYWOOD STYLE!!!

XO !!!!!

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: MARCH 2, 2017

BLINDED BY THE BRIGHTEST LIGHT!!!

UPDATE

GAZING KENDALL TENNER

"They kept
driving right
past us. even
with my
sideboob!"

Joking about failing to
hail a cab in NYC while
wearing a risqué outfit."

— USMAGAZINE.COM / Loose Talk
USMAGAZINE JANUARY 30, 2017, p. 6

Bright lights! Big city! Gone to their
Heads!!!

#ShineOnSuperstar!!!

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: FEB. 25, 2017

WHO SAID WHAT !!!

SHOUT-OUT

TO: TRINDIDIAN QUEEN
NIKI MINAJ

UPDATE:

Welcome TO AMERICA ["ONLY IN AMERICA" !!!] ...

I loved and appreciated your wise and illuminating exclamation in my OCTOBER 2016, MarieClaire.COM, ON BLACK WOMEN BODY INSULTS, SEE BELOW, P. P. 4-5

This "HOT TOPIC" IS SO FAMILIAR TO THE "AMERICAN PSYCHE", I CAN SHOOT FROM THE HIP !!

DEDICATED TO CBS.COM/THE TALK

MS. O

First off, enquire of why costar Julie Chen, whom is married to CBS Boss - arbitrarily FIRED THE LOVELY EBONY QUEEN HOLLY ROBINSON-PEETE to hire as replacement - SHEPHERD UNDERWOOD.

#EVERYBODY IS TALKING

BACKDOOR STORY!!!

SECOND → The MISTRESS, of The ANTEBELLUM Southern House FEARED THE ETHIOPIAN QUEEN - in that same House would replace her in the so-called "Master Bedroom". (e.g. Sally Hem-
ning President Thomas Jefferson's SEX SLAVE !!!)

COHOST SHARON OSBOURNE

WE KNOW OZZY CONFESSED TO HIS OWN WANDERING "EYE" ADDICTION !!!

JEALOUSY AND FEAR ARE THE ORIGINAL SINS !!!

"PITY THE FOOL" !!!

Nicki
ON
TOP

WITH A NEW ALBUM AND A TV SERIES
INSPIRED BY HER LIFE IN THE WORKS
NICKI MINAJ - THE MOST BANKABLE
WOMAN IN HIP-HOP IS AT THE HEIGHT
OF HER GAME

BY JACK MOCK PHOTOGRAPHER Kai Z. Feng

- Marie Claire.com

COVER STORY [W PICS], p. 151 NOVEMBER 2016

"A harsh truth she's had to navigate is the double standard that exists for women of color in popular culture. She's particularly irked by The Talk cohost Sharon Osbourne, who had praised West's wife Kim Kardashian's nude bathroom selfie by tweeting one of her own - after previously saying that Minaj's booty-baring "Anacanda" single cover image in 2014 looked "like a cheap porno cover."

"When Kim Kardashian's naked picture came out, [Osbourne] praised it, and my fans attacked for being such a hypocrite," she says. "So it wasn't trashy and punchy when a white woman did it, but it was when a black woman did it? It's quite pathetic and sad, but that's [is] my reality, and

Sharon Kicks out Ozzy

[W/SPLIT DOWN THE MIDDLE PIC]

"Goodbye to Rommance? The Talk's Sharon Osbourne has asked husband of 33 years Ozzy to leave their \$10 million dollar [sic] Beverly Hills home amid rumors the former Black Sabbath frontman cheated with an L.A. celebrity hairstylist. Sharon 63 (sic) 63, "thinks he having an affair," says a source, "it wouldn't be his first." The 67-year-old slept with two of their kids Nannies, Sharon admitted on The Talk March 3. The couple, who starred on MTV's The Osbournes with daughter Kelly, 31, and son Jack, 30, (daughter Timmy 32, opted out) have broken up before during an alcohol-fueled blackout, Ozzy nearly strangled Sharon in 1989. In 2013, they split again. Adds the insider, "It may blow over this time too." SEE US MAGAZINE.COM
US MAGAZINE MAY 25, 2016, P. 36

I've gotten accustomed to just shutting
it down."

