

RINGO PEACE PARTY
77

AT HIGH NOON

PEACE & LOVE !!!!!

SEE: ROLLINGSTONE.COM/RANDOMNOTES
RS [1293] AUGUST 10, 2017, P. 30

#ONE LOVE / Bob Marley

#IMAGINE / LENNON

"I HOPE SOMEONE

GETS

MY MESSAGE ... "

IN

THE UNIVERSE !!!

NEVER AGAIN !!!

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RIP

PRAYING FOR DR. WILLIAM
"BILL" COSBY AND BEREAVED
FAMILY AND FRIENDS !!!

FOR YOUR BELOVED
DAUGHTER !!!

RIP
PSA 73rd.

A MEN!

ONE LOVE !!!
XOXO!

#^WWILL THE CIRCLE BE UNBROKEN !!!

DATED: 03-07-2018

Puzzle Nineteen

NEW TESTAMENT MIRACLES

F A E D N A S U O H T M Y O A S
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thousand
 HAND stretches
 JESUS appears
 LAZARUS lives
 LEPER is clean
 Multiply LOAVES
 LOOSENS tongue
 PAUL'S lost ship
 PETER angel
 Locked ROOM
 SATAN rebuked
 SAUL sees
 SERVANT healed
 Epileptics SOUND
 STAR guide
 Bleeding STOPS
 Doubting
 THOMAS
 Feeding five
 THOUSAND
 Empty TOMB
 TONGUES
 TOUCH cloak
 TRANSFIG-
 URATION
 VIRGIN birth
 WALK on water
 WOMAN at well

APOSTLES freed
 BENT woman
 stands
 BLIND see
 CALMS a storm
 CHILDREN'S
 praise

CRIPPLE walks
 Raises DEAD
 DEAF hear
 DEMONS gone
 EVIL spirit
 FEVER fades
 Feeding FOUR

Medical Terminology For the Layman

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| Artery | The Study of Fine Paintings |
| Barium | What You Do When C.P.R. Fails |
| Caesarean Section | A District in Rome |
| Colic | A Sheep Dog |
| Coma | A Punctuation Point |
| Congenital | Friendly |
| Dilate | To Live Long |
| Fester | Quicker |
| G.I. Series | Baseball Games between Teams of Soldiers |
| Grippe | A Suitcase |
| Hangnail | A Coat Hook |
| Medical Staff | A Doctor's Cane |
| Minor Operation | Coal Digging |
| Morbid | A Higher Offer |
| Nitrate | A Rate Lower than the Day Rate |
| Node | Was Aware Of |
| Organic | Church Musician |
| Out-Patient | A Person Who has Fainted |
| Post-Operative | A Letter Carrier |
| Protein | In Favor of Young People |
| Secretion | Hiding Something |
| Serology | The Study of English Knighthood |
| Tablet | A Small Table |
| Tumor | An Extra Pair |
| Urine | The Opposite of You're Out |
| Varicose Veins | Veins Which are Very Close Together |
| Benign | What You Are after You Be Eight |

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: 3-07-2018 165 2

"... SAVE ALL SINNERS" !!!

- JIM MORRISON

And though thy knees were never bent
To heaven thy hourly prayers are sent
And whether formed for good or ill
Are registered and answered still

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

PRAVING FOR FORGIVENESS
FOR DR. WILLIAM "BILL" COSBY, PH.D

MERCY! FORGIVENESS!!!

- KATIE LEE NBC.COM TODAY 11-29-2018
WED. 10: A.M.

Mr. Cosby was - his Attorney was
in court yesterday - Tuesday (03-
06-2018), Apparently on motion hear-
ings. Moreover, he and DA will be
Allowed to use the court records in
his, and criminal case Female defendant,
prior civil case settlement. NPR.org/
NEWS 03-06-2018, TUES. 4:30 P.M.

PRELUDE MATTERS ...

Mr. Cosby's Lawyer previously accused the "DA" of wrongdoing in the upcoming Retrial.

This is a viable and worrisome prospect. Eg. PLEASE READ: "JUSTICE FOR NONE IN MASSACHUSETTS, TENS OF THOUSANDS OF DRUG CASES WERE CORRUPTED - AND THE SYSTEM COVERED IT UP." - BY PAUL SOLOTAOFF ROLLINGSTONE.COM (RS1304-1305] 01-11-25-2018, P. 42

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

#METOOONPBS...

