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KESHA IN A LOVE
EMBRACE!!!

PRAYING!

PUT LITTLE LOVE IN YOUR HEART

KEEP THE FAITH!!!

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DIE NEGROE
DIE!!!
DIE SO BLACK MEN CAN
LIVE!!!

SO-CALLED "HANNIBALS BURESS"
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POLITICAL ACTIVIST

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Yea! Like Uncle Judas crawling
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COMMUNITY MASS GRAVES!!! Very Bad!

WHO IS THIS BURESS!!!

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"COLIN KAEFER NICK SHOULDN'T HAVE TO BEG
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SHOUT-OUT

TO: SPIKE LEE

UPDATE: AND TO GOD!

Let's save our bro,
COLLIN FROM A [HIGH-TECH-
LYCHING] !!!

#STRANGHEFRUIT/LADYDAY

"ARE YOU READY? HANK WILLIAMS, JR.
RETURNING TO 'WNF', BELOW, P. 2

HANK WILLIAMS, JR. WILL THE SOUTH RISE AGAIN!

"A lot of kids' parents can't afford \$200 for shoes for their kids," he said. "So, if they have a shoe that they want to trade, (that will) lower the price. Then we also have shoes we sell for 40 percent off, 25 percent off. They're all really expensive (versions of) shoes — they're just gently worn."

'Wonder Woman' is the biggest opening ever for a movie directed by a woman

NEW YORK — *Wonder Woman* conquered milestones and movie myths at North American theaters, where the Patty Jenkins-directed superhero film powered its way to a \$100.5 million debut this weekend and became the biggest blockbuster ever directed by a woman.

The well-reviewed movie easily surpassed industry expectations with one of summer's biggest debuts, according to studio estimates Sunday. Starring Gal Gadot as the Amazonian warrior princess, *Wonder Woman* is the rare — and most successful — female-led film in an overwhelmingly male superhero landscape.

It proved a hit with moviegoers, earning an A grade on CinemaScore. While skewing somewhat female, it drew a fairly evenly split audience: 52% female and 48% male. *Wonder Woman* added \$122.5 million internationally, including \$38 million in China.

"It shows that superhero movies aren't just about men. They're about women as well," says Jeff Goldstein, distribution chief for Warner Bros. "All the noise about Patty Jenkins breaking the glass ceiling for directors" added to it as well.

Women have long struggled to get behind the camera of Hollywood's biggest productions. Female directors accounted for just 9% of the 250 top-grossing movies in North America in 2015 and only 7% in 2016.

Jenkins, who previously directed 2003's *Monster* starring Charlize Theron, now holds the record for biggest domestic opening for a female director. The previous mark was Sam Taylor-Johnson's *Fifty Shades of Grey*, with \$85.1 million in 2015.

Some still had issues with *Wonder Woman*. Online critics complained of gender inequality after the Alamo Drafthouse scheduled a handful of female-only screenings across the country. Lebanon banned the film because Gadot is Israeli. Nevertheless, *Wonder Woman* represents a turning point for Warner Bros. and DC Comics, which have together struggled in recent years to match the Marvel-Disney juggernaut. While *Wonder Woman* didn't match the box-office might of *Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice* (a \$166 million opening) or *Suicide Squad* (\$133.7 million), it was much better-received than those roundly derided releases.

"This is a dramatic step in the right direction," Goldstein says. "We've heard fans. We've heard critics. These properties are very complicated and beloved. To get it right, it takes a lot of work."

Last week's top film, *Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales*, slid dramatically to \$21.6 million in its second week. It landed in third place, behind *Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie*. The animated release, in which a pair of students makes their principal think he's a superhero by hypnotizing him, opened with \$23.5 million.

But *Pirates* still sails well overseas. It's made \$386.6 million internationally, driving the Disney sequel to more than \$500 million globally.

The Dwayne Johnson and Zac Efron reboot of *Baywatch* dropped to fifth place in its second weekend with \$8.5 million.

The success of *Wonder Woman* gave the summer box office a much-needed charge. Thus far, the season's only blockbuster has been *Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2*, which fell to fourth place for the weekend with \$9.7 million. It's made \$355.5 million in North America and \$816.6 million worldwide. *Wonder Woman*, though, pushed the week's box office up 30% over the same week last year, according to comScore.

"This saves the day, at least for now, for the summer box office," says Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for comScore. "Heading into this weekend, the summer movie season was down about 9%, and that deficit has been cut by about half in this one weekend."

Comedian Jerry Lewis hospitalized for infection

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A publicist for Jerry Lewis says the comedian is recovering after being treated at a Las Vegas hospital for a urinary tract infection.

The 91-year-old comedian and actor was taken to the hospital on Friday so that he could get antibiotics immediately to treat the condition. Publicist Candi Cazau says he is doing fine and is expected to be released shortly.

Lewis has dealt with a variety of health issues in the past, including hospitalizations in 2012 for his blood sugar and in 2011 for being overly tired.

The comedian is scheduled to travel to Toronto later this week to shoot a movie

Are you ready? Hank Williams Jr. returning to 'MNF'

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Hank Williams Jr. is bringing his rowdy friends back to "Monday Night Football" six years after ESPN dropped the country singer for his comments about President Barack Obama. ESPN says a new version of Williams' longtime "MNF" theme and its "Are you ready for some football?" catchphrase will debut before the first regular-season Monday night game — a Sept. 11 matchup between the New Orleans Saints and Minnesota Vikings.

The network says in a statement that it's bringing back what it calls "most iconic music video in sports television history" because fans missed it.

ESPN dropped Williams in 2011 after he compared Obama golfing with then-House Speaker John Boehner to Adolf Hitler golfing with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

ESPN executive Stephanie Druley tells USA Today Network-Tennessee that she's not concerned about any backlash over Williams' return.

UFC 212 results: Max Holloway TKOs Jose Aldo to unify featherweight title

RIO DE JANEIRO — After a slow start, Max Holloway took over against Jose Aldo and unified the UFC featherweight title.

Holloway (18-3 MMA, 14-3 UFC), who entered as interim champ, seized the undisputed belt after battering Aldo (26-3 MMA, 8-2 UFC) until the referee was forced to step in at the 4:13 mark of the third round. "I've been telling you guys already, this is 'Blessed' era," Holloway said after strapping on his new belt.

Holloway then added a message for UFC President Dana White: "Where's my \$50,000? I want my check. And I'll see you guys in Hawaii — UFC Hawaii. Make it happen."

The title fight headlined Saturday night's UFC 212 event at Jeunesse Arena in Rio de Janeiro. It aired on pay-per-view following prelims on FS1 and UFC Fight Pass.

The ending was a stark reversal from the fight's previous two rounds, where Holloway appeared a little stiff and hesitant to use the diverse weapons he displayed during an amazing 10-fight win streak. Aldo countered his chief attack, a straight one-two combination, hurting him early with a pair of hooks that sent him backward and electrified the crowd.

Gone seemed the young upstart with a singular self-belief and willingness to taunt Aldo, who was re-crowned as champ when the UFC stripped Conor McGregor of the belt.

But after tagging Aldo with a counter well into the second frame, Holloway seemed to come awake. He started moving more fluidly, not caring so much about Aldo's fast jab and cross. He raised his arms and taunted the champ, provoking a last-second skirmish where Aldo threw a spin kick and landed a left hook.

In the third frame, Holloway seemed to be a different fighter. The combinations that missed early started to land, and Aldo found himself increasingly missing as his opponent landed. The one-two that was picked off early caught him exposed when Holloway threw it twice and was in perfect range for the second volley. The right hand dropped Aldo to the mat, and Holloway leapt in to finish.

Aldo gamely fought to survive with Holloway nearly mounted. A few punches bounced his head off the canvas, suggesting the concussion briefly put him out and woke up. Holloway floated overhead and was there for the choke when Aldo inevitably turned his back. But when a rear-naked choke

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generous cargo space is a major selling point.

For instance, the 2017 Chevy Cruze hatchback is 8.4 inches shorter than the sedan, but has 67% more cargo space behind its rear seat: 24.7 cubic feet versus 14.8. With the rear seat folded flat, the hatchback's cargo space mushrooms to 47.2 cu. ft. The same applies to the 2017 Honda Civic coupe: 4.4 inches shorter than the sedan with 42% more cargo space behind the rear seat. The hatchback body style makes a lot of sense," Merkle said. "There's more cargo room in a smaller overall package, and the design has a European flavor that attracts younger buyers."

There's also a body of opinion that hatchbacks look sportier and more modern than sedans. That's in the eye of the beholder, but it could help explain why automakers can often charge more for them.

For instance, Chevrolet doesn't build a hatchback version of the two lowest Cruze trim levels, L and LS. The hatchback joins the party with the well-equipped LT model and prices starting \$4,000 above the base L sedan.

Civic hatchbacks start at \$19,700 — \$960 above the sedan.

The least expensive Focus hatchback stickers at \$19,765, a full \$2,990 more than the sedan. Ford has leveraged that premium by offering sporty versions of the Focus and Fiesta only as hatchbacks.

The Fiesta and Focus ST sell at a premium and offer lucrative features like Recaro sport seats and Sony audio. Hyundai makes a similar pitch with the Elantra GT hatchback, which has 26 hp more than the sedan and a base price \$1,660 higher.

Even farther upmarket, the outrageously powerful Focus RS offers all-wheel-drive and 350-hp engine for prices starting at \$36,120. It competes with hot hatches from around the world like the \$35,655 VW Golf R and Subaru WRX STI.

"We've had great success with the ST and RS performance hatches," Merkle said. "They attract a younger and more affluent buyer than the sedans."

Other automakers hope to share Ford's experience as they rely on hatchbacks to offset the drop in sales of their compact and subcompact sedans.

There is, for instance, a roof rack meant to reach cargo strapped to the roof.

Museum honoring daredevil Evel Knievel opens in Kansas

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — A new Kansas museum is giving enthusiasts of late motorcycle daredevil Evel Knievel a jump on appreciating his death-defying, bone-breaking exploits.

The \$5-million, 13,000-square-foot homage to the hard-living man who became a global pop icon in the 1970s with rocket-powered and motorbike stunts has launched in Topeka, of all places.

As president of the two-story, nonprofit shrine attached to his Historic Harley-Davidson dealership, Mike Patterson said the Knievel memorabilia on loan from collectors includes some of the daredevil's motorcycles, leathers and helmets, and the man's restored 1974 tractor-trailer unit dubbed "Big Red." The museum also features a virtual reality motorcycle jump, an interactive that shows Knievel's actual X-rays and the stunts that resulted in those fractures, and an exhibit in which visitors select their own variables in planning a virtual jump, right down to the ramp angle, speed and whether they want to make it over cars, trucks or sharks.

Knievel's Kansas ties include that he traced his career choice to the time he saw George "Joie" Chitwood's Auto Daredevil Show at age 8. Chitwood, who died in 1988, got his racing start in Kansas — the state that also accounted for many Knievel hired for his crew.

To Patterson, the museum honoring Knievel — the Montana native who died of natural causes in 2007 at the age of 69 — celebrates "just how popular he was."

"The museum really overwhelms you with how much press he got, how many jumps he did and the amount of work he put in," Patterson told The Associated Press on Wednesday, a day after the museum's ribbon-cutting ceremony. A grand opening is planned for the end of June at the museum, which Patterson said was largely privately financed but received an \$88,000 state grant and a commitment of \$300,000 from the city over the next dozen years.

"If you do your diligence and read everything (in the museum), it's a three- to four-hour journey," Patterson added. "Honestly, it'd be virtually impossible to have another place like this because there's a finite amount of Knievel items, and most of them are here." Immortalized in Washington's Smithsonian Institution as "America's Legendary Daredevil," the tall, thin man born Robert Craig Knievel — always garbed in patriotic, star-studded red, white and blue — was best known for an ill-fated 1974 attempt to jump the Snake River Canyon in Idaho on a rocket-powered "Skycycle," and a spectacular crash at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas. He suffered dozens of broken bones before retiring in 1980.

After that, Knievel made a good living selling autographs and endorsing products.

Thousands flocked to his copper-mining hometown of Butte, Montana, every year for "Evel Knievel Days."

"They started out watching me bust my ass, and I became part of their lives," Knievel once said. "People wanted to associate with a winner, not a loser. They wanted to associate with someone who kept trying to be a winner."

Knievel, who began his daredevil career in 1965, steadily increased the length of the jumps until, on New Year's Day 1968, he was nearly killed when he jumped 151 feet

across the fountains in front of Caesar's Palace. He cleared the fountains but the crash landing put him in a coma for a month.

'Sneakerheads' fuel athletic shoe reselling market

INDIANAPOLIS -- Special shoe releases from footwear companies such as Nike are fueling a massive resale market that is creating business opportunities for people who are plugged into "sneakerhead" culture. Sneakers even have their own stock exchange — an online marketplace called StockX — where you can watch shoe values rise and fall.

Many old shoe styles are becoming more popular over time. It doesn't matter, for instance, that Michael Jordan retired in 2003. When the Air Jordan 2 Retro "Just Don" shoe went on sale in Chicago last year, people lined up around the block to pay \$650 for a pair, according to The Chicago Tribune. Some people might have put those retro Air Jordans on their feet. But others put them back up for sale as part of a secondary sneaker market that NPD analyst Matt Powell estimates is worth between \$200 million and \$500 million a year.

Paul Zigrang has tapped into that market — and found it to be even greater than he expected. Zigrang, 38, last year took the leap from selling shoes at once-a-month shows to opening a store called Grails at Washington Square Mall on Indianapolis' east side. "We specialize in shoes (that are) already sold out everywhere else," Zigrang said. "It's almost like a pawn shop/consignment shop where half the shoes in here are used, but it's stuff that people really go after."

The inventory appeals to "normal people that miss out on limited shoes," he added. The store performed so well that Zigrang opened an even bigger store a few months later.

Grails sells shoes that range in price between \$25 and \$2,000. Nike's Air Jordans and Adidas' Kanye West's Yeezy line are the most sought-after collections.

But the sneaker resale market has critics. Mike Watson, the owner of Got Sole, a 10-year-old boutique that's popular among sneakerheads, said he tries to keep collectors away from big releases.

We'll have limited edition shoes, but we're more in business to put shoes on people's feet," Watson said. "That's the double-edged sword when it comes to people who call themselves sneakerheads...Some people appreciate the design of the shoe, the story behind the shoe, and then there's people who could care less. They're just more interested in supply and demand."

Watson calls StockX "more hurtful than it is helpful" and considers himself "anti-resellers." The most popular shoes at Got Sole tend to sell for between \$130 and \$250, Watson said.

Zigrang said his business model can make shoes accessible to families that otherwise might not be able to buy high-end models.

ANOTHER COWARD BOY
GOING THE WRONG WAY
AWAY!

UPDATE!

KID ROCK
FOR U.S. SENATE (R. MI.)

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IN The Now NEWS: The Kid wants to go to the U.S. Senate [as a (R. MI.) Senator]...

"PENTAGON WANTS MORE TROOPS,
BOMBS FOR AFGHANISTAN TO
COUNTER TALIBAN, BELOW, p.

This Coward Boy / UNLIKE THE KING ELVIS, wants to vote to send BLACK AND BROWN FOLKS (SOLDIERS) OFF TO WAR TO DIE SO "TO TAKE BACK THE COUNTRY" for him and "HIS ROWDY (ROWDY) ON DOWN FRIENDS"!!!

I FAKE VOTE: HELL NO!

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What it's about: Amos Decker is told to back off investigating a murder outside FBI headquarters that may have ties to a planned terrorist attack.

The buzz: The last Decker thriller, *The Last Mile*, landed at No. 1 on USA TODAY's Best-Selling Books list in April 2016.

2. The American Spirit: Who We Are and What We Stand for by David McCullough (Simon & Schuster, non-fiction, on sale April 18)

What it's about: Collects speeches the historian has given over the years, everywhere from Congress to college campuses, on "core American values."

The buzz: The many best-selling books by the Pulitzer Prize-winner include *John Adams*, *Truman* and *The Wright Brothers*.

3. Finding Gideon by Eric Jerome Dickey (Dutton, fiction, on sale April 18)

What it's about: Dickey brings back his popular Gideon character, a hit man battling international mercenaries known as the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse.

The buzz: Dickey will do a USA TODAY #BookmarkThis Facebook Live chat with fans April 18 at 2:30 p.m. ET/11:30 a.m. PT.

4. The Stars Are Fire by Anita Shreve (Knopf, fiction, on sale April 18)

What it's about: Inspired by the Great Fires of 1947 in Maine, Shreve's novel revolves around a young mother whose firefighter husband disappears during the disaster.

The buzz: "Stunning," says *Library Journal*.

5. Killers of the Flower Moon by David Grann (Doubleday, non-fiction, on sale April 18)

What it's about: Account of murders of members of the oil-rich Osage tribe in the 1920s and the FBI's investigation.

The buzz: The movie adaptation of Grann's *The Lost City of Z* starring Charlie Hunnam, Robert Pattinson and Sienna Miller is now in theaters.

Fox orders more 'X-Files' episodes

Another installment of *The X-Files* is out there — and it's coming to Fox during the 2017-18 TV season. The network Thursday announced a second edition of its *X-Files* revival, with stars David Duchovny and Gillian Anderson and creator Chris Carter all back on board. Production will begin during the summer on the 10-episode event series, which features Duchovny and Anderson playing FBI agents Fox Mulder and Dana Scully. Fox Broadcasting president Dave Madden welcomed the return of the show, which became a huge hit during its initial series run on Fox in the 1990s. "Iconic characters, rich storytelling, bold creators — these are the hallmarks of great TV shows. And they are some of the reasons why *The X-Files* has had such a profound impact on millions of fans worldwide," Madden said in a statement accompanying the announcement. "Chris's creativity, along with the brilliant work of David and Gillian, continue to propel this pop culture phenomenon."

Sarah Palin, Ted Nugent and Kid Rock visit the White House

Sarah Palin, Ted Nugent and Kid Rock got to hang out in the Oval Office with President Trump on Wednesday night.

Palin, the former Alaskan governor and GOP vice presidential nominee, mentioned the visit on social media the following morning, thanking the president for the invite.

Nugent, one of Trump's earliest celebrity boosters, also posted about the visit, saying that he dined with Trump to "Make America Great Again."

Together, the three stopped by Hillary Clinton's portrait. Nugent's wife, Shemane, captioned it, "Sarah Palin, Kid Rock, and Ted Nugent walk into a bar..."

There has been talk of Nugent and Kid Rock running for the Senate in Michigan.

Surprise! Lady Gaga unveils her new single 'The Cure' at Coachella

INDIO, Calif. — Are you OK, Little Monsters?

Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival headliner Lady Gaga took the stage at 11:29 p.m. Saturday wearing a black police hat and leather trench coat and opened with Schiebe, off her *Born This Way* album.

She immediately followed it with *LoveGame*, during which she ditched the hat and jacket and encouraged the crowd to sing along. Gaga also surprised fans by performing a new song, *The Cure*, about 45 minutes into the set.

"You cure me every time with your love," she told the crowd, adding that they helped sustain her during difficult times.

After the opening two numbers, she asked the audience how they were doing after a day of drinking out in the sun. She said people had been wondering all week if she were worried about going on so late in the evening.

"And I said, no, cause that means I'm playing for the heavyweights at Coachella," Gaga said to laughter and cheers from the crowd, before launching into *John Wayne*. She was interactive and authentic throughout her set, stopping in the middle of songs to tell the crowd she loved them, sharing personal anecdotes and random thoughts, and even pausing during *Edge of Glory* to wrestle her sweatshirt off.

Her first of three outfit changes came after *Just Dance*. Gaga re-emerged in a black leotard with sequined boots and a matching denim jacket for *Born This Way*.

"I remember when I released this album, it caused so much trouble," she told the crowd. "Which I loved, because I love causing trouble."

The pop queen was drafted into the Saturday night slot after original headliner Beyoncé withdrew, citing her doctor's concerns about performing while pregnant with twins. Gaga later performed *Telephone*, which the two collaborated on, and fell silent during Beyoncé's portion of the tune.

Gaga thanked fans who had seen her live in the past and welcomed all the first-time revelers, asking them if they were with

people they had a crush on and if it was awkward because they hadn't shared their feelings.

"I always do that," the singer said. "I have too many drinks and then tell my friends I had sex dreams."

She played a mixture of old and new songs, drawing some of the biggest cheers for *Telephone*, *Alejandro* and *Born This Way*. And unlike Friday night headliner Radiohead, there were no technical difficulties during Gaga's set.

Near the end of the hour-and-a-half performance, she took to the piano to play *Edge of Glory*, *Speechless* and *You and I*, and as fans sang along, she told them they made her so happy she could cry.

For an emotional, remixed version of *Million Reasons*, one of the biggest hits from her recent *Joanne* album, she got off the stage and ran along the wall that separated her from the crowd, high-fiving people at the front of the pit.

Gaga went in for her last costume change of the night as *Applause* played, switching into a sheer black bodysuit covered in sequins with black underwear beneath to close out her set with *Poker Face* and *Bad Romance*. The *Mother Monster* will be back April 22 for the festival's second weekend.

Coachella Day 2 recap: Drake, The Weeknd, Bon Iver

INDIO, Calif. — Coachella festgoers settled in Saturday for Day 2 of what has become a destination event that must be experienced over three days.

The third day begins Sunday with rapper Kendrick Lamar headlining the massive festival at Empire Polo Club.

Drake, who headlined Coachella in 2015, created the first buzz of the night when he sat in with rapper Future, with whom he has collaborated on such hits as *Jumpman* and *Where Ya At*. Future also welcomed appearances by rappers Ty Dolla Sign and Migos. The Weeknd surprised concertgoers when he performed with Nav.

Coachella's size remained a topic of conversation among the record crowd of 125,000 people, who flocked for names like headliner Lady Gaga. The addition of 20 acres and the development of The Terrace region on the south side of the grounds, featuring a mix of music and non-music activities, has made a trip to Coachella analogous to a vacation to Disneyland and California Adventure, and not everybody likes that.

"I'm not here to see that," said Aimee Ryerson of Los Angeles, attending her first Coachella since 2005, when it was a two-day gathering headlined by Coldplay and Nine Inch Nails. "I'm here for the music. I would like to have a flashback to 2005."

She said she misses the old days when "the stages weren't so spread out."

For a new generation of festival-goers, all of the activities are dazzling.

"It's been amazing" said Sara Snyder of New York, making her first trip to Coachella, "and

it's only Day 2. I love all the art installations. It feels like another world."

Bob Forrest, who played the first Coachella in 1999 as a member of the band Bicycle Thief, said he was bringing his kids to enjoy Coachella.

One result of the bigger space and the addition of 25,000 more people is that celebrities seem more invisible. Kylie and Kendall Jenner were seen walking the fields, with Kylie's hair a bright purple, and pals James Franco and Jonah Hill were spotted backstage, as was philanthropist Harold Matzner.

Celebrity performers still made drop-in appearances, a tradition since Beck entered a tent with DJ-Trip to the sounds of "two turntables and a microphone" in 2002. Michael McDonald of Steely Dan and Doobie Brothers fame made the first surprise guest appearance of the day with singer/multi-instrumentalist Thundercat to sing a song they recorded with Kenny Loggins called Show You the Way. Rappers A\$AP Rocky and Tyler the Creator sat in for a later set with fellow hip-hop star ScHoolboy Q. Interpol frontman Paul Banks and Wu-Tang Clan member RZA offered incendiary rap on political songs like Giant and Love + War.

The big crowds came out later in the day for groups like the Head and the Heart, who sang the popular acoustic Lost In My Mind and All We Ever Knew, and Bastille, who performed Pompeii and Bad Blood to an overflow crowd.

Another highlight was Car Seat Headrest, featuring Seattle transplant Will Toledo. Wearing a sky blue suit and a buttoned-to-the-top black shirt with shades over his nose and bangs over his eyes, Toledo showed why he's an up-and-coming rocker on engaging songs like Destroyed By Hippie Power and Drunk Drivers/Killer Whales, which had the crowd joining in for one of the big sing-alongs of the festival.

Bon Iver, the band led by former folk rocker Justin Vernon, made a return to Coachella after a well-received appearance at the 2009 festival with a totally different sound. The band performed "folktronica" songs from its critically-acclaimed, if challenging 22, A Million LP, featuring Vernon's voice obscured by Auto-Tune singing often undecipherable lyrics. Bon Iver drew a large crowd and presented compelling visual images on three giant screens.

The La Quinta-based group Yip Yops performed for well over 200 people with frontman Ison Van Winkle effectively playing to the crowd with songs offering emotional depth. Festival-goers were seen shaking their head in amazement that they had just hear a "local" band.

'Fast and the Furious' on road to record global debut

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The eighth installment in the "Fast and the Furious" is on the path to becoming the biggest worldwide

debut of all time, besting both "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" and "Jurassic World." Universal Pictures on Sunday estimated that "The Fate of the Furious" would earn a record \$532.5 million worldwide over the holiday weekend, thanks to a particularly robust showing in 63 territories, including China.

If the figures hold, it will just inch past the previous record holder, "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" which launched to \$529 million in December of 2015 without China. The film broke the record for biggest international weekend ever, with \$432.3 million. The previous record holder was "Jurassic World" with \$316.7 million.

"There is no market that hasn't had a strong reception," said Duncan Clark, Universal's president of international distribution.

"Whatever culture, whatever language, whatever country, we seem to have found a home."

The China opening alone brought in a record \$190 million followed by \$17.8 million from Mexico and \$17 million from the U.K. and Ireland.

An estimated \$100.2 million of the global total comes from 4,310 North American theaters — a second best for the franchise and enough to easily top the domestic charts, but well below the \$147.2 million opening of "Furious 7" in 2015.

"Furious 7" had a groundswell of additional interest due to the death of actor Paul Walker, who played cop turned street racer Brian O'Conner, a lead character in six of the films. He died in a car crash while the film was still in production.

For the studio, "Fast 8" stands on its own as being "an extraordinary result."

"Each one of these films has its own momentum," said Nick Carpou, Universal's president of domestic distribution. "There are factors from one film to the next that make them unique and certainly there were unique factors with 'Furious 7.'"

"The Fate of the Furious" has many of the returning stars like Vin Diesel, Dwayne Johnson, Michelle Rodriguez, Tyrese and Ludacris, but has added some new elements behind the camera in director F. Gary Gray and in front of the camera with Charlize Theron.

The \$100.2 million is slightly below analyst expectations for the film. Audiences were 58 percent male, 50 percent under the age of 25 and diverse (41 percent were Caucasian, 26 percent Hispanic and 19 percent African American).

The studio has not released an official production budget, but it is reported to be in the pricey \$250 million range. However, an A Cinema Score from exit polls suggest that it will have sufficient staying power.

The "Fast and the Furious" is a global juggernaut for Universal Pictures, which plans two additional pictures. With the addition of "Fast 8," the franchise has earned an estimated \$4.4 billion globally.

"It is a franchise that has adapted and changed over the years and is as relevant in 2017 as it was in 2001," noted Paul Dergarabedian, the senior media analyst for comScore. "The 'Furious' franchise perfectly represents what that global audience is all about. They're poised perfectly for installments 9 and 10 to do very well. It's still firing on all cylinders."

The rest of the chart looked sleepy in comparison to the fresh fuel of "The Fate of the Furious." "The Boss Baby" took second with \$15.5 million, while "Beauty and the Beast" held on to third place with \$13.6 million.

"Beauty and the Beast" crossed the \$1 billion mark worldwide this weekend. Rounding out the top five were "Smurfs: The Lost Village" with \$6.5 million and "Going in Style" with \$6.4 million.

The summer movie season really kicks into high gear in a few weeks when "Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2" goes into orbit on May 5.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to comScore. Where available, the latest international numbers for Friday through Sunday are also included. Final domestic figures will be released Monday.

1. "The Fate of the Furious," \$100.2 million (\$432.3 million international).
2. "The Boss Baby," \$15.5 million (\$36.8 million international).
3. "Beauty and the Beast," \$13.6 million (\$22 million international).
4. "Smurfs: The Lost Village," \$6.5 million (\$16.4 million international).
5. "Going in Style," \$6.4 million (\$4.3 million international).
6. "Gifted," \$3 million.
7. "Get Out," \$2.9 million (\$1 million international).
8. "Power Rangers," \$2.9 million (\$2.7 million international).
9. "The Case for Christ," \$2.7 million.
10. "Kong: Skull Island," \$2.7 million (\$3.8 million international).

Wesley Bryan takes RBC Heritage in South Carolina homecoming

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. (AP) — Wesley Bryan remembers pestering players with a lot of crazy questions at Harbour Town Golf Links as he followed father George III's only appearance at the RBC Heritage in 2004.

"I was probably the most annoying 14-year-old there was," Bryan said.

Once a pesky teen, Bryan's now a PGA Tour winner.

Bryan rallied from four-shots down Sunday to win his home state tournament, closing with a 4-under 67 for a one-stroke victory over Luke Donald.

Bryan, a South Carolina native who played college golf for the Gamecocks, moved into contention with four consecutive birdies on the front nine. He took the lead with a birdie on the 15th hole and finished at 13-under 271.

additional security risks" to their country, Spicer added.

YPG fighters likely have received a limited amount of arms and ammunition through the SDF, the official said. The change in policy will arm them with enough weaponry to fight entrenched ISIS forces in Raqqa.

Pentagon wants more troops, bombs for Afghanistan to counter Taliban

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon is proposing to counter the resilient Taliban insurgency in Afghanistan by adding thousands more U.S. troops, putting them closer to combat and pounding militants with more airstrikes, according to a senior Defense official.

There are about 8,400 U.S. troops in Afghanistan, down from the peak of 100,000 in 2010-'11. The request for at least 3,000 more American combat forces to bolster battered Afghan security forces was signaled earlier this year when the top U.S. commander there, Army Gen. John Nicholson, told the Senate the security situation had deteriorated.

The military's proposal, which requires White House approval, would allow U.S. troops to partner with Afghan forces closer to the fight, said the Defense official who was not authorized to speak publicly about the plan. U.S. troops in Afghanistan have dual responsibilities: advising Afghan security forces and a counter-terrorism mission against al Qaeda and Islamic State terrorists. Late last month, Defense Secretary Jim Mattis visited Kabul to hear directly from Nicholson. Mattis' visit came days after an attack by a Taliban-affiliated militant killed 140 Afghan troops, most of whom were unarmed in a mosque praying at their base.

Under the Obama administration, the Pentagon had been moving to end its presence in Afghanistan dating to 2001. Then, in the aftermath of the 9/11 terror attacks, U.S. forces helped topple the Taliban government that had given shelter to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaeda terrorist organization. But pleas from U.S. commanders about the tenuous security situation prompted President Barack Obama to reverse course and leave the current force in place. However, there have been restrictions on how close Americans could accompany Afghan forces in combat and on bombing Taliban targets. Those rules were eased last year, and the Pentagon's proposal would grant added authority for air strikes.

Mattis also learned on his trip from U.S. intelligence officials that the Taliban have been receiving increased munitions shipments, including machine guns, and funding from Russia. Nicholson also acknowledged reports of Russian assistance to the Taliban.

An added complication in Afghanistan is the presence of Islamic State fighters, known as ISIS-Khorasan, or ISIS-K. Nicholson attacked the insurgents with one of the largest

conventional munitions in the U.S. arsenal, the Massive Ordnance Air Blast, or MOAB, also referred to as the Mother of All Bombs. The U.S.-led coalition has killed more 538 Islamic State fighters in Afghanistan since March. The strikes have reduced ISIS strength from about 3,000 militants in 2015 to about 800 today, according to the military official.

The fight with ISIS-K claimed the lives of two U.S. Army Rangers late last month.

Puerto Rico to close 179 public schools amid crisis

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Puerto Rico is closing 179 public schools in a move expected to save more than \$7 million amid a deep economic crisis that has sparked an exodus to the U.S. mainland in the past decade, officials said Friday.

More than 27,000 students will be moved elsewhere when their schools close at the end of May, said newly appointed Education Secretary Julia Keleher.

"We have a fiscal crisis and few resources and we've spent 10 years handing out nearly \$3 billion in a system that hardly has any books," she said. "We cannot keep doing what we're doing because we don't have the resources."

The news about the school closures raised concerns it could speed up the ongoing exodus from Puerto Rico. Nearly 450,000 people over the last decade have already left for Florida and other parts of the U.S. mainland to flee the worsening economic crisis.

\$7.7 million bid for Sierra Leone 709-carat diamond fails

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone (AP) — A Sierra Leone official says a \$7.7 million bid for a 709-carat diamond has failed because it didn't meet the government's target price. The diamond discovered in March caused a sensation and is the second-largest ever found in this West African nation. The gem, a bit smaller than a hockey puck, is among the 20 largest diamonds ever found.

The director-general of the National Minerals Agency, Sahr Wonday, says the highest bid at Thursday's auction was turned down. Wonday says the diamond will be auctioned again in Belgium to get the best price. He is not disclosing the government's reserve price.

In 1972, the 968.9-carat Star of Sierra Leone was found by miners and sold for about \$2.5 million.

Brazil declares end to Zika emergency after fall in cases

SAO PAULO (AP) — Brazil declared an end to its public health emergency over the Zika virus on Thursday, 18 months after a surge in cases drew headlines around the world. The mosquito-borne virus wasn't considered a major health threat until the 2015 outbreak revealed that Zika can lead to severe birth defects. One of those defects, microcephaly, causes babies to be born with skulls much smaller than expected.

Photos of babies with the defect spread panic around the Western Hemisphere and around the globe, as the virus was reported in dozens of countries. Many would-be travelers canceled their trips to Zika-infected places. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and others recommended that women who were pregnant shouldn't travel to affected areas. The concern spread even more widely when health officials said it could also be transmitted through sexual contact with an infected person.

The health scare came just as Brazil, the epicenter of the outbreak, was preparing to host the 2016 Olympics, fueling concerns the Games could help spread the virus. One athlete, a Spanish wind surfer, said she got Zika while training in Brazil ahead of the Games.

In response to the outbreak, Brazil launched a mosquito-eradication campaign. The Health Ministry said those efforts have helped to dramatically reduce cases of Zika. From January through mid-April, the Health Ministry recorded 95 percent fewer cases than during the same period last year. The incidence of microcephaly has fallen as well. The World Health Organization lifted its own international emergency in November, even while saying the virus remained a threat. "The end of the emergency doesn't mean the end of surveillance or assistance" to affected families, said Adeilson Cavalcante, the secretary for health surveillance at Brazil's Health Ministry. "The Health Ministry and other organizations involved in this area will maintain a policy of fighting Zika, dengue and chikungunya."

All three diseases are carried by the *Aedes aegypti* mosquito.

But the WHO has warned that Zika is "here to stay," even when cases of it fall off, and that fighting the disease will be an ongoing battle.

Adriana Melo, the Brazilian doctor who raised alarm bells in the early days of the outbreak about a link between Zika and birth defects, said the lifting of the emergency was expected following the decline in cases. "The important thing now is that we don't forget the victims," said Melo.

France's Macron says presidential campaign has been 'hacked'

PARIS (AP) — The campaign of French presidential candidate Emmanuel Macron said it suffered a "massive and coordinated" hacking attack and document leak that it called a bid to destabilize Sunday's presidential runoff.

His far-right rival Marine Le Pen, meanwhile, told The Associated Press that she believes she can pull off a surprise victory in the high-stakes vote that could change Europe's direction.

Fears of hacking, fake news manipulation and Russian meddling clouded the French campaign but had largely gone unrealized — until late Friday's admission by Macron's campaign that it had suffered a coordinated online pirate attack had led to the leak of

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As President Donald Trump marks 100 days in office, he is vowing to keep his campaign promise to build a wall along the border with Mexico.

Despite widespread skepticism and Mexico's refusal to pay for the wall, as Trump has demanded, the U.S. government has been soliciting bids and test sections could be built as soon as this summer.

Physical barriers are as old as humanity and have proven to be effective over the centuries at protecting borders. But fences can also have unwanted consequences, like destroying city neighborhoods, harming the environment and preventing innocent victims from reaching safety.

Here is a look at some of the world's barriers. Some are rather simple, while others are massive enterprises that cost billions.

Generally they have been paid for through standard budgeting procedures, with none sparking a funding dispute of the kind that has emerged with Mexico. For more video, images and detail on each, visit <https://apnews.com/tag/WorldWalls>.

THE UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

A third of the U.S.-Mexico border is already studded with an assortment of fences, but closing off the rest will be no easy task.

Much of the border in Texas is blocked by the Rio Grande or other natural barriers, or runs along land owned by private citizens, many of whom oppose the wall.

There also is much skepticism over whether the fence would stem drug trafficking, illegal immigration or gang violence.

ISRAEL AND THE WEST BANK

Israel began construction of its 150-mile (250-kilometer) separation barrier in 2002 in response to Palestinian suicide bombings that killed more than 1,500 people.

Israel says the structure is a crucial defense measure. But because it frequently juts into the occupied West Bank, the Palestinians see it as a land grab that impedes their dream of establishing an independent state.

KASHMIR

India needed just two years to build a 550-kilometer (340-mile) fence along the disputed border area with Pakistan a decade ago. Now a high-tech barrier, it is laced with thermal imaging devices, motion sensors and lighting systems along a mined strip of land between two rows of coiled razor wire.

The Indian military calls it an "anti-infiltration obstacle system," designed to keep Pakistan-based rebels from crossing over in their fight for Kashmir's independence or merger with Pakistan. Hundreds of thousands of soldiers are deployed on both sides, sometimes standing eye to eye, making it one of the world's most militarized areas.

CYPRUS

A U.N.-controlled buffer zone and frontier stretches 180 kilometers (120 miles) from coast to coast across the tiny island, separating the breakaway Turkish Cypriot north from the internationally recognized south. The division dates to 1974, when

Turkey invaded following a coup by supporters of union with Greece.

The frontier is rarely marked by a physical wall, with the notable exception of the capital, Nicosia, where one runs through the heart of the Old City. At its narrowest point, just a few meters (yards) separate Greek Cypriot national guardsmen from Turkish and Turkish Cypriot troops.

Decrepit, crumbling buildings inhabiting this no-man's land stand in stark contrast to the trendy bars and coffee shops that have sprouted up nearby.

THE KOREAN PENINSULA

The Demilitarized Zone, a Cold War vestige, was created in 1953 after the Korean War ended with an armistice. Running from coast to coast, the 4-kilometer (2 1/2-mile)-wide, 248-kilometer (154-mile)-long DMZ bisects the peninsula and forms the de-facto border between the Koreas.

Mined on both sides, with a razor-wire fence, tank traps and hundreds of thousands of troops, the DMZ is the world's most heavily fortified border. More than a million mines are believed to be buried within it. Some 28,500 U.S. troops are stationed in South Korea as deterrence against potential aggression from North Korea.

The DMZ also includes the truce village of Panmunjom, which despite animosities is a popular tourist spot drawing visitors on both sides.

KENYA AND SOMALIA

Kenya decided to erect a wall along its Somalia border after an April 2015 attack by Islamic extremists killed 148 people, most students, at a university.

Initially the Kenyan government announced a 700-kilometer (435-mile) wall, but officials say just 30 kilometers (18 miles) of fencing have been completed.

Some doubt whether the wall will be effective given the busy cross-border smuggling trade, which benefits powerful officials on both sides.

HUNGARY

Hungary built fences along its southern borders with Serbia and Croatia in 2015, when thousands of migrants were passing through each day headed to Germany and other destinations in western Europe. Prime Minister Viktor Orban is a staunch opponent of migration, and Hungary has been accepting only a few hundred asylum-seekers a year.

Human rights groups and U.N. agencies have been critical of the fences and the country's restrictive asylum policies. There are increasing reports from aid groups about police brutality against migrants being pushed back to Serbia, allegations Hungary denies.

FRANCE

A concrete wall, one kilometer (half a mile) long and four meters (13 feet) high, is the finishing touch on an already elaborate defense system against migrants in the northern French port city of Calais.

Britain doled out the 2.7 million euros (\$2.9 million) to pay for the edifice along the highway leading to the Calais port, much used by truckers crossing the English Channel.

Migrants flocked to Calais for years, hoping to sneak into Britain, often in freight trucks. A huge makeshift camp was dismantled in October, with thousands of migrants bused to special centers.

SPAIN

Spain has built six-meter (20-foot) layered border fences around its two North African enclaves, Ceuta and Melilla, to dissuade migrants, now mostly from sub-Saharan countries, from entering them via Morocco. The fences, along with cooperation between Spain and Morocco, have helped keep out migrants. But rights groups say both Spanish and Moroccan security forces have beaten migrants caught scaling the wall. They also criticize Spain's use of razor-blade coils — which have caused many injuries — and its expelling those who make it over without letting them apply for asylum.

U.S. to arm Kurds in fight for Raqqa, the Syrian capital of ISIS

WASHINGTON — President Trump has authorized the Pentagon to arm Kurdish forces fighting the Islamic State with "medium" size weaponry, a move certain to cause friction with NATO ally Turkey, U.S. officials said Tuesday.

The Kurds have been among the most effective and reliable ground forces since the U.S.-led coalition launched its air war against Islamic State, or ISIS, militants in Iraq and Syria in 2014. However, Turkey considers some Kurdish groups to be terrorists and has opposed giving them weaponry.

The arms include machine guns, mortars, rifles and ammunition, according to a U.S. official familiar with the plan but authorized to speak about it publicly.

Arming the Kurds is seen by the Pentagon as key to retaking the Syrian city of Raqqa, which ISIS considers its capital. The Syrian Democratic Forces, which include Kurd and Arab fighters, would be on the ground.

"The SDF, partnered with enabling support from U.S. and coalition forces, are the only force on the ground that can successfully seize Raqqa in the near future," Dana White, the chief Pentagon spokesman, said in a statement.

At the White House, spokesman Sean Spicer said the move is designed "to assure a clear victory over ISIS" in Raqqa.

However, Kurdish YPG fighters, who will be receiving the weapons, are considered by Turkey to be terrorists.

"We are keenly aware of the security concerns of our coalition partner Turkey. We want to reassure the people and government of Turkey that the U.S. is committed to preventing additional security risks and protecting our NATO ally," White said in a statement.

U.S. officials have assured officials from Turkey that they will work to "prevent

SEND AN INSTANT KARMA TO ... ME!!!!!!

REPUBLICANS REPEAL AND REPLACE
OBAMA CARE

ON FRIDAY, JUN 28, 2017, IT WAS ANNOUNCED REPUBLICAN SENS. SUSAN COLLINS (R, MAINE); SEN. JOHN MCCAIN (R, AZ), AND SEN. LISO MURKOWSKI "TUMBS DOWN"!! ON MAJORITY LEADER MITCH MCCONNELL'S "SKINNY..." VERSION OF A PURPORTED HEALTH CARE BILL!!!

LADY SENATORS KEPT-
OUT OF THE KITCHEN
WHEN COOKING-UP THE
BILL(S)

YIN!

The Ladies. Senators of The Pro-Verbial "HOUSE" IN WRIGHTLY WISELY REJECTING THE NOXIOUS! MEAN SPIRITED! BILL RE-ESTABLISHED THE PROPER ORDER IN OUR UNIVERSE.

TOUCHE! BAD BOYS!!!

PAY BACK - ZEN - TIME!!!

IN 2008, immediately after the Election of President Barrack Hussein Obama, it is correctly reported SEN. McCONNELL (R, KY) and The Republican Elites secretly met and agreed to make Obama a one term President

THE NEFARIOUS PLOT!!!!

Therefore, the Republican House and Senate continuously blocked his legislation; and programs and some executive orders, including his 2016 Supreme Court nominee!!

THE CHICKENS COME HOME TO ROOST!!!

Thus as Sen McCain (R, AZ) correctly argued last week, on the Senate floor, they established "DISORDER" as the "ORDER OF THE DAY"!!!

Which now "SELF" - OBSTRUCT their own legislation and "OPERATIONAL FUNCTIONING"

MR. PRESIDENT!!!

While Today (7-30-2017) their President (R, N.Y.) Demand more devastation of the Senate Process [e.g. ELIMINATE THE 60 VOTE FILIBUSTER RULE TO PASS A BILL!!!] ?

SEN. COLLINS (R. MAINE)

"Robert Pear reported in the New York Times 5/9 (2017)

"The leaders have the right to choose whomever they wish," Collins said (5/8).

"It doesn't mean that I'm not going to work on health care.

"I've worked on health care for many years," she continued, "I spent five years in state government overseeing the Bureau of Insurance many years ago and I think I can bring some experience to the debate that will be helpful.

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MORE UPCOMING

THANK GOD!!!

UPDATE:

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MIRANDA
WEDDING
BELLS!

Two years after her
devastating divorce
— the country star
finds her soulmate "

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Maybe now I can tolerate the
sight and sound (e.g. NBC.COM / THE
VOICE; etc.) of Blake and Gwen "COM-
MERCIAL LOVE" !!!

God COWGIRL
BLESS!

MIRANDA LAMBERT AND ANDERSON EAST
WITH LOVE AND JOY!

AMEN!

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Future efforts include restoring a wood stage and making further improvements to the interior, he said.

The community's embrace of the restoration has made it worthwhile, Paras said. "This feeling is what keeps me going," he said. Downtown Ald. Mike Verveer, 4th District, said, "It's very exciting this iconic sign will be replicated to its original grandeur. The investments the Paras family have made are truly breathtaking."

The six-story sign is technically nonconforming to city zoning rules because it and the theater's marquee hang over the State Street right of way. But a restoration is possible because the Orpheum is a local landmark and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Paras family hopes to retain the metal structure that attaches the sign to the building and supports its face, but the length of the sign itself may increase from the current 50 feet to the original 63 feet, Kay said. The sign won't be taller, but will hang a bit lower, as it originally did.

The owners also received permission on Monday to replace six existing emergency doors that are a security concern and energy inefficient with five new doors on the facade facing West Johnson Street.

After the Landmarks decision Monday, the sign restoration needs only the administrative approval of city building inspector George Hank.

Paras hopes to start the restoration this fall and "would like to have it done before the snow."

The Madison Trust for Historic Preservation had previously raised about \$20,000 for the restoration of the marquee and sign, and it's unclear if those funds can or will be contributed to the project approved on Monday. The owners received a city facade restoration matching grant of up to \$20,000 for facade improvements in late 2014.

UW Hospital and Clinics among top 50 in U.S. News rankings

UW also retained its position as the best hospital in Wisconsin.

Gynecology had the biggest improvement in the rankings, moving up nine spots to No. 18 this year. Several other specialties also improved.

The hospital was also ranked as "high-performing" in diabetes and endocrinology. High-performing hospitals are defined as those in the top 25 percent within a given specialty.

About 4,700 hospitals from around the country are involved in the rankings.

UW Hospital and Clinics specialty rankings:

- Cancer (38)
- Nephrology (13)
- Ear, Nose and Throat (49)
- Neurology and Neurosurgery (29)
- Pulmonology (31)
- Gastroenterology and GI Surgery (29)
- Geriatrics (30)

- Orthopedics (38)
- Gynecology (18)
- Urology (20)

Twelve of the 16 categories ranked are assessed based on a combination of data on patient safety, survival, staffing and a survey taken by physicians. In four categories (psychiatry, ophthalmology, rheumatology and rehabilitation), only a reputational score is used.

Ford working on spotlighting headlights

Ford has come up with a cool idea, combining GPS, a car's forward-pointing cameras with directed-beam headlights in way that could enhance safety by spotlighting animals, pedestrians and cyclists at night. Ford says its Camera-Based Advanced Front Lighting System widens the headlight's beam at intersections make hazards that aren't directly in the path of travel easier to see. The new Spot Lighting technology helps draw the driver's attention to pedestrians, cyclists and large animals in the vehicle's path or even just off the road.

"Many people who drive at night have had to quickly react to someone or something suddenly appearing in the road — as if from nowhere," says Ken Washington, a Ford vice president for research, in a statement. "Ford's Camera-Based Advanced Front Lighting System and Spot Lighting help ensure the driver is quickly alerted to people or animals that could present a danger."

The system uses GPS to better illuminate bends and dips in the road. And when it can use GPS, the forward-facing cameras do the job of see the lane markers to better light the road. The system is being developed at Ford's lab in Germany.

Nasdaq notches another record close

Stocks climbed Monday as the Nasdaq composite notched a new closing high and the S&P 500 came close amid a stream of good earnings reports and the situation in Greece becoming less dire.

The Nasdaq ended at 5218.86, a record close on a gain of nine points, or 0.2%, for the day.

This followed last week's record-setting run, powered in large part by strong earnings from bellwethers like Google (GOOG) that sent the Nasdaq to a record high on Friday.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index settled for a 0.1% gain after earlier topping its May 21 record close of 2130.82. It finished the day about two and a half points shy of that mark. Also finishing up 0.1% was the Dow Jones industrial average, now at 18,100.41.

The new week on Wall Street is all about earnings, with 126 companies in the Standard & Poor's 500-stock index reporting second quarter results. Before today's opening bell, the positive earnings story continued with Wall Street bank Morgan Stanley (MS) and aviation giant Lockheed Martin (LMT) topping expectations, building on last week's good start to the reporting season and Google's big beat on Friday.

"The earnings season gets into full swing this week," says Citigroup's Manish

Somaiya. "So far the second quarter earnings season has been off to a relatively strong start."

Through the close of trading on Friday, of the 60 companies in the S&P 500 that have reported earnings, 72% have topped forecasts, better than the long-term "beat" average of 63%, according to earnings tracker Thomson Reuters.

After today's closing bell, IBM reports. Later this week Wall Street will analyze reports from Apple (AAPL), Microsoft (MSFT), Yahoo (YHOO), Chipotle (CMG), Boeing (BA), Coca-Cola (KO), Caterpillar (CAT), Amazon.com (AMZN), AT&T (T) and General Motors (GM).

Wall Street will also be watching Greece again, where the situation appears to be stabilizing after a third bailout deal with creditors was struck last week and bridge loans arranged. Greek banks reopened today after being shuttered for three weeks, but daily and weekly withdrawal limits remain in place. Greece, with the help of a bridge loan, is also said to have made a key debt payment due today to the European Central Bank. Stocks have regained their mojo as major risks, such as the Greek debt crisis and a sharp slowdown in China's economy, have eased in recent days amid a deal between Athens and its creditors and a rebound in Chinese stock prices as well as the Chinese government reporting economic growth of a still-solid 7% last quarter.

"The fear rush has been wiped out," Paul Hickey, co-founder of Bespoke Investment Group told clients in a research note released after Friday's market close.

Gold prices fell for an eighth straight session, falling to a fresh five-year low of \$1.080 an ounce in early trading.

Blake Shelton, not Miranda Lambert, cheated ahead of divorce: report

The tides have turned.

Just one day after reports swirled that Miranda Lambert was unfaithful to her now ex-husband Blake Shelton, a new claim is suggesting he was the one that stepped outside their marriage.

Shelton reportedly cheated on Lambert "with a famous country singer," according to TMZ. The "Voice" coach filed for divorce on July 6 and the union was legally over by July 20.

"(Miranda) wanted to try and make it work, maybe have more of a separation," a Lambert pal told People.

"But he said, 'I'm filing.'"

"It came on very quickly," a Shelton source said. "It was very clear that things weren't going to work out. So he decided to end it. He still loves her very much."

The mag's Shelton insider insisted "He hasn't cheated ever, ever, ever. This has really shaken him."