- idp. 155

By: LEON IRBY DATED: FEBRUARY 25, 2017

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

SHOUT-OUT
TO: NICKI MINAJ

UPDATE:

God gave you two good eyes to see
both sides so clearly!!!

You correctly evaluate and discuss
interacial marriage from the Black
man side of that "Marriage Bed" in your
must read illuminating MarieClaire.com
NOVEMBER 2016 COVER (W/PIC) STORY-INTER-
VIEW, P. 155

NOW LET US LOOK AT THIS SIDE:

" The Loving Legacy

Jailed for the crime of getting married, Rich-
ard and Mildred Loving fought back — and,
in 1967, won interacial couples the right

to wed. Fifty years later, as their story hit the theaters, Reporter Abby Halage ask Women about Life then and Now.

ON JULY 13, 1958, in the middle of the night, Police raided the bedroom of newly weds Richard and Mildred Loving; a white man and a black woman, and arrested them for violating the Virginia that said two people of different races couldn't marry. Twenty-three other states had similar laws. J, p. 141

TYRA BANKS

Like Michael Jackson got her a white man and "WHITE BABY." "WHITE MASK, BLACK FACE" BK. Author Franz Fanon.

"I am not black, I am Tyra Banks", aka, O.J.!

SUPER WOMAN SERENA WILLIAMS

↳ WHAT DOES SHE SEE IN THAT GUY?

IN A WORLD OF TOM AND GISELE, WHERE THE cheerleader seems to go for the QB, seeing successful, strong, stunning women choose a partner without Ken doll looks gives every guy hope. **HEATHER HAVRILESKY** reveals why many women find the UNCONVENTIONALLY handsome man — or sometimes the average Joe — the best catch of all. **ESQUIRE.COM** APRIL 2017, P. P. 81, 83

**SERENA
WILLIAMS**

+

**ALEXIS
OHANIAN**

Her: Tennis ball destroyer, winner of twenty-three Grand Slams. **HIM:** Reddit co-founder. **Time Together:** Twenty-two months, recently engaged. **WHAT MAKES IT WORK:** Respect, "He definitely treats everyone the same, which is really cool to see," Williams said at a press conference in January. **ANOTHER THEORY:** We've got nothing. From Drake to... this guy? A total mystery."

SEE ALSO: SHE'S PREGNANT! CW/PICS OF SERENA
* ALEXIS USMAGAZINE.COM
MAY 8, 2017, P. 39

"DOUBLE VISION"

KEEP THOSE "ZEN" EYES
OPEN !!!

NAMASTE !!!

I MAGINE ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE / YOKO JOHNSON

SEE: THE MISEDUCATION OF THE NEGRO
BK.

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: FEBRUARY 25, 2017

Spring, 2017

Dear **Faithful** Companions:

Whoever lives in love, lives in God and God in that person. 1 John 4:16B

There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear. 1 John 4:18A

Recently I read a book (Year of Wonders by Geraldine Brooks) about a small town in England during the mid 1600's Black Plaque epidemic. Somehow one man contracted this disease and passed it on to others. In a courageous gesture, the town people agreed to close off access to their town to preventing it from spreading. The result was that 2/3's of the citizens of this small hamlet perished, but the Plague was contained, and neighboring towns were spared.

You can imagine the terror the townspeople felt as they watched their children and loved ones sicken and die. They did not have the medical knowledge we are blessed with today so they had no idea how the disease was contracted nor how it could be cured.

Two strong emotions were experienced: great compassion (love) and fear. Very real heroes arose who put aside their own safety to care for the sick and vulnerable. But fear an emotion that so often lies in the depths of our being erupted from time to time and caused people to commit very cruel acts of violence.

I have long been aware of how fear clouds our judgement and causes us to become unloving, even sometimes hateful. When this happens we are at the mercy of people who would manipulate us to achieve something they want. I am also very aware of how sometimes I personally have let fear rule my thoughts and actions (or inactions).

In our world today, there are very real dangers. There are people who are committing hateful and very violent actions. There are a lot of threats to our freedoms and abilities to be the loving people God calls us to be. Of course, we need to recognize the dangers and take sensible precautions. But we also have to be very careful about keeping our fears under control so they don't lead us to actions we will regret.

Will you join me in asking about the deep fears we each have? Can we explore them a bit and ask God to show us reasonable steps to keep ourselves safe?

And can we seek ways to become the love that is God and that lives within us? How do we become people living out of the love of God and not people reacting to fear? Let us pray together that with God's help we can do this.

Take care

A True Story

In recent months, I have often talked about my 103 year old mother who recently went home to God. In her last years, though she was wheel chair bound, had dementia, and could not hear, she was still doing her work for God. She maintained a lively wit, and somehow she touched those around her especially her care givers. She and Darren, whose story follows, are making a difference right where they are even though each faced many obstacles.

Darren (not his real name) was part of a strong thriving Christian community at an IL maximum security prison. He developed a deep love of Jesus and a commitment for living God's will. He directed the choir at the prison, was a frequent part of group prayer, and participated in many constructive programs. He says he witnessed much healing happening in relationships between those imprisoned in the jail, between the prisoners and the officers and even in the personal lives of the officers.

One day Darren was transferred. He was devastated. So much good was happening, and he wanted to continue to be part of it. The first night at the new prison, he prayed and cried. Finally, he heard God telling him to relax, that he was placed where God could use him and that God would always be with him. The Christian community at this prison was fractured.

Darren went to work. First he joined the choir and soon was named choir leader. He is teaching those who come to worship services that their faith walk cannot end inside the chapel walls. He is leading them to live their faith throughout every day. He has come to realize that the work he was part of at the old prison was preparing him for this new assignment God.

As we all know, when we are doing God's will as best we can, amazing things happen. Shortly before Darren reach this prison, two new wardens were assigned, both of whom wanted to change the environment and to add new programs. Thus, the way was opened for Darren.

Darren, you will know who you are as you read this. We thank God for you and for your great work.

Jana

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NEEDS (elaborated on pg. 4)

- ◆ Volunteers to organize books
- ◆ Groups to Hold Book Drives
- ◆ Opportunities to speak
- ◆ Postage Stamps
- ◆ Amazon shoppers

GIFT WRAPPING & CHRISTMAS CARD



Gift Wrapping 2016 A Great Success

We had over \$12,600 in donations for the Aunt Mary's Storybook Project! That was the result from hours and hours of our volunteers wrapping gifts for shoppers at the Chicago Ridge Mall during Christmas season, 2016. We are so very grateful for those volunteers.

As always it was amazing, and fun, and gratifying, and exhausting. Can you imagine the amount of paper, tape, tissue paper, the number of boxes and bows that were required to result in this kind of revenue? Thank you also to everyone who collected and donated these supplies.

The administration and staff at the Chicago Ridge Mall was so very helpful especially in providing us a space which make our operation so visible and providing a nearby storage room. They have replied to our thank you note that they look forward to helping us next year. So please be on the lookout for any of those supplies we will need for this venture at Christmas, 2017.

A Christmas Card Story

Every year, we wonder if our Christmas card project is really worth all of the time, money and effort our volunteers and we put in. A story has recently surfaced that says, "Yes, Yes, it is."

This year we sent a few thousand signed cards to Cook County Jail and asked the Assistant Director to have them distributed in units where they were most needed. One of the male recipients wrote to thank us. He said that there were a lot of young men on his cell block who had never been shown any affection by family, friends or society. He believes that is what led them to drugs, gangs and guns. They were amazed, he told us, that people who they did not know would care enough to sign a card for them. A few of them were hiding their tears he claimed. It was especially important according to the letter writer that so many of the cards were signed by women because most of them had mothers who were addicted to drugs and were not capable of showing them a mother's love. If a card would be that meaningful, think of the painful lives these young men have lived.

We thank John, not his real name, for telling us this story and for his efforts to witness to these young men and to teach them to read.





SHOUT OUT, FUNDRAISER, UPDATE & CELEBRATION

A Shout Out to Jack and Mary Ellen

These two wonderful people many years ago started a Turkey Trot 5K run as a way to bring their church community together and offer a place for college students to connect with their high school friends. At some point they started donating some of the proceeds to Companions. This year's donation to us was over \$1700. Jack and Mary Ellen have decided to pass this project on. We are so very grateful for their very hard work and for remembering us for all of these years.

Wine and Cheese Fundraiser

The Vino Cellar in Lombard has again agreed to host a fundraiser for Aunt Mary's Storybook Project on Thursday, July 20th. There will be food, music, good conversation and fun, and a silent auction. Please mark this fun event on your calendar. More information to follow.

More Information to Come About a Volunteer Picnic scheduled for Saturday, September 9th and a Family Friendly Event on Saturday, October 28th.

Aunt Mary's Storybook Update

2016 was a great year for Aunt Mary's Storybook! We sent books on behalf of incarcerated parents to 2,463 children - a 35% increase from last year! Our program in 2016 served five state prisons and six county jails, which greatly expanded our reach. This year, we have been asked by three new facilities to offer Aunt Mary's Storybook inside their facilities. We continue to do the best we can to serve as many people as possible, but funding these visits is a challenge. We are in need of funding for transportation costs, postage for packages, and more books. While we received many books over the past year from many different groups, we find that they go very quickly. Our challenge for 2017 is to see if we can serve 3,000 children this year. Can you help us make that happen? Please consider supporting our continued expansion through 2017.

30th Year Celebration: Helping Prison Visiting Rooms

As part of our 30th year celebration, we are asking our supporters to help Companions Journeying Together impact the lives of incarcerated people when their family members go to the facility to visit. At a few of the Illinois Department of Corrections prisons, our focus in this year is to help improve their visitation room. We have asked several of the facilities in which we offer Aunt Mary's Storybook what their needs are, and whether they would be interested in us bringing items to them for their visiting room. The facilities are very much in need of coloring books, connect the dot books, word search books, crayons, pencils, children's books, and notebook paper (not spiral bound). If you are interested in donating these items, we have a drop off location in Western Springs. We are also happy to meet in Greater Will County, the Loop in Chicago, or the western suburbs of Chicago. Alternatively, they can be mailed to us at PO Box 457 Western Springs IL 60558. We will then donate these items to the facilities. These items will certainly make children and families who are visiting their incarcerated loved one very happy. Thank you for your support!

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- ◆ To promote family literacy, lifelong learning and positive parenting techniques
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NEEDS CONTINUED

- ◆ **Speaking Opportunities:** To tell our 30 year story.
- ◆ **Volunteers:** To help organize books.
- ◆ **Amazon shoppers:** When ordering from Amazon, go to smile.amazon.com and designate Companions Journeying Together as the organization you would like to support. We will receive a small percentage of the cost of your order for qualifying items.
- ◆ **Postage Stamps:** We are using more postage stamps than ever. Would your group be willing to ask its member for bring a few stamps to your next meeting?
- ◆ **Groups to Hold Book Drives:** We have been given new wonderful opportunities to offer Aunt Mary's Storybook Project. That calls for an increase in books, mailing supplies, and postage money. Do you know a group that might hold a book drive for us? We will supply guidelines.

Xmas 2016

Dear Friends Inside & Out,

It's hard to believe this is my second holiday season back in TX from Cuba. It's good to be here with all the "comforts" of "home", but I sure miss my Cuban "almost" family. The death of Fidel and the footage from Cuba on the news brought back bitter-sweet memories. The media coverage was mostly one-sided picturing Fidel as a tyrant responsible for the poverty of the Cuban people, when it's really the still rigidly enforced Embargo by the U.S. that keeps the Cuban people poor. No one in Cuba is starving, in need of medical care, education. The crime rate is low, no drug or gun problems. No homeless people. People really care for others and consider it a privilege, not an inconvenience, to help each other. Kids are polite, helpful, & never drop out of school!

I know I have mentioned "T.J." to many of you. He was convicted as a teen and sentenced to life in MI. He was finally paroled after about 40 yrs. He came home to ^{his} long time love, was studying to become a paralegal & working. Then he got a fast-acting cancer and died, throwing so many of us who cared about him into a deep mourning. ☹️

On a happier note, you may recall me telling you about the "San Antonio 4" who were finally released but still had to deal with parole and the difficult sex offender registry. Now they have been declared innocent & exonerated by the Appeals Court! The "War on sex offenders" has destroyed so many lives. ☹️ Kudos to the Innocence Project of TX.

Dr. Heather Ann Thompson finally published her book about Attica - Blood in the Water, in time for the 45th anniversary of the Attica Riot. She will be in TX to promote her book in April. You can bet Nan & I will be there with bells on!

Ernesto is doing well in MI. He & his friend recently moved into a larger apt. that he is enjoying. Lots of snow in MI! ☹️

Love & Peace, Penny



Inmates seek John Doe probe over accounts

Money sent from families being withheld, they say

GINA BARTON
MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL

An increasing number of Wisconsin inmates may never see any of the money sent to them by friends and loved ones for items such as stamps and hygiene supplies under an updated Department of Corrections policy at the center of a nonprofit's request for a John Doe investigation.

State law has long allowed the department to withhold money sent by inmates' families or from wages earned at prison jobs — which often amount to less than \$1 per hour — for restitution, court surcharges or for “the benefit of the prisoner or resident.”

If an inmate has multiple financial obligations, up to 100% of a gift from a friend or family member or from an in-custody

job can be used to pay them rather than being placed into the prisoner's commissary account, Department of Corrections spokesman Tristan Cook said.

While that has happened in the past, it is becoming more common since last year, when the corrections department changed its policy to withhold more money and a new computer system came online, according to the Forum for Understanding Prisons, a nonprofit organization asking a Dane County court to investigate via a John Doe hearing on the inmates' behalf.

In the past, the department seized 25% of every deposit into inmates' accounts toward payment of restitution, according to Cook. In April, after changes in state law, officials increased the withholding to 50% — which they say qualifies as “a reasonable percentage” as defined by the new law.

In the petition for a John Doe, the inmates allege not only that the percentage is un-

reasonable, but also that money has been withdrawn from their accounts to cover fines they have already paid, restitution that was never ordered or fees not required to be paid until after they are released.

The petition blames the errors on the implementation of the new computer system, saying they began shortly after it was implemented late last year. Twenty-two inmates attached affidavits, many of them saying they haven't had money deducted from their accounts for 10 or 20 years because all their court-ordered balances have been paid.

Cook said perhaps the prisoners may not have been aware of everything they owed. He would not say whether the types of mistakes cited by the inmates occurred.

He contended the glitches with the new computer system did not add new debts to inmate ledgers. Rather, the conversion to the new system inadvertently caused more than the 50% called for by the new depart-

ment rules to be withdrawn for restitution.

As a result, the department temporarily stopped withdrawing money for that purpose so officials there could fix the process.

During that time, though, the system continued to remove payments for lower priority items that should have been paid after the restitution. As a result, some of that money was redeposited into the inmates' accounts, so payment to victims could be made first, as the April law requires.

The problem affected “a limited number of inmates' accounts,” according to Cook.

“If they disagree with the money that we've taken from their accounts, they have the ability to complain about what was withdrawn,” he said. “If we determine that money was taken outside of our policies, it can be refunded. We look at this on a case-by-case basis.”

Several inmates who filed affidavits with the John Doe petition say the complaint

process has not been effective. Gregory D. Perkins, who has been in prison for 25 years, said the department recently started taking money to cover restitution and other debts that he paid off years ago. When he filed a complaint, officials told him to provide documentation of the prior payments.

“For them to sit there and tell me I have to prove that I paid it ... How? When they are the only ones who have access to the system?” he wrote.

The petition also alleges the corrections department has taken money from inmates' accounts to pay the costs of probation or parole or to help pay public defenders.

The inmates say that's not allowed under state statute.

But in a letter to one of them, Marc Clements, assistant administrator for the Department of Adult Institutions, asserts that it is.

“Paying down an inmate's lawful debt certainly provides for the benefit of the prisoner,” Clements wrote.

PLAINTIFF'S
EXHIBIT

NO.