PBS.ORG / METOO WAT.ORG /

02-11-2018 SUN. 10:AM

Mr. Cosby, is 80, ... Old Partially Blind.

Let us also remember his good DEEDS.

Why, IN DECADES.COM / THE DICK CAVETT SHOW

ENCORE: 02-08-2018, Actor, Writer and

Director Robert TOWNSEND tell us of

how Mr. Cosby worked for scale of \$100,000 on his movie "Metro Man" and helped with his prime time and expertise.

STRANGE FRUIT !!!

We must consider why Mr. Cosby
only became an "Alleged Bad Character
Actor" - when he - Like Malcolm X,
Dr. MLK, Jr., Huey Newton, etc. - be-
came strong "Father Figure" (Not Jello
!!!) for Black America - Advocat-
ing "COME ON WAKE-UP"!!!

MERCY! MERCY! TENDER MERCIES!

Praying: Let Mr. Cosby go Home,
Mourn his Beloved DAUGHTER! Grown -
older with his beloved LOVELY Camille!
AND be BURIED WITH HIS "GOOD NAME"!!!

#THE RETRIAL IS SET FOR APRIL.

AMEN.

CALLITB5 !!!!! !!!!!

OSCAR S

2018 ABC.COM

"I am a beautiful woman, okay"!!

- TIFFANY HADDISH
ENCORE: NBC.COM/SNL
12-30-2017, 10:35 P.M.

A Beautiful Black Lady...
And damn FUNNY, too
at this years OSCAR Awards

DATED: 03-07-2018

HATE BEAUTY
WPT.ORG

01-20-2018. 6:30 P.M.

QUEEN OMAROSA

UNBOUGHT! UNSCRIPTED!
FLESH! BLOOD! AND
VIM HEART!!!

UPDATE:

God moved Wendy Williams, WENDY
SHOW.COM 02-07-2018, to confess out
LOUD INTO OUR UNIVERSE that:

"Omarosa looked beautiful"

— Amen!!!

But those TV-Negroes "HENS"
backyard gossipers... reading "SCRIPTS"
were written by Whites ON, esp., CBS.COM
/THE TALK and ABC.COM /THE VIEW, yet
have not BY Truth set free, from their
Hate filled mean-spirit toward BLACK
and BEAUTIFUL QUEEN OMAROSA!

THEY DEAF AND BLIND
TO: "DO THE RIGHT THING" !!!

KESHIA KNIGHT
IRL UNIVERSAL
HUMAN BEING !!!

CELEBRITY BIG BROTHER
CBS. COM FEB. 2018

A WORD TO THE "FIGHTING MEAN HENS"!

"It's important out there that
young girls see two African-
American women not tear each
other down" !!!

- K. Knight

AMEN! Soulsista!!! Keep it Real!

You and Omorosa Two QUEENS!!!
- OPE TOO BLACK!!! & BEAUTIFUL!!!!

#TURNEDBARNWARDGOSSIPINTOPUBLICPOLICY!!!
I alone speak for ALL BLACK
FOLKS!!! LOL!!!

"Hating The Beautiful"

BY Rebecca Mead www.allure.com

COVER

CITY THE PRETTY! THE BLACKLASH
AGAINST BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE [WOMEN]
BEAUTY

BY JENNIFER SIEBEL NEWSOME
misrepresentation.org FILM

THE JEFF PROBST SHOW
TUES. [5-16-2013]

GUESTS:
Lolo HAWTTAWAY, SINGER
[DONNIE'S DAUGHTER]...

THE ECONOMIC OF BEAUTY

REPORTER PAUL SOLOMON
PBS.org / THE NEWS HOUR FEB. 5, 2015, THURS.
6:15 P.M. 3073

DATED: 03-07-2018

CLASSROOM ASSIGNMENT

SCHOOL IS IN!!!

PIERCE MORGAN?
WRONG!!!

UPDATE:

CORRECTED:

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ROYAL WEDDING !!!