The accusations about Lambert's infidelities suggested she cheated with country singer Chris Young, who opened for her during her On Fire tour in 2012.

However, Young was not the reason that the "Honey Bee" singer decided to call it quits with Lambert, TMZ alleged.

Young took to social media Tuesday to deny he had any romantic involvement with Lambert, slamming the rumors as "totally false."

Who's there? It's Fox's 'Knock Knock Live'

You might want to spruce up your home and look presentable Tuesday, because Fox's new reality show, *Knock Knock Live* (9 p.m. live ET/tape-delayed PT), might pay a surprise visit.

Instead of selling something, the show's correspondents are likely to be giving stuff away, from an introduction to a favorite athlete or singer to a chance to win thousands of dollars by answering questions, such as naming a neighbor's children.

"The notion of paying someone's bills, giving someone a trip, we've been doing that on the radio for years," says host and executive producer Ryan Seacrest. "The execution of it is new: that we do it live, us taking the show out to people's homes." Those being visited, usually nominated by friends, family or neighbors, may need some financial help or deserve a little appreciation. "At the end of each segment, if somebody feels good, feels a little bit better about their day, then we've done our job," says Seacrest, who may knock on a couple of doors himself during the show's eight-episode summer run.

The *American Idol* host, who's producing *Knock* with *Idol* creator Simon Fuller, will host from a Hollywood studio, with a team of co-hosts — singer Kellie Pickler, *Teen Wolf's* Tyler Posey, *The Real's* Adrienne Bailon, former *Tonight Show* correspondent Ross Mathews and radio personalities Jordan "Shorty" Johnson and Chuey Martinez — stationed around the country, ready to surprise people.

"It's really special that I get to be a part of making people happy and delivering good news. I think there's a lot of people out there who are hurting right now. They need a pick-me-up," says Pickler, a country music singer, *Idol* finalist and *Dancing With the Stars* winner who has a Seacrest-produced CMT series, *I Love Kellie Pickler*, premiering in September.

The correspondents will be joined by an array of celebrities, including David Beckham, Justin Bieber, Luke Bryan, Common, Florida Georgia Line, Ariana Grande, Rob Gronkowski, Mike Holmes, Lea Michele, Rita Ora, Martha Stewart, Robin Thicke, Meghan Trainor and Bubba Watson.

Soccer icon Beckham will visit a soccer-oriented family, and some of the guest singers may stage impromptu concerts. "We want to have some of them perform in a living room," Seacrest says. "It's everything from immediate, spontaneous live games to concerts to simple prizes and cash."

Pickler says there's no easy way to prepare for knocking on doors. "When we go live, we go live. But I've done live television a few

times," she says. As for the possibility of cranky residents or barking dogs, she plans to take things in stride: "I'm pretty much a people person, (and) I'm a big animal lover." And she promises her fellow correspondents are fully capable of winging it in an "anything-can-happen" environment.

"The good thing is that everyone involved in the show is quick on their feet and witty," Pickler says. "You have to hope for the best and hope everyone is excited to see you and doesn't slam the door in your face."

New James Bond "Spectre" trailer is action-packed
Action and suspense pack the new two-and-a-half minute trailer for the upcoming James Bond film, "Spectre."

The longest trailer yet, this teaser is filled with explosions, tensions, car chase, fights and romance.

In the latest installment a "cryptic message from Bond's past sends him on a trail to uncover a sinister organization," according to the film's description.

The new trailer starts with a first look at Ralph Fiennes in his new role as MI6 boss M; he asks Bond (Daniel Craig) about a rogue mission to Mexico City.

Before we know it, a gun-wielding Bond is jumping between buildings.

At one point, Naomi Harris' Eve Moneypenny character asks Bond, "So, what's going on James? They say you're finished?"

"What do you think?" he responds.

"I think you're just getting started," she says. Clearly, she's right.

Craig will play Bond for a fourth time in the upcoming film. He first starred in 2006's "Casino Royale," followed by 2008's "Quantum of Solace" and 2012's "Skyfall."

"Spectre," directed by Sam Mendes, also stars Monica Bellucci, Christoph Waltz, Ben Whishaw and Stephanie Sigman

"Spectre" lands in theaters on Nov. 6.

Jake Gyllenhaal fights for Oscar attention in "Southpaw"

Over the last week or so, Jake Gyllenhaal's performance in *Southpaw* just became his main shot at Oscar attention. Part of that has to do with people seeing his film, which opens on Friday, but most of it has to do with one of his other 2015 releases being pushed back. That one is the drama *Demolition*, so this boxing flick is his primary chance, unless *Everest* becomes a big player. As for the movie itself, it's a solid sports drama, mainly elevated by Gyllenhaal, who delivers yet another outstanding performance. At this point, he might just be the most consistent and interesting actor in Hollywood.

Southpaw is a boxing drama about Billy Hope (Gyllenhaal) a champion who has fought his way to the top and has it all. A loving wife (Rachel McAdams), a cute daughter (Oona Laurence), millions, and a championship belt, to boot. Then, tragedy strikes and absolutely everything that he knows comes crashing down. An orphan as a child, he grew up with nothing and is headed that way again, until he's aided by a trainer

(Forest Whitaker) who can see the heart within Billy. Antoine Fuqua directs, Kurt Sutter penned the screenplay, and the supporting cast includes Curtis Jackson (better known as 50 Cent), Naomie Harris, Victor Ortiz, Miguel Gomez, Rita Ora, and more. Sure, the plot is generic, but Gyllenhaal more than makes it work.

Gyllenhaal is really strong here. Not only is this a tremendous physical transformation, but he completely changes his acting style. Sure, he's as immersive as ever, but he's strong delivery of language and charisma is exchange for a brooding physicality. He's playing a reformed punk, and boy does he play it well. You believe him as a boxer, fully. The rest of the cast is solid enough, with McAdams especially leaving a bit of a mark in her supporting role, but Gyllenhaal is the one you really leave *Southpaw* buzzing about. Without him, I do think it wouldn't have worked as well. Originally it was supposed to star Eminem, and oh man would there have been a difference.

Awards wise, this is probably Best Actor or bust for Gyllenhaal. I mean, in some version of the upcoming precursor season, it's possible that Best Picture becomes a possibility, but outside of Best Supporting Actress (for McAdams), the only other thing worth mentioning here is Best Original Song. The aforementioned Eminem contributed songs, and he is an Oscar winner, after all. The focus is, and should be, on Gyllenhaal though. He's an Academy Award nominee now considered overdue for a win, especially after the *Nightcrawler* snub last year.

Demolition had seemed like this vehicle to me previously, but now this is more likely than Everest. Honestly, I think another snub might be more likely than *Southpaw* getting him in for Best Actor, but we shall see. There's a chance, no doubt about that. I suppose if the film catches on this summer, it'll sustain buzz until the precursors get underway. Then, anything is possible, as we all know.

Overall, *Southpaw* is the sort of boxing drama that checks all of the cliched marks of the genre, but in a gritty way that manages to mostly work. Without question, Gyllenhaal is the one who elevates the material and makes sure that it's something to see, but the bones aren't made of dust. The foundation is solid, just he happens to be the MVP. If you're a Gyllenhaal fan, you owe it to yourself to see this one. Whether or not it becomes an Academy player, it's worth checking out. Contender, pretender, or something in between (and we'll find out which this is in the coming months), it has one of the year's best performances so far contained within...

Be sure not to miss *Southpaw*, in theaters everywhere this weekend!

"Ant-Man" is Marvel's latest success story and one of their better releases

Back when *Avengers: Age of Ultron* was about to hit theaters, I ranked the entire Marvel Cinematic Universe, 11 films at the

Boss Baby also evokes Baldwin's old *Glengarry Glen Ross* character with quips like "Cookies are for closers."

"Alec Baldwin's voice is recognizable in general. But he's so topical now because of some of the other things he's doing right now," Aronson says. "It's a very distinctive voice, and if you put it on a baby, it's funny." The controversy-plagued *Ghost in the Shell*, a remake of a classic 1995 Japanese anime film, couldn't compete with either family-friendly release. The dystopian science-fiction thriller, starring Scarlett Johansson, opened with just \$19 million, finishing third, a poor showing for a film that cost about \$110 million to make.

Many took issue with the casting of Johansson as the cyborg protagonist who was Japanese in the original, calling it another example of Hollywood "whitewashing."

"We had hopes for better results domestically. I think the conversation regarding casting impacted the reviews," says Kyle Davies, domestic distribution chief for Paramount. "You've got a movie that is very important to the fanboys since it's based on a Japanese anime movie. So you're always trying to thread that needle between honoring the source material and make a movie for a mass audience. That's challenging but clearly the reviews didn't help."

Audiences appeared to agree with critics, giving the film a mediocre B grade on CinemaScore.

Ghost in the Shell will instead hope to find more eager moviegoers in Japan (where the casting controversy hasn't resonated) and China next weekend. Opening in most other international countries this weekend, *Ghost in the Shell* took in a modest \$40.1 million.

Teen sci-fi drama *Power Rangers* tumbled to fourth place with \$14.5 million. Rounding out the top five: Monster movie *Kong: Skull Island* with \$8.8 million.

In limited release, *The Zookeeper's Wife*, starring Jessica Chastain, opened well with \$3.3 million at 541 locations. Based on Diane Ackerman's non-fiction book, the film is about a woman's efforts to save Jews during the Holocaust.

Jason Aldean repeats and Miranda Lambert makes history at ACMs

LAS VEGAS — Jason Aldean extended his reign Sunday night as the Academy of Country Music's top entertainer, while Miranda Lambert made history with a record-breaking eighth Female Vocalist of the Year win on a night of spectacle and surprise in Las Vegas.

"I can't even believe I can say that," Lambert said of breaking Reba's McEntire's longstanding record in the category. "I'm really so thrilled that I can still help lead the charge for women in this business at any level, songwriters, anybody behind the scenes, managers, whatever it is. I'm just thrilled I can keep pushing forward and making a way for other women to do the same thing. I'm really humbled by it."

Lambert also picked up her fifth Album of the Year win with her double album *The Weight of These Wings*.

Thomas Rhett, another of the evening's top winners, was left virtually speechless after accepting awards for Song of the Year with *Die a Happy Man* and Male Vocalist of the Year.

"I don't have a whole lot of words except for everyone in this category are my idols," Rhett said after receiving the second award.

"Everyone in this category shaped the artist that I am. I try and be the best singer I can. This is a very humbling, humbling experience."

The 52nd ACM Awards were again co-hosted by Luke Bryan and Dierks Bentley — this time from Las Vegas' new T-Mobile Arena, which allowed for larger stages and an even bigger audience. The singers incorporated many of Sin City's most famous attractions into the show's opening, joking about fishing in the Bellagio Resort and Casino's famed pool and fountains and joining the cast of male revue show *Thunder From Down Under*.

"They told me I had a shot but I couldn't join because I'm not from Australia," Bryan quipped, adding they told him the show had a pair of chaps reserved for ACM top-nominee Keith Urban.

Stripper jokes aside, it was country music family affair at the top of the show, with an intro that included a medley featuring all the nominees for Entertainer of the Year: Bryan, Keith Urban, Carrie Underwood, Jason Aldean and Florida Georgia Line.

It was the first of three performances over the three-hour show for top nominee Urban who later wowed with a soulful version of his twice-nominated *Blue Ain't Your Color*. Through tempo and artful guitar work, Urban nimbly sewed his last No. 1 into his current single, *The Fighter* for a fun and flirty performance with duo partner and new label mate Carrie Underwood.

Duos and collaborations were a theme of the evening. Bentley joined Cole Swindell for a version of their fast-paced duet *Flatliner*. Rhett and Maren Morris introduced television audiences to their sexy new duet *Craving You* that was just released Friday. Morris, who was previously named New Female Vocalist of the Year, vocally soared through her vulnerable new single *I Could Use a Love Song*.

McEntire and Christian music star Lauren Daigle performed the single *Back to God*. And Brett Eldredge sparked a collaboration of a different kind, incorporating the cast of Las Vegas' critically acclaimed acro-cabaret variety show "Absinthe" into his performance of *Somethin' I'm Good At*.

Lambert didn't have a band much less a duo partner when she backed herself on acoustic guitar for brave and emotional performance of *Tin Man* that was easily one of night's best. Lady Antebellum made a triumphant return to the ACM Awards with a full-stage

performance of its new single *You Look Good* that included 60 horn players stretched across the stage.

When Little Big Town was named ACM Vocal Group of the Year for the fourth time, all they could do was gush about their competition. "I just want to be in Lady Antebellum's band," said Little Big Town's Kimberly Schlapman. "Me, too, that was electric in the house," added the group's Karen Fairchild. Eight awards and 23 performances filled the three-hour telecast. Florida Georgia Line, who closed out the show with a raucous collaboration with the Backstreet Boys, and Brothers Osborne were also multiple winners.

The evening's largest award-winning collaboration was the Country Music Association's win in the Video of the Year category for its "Forever Country" that incorporated generations of country singers to honor its 50th CMA Awards. To create the song, Shane McAnally created a mashup of John Denver's *Take Me Home*, Country Roads, Willie Nelson's *On the Road Again*, and Dolly Parton's *I Will Always Love You*. The video that featured artists ranging from Charley Pride and Dolly Parton to Brad Paisley was directed by Joseph Kahn. "As a member of the CMA board we're so happy to celebrate country music," said Little Big Town's Karen Fairchild, who thanked the ACMs for continuing to honor country music.

David Letterman will replace Neil Young at Rock Hall show

NEW YORK — David Letterman will replace an ailing Neil Young as the person inducting Pearl Jam into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame on Friday.

According to a statement from the hall, Young "is regrettably no longer able to induct Pearl Jam" due to illness and is "thrilled" that former TV talk-show host Letterman will substitute. Pearl Jam made its *Late Show with David Letterman* debut in 1996 with a version of *Hail, Hail*.

In addition to Pearl Jam, the new rock class includes the late rapper Tupac Shakur, ELO, Journey, Nile Rodgers, Joan Baez and Yes. The ceremony will be held at the Barclays Center in Brooklyn.

The Hall of Fame is located in Cleveland.

WWE WrestleMania 33 results, recap, highlights: Undertaker appears to retire ORLANDO, Fla. -- In his 25th appearance at the biggest night in professional wrestling, The Undertaker exited the ring for what appears to be the final time at WrestleMania. After losing to Roman Reigns in the main event, capping a WrestleMania 33 card that lasted more than seven hours at Camping World Stadium, The Undertaker left his iconic black hat, coat and gloves in the center of the ring. At 52, "The Deadman" waved goodbye to the crowd before disappearing through an opening in the floor of the ramp that descended from the stage.

The 13-match WrestleMania card was an exciting one, featuring five title changes and

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a violent five-minute match between Brock Lesnar and Goldberg that saw "The Beast" regain the WWE universal championship. In the end, Reigns left on top after wrestling in the final match for the third straight year. The night's best match may have come in the main show opener, when AJ Styles defeated SmackDown Live commissioner Shane McMahon, in a match which featured big spots and competitive wrestling. The biggest disappointment came in a 10-minute WWE championship match which saw Randy Orton defeat Bray Wyatt to become a 13-time world champion.

Cruiserweight Championship (Kickoff Show) – Neville (c) def. Austin Aries via pinfall: Being relegated to the kickoff show didn't stop Neville and Austin Aries from putting on an exciting match. After a scientific start, the big spots that the cruiserweight division is known for quickly arrived. Aries held his own with Neville from an aerial perspective, overcoming being dropped on his head during a snap German suplex to score near falls following a missile suicide dive and a 450 splash (which followed a hurricanrana from the top rope). Late in the match, Neville broke up a submission attempt by poking Aries in the same eye that he recently recovered from a broken socket. He then landed a picture perfect Red Arrow from the top rope to get the pin.

Mojo Rawley wins Andre the Giant Memorial Battle Royal (Kickoff Show): It took an assist from his good friend, New England Patriots tight end Rob Gronkowski, but Rawley scored the biggest victory of his WWE career. Rawley, himself a former NFL player, got pulled out of the ring and attacked late in the battle royal by Jinder Mahal. Gronkowski, who was sitting in the front row, had his drink taken by Mahal, who then took a taste and threw the cup at the NFL star. Gronkowski jumped the barrier and entered the ring, hitting Mahal with a shoulder tackle as the crowd erupted. Rawley went on to eliminate Mahal. The match began with big men Big Show and Braun Strowman cleaning house. After a staredown between the two, Strowman tossed Big Show before being eliminated himself by a group of wrestlers. Dolph Ziggler and Sami Zayn also had hot runs before being eliminated late.

Intercontinental Championship (Kickoff Show) – Dean Ambrose (c) def. Baron Corbin via pinfall to retain the title: In a nod to just how far the importance of the Intercontinental title has waned in recent memory, Ambrose defended his championship during the final match on the kickoff show. WWE waited until minutes before the match to announce. Corbin dominated the early stretch with physicality and a methodical beatdown. Ambrose had his moments in rallying back but could never acquire the upper hand. But as Corbin went to attempt his finishing move, the End of Days, Ambrose flipped out of it. He instantly landed his Dirty Deeds finisher to set up the

pin. This hasn't been the greatest build in recent months and the match was played out similarly average.

AJ Styles def. Shane McMahon via pinfall: It has long been said since his WWE debut in January 2016 that Styles is capable of making a four-star match with just about anybody. At 47, McMahon isn't just anybody, and his incredible performance in the opening match of the main card (a surprise placement, no less) helped produce a leading candidate for match of the year. McMahon, the SmackDown Live commissioner, produced his typical array of physicality and stunning high spots, but it was his ability to wrestle with Styles technically on an even playing ground, including multiple submission reversals, that ultimately made the match. The match has too many major moments to list in order, but McMahon had an early one by intercepting a springboard 450 splash attempt by Styles while on his back, catching him in a Hells Gate submission attempt. Styles then stood McMahon up while still in the hold, applying a sloppy Styles Clash that produced a two count.

Referee Mike Chioda was then accidentally kicked in the head by Styles, which opened up room for weapons to play a role. Styles brought two trash cans into the ring and set McMahon up in the corner to land a Van Terminator. But McMahon stood up in time to catch him with the illegal object before landing a Van Terminator of his own. McMahon went on to miss an elbow from the top rope as Styles escaped with Shane-O-Mac crashing through the announce table. But as Styles looked to capitalize in the ring with a Phenomenal Forearm, McMahon caught him in mid-air and applied a devastating DDT for two, just as the referee came to. McMahon then missed a moonsault from the top rope, allowing Styles to land his forearm finisher to get the pin.

United States Championship – Kevin Owens def. Chris Jericho (c) via pinfall to win the title: While it took a while for the crowd to recover from the Styles-McMahon classic, Owens and Jericho produced a strong match worthy of the reaction it received. After a great buildup in recent months which focus on the deterioration of their friendship, Owens used a power bomb on the ring apron to finish off Jericho. The match was physical throughout featuring a steady stream of creative counter moves. Late in the match, Jericho kicked out of a Pop-Up Powerbomb finisher and countered a second one with a Codebreaker. But as he went for the pin, Owens was able to extend one finger to the ropes to break it in, which set up the finish.

Raw Women's Championship Fatal 4-Way Elimination Match – Bayley (c) def. Sasha Banks, Charlotte Flair and Nia Jax to retain the title: A match that not only featured a number of creative, multi-person high spots also saw a relatively surprise ending as Bayley retained her Raw title. Jax showcased her unique physicality early on

and proved able to hang with the other three women before being eliminated by a triple power bomb, followed by a pin in which all three stacked on top of each other.

The biggest spot of the match came from Flair, who landed a beautiful corkscrew moonsault from the top rope, onto both Banks and Bayley on the floor. Charlotte went on to score the second elimination by kicking out of a roll-up pin attempt from Banks and sending her face first into an exposed turnbuckle, leading to a pin. The finish, however, was relatively tame as Bayley landed a back body drop on Charlotte off the top rope and connected with a flying elbow to finish the match. The one thing the match did not do was further the storyline between Bayley and Banks, which has included heel-turn teases from Banks. Order of elimination: Jax, Banks, Flair.

Raw Tag Team Championship Fatal Four-Way Ladder Match – The Hardy Boyz def. Luke Gallows & Karl Anderson (c), Enzo Amore & Big Cass, Sheamus & Cesaro and The Hardy Boyz to win the titles: The 12th ladder match in WrestleMania history received an incredible upgrade with the surprise announcement from The New Day that a fourth team was being added. Matt and Jeff Hardy received a huge pop from the crowd in their first appearance with WWE since 2009 and went on to score a shocking victory, which set off fireworks in the stadium.

All eight members of the match combined for a number of memorable spots but the finish was the most spectacular. Matt Hardy connected with a stunning Twist of Fate from the top of the main ladder on Anderson. Jeff Hardy immediately following with his trademark Swanton Bomb from the tallest ladder outside, crashing onto Sheamus, who was laying prone on a ladder balancing on the ring apron. Matt Hardy immediately ran back up the main ladder to pull down the title belts.

John Cena & Nikki Bella def. The Miz & Maryse via pinfall: Real-life couple Cena and Bella teamed up for the first time in a mixed tag team match any a PPV. Afterwards, they teamed up for life when Cena proposed in the center of the ring. Bella received her WrestleMania moment and shed real tears after Cena put the ring on her finger. The moment capped a relatively tame match that was largely carried by The Miz's strong heel work and ability to play to the crowd. Maryse, who was making her first in-ring appearance since 2011, did nothing more than slap Cena and eat a flurry of punches from Bella after a long-awaited hot tag. Bella also landed a suicide dive onto The Miz outside the ring in the match's biggest spot. The finish came as Cena and Bella teamed up for a double five-knuckle shuffle and a double AA, before simultaneously pinning The Miz and Maryse.

Non-Sanctioned Match – Seth Rollins def. Triple H via pinfall: Rollins overcame an injured right knee and steady interference

Album of the Year for the blockbuster "Traveller."

His slew of wins overshadowed technically the biggest prize of the night, Entertainer of the Year, which went to Jason Aldean, who typically glowers under a cowboy hat through every show. But winning the coveted award always brings out the emotional side of country's dudes.

"I was just starting to think this one just wasn't in the cards for me," Aldean said on stage in a rare moment of vulnerability. "I'll tell you what, I may be rough around the edges a little bit – but I love this business. I love the people in it and I love the fans that support it. Thank you very, very much." Complete list of winners is below – here's a rundown of the ACM Awards show's best and worst moments.

BEST

*** Luke Bryan and Dierks Bentley's monologue.**

Thankfully, the co-hosts didn't attempt to make (too many) lame jokes and instead turned their opening monologue time into a Stapleton lovefest, as they correctly noted everyone in Nashville is clamoring to take credit for Stapleton's success. During the bit, Aldean, Charles Kelley, Thomas Rhett (who all have songs written by Stapleton) and Carrie Underwood all stood up in the audience to convince everyone *they* were the reason.

*** Little Big Town's "Stay All Night."**

The group spent the last year singing their smash female-led ballad "Girl Crush," and "Stay All Night" is the complete opposite, with Jimi Westbrook and Phillip Sweet taking the lead on vocals. The uptempo tune couldn't be catchier, and turned into an all-out dance party with New Orleans star Trombone Shorty joining in for the jam.

*** Katy Perry and Dolly Parton.**

"We're both known for some of the biggest...songs in our fields," Perry chirped as she introduced Parton, honored with the Tex Ritter Award. (Hey, at least it was a tad more subtle than Bentley calling the duo a "great pair.") Anyway, the two women joined together for a very colorful, entertaining medley of Parton's hit songs: "Coat of Many Colors," "Jolene" and "9 to 5."

*** Miranda Lambert's acceptance speech.**

There were about two dozen performance slots over the three-hour show, and a mere three went to solo female artists. Lambert (who sang a cover of ZZ Top's "Tush" with Billy Gibbons and Keith Urban) gave a shout-out in her acceptance speech when she won Female Vocalist for the sixth year in a row. "I love seeing tonight a bunch of new country girls up here shining, singing their great songs that they wrote themselves," she said. "I'm really excited for women in country music and I'm glad to be here as one of them."

*** Tim McGraw's "Humble and Kind."**

The elder statesman of modern country makes an attempt to lead the genre in a positive direction these days, performing his

latest hit "Humble and Kind." He brought up a very diverse group of fans on stage with him, creating a quiet, powerful moment in a very loud show.

*** Eric Church's tribute.**

Ever think you would hear David Bowie at a country award show? In the middle of performing his new single "Record Year," Church took a minute to play snippets from four of his musical heroes who died recently: Bowie, Scott Weiland, Lemmy Kilmister and Glenn Frey.

*** Thomas Rhett's inadvertently hilarious acceptance speech.**

Rhett was understandably shocked when "Die a Happy Man" won Single Record of the Year. On stage, he thanked his record label and manager and then realized he forgot someone important: "Holy crap, God!" At least he had the self-awareness to admit he could have worded it better: "That's a bad sentence."

WORST

*** No reaction shots when Blake Shelton performed his new song.**

Shelton, who didn't co-host with his buddy Luke Bryan for the first time in years, was clearly busy on Sunday night: He briefly crashed Bryan's opening performance, and then dutifully performed his new single "Come Here To Forget" before he jetted off. However, the song is clearly about his divorce from Miranda Lambert, in the audience with her new boyfriend, singer Anderson East. Yet there were zero audience reaction shots at all. Come on, producers, award shows need drama!

*** Jason Aldean's "Lights Come On"**

The new reigning Entertainer of the Year debuted his new single, "Lights Come On"...and it sounds exactly like the last five songs he's released. Step it up!

*** Whatever happened with the Joey Feek tribute.**

Producers promised the show would pay tribute to Joey + Rory's Joey Feek, who died in February at age 40 after a battle with cancer. Unfortunately, the moment was strangely muddled. Martina McBride and Darius Rucker appeared on stage with a couple photos of Joey in the background, and the crowd gave a standing ovation. However, Joey + Rory's song "Cheater, Cheater" played loudly over them the whole time, making it difficult to hear McBride and Rucker talking; and they segued a little too quickly into announcing the award for vocal group of the year right afterwards.

*** Those pre-commercial interstitials.**

Right before the show went to commercial, producers decided to show stars talking in the audience. Yet the banter appeared painfully scripted, as Darius Rucker asked Charles Kelley what he would be singing during the ceremony; Chris Young and Cassadee Pope talked excitedly about the song they just performed; and cameras just "happened" to catch Miss USA Betty Cantrell telling Brett Eldredge about her USO tour with Craig Morgan.

*** Charles Kelley's shirt during "Lonely Girl."**

We'll just leave this here.

Complete list of nominees and winners:

ENTERTAINER OF THE YEAR

Jason Aldean (winner)

Garth Brooks

Luke Bryan

Eric Church

Miranda Lambert

MALE VOCALIST OF THE YEAR

Jason Aldean

Dierks Bentley

Eric Church

Brett Eldredge

Chris Stapleton (winner)

FEMALE VOCALIST OF THE YEAR

Kelsea Ballerini

Jana Kramer

Miranda Lambert (winner)

Kacey Musgraves

Carrie Underwood

VOCAL DUO OF THE YEAR

Brothers Osborne

Dan + Shay

Florida Georgia Line (winner)

Joey + Rory

Maddie & Tae

VOCAL GROUP OF THE YEAR

Eli Young Band

Little Big Town (winner)

Old Dominion

Rascal Flatts

Zac Brown Band

NEW MALE VOCALIST OF THE YEAR

Brett Eldredge

Chris Janson

Thomas Rhett

Chase Rice

Chris Stapleton (winner)

NEW FEMALE VOCALIST OF THE YEAR

Kelsea Ballerini (winner)

Cam

Mickey Guyton

RaeLynn

NEW VOCAL DUO OR GROUP OF THE YEAR

A Thousand Horses

Brothers Osborne

Maddie & Tae

Old Dominion (winner)

Parmalee

ALBUM OF THE YEAR

"I'm Comin' Over" – Chris Young

"Montevallo" – Sam Hunt

"Mr. Misunderstood" – Eric Church

"Tangled Up" – Thomas Rhett

"Traveller" – Chris Stapleton (winner)

SONG OF THE YEAR

"Burning House" – Cam (Written by Cam, Jeffrey Bhasker, Tyler Johnson)

"Girl Crush" – Little Big Town (Written by Hillary Lindsey, Lori McKenna, Liz Rose)

"Nobody to Blame" – Chris Stapleton (Written by Chris Stapleton, Barry Bales and Ronnie Bowman) (winner)

"Raise 'Em Up" – Keith Urban feat. Eric Church (Written by Tom Douglas, Jaren Johnston, Jeffrey Steele)

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drunk, then certainly sexually available," says branding and communications consultant Tracey Riese. "The world moves fast, but change isn't always a good thing when you got it right the first time around," Williams is heard in a voice-over. "Because sometimes a true original doesn't need to change a thing. It works every time."

Colt 45 certainly hopes it works this time, too. The brand turned to Williams because he "played a major role in the success of Colt 45," said Pabst Chief Marketing Officer Dan McHugh in a statement.

The new campaign comes as Colt 45 falls behind other U.S. malt liquor brands in sales. Its competitors include Steel Reserve, Mickey's and Olde English, all three from Molson Coors, as well as Hurricane and King Cobra, from Anheuser-Busch InBev.

The malt beer segment, which has experienced mainly flat sales, accounts for about 2% of the total \$25 billion-plus retail sales of U.S. domestic beer, according to market research firm IRI. The top seven malt liquor brands — MillerCoors-owned Steel Reserve is No. 1, Colt 45 comes in No. 6 — sold about \$500 million at retail (supermarkets, convenience stores, drugstores) in the 52 weeks preceding Feb. 21, IRI says. In comparison, craft beer sells about \$3.5 billion annually at retail.

Williams shrugs off any suggestion that Colt 45 has bad intentions. "You are always going to have people criticizing, in one way or another, for their own personal reason," Williams said. "But I had never felt that Colt 45, or any beer for that matter, was anything that was detrimental to anyone's well-being."

Jay Z sues previous owners of music service Tidal

After a year at the helm of the Tidal music streaming service, Jay Z has filed suit against the previous owners of the service saying he was given inflated subscriber numbers.

The legal action was first reported by Norwegian press as a "giant lawsuit" seeking \$15 million from Scandinavian company Aspiro and major shareholders Norway's Schibsted Media Group and Verdane Capital, a Stockholm-based private equity fund. Jay Z launched Tidal in the U.S. one year ago after paying Aspiro \$56 million.

"It became clear after taking control of TIDAL and conducting our own audit that the total number of subscribers was actually well below the 540,000 reported to us by the prior owners," the company said in a statement sent to USA TODAY. "As a result, we have now served legal notice to parties involved in the sale. While we cannot share further comment during active legal proceedings, we're proud of our success and remain focused on delivering the best experience for artists and fans."

In response to the news of the suit, Schibsted's Anders Rikter told Norway's *BreakIt* news agency that "we want to point

out that it was a publicly traded company that was acquired, with what it means by the transparency of financial reporting. Otherwise we have no comments." Schibsted and Verdane Capital did not return USA TODAY's request for comment.

Jay Z announced in February 2015 that he had made a bid for the Tidal and WiMP music services then owned by Aspiro through Project Panther Bidco Ltd., which is indirectly-owned by the musician's S. Carter Enterprises. In March 2015, he relaunched Tidal at a celebrity press event in New York City with wife Beyonce and other musicians including Kanye West, Alicia Keys, Madonna, Chris Martin, Nicki Minaj Daft Punk and Usher on hand.

Involved artists reportedly each own 3% equity in Tidal with Jay Z having the remainder. The "artist-owners" list has grown to include Lil Wayne and Damian Marley. Last week, Tidal announced that it has surpassed 3 million subscribers globally and that it had delivered 250 million streams of Kanye West's *The Life of Pablo* in the first ten days of its availability. Among the 3 million members, nearly half (45%) pay \$19.95 monthly for Tidal's lossless CD-quality audio. Tidal also offers a \$9.95 monthly subscription for high quality audio below that of CD-quality.

Over the past year, Tidal has added music videos as well as live-streaming of nearly four dozen live video events and concerts including a Wednesday performance in Atlanta by 2 Chainz and Lil Wayne (video on demand will land on the service on Thursday).

Some news reports suggest that Tidal is reportedly getting into the streaming of movies in the future, but the company had no official comment on that development.

Reports: Drew Barrymore to divorce third husband

Drew Barrymore, who seemed so happy recently with her third husband, Will Kopelman, and their two young daughters, is getting another divorce.

People and *US Weekly* reported Friday the couple have broken up after three years of marriage and are headed for divorce court. The *New York Post* was first with the news; all cited unnamed sources close to the couple. Barrymore, 41, and Kopelman, 38, an art consultant, started dating in February 2011 and married at her Montecito, Calif., estate in June 2012. She was five months pregnant at the time.

People reported the two confirmed the divorce in a joint statement Saturday. They said, however, that it does not take away from them being a family.

"Divorce might make one feel like a failure, but eventually you start to find grace in the idea that life goes on," they said in the statement. "Our children are our universe, and we look forward to living the rest of our lives with them as the first priority."

Their daughters are Olive, 3, and Frankie, 23 months. In an interview with *People* in

October, Barrymore spoke out about her postpartum depression after Frankie was born.

Last week, Netflix announced that Barrymore (*Charlie's Angels*, *Blended*) and Timothy Olyphant (*Justified*, *Deadwood*) will star in a new comedy series, *Santa Clarita Diet*, about married realtors in the Los Angeles suburb of Santa Clarita who lead "vaguely discontented lives ... until Sheila goes through a dramatic change sending both their lives down a road of death and destruction — but in a good way," as the press release said. Barrymore, the descendant of a famous acting family dynasty, became a child star in 1982 as little Gertie in Steven Spielberg's *E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial* and by age 10 was drinking and drugging and hanging out mostly with adults.

Last February she announced she would publish another book, this one an autobiographical collection of essays about her tumultuous life.

Barrymore is already the co-author, with Todd Gold, of another book about the first part of her life, *Little Girl Lost*, which came out in 1991 when she was 16.

She's a successful actress, producer, director, beauty entrepreneur and spokes-model, but her romantic life hasn't always been rosy. She married a Welsh bar owner in March 1994 and then split weeks later; then she married comic Tom Green in July 2001 and he filed for divorce six months later.

Michael J. Fox is back as Marty McFly, in LEGO form

It's been 30 years since Michael J. Fox first embodied Marty McFly, but the actor still has the pipes for the part. Fox is voicing the LEGO McFly in video game *LEGO Dimensions*, which hits stores September 27. The game features 14 different entertainment brands (including *Back to the Future*), and plenty of familiar voices. Some other actors who reprised their movie roles for the game include Christopher Lloyd as Doc Brown, Chris Pratt as both Emmett from *Lego Movie* and Owen from *Jurassic World* and Elizabeth Banks as *Lego Movie*'s Wyldstyle. Gary Oldman voices Lord Vortech, the game's villain.

ACM Awards 2016: Complete list of winners, best and worst moments

The Chris Stapleton Awards — er, the Academy of Country Music Awards went pretty much as expected Sunday night, as Stapleton (who has experienced a stunning run of success in the last five months) took home all the trophies.

Okay, maybe not *all* of them. "Thank you for Chris Stapleton for not being a group," joked Little Big Town's Kimberly Schlapman on stage when the quartet picked up Vocal Group of the Year.

Stapleton, the 37-year-old phenomenon who rocketed to household name status when he swept the CMA Awards in November, walked away with four wins, the most of anyone: Male Vocalist, New Male Vocalist, Song of the Year for "Nobody to Blame" and

July Greetings,

The words of your brothers and sisters behind the wall speak of struggle, hope, restoration, survival and faith. This month we are sharing a few of their poems with you for reflection. We are interested in your poems as well.

Finding Peace

Listen . . .
In the quiet stillness
of this dingy cell,
something is afoot.
Time is marching on, dutifully,
despite my plaintive protests.
The years have become my foe
taking my youth, yet delivering me
no closer to freedom.
The mirror and these gray hairs conspire
to taunt me, to paint a portrait,
an image of me I fail to recognize.
The immortality I once knew
has been made a myth, displaced
by the burgeoning reality
of middle-age,
the new captain of my fate
with whom I must grudgingly
make my peace.

The Hole Where I Live

A barbed wire noose
around my brittle neck
Concrete sarcophagus gilded in steel
Good morning world
Please count me among the living

The blacksmith's hammer strikes the anvil
trapping me
where those two hard surfaces meet
Each deliberate blow
more malicious than the last
destroys me
forges me like steel
into something hard and cold
and unfeeling

The rich iron ore has been extracted
from the earth of my flesh
The strip-mined wounds
still fresh, bleed black blood
liquid onyx
dark as the vision of ten blind men

sad as the souls of all lost children
spilling more profusely
with each day, each year
each moment I spend
inside the cage
watching the back-hoe
dig my grave
as the time
digs a whole
in my mind

A siren wails inside me
crying out like a child in Cambodia
ignorant of napalm
but knowing it burns the flesh
off her body
Reminding me
how great my need
to be free

Everything has claws
and an appetite
especially this hole where I live
A large gaping mouth
with sharp teeth and powerful jaws
The ground swallows up
all dead things
belches back the dust
and remains indifferent.

E.C.

There Is a Poem in Me

Words tumble out in the wrong order making
pictures and phrases to sort, so much
dirty laundry the whites separate
from the colors so they won't
bleed on each other

if i try too hard, they refuse to come out
balky horses led to water not drinking
out of sheer perversity even though
they thirst, they won't give me the
satisfaction of knowing

if i have patience they will come out
like coaxing a feral cat close enough
to tickle its ears
like a shy child making friends on her
first day at school
like a long-awaited baby taking his own
time to be born like me passing unhurried
time behind these prison walls—J.B.

✂ COME ON PEOPLE NOW
SMILE ON YOUR BROTHER"
" TRY AND LOVE ONE ANOTHER ✂

SHOUT-OUT OUTSIDE THE BARS
TO: RAY ALLEN

" WHY I WENT TO "HOLOCAUST CAMP"

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Thank you, Mr. Allen for your MISSION
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NOBLE GYPSY
SO-CALLED: "LAME"
AND "UNKNOWN VICTIMS"

"OBAMA: NEW AFRICAN-AMERICAN
MUSEUM' belong to all" SEE below
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I pray you shine your celebrity LIME-
LIGHT ON THE UNACKNOWLEDGED;
BLACK HOLOCAUST!!

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NAT TURNER

DAVID WALKER

DENMARK VESLEY

PAUL ROBESON

MARCUS GARVEY (GARVEY)

ROBERT JOHNSON (MUSICIAN)

AND THINGS! EVENTS! ACTS! AND
ACTORS... NOT TELEVISED... (NOT
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Obama: New African-American museum 'belongs to all'

WASHINGTON — America has a new front porch.

The entryway to the National Museum of African American History and Culture — inspired by those iconic covered verandas of Southern and African architecture — hosted presidents and poets Saturday, opening day for the museum that explores one of the most complicated parts of American history.

"The story that is told here doesn't just belong to black Americans, it belongs to all Americans," President Obama said from the covered doorway.

The 400,000-square-foot museum displays more than 3,000 artifacts, such as the dress Rosa Parks was sewing before she refused to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, Ala., in 1955; a bill of sale for a 16-year-old girl named Polly, who was transferred between owners in 1835 for \$600; and shackles used to restrain slaves in the holds of ships on the Middle Passage between Africa and North America.

Obama, the last speaker at the two-hour ceremony, focused on one artifact in particular: a slave auction block with an engraving about how Andrew Jackson and Henry Clay spoke from it in 1830. In a history written by slave owners, the engraving makes no mention of what else happened on that stone, "where day after day for years, men and women were torn from their spouse or their child, shackled and bound and bought and sold and bid like cattle," Obama said.

"Consider what this artifact tells us about history, about how it's told, about what can be cast aside," Obama said.

"As Americans, we rightfully passed on the tales of the giants who built this country; who led armies into battle and waged seminal debates in the halls of Congress and the corridors of power," he said. "But too often, we ignored or forgot the stories of millions upon millions of others, who built this nation just as surely, whose humble eloquence, whose calloused hands, whose steady drive helped to create cities, erect industries, build the arsenals of democracy."

Obama was joined on stage by first lady Michelle Obama, former president George W. Bush and Laura Bush, Rep. John Lewis of Georgia, and Lonnie Bunch, the founding director of the museum.

President Bush, who signed the legislation authorizing the museum's construction in 2003, said the museum showed a commitment to truth. "A great nation does not hide its history. It faces its flaws and corrects them," he said.

The opening ceremony had the sights and sounds of a black family reunion, a diverse Washington, D.C., cocktail party, a Sunday church picnic and a presidential inauguration all wrapped into one. In the VIP seating sections closest to the stage, members of Congress rubbed shoulders with celebrities, millionaire philanthropists and anyone who

was lucky enough to know someone to get a good seat.

Samuel L. Jackson took a selfie with the museum in the background; Donna Brazile, the interim chair of the Democratic National Committee, strategized with Marc Morial, the CEO of the National Urban League; retired general Colin Powell chatted amiably with Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont.

Appearances by Oprah Winfrey, Will Smith, Patti LaBelle, Stevie Wonder, Robert De Niro, Angela Bassett drew roars from the crowd, which started to gather on the Mall at daybreak.

In the only overtly political statement of the ceremony, singer LaBelle finished her version of Sam Cooke's *A Change Is Gonna Come* with a mention of Hillary Clinton, the Democratic nominee for president.

Obama addressed the museum's ability to navigate the horrors of slavery and segregation while still being uplifting and hopeful

"Yes, a clear-eyed view of history can make us uncomfortable, and shake us out of familiar narratives. But it is precisely because of that discomfort that we learn and grow and harness our collective power to make this nation more perfect," he said.

Desiree Boykin, who works for the United Negro College Fund, brought her mom to the opening ceremony.

"She has lived a lot of this history, so to be here and see it and be a part of the whole celebration is just coming full circle," Boykin said. "It's our story finally being told from our perspective."

Wanda Boykin, from Piscataway, N.J., said the museum was a continuation of her life's journey.

"I'm from the '60s," Wanda Boykin said. "A lot of the stuff in there, I lived. It's exhilarating to be here."

Obama calls 9/11 veto override 'political vote' and 'mistake'

President Obama lamented what he called a "political vote" in Congress to override his veto of a bill that allows the families of 9/11 victims to sue Saudi Arabia during a CNN town hall on Wednesday. Obama said the vote was based more on lawmakers' fear of being seen as opposing 9/11 families than what is good for the country. "It's an example of why sometimes you have to do what's hard. And, frankly, I wish Congress here had done what's hard," Obama said, according to CNN. "If you're perceived as voting against 9/11 families right before an election, not surprisingly, that's a hard vote for people to take. But it would have been the right thing to do."

Trump, Clinton meet with Israel's Netanyahu

A day before their first debate, Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton engaged in a little global diplomacy courtesy of Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

While both presidential candidates pledged to guarantee Israel's security during separate meetings with Netanyahu in New York City,

each stressed different issues in post-meeting statements: Trump used his session to discuss security fencing — echoing his call for a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border — while Clinton emphasized the need for a two-state agreement involving the Palestinian Authority.

Clinton, a former secretary of State, "reaffirmed her unwavering commitment to the U.S.-Israel relationship and her plan to take our partnership to the next level," said a statement issued by her campaign after the evening meeting with Netanyahu.

In a separate statement issued after a morning meeting at Trump Tower, the Republican campaign said that "Mr. Trump and the Prime Minister discussed the special relationship between America and Israel and the unbreakable bond between the two countries."

Clinton's statement said she expressed continued support for the Iran nuclear deal, which both Netanyahu and Trump have criticized. It added that Clinton said she would work to block Iran's support for terrorism in the region, and vowed to fight the Islamic State and other extremist groups that threaten Israel.

The Democratic presidential nominee also "stressed her commitment to countering attempts to de-legitimize Israel," the statement said, "including through the BDS movement" that supports economic boycotts of Israel over the Palestinian issue.

The former secretary of State "reaffirmed her commitment to work toward a two-state solution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict negotiated directly by the parties that guarantees Israel's future as a secure and democratic Jewish state with recognized borders and provides the Palestinians with independence, sovereignty, and dignity," said the Clinton campaign statement.

It added that Clinton opposes "any attempt by outside parties to impose a solution, including by the UN Security Council."

After his meeting with Netanyahu, Trump said his administration would "finally accept the long-standing Congressional mandate to recognize Jerusalem as the undivided capital of the State of Israel," according to his campaign statement.

As for the peace process in general, the campaign said that Trump and Netanyahu agreed that "the Israeli people want a just and lasting peace with their neighbors, but that peace will only come when the Palestinians renounce hatred and violence and accept Israel as a Jewish State."

The two men also discussed their mutual opposition to the Iran nuclear agreement and support for the battle against the Islamic State, the Trump campaign said, as well as cybersecurity, a high-tech economy, missile defense and efforts to defeat terrorism in general.

Another topic: An anti-migration wall along the lines of the one Trump has proposed for the U.S.-Mexican border.

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"Mr. Trump and Prime Minister Netanyahu discussed at length Israel's successful experience with a security fence that helped secure its borders," the Trump campaign said. Clinton and Trump meet in the first of three presidential debates Monday night at Hofstra University on Long Island, N.Y.

Analysis: Trump, Clinton came out swinging in fiercest presidential debate in modern times

The debate before the debate began was all about which Donald Trump would show up on stage.

Provocative Trump, who unexpectedly claimed the Republican presidential nomination over a dozen rivals with stronger political résumés? Or Presidential Trump, who in recent weeks has toned down his rhetoric and, in another political surprise, managed to pull even with rival Hillary Clinton in national and battleground polls? The original Trump came home.

In a debate that was scheduled to last 90 minutes but headed into overtime, Trump and Clinton jabbed each other in the fiercest series of exchanges in a presidential debate in modern times. He portrayed her as one of the political hacks who has led the nation dangerously astray. "It's all words, it's all soundbites," he said dismissively, repeatedly interrupting her and at times audibly snorting as she spoke.

She portrayed him as a questionable businessman with few specific plans and a limited grasp of the facts, advocating economic policies she repeatedly dubbed "Trumped-up trickle-down." She accused him of racist behavior in questioning President Obama's birthplace and questioned what he was trying to hide by refusing to release his tax returns while they are being audited.

The moderator, NBC's Lester Holt, tried with only limited success to keep control. Trump blamed Clinton for the rise of Islamic State.

"I have a feeling by the end of this evening, I'm going to be blamed for everything," Clinton replied.

"Why not?" he interjected.

"Just join the debate by saying more crazy things," she replied.

Despite speculation beforehand that Clinton would focus on coming across as more likable, she chose instead to be a counter-puncher. That said, her responses to him seemed to be marked by more amusement than anger, and she made a point of smiling. And despite all the speculation beforehand that Trump would try to come across as having a more moderate temperament, he defended himself as fiercely as ever — flatly denying several assertions that have been documented as true by fact-checkers, including that he had supported the invasion of Iraq.

From the first question, he described a nation that was in dire straits, at home and abroad. "We have to stop our jobs from being stolen from us," he said, denouncing the threat from

Mexico and China in a signature lament. "We have to stop our jobs from leaving the United States and with it firing all our people." From the first question, she described a country that has problems but has been making progress — and in a signature of her own, crammed a dozen bullet-point policy proposals into a two-minute answer, from infrastructure investment and a higher minimum wage to equal pay for women and debt-free college.

The setting inside the debate hall at Hofstra University looked dignified enough to fit in the White House itself, with a dark blue backdrop, a discrete band of white stars and a depiction of a golden eagle soaring over the two contenders. But the mood surrounding the opening forum was almost gladiatorial. No presidential election in modern times has defied the conventional wisdom as much this one, which has ended up pitting a political neophyte and reality-TV star against the wife of a former president, a member of the family that defines the Democratic establishment. And no presidential debate in the television age has been more hotly anticipated. For the first time of the campaign, they were face-to-face, side-by-side.

In a preview of the combat that would follow, Trump needled Clinton a few hours before the debate on Twitter, a platform he has perfected as a political weapon. "My team of deplorables will be managing my Twitter account for this evening's debate," he wrote, a reference to her description at a fundraiser of his followers as a "basket of deplorables." Clinton was tweeting about the same time: "Trump told 31 outright lies just last week." History demonstrates that the first debate can be powerful enough to boost a candidate or wound one. Eleven campaigns have included debates in the television age. In nine of them, it shaped the trajectory of the campaign that followed in fundamental ways. The opening debate helped elect John Kennedy in 1960 and Ronald Reagan in 1980. It helped defeat Michael Dukakis in 1988 and Al Gore in 2000.

They typically have had the most impact when an incumbent president isn't running, and when the candidates come in with something to prove, and when the contest is close and fluid. That is, in a campaign like this one.

Clinton-Trump debate sets ratings record

The contentious exchange between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump drew 84 million TV viewers Monday night, a new record viewership for a presidential debate, according to final Nielsen figures. The previous record was set in 1980, when then-president Jimmy Carter debated Ronald Reagan and 80.6 million viewers watched. (Unlike others, it was the only presidential debate of that election cycle). The first debate of the 2012 cycle, featuring President Obama and Mitt Romney, averaged 67.2 million. Most pundits expected high ratings for the first matchup, held at Hofstra University in Hempstead, N.Y., and advance

estimates ranged from 80 million to a Super Bowl-sized 100 million. The final tally included 13 cable-news, Spanish-language and broadcast networks, which aired the debate live from 9 p.m. to 10:45 p.m., but online streaming is measured separately and not included in the total.

US likely to fall short of emissions goal

Unless we do more, the U.S. will likely miss the emissions target aimed for in the landmark Paris Climate Agreement last year, says a new study released Monday. Cutting the emissions of heat-trapping greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide and methane from power plants and other sources is key to reducing the impacts of man-made climate change.

Even if all current and proposed emission reduction plans are enacted, the U.S. will still fall short by anywhere from 300 million to as many as 1.5 billion metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions per year, the study found.

"We will likely fall short without additional policies," said lead author [Jeffrey Greenblatt](#) of the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory.

The additional policies include President Obama's proposed Clean Power Plan — which would trim carbon emissions from coal power plants and other sources — would be a big step in the right direction, Greenblatt said. The plan, however, faces a potentially lengthy court challenge from 28 states and scores of companies and industry groups that begins Tuesday.

Obama formally entered the U.S. into the Paris Agreement earlier this month, which commits the country to reducing emissions by 26 to 28% of 2005 levels by 2025. The study comes at a key point in U.S. climate policy. Obama has said the U.S. should be a global leader in fighting climate change — a promise that Hillary Clinton wants to continue but one that Donald Trump would likely shun.

Additionally, if Trump is elected, he said he will repeal the Clean Power Plan.

Karl Hausker, a policy analyst at the World Resources Institute who was not involved in the study, said its methodology and findings are credible. He said the next president will have to continue the policies begun by President Obama.

Though the study that came out Monday is solely focused on U.S. emissions, its author said the U.S. is key player in the global fight against climate change.

"It's true that other nations collectively emit much more than the U.S., but we are one of the world's biggest emitters, right behind China," said Greenblatt. "So reducing our emissions will have a material effect on global totals," he said. "Perhaps more important, however, is that our efforts to reduce emissions can motivate other countries to set similarly ambitious targets."

Nebraska town considers banning smoking in apartments

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Nearly Two-THIRDS AMERICAN FAVOR "WAR" ON NORTH KOREA

walk the dog, are also unhappy about the nation's changing highway landscape. They never have to worry about a rest stop parking area being too small to accommodate their motor homes, said Pamela Kay, of the Family Motor Coach Association, a national RV owners group.

"It's easier for someone in a passenger vehicle to just hop off the interstate and pop into a fast-food restaurant for a break," Kay said. "That's not the case when you're traveling in an RV."

The massive crack in the Antarctic ice shelf is hanging on by a 12-mile 'thread'
It's the ice crack that's captivating the world. One of the world's biggest icebergs ever is poised to break off from an Antarctic ice shelf, but scientists say it's still hanging on by a 12-mile "thread."

They also aren't sure when the now 110-mile crack will finally break open the rest of the way, creating a massive iceberg larger than Rhode Island. "It is particularly hard to predict when it will occur," said Adrian Luckman of Project MIDAS, a British Antarctic research project that's keeping watch on the ever-growing crack.

"I am quite surprised as to how long it is holding on!" he said in an e-mail to USA TODAY.

The crack in the Larsen C Ice Shelf is more than 1,000 feet wide and has grown by 50 miles since 2011, according to the British Antarctic Survey. Once the crack goes all the way across, the iceberg will break off.

The largest icebergs known have all broken off from ice shelves, the survey said.

Ice shelves are permanent floating sheets of ice that connect to a land mass, according to the National Snow and Ice Data Center.

(Thus, since they're floating, when the berg finally breaks off, it won't add to sea-level rise). However, ice shelves also serve to hold back the ice behind them: When ice shelves collapse, the ice that had been trapped behind it plops into the ocean, where it then adds to sea-level rise.

Most of the world's ice shelves hug the coast of Antarctica. The Larsen C shelf is on the Antarctic Peninsula, the portion of the continent that juts out toward South America. The Larsen ice shelf used to have three parts: A, B and C. Larsen A and Larsen B collapsed in 1995 and 2002, respectively. And now it's Larsen C's turn.

"The rift (or crack) has continued to open, and the berg continues to drift outward at a very consistent rate," Luckman said. However, he added that the crack has not grown longer in the past several weeks. There is not enough information to know whether the expected calving event on Larsen C is an effect of climate change or not, although there is good scientific evidence that climate change has caused thinning of the ice shelf, according to Project Midas. In the past 50 years, the Antarctic Peninsula has experienced extraordinary warming of more than 4 degrees, the European Space Agency said.

Could the colder temperatures of winter that are on the way delay the calving process? (Calving is the scientific term for the process by which the berg shears off.) No, Luckman said. "Calving is not dependent at all on air temperatures," he said. "The ice that is fracturing is buried deep in the shelf and does not feel the change in seasons. If anything, I would say that winter might make the calving more likely because of mechanical stresses caused by wind and waves.

"But I should stress again, this is not a predictable process because we know only a little about the nature of the ice," he said. "It could go today, or it may be months." Once the iceberg shears off, the 2,000-square-mile object should float along the coast of Antarctica, then head out into the Southern Ocean and eventually break apart into smaller chunks that would melt into the ocean.

10 pythons captured in 10 days in the Florida Everglades

Ten pythons were captured and killed in less than two weeks in the Florida Everglades. The largest snake captured measured 15-feet, 10-inches and weighed 135 pounds, according to a news release. The second largest snake was 15-feet, 2-inches. Snake wrangler Nick Banos told CBS News it weighed 144-pounds and could "easily take out a 170-pound man." The captures are part of South Florida Water Management District's Pilot Python Elimination Program. Selected hunters are paid hourly, as well as \$50 for pythons measuring up to 4 feet and an extra \$25 for each foot measured above 4 feet, according to a release. The program's "most successful" hunter is Barry Offenburger, who killed three pythons ranging from 13 to 6-feet within a week, the release says.

Americans strongly back military use to defend allies from North Korea

Against the backdrop of the latest North Korean missile test, a new poll finds nearly two-thirds of Americans are extremely concerned the Pyongyang regime has nuclear weapons and say they would back the use of U.S. military force to protect allies in the region in the event of a serious conflict. The Pew Research Center released the poll, taken well before the new missile test, on Wednesday, just two days before a meeting between President Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping in which North Korea's behavior is likely to be high on the agenda. U.S. and South Korean officials identified the projectile launched Wednesday as a KN-15 medium-range missile, which was first publicly tested in February. After the initial test, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un said the missile, called "Pukguksong-2", gives Pyongyang another nuclear attack capability against the United States and South Korea.

In Egypt meeting, Trump vows to fight terrorism

WASHINGTON — President Trump went out of his way Monday to honor Egyptian

counterpart Abdel Fattah al-Sisi, praising the hard-line leader for doing a "fantastic job" and soliciting his help in the fight against terrorism and violent extremists.

"We are very much behind Egypt and the people of Egypt," Trump told Sisi at the White House. "You have a great friend and ally in the United States and in me."

Trump also referenced his own plans for more Pentagon spending to meet the terrorist threat, saying that "we are rejuvenating our military to the highest level ... That's what we need."

The Sisi visit reflected a new relationship between the United States and Egypt. Relations cooled during the Obama administration amid unrest and a series of government upheavals in Cairo. Speaking in Arabic with a translator, Sisi noted that "this is my first state visit to the United States" since taking over after leading a 2013 coup. Noting that he met with Trump last year during the presidential campaign, Sisi told his host that "I've had a deep appreciation and admiration of your unique personality," as well as "standing very strong ... to counter this evil ideology."

Seeking to demonstrate a high regard for his guest, Trump brought in reporters and photographers for four separate photo opportunities with him and Sisi. Trump made no mention of human rights or military and economic aid during brief remarks at one of the photo opps. Human rights groups criticized Trump's invitation to Sisi, citing his record in Egypt. "Inviting Sisi for an official visit to Washington as tens of thousands of Egyptians rot in jail and when torture is again the order of the day is a strange way to build a stable strategic relationship," said Sarah Margon, Washington director at Human Rights Watch.

In addition to terrorism, the two presidents and their aides discussed U.S. military aid to Egypt, designating the Muslim Brotherhood — opponents of Sisi — as a terrorist group, and possible attempts to revive the Israeli-Palestinian peace process, aides said. Trump "made clear that this is a new day in the relationship between Egypt and the United States and the president affirmed his strong support of the Egyptian people," said White House spokesman Sean Spicer. "It was a candid dialogue during which they discussed both areas of cooperation and of concern."

A former defense secretary in Egypt, Sisi led the 2013 ouster of former president Mohamed Morsi, a Muslim Brotherhood leader who had replaced the deposed Hosni Mubarak. Before Monday, Mubarak was the last Egyptian leader to visit the White House, back in 2010.

The Obama administration froze military aid to Egypt after the 2013 coup, but reinstated it in 2015. The United States gives \$1.3 billion annually in military aid to Egypt.

Obama never invited Sisi to the White House.

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During a brief photo opportunity, Trump also noted that his meeting Sisi back in September, and "we agree on so many things." He said Egypt's leader has "done a fantastic job in a very difficult situation." He added: "We will fight terrorism and other things. We're going to be friends for a long long period of time. We have a great bond with the people of Egypt."

The session with Sisi began a busy foreign policy week for Trump.

On Wednesday, Trump greets King Abdullah II of Jordan at the White House.

The end of the week brings a two-day summit with China President Xi Jinping at Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate in Palm Beach, Fla.

3 airliners in near-misses with drones at Heathrow

LONDON (AP) — Three airliners narrowly missed colliding with drones near London's Heathrow Airport in the space of three weeks last year, underscoring increasing concerns about the devices near aircraft, a report Friday said. The report by the U.K. Airprox Board, which catalogs air safety incidents, offered new details on the close calls that took place in October and November. In the most unusual incident, the pilots of an A320 passenger plane descending into Heathrow noticed a gadget with multiple arms and rotors passing below the plane's right wing at 10,000 feet. "Was that a drone?" the pilots exclaimed. "At 10,000 feet!" The separation between drone and plane was just 100 feet vertically and 656 feet horizontally. The pilot said there was no time to react, the report said.

St. Petersburg subway bombing reveals terror vulnerability

The St. Petersburg subway bombing demonstrated the terror risks facing subway stations because of their open access and large crowds, but experts said Monday that Russian transportation security has been less stringent than in the U.S.

A bomb with about 2.2 pounds of explosives detonated in a subway car at the Tekhnologicheskoy Institut station, killing 11 people and injuring dozens, according to the Interfax news agency. A second explosive device rigged with shrapnel was found and defused at the Vosstaniya Square station. Authorities are searching for two suspects, according to Interfax.

Subways have increasingly become the target of terror bombings because of the number of entrances and the volume of passengers, according to security experts.

"The scariest part is that it's no longer instructions from al-Qaeda. Nowadays, it's the guy who's practicing radical terrorism in his living room," John Poncey, a security expert who is CEO of The Densus Group and a former Army soldier, told USA TODAY. "I just think it's a matter of time — I hate to say this — before it hits a subway system in the United States."

Europe has been defending against subway bombings for years:

- Suicide bombers attacked the Brussels airport and a nearby subway station in March 2016, killing 32 others and injuring dozens.

- In Paris in November 2015, suicide bombers and gunmen killed 130 people and injured hundreds at a concert hall, a stadium, restaurants and bars.

- In July 2005, suicide bombers killed 52 people in the London Underground and on a double-decker bus.

Anthony Roman, a global risk-management expert and president of Roman & Assoc. in Lynbrook, N.Y., told USA TODAY that his staffers, formerly military or Justice Department investigators, found Russian transportation security below par for the Sochi Olympics.

"Security was felt to be far below U.S. standards, and wholly inadequate," Roman said.

In general, subways and other train systems are difficult to protect from terrorists because of the large number of entries and large number of people using the transportation. But Roman said New York City illustrates how multi-layer security can be organized with uniformed police, plain-clothes officers, bomb-sniffing dogs, electronic and video surveillance— and significant patrols at high-value targets such as Penn Station and Grand Central Station.

"These multi-layers of security make it increasingly difficult to effectively and regularly commit acts of terror. Not impossible," Roman said.

France's interior minister, Matthias Fekl, redeployed security Monday in public transport around Paris. "Amid an extremely high terrorism threat, the government continues to take measures to protect the French people," the ministry said in a statement.

In the U.S., the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Administration is receiving periodic updates from federal law enforcement but hasn't changed the already "elevated" security level. The agency encouraged passengers to report suspicious packages or activity.

"At this time, there is no specific or credible threat to Metro, and there has been no announced change in Metro's security posture, which remains elevated," spokesman Ron Holzer said.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security and transit agencies in Boston, Chicago, New York didn't respond to questions about whether security was tightened in the U.S. Poncey expects proposals to reduce the vulnerabilities of subway stations. Metal detectors are now common at airports and sporting events, and the inconvenience of hindering subway riders might be overcome by security concerns, he said.

"It's an intricately woven target that permeates every part of a London or a New York, or any of the cities with a large subway system," Poncey said. "If you want to make an impact, you set it to go off when it gets to Grand Central Station."

Peru's illegal gold mines are devastating the Amazon rain forest

QUINCE MIL, Peru — The roads cutting through the Amazon rain forest are lined with signs encouraging people to protect Peru's natural resources and take care of the environment, but people aren't sure why the government posts them anymore. Many rivers in Peru run orange with pollution from illegal gold mining, and trees were cut away to make room for sifting towers and excavators.

Peru, the largest gold producer in Latin America and the sixth largest in the world, has long struggled with illegal gold mining. Thousands of small, unchecked operations extracting gold from the Amazon are responsible for nearly 200 square miles of deforestation and mercury poisoning to the water so severe that several regions declared a state of emergency last year.

President Pedro Pablo Kuczynski took office in July promising to tackle the problems of "informal," or illegal, mining with an ambitious plan to overhaul antiquated and inefficient government rules. He imposed stricter environmental regulations, streamlined the process to grant permits for legal mines and offered financial incentives for mining operations to submit to government oversight.

But the miners resist those changes because of a thriving black market for gold.

"The whole country is like a Mafia. It's a big Mafia," Marcos Llovera, 40, of Cusco, said about the gold mining industry. "How are you going to win against a Mafia? You can't."

Llovera runs a mine in this small town of Quince Mil, using one rented excavator and one sifter. He sells the extracted gold to international contacts based in Lima, the country's capital.

The process left large pockets of the area bald of vegetation, eroded riverbanks and turned the water brown, orange and even a light blue, as Llovera and competing "informal" miners push their excavations deeper into the jungle. This unrestricted mining is the type of activity that Kuczynski is aiming to cut in half by 2021.

Llovera's mine, like most small operations across Peru, works informally because of an administrative loophole. He received authorization from the federal government to break ground, but can work without oversight because many environmental and operational permits are handled on the regional level. Miscommunication between government agencies means small mines, such as Llovera's, can operate in bureaucratic limbo while officials scramble to determine which are legal, who is responsible for enforcement, and what to do about pollution produced from the mining.

A law went into effect in March to simplify the process by cutting the required federal permits from six to three. Many other regulations were tweaked to improve oversight of machinery use and access to

Wildlife, said Thursday in a statement. "It will take a coordinated and dedicated effort by state and federal agencies, conservation organizations and those living, working and recreating in bear country to ensure a long-term future for these bears."

Montana Gov. Steve Bullock assured the Associated Press that the bear population would be managed responsibly by state officials.

The Fish and Wildlife Service will now begin accepting comment from the public, federal and state agencies and scientists.

Plumbers Find Lost Gold During Bathroom Remodel

Plumbers haven't found this much gold since the last time King Koopa kidnapped Princess Toadstool. But this is no Mario Bros. plot:

Alif Babul and his apprentice of two days, Dean Materi, were tearing apart a residential bathroom in Calgary last month when Materi made an unusual discovery, the *Calgary Herald* reports. "I saw a gold shimmery thing on the ground, and I thought it was a copper light fixture," Materi says. "But when I went to shovel it up, it seemed kind of heavy. I picked it up and it was a gold brick." It's a good thing the brick caught his eye, otherwise the two plumbers would have thrown out a kilogram of gold worth approximately \$50,000, according to CBC News.

Babul believes the homeowners had hidden the gold by their jacuzzi tub for some reason. "Who stores gold bars underneath their tub, right?" he tells CBC. "Kinda crazy." The homeowners admitted they had misplaced the bar, and Babul and Materi returned it to its rightful owners ... eventually. "My wife and I had a long chat about that," Babul tells CBC. "I said to my wife, 'I don't know if it's a good thing or a bad thing, but it's the right thing to do.'" Now the plumbers are hoping for some good karma in exchange. "We were pumped when we found it, of course," Babul tells the *Herald*. "Seeing the economy the way it is right now, it kind of sucks that we had to give it back."

Family finds more than \$1 million worth of ultra-rare baseball cards

The family has chosen to remain anonymous, but they've made clear how they came across this unexpected goldmine: Clearing out their great grandfather's house in California earlier this week, they found a crumpled brown paper bag and opened it up. Inside they found seven authentic Ty Cobb baseball cards that were printed sometime between 1909 to 1911. Considering there were only believed to be about 15 of them in existence before this find, they'll command a large sum at auction.

Listen to sounds from the deepest part of the ocean

If you thought the depths of the ocean were peaceful and quiet, think again.

A team of researchers recently recorded ambient noise from the deepest trench in the world's ocean with an underwater

microphone, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration announced Wednesday.

Instead of silence, they found almost "constant noise," Robert Dziak, NOAA research oceanographer and chief project scientist, said in a statement.

"The ambient sound field is dominated by the sound of earthquakes, both near and far, as well as distinct moans of baleen whales, and the clamor of a category four typhoon that just happened to pass overhead," Dziak said. The team of researchers sent the microphone seven miles below the ocean's surface into the Challenger Deep trough in the Mariana Trench in July 2015. They recorded sound for 23 days, but were unable to retrieve it until November due to weather and shipping schedules.

The microphone also picked up man-made sounds, like the hum of ships propellers. The research was funded to create a baseline for ambient noise in the depths of the ocean, so researchers can determine how an increase in manmade noise might affect marine animals that use sound to communicate and navigate the waters, according to NOAA. Another microphone will be deployed to the depths of the Challenger Deep in 2017, according to NOAA.

N. Korea threatens nuke strikes on U.S., S. Korea

North Korea on Monday again threatened to launch nuclear strikes on the United States and South Korea, as the two countries started their annual joint military drills.

The U.S. and South Korea began their biggest-ever joint exercise Monday, involving 300,000 South Korean and 17,000 U.S. troops. The drills, which the North claims are preparations for war against it, will continue until the end of April.

The North said its enemies "are working with bloodshot eyes to infringe upon the dignity, sovereignty and vital rights" of the country in a statement carried by the official Korean Central News Agency.

"The army and people of the (North) will take military counteraction for preemptive attack so that they may deal merciless deadly blows at the enemies," the North's National Defense Commission said.

"If we push the buttons to annihilate the enemies even right now, all bases of provocations will be reduced to seas in flames and ashes in a moment," it added. South Korean Defense Ministry spokesman Moon Sang Gyun told reporters: "If North Korea launches a provocation, our military will respond sternly and mercilessly."

Last week, the South Korean Defense Ministry said the North fired several short-range projectiles into the sea, hours after the U.N. Security Council approved the toughest sanctions in decades against the North in response to its recent nuclear and missile tests. The North's leader Kim Jong-Un ordered nuclear weapons to be readied for

use, the Korean Central News Agency reported.

North Korea conducted its fourth nuclear weapons test in January, claiming it tested a hydrogen bomb, and fired a long-range rocket over Japanese airspace on Feb. 7 in what was widely condemned as a test of missile technology banned by previous U.N. resolutions.

EU leaders to consider Turkey's offer for help to halt wave of migrants

An emergency summit of European leaders in Brussels ended early Tuesday with an agreement to stem the flow of migrants continuing to arrive on the continent, with one official saying negotiators had struck a "breakthrough" deal with Turkey for greater aid in the effort.

European Union (EU) leaders agreed to follow up by next week on Turkish proposals to halt departures of all migrants and refugees to Greece in return for EU actions, Reuters reported.

"This is a welcome approach," German Chancellor Angela Merkel said, but added "it needs more time" for the member states to fully approve it.

After the summit concluded, Luxembourg's Prime Minister, Xavier Bettel, tweeted that summit chairman Donald Tusk "will take forward the proposals and work out the details with the Turkish side" before the March 17-18 summit of EU leaders, a long-scheduled meeting.

During Monday's 12-hour summit, Martin Selmayr, chief of staff for the president of the European Commission, had tweeted, "Good progress in difficult European Council talks on solving the refugee crisis. A breakthrough during this night is possible."

A few hours later, just after midnight, he tweeted: "Deal. Breakthrough with Turkey. And clear commitment to go back to Schengen by the end of the year."

The so-called Schengen Agreement, which took effect in 1995, abolished the European Union's (EU) internal borders, enabling passport-free movement across most countries.

British Prime Minister David Cameron said that "we do have the basis for a breakthrough which is the possibility that in future all migrants who arrive in Greece will be returned to Turkey."

EU leaders had earlier said they needed more time to consider a plan offered by Turkey to help to halt the wave of migrants in return for more money, faster membership talks and quicker visa-free travel for its citizens, Reuters reported.

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At a preparatory meeting with German Chancellor Angela Merkel and Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte on Sunday night, Turkish Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu demanded the equivalent of more

than the \$3.29 billion earmarked so far to support Syrian refugees in Turkey.

"Turkey is ready to be a member of the EU as well," he said. "Today I hope this summit will not just focus on irregular migration but also the Turkish accession process to the EU."

Diplomats said Merkel and Rutte pressed hard for a deal on the Turkish plan but met resistance from central European states opposed to taking refugee quotas, as well as from Greece and Cyprus.

Several leaders said the offer of increased cooperation coincided with a crackdown on media freedom that runs counter to European values. The Turkish government seized best-selling opposition newspaper *Zaman* last Friday, Reuters reported.

European Council President Donald Tusk last week had visited countries on the western Balkans route, the main route taken by migrants to northern Europe, to try and build a consensus ahead of the talks.

The EU intends to close the route, which Tusk said 880,000 migrants entered in 2015 and 128,000 in the first two months of this year. The decision carries immediate ramifications with 13,000 to 14,000 migrants now stranded on the Greek-Macedonian border awaiting the council's decision, according to media reports.

The tough negotiations between European countries and Turkey are at the core of the talks.

The United Nations refugee agency estimates that more than 1 million migrants arrived by sea on European shores last year, the vast majority traveling from Turkey to Greece. Some 46% were from Syria. There have been nearly 140,000 more migrants so far this year, the agency says.

Tusk said despite some progress, the number of people illegally entering Greece from Turkey remained too high. Most migrants fleeing conflict in countries including Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan arrive in Greece by boat from Turkey.

Tusk said he and Davutoglu believed that economic migrants should be returned to Turkey. "The political will is there, but it poses a logistical challenge, in which we have to support Greece," he said.

The leaders of the 28-nation bloc were also discussing increasing humanitarian aid to refugees.

The EU's executive proposed last week to provide \$760 million over the next three years for basic necessities like food, shelter, clean water and emergency health care. The EU has also pledged more than \$3 billion in aid for refugees in Turkey. More than 2 million Syrian refugees are living there. "For the first time since the beginning of the migration crisis, I can see a European consensus emerging," Tusk said. "It is a consensus around a comprehensive strategy that, if loyally implemented, can help stem the flows and tackle the crisis."

Davutoglu said he hoped the summit would also address Turkey's desired membership of the EU.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel, whose country took in more than 1 million asylum seekers last year, said achieving the goals would "take difficult negotiations so it may take a while to get a result."

EU figures released Friday showed a record 1.26 million asylum seekers registered in EU member states in 2015.

U.S. strike kills over 150 militants in Somalia

U.S. airstrikes in Somalia this weekend killed more than 150 militants at a training camp, the Pentagon said Monday.

The strikes were aimed at an al-Shabab training area where fighters were preparing to target U.S. and African forces.

The facility, called Raso Camp, had been under surveillance for weeks.

The airstrikes were carried out by drones and manned aircraft, according to a Pentagon statement.

"The fighters who were scheduled to depart the camp posed an imminent threat to U.S. and African Union Mission in Somalia forces in Somalia," Pentagon Press Secretary Peter Cook said in a statement.

Al-Shabab is an al-Qaeda-affiliated group that operates in Somalia, where a central government has struggled against Islamic militants for years.

White House Press Secretary Josh Earnest said the Saturday airstrikes against the al-Shabab camp came as fighters there were scheduled to depart, posing "an imminent threat to U.S. and African Union mission forces in Somalia."

"This is exactly the kind of counterterrorism strategy the president has laid out," he said. Earnest said the administration doesn't yet have an assessment on whether the strike had any impact on civilians.

"Avoiding civilian casualties is a very, very high priority, both for moral reasons, but also because terrorist organizations like al-Shabab will just use that for recruiting purposes," he said.

Official: MH370 'very likely' will be found soon

The Australian official spearheading the two-year search for the Malaysia Airlines jet that vanished over the Indian Ocean two years ago says it is "very likely" the plane will be found within four months.

But Martin Dolan, head of the Australian Transport Safety Bureau, also says the official search for Flight MH370 will end this summer if it isn't found.

Searchers have scanned more than 30,000 square miles of the primary search zone with no sighting of the Boeing 777's fuselage. Dolan says searchers expect to complete the remaining zone, more than 10,000 square miles or an area about the size of Maryland, in a few months.

"We've covered nearly three-quarters of the search area, and since we haven't found the

aircraft in those areas, that increases the likelihood that it's in the areas we haven't looked at yet," Dolan told *The Guardian*. Tuesday will mark the second anniversary of the day the Beijing-bound jet disappeared from radar shortly after takeoff from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. All 239 people aboard, most of them Chinese, are presumed dead. On Monday, families of a dozen Chinese victims filed suit in Beijing against a list of defendants that includes the airline, Boeing and engine-maker Rolls Royce. The suit was filed a day before the two-year deadline to begin litigation under international law. Dozens of families already had filed, and it's possible that settlements will be reached with some or all of them.

Also Monday, Malaysian Transportation Minister Liow Tiong Lai said a small piece of debris from the plane may have been found on the Indian Ocean island of Reunion, where a piece of the plane's wing was found last year.

"We are awaiting verification" on that debris and another piece of debris found recently in Mozambique, he said.

Liow said the Malaysian Parliament will mark the tragic anniversary with a moment of silence Tuesday. Other events are scheduled in China and elsewhere.

"We remain steadfast in our commitment to complete the highest probability search area and to find the answers that we all seek," Liow said on Twitter. "Our thoughts & prayers will always be with the families and loved ones of those on board flight #mh370."

China bans images of gay people on TV
China likes to ban things. This is not news. But the most recent thing China banned is making waves nonetheless: depictions of gay people on television.

Nope. Not going to happen.

And the government can either continue pulling such shows from the airwaves, as it has been doing, or it can come right out and draw a line in the sand saying people can't put the shows on the air in the first place. That second option just sounds cleaner, doesn't it?

The government issued a new set of regulations in December, though they weren't widely circulated until recently.

The regulations state that "No television drama shall show abnormal sexual relationships and behaviors, such as incest, same-sex relationships, sexual perversion, sexual assault, sexual abuse, sexual violence, and so on."

The new rules appeared a week after a controversial show called *Addicted Heroin*, about gay teenagers, was pulled from video streaming sites in China. The show can now only be viewed on YouTube, which is blocked in China. Several other shows featuring gay characters have also been pulled in recent months.

The new rules also frown upon a range of other content ranging from cleavage to witchcraft and including — no surprise —

Research conducted by PCRM shows that animal fats tend to slow the metabolism down, which could mean increased dairy consumption is linked to weight gain trends across the nation.

Vegetarians who avoid dairy products weighed 15 pounds less, on average, than vegetarians who kept their ice cream and cheese consumption going. Amid a rising obesity epidemic, that's enough evidence, he said, to avoid the "chubby cheddar."

"We have done similar studies with hundreds of men and women and have found powerful weight loss in every study," Barnard wrote. At the helm of PCRM — a nonprofit that recently opened a clinical practice in Washington, D.C., that relies on plant-based medicine as a first step to combat chronic disease — Barnard has also authored texts like the *21-Day Weight Loss Kickstart*, *Power Foods For The Brain*, and *Dr. Neal Barnard's Program for Reversing Diabetes*. *The Cheese Trap* is a contribution to the growing conversation and evidence that links food and health. As part of that evolution, Barnard details how his staff has taken federal nutrition experts to task. The Dietary Guidelines for Americans are recommendations compiled every five years, conclusions based on expert testimony and study that become blueprints for the school lunch program, dietitians and ordinary Americans who try to pay attention to what they eat.

Barnard details in the book how PCRM staff have lobbied in court to limit contributions to federal nutrition experts by industry groups like the National Dairy Promotion and Research Board, Nestle and Dannon. PCRM also battled the government to crack down on false claims in advertising by the dairy industry.

For readers intrigued by Barnard's anti-dairy pitch, more than 65 recipes come inside *The Cheese Trap*. For identifying food problems linked to migraines, chronic pain, inflammation and other maladies the author talks about, an appendix discusses the concept of an elimination diet.

U.S., South Korea reject plan to 'apply the brakes' in North Korea conflict

The United States and South Korea on Wednesday rejected China's proposal that the two nations suspend their expansive joint military exercise in return for North Korea suspending nuclear and ballistic missile development.

U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley said North Korean leader Kim Jong Un's military programs defy international law and should not be negotiated. She said the annual joint military exercise, which involves thousands of U.S. servicemembers and hundreds of thousands of South Korean troops, have taken place for decades and are solely for defense.

"I appreciate my counterparts wanting to talk about talks and negotiations, but we are not dealing with a rational person," Haley said at

a news conference in New York with the ambassadors from South Korea and Japan. Haley said Kim must take "positive action" before he can be taken seriously at the negotiating table. She urged U.N. members to tighten sanctions and would not rule out any U.S. options, including military strikes. Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi floated the "double suspension" plan earlier Wednesday after two days of increased tension on the Korean Peninsula. Wang, speaking in Beijing, said his plan could defuse a looming crisis, denuclearize North Korea and establish a foundation for further negotiations, the Chinese state-run news agency Xinhua reported.

Wang compared the political clashes pitting South Korea and the United States against North Korea to trains accelerating toward one another on the same track.

"Are the two sides really ready for a head-on collision?" Wang said. "The priority is to flash the red light and apply the brakes." Wang said China is committed to a stable and peaceful Korean Peninsula, and that his country could be the "railway switchman" to get talks going.

Cho Tae-yul, South Korea's U.N. ambassador, echoed Haley's comments, saying dialogue won't work and tighter sanctions are needed.

"Linking these (military) exercises to anything else, an illegal nuclear provocation by North Korea is inappropriate and unacceptable," he said.

Wang will get to make his case personally to Secretary of State Rex Tillerson next week, when Tillerson makes his first official visits to China, South Korea and Japan. The former ExxonMobil chief executive will have plenty to discuss. On Monday, North Korea test-launched four ballistic missiles into the ocean near Japan, apparently in response to the annual military exercise now underway. North Korea's state-run Korean Central News Agency said leader Kim Jong Un supervised the launches and that the goal was to prove North Korea's artillery units were capable of striking "U.S. imperialist aggressor forces in Japan."

President Trump discussed the launches with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and South Korea's Acting President Hwang Kyo-Ahn late Monday. Abe later told reporters that North Korea's "threat has entered a new phase."

On Tuesday, U.S. Pacific Command announced that missile launchers and other military hardware needed to set up an anti-missile defense system were being moved into South Korea. The deployment of the Terminal High-Altitude Area Defense system was intended to intercept and destroy short- and medium-range ballistic missiles, military officials said.

That raised the ire of China, with Foreign Ministry spokesman Geng Shuang warning the U.S. and South Korea that there would be "consequences."

Iceland becomes the first country in the world to make employers prove they offer equal pay

LONDON (AP) — Iceland will be the first country in the world to make employers prove they offer equal pay regardless of gender, ethnicity, sexuality or nationality, the Nordic nation's government said Wednesday — International Women's Day.

The government said it will introduce legislation to parliament this month, requiring all employers with more than 25 staff members to obtain certification to prove they give equal pay for work of equal value. While other countries, and the U.S. state of Minnesota, have equal-salary certificate policies, Iceland is thought to be the first to make it mandatory for both private and public firms.

The North Atlantic island nation, which has a population of about 330,000, wants to eradicate the gender pay gap by 2022. Social Affairs and Equality Minister Thorsteinn Viglundsson said "the time is right to do something radical about this issue."

"Equal rights are human rights," he said. "We need to make sure that men and women enjoy equal opportunity in the workplace. It is our responsibility to take every measure to achieve that."

Iceland has been ranked the best country in the world for gender equality by the World Economic Forum, but Icelandic women still earn, on average, 14 to 18% less than men. In October thousands of Icelandic women left work at 2:38 p.m. and demonstrated outside parliament to protest the gender pay gap. Women's rights groups calculate that after that time each day, women are working for free.

The new legislation is expected to be approved by Iceland's parliament because it has support from both the center-right government and opposition lawmakers. The government hopes to implement it by 2020. Iceland has introduced other measures to boost women's equality, including quotas for female participation on government committees and corporate boards. Such measures have proven controversial in some countries, but have wide support across Iceland's political spectrum.

Viglundsson said some people had argued the equal-pay law imposes unneeded bureaucracy on firms, and is not necessary because the pay gap is closing.

"It is a burden to put on companies to have to comply with a law like this," he acknowledged. "But we put such burdens on companies all the time when it comes to auditing your annual accounts or turning in your tax report."

"You have to dare to take new steps, to be bold in the fight against injustice."

Famous 'azure window' featured in 'Game of Thrones' collapses into the sea

An iconic natural rock arch known as the "azure window" collapsed into the sea off

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Malta following a violent storm on Wednesday.

Located on Malta's Gozo Island, the rock formation was featured as a backdrop for scenes in HBO's *Game of Thrones* and was a hotspot for tourists.

Roger Chessell, a local, watched the arch collapse into the ocean, the *Times of Malta* reported.

"There was a big raging sea beneath the window," Chessell told the *Times of Malta*. "Suddenly, the arch collapsed into the sea with a loud whoomph, throwing up a huge spray. By the time the spray had faded, the stack had gone too."

Environment Minister Jose Herrera said that no human-made intervention could have saved the structure, the *Times of Malta* reported.

According to the outlet, a 2013 geological study found that while erosion was inevitable, the natural structure was in no immediate danger of collapsing.

Malta's Prime Minister Joseph Muscat tweeted that the loss of the azure window was "heartbreaking" for Malta.

"Reports commissioned over the years indicated that this landmark would be hard hit by unavoidable natural corrosion," Muscat said. "That sad day arrived."

Poachers broke into a French zoo to kill a 5-year-old rhinoceros for its horn

PARIS — A zoo director says a 5-year-old rhinoceros at the wildlife park he runs near Paris has been shot three times in the head by assailants who stole the animal's horn.

Thierry Duguet told the Associated Press that poachers broke into the Thoiry Zoo overnight and used a chain saw to remove the horn from the rhino named Vince. Zookeepers discovered his carcass Tuesday in the rhinoceros' enclosure.

Duguet says police are investigating and the suspects still are at large.

The Thoiry Zoo is famous for its safari park that can only be explored from inside a vehicle.

According to Le Parisien newspaper, a rhinoceros horn can be sold for up to 40,000 euros on the black market because of a strong demand linked to the belief that the horns have aphrodisiac powers.

Russian ambassador Sergey Kislyak leaves trail of U.S. election meddling

WASHINGTON — The Russian ambassador who met with then Sen. Jeff Sessions last year has left a path of repeated involvement in the U.S. presidential election campaign. Ambassador Sergey Kislyak's staff became embroiled in an election monitoring brouhaha last fall, and President Obama expelled 35 members of Kislyak's team late last year for their alleged interference in the election campaign to help Donald Trump.

Kislyak's telephone conversations with Gen. Michael Flynn before Trump's Jan. 20 inauguration got Flynn fired as national security adviser after less than a month in office. Flynn admitted he had misrepresented to Vice President Pence that he talked to

Kislyak about the steps Obama took in response to charges that Russia hacked and disseminated emails from the Democratic National Committee and Hillary Clinton's campaign. Multiple conversations between Flynn and Kislyak had been intercepted by U.S. intelligence.

The White House also acknowledged Thursday that Flynn and Trump's son-in-law and senior adviser, Jared Kushner, met with Kislyak at Trump Tower in New York last December.

Now Attorney General Jeff Sessions may be in hot water over meetings he had with Kislyak last year, when he was a senator and Trump campaign adviser. Sessions testified during his Senate confirmation hearing that he "did not have communications with the Russians" while he was acting as a campaign surrogate for Trump.

The Russian embassy did not respond to requests for comment.

Sessions on Thursday said he would recuse himself from any investigation into Russia's role in the U.S. election.

During a news conference, Sessions said when he met with Kislyak at the ambassador's request, he found the ambassador to be "a little bit of an old style Soviet type."

When the conversation turned to Ukraine, Kislyak expressed the opinion that "everybody else was wrong about Ukraine, and the discussion got pretty testy," Sessions said.

Kislyak also met other Trump staffers, former Pentagon spokesman J.D. Gordon and Carter Page, at the Global Partners in Diplomacy conference in Cleveland during the Republican National Convention there last summer. The program schedule and social media photographs show ambassadors from dozens of countries attended, alongside many of the original national security advisers to Trump's campaign.

The newly-revealed communications contradict months of repeated denials by Trump officials that his campaign had contact with officials representing the Russian government.

The types of interactions Kislyak had with Sessions and Flynn "happen all the time," between diplomats and government officials said Derek Chollet, who worked in the Defense Department and Obama White House. "The difference is the context of the Russian-American relationship, the debate about Russia's role in our election, and the pattern of denying" that such contacts took place, Chollet said.

Last October, as Trump was charging that the U.S. election was "rigged" against him, Kislyak's staff around the country sought to send election monitors to U.S. polling stations in several states. The bid was rebuffed as "a PR stunt" by the State Department, and one state election official threatened criminal action if Russian monitors showed up.

Kislyak's press secretary at the time, Yury Melnik, told USA TODAY that Russia was not trying to influence the election because it recognized that appearances can be damaging in the current political climate.

"We're trying to stay as far away as possible from this election, since any move that we do has a chance to be used in political discussion and interpreted in a wrong way," he wrote in an email. "Our main goal is to let everyone understand that Russia in fact is not trying to interfere in the elections in any way."

Kislyak, 66, worked on disarmament issues and would be familiar with U.S. monitoring of diplomatic communications and spycraft. He graduated from the Moscow Engineering Physics Institute and the USSR Academy of Foreign Trade and has spent his entire career as a diplomat, representing his country in Washington for the past nine years.

During the last decade of the Cold War in the 1980s, he served at the United Nations in New York and the Russian embassy here. As the Soviet Union collapsed and current President Vladimir Putin took power in the 1990s, Kislyak worked on disarmament issues in Moscow. In addition, he served as ambassador of the Russian Federation to Belgium, where he also was Russia's representative to NATO.

Kislyak is known as a diplomat who frequently appears at speaking events and interacts with lawmakers and other U.S. officials in Washington, said Chollet. "When you talk to Kislyak you know he's talking for the government of Russia, and that he's going to faithfully report back to Russia what you're talking about."

Kislyak would help arrange meetings between U.S. Defense officials and their Russian counterparts about ways to work together on issues, but much of that interaction dried up in 2014, after Russia seized Ukraine's Crimea Province, putting U.S.-Russian relations on ice, Chollet said. John Herbst, a former U.S. ambassador to Ukraine said he crossed paths with Kislyak when the Russian was an arms control official in Moscow. Herbst called him a "by-the-book Soviet class Russian diplomat" who is cautious, reflects government policy and doesn't take risks.

When he spoke at the Atlantic Council in September 2014, Kislyak delivered the Kremlin talking points on Ukraine: Crimea was voluntarily returning to Russia, and Moscow was not behind a separatist movement in eastern Ukraine. Herbst called the delivery "unimaginative and completely non-persuasive."

"And he did it without batting an eye," Herbst said.

Herbst said he's not surprised he took a series of calls from Flynn in December, when the former general was in line to become the next national security adviser to the U.S. president-elect.

The Russians were happy with Trump's candidacy and while they didn't expect him to win they definitely preferred that he win.

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the moon and Mars, but the moons of Mars and even farther into the solar system, with potential commercial activity as well. The megarocket represents a robust foundation for ultimately moving human presence out into the solar system, Gerstenmaier said.

"That's a grander vision in a way than just moving people to the moon for the first time, although that was a very special moment and a very special challenge for those teams moving forward. But we're building off of that legacy now to move in a more sustained manner," he said.

Earlier this year, SpaceX announced a bold mission to send two paying passengers on a flight around the moon in 2018. SpaceX chief Elon Musk also aims to colonize Mars.

"I've been saying it for a while. This is an 'and' proposition, this is not an 'or,'" Lightfoot said. "If you look at what we're trying to do, it's going to take really all of us, frankly, to get this done."

In-cabin ban on laptops, tablets on flights from Europe to U.S. appears inevitable

A U.S. ban on laptops and tablets in cabins of trans-Atlantic flights to the United States appeared all but inevitable Friday after Department of Homeland Security officials briefed European governments on a proposal that would affect millions of passengers.

The move, which would impact routes that carry as many as 65 million people a year on over 400 daily flights, would expand a ban already in place for planes flying out of eight Middle East and African countries.

The restriction was introduced in March over fears that bombs or explosive materials could be concealed on electronic devices brought onboard. Cellphones would still be allowed in cabins but virtually every other electronic device would not be permitted and would need to be stowed in checked bags.

One issue that has become a focus for security officials is how to make sure that lithium batteries used in laptops aren't turned into bombs that can be detonated mid-air even if stored in luggage holds.

The United Kingdom has a similar ban in place for some in-bound flights, although its list of targeted countries differs from that of the United States.

Officials from France, Britain, Germany, Spain and Italy took part in the conference call Friday with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

A French official who was briefed about the talks said the Americans announced they wanted to extend the current ban, and the Europeans planned to formulate a response in coming days, according to the Associated Press. The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the plan, said the primary questions revolved around when and how — not whether — the ban would be imposed.

Jenny Burke, a Homeland Security spokeswoman, said no final decision has been made on expanding the restriction. But Homeland Security officials met Thursday

with high-ranking executives of the three leading U.S. airlines — American, Delta and United — and the industry's leading U.S. trade group, Airlines for America, to discuss expanding the laptop policy to flights arriving from Europe.

Two airline officials briefed on the discussions said DHS gave no timetable for an announcement, but they were resigned to its inevitability. They spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the meeting publicly.

U.S. airlines say they still hope to have a say in how the policy is put into effect at airports to minimize inconvenience to passengers. The current ban, which affects about 50 flights per day from 10 cities, does not prevent passengers from checking laptops and other electronic devices into luggage holds.

Still, the move could lead to fewer bookings and would complicate passengers' travel plans. The U.S. is a major destination for Europe-originated flights, with more than 10 million travelers flying there each year from destinations across the continent. Caroline Bremner, head of travel at research firm Euromonitor International, said that before President Trump took office the U.S. was expected to see 85.2 million airline passenger arrivals by 2020. Under the new administration, arrivals to the U.S. are forecast to drop slightly to 84.2 million for the period.

North Korea launches ballistic missile, S. Korea says

North Korea on Sunday test-launched a ballistic missile that flew about 435 miles, South Korea's military said, a possible response to the election four days ago of a new South Korean president and as U.S., Japanese and European militaries gather for war games in the Pacific.

South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff confirmed the early morning launch but had few other details, including what type of ballistic missile was fired. A statement said that the missile was fired from near Kusong City, in North Phyongan province, and that the South Korean and U.S. militaries are analyzing the details.

Outsiders will be especially interested in what kind of projectile was fired. While North Korea regularly tests shorter-range missiles, it is also working to master the technology needed to field nuclear-tipped missiles that can reach the U.S. mainland. Last week South Koreans elected a new president, Moon Jae-in, who favors a much softer approach than his conservative predecessor, Park Geun-hye, who is in jail awaiting a corruption trial.

North Korea needs tests to perfect its missile program, but it also is thought to stage its launches after the elections of new U.S. and South Korean presidents in an attempt to gauge a new administration's reaction.

Moon called an emergency national security meeting Sunday, but he didn't immediately make any statement on the launch. North Korea's past long-range satellite launches have been called clandestine tests of ICBM technology, but it is not believed to have tested a true intercontinental ballistic missile yet. The Trump administration has called North Korean ballistic and nuclear efforts unacceptable and has swung between threats of military action and offers to talk as it formulates a policy.

The launch also comes as troops from the U.S., Japan and two European nations gather on remote U.S. islands in the Pacific for drills that are partly a message to North Korea.

The launch comes the same day a senior North Korean diplomat who handles relations with the United States said Pyongyang would hold talks with Washington under the "right conditions," according to Yonhap.

Choe Son-hui, director-general of the North America affairs bureau of the North Korean foreign ministry, told reporters at the Beijing Capital International Airport that North Korea "will hold dialogue under right conditions" with the new U.S. administration. The two countries have not held formal, face-to-face talks since 2008 when international efforts to rein in Pyongyang's nuclear weapons program collapsed.

In an interview in April with Reuters, President Trump warned that a "major, major conflict" with North Korea was possible, but said he would prefer a diplomatic resolution to the issue of North Korea's nuclear and missile programs.

The president also told Bloomberg News recently that he would meet North Korean president Kim Jong Un "under the right circumstances."

"If it would be appropriate for me to meet with him, I would absolutely, I would be honored to do it," Trump said in the interview.

British WWII veteran, 101, breaks skydiving record

LONDON — A 101-year-old D-Day veteran has become the oldest person in the world to skydive.

Bryson William Verdun Hayes completed a tandem skydive from 15,000 feet with members of his extended family on Sunday at an airfield in Honiton, southwestern England. Among those jumping were Hayes' son, grandson, great-grandson and great-granddaughter.

At the age of 101 years, 38 days, Hayes broke the Guinness World Record held by Canada's Armand Gendreau, who jumped in 2013 at 101 years, three days.

When he landed, Hayes said he was "absolutely over the moon" at the achievement. The jump raised money for the Royal British Legion, a veterans' organization.

Hayes said he had wanted to try skydiving when he was 90, but was talked out of it at the time by his late wife. He jumped for the first time last year at 100.

Sof

Hayes served in the British Army during World War II, and was awarded France's Legion of Honor for his heroic actions.

Freaky 'dragon' dinosaur discovered in Alberta

While excavating for oil in Alberta in March 2011, miner Shawn Funk spotted something unusual. What he found that day turned out to be one of the most stunning and important fossils unearthed in decades.

"It was like a Game of Thrones dragon," Funk told *National Geographic*, adding that it was "like a prop from a movie." It was an actual dinosaur, petrified from the snout to the hips.

The fossil Funk uncovered was of a new species of nodosaur (armored dinosaur) and was the best-preserved armored dinosaur ever found, scientists say. At 112 million years old, it was also the oldest dinosaur ever found in Alberta.

The story of the fossil discovery appears in the June issue of *National Geographic* and also went on display Friday at the Royal Tyrrell Museum in Drumheller, Alberta.

"It's basically a dinosaur mummy — it really is exceptional," museum researcher Don Brinkman told the *New York Times*. It took the museum more than 7,000 hours to prepare the specimen for research and display, according to a press release.

This dinosaur is so well preserved that it "might have been walking around a couple of weeks ago," paleobiologist Jakob Vinther of the University of Bristol told *National Geographic*. "I've never seen anything like this."

The magazine said the 18-foot-long, nearly 3,000-pound behemoth was likely the rhinoceros of its day, a grumpy herbivore that largely kept to itself.

A flooded river swept it into the sea, which covered that part of Canada at the time. The dinosaur's undersea burial preserved its armor in exquisite detail, *National Geographic* said.

Nodosaur was herbivores who walked on four legs and had armor plates and spines that grew in the skin of the neck, back, legs and tail, the Smithsonian Institution said.

Brinkman said the museum was careful not to restrict industrial activity when retrieving fossils so that excavators weren't afraid to call when they found something, according to the *Times*. "These are specimens that would never be recovered otherwise," he said.

'WannaCry' attack sends cybersecurity stocks higher

The massive attack of the 'WannaCry' ransomware virus that infected computers around the world prompted a Monday surge in cybersecurity stocks as investors sought safety.

Although the attack appeared to slow as the work week opened, investors reacted as a few major companies reported new computer problems potentially related to the outbreak that began Friday. The malware affected computers in at least 150 countries, according

to a report by the European Union's Europol law enforcement agency.

The attack chiefly struck computers in Europe and Asia, largely sparing North America. The WannaCry virus spreads among computers running on Microsoft's Windows operating systems, infecting and then locking individual machines. Affected users receive an electronic message demanding a ransom to be paid in the electronic currency called Bitcoin.

Electronics giant Hitachi (HTHIY) said the Japanese company's computer systems had difficulties sending and receiving emails and opening attached files, problems that corporate officials said were believed to be related to the attack. However, the problems had not hurt Hitachi's business operations. In the wake of the attacks, the PureFunds ISE Cyber Security exchange traded fund (HACK) closed 3.2% higher at \$30.69 a share Monday.

Shares of Palo Alto Networks (PANW), a Santa Clara-Cal.-based company with security platforms aimed at limiting cybersecurity risk, similarly ended the day up 2.7% higher at \$119.61.

Symantec (SYMC), a global security and information management company headquartered in Mountain View, Cal., closed at \$32 a share, 3.2% higher.

Shares of Cisco Systems (CSCO), a San Jose-based company that develops and markets electronic networking hardware, closed up 2.3% at \$34.23.

Fortinet (FTNT), a Sunnyvale, Cal. firm that provides network and content security, along with secure access products, finished the day 3.4% higher at \$40.45 a share.

Shares of Proofpoint (PFPT), a Sunnyvale, Cal. company with products that help protect against cyber threats and compliance risk, closed nearly 7.4% higher at \$86.05.

Meanwhile, Microsoft (MSFT) shares closed fractionally higher at \$68.43. Brad Smith, the company's president and chief legal officer, said in a Sunday blog post that The Redmond, Wash.-based tech giant was working to contain the attack. The effort included aiding users of older Microsoft systems no longer supported by the company, he wrote.

No, you're not at Panera: McDonald's goes "artisanal" with fancy sandwiches

The Golden Arches are going artisanal. McDonald's introduced three new sandwiches on May 1, and the menu items are a big leap from the Big Mac.

The sandwiches — Pico Guacamole, Sweet BBQ Bacon and Maple Bacon Dijon — come with buttermilk crispy chicken, 100% beef quarter-pound patty or artisan grilled chicken. The trio marks the chain's nationwide launch of its Signature Crafted Recipes line, which is more upscale — and more expensive — than menu items usually associated with McDonald's.

"Signature establishes a premium range on our menu showcasing high-quality burger and chicken products with more food-

forward ingredients," said Chris Kempczinski, president of McDonald's USA. "We need to bring more food news like this, in order to appeal to Millennial customers, who are seeking new taste experiences. You should expect us to step up our level of menu innovation in the U.S. in the years ahead."

Competition in the fast food world is fierce, so chains are doing whatever they can to get consumers in the door. The lines between once-sacred cuisine types is gone — from Burger King's burger burrito hybrid, the Whopperito, to Taco Bell's Mexican Pizza. McDonald's move is the "Panera-ization" of the more down-market chain, known more for value and convenience than creative flavor combinations.

"Fast-casual has stolen market share from the fast food segment," Jack Russo, a senior analyst who covers McDonald's at Edward Jones, said. "When you see that's a competitor, you think, 'Well, we can't completely transform who we are, but we can steal some pages from their playbook.'"

This is the fast food titan's attempt to snag a wider range of customers, including those willing to pay \$4.99 to \$5.19 for a Signature Crafted Recipes sandwich

Russo pointed out that the fancier sandwiches can't be too great a leap from McDonald's traditional menu offerings, because they need to be made quickly and easily. An estimated 70% of the chain's business comes from drive-thru, which can't slow down to accommodate intricate recipes. And the food is made by a labor force with a high turnover rate.

"Their average check is between \$5-\$6. They have room to move up. They probably don't have as much room as others, because they're known for value," he said. "The thing is when you charge people more, it's got to be a good product and a good experience. You're held to a higher standard."

Fresher Budweiser? Anheuser-Busch InBev approves \$500M U.S. investments
Anheuser-Busch InBev said Monday that it would ramp up its U.S. investments in 2017 to make its beer fresher, save on shipping costs and lower the company's environmental footprint as it grapples with nimbler craft brewers.

The global beer giant and Budweiser maker said it would invest \$500 million in U.S. brewing, distribution, packaging, sustainability and technology, up from a typical amount of \$400 million to \$450 million.

The investments include new distribution facilities in Los Angeles and Columbus, Ohio, costing \$82 million, to reduce the amount of time between brewing and shipping.

That's aimed in part at bolstering freshness as the industry shifts toward small craft brewers. The number of U.S. breweries has soared, rising from 963 in 2010 to 4,414 in 2017 and projected to increase to 8,223 in 2022, according to market-research firm IBISWorld.

And when he won they were pleased," Herbst said. "If Flynn calls, Kislyak is going to take the call. He'd want to know what's on Flynn's mind."

Egypt's Mubarak acquitted in final ruling on 2011 deaths

CAIRO (AP) — Egypt's top appeals court issued a final ruling Thursday that effectively acquits former president Hosni Mubarak on charges of killing protesters during the 2011 uprising that ended his nearly three-decade reign.

The Court of Cassation rejected an appeal by prosecutors, allowing an acquittal verdict from 2014 to stand. The judge also rejected a civil petition for compensation from families of some of the hundreds of protesters killed during the 18-day Arab Spring uprising. Mubarak and his interior minister, Habib al-Adly, were convicted and sentenced to life in prison in 2012 on charges of failing to protect the lives of demonstrators, but another court threw out the verdict two years later, citing technical flaws in the prosecution.

The ailing 88-year-old Mubarak was flown by helicopter to the courtroom from the Cairo military hospital where he has resided for most of the last six years, and where he served a three-year sentence for corruption charges in a separate case.

He sat in a wheelchair in the defendant's cage during the hearing. When the charges against him were read out, he responded: "It did not happen." Later he exchanged smiles and winks with a dozen or so supporters in the courtroom, including his two sons — Gamal, who was once groomed to succeed him, and Alaa.

Mubarak does not face any other charges and is technically free to go, but it was unclear whether he would leave the hospital, where he has been under informal house arrest in recent years.

Mubarak and figures from his government were widely vilified in the months after the uprising, but many have gradually returned to public life since 2013, when the military overthrew his freely elected successor, the Islamist Mohammed Morsi, after a divisive year in power.

Since then, the government has waged a heavy crackdown on dissent, jailing thousands of people, mostly Islamists but also scores of secular and liberal activists, including some of those who led the 2011 uprising. The government has also banned all unauthorized demonstrations.

Negad Borai, a prominent human rights lawyer, conceded that there was not enough evidence for Mubarak to have been found guilty of the specific charges he faced, but said he still blamed Mubarak's long autocratic rule for Egypt's woes.

"Mubarak is now technically an innocent, but he killed the future of a country, both directly and indirectly. The question now is how we move forward as a nation," he said.

International and local rights groups say the freedoms won in the 2011 uprising have been lost since then, and that the security services

today are even more brutal and repressive than under Mubarak.

President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi, who as military chief led Morsi's overthrow, has defended the government's actions, saying they are needed to restore political and economic stability after years of unrest. After a meeting with visiting German Chancellor Angela Merkel on Thursday, el-Sissi said his government is trying to strike a "balance between human rights and security measures." He suggested that Germany would have taken similar action if it faced "the same threats and attacks."

An Islamic State affiliate based in the northern Sinai Peninsula has carried out scores of attacks in recent years, mainly targeting Egyptian security forces. A recent wave of attacks on Christians in northern Sinai led hundreds to flee.

Sweden reinstates military draft over concerns about Russian aggression

Sweden is reinstating the military draft — for men and women — because of dwindling volunteers and growing concerns over a more assertive Russia in the Baltic and Ukraine. "The security environment in Europe and in Sweden's vicinity has deteriorated and the all-volunteer recruitment hasn't provided the Armed Forces with enough trained personnel," the Swedish defense ministry said Thursday. "The re-activating of the conscription is needed for military readiness."

A defense ministry spokesperson says 4,000 men and women will be called up in July for service beginning in January 2018. They will be drawn from some 13,000 people born in 1999.

Marinette Nyh Radebo told the BBC the "security change in our neighborhood" prompted the move by Sweden, which is not a NATO member. "The Russian illegal annexation of Crimea (in 2014), the conflict in Ukraine and the increased military activity in our neighborhood are some of the reasons," she said.

In November, just before the U.S. presidential elections and during NATO exercises in the Baltic, Russian planes repeatedly veered toward NATO airspace. Both Finland and Estonia, which is a NATO member, said aircraft violated their airspace, The Washington Post reported. Swedish Defense Minister Peter Hultqvist said he was inspired to make the draft gender-neutral by neighboring Norway, which in 2013 introduced a law applying military conscription to both sexes. That made Norway the first NATO member to draft both men and women, joining a tiny group of countries around the world, including Israel.

Turkey and Germany are the only major NATO countries that still use a draft. Conscription also exists in Austria, Cyprus, Estonia, Finland, Greece and Norway, according to Deutsche Welle. France ended

N.K.
the draft in 2001. Italy and the Netherlands put the draft on hold.

Sweden first introduced conscription in 1901 but canceled it in 2010, in the wake of the breakup of the Soviet Union. During the Cold War era, nearly 85% of Swedish men were drafted into the army because of the nearby Soviet threat. The average term of service lasted around 11 months.

This time, the conscripts will serve from nine months to a year. One goal is to entice some draftees to make a career in the military.

By the end of 2016, the Swedish armed forces were short about 1,000 full-time squad leaders, soldiers and sailors and about 7,000 part-timers for its 17,000-member force, the defense ministry said. Sweden, with a population of 9.8 million, also relies on some 22,000 members of its volunteer Home Guards.

Non-aligned Sweden, which prides itself on a tradition of neutrality, has not fought a war since 1814 when it engaged in a 12-day scum with Norway.

Although Sweden, along with its neighbor, Finland, is not a member of NATO, since 1994 it has cooperated closely with the organization under its Partnership for Peace program. Sweden has also contributed forces to NATO-led peacekeeping missions, including in Afghanistan and Kosovo. Russia, under President Vladimir Putin, has pointedly cautioned both Sweden and Finland not to join the Western alliance. Hultqvist, in rejecting any bid to join NATO, told reporters last year Sweden's strategy was "to create long-term stability and not to work in an unpredictable way." He said Sweden would "not be part of a situation that could be used by others to create a higher level of tension."

Tensions in the area have been on the rise for at least two years, however, prompting concern in Stockholm.

that was once a Soviet republic. For its part, Russia decided in October to reinforce its Baltic Fleet in Kaliningrad with two small warships in response to what Moscow viewed as stepped up NATO activity in the region, Russia's daily Izvestia reported.

The decision by the ruling Swedish Social Democratic party to reinstate the draft was supported by the opposition Moderate Party as well as the Liberal Party.

Report: N. Korea fires several missiles into ocean after U.S., South begin military drills onshore

North Korea has fired four ballistic missiles, three of which landed in Japan's Exclusive Economic Zone, Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said.

The move comes as South Korea and the United States are holding their joint military exercises, which Pyongyang sees as preparations for an invasion.

Kwon Ki-joon, a spokesman for the South Korea Defense Ministry spokesman, said

"several projectiles" flew about 1,000 kilometers (620 miles).

The firing took place in Tongchang-ri, in the country's North Pyongan province, and the projectiles are believed to have landed in the Sea of Japan, which is also known as the East Sea, according to a South Korean Defense Ministry official.

South Korean President Hwang Kyo-ahn is scheduled to chair a meeting of the country's National Security Council at 9 a.m. local time.

Foal Eagle

The firing comes as South Korea and the United States are holding their annual military exercises, known as Foal Eagle, which both countries say are defensive in nature.

North Korea has already denounced this year's exercises through state media service KCNA.

"Now that the US imperialists and the South Korean puppet forces again kicked off the dangerous nuclear war drills against the DPRK at its doorstep, our army will counter them with the toughest counteractions," it said.

The exercises usually draw condemnation and retribution from Pyongyang.

During last year's drills, North Korea fired multiple short to medium range missiles and announced it could place nuclear warheads on its weapons.

The firing also comes a day after Seoul quadrupled the award for North Korean defectors and nearly a month after North Korea test-fired a new type of missile, the Pukguksong-2, a medium-long range ballistic missile.

That missile was also fired from North Pyongan province and traveled 500 kilometers (310 miles) before landing in the Sea of Japan.

The launch happened while Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe was in the United States visiting US President Donald Trump.

North Korean state media reported that Kim Jong Un personally oversaw the operation. But perhaps the biggest story coming from the Kim family recently has been the mystery surrounding the death of the the North Korean leader's eldest half-brother, Kim Jong Nam.

He died February 13 -- shortly after the Pukguksong-2 launch -- in Kuala Lumpur while en route to Macau.

WikiLeaks will give tech firms access to CIA hacking tools: Assange

WikiLeaks will allow tech companies access to much more detailed information about CIA hacking techniques so they can "develop fixes" before the information is widely published, WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange said Thursday.

Assange spoke two days after WikiLeaks published thousands of documents it said revealed hacking tools the CIA developed to break into servers, smartphones, computers and TVs. The news conference took place at the Embassy of Ecuador in London, where

Assange has been holed up since seeking asylum in 2012.

"The Central Intelligence Agency lost control of its entire cyberweapons arsenal," Assange said. "This is an historic act of devastating incompetence to have created such an arsenal and stored it all in one place and not secured it."

Assange said that some tech firms have reached out seeking more details about the CIA tools. He said WikiLeaks hasn't published the details because it doesn't want "journalists and people of the world, our sources, being hacked using these weapons." The best way to avoid that, he said, is to give companies such as Apple, Google and Samsung access first.

"We have decided to work with them, to give them some exclusive access to some of the technical details we have, so that fixes can be pushed out," Assange said.

Some tech giants, Google and Apple among them, said many of the apparent vulnerabilities exposed in the documents have already been patched. Most firms said they are continuing to evaluate the information.

CIA spokesman Dean Boyd declined to vouch for the integrity of the WikiLeaks material. Boyd has stressed the CIA is prohibited from conducting electronic surveillance targeting individuals in the U.S. and "does not do so."

"As we've said previously, Julian Assange is not exactly a bastion of truth and integrity," Boyd said Thursday. "Despite the efforts of Assange and his ilk, CIA continues to aggressively collect foreign intelligence overseas to protect America from terrorists, hostile nation states and other adversaries." WikiLeaks says the CIA hacking division involved "more than 5,000 registered users and had produced more than a thousand hacking systems, trojans, viruses, and other 'weaponized' malware." The information circulated among former government hackers and contractors, one of whom provided the website with portions of it, WikiLeaks claims.

The FBI launched a criminal investigation into the release of the document cache, a U.S. official told USA TODAY this week. The official, who was not authorized to comment publicly, said the inquiry will determine whether the disclosure represented a breach from the outside or a leak from inside the spy agency. A separate review will attempt to assess the damage caused by such the disclosure, the official said.

WikiLeaks has conducted a global crusade to expose government secrets through a series of controversial and sometimes embarrassing document dumps in recent years.

Assange sought asylum in Ecuador's embassy more than four years ago to avoid extradition to Sweden, where he has been accused of sexual assault, and the United States, where he fears possible espionage charges. But his position is tenuous. Guillermo Lasso, the front-runner in Ecuador's presidential runoff

set for April 2, has said that if elected he will evict Assange.

IRS owes Americans \$1B in unclaimed refunds -- is some of it yours?

The IRS recently announced that it may be holding more than \$1 billion in refunds that could be waiting for about a million taxpayers who didn't file a 2013 federal income tax return. If you didn't file a return for 2013, even if you didn't have to, you may want to do it now. There's a good chance you're missing out on free money if you don't.

A billion dollars in unclaimed 2013 tax refunds

To be precise, the IRS estimates that 1,042,100 taxpayers are entitled to 2013 tax refunds that they haven't claimed yet, and that the total amount that could be refunded is \$1,054,581,000. This implies the average taxpayer who is due a refund would get just over \$1,000. And the IRS says the median expected refund would be \$763, meaning that half of people would be entitled to less than this amount, while half would be entitled to more.

What's more is that this amount does not include any unclaimed tax *credits* such as the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) or either of the education credits. So, it's fair to say that a lot of people are missing out on some pretty big paydays.

Why are these refunds sitting unclaimed?

There are a few reasons people may not have filed a return to claim their 2013 tax refund. For starters, not everyone is required to file a tax return, and the IRS doesn't just issue refunds automatically. Generally speaking, if your income was less than the standard deduction and personal exemption amount for the tax year in question -- a total of \$10,000 for the 2013 tax year -- you weren't required to file a return.

Additionally, while people who earned more than the minimum threshold in 2013 technically were required to file a tax return, it's important to mention that the IRS's "failure to file" penalties only apply if the taxpayer is owed money. On the other hand, if a refund is owed, the IRS will gladly hang on to it. If the IRS knows they'll need to pay you thousands of dollars when you file your return, they aren't exactly going to send agents to knock on your door to move the process along.

Just because you don't need to file a tax return doesn't mean you shouldn't

Many people who didn't file simply don't know that they're owed a refund. For instance, someone who earned less than \$10,000 from a part-time job in 2013, but had federal income tax withheld from their paycheck, is generally entitled to that money back.

Students are another group that could be entitled to big refunds. If a college student paid tuition, he or she may be entitled to a massive tax credit, in addition to a refund of any withholdings from a job they had.

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THE LADY HAS SOMETHING
TO SAY;

UPDATE:

"It became
something
that was
expected
of me...
it got to a
point where
I did feel
sexualized."

ON TONING DOWN,
HER WILD PERSONA,
MILEY CYRUS

SOURCE: US MAGAZINE.COM/LODSE TALK

#STILLUNTAMED

Rock ON!!
XOXO!!!

YING & YANG

I V. RUSH!?

UPDATE

STEPHEN COLBERT

CBS LATE SHOW

Previously, I posted about then Fox "Mr. Big Stuff" appearing on ABC.com / THE VIEW - Where BILLO' REILLY Predicted Stephen Colbert was the wrong man and would FAIL as David Letter Replacement, because "conservatives would not watch him.

MR. RIGHT!! WAS WRONG!

I Rushed to blog that Mr. O' Reilly was wrong, and I projected Stephen would excel [Big Time!!] !!!

Who could see O' Reilly and a Prez Donald John Trumped would be "Rocketmen" Propelling him to the uppermost!

"THE 50 FUNNIEST PEOPLE RIGHT NOW!"

As Steve Martin used to warn, comedy is not pretty. And in these fractious times, the power of laughter matters more than ever. We focused on the "now" — some of our all-time favorites aren't here because they don't happen to be peaking or prolific. These 50 people (or teams) are all reasons why we are in a new golden age of comedy.

BY ROB SHEFFIELD

SOURCE: ROLLINGSTONE.COM
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" Stephen Colbert

He's ON AN UPSWING FOR SURE
- he spent his first year in the
Late Show chair finding the
right balance between his
Colbert Report mischief and
his newfound glad-handing
sincerity. But since the inaug-
uration, he's returned to polit-
ical satire with a vengeance -
his in-character farewell to Bill
O'Reilly was a hatchet job
many of us spent years
waiting to see."

ABC.COM / 20/20

AUGUST 04, 2017 FRI. 9:AM EDT

DEATH BY TEXT
CAN WORDS KILL

Hey Universal Friends,
Let me share my outraged TAKE
with you ALL!

This 20/20 Program Just Now
Went off. C. 10:10 p.m. CDT...

CONRAD ROY
AKA ROMEO!

Self-murder! Master "MIND FU-KER" !!
This "Nuthouse" (AKA Prison) is full of
these darn nihilistic manipulators! So,
I recognized his sicko GAME right
away!!

MICHELLE CARTER
AN INNOCENT CHILD
JULIET

Michelle Carter spent over two years
counseling Roy to not murder himself!
He told her to join him in ROMEO & JULIET
1 of 4

PLAY!!!

Roy explored "SELF-MURDER" BY COP!!!

All the time getting inside Michelle's head.

WE'VE GOT ISSUES!!!

Michelle was/is young tender and ultra-vulnerable. SHE had an eating disorder! Hospitalization! MEDICATION!!!

"EXECUTIONER SONG"!!!

Eventually Roy switched places [ROLES!!!] with Michelle and programmed her into becoming his own EXCUTOR!!
SELF-MURDER "BY COP"!!!

Roy pretended he wanted out of the exhaust fumed death car! Trick-ING Michelle AS Roy TO exclaim: GET back in the car!!!

Roy was in FULL "MIND CONTROL" throughout his DEVIANT "Self-MURDER" of obviously INNOCENT - Michelle.

Even in death, Roy may still be so!!!

JUDGE LAWRENCE MORRIS
MASS. CIRCUIT COURT

AKA TV LIMELIGHT JUDGE JUDY!!!

HELL HATH NO FURY
LIKE WOMEN HATING ON
WOMEN!!!

The Two DA Females did an old fashion-
ed "HIGHTECH LYNCHING" ON INNOCENT
Michelle!!!

- ROY'S "SELF-GUILT"!!!
VENGEFUL FAMILY!!

Like Conrad his Family has similar
ISSUES" too. His Vengeful AUNT Kim Bozzi
in Sicko order to AVOID "How come we did
not save him - Again!" Also SWIFTED BLAME
ONTO INNOCENT Helpless Wounded Michelle!

ON APPEAL!!!

Judge MORRIS (aka Judy) guilty Verdict
and 1 MONTHS sentence must be over-
turned (reversed) as, for sure Michelle's
S. Defense, Psychiatrist Peter Breggin
UNDISPUTABLE EXPERT TESTIMONY ON HER
BEHALF, shall carry the DAY IN THE APPEAL

Court! "INNOCENT"!!!

NANCY GRACE

I Pray evil Grace go straight to
HELL!!!

THANK GOD!!!

Michelle did not give into Conrad
Also murdering her in his sick "ROMEO
& JULIET" delusion!!!

MY PRAYER!!!

I PRAY Michelle, NOW OUT ON
APPEAL BOND, shall be set free from Roy's
Vengeful Family and Conrads EVIL
SPELL!!!

AMEN!

FREE MICHELLE CARTER

GARY GILL MOORE !!!

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LUCK BE A LADY!!!

MICHELLE CARTER
FREEDOM!!!

UPDATE:

BAD NEWS!! This Morning [Aug. 05, 2017] NBC.COM/TODAY WEEKEND - SAT. REPORTED:

That the Self-Murder-Conrad ROYS INSANE VENGEFUL FAMILY FILED A Multi-Million Dollars Civil Lawsuit Against INNOCENT VICTIM MICHELLE CARTER. FAMILY AFFAIR!!!

I SAY AUNT Kim Bozzi and Roy FAMILY IS R'ABID, because obviously they CONTINUED WITH Conrad Mutual Murderous "ROMEO & JULIET" delusion to Destroy C. Perhaps Drive her to Pitiful SUICIDE! MICHELLE!!!

GOD SAVE MICHELLE!!!
FREE MICHELE!!!!

#EXECUTIONERSONG
#GARYGILLMORE

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THE SOUNDS OF OUR TIMES ! ! ! !

BACK IN THE DAY:

Jesse L. JACKSON, SR.

"OUR TIME HAS COME" ! ! ! ! !

TODAY:

HON. MAXINE WATERS
REP. (D. CA.)

"RECLAIMING MY TIME" ! ! !

"TAKE BACK MY TIME" ! ! ! ! !

BAD TIMES ! ! !

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TEA PARTY:

"TAKE BACK OUR COUNTRY"

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LOOKING BACK / SEEING AHEAD!!!

WHAT A LADY!!!

THE CHANCELLOR
NEXT DOOR

Angela Merkel's low-key persona belies a tenacious leader whose vision has become to define the best of democracy. With German elections approaching, Kati Marton assesses her staying power.

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"Between Donald Trump's Nationalism and Vladimir Putin's authoritarian populism, many regard Angela Merkel as the real... last real democratic leader standing. She is, of course, strengthened by the recent election of French President Emmanuel Macron, a pro-immigrant, pro-Europe centrist. Tellingly, minutes after his May 7 victory, Macron's first call was with Merkel. His first foreign trip—to Berlin—had the symbolism of a ritual blessing from Europe's all-but-official leader."

THAT WHITE HOUSE NONE
HANDSHAKE!!!

MERKEL'S "HANDS" !!!
ARE BIGGER THAN TRUMPEDO

DUE TO TRUMPEDO
GLOBAL BACKLASH !!!

I CAN SEE - WITH AN EYE ON her OPPON-
ENT" ... MARTIN SCHULTZ, a Social Democrat
WHO IS EVEN MORE PRO-EUROPEAN UNION
AND JUST AS PRO-REFUGEE AS SHE IS." - a clear
election win for Merkel !!! ,A 159

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ALGIERS MOTEL (1967)

COMMENDATION!!!

Friends though I've only had the Education in reading the illuminating Book (Circus) 1971 Published about the DETROIT Rebellion entitled

MOTEL Depicting the Police and National Guard Sadistic Torturous mistreatment of Black Victims - I

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Dear Friend in Prison,

July 2008

Your health is important. The U.S. Constitution guarantees you the right to health care while you are in prison. But as you know, that doesn't mean its good quality health care. You may be finding it very difficult to get serious problems taken care of. In this letter I want to tell you about what's going on outside the prison walls to change that, as well as efforts to help people when they leave prison.

There have been several studies in recent years about the kinds of health problems prisoners' face. Among diseases that are common in jail and prison compared to the rest of the population are HIV, hepatitis B and C, and tuberculosis. Among older inmates, high blood pressure and diabetes are also common. Respiratory diseases are common among inmates who smoke. Some inmates who smoke crack cocaine enter prison with serious breathing problems, but the problems often clear up in prison.

Mental health problems are common in jails and prisons, and they often are not treated. Especially common in jail and prison are problems with anxiety, post-traumatic stress disorder (resulting from a severe traumatic event, or series of events, in one's life), depression, and manic depression (bipolar disorder). Someone's behavior due to mental illness is sometimes the reason they are in prison in the first place. So it's all the more important to get treatment for mental illness, inside and outside of prison.

One of the biggest health problems facing people in prison are drug and alcohol problems. It's been estimated that up to 70% of jail and prison inmates have had problems with drugs and/or alcohol, and at least a third test positive for illegal drugs at the time of arrest. Drug addiction may play a direct role in putting someone in prison: for example, if he or she sold drugs, or committed other crimes to pay for drugs, or committed a crime while high or drunk.

Scientists are learning more about drug and alcohol addiction and how it affects the brain. They are learning that even after a long period away from drugs and alcohol, addiction doesn't really go away. If, in the past, you used to use drugs in certain places or around certain people, those connections are still stored in your brain. Being around those places and people can trigger the desire to use. That's why a forced "vacation" in prison away from the substances rarely if ever makes a compulsive drug user into a casual, "normal" user.

What forced abstinence does do, however, is lower your tolerance for the drug. After months or years in prison, a small quantity has the same effect that a larger quantity had before someone went into prison. A recent study found that in the first few days after release, male released prisoners were more than 15 times more likely to die than other men of the same age. Among the reasons for the high death rate, the authors said, may be accidental overdoses from drugs that prisoners were unaware they had little tolerance to.

The good news is that there is more and more help out there for people coming out of prison. A list of resources is below. You don't have to deal with this alone.

Best of luck,

Tom Lyons
Companions Journeying Together

Resources

1. An organization that advocates for people in prison is the John Howard Association:
phone 312-782-1901

The John Howard Association of Illinois

300 W. Adams, Suite 423
Chicago, IL 60606

They conduct prison visits to check on conditions, and coordinate pro bono legal representation for prisoners.

2. Help with drug and alcohol problems

Alcoholics Anonymous

Chicago 312-346-1475 or 1-800 371 1475

Narcotics Anonymous

Chicagoland 708-848-4884

Outside of Chicagoland (800) 539-0475

3. Help with Mental health problems

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI)

218 W. Lawrence

Springfield, IL 62704

217 522 1403

1-800-346-4572

4. Help with obtaining identification (DL or state ID)

Faith Inc. in Chicago (773) 626-2771

5. Employment help for ex offenders

Safer Foundation, 312-922-2200

6. Finally, the **Community Support Advisory Councils (CSAC)** are clearinghouses for information for former prisoners. They will help you obtain health care referrals, employment and other needs.

North Chicago – Johnny King - 773-510-1117

West Chicago – Frankie White - 773-786-0226

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a wonderful Actor?

We do not love Cara, because she
is FAMOUS?

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CARA!!!

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GENERAL JOHN KELLY !!

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THENIGHTOFTHEGENERALS!!!

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: JULY 30, 2017

SAVED MY LIFE BY SKIN OF 'SHEEP' BACK LOL

Sunday, leaders said. On Thursday a 24-hour strike paralyzed much of the country. And on Friday the opposition-controlled congress appointed a slate of judges to replace the current members of the government-stacked Supreme Court.

The nation's highest court swiftly rejected those appointments and warned that the judges could face charges of illegally usurping authority.

"The people voted and they rejected this constituent assembly," read the sign of one man who marched through the streets with a stream of people.

"We are at 'zero hour,'" metropolitan Caracas Mayor Helen Fernandez said, referring to the opposition's protest plan.

"We will elevate our protest to wherever necessary."

At least 2 dead after earthquake rocks Greek island, Turkish coast

A powerful earthquake rocked a Greek island and resorts on the southwestern Turkish coast early Friday, killing at least two people and injuring hundreds.

The magnitude-6.7 quake, which triggered a small tsunami, struck 6 miles south of the Turkish city of Bodrum and 10 miles from the Greek island of Kos. Both areas are popular with tourists.

Nearly 500 people were injured, some while scrambling from buildings or jumping off balconies when the quake struck around 1:30 a.m. local time.

The quake killed two tourists, from Turkey and Sweden, in Kos, Greek authorities said. The tsunami caused localized flooding on the island.

A wall at the popular White Corner Club, a 1930s building in the old town of Kos, partially collapsed, crushing revelers.

"There are not many old buildings left on Kos. Nearly all the structures on the island have been built under the new codes to withstand earthquakes," Kos Mayor Giorgos Kyritsis said.

Regional governor Giorgos Hadjimarkos said four or five people had "worrying" injuries and the "main priority at the moment is saving lives." Hospital officials said at least 20 people had broken bones.

Christopher Hackland, from Edinburgh, Scotland, who works as a scuba instructor on Kos and lives in an apartment next to a hotel, described chaos after the quake struck.

"There was a lot of screaming and crying and hysterics coming from the hotel," he said. "It felt like being at a theme park with one of the illusions, an optical illusion where you feel like you're upside down."

Greece and Turkey lie in an area with fault lines and are prone to earthquakes. A number of aftershocks struck both countries.

'I've done a bad thing,' says British girl, 5, fined for selling lemonade

LONDON — It's a time-honored tradition that's as American as apple pie, baseball and, well, selling homemade lemonade. In Britain, it led to a \$200 fine.

Andre Spicer's daughter was selling cups of lemonade near her home in east London when local government workers accused her of not having a commercial license.

The girl is five. She made the lemonade herself. She wanted 65 cents a cup. (Yes, 65 cents is a lot. But this is London, one of the most expensive cities in the world.)

Spicer, a professor at the University of London, told British media that when confronted by the accusation his daughter burst into tears and said: "I've done a bad thing."

"She was very upset and had to watch *Brave* a few times to calm down," he said, speaking to *The Guardian*. The incident took place last Saturday and she was selling the lemonade to music fans who were on their way to the nearby LoveBox Festival.

Brave is a computer-animated drama from 2012 produced by Pixar Animation Studios that follows the adventures of a courageous daughter of a Scottish king.

Needless to say, Spicer's daughter did not have a license to sell homemade lemonade.

"She wanted to sell toys or food or clothes but she eventually decided on lemonade. It was a way to entertain her on a summer's day. We set up the stand and people started buying the lemonade," Spicer said. "She brought a smile to their faces."

The local government body that issued the fine said Friday it made a mistake and would cancel the penalty. "We are very sorry this has happened. We expect our enforcement officers to show common sense, and to use their powers sensibly. This clearly did not happen," the statement from the east London borough of Tower Hamlets said.

In an opinion piece for *The Telegraph*, a daily newspaper, Spicer wrote: "When I shared our experiences with my cousin who lives in Chicago, he told me this would be a national scandal if it happened in the U.S. Americans would not stand for the spirit of free enterprise being throttled in someone so young. A colleague I work with thought this was an example of how we are discouraging budding female entrepreneurs."

Still, in 2015, Texas sisters Andria and Zoey Green, then 8 and 7, respectively, were told by police to shut down their traditional neighborhood lemonade stand because they did not have a "Peddler's Permit" or permission from the Overton, Texas, health department.

The permit costs \$150, which the city agreed to waive. Texas law requires the sale of food, which includes lemonade because it needs to be refrigerated to avoid bacteria growth, be temperature-controlled. The girls were raising funds for a Father's Day gift.

Hop on! Wild rabbits surf on sheep to flee New Zealand flood

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) — It was a woolly ride, but three wild rabbits managed to escape rising floodwaters in New Zealand by clambering aboard sheep and surfing to safety on their backs.

Ferg Horne, 64, says he's been farming since he left school at age 15 and has never seen anything quite like it.

He was trudging through pelting rain to rescue a neighbor's 40 sheep from the floodwaters on Saturday at their South Island farm near Dunedin when he spotted some dark shapes from a distance.

He was puzzled because he knew his neighbor, who was away in Russia attending a nephew's wedding, didn't have any black-faced sheep. As he got closer, he thought it might be debris from the storm, which had drenched the area and forced Horne to evacuate his home.

Then he saw the bedraggled rabbits hitching a ride — two on one sheep and a third on another sheep.

"I couldn't believe it for a start," he said. Nobody else would believe him either without proof, he thought, so he got out his phone to take a photo, an image he figured his grandchildren would enjoy. In fact, he inadvertently shot a short video.

"It's a Samsung or a smartphone or whatever you call it. I swear at it every day," he said.

"I'm absolutely useless with technology." Nevertheless, Horne managed to capture the moment. He said the sheep were huddled together on a high spot on the farm, standing in about 8 centimeters (3 inches) of water. He said the rabbits looked like they'd gotten wet but seemed quite comfortable and relaxed atop their mounts.

Rabbits are considered a pest to farmers in New Zealand, and Horne said that typically when he sees one, he shoots it.

"But they'd showed so much initiative, I thought they deserved to live, those rabbits," he said.

Horne herded the sheep to a patch of dry ground on the farm about 50 meters (164 feet) away. The sheep didn't like it.

"As they jumped through the water, the rabbits had a jolly good try at staying on," Horne said.

He said the rabbits appeared to cling onto the wool with their paws. As they approached the higher ground, the rabbits fell off but managed to climb a hedge to safety.

Horne returned later that afternoon. The floodwaters were receding, the sheep were all safe and the rabbits were long gone.

Horne said his home had also remained dry. He then sent his video to his son, who sent images to the local newspaper and posted them on Facebook, as Horne doesn't have his own page.

"From then on it's just gone crazy," he said.

Moon dust bag from Neil Armstrong's Apollo 11 mission sells for \$1.8 million at auction

The lunar bag Neil Armstrong used to bring back the first moon dust samples in 1969 sold at auction for \$1.8 million.

The bag has had several owners over the past years. Its last sale ignited a legal battle between NASA and a Chicago-area woman. Nancy Carlson, the previous owner, bought

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the moon bag for \$995 in 2015 from a Marshals Service auction site. She figured the bag was part of a past space mission, and sent it to NASA to confirm its authenticity. When NASA tested the bag and realized it was the bag Armstrong used to bring back the first moon dust sample from Apollo 11, it wanted the bag back. While the lunar bag was stolen property, a judge honored Carlson's purchase. And, now the lunar bag has a new owner.

Thursday's buyer, who did not want to be identified, landed a good deal at \$1.8 million considering the bag is worth an estimated \$2 to \$4 million.

Other items at the Sotheby's auction, which marked the 48th anniversary of the first lunar landing, fetched well-above estimated value. Nine Houston bidders interested in The Apollo 13 Flight Plan pushed its price up to \$275,000, more than six times above its already high estimate, Sotheby's tweeted. Sotheby's also tweeted that a photograph of Buzz Aldrin taken by Armstrong sold for \$35,000 seven times above the expected estimate and Man's First Look at the Earth from the Moon sold for \$17,500, three times higher than expected.

Armstrong was the first man to walk on the moon. He died in 2012 in Ohio.

Elon Musk: I got 'verbal' approval for 29-minute NYC-to-DC hyperloop

Billionaire innovator Elon Musk said Thursday he has "verbal" government approval to build an ultra-high-speed underground rail system in the Northeast, offering hope to travelers overwhelmed by mass-transit failures despite skepticism about such an ambitious project.

In a series of tweets that might not be taken seriously if they came from any other corporate executive, Musk flummoxed the transportation industry with claims that he is pursuing a network that would whisk passengers from New York City to Washington, D.C. in 29 minutes.

Transit experts say that gargantuan costs and prodigious bureaucratic hurdles would make such a plan extremely difficult to pull off. Still, Musk has a track record of building groundbreaking companies from scratch — including electric-car maker Tesla and space travel firm SpaceX. Moreover, he plunged his own money into those ventures, a history that might hearten travelers stuck in New Jersey Turnpike traffic jams or delays along Amtrak's Northeast rail passenger corridor.

Musk's bold statements come a few months after he formed a venture called The Boring Co. to manufacture faster and more efficient tunnel-boring machines.

"Just received verbal govt approval for The Boring Company to build an underground NY-Phil-Balt-DC Hyperloop," Musk said. He added that the system would ferry passengers from "city center to city center in each case, with up to a dozen or more entry/exit elevators in each city."

And he urged Americans to lobby federal and state officials "if you want this to happen fast."

Madeline Brozen, associate director of the Institute of Transportation Studies at the University of California Los Angeles, said the potential costs are "incomprehensible." A 120-mile above-ground stretch of the most comparable U.S. project, a high-speed rail project in California, will cost an estimated \$7 billion to \$10 billion, she said. But underground projects are more expensive, the hyperloop proposed by Musk is unproven technology and the innovator's system would theoretically travel five times faster than California's.

Similarly, the phase one expansion of New York City's Second Avenue Subway opened for riders on Jan. 1 — nearly a century after the project was proposed. Built at an estimated cost of \$4.45 billion, the expansion included three new subway stations along an underground route of no more than two miles.

Winning approval for a project like the one envisioned by Musk would likely require oversight reviews and authorization from transportation authorities and other government agencies that are "territorial" and bureaucratic by nature, Brozen said.

"It's quite easy to draw up enthusiasm for a project in 140 characters when you have 10 million followers on Twitter," she said. "It's a very different ball game when you're trying to bring a mega-project to fruition."

It was not immediately clear what Musk meant by "verbal" government approval, which carries little weight in a world in which tunneling can require navigating a byzantine thicket of regulations.

However, a White House spokesman said the Trump administration has had "promising conversations" with Musk and the Boring Co. and is "committed to transformative infrastructure projects" under the premise that "our greatest solutions have often come from the ingenuity and drive of the private sector." The U.S. Department of Transportation referred questions to the White House.

At the state level, some officials seemed uncertain at best about Musk's plan. J.J. Abbott, press secretary for Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf, said his boss is "a big supporter of transit" who "would be interested in hearing more details on this project."

"However, to date, neither our administration nor the Department of Transportation has been contacted," said Abbott.

Spokespersons for the governors of Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey and New York did not respond to messages seeking comment. New York City and Philadelphia representatives said there had been no contact with Musk.

A spokesperson for Amtrak, which controls much of the current rail service between New York City and Washington, had no immediate comment.

A representative of New York's Metropolitan Transportation Authority pledged to look into whether the agency had had contact with Musk or The Boring Co.

"The Boring Company has had a number of promising conversations with local, state and federal government officials," a company spokesman said. "With a few exceptions, feedback has been very positive and we have received verbal support from key government decision-makers for tunneling plans, including a Hyperloop route from New York to Washington DC."

He said the company looks forward to future conversations with cities and states along the route and expects to secure the formal approvals necessary to break ground later this year.

Brogan BamBrogan, the founder of hyperloop technology company Arrivo, applauded Musk's plan, saying "there is clearly a great interest in 21st-century transportation." But Richard Barone, transportation programs vice president for the Regional Plan Association, which studies ways to guide New York metropolitan area growth, was less certain.

"Hyperloop needs to be weighed next to more conventional and proven technologies like high-speed rail, which would incrementally build off our legacy investments, including existing rights-of-way and stations," said Barone.

Having lost his patience with legendary California traffic, Musk recently vowed to build a short tunnel from his office to the Los Angeles airport before building a network of tunnels throughout the city. He has described a network of underground tunnels ferrying self-driving cars at high speeds as a solution to urban congestion.

But a hyperloop from New York to Washington would pair his dual ambitions for faster tunneling with hopes of a long-range rail system that travels several hundred miles an hour.

After New York-to-Washington, Musk said he would probably proceed with a hyperloop from Los Angeles to San Francisco and one in Texas.

General Motors may eliminate up to six cars from lineup, report says

DETROIT — General Motors has put six of its cars under review and is evaluating whether to cancel them in the coming years, according to a report from Reuters.

The news comes as sales of cars continue to plummet in the U.S. and as consumers increasingly turn to SUVs and pickups. The company is considering plans to eliminate the Chevrolet Volt hybrid, the Buick LaCrosse, Cadillac CT6, Cadillac XTS, Chevrolet Impala and Chevrolet Sonic, according to Reuters.

GM spokesman Jim Cain declined to comment on the report.

UAW President Dennis Williams said Thursday the union is in ongoing discussions with GM, Ford and Fiat Chrysler about falling car sales and how to keep the

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VAL KILMER

VAL KILMER gushed for days on Twitter about Cate Blanchett, his costar in 2003's The Missing. The fawning started March 24 when the actor, 57, recalled the time he "flew all the way to Australia to talk to the Oscar winner, 47, but was instead met by her husband, Andrew Upton. The next day Kilmer admitted that while on set with the actress, he forgot his line as she grabbed a prop: "I was so dazzled by how she picked it up." A fan called his tweets "obsessive," but the Top Gun star defended his words: "Nothing in the least creepy about loving someone."

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A JAILHOUSE LAWYER'S MANUAL NINTH EDITION

What is it?

A Jailhouse Lawyer's Manual Ninth Edition (the "JLM Ninth Edition") explains the legal rights of prisoners, and how to navigate through the justice process to secure those rights. It contains information on how to address legal issues on both the federal level and the state level, with an emphasis on New York State law. The JLM does NOT have information on substantive law (for example, the elements of crimes or degrees of a crime). It is a softcover book that comes in one volume, with a separate *Immigration & Consular Access Supplement*. The main volume is about 1077 pages, while the *Immigration & Consular Access Supplement* is about 102 pages. Both books are mailed stamped "direct from publisher."

The main volume of the JLM contains "basic" self-help litigation information, covering legal research, seeking legal representation, choosing a court, and filing a lawsuit, as well as more specific chapters on habeas corpus, parole, DNA, and the Prison Litigation Reform Act. It also contains topics like religious freedom, infectious diseases, mental disabilities, and the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender prisoners. The *Immigration & Consular Access Supplement* contains information about the immigration law consequences of criminal convictions for people who are not U.S. citizens, and also contains information about your right as a non-U.S. citizen to access your country's consulate if you are charged with a crime.

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#1 THE SITTER

By Sherry Fissel

A baby-sitter's work is never done. Search through this chaotic scene and discover 36 things, and wish her lots of luck while you're searching!

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Your Word List

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THE BUILD UP

It's the purr-fect pet project: A tree house, to better experience the joys of bird-watching, perhaps. Discover 33 items in this busy scene.

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astronomers can study the system in more detail than almost any other. Its "year" is only 17 hours and 41 minutes long (recognized when MOST gazed at the system for two weeks in 2011). Theorists speculate that the planet may be carbon-rich, with a diamond core.

• HD 80606 b: At the time of its discovery in 2001, it held the record as the most eccentric exoplanet ever discovered. It is possible that its odd orbit (which is similar to Halley's Comet around the sun) may be due to the influence of another star. Its extreme orbit would make the planet's environment extremely variable.

• WASP-33b: This planet was discovered in 2011 and has a sort of "sunscreen" layer — a stratosphere — that absorbs some of the visible and ultraviolet light from its parent star. Not only does this planet orbit its star "backward," but it also triggers vibrations in the star, seen by the MOST satellite.

That's no normal runner: Bear crosses through Colorado race

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — Some runners didn't expect to see a bear on their Colorado race route.

Donald Sanborn says he was about 5 miles into the Garden of the Gods 10 Mile Run on Sunday when the bear ambled across a roadway near Colorado Springs.

Sanborn says the animal seemed to be trying to decide whether to zip across the road filled with runners when a large enough gap finally emerged for the bear to get through.

He says he's encountered bears, elk, turkeys, bobcats and other interesting wildlife on training runs, but hasn't seen an animal like this in a race.

The competition winds through Garden of the Gods Park between Manitou Springs and Colorado Springs.

Psychic hit by car jokes he didn't see it coming

PHOENIX — An Arizona psychic medium recalls the moment a car crashed through the front window of a restaurant in Canada, launching him into the air and pinning him against a wall.

"I didn't foresee it happening," said Blair Robertson.

Robertson, 51, of Litchfield Park, Ariz., a community about 20 miles northwest of Phoenix, jokes about the May 30 accident even as he recovers from injuries.

He was having lunch with a mentor and fellow psychic when the car plowed through the window at Silks Country Kitchen in Virgil, Ontario. Robertson and his friend were seated at a table by the window.

"It basically sounded like a bomb going off," Robertson said. "It took place one second in time."

The crash was captured on a restaurant surveillance camera, which Robertson has posted on his Facebook page along with updates on how he is doing.

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Blair Robertson, on his injuries from being hit by car

"I see my table flying up. My friend disappears behind the table. Next thing you know I'm flying in the air and then I land. ... The car grabbed my leg and pull me back down. It pinned my leg under the car in a very weird position," he recalled, in an interview with *The Arizona Republic*.

"My leg was in the shape of an 'L.' My left foot was on its side and I have no idea how it wasn't snapped off."

With an injured left rib, swollen leg, bruises throughout his body and whiplash in his neck, Robertson is amazed he is still alive.

"There must have been angels there," Robertson said.

Police said the 85-year-old woman who was driving the car was not impaired, the *Toronto Sun* reported.

The owner of the restaurant, Jenifer Phelan, said she was there and heard the crash.

"We've been here for 22 years and nothing has ever happened like this before," said Phelan. "They were very brave. I can't even imagine that happening. He (Robertson) was very happy with the emergency crews, and there were volunteer firefighters a couple shops away who came immediately."

Phelan said it took the shop about three hours to clear all the broken glass and board up the windows. Insurance will cover the cost of all the damage, she said, adding the restaurant is fully reopened.

Robertson, who presents live psychic shows, just finished a nine-show Ontario tour.

Horoscopes by Holiday

The great law of the cosmos can be summed up in one word: attraction. It keeps the electrons of the atom flying around the nucleus. It keeps the galaxy swirling. And it keeps us pursuing the things that give our lives meaning. Today the sun and moon, both in air signs, will enliven the atmosphere by pumping in some extra affinity and mutual attraction.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Today's conundrum: If you act out of a desire to make yourself happy you will wind up suffering instead. Act out of a desire to benefit others and your eyes will be opened to the opportunities in the situation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The adrenaline rush that comes with feeling passionate about someone can be addictive. That feeling is short-lived, though, and you've learned to anticipate the mellow follow-up.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You continue to be in high demand. Don't automatically accept other people's timetables as your own. Take control of your schedule and your attention. Consider changing the notification settings on your phone.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'd like to believe you are in control of your opinion of yourself, but unhealthy relationships do have a way of eroding self-esteem, and healthy ones have the opposite effect. How is a relationship helping or hurting you?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Whenever you feel impatient, the fundamental problem is an internal one, namely a belief that the world needs to operate differently to accommodate you. You'll love what happens when you stay measured and calm instead.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). No moment is inherently more perfect than another, though certainly there are moments that are more memorable and/or personally satisfying to a particular ego. Just don't expect such things to be universal.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll be called to a role or responsibility. Your service to the group comes with some tedium, but the work will go by quickly. Besides, it's better than the alternative: being left out of things.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your heart will soften, and you'll feel more for the whole world, not just for the main object of your affection. The love you give will in turn make you more lovable.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You and your group are in it together. Keep up the good communication and you'll be able to rely on each other to do what no individual could do alone.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll find the behavior of loved ones to be less than optimum. The frustration comes when you think you can control this. You can't, but as you learn to skillfully modify your reactions, things will change.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). From the outsider view a lot of what you'll do today won't make sense, but you know perfectly why it has to happen the way it does. You'll teach someone, too.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The answer to a business problem will be found in another business entirely. The secrets to solving a mystery in your own life will be present in someone else's life.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 14). This busy solar year shows you building, re-building and making moves. You'll be surrounded by enthusiastic and loving supporters. There's opportunity for a savvy investment in July. September will bring new subjects of study and among them one so fascinating it may begin a passion you'll follow for years.

Cancer and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 20, 2, 4, 44 and 18.

SHIFTY WIND

By: Ernesto Rodriguez Rodriguez / 11/19/16

Who am I
and why am I here?
in this shifting wind
of time?
And where is the wind
to take me?
This is all so strange
where did all these rabble
come from
and what is their aim?
To plant a seed in an anus
and expect a rose to grow
is a contradiction
to what is and what is not
surely not a flower pot
what a combination
of human conflict
that people wallow in
what is this blind spot
that distorts the intellect
and what is it to be
the other side of this?
This gonzo wind?

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized, cursive-like mark that appears to be the initials 'ER' followed by a long horizontal stroke.

A FRIEND IS....

A friend is someone who treats you kind and with respect and someone who worry about you when you are absence or near.

A friend cannot be just anyone, because to be a true friend you have to be very patient and considerate and also listen, and you shouldn't matter what in a moment of agreement or disagreement have any hate for each others.

A true friend is someone whom will assist you in good times and in bad times. And someone who will keep you safe and out of harm ways.

A true friend is one who cares about himself and others and about his health or hear health, and know how to have self respect.

A true friend is someone who will lead you in a right path and in a right way, And a friend who will be there and not tolarate false deeds. A true friend will try hard to help you see things better and guide you staright and assist you the most. A true friend will always be there for you in your darkest moments of your life. And a true friend will always help you cope.

A friend in the free world and also in prison is rare and hard to find! In prison life is very difficult and the living is awful! The negativity overwhelms the heart. A true friend outside this wall can move about and assist you once in a while.

A true friend never gives up on you, and especially when both are walking in darkness. A true friend will rescue you from harm all the time.

A true friend will never be afraid to correct you and tell you the truth. A true friend will be there for you until the end of life, and a true friend is not afraid to correct others when they try to speak awful of him or her.

A true friend is not easy to keep but when you have one you keep it. A friend you treasure for a life time, a True friend is one in a million. A true friend is your confidant whom you trust with your life, and a true friend will always be aware of both sorrounding near or afar. A true friend worry about you all the times and your families, and a true friend is loyal the one that will not turn on you when you do desagree! a true friend is so rare and one who care.

A true friend is one that feels comfortable to speak to tohers about anything he does. And a friend that will not use you or take you in vain. A true friend will not judge you but will help you to sort out your woes.

In me you have earned that friend and remarkbly I feel I have founded a friend in you.

A true friend have no defects and a true friend smile to cheer your heart, and a true friend is what you are.

By Lenin-Cuba.

P.S. In life we find friends Brothers and we must expressed The importance of friendship. God Bless you and yours.

CNN, TELEVISION:

01/27/17 By Ernesto Rodriguez

You folks need to tell the truth: The "Tortilla Wall" is a sham. Trump bull shits you and you bull shit the public! Get real! Expand yourself beyond that stupid clown and stop accepting vague answers—demand an explanation or refuse to quote him.

The wall can be easily destroyed with explosives and it will be destroyed. Haven't you thought about this? Do you think the capability isn't there—you are not thinkless like Trump are you? What if?

Drones and airplanes are now used to get some small drugs over the wall. Why haven't you ask Trump how he plans to stop this?

People climb over the wall. He can't build a wall high enough to keep the Indians out—don't you know anything about our culture?

People will tunnel under the wall. If you don't believe me, ask El Chapo!

People will pay customs to get here and what you gonna do about visas that congress puts out by the thousands. Who are you trying to shit?

The wall will never stop us from coming here.

There are many other ways to come to America—through New York, Canada, Florida, Panama, by boats, airplanes, Cuba...ask Trump's wife who came here by visa and ask Trump about his Draft dodging grandfather—how they got here? The did not climb over a wall! Do you think we are stupid?

Big drug dealers don't climb over walls, tons of drugs come by airplanes, bis ships, submarines—from Columbia and other parts of the world. And we don't commit anymore crimes than whites folks do! So what you gonna do about white criminals like Trump?

Trump never talks about the Nazis, the KKK, or racist cops, and the Hell Angles, the Bandidos, who kill and traffic in drugs—he targets Blacks and Hispanics. He never talks about his Mob connections and his drug dealing employees—all this is documented.

Here is the sham on the wall: Trump gives the job to his son who will buy cement from the Mob, hire cheap labor pockets the balance of 20 Billion dollars and he and daddy Trump do a Tiny Tim all the way to the bank. Remember Trump said his business were "peanuts" compare to what he could make has president or what he could steal! Wake up CNN.

Once the street gangs, Trumps goes after, are gone who will take over the drug business—white people with lots of money will take over the business and Trump is a drug dealer. We get screwed, Trumps gets the money, and writes a book on the biggest con deal in American History,

The Trump family will exit with a Tiny Tim showdown while the rest of us are still focusing on the racial inequality of America and dodging the KKK bullets—and not seeing the big Trump picture. Didn't we learn anything from the campaign and his silly speeches.

If you can't handle the truth, get out of the business of broadcasting....Respectfully,



THE ILLEGAL PRESIDENCY OF DONALD TRUMP

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First of all, Trump was not legally elected by the American people. The Russian government got him into office knowing they had compromising information on Trump that they could use to make him a Russia puppet.

Trump is a racist and was convicted for such in a federal court. Being a racist is a violation of his oath to uphold the Constitution of the United States of America to protect American citizens against all enemies, foreign or domestic. What we are about to see is an act of genocidal events in the largest cities of America by militarily armed policemen targeting people of color under the guise of "law and Order." For years American Nazis have demanded an "all white society," in America and many people of color have been killed by whites who want a racial war.

The same can be said of the immigration events that will soon be in movement under the orders of Trump. This immigration move will trigger an act of genocide against people of color —targeting Hispanics, legal or illegal, under the guise of "Laws of immigration" It will began with the violation of the Constitutional right to be free of illegal searches and seizures.

Trumps gave no consideration to the Native Americans—another display of racism that will also lead to genocide by allowing the clashes over the Dakota access pipeline. It is no longer a secret that whites are targeting minorities areas by poisoning natural water resources. Remember the Flint Michigan water crises? Additionally, it is a violation of his oath of office to promulgate policies that will reward him financially—Emoluments Clause.

Trump publicly has expressed skepticism towards the CIA, FBI, the National Security Agency , the Department of Homeland Security, and American war veterans. When a president of the United States, attacks, denounces, and lambastes these proud Americans agencies and individuals, is it not time to stand up and defend those who have given their lives to protect us as Americans?—and when a president embraces a foreign enemy, is it not time to call this president to trial or impeachment to protect our integrity in the face of the world. Or should we run with our tails between our legs and hide? It is now up to you—it's your move— You also know Trump deals in drugs and has Mob ties.

In order to make America great again, we must first demand respect then stand up to TRUMP and bullies and demand Justice for all people regardless of their color of skin. We need to stop Trump from saying: "I give a little money to politicians, and when I want something, they come running to kiss my ass!"


Respectfully Yours,