

" I HOPE SOMEONE

GETS

MY MESSAGE ...

IN THE ... "

UNIVERSE !!!

COME
as you are
fall in his
arms



AT MY WAILING WALL

GREG ALLMAN

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RIDE

THE MIDNIGHT

DON'T LET THE

DEVIL CATCH YOU -

BRO.!!

ROCK IN PEACE!!

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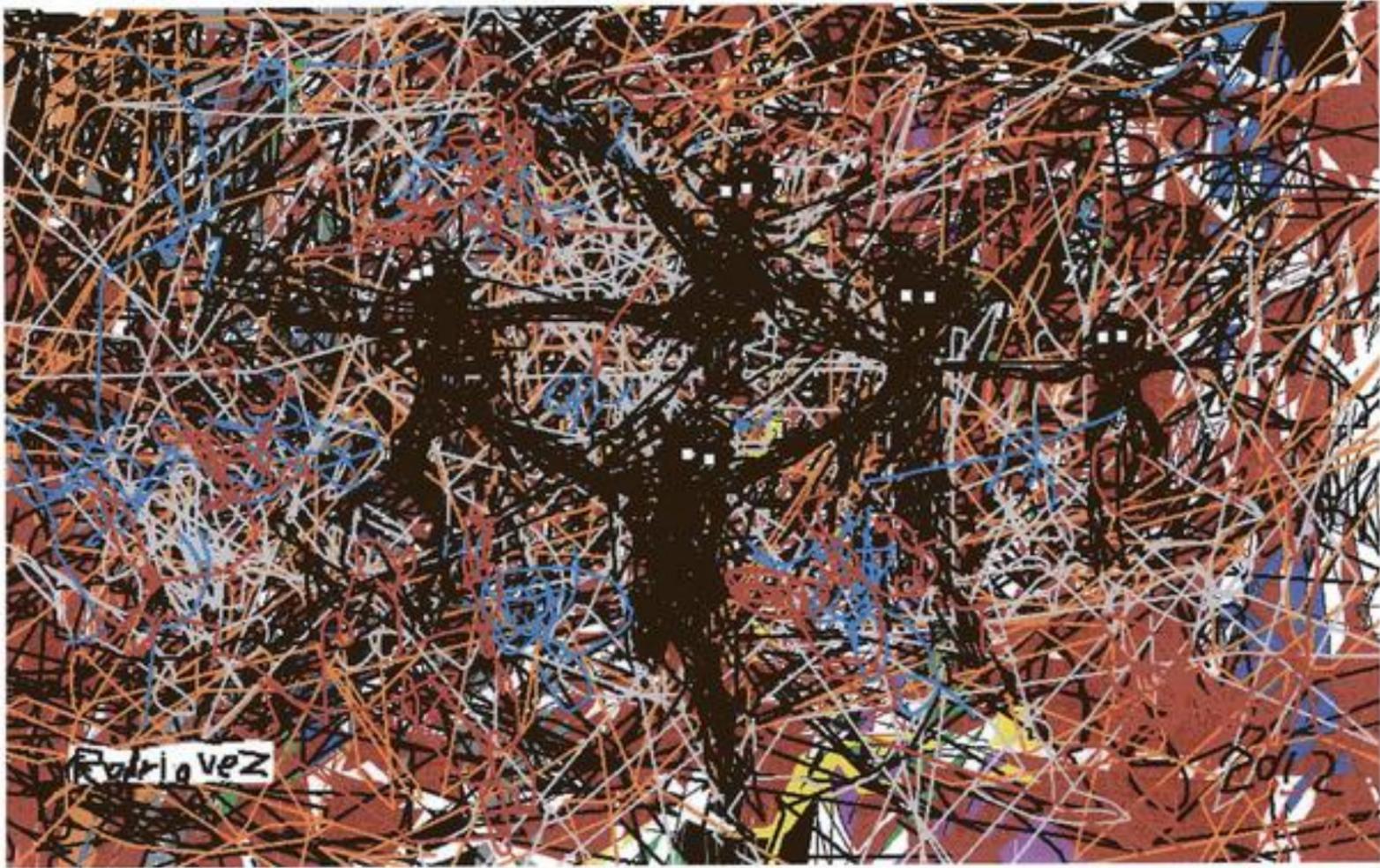
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THE LADY HAS SOMETHING TO SAY!!!

I try to remind myself that
these are just people hiding
behind
a screen,
saying things
they would
never say
to your face."

ON CONQUERING
HER INTERNET TROLLS,
KESHA

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Detroit 1967 digital painting by E.Rodriguez

Always, Your Friend,

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Screening Out Family Time: The For-Profit Video Visitation Industry in Prisons and Jails

by Bernadette Rabuy and Peter Wagner

EVERY THURSDAY, LISA* LOGS ON TO HER computer and spends \$10 to chat for half an hour via video with her sister who is incarcerated in another state. Before the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) capped the cost of interstate calls from prisons, these video chats were even cheaper than the telephone. Lisa's experience is representative of the promise of video visitation.

Meanwhile, Mary* flies across the country to visit her brother who is being held in a Texas jail. She drives her rental car to the jail but rather than visit her brother in-person or through-the-glass, she is only allowed to speak with him for 20 minutes through a computer screen.

How do video visits work? While video visitation systems vary, a visitor typically makes an appointment and pays any visit charges in advance. The person who is incarcerated is told to be at a certain video terminal at a certain time. The visitor then either drives to the facility to sit at a terminal or uses their personal computer to access the video visitation system over the Internet. Once both people are ready at the right time, the "visit" can begin.

Reviewing the promises and drawbacks of video visitation

INCREASING THE OPTIONS THAT INCARCERATED people and their families have to stay in touch benefits incarcerated individuals, their families and society at large. Family contact is one of the surest ways to reduce the likelihood that an individual will re-offend after release, the technical term for which is "recidivism." A rigorous study by the Minnesota Department of Corrections found that even a single visit reduced recidivism by 13% for new crimes and 25% for technical violations. More contact between incarcerated people and their loved ones is clearly better for individuals, society and even detention facilities.

Without a doubt, video visitation has some benefits:

- Most prisons and some jails are located far away from incarcerated people's home communities and loved ones.

- Prisons and jails sometimes have restrictive visitation hours and policies that can prevent working individuals, school-age children, the elderly and people with disabilities from visiting.

- It can be less disruptive for children to visit from a more familiar setting like home.

- It may be easier for facilities to elimi-

nate the need to move incarcerated people from their cells to central visitation rooms.

- It is not possible to transmit contraband via computer screens.

But video visitation also has some serious drawbacks:

- Onsite video visitation is even less intimate and personal than through-the-glass visits, which families already find less preferable to contact visits.

- In jails, the implementation of video visitation often means the end of traditional, through-the-glass visitation in order to drive people to use paid, remote video visitation.

- Video visitation can be expensive, and the families of incarcerated people are some of the country's poorest families.

- The people most likely to use prison and jail video visitation services are also the least likely to have access to a computer and the necessary bandwidth.

- The technology is poorly designed and implemented.

The video visitation industry and correctional facilities have largely focused on the promised benefits of video visits, but even as far back as 2008, a person incarcerated in Colorado expressed concerns: "If video visits are an addition [to in-person visits] they will be a help to all and a God-send to many. But, if video visits are a replacement for the current visitation, their implementation would be a painful unwelcome change that would be impersonal and dehumanizing."

Video visitation reaches critical mass

CURRENTLY, MORE THAN 500 FACILITIES IN 43 states and the District of Columbia are experimenting with video visitation. While

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prior litigation. Ackerman later amended his complaint to include a claim of being transferred to another prison and denied the then-still-available kosher meals in retaliation for filing his lawsuit.

The district court entered an injunction to prevent the DOC from serving non-kosher meals to Ackerman or any of the other Jewish prisoners receiving kosher meals who were affected by the DOC's policy change.

The parties then agreed to settle the case. The settlement would require the DOC to receive kosher certification of prison kitchen facilities by the non-profit organization Scroll K / Vaad Hakashrus. Kosher meals would have to be made available to class members, be certified by a rabbi as being kosher and certified by a DOC-hired nutritionist as providing "proper nutritional values for the dietary requirements of an adult male between the ages of 21-55 years with moderate physical activity (30 minutes or more)." The settlement further required the DOC to maintain the certifications and to make the kosher meal plan available to class members in minimum-security facilities

and conservation camps as well as higher-security prisons.

In preparation for the proposed settlement, the district court approved a notice to be distributed to DOC prisoners that included information on how to file objections. Many Jewish prisoners did just that.

Nearly 300 DOC prisoners were receiving kosher meals under the prior federal litigation. Forty-five objected to the new kosher meal plan on the grounds that the food, which would be prepared in kosher-certified prison kitchens, was not up to the standards of meals served to the rest of the DOC population and lacked nutritional value. The court held a fairness hearing on October 11, 2012 and took the matter under advisement.

The Nevada Board of Examiners had approved contracts to provide kosher prison kitchens and rabbinical supervision of kosher food preparation; however, on May 3, 2013 the district court rejected the proposed settlement agreement and dissolved the preliminary injunction. The court also decertified the class.

Ackerman filed emergency objections seeking reconsideration, stating the court

had "stripped the Plaintiffs of their guarantee to receive kosher food, a protected First Amendment right, dissolved a class which this Court had already certified, and rejected a settlement agreement based on concerns raised by certain class members about issues that are not even relevant or a part of the instant action." The motion for reconsideration was denied in December 2013.

The defendants filed a motion to dismiss or for summary judgment on April 28, 2014, which was granted by the district court in August 2014 because plaintiffs' counsel had failed to file a response to the motion. Under a local court rule, "[t]he failure of an opposing party to file points and authorities in response to any motion shall constitute a consent to the granting of the motion."

Ackerman has since appealed the dismissal to the Ninth Circuit, and his appeal remains pending. See: *Ackerman v. State of Nevada Department of Corrections*, U.S.D.C. (D. Nev.), Case No. 2:11-cv-00883-GWN-PAL. ■

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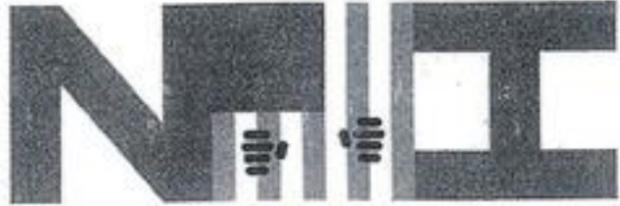
Is someone skimming money or otherwise charging you and your loved ones high fees to deposit money into your account?

Prison Legal News (PLN) is collecting information about the ways that family members of incarcerated people get cheated by the high cost of sending money to fund inmate accounts.

Please write to *PLN*, and have your people on the outside contact us as well, to let us know specific details about the way that the system is ripping them off, including:

- Fees to deposit money on prisoners' accounts or delays in receiving no-fee money orders
- Costly fees to use pre-paid debit cards upon release from custody
- Fees charged to submit payment for parole supervision, etc.

This effort is part of the Human Rights Defense Center's *Stop Prison Profiteering* campaign, aimed at exposing business practices that result in money being diverted away from the friends and family members of prisoners.



NATION ★ INSIDE
Friends and families of prisoners can follow this effort, which is part of the Nation Inside network, at WWW.STOPPRISONPROFITEERS.ORG

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A CLOSE SHAVE

By Bettina Johnson

That little shaver hopes to be a big shaver some day, just like Dad. Discover 32 things, including the nail brush on the floor.

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Your Word List



"LISTEN WHAT THE MAN SAY" !!!

" I'm in a business where
you've got to sell tickets.
But, my God, I would not
be able to look at MYSELF
in the mirror if I felt
strongly about something
and I didn't speak up."

ON Vocalizing his beliefs,
CHRIS EVANS

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HERE WE GO AGAIN!

I V. RUSH?!!

RIGHT AGAIN

SHARING:

FOR MY BLOG:

I was Right About CLINTON Lost IN 2014!

I was Right about Bogus Republican's IRA WRONG DOING IN 2015!

I was RIGHT About TRUMP WIN IN 2015-2016!

UPDATE:

NOW! I WAS ABOUT THEN PRES
IDENT BARACK H. OBAMA AND
WALL STREET MONEY?!!

AT 2016 WHITE HOUSE PRESS ASSOCIATION DINNER: President Barack H. Obama ostensibly JESTED that Hillary [CLINTON] Big Wall Street Speaking Fees made it possible for him to do likewise... [HUGE LAUGHS AND APPLAUSE!!!]

RIGHT AGAIN!!!

SEN. (D. MASS.) Elizabeth Warren's TWEET-ED: "Troubled by former President Obama

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ICA

AS SEN. WARREN'S DECLARATION SHOWS
I BLOGGED RIGHTLY, IT WAS NOT A JOKE...
BUT A FACT: ...

AND PRESIDENT OBAMA UPON LEAVING
OFFICE WOULD GET SUPER SUPER RICH FROM
WALL STREET AND HOLLYWOOD!!!

HIS WONDERFUL DAUGHTER IS EMPLOY-
ED BY "HOLLYWOOD"!

That's POLITICANS ECONOMICS -
Baby!

KEEP THE FAITH!

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OUR FIRST "GAY" PRESIDENT!!!

UPDATE

BERGDahl SEEKS PARDON FROM
OBAMA TO AVERT DESERTION TRIAL

PRIVATE CHELSEA MANNING
RELEASED FROM US P LEAVENWORTH
WED. MAY 17, 2017

Today Per former President Barack H. Obama grant of executive clemency in 2016, which reduced his 35-years sentence making him eligible for release after 7-years. Chelsea Manning walked feet PIC ON social media OUT OF US P LEAVENWORTH.

Rolling Stone. com ran a piece in which WICKILEAKS founder JILLON ASS-AGNE counseled Manning to fake being "gay" so he could get the "Gay community."

Apparently, with his early release, the scheme worked!!!

OBAMA LEFT SGT. BERGDahl
BEHIND!!!

However, Tragically, the FIRST "GAY" President Obama after stirring up his OWN ENMIES, including Trumpedo, also Against Sgt. Bergdahl, he left this America hero behind!! SEE BELOW, p

EVERYBODY AINT "GAY"
OR FAKING IT !!!

Mr. Obama ONLY helped the HOLLYWOOD "GAY COMMUNITY" !!!

PRAYER !!!

Good Lord please SAVE and HELP this TRUE AMERICAN HERO !!

#FREE BOWE BERGDahl

Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl seeks his freedom!!!

County Sheriff's Office spokesman Ray Kelly said about 35% to 40% of the building had been searched since Friday night's blaze, so a final death toll could be days away. "The number will go up," Kelly said Sunday. "Firefighters are tired, exhausted. This is very emotional."

He said the victims include "minors," possibly as young as 17 years old. He added that some of the victims hailed from Europe and Asia.

Kelly also said one of the victims, whom he didn't identify, was the son of a county sheriff's deputy.

Asked about criminal charges in the blaze, Schaaf said engaging O'Malley's criminal investigation team "allows a criminal investigation to be conducted — I believe it is a bit premature and I am not authorized to make that announcement. Only the district attorney is allowed to make the announcement of criminal charges."

She added, "It is far too early for us to have any suspicions about what caused this fire, and that is something that we will be sharing with you in the coming days."

The fire broke out during an electronic music party at the warehouse, part of which had been converted to makeshift art studios and living areas. The party apparently took place in a large open space on the second floor accessible by a single wooden staircase. Melinda Drayton, Oakland Fire Department battalion chief, said firefighters breached a wall overnight and were attempting to systematically and safely remove debris "bucket by bucket" from the battered building. She said firefighters had not yet reached the location where the fire began, and investigators were far from determining the cause of the blaze.

"This will be a long and arduous process," she said. "We want to make sure we are respecting the victims and their families and ensuring our firefighters' safety."

The building sits in Fruitvale, a neighborhood with a large Latino population a few miles southeast of downtown. Yellow police tape a block from the building kept the public away. The charred remains of the top of the building were visible, and work crews could be seen dragging out debris.

Chris Nechodom, 30, a photographer and filmmaker from Richmond, Calif., was visiting a friend on the first floor of the warehouse when the fire started. He told USA TODAY he thought at first it might be coming from a fog machine at the party above. But soon he was shouting so people fleeing the fire could follow his voice toward the exit.

Finally, he had inhaled so much smoke he had to go outside.

"I'm just praying and thanking the higher power that I made it out," he said.

Several therapy dogs and their handlers were in the area Sunday to comfort families and first responders. Constance Barich, 61, visited with Rosie, a 2-year-old English

Labrador. Barich, an artist in the neighborhood for 30 years, said she has lived in some of the warehouses.

"There are hundreds and hundreds of artists in this neighborhood," she told USA TODAY. "If it looks like someone is living there, they are."

Phillip Rhodes and his wife Pam, members of the rapid response team for Phil Graham Ministries, drove from Tracy, Calif.

"We are here to provide emotional and spiritual care to any and all," Phillip Rhodes said.

The electronic-music party featured Golden Donna, the stage name for Wisconsin musician Joel Shanahan. Shanahan told the Madison, Wis., alternative weekly Isthmus that he was alive but "far from OK" after the tragedy.

Shanahan said he watched helplessly from across the street as the building burned. He said he decided to cut short his West Coast tour.

"I'll be home soon," he told the weekly. "My heart is just broken."

Our hearts go out to the families and friends of those lost in the tragic fire.

pic.twitter.com/JIG5licpiO

— Oakland Police Dept. (@oaklandpoliceca) December 4, 2016

The Oakland Fire Department brought in tractors, bulldozers, trucks and a crane to breach the labyrinth of charred wood and twisted wires. The building has partially collapsed, making it perilous for emergency responders.

Fire Chief Teresa Deloach Reed said it took about five hours to douse the blaze. The building, which did not appear to have sprinklers, also did not have clear exit path, she said.

City officials have confirmed that building authorities had opened an investigation just last month into complaints about the safety of the structure. That inquiry was ongoing when the fire struck.

Planning and Building Director Darin Ranelletti said the building's owners had no permits to hold parties or create living spaces in the building. He said a department inspector had attempted to enter the building last month while responding to a complaint but was unable to gain access.

Fernando Valenzuela, who graduated from a nearby high school and now has an insurance business in the neighborhood, said the building always scared him. He said he's frustrated the city ignores such places that are not up to code.

"This is a bunch of kids in a flat. Kids don't know — they think they are immortal," he said.

Speaking to reporters Sunday afternoon, city and county officials said the enormity of the loss in the fire was overwhelming.

Kelly, the sheriff's office spokesman said: "When we started this investigation, if you would have told us that we would have 33 victims, we wouldn't have believed you. I don't know how many more people are left in

there. We have no idea — we have no idea how many people were in that building that night. We don't even know how many people got out of that building."

Mayor Schaaf said, "You have to understand that the scope of this tragedy is tremendous."

Bergdahl seeks pardon from Obama to avert desertion trial

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. Army Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl, the former prisoner of war who's accused of endangering comrades by walking off his post in Afghanistan, is asking President Barack Obama to pardon him before leaving office.

White House and Justice Department officials said Saturday that Bergdahl had submitted copies of the clemency request seeking leniency. If granted by Obama, it would allow Bergdahl to avert a military trial scheduled for April where he faces charges of desertion and misbehavior before the enemy. The misbehavior charge carries a maximum penalty of life in prison.

If the pardon isn't granted, Bergdahl's defense team said it will expand its legal strategy to the new administration by filing a motion arguing President-elect Donald Trump violated his due process rights with scathing public comments about the case.

The pardon request to Obama, first reported by The New York Times and Fox News, was confirmed by White House and Justice Department officials who weren't authorized to discuss the matter by name.

Bergdahl, of Hailey, Idaho, walked off his post in Afghanistan in 2009 and was held captive by the Taliban and its allies for five years.

The Obama administration's decision in May 2014 to exchange him for five Taliban prisoners held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, prompted criticism that included some Republicans accusing Obama of jeopardizing nation's safety. Some lawmakers were outraged that the administration didn't give Congress a 30-day notice about transferring the detainees, as required by law.

Throughout his presidential campaign, Trump was Bergdahl's most vocal critic, saying repeatedly the soldier is a traitor who would have been executed in the "old days." During a July speech in Indiana, Trump lamented that Bergdahl could wind up with a light punishment.

"Remember the old days? A deserter, what happened?" he said before pantomiming pulling a trigger and adding: "Bang." Bergdahl's lead defense lawyer, Eugene Fidell, declined to comment Saturday on the pardon request.

But Fidell said he plans to file a motion seeking dismissal of the charges against Bergdahl shortly after the January inauguration, arguing Trump violated Bergdahl's constitutional due-process rights. The defense has been noting Trump's comments about Bergdahl in what they've dubbed the "Trump Defamation Log." A

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later this month, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch (<http://bit.ly/2gdARBl>) reports.

Susan Gallagher, a spokeswoman for the zoo, said replacing the triple layer of glass with 3-inch thick acrylic required re-engineering the frames that hold them, plus caulking requiring three weeks to cure.

Zoo officials say Rubih even dug up cement from the base of a tree for her destructive endeavors.

The zoo's ape care team taught the orangutan to bring them rocks in exchange for treats.

But the ape started banging on the windows with rocks when zookeepers weren't around, presumably to get someone's attention for a reward.

Zookeepers now hope to train Rubih to drop rocks in a tube — regardless of whether staffers are around to reward her — and give her a treat if they later find rocks when they check the tube.

With insurance coverage, the zoo ended up paying \$71,000 out of pocket for the new windows.

\$1,000 reward for catching ugly fish from Wyoming reservoir

GREEN RIVER, Wyo. (AP) — A \$1,000 reward has been posted for catching an ugly fish out of Fontenelle Reservoir in western Wyoming.

The fish are called burbot (BUR'-but) and they're not native to the upper Green River drainage. Burbot compete with native game species including trout.

Burbot are eel-like but said to be good eating despite their appearance.

Getting more people to fish for burbot is one way to reduce their numbers, so Game and Fish and Trout Unlimited are sponsoring a burbot raffle. Game and Fish has caught 25 burbot and tagged them with raffle tags.

The Rock Springs Rocket-Miner reports anybody who catches a tagged burbot from Fontenelle may enter a raffle with a \$1,000 grand prize.

The drawing will take place at a burbot fishing rally at Fontenelle Jan. 7-8.

Feds block route of Dakota Access pipeline in ND

CANNON BALL, N.D. — U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said Sunday that it won't grant an easement for the Dakota Access oil pipeline in southern North Dakota.

The decision is a victory for the several thousand camped near the construction site, who've said for months that the four-state, \$3.8 billion project would threaten a water source and cultural sites.

The pipeline is largely complete except for the now-blocked segment underneath Lake Oahe, a Missouri River reservoir. According to a news release, Assistant Secretary for Civil Works Jo-Ellen Darcy said her decision was based on the need to "explore alternate routes" for the pipeline's crossing.

"Although we have had continuing discussion and exchanges of new information with the Standing Rock Sioux and Dakota Access, it's clear that there's more work to do," Darcy said. "The best way to complete that work

responsibly and expeditiously is to explore alternate routes for the pipeline crossing."

The company constructing the pipeline, Dallas-based Energy Transfer Partners, had said it was unwilling to reroute the project. It and the Morton County Sheriff's Office, which has done much of the policing of the protests, didn't have immediate comment. U.S. Secretary for the Interior Sally Jewell said in a statement that the Corps' "thoughtful approach ... ensures that there will be an in-depth evaluation of alternative routes for the pipeline and a closer look at potential impacts" and "underscores that tribal rights reserved in treaties and federal law, as well as Nation-to-Nation consultation with tribal leaders, are essential components of the analysis to be undertaken in the environmental impact statement going forward."

The federal government has ordered people to leave the main encampment, which is on Army Corps of Engineers' land, by Monday. But demonstrators say they're prepared to stay, and authorities say they won't forcibly remove them.

Earlier Sunday, an organizer with Veterans Stand for Standing Rock said tribal elders had asked the military veterans not to have confrontations with law enforcement officials, adding the group is there to help out those who've dug in against the project.

About 250 veterans gathered about a mile from the Oceti Sakowin, or Seven Council Fires, camp in southern North Dakota for a meeting with organizer Wes Clark Jr., the son of former Democratic presidential candidate Gen. Wesley Clark. The group had said about 2,000 veterans were coming, but it wasn't clear how many actually arrived.

"We have been asked by the elders not to do direct action," Wes Clark Jr. said. He then talked about North Dakota authorities' decision to move away from a key bridge north of the encampment by 4 p.m. Sunday if demonstrators agree to certain conditions, saying the National Guard and law enforcement have armored vehicles and are armed.

"If we come forward, they will attack us," Clark said. Instead, he told the veterans, "If you see someone who needs help, help them out."

Authorities said they'll move from the north end of the Backwater Bridge if protesters stay south of it and come to the bridge only if there is a prearranged meeting. Authorities also asked protesters not to remove barriers on the bridge, which they have said was damaged in the late October conflict that led to several people being hurt, including a serious arm injury.

"The question was asked if we would consider pulling back from the Backwater Bridge," Cass County Sheriff Paul Laney said in a Saturday news release after a conversation between law enforcement and the group's organizers, "and the answer is yes! We want this to de-escalate."

Protesters also are not supposed to walk, ride or fly drones north of the bridge, Laney said. Any violation will "will result in their arrest," the statement said.

The bridge blockade is something that Standing Rock Sioux tribal chairman Dave Archambault has been, asking to be removed, the Bismarck Tribune reports, and something he said he would talk to Gov. Jack Dalrymple about when they meet in person. A date for that meeting hasn't been set.

Veterans Stand for Standing Rock's GoFundMe.com page had raised more than \$1 million of its \$1.2 million goal by Sunday — money due to go toward food, transportation and supplies. Cars waiting to get into the camp Sunday afternoon were backed up for more than a half-mile.

"People are fighting for something, and I thought they could use my help," said Navy veteran and Harvard graduate student Art Grayson. The 29-year-old from Cambridge, Massachusetts, flew the first leg of the journey, then rode from Bismarck in the back of a pickup truck. He has finals this week, but told professors, "I'll see you when I get back."

Steven Perry, a 66-year-old Vietnam veteran who's a member of the Little Traverse Bay band of Odawa Indians in Michigan, spoke of one of the protesters' main concerns: that the pipeline could pollute drinking water. "This is not just a native issue," he said, "This is an issue for everyone."

Art Woodson and two other veterans drove 17 hours straight from Flint, Michigan, a city whose lead-tainted water crisis parallels with the tribe's fight over water, he said.

"We know in Flint that water is in dire need," the 49-year-old disabled Gulf War Army veteran said. "In North Dakota, they're trying to force pipes on people. We're trying to get pipes in Flint for safe water."

On Monday, some veterans will take part in a prayer ceremony in which they'll apologize for historical detrimental conduct by the military toward Native Americans and ask for forgiveness, Clark said. He also called the veterans' presence "about right and wrong and peace and love."

Death toll rises to 33 in Oakland warehouse fire

OAKLAND — The death toll rose to 33 Sunday and could still climb after a massive weekend fire roared through this city's "Ghost Ship," a warehouse-turned-artist collective and popular party space. Mayor Libby Schaaf said Alameda County District Attorney Nancy E. O'Malley had activated a criminal investigation team and that investigators were on the scene of the fire.

Schaaf said officials had delivered "the unacceptable and horrific news of losing a loved one" to seven families, and that the city would be releasing the names of the deceased "promptly."

"It is with so much grief and so much compassion that we as your city family share with you this horrific news," she said.

BILL COSBY

UPDATE:

Dr. Cosby, Ph.D is set to Go ON TRIAL IN JUNE 2017!

Just sending out my fervent Prayer into the UNIVERSE.

MAY GOD GRANT him DISPENSATION !!!

Friends Can you PICTURE old BLIND BILL IN PRISON? HELL NO! How LONG!!

AMEN!

I'll be back ASAP.

#STRANGE FRUIT

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: MAY 30, 2017

BY: LEON TERRY DATED: MAY 30, 2017

#ALWAYSNEEDSLOVE/ALWAYSNEEDSLOVE

MORE TO COME !!!

SEE: US MAGAZINE.COM / TAYLOR'S NEW GUY JUNE 2017, P. 42

LOVER !!!

WHEN IS TAYLOR EVER WITHOUT A

TAYLOR SWIFT FIND TIME TO WRITE SUCH PRETTY "BREAK-UP HIT SONGS" !!!

HOW DOES OUR AMERICA SWEET HEART

ALOVER'S QUESTION?

UPDATE:

"LOVE IS IN THE AIR
AND EVERY SIGHT
AND EVERY SOUND
AND LOVE IS IN THE AIR
AND EVERY TIME
I LOOK AROUND
I DON'T KNOW
IF I'M BEING FOOLISH
I DON'T KNOW
IF I'M BEING WISE"

ODE TO TAYLOR SWIFT

IN DEFENSE OF FIRED

FBI DIRECTOR JAMES COMEY

UPDATE:

O' MY DEAR UNIVERSAL FRIENDS:
HOW DULL OUR VISION AND SHORT OUR COL-
LECTIVE HISTORICAL MEMORIES!!!

DESIGNATED ACTING ATTORNEY
GENERAL [AG]!!!

NOW LET US ALL RECALL WHEN FORMER
AG LORRETTA LYNCH RESCUED HERSELF
[AFTER EXPOSURE OF HER MEETING WITH
BILL ON THAT PLANE!] FROM CLINTON'S
E-MAIL FBI INVESTIGATION, AND THEN
DESIGNATED THE FBI DIRECTOR, AS THE
FINAL DECISION MAKER. THUS, COMEY'S
RECOMMENDATION [ACTIONS] WAS,
SAME AS A.G., WAS FINAL!

THE JOHNSON'S PRINCIPLE!!!

IT'S REPORTED ON CREDIBLE SOURCES:
WHEN ASKED WHY HE WOULD NOT FIRE FBI

Director J. Edgar Hoover, LBJ (President Lydon Baines Johnson (D. Tex.)) [1963-69] replied: I'd rather that SOB Pissing outside the Tent than INSIDE the Tent !!!

IT IS RAINING DOWN PISS
ONTO THE OVAL OFFICE !!!

Hoover's "ghost" is Manifesting the wisdom in LBJ's Country Folk wit as Drip by Drip Mr. Trumped's dark secrets are exposed in this steady slow pace Day by Day. DRIP BY DRIP !!!

ON Friday, May 18, 2017 PBS.org / NEWS Hour, Judy Woodruff, Anchor, was "Breaking News" from her HOT CRACKLING "EARPIECE" during The Shields & Brooks Weekly Political Analysis Segment. 6:00 p.m. EDT.

BUSH, 43 - CONFRONTATION !!!

President George Bush, and Comey, himself could had schooled you in what Comey

's capabilities are in Bureaucratic In Fighting. He and Special Prosecutor (Former FBI Director, aka) Mueller ... Forced the "Commander-in-Chief" to stand-down, when demanding legal authorization related to its nefarious Torture Policy!

IF YOU NEED A FRIEND...

Mr. Benjamin Wittes, Editor, among a Loyal Host of Friends, and good Citizens, have come out in DENSE OF FBI Director James Comey. SEE CBSNEWS.COM/GO MINUTES (INTERVIEWED BY SCOTT PELLV OF FBI Director Comey. REBROADCAST: ON CBS NEWS/OVERNIGHT FRI. 5-18-17 2:30 A.M. CDT) SEE ALSO PBS.ORG/NEWSHOUR FRI. 5-18-17, 6: P.M. CDT

SEE: BELOW P. 4 OF ~~5~~ "Comey firing besieged White House denies, defends a New bombshell hit"

JUSTICE FOR ALL!

Donald Trump defends 'absolute right' to share information with Russia, amid row over classified intelligence

Donald Trump has defended sharing classified information with Russian officials, saying he had the "absolute right" to do so for "humanitarian reasons" and because he wants Russia to step up its fight against Isil.

The US president revealed highly classified information to the Russian foreign minister and ambassador during a meeting at the White House last week, it was reported on Monday night.

The US president's actions jeopardised a critical source of intelligence on the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant terror group, the Washington Post reported, citing unnamed US officials.

If confirmed, it would also call into question the ability of the US to protect its intelligence sources.

The Trump administration immediately rejected the claims as "false", while several Republicans and Democrats expressed alarm that a US president could share high-level intelligence with Russia.

As President I wanted to share with Russia (at an openly scheduled W.H. meeting) which I have the absolute right to do, facts pertaining....

...to terrorism and airline flight safety.

Humanitarian reasons, plus I want Russia to greatly step up their fight against ISIS & terrorism.

I have been asking Director Comey & others, from the beginning of my administration, to find the LEAKERS in the intelligence community.....

— Donald J. Trump (@realDonaldTrump)
May 16, 2017

"I was in the room, it didn't happen," H.R. McMaster, Mr Trump's national security adviser, told reporters outside the White House late on Monday.

However, on Tuesday Mr Trump took to Twitter to defend his actions, appearing to contradict the denials that he had shared intelligence with the Russian officials:

"As President I wanted to share with Russia (at an openly scheduled W.H. meeting) which I have the absolute right to do, facts pertaining to terrorism and airline flight safety," he wrote.

"Humanitarian reasons, plus I want Russia to greatly step up their fight against ISIS & terrorism."

Mr Trump later added: "I have been asking Director Comey & others, from the beginning of my administration, to find the LEAKERS in the intelligence community..."

Mr Trump met Sergey Lavrov, the Russian foreign minister, and Sergei Kislyak, the Russian ambassador in the US in the Oval Office last Wednesday, the day after he fired James Comey, the FBI director who was leading an investigation into links between the Trump campaign and Moscow.

The move reportedly threw into doubt the future cooperation of the source of the

intelligence, which has inside information on Isil.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said Tuesday the issue was not worth confirming or denying, calling it "nonsense."

"For us it is not an issue, it's more nonsense," Peskov said when asked about the Washington Post report.

"We want nothing to do with this nonsense," he said. "It's not an issue for confirming or denying, it's complete nonsense," Peskov added.

What was the intelligence?

The information Mr Trump is said to have shared was among the highest classification level.

During the meeting, Mr Trump went off-script and began describing details about an Isil threat related to the use of laptop computers on aircraft, the officials reportedly said.

Mr Trump "revealed more information to the Russian ambassador than we have shared with our own allies", the official told the newspaper.

"I get great intel. I have people brief me on great intel every day," the president apparently told his Russian guests.

The source of the intelligence had not given Washington authorisation to share it with Moscow. Officials told the New York Times, the fear was that Russia will be able to identify how the information was collected.

If true, it is unlikely that Mr Trump has broken any law. As president, he has broad authority to declassify government secrets. Republicans and Democrats react with shock Dick Durbin, a leading Democratic senator, said Mr Trump's conduct was "dangerous" and "reckless".

"This conduct by the president is not only dangerous, it's reckless. It is reckless for him to disclose to the Russian foreign minister and ambassador, sensitive, top secret information," Mr Durbin told reporters outside the Senate.

Classified information cannot be kept from a US president, Mr Durbin added, but he hoped Republicans would make it clear to Mr Trump that his conduct "jeopardises our national security".

Some Republicans expressed shock at the development, with Senator Bob Corker stating that the Trump White House "has got to do something soon to bring itself under control and order".

"Obviously they're in a downward spiral right now and they've got to figure out a way to come to grips with all that's happening," he said.

Mr Corker said the national security team was solid and doing good work, but "the chaos that is being created by the lack of discipline - it's creating an environment that I think creates a worrisome environment".

Trump administration slams reports as 'false' The Trump administration moved quickly to deny that any intelligence sources were discussed during Wednesday's meeting.

"This story is false. The president only discussed the common threats that both countries faced," said Dina Powell, deputy national security adviser for strategy, who attended the meeting.

Rex Tillerson, the secretary of state, said Mr Trump discussed "the nature of specific threats" during the meeting, "but they did not discuss sources, methods or military operations".

Mr McMaster said: "The president and the foreign minister reviewed common threats from terrorist organisations to include threats to aviation.

"At no time were any intelligence sources or methods discussed and no military operations were disclosed that were not already known publicly."

Mr Trump tweeted in February:

The real scandal here is that classified information is illegally given out by "intelligence" like candy. Very un-American! — Donald J. Trump (@realDonaldTrump)
February 15, 2017

The controversy engulfed the White House. Reporters spent much of the evening camped out outside of Press Secretary Sean Spicer's office, hoping for answers.

At one point, a reporter spotted a handful of staffers, including Mr Spicer and Deputy Press Secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders, walking into the Cabinet Room.

'He has no filter'

Muffled yelling was heard coming from the area near the room, but after a reporter tweeted about the noise, press staffers quickly turned up their television volume, blasting the sound to drown out everything else.

US officials have told Reuters they have long been concerned about disclosing highly classified intelligence to Mr Trump.

Crooked Hillary Clinton and her team "were extremely careless in their handling of very sensitive, highly classified information." Not fit!

— Donald J. Trump (@realDonaldTrump)
July 6, 2016

One official said last month: "He has no filter; it's in one ear and out the mouth."

One of the officials with knowledge of Mr Trump's meeting with the Russian called the timing of the disclosure "particularly unfortunate," as the president prepares for a White House meeting on Tuesday with Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan, an ally in the fight against Islamic State.

The president's first foreign trip also begins later this week and includes a stop in Saudi Arabia, another Islamic State foe, and a May 25 Nato meeting in Brussels attended by other important US allies.

Comey firing: Besieged White House denies, defends as new bombshells hit
President Donald Trump personally appealed to FBI Director James Comey to abandon the bureau's investigation into National Security Adviser Michael Flynn, according to notes, disclosed late Tuesday, that Comey wrote after the meeting.

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The White House issued a furious denial near the end of a tumultuous day that Trump officials spent beating back potentially disastrous news reports from dawn to dusk. Earlier, officials staunchly defended Trump's disclosure of classified information to senior Russian officials. The White House played down the importance and secrecy of the information, supplied by Israel under an intelligence-sharing agreement, and Trump himself said he had "an absolute right" as president to share "facts pertaining to terrorism" and airline safety with Russia. Yet U.S. allies and some members of Congress expressed concern bordering on alarm. As for Comey, who Trump fired last week, the FBI director wrote in a memo after a February meeting at the White House that the new president had asked him to shut down the FBI's investigation of Flynn and his Russian contacts, said a person who had read the memo. The Flynn investigation was part of a broader probe into Russian interference in last year's presidential election. The person who described the memo was not authorized to discuss it by name and spoke on condition of anonymity. The existence of the memo was first reported Tuesday by The New York Times.

The White House vigorously denied the report. "While the president has repeatedly expressed his view that General Flynn is a decent man who served and protected our country, the president has never asked Mr. Comey or anyone else to end any investigation, including any investigation involving General Flynn," a White House statement said.

Trump fired Flynn on Feb. 13.

The bombshell Comey news came as the beleaguered Trump administration was still struggling mightily to explain Monday's revelation that the president had revealed highly classified information to the Russian foreign minister and the country's ambassador to the United States. And the administration is still reeling from Trump's abrupt firing of Comey.

The intensifying drama comes as Trump is set to embark Friday on his first foreign trip, which had been optimistically viewed by some aides as an opportunity to reset an administration floundering under an inexperienced president.

When Trump fired Comey, he said he did so based on Comey's very public handling of the Hillary Clinton email probe and how it affected his leadership of the FBI. But the White House has provided differing accounts of the firing. And lawmakers have alleged that the sudden ouster was an attempt to stifle the bureau's investigation into Trump associates' ties to Russia's meddling in the campaign.

Comey's memo detailing his conversation with Trump would be the clearest evidence to date that the president has tried to influence that investigation. Rep. Jason Chaffetz, Republican chairman of the House intelligence committee, said he was ready to

subpoena the memo, which was an apparent effort to create a paper trail of Comey's contacts with the White House.

Other lawmakers also demanded strong action.

Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein of California said Comey needs to come to Capitol Hill and testify. Other lawmakers agreed, and said it must be soon.

Mark Warner of Virginia, top Democrat on the Senate intelligence committee, said he would ask Comey for additional material as part of the panel's investigation. "Memos, transcripts, tapes — the list keeps getting longer," he said.

Republicans were more circumspect but also clearly upset.

John McCain, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said the Trump-Russia reports were "deeply disturbing" and said they could impede allies' willingness to share intelligence with the U.S.

Mitch McConnell, the Republican leader of the Senate, said he was not losing confidence in Trump as president but added, "It would be helpful to have less drama emanating from the White House."

According to the Times, Comey wrote in the February memo that Trump told him Flynn had done nothing wrong. But Comey said he did not say anything to Trump about limiting the investigation, replying simply, "I agree he is a good guy."

The newspaper said Comey was in the Oval Office that day with other national security officials for a terrorism threat briefing. When that ended, Trump asked everyone to leave except Comey, and he eventually turned the conversation to Flynn.

The administration spent the first half of Tuesday defending Trump's disclosure of classified information to senior Russian officials. National Security Adviser H.R. McMaster said the president's comments were "wholly appropriate." He used that phrase nine times in his briefing to reporters. The highly classified information about an Islamic State plot was collected by Israel, a crucial source of intelligence and close partner in the fight against some of the America's fiercest threats in the Middle East. Trump's disclosure of the information threatened to fray that partnership and piled pressure on the White House to explain the apparently on-the-spot decision to reveal the information to Russian diplomats in the Oval Office.

A U.S. official who confirmed the disclosure to The Associated Press said the revelation potentially put the source at risk.

In a statement, Israel's ambassador to the U.S., Ron Dermer, said the partnership between the U.S. and Israel was solid.

In Texas: 'It's an all-out assault on LGBT people'

AUSTIN — One bill would make it legal to decline adoption services to gay couples. Another could deny them marriage licenses. Others would bar transgender Texans from using the public bathroom of their choice.

Supporters of the bills circulating in the Texas Legislature this session say they're intended to protect the religious rights of citizens or maintain safety in public bathrooms. Critics counter they're an unprecedented attack on LGBT rights. Gay rights activists count 24 bills introduced into the Legislature this session they say infringe on the rights of LGBT residents in Texas — more than any other time in state history. The bills are a new front in the attack on LGBT rights by Texas' Republican-led Legislature following a key U.S. Supreme Court decision two years ago recognizing the right to marry for same-sex couples, said Chuck Smith, president of Equality Texas, which advocates for LGBT rights. "This is the most number of specifically anti-LGBT bills that we've ever faced," he said. "It's an all-out assault on LGBT people."

One of the most contentious bills has been Senate Bill 6, the so-called "bathroom bill," which would require that people use bathrooms in public schools and government buildings based on their "biological sex" and prohibit transgender people from using bathrooms that align with their gender identity. Just as it did for a similar law recently passed in North Carolina, Senate Bill 6 has drawn withering criticism from civil rights activists as well as business and tourism leaders. In a letter to Texas senators in March, Chris Wallace, president of the Texas Association of Business, warned that the bill, if passed, would lead to at least \$407 million in direct spending losses for the state. The bill passed the Senate but has stalled in the House.

Another bill would allow county clerks to pass off issuing marriage licenses to other county officials if it conflicts with their religious beliefs, and another would keep transgender athletes from competing in high school sports. "If these bills are enacted in their current form, we will see litigation," Smith said.

Texas is not alone. This year, state lawmakers have introduced 131 anti-LGBT bills in 30 states, according to figures compiled by the Washington-based Human Rights Campaign. Only nine of those bills so far have passed into law. Texas leads the nation with the number of bills considered anti-LGBT. Last year, 252 bills were introduced, eight of which became laws, according to the HRC statistics.

The trend is a familiar one: Just as with reproductive or voter rights, when initiatives that impede minorities' rights are blocked at the federal level, lawmakers turn to state houses to try to pass laws, said Cathryn Oakley, HRC's senior legislative counsel. The anti-LGBT bills began surfacing as the 2015 *Obergefell v. Hodges* case headed to the Supreme Court, she said. In that landmark case, justices ruled 5-4 that same-sex couples had the fundamental right to marry.

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DATED: MAY 29, 2017

SHOUT-OUT OUTSIDE THE WALL

TO: MY RED NECK BROTHERS!!

SHARING!!!

MY Red Neck Brothers and Sisters
[NOTE: I TOO FAKE VOTER FOR TRUMPED!!]
has elected a white President (Donald
John Trump), who is all those NEGATIVE
THINGS, they claimed President Barack H.
Obama was!!!

AND They're over the Dark Side
OF THE MOON!!!

TRUMP

TRUMPED THE MASTER
OF REAL POLITIK !!!

UPDATE:

Who are Those People Who Exclaim that President Donald John Trump (aka Trumpedo) is not a POLITICAN ! He doesn't understand how Washington works !!! He doesn't know how to work his "WILL" in the Halls of Power, ad Nauseam !!!

SURE NOT !!!

Jeb Bush! Ted Cruz! Scott Walker!
and the CLINTONS ! AND THE OLD
GONG !!!

DO THEY KNOW WHO IS:
ROY COHN !!!?

Let me introduce you ALL to the
Dark Shadow, aka Roy Cohn, whom was
PLATO ("THE REPUBLIC"), MACHIAVELLI,
McCarthyism

ROY COHN
WAS
TRUMPEDO'S MENTOR

Roy Cohn was Sen. (R. Wis.) Joe
McCarthy (50's) "HIT MAN", during the
Devilish 1950's Communist "WITCH
HUNT", which RUINED LIVES [and Lost
LIVES !!!] and GOOD REPUTATIONS !!!
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THINK OF IT:

With Nefarious Roy Cohn [ALSO
a Lawyer!], a Washington INSIDER, as
a MENTOR !!! ONLY DENIERS/FOOLS
would doubt Trumfædo is the quint-
essential EN SE "POLITICAN"
REAL POLITIK !!

THAT'S WHAT PEOPLE SAY !!!

DISRUPTERS OF OUR TIMES

ROY COHN WAS ONCE THE MOST FEARED LAWYER IN NEW YORK CITY. A RUTHLESS MASTER OF DIRTY TRICKS, HE SMEARED THE REPUTATIONS OF HIS POLITICAL ENEMIES, HELPED SEND THE ROSENBERGS TO THE ELECTRIC CHAIR, AND HAD MORE THAN ONE MAFIA DON ON SPEED DIAL. BUT HIS MOST ENDURING

LEGACY IS DONALD TRUMP, WHOM HE TOOK UNDER HIS WING IN THE 1970S. IN THIS EXCERPT FROM KEN AULETTA'S 1978 ESQUIRE PROFILE, WE MEET THE MAN WHO TUTORED THE PRESIDENT IN THE DARK ARTS OF GOSSIP, POWER, AND POLITICS.

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Editorial

The Celebrity Candidate

IN LESS THAN A WEEK FROM THE COVER date of this issue, to borrow a phrase from Gerald Ford, "our long national nightmare is over." Or it begins.

Either this bad dream ends, and becomes a rich subject for historians—and the subject of a rueful election post-mortem commissioned by establishment Republicans who were sidelined by Donald's Trump presidential campaign (see: the 97-page Growth and Opportunity Project report released after the 2012 election)—or, the unthinkable occurs and we hunker down and prepare for the Donald J. Trump presidency.

Who would have predicted it? Well, there was one prescient political journalist.

In early October 2015, a 2,500-word story from our National Correspondent Rick Perlstein arrived as an attachment to an email. Rick was new to our staff. I was an admirer of his work as a presidential historian. But I had doubts about his first big piece on the crowded Republican primary.

In the story, which we published in November 2015, Perlstein argued that Donald Trump was not the vanity candidate that most media outlets described. He was, in fact, a growing political force that reporters and political pundits didn't understand because they were disconnected from the people drawn to Trump: the white working stiffs who are flown over, ignored, disrespected, and sometimes ridiculed by the coastal Brahmins who interpret our politics for us.

A big reason for Trump's early success, according to Perlstein, was the 20.7 million Americans who had watched his reality TV show "The Apprentice" in its first year, and the huge audience that stayed with it when it evolved into "The Celebrity Apprentice," which still had more viewers than any other cable program when it began its run in 2010. To a TV constituency invisible to most of us, Trump was a take-charge guy who spoke the unvarnished truth, didn't suffer fools gladly, and had little patience for the weak. For people out of luck and out of hope, he was someone who looked like a leader.

And he was in their living rooms once a week. Like Ronald Reagan, whom Americans had come to know in the 1950s and early 1960s as the host of "G.E. Theater" and "Death Valley Days," Donald Trump began his campaign for the presidency with a fan base no other candidate had.

Perlstein was handicapping the primary race and

betting on Trump to win.

In subsequent articles, Perlstein persisted with his argument that journalists and pundits were missing a growing political force because they were disconnected from the Americans drawn to Trump.

The conventional wisdom that Perlstein wasn't buying had the Republican candidates, as described by *The New York Times's* Nate Cohn, "on their way to sorting themselves out into a traditional two-

way race, a front-runner (either Bush, Walker, or Rubio) and a rotating cast of colorful secondary flavors of the month, like in 2012."

An "invisible primary" among party elites would ensure that a "reasonable candidate" would end up on at the top of the ticket. "No factor,"

Cohn wrote, "has proved more important to a candidate's chances than the loyalty of party elites."

Funny how things turn out sometimes.

If Reagan was television's "genial guide" through a world of sappy westerns and anodyne domestic comedies, "where the worst conundrums were wrapped in a happy ending," Donald Trump is the hectoring, bullying anti-hero of a television genre in which to insult and humiliate is to prevail.

In hindsight, it's all so clear.

Unsurprisingly, Trump has turned a protracted campaign for the most powerful office in the world into reality TV, beginning with the demeaning of his primary opponents—"little Marco" and "low-energy Jeb"—and moving seamlessly into impugning the marital fidelity of "crooked Hillary" and devoting three days to humiliating a former Miss Universe (all in one week).

Over the course of a year he has exhausted our capacity to be shocked or offended.

The public, in fact, has become so inured to Trump's squalid behavior that he gets away with offenses that would have foundered the campaign of any normal candidate: degrading comments about John McCain's sacrifice in the Vietnam War; a crude pantomime mocking a disabled *New York Times* reporter; an unforgiving campaign against a former beauty-pageant queen.

It wasn't the explicit sexual language in the "Access Hollywood" clip that triggered our national gag reflex. It was Trump's primitive grammar of masculine transgression: noun, transitive verb, direct object, with Trump the subject and women or their genitals the object.

By the time you read this, a week before the election, the year since Rick Perlstein predicted that Donald Trump would be the Republican nominee will probably seem like an eternity. —L.D.

Over the course of a year Trump has exhausted our capacity to be shocked or offended.

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"I READ THE NEWS TODAY!"
OH BOY!!

TRUMP AND THE PATHOLOGY
OF NARCISSISM,

DIAGNOSING THE PRESIDENT
WAS OFF-LIMITS TO EXPERTS -
UNTIL NOW... A TEXT BOOK CASE -
ENTERED THE WHITE HOUSE

- BY ALEX MORRIS
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UPDATE:

MY TAKE AWAY!!!

Hey Friends:

Did you hear this new scheme by a group
of so-called Psychiatrists and Psycholog-
ists and others [TO CHANGE THE RULES!!!]
So that to demonstrate President Donald
J. Trump is INSANE.

DEMOCRATS V. REPUBLICANS

For every "YES"! The OPPOSITE SIDE
SHALL PRODUCE A "NO"!!!

OKAY!!! But Hey!!! WHAT ABOUT
THE OVERT BIZARRE
MEDIA MAD! MAD HATTERS
ON THE ANCHOR'S STOOL!!!

Check-out their collective Reactions to
Trumped's purported BOMBING of Syria
Air Base!

The Delusional "FANSTASY" Warriors
like the New York Times (N.Y.T.COM); CNN
Farred Zakaria said: "I think Don-
ald Trump became president of the
United States". Over at MS NBC, a turn-
escent ~~the~~ crank!!!] Brian Williams [
Recall here why he lost his NBC.COM
NIGHTLY NEWS High Chair!!!] raved as he
watched video of Trump's Missile attacks,
twice calling them "beautiful". He even
stole a line from Leonard Cohen, saying
"I'm guided by the beauty of our weapons."
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WAR IN THE WHITE HOUSE BY MATT
TAIBBI MAY 8, 2017

GROUP THINK!!!

MASS MEDIA PSYCHOSISES !!

Like Williams, No Doubt, those Cranks!!
like SNOOPY - Believe they are Co-
PILOT IN THOSE BOMBER PLANES!!!

WHAT'S MORE!!!

Added, Sweetness is their ratings are the HIGHEST. SEE ANOTHER WAR, ANOTHER BLITZERKRIEG™ BY SUSAN J. DOUGLAS IN THE SETIMES.COM JUNE 2017, P. 13

BY FAKE Psychiatrist I,
VODOO!!!

GODDAMIT COMPARED TO WHAT!!!!

BY: LEON IRBY IRBY DATED: MAY 19, 2017

NOW IN THE NEWS!!!

TREATED WORST THAN ANY OTHER
PRESIDENT - EVER

— President Donald J. Trump

Another Presidential Blatant Lie!!!

BIRTHEER!!!

2009-2016 President Barack H.
Obama were exceedingly with-
out precedent, mistreated worst -
and BY YOU - !!! MR. DONALD JOHN
TRUMP!!!

AND THAT'S THE TRUTH!!!

WHAT GOES AROUND
COMES AROUND !!!

PRESIDENTIAL USA
HEY! HEY!

BIRTH CERTIFICATE!!!!!!
2008-2016

TAX RETURNS (FILINGS)
2015 —

WHO IS THAT LADY

AND WHAT DOES SHE KNOW !!!

SHE IS LADY SIENNA MILLER
"ESEE-EH-NO MILL-er]N."

UNIVERSAL FRIENDS,

HAVING DRANK FROM HER OVERFLOWING
CUP OF SWEETEST "WISDOM", ZEN, PLEASE

SHARE, i.e.: PASS THE CUP TO YOU !!!

YING & YANG !!

GIVE YOURSELF A CHANCE! Z COMM-
END, AS A START !!! allure.com
COVER STORY MAY 2017, esp. p. 132 [W/PIC]

" 1. Mother, muse, actress

2. Woman who can talk about Ato in a British
accent without making you hate her

3. SEE ALSO [HOLLYWOOD BLONDE HOLLYWOOD BLONDE]

BY DEVIN FRIEDMAN, p. 27

WISE-UP

#PEARLS!!!

NA MASTE !!!

PIECES OF APRIL !!!

KATIE & JAMIE

They'll Always Have Paris!

US MAGAZINE, Com/COVER STORY

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MY TAKE:

THE ONLY REAL BARRIERS
ARE RACIAL

#HOLLYWOODTODWHITE Would Not Now Cast
OSCAR WINNER Jamie Foxx as Actor Katie
Holmes Sexual Lover, i.e., With actual
Love Scenes !!!

BIG & HOT TOM CRUISE

Tom doesn't jump up and down in joy
of wife Katie's love - any more.

He keeps busy: Making non-pause
movie after movie. [Now in Paris Making
MISSION IMPOSSIBLE, M16], p 47.2d

"A source says Cruise [onset May 12/
w/pic] wasn't happy when he first learned of
Holmes' romance."

WHAT'S THIS !!!

TOM'S OTHER FORMER WIFE Actor
NICOLE KIDMAN, also, at one time,
WAS ENGAGED to ROCKER/ACTOR LENNY
KRAVITZ !!!

SO WHAT !!!

HERE COMES APRIL SHOWERS

Katie exclaimed in "March Interview
TOWN & COUNTRY She told the magazine she's
looking to make a career shift from acting to
directing..."

Katie ostensibly is wisely anticipat-
ing # ALL WHITE HOLLYWOOD shall not welcome
their BLACK & WHITE LOVE STORY !!!

XOXO

ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: MAY 25, 2017

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"GIVE ME SOME GOOD NEWS, BABY
CAUSE THE WORLD IS GONE CRAZY"

UPDATE

ACTOR/MUSICIAN JOHNNY DEPP -
DUMPED

ACTOR AMBER HEARD

OUR LOVELY BRAVE HEART GUN! LET LOVE
FIND HER AGAIN WITH BILLIONAIRE SPACEX
ENTREPRENEUR ELON MUSK, 45...

LOVE! LOVE!!

I JUST WANNA SEE AMBER SMILE IN
EVERY PICTURE!!!

- XOXO

MONEY CAN'T BUY LOVE / BEETHES
EVERY PICTURE TELLS A STORY / ROD STEWART

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: MAY 25, 2017

AMBER HEARD: "ALL HEART"!!

the art of tearing down a career in one legendary rant.

Amber Heard says she's donating \$7m Depp divorce settlement

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Amber Heard said Thursday she is donating her entire \$7 million divorce settlement from Johnny Depp to a pair of charities that will use the money to benefit women who have been abused and sick children.

Heard writes in a statement released Thursday that the money will be split between the American Civil Liberties Union and the Children's Hospital Los Angeles. Heard says the money to the ACLU is being given to help its efforts to combat violence against women.

Heard and Depp settled their contentious divorce on Tuesday, one day before the actors were scheduled to begin a restraining order hearing that would center on Heard's allegations Depp repeatedly abused her during their marriage.

Depp denied he abused Heard, and his attorney accused Heard of making the domestic violence allegations to obtain a more favorable settlement.

"As described in the restraining order and divorce settlement, money played no role for me personally and never has, except to the extent that I could donate it to charity and, in doing so, hopefully help those less able to defend themselves," Heard wrote.

Heard writes that she knows the organizations will put the money to good use, and she plans to support them with future donations.

In a joint statement on Tuesday, Heard and Depp acknowledged volatility in their relationship, which began after they met on the set of the 2011 film "The Rum Diary."

"Our relationship was intensely passionate and at times volatile, but always bound by love," the actors' statement said. "Neither party has made false accusations for financial gain. There was never any intent of physical or emotional harm."

Heard filed for divorce in May and days later obtained a temporary restraining order, accusing the "Pirates of the Caribbean" star of hitting her during a fight in their Los Angeles apartment in May.

The 30-year-old Heard, who came to court with a bruise on her right cheek below the eye, accused Depp of repeatedly hitting her and throwing a cellphone during the fight. Police said they responded to the actors' apartment but found no evidence of a crime.

Prince Estate: Paisley Park to open for daily paid public tours in fall

Prince's creative oasis, his Paisley Park compound outside Minneapolis, will be turned into a museum and opened for daily public tours in October, the administrator of the icon's estate announced Wednesday.

Prince's sister, Tyka Nelson, said in a statement that this was always her brother's goal. In fact, it was one of the first things she and her husband said publicly after Prince's

April 21 death from a drug overdose in an elevator at Paisley Park.

"Opening Paisley Park is something that Prince always wanted to do and was actively working on," Tyka Nelson said in the press release issued by Bremer Trust, the special administrator of Prince's still-unresolved estate.

"Only a few hundred people have had the rare opportunity to tour the estate during his lifetime," Nelson said. "Now fans from around the world will be able to experience Prince's world for the first time, as we open the doors to this incredible place."

"The new Paisley Park museum will offer fans a unique experience, an exhibition like no other, as Prince would have wanted it," according to the official statement by Prince's siblings (his heirs include five half-siblings besides his full sister, Tyka).

"Most important, the museum will display Prince's genius, honor his legacy, and carry forward his strong sense of family and community."

Tickets are set to go on sale Friday at 2 p.m. CT for tours starting Oct. 6 at [OfficialPaisleyPark.com](https://t.co/g7f5PFwQFc). No ticket price is available.

But already fans were tweeting their delight. Dreams do come true!!

Paisley Park, home of Prince, opens for public tours Oct. 6 <https://t.co/g7f5PFwQFc> — Kelly Pruitt (@kpr2369) August 24, 2016

Under the plans for the museum, to be reviewed by the city of Chanhassen, Minn., guided tours will take visitors throughout the main floor of the 65,000-square-foot mansion, including the studios where Prince recorded, produced and mixed most of his biggest hits.

The tours will include Prince's video editing suites, rehearsal rooms, private NPG Music Club, and a massive soundstage and concert hall where he rehearsed for tours and held private events and concerts. Visitors also will see thousands of artifacts from Prince's personal archives, including his concert wardrobe, awards, musical instruments, artwork, rare music and video recordings, concert memorabilia, automobiles and motorcycles.

"The Estate is working with the family to form an advisory council who will provide valuable input on the entire experience," said Bremer Trust President Craig Ordal in a statement.

Chanhassen Mayor Denny Laufenburger tweeted his own statement, saying he believes the plans are in full accordance with Prince's wishes and that the star's vision for Paisley Park as a museum was in place even before his death. "He knew exactly how to showcase his production studio for his fans in preparation for this eventual outcome," Laufenburger said.

Press Releases from Prince Estate and City of Chanhassen are at <https://t.co/UJcCalJoPa> Mayors statement [#Princepic.twitter.com/Pgi9PZavTI](https://twitter.com/Pgi9PZavTI)

— Denny Laufenburger (@laufendh) August 24, 2016

Bremer touted the museum as an unprecedented opportunity for fans to "experience first-hand what it was like for Prince to create, produce and perform inside this private sanctuary and remarkable production complex, which is also considered one of the greatest landmarks in the entertainment industry."

Bremer's plans call for tapping "the operational expertise of an experienced property management team, which will also provide initial funding for capital improvements. The Estate will maintain ownership of the property." Bremer said the media spokesman for the project will be the same company that handles national media for Elvis Presley's Graceland.

It suggests Bremer and Prince's family are seeking to make the Paisley Park museum somewhat in the image of Graceland, which opened in 1982, five years after Presley died, and now draws more than 500,000 visitors a year. The total economic impact on the city of Memphis from Graceland visitors is estimated to be \$150 million a year.

Bremer Trust has been focused on sorting out Prince's multi-million-dollar estate (no will was found), trying to determine who besides his siblings are his heirs. It is trying to sell some property, such as Prince's Caribbean villa, to generate cash to pay hefty estate tax bills that are coming due in January. And the estate has hired consultants in the music industry to help decide what to do with Prince's musical catalog and any tapes of unreleased music.

Ryan Lochte to join latest 'Dancing with the Stars' cast

Ryan Lochte is going on *Dancing with the Stars*, locking down a deal in the works before his Olympic saga, a person familiar with the deal confirmed to USA TODAY Sports on Wednesday.

The 23rd season of the show premieres on Sept. 12. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the addition of Lochte has not been announced publicly.

Lochte, the 12-time Olympic medalist who was condemned in media reports around the globe for exaggerating a true story, was dropped by four sponsors on Monday after authorities in Rio de Janeiro declared in a jammed press conference last week that he had fabricated a report that he and three teammates on the U.S. swim team were held up at gunpoint by men with badges.

Instead, the incident was portrayed as a case of vandalism — authorities said the swimmers trashed a bathroom and urinated against the building — and Lochte and Jimmy Feigen were accused of falsely claiming a robbery to cover up their misdeeds. The police said the men were detained by guards because Lochte had additionally damaged a poster.

An investigation by USA TODAY Sports into the police account found the trashing of

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the bathroom never happened and that police never even asked the swimmers about it. The swimmers never entered the bathroom or even forced the door, according to their testimonies to Rio authorities. Video doesn't show them doing anything to the bathroom and the only damage is to an advertising poster torn down by Lochte as the swimmers left. They urinated in bushes behind the building because the bathroom was locked, they said in statements to police.

The swimmers, however, were detained by badge-carrying, armed prison guards working a private security detail, USA TODAY Sports confirmed. They were held at gunpoint as a translator worked out a deal for the swimmers to pay 160 reais – about \$50 -- for the damage to the poster and be allowed to leave, they said in statements.

Lochte, who acknowledged he'd been drinking, had drawn the ire of authorities when he incorrectly described the incident in an impromptu interview hours after it occurred, saying that the men had been "pulled over" and he had a "gun to the forehead." Neither of those details were correct and Lochte drew outrage from Brazilians who had grown tired of skepticism in the foreign press about their ability to host a secure Olympics. But the swimmers were in a cab about to pull away from the station when a man with a badge stopped it, and one of the guards did aim a gun at Lochte from close range, surveillance videos show. Nevertheless, Feigen agreed to pay a settlement so he could avoid charges for filing a false report and leave Brazil, saying in a statement after he left that Rio authorities told him he might otherwise need to stay a month to get the matter sorted out.

In the wake of the USA TODAY Sports investigation, others are speaking up on behalf of Lochte and his teammates. The owner of an online tie company on Long Island said he'd love to bring on Lochte as a spokesperson, and Lochte's camp said he's received a host of preliminary inquiries from potential new corporate sponsors. Lochte and the swimmers still face a hearing before a discipline commission of the International Olympic Committee. A date for that has not been announced.

Also unclear is whether any potential legal case against Lochte — Rio authorities also had accused him of filing a false police report — will proceed in the face of evidence that his account is largely true. In addition, a Brazilian lawyer said that, given that the U.S. swimmers never approached the police and "provoked" a false investigation, she did not feel the statute applies.

Kevin Harvick wins rain-delayed Sprint Cup race at Bristol

BRISTOL, Tenn. — Here's a look at all the action and results from Sunday's race at Bristol Motor Speedway:

WINNER: Kevin Harvick picked up his second win of the season, holding off a charging Ricky Stenhouse Jr. to win the rescheduled Bristol night race. Harvick

dominated the later portions of the race after Kyle Busch, who led 256 laps, had a part failure and crashed. The win was Harvick's first since going to victory lane at Phoenix in March and the first for his team Stewart-Haas Racing at Bristol. And when the race concluded Harvick asked co-owner and teammate Tony Stewart to take a victory lap with him. Stewart, who is racing for the last time at Bristol before retiring from Sprint Cup Series racing at the end of the season, instead joined Harvick for victory burnouts on the finish line.

"I wanted him to go on a victory lap with so he could say goodbye to all the fans here at Bristol but that was pretty cool doing some burnouts with him," Harvick said in victory lane.

"This is a hard place to win with so many things that can go wrong," Stewart said. "It was cool sharing that moment with him. I'm really proud of him.

This place is so much. I told myself the last 10 laps just enjoy these 10 and savor the moment."

This one's for you, boss.

[#NASCARonCNBCpic.twitter.com/HbLRoUhjYg](https://twitter.com/HbLRoUhjYg)

— NASCAR (@NASCAR) August 21, 2016

LEADERS WRECK: On a restart with 219 laps to go, race leader Kurt Busch appeared to lose control of his car and started to spin. He made slight contact with second-place Joey Logano, but third-place Brad Keselowski pounded Busch's No. 41 car. Behind them, Chase Elliott turned Matt Kenseth, who was hard on the brakes, and Ryan Blaney ended up drilling Kenseth. Kyle Larson also some damage in the wreck after being nailed by Brian Scott. Jimmie Johnson and Paul Menard also got a piece of the wreck. "Drove the car at 101%, got loose, and it got away from me," Busch said. Keselowski said Busch got loose, and "by the time I saw it, I was already making contact with him. Kinda one of them Bristol things."

CHANCES GO SOUTH: Kyle Busch had a dominant day and led the most laps, but he broke something in the rear end of his car with roughly 150 laps to go. Busch tried to nurse it for awhile and had just decided to go behind the wall for repairs when he spun out, lost control and was hit by Justin Allgaier (driving in place of Michael Annett) after he had already stopped. Allgaier then went up the track and hit Martin Truex Jr. and Kyle Larson, who is battling for a Chase spot. A frustrated Busch then tossed his helmet into his car and told CNBC that Allgaier was a "moron" for hitting him.

SPEEDING TICKET: Denny Hamlin was penalized for his series-leading eighth speeding penalty with just under 200 laps to go in Sunday's race.

FINALLY GREEN: The postponed race was supposed to resume at 1 p.m. ET Sunday, but heavy rains made that an impossibility. After a cold front moved through, drivers finally took the green flag again at 4:42 p.m. ET.

POSTPONED: The race was originally scheduled to run on Saturday night — and it did, but only for a brief time. After starting 40 minutes late, a rain shower hit the track that caused a 90-minute delay. Just when NASCAR had dried the track and was getting ready for the cars to go green again, a heavier storm washed through the area and caused officials to postpone the race.

Will Power wins rain-delayed IndyCar race at Pocono

LONG POND, Pa. — Here's a look at all the action and results from Monday's race at Pocono Raceway:

WINNER: Will Power's summer march toward a second Verizon IndyCar Series championship continued at Pocono Raceway Monday in a race delayed from Sunday because of rain. It benefited greatly by a crash by his Team Penske teammate and points leader Simon Pagenaud.

All four of Power's wins this season have come in the last six races. He missed the season-opener at St. Petersburg with a misdiagnosed concussion which turned out to be an inner ear infection.

Power moved methodically through the field from the eighth starting spot to control the last quarter of the race, and had a main threat, Ryan-Hunter-Reay, peel away with a mechanical problem. Power held off hard-charging pole-sitter Mikhail Aleshin who prodded for the lead in the final laps but finished second, 1.1459 behind. Hunter-Reay was third.

"We just kept adding and adding downforce," Power said. "It was just awesome at the end. It was a very good comeback. I am very happy to win here. I'm always happy to win on ovals, and this is one of the hardest places we run."

Power, who won the 2014 series title, now trails Pagenaud by 20 points with three races left in the season. The series will resume the interrupted event at Texas Motor Speedway on Saturday.

POWER FAILURE: Hunter-Reay stalked or held the lead for much of the race but was forced to come slowly down pit road when he lost mysteriously lost power immediately after retaking the lead from Will Power on Lap 164. He fell a lap down. The Andretti Autosport driver is winless this season and started last after crashing in practice and not making a qualifying run. Hunter-Reay roared through the field early and had been running up front for the majority of the race before the power issue. He got back on the lead lap after a caution for debris on Lap 175 and drove all the way back to finish on the podium.

TITLE TURNOVER: Points leader Pagenaud crashed exiting Turn 1 on Lap 157, tightening the championship race. The Team Penske driver led teammate Will Power by 58 points entering the race. Power had assumed the race lead just a few laps before Pagenaud's crash. Pagenaud's Chevrolet appeared to lock brakes through the sweeping turn and side-swiped a SAFER barrier hard

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HER NIGHTMARE

UPDATE:

Mischa Barton learns an ex is trying to sell her sex tape

Mischa Barton is getting unwanted exposure. The 31-year-old is the victim of revenge pornography; her lawyer Lisa Bloom said in a statement March 14. The next day, Barton explained at a press conference that ex... an ex secretly filmed her having sex and is shopping the tape to porn sites for \$500,000. "She's distraught," says a Barton source. Now the actress [actor] is threatening the seller with legal action. "No woman should have to go through this," she told reporters. "I am finally standing up for myself."

"SIDE FRAME [w/pic]: Barton [in L.A. is doing everything to stop the tape from getting out," says a pal." USMAGAZINE.COM
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Federal Prisoner Tells President "No Thanks" to Offer of Clemency with RDAP Condition

by Derek Gilna

FEDERAL PRISONER ARNOLD RAY JONES was one of almost 30,000 applicants seeking executive clemency from President Obama, including those who took part in Clemency Project 2014, which was launched to provide much-needed relief to drug offenders serving long mandatory minimum sentences. [See: *PLN*, Sept. 2016, p.22; May 2016, p.46]. As of late October, 873 federal prisoners had been granted commutations, and Jones was pleased to be one of the select few until he heard about the condition imposed on his early release: participation in a residential drug treatment program.

"No thanks," was his response.

Jones did the math and weighed his options. Convicted of a drug trafficking offense in 2002, he was scheduled to get out in April 2019 – only eight months longer than if he accepted the presidential commutation. To obtain the eight-month sentence reduction, he would have to participate in an intensive Residential Drug and Alcohol Program, or "RDAP."

Although the idea of substance abuse treatment seems beneficial in the abstract, a prisoner such as Jones, who has been in the federal prison system for many years, knows that the institutional reality is much different. Prisoners who have gone through RDAP report the program is nine months of what often amounts to daily staff harassment, scripted confrontations with staff and required public "confessions" of their alleged failure to follow program rules. There is little actual drug treatment.

As a result, Jones decided he would be better served by doing the rest of his time in the manner in which he had completed the first 12 years of his sentence – by following the rules and committing himself to self-improvement, characteristics that won him the notice of pardon officials and the President himself as someone who is a deserving candidate for early release.

Nonetheless, 872 other fortunate prisoners have accepted some form of sentence relief as a result of presidential clemency, in the form of commutations rather than pardons. A pardon erases a conviction while commutation shortens a sentence,

and most commutations granted by previous presidents have been for "time served," which means that after a short time, typically to make halfway house arrangements, the prisoner is freed. President Obama, however, has attached conditions to some of his commutations, requiring drug treatment or otherwise delaying releases. According to one news report, since August 3, 2016, 22% of federal commutations have required prisoners to participate in drug treatment programs.

Perhaps someone should advise the President that a prisoner who has been incarcerated for more than a decade, and who has followed prison rules and abstained from drugs and alcohol for that entire period of time, would probably not benefit much from RDAP. Such prisoners are deserving of immediate release and should not have to jump through additional hoops to return home to their families. ■

Source: *USA Today*

Blood in the Water: The Attica Prison Uprising of 1971 and Its Legacy, by Dr. Heather Ann Thompson

(Pantheon Books, 2016). 752 pages, \$24.00 (hardcover)

Book review by Alan Mills

ANYONE WHO WANTS TO UNDERSTAND mass incarceration needs to understand Attica. And anyone who wants to understand Attica must read Heather Thompson's new book, *Blood in the Water*. It is a riveting tale but a difficult one to read. Several reviewers have noted that they had to stop reading at several points, to breathe and to wipe tears from their eyes. I join that group. But as difficult as it is, this is a story that must be told.

On September 9, 1971, almost 1,300 prisoners took over a yard at the Attica Correctional Facility in New York. As prisoners returned from breakfast, they broke down the gate and took over the yard and a wing of the prison. They seized several employees as hostages.

The prisoners quickly became organized, created a security committee and elected spokespeople. They negotiated for the release of hostages in need of immediate medical care.

Over the next four days, the prisoners engaged in negotiations with the administration. The state eventually agreed that virtually all of their complaints were legitimate – the prisoners needed education, better food, less censorship, fairly distributed jobs with better pay and an end to

racial discrimination. State officials agreed to those demands. However, the one divisive issue was amnesty. One guard was severely injured during the takeover and died a few days later. For the prisoners, that meant some or all of them would potentially face a life sentence.

Rather than continue negotiations, Governor Nelson Rockefeller authorized the state police to retake the prison. A helicopter dropped powerful tear gas into the yard, immobilizing the prisoners. Then the state police and prison guards unleashed their pent-up fury, opening fire indiscriminately. Twenty-nine prisoners were slaughtered, along with 10 of the hostages.

Thompson describes both the retaking of the prison, and the beatings inflicted by the guards over the next week, in detail. It is tough to read; it is hard to get your head around the fact that people could treat other humans so brutally. Yet it happened. The state's brutality is inescapable.

All of the hostages killed in the retaking of Attica were shot to death by law enforcement; none were injured by the prisoners. Yet over the following decades, New York did whatever it could to shift blame from state employees to the prisoners. This

anger coping strategies

Anger and Problem Anger

Anger is a normal human emotion, and can range from mild irritation to an intense rage or fury.



Our handout 'What Is Anger?' provides more detail about the difference between normal anger and problem anger, and some questions to help you identify whether anger may be a problem for you.

This handout includes a number of tips which you may use to help you to cope better with your anger. You may wish to practice some of these on your own, or you may wish to combine them with individual or group therapy for extra support.

Triggers and Warning Signs

One of the first steps in managing your anger is to identify what types of situations usually trigger your anger. Make a list of the things which usually set you off, for example:

- being cut off in traffic
- running late for an appointment
- other people running late
- your son/daughter leaving their schoolbag in the hall
- your partner not putting away the dishes
- a colleague falling behind on a project

Some of these situations you may be able to avoid, such as planning ahead to avoid running late. Other situations are less in your control, such as being cut off in traffic, but what you can control is your reaction.

Once you have finished listing your common trigger situations, make a separate list of the warning signs for your anger. What is it that usually happens in your body when you get angry? Becoming aware of your body's alarm bells helps you to spot anger early on, which gives you a better chance of putting other coping strategies into practice. Some common warnings are:

- tightness in chest
- feeling hot or flushed, sweating
- grinding teeth
- tense muscles or clenched fists
- pounding or racing heart
- biting your nails



Why Am I Angry?

When you notice these warning signs, stop and ask yourself what it is that is making you angry. Often there will be something going on that is quite reasonable to feel angry about, so allow yourself to acknowledge this. But it is also important to be clear about the cause of our anger so that we don't respond in a way that is out of proportion (eg. staying angry all day about someone else using up the last of the milk) or take out the anger on the wrong person (eg. getting angry at family members when it is your boss you are angry with).

Taking Out The Heat

When you notice yourself becoming angry, there are a number of techniques which you can use to 'take the heat out' of your anger. These include:

Time Out: This simply means removing yourself from the situation for a period of time, to give yourself a chance to 'cool down' and think things through before you act. For example, when you notice yourself becoming angry during an argument with your partner, say "I need to take time out, let's talk about this calmly when I get back" and then go for a walk.

Distraction: If you cannot change the situation, it can help to distract yourself from whatever is making you angry by counting to ten, listening to music, calling a friend to chat about something else, or doing housework. For example, if you are stuck in traffic and getting angry, put on the radio and try to find a song you like, or count the number of times the chorus is sung.

Silly Humour: While it is not always possible to just 'laugh your problems away,' you can often use humour to help you to take a step back from your anger. For example, if you are angry with a colleague and refer to them as 'a stupid clown,' think about what this means literally. Imagine or draw them dressed in a clown suit, with big shoes and a red nose. If you picture this image every time they do something which bothers you, it will be much easier to keep things in perspective.

Relaxation: Just as our bodies are strongly affected by our emotions, we can also influence our emotional state with our physical state. Relaxation techniques, such as taking slow deep breaths or progressively tensing and relaxing each of your muscle groups, can help to reduce anger.



Self-Talk and Good Thinking

How you are thinking affects how you are feeling, so focussing on negative thoughts such as "this is so unfair" will maintain the angry feeling. Make a list of more balanced statements you can say to yourself before, during and after difficult situations. For example:

Before: *I know I can handle this, I have strategies to keep my anger under control and can take time out if I need to.*

During: *Remember to keep breathing and stay relaxed. There is no need to take this personally. I can manage this.*

After: *I handled that well. Even though I felt angry I didn't raise my voice too much and I think I got a better result*

Assertiveness and Practice

Another key strategy in managing anger is to learn to be assertive. Assertiveness means expressing your point of view in a clear way, without becoming aggressive. You may wish to read other handouts about this topic. Finally, because anger is often an automatic response, all of these techniques require a lot of practice.

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Class Action Law Suits Harder for the Incarcerated

Many landmark changes in the prison system have come from class action law suits, in which the court appoints an attorney (because incarcerated individuals can't represent such cases) after the court approves the case to move forward. However, the 7th Circuit's decision didn't address whether, under the normal process for obtaining pro bono counsel, if a diligent effort is made to obtain counsel can the court still appoint one before it approves the case to move forward. As it stands, with no clarification, this backup measure appears unlikely.

Waukesha Chief Judge Reverses Judge Haughney

In October, 2016, Ron Schroeder, incarcerated at Jackson, filed a habeas corpus petition in Waukesha County Circuit Court. In November, he filed a judicial substitution request per statute, which Judge Patrick Haughney denied. Ron appealed to Chief Judge Randy Koschnick, who issued an order on December 13 reversing Judge Haughney's decision. He stated that decision "deprived the petitioner of his statutory right to a substitution of judge" and that Ron's request "was timely and in proper form and should have been granted." (The case referenced is State of Wisconsin ex rel. Ronald Schroeder v. Brian Hayes and Lizzie Tegels, Waukesha County Case 2016CV1850.)

Court of Appeals Rules Against Ex Post Facto Restrictions on People Convicted of Sex Cases

In August, the 6th Circuit U.S Court of Appeals ruled that changes to Michigan Law in 2006 and 2011 unconstitutionally put restrictions on people convicted of

sex cases long after their convictions. The court stated that "(a)s the founders rightly perceived, as dangerous as it may be not to punish someone, it is far more dangerous to permit the government under guise of civil regulation to punish people without prior notice." November 15, Supreme Court Justice Elena Kagan denied the State's request for a stay of the decision during its appeal. In fact, prior to the appeals court's decision, a lower court judge in Detroit ruled against key provisions of the law changes. The appeals court also stated that Michigan's registry law isn't working as intended and seems designed to punish the convicted more than protect the public. (This is because individuals convicted of nonviolent or minor offenses are too often placed on the registry, which makes it difficult or impossible for the public to determine who poses a genuine risk.)



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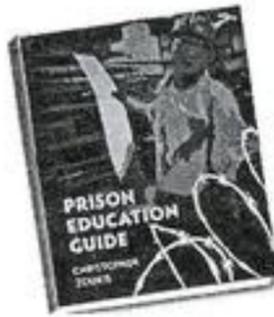
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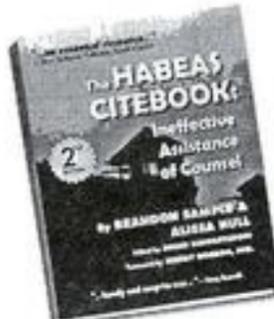
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The following excerpt is from *Houses of Healing: A Prisoners Guide to Inner Power and Freedom* by Robin Casarjian. If you are able to, request this book for your facility or participate in a group or study program that utilizes this book. It will help you find freedom, even behind bars, and guide you in healing your relationships with your family, friends and others.

The English word "crisis" means "a time of great danger or trouble." The Chinese word for "crisis" means both "danger and opportunity," a different and more hopeful perspective. Going to prison is a crisis for most everyone. It is often the outer manifestation of months, years, or even a lifetime of inner turmoil and crisis. It is most often the outer manifestation of confinement in an inner prison of fear, powerlessness, hopelessness, guilt, shame, anger, and low self-esteem.

Crisis becomes so woven into the fabric of many people's lives that by the time they reach adulthood, crime is sometimes all they have known. Many seek relief from this reality through drugs and alcohol, further clouding the picture. Statistics indicate that 66% of people coming to prison are substance abusers. Every addict's life is a perpetual crisis. Life has no balance. No rest. No clear perspective. But crisis, no matter how bad it is, can be an opportunity and a positive turning point in the course of someone's life. Time in prison can be, in its' own strange way, a gift. Incarceration offers an opportunity to step back from "life as usual" to be sober and face life directly, to re-evaluate, to learn, to heal. Even if you have been in jail for many years and prison life is "life as usual" for you, the opportunity for growth and change is always there. In this most unlikely place, where degradation and fear are ordinary, there is a unique opportunity to be lifted up, to be empowered and to find peace.

It is said that life is like a stone mill. It will either polish you up or grind you down. When you use your time as an opportunity to grow emotionally and spiritually, you are polished up. You are strengthened. You can increasingly feel good about who you are, what you have to offer, and the direction of your life – even if you are in prison – even if you are never getting out.

As we enter this Thanksgiving season, we remind you that Companions Journeying Together will be 20 years old this year. We are so grateful to have been able to walk with you on your journey towards wholeness. We are all made better for having reached across the walls that separate to create authentic human relationships.

Peace and Blessings,

Rev. Karen Hutt