GUEST LIST:

Reportedly Former President
Barack H. Obama is on that Guest
List...

PICTURE THIS:

MR. Obama, is like the FUTURE
PRINCESS, of MIXED [BLACK AND WHITE]
Race... COUNTRYMEN LADIES

Country, if MR. Obama can be-
come President of the World's Most Power-
ful Nation, then Lady MEGHAN can
become your _____ !!! SEE BELOW,
P.P. 2-3

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HE GETS A LITTLE NERVOUS
AT THESE THINGS," A SOURCE
SAYS OF HARRY
(AT THE TORONTO
INVICTUS GAMES
WITH BARACK OBAMA
SEPT. 30).

SOURCE: USMAGAZINE / INSIDE US
OCT. 14, 2007, P. 13

HARRY CHARMS MEGHAN'S MOM

Prince Harry was, well, a Prince when he met Meghan Markle's Mom, Doria Ragland, last summer. "She was bowled over by how down-to-earth and humble he is" reveals a source. And thoughtful. As the royal, 33, planned his third Invictus Games, in Toronto [the city the Suits Star calls home], he suggested Markle Ragland to join. "He thought it was an opportunity for them to celebrate a special moment."

WHAT A SHOW! During the September 30 closing ceremony of the Olympics-Style games honoring wounded soldiers, Harry left his VIP seat to join Markle, Ragland and friends Jessica Mulroney and Markus Anderson [who introduced the duo last year] in a luxury box.

FOR THE REST OF THE STORY GO TO: USMAGAZINE

COM / HOT HOLLYWOOD

OCT. 16, 2017, P. 40 C W/3-PICS]

I M A G I N E / L E A N O N O

O N E L O V E / M A R L E Y

30F3 DATED 3-07-2018

ME TOO !!!

TIMES UP !!!

UPDATE:

SHOUT-OUT OUTSIDE THE BARS

TO: SEAL

SOUL UNIVERSAL SUPERSTAR

GOOD NEWS !!!

HOLLYWOOD "DA" NOT CHARGE YOU

WITH SEX CRIME !!!

KEEP ON SINGING SWEET !!!

Amen!

"...he leads forth prisoners with singing:"

- PSA. 68:6

KEEP THE FAITH, BABY !!!

DATED: 03-06-2018

BUBBLE — KATY PERRY

OPRAH

GOLDEN GLOBE SPEECH

UPDATE

IN 2014, I POSTED ACCOMPAN-
ied, BELOW, P. 2, ENTITLED ACCURATELY:
"AN AMERICAN DREAM TOO FAR"

MS. Oprah preaches to the
Hollywood Choir, and then becomes a
purported prospective 2020 President-
ial Candidate.

America is not ready for
an overweight Black woman com-
mander-in-chief!!

MS. Perry you are still
stuck in your OPINION (BUBBLED)

Just ONE Black MAN'S
OPINION

AN AMERICAN DREAM TOO FAR

After our first AMERICAN BLACK PRESIDENT
Americans is apparently a long way from,
as is said, experimenting with yet
another "FIRST": FIRST WOMAN, FIRST
CUBAN PRESIDENT.

It's back to the "SAMENESS" offered
IN VICE PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN OR SEN. (R. W.)
RON PAUL.

Hillary and her elitist supporters
are caught-up IN NOT!! a "Fairy Tale" -
but AN AMERICAN DREAM TOO FAR.

BY ACHY OBEJAS "SEEING REDS"
INTHESETIMES.COM DECEMBER 2013, P. 16

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BY: LEON IRBY DATED

, 2014

TOP BILLINGS
HOLLYWOOD!!!

UPDATE

THE MASS MURDERS

V.

THE SUPERSTARS

OPRAH

WHOOPI (ABC THE VIEW)

MS. O (CBS THE TALK)

ANDERSON COOPER (CNN)

etc.

ZILLIONAIRES

GATED FANTASY ISLAND

SUPERGO

These HOLLYWOOD SUPERSTARS are trying
to IMPOSE their "DENIAL" of the REAL WORLD
CIRCL) - as it exist.

These Pretenders and foul HYPOCRITES
[WITNESSES SEAL, ROSE MCGOWAN, etc.]

Fakingly Advocate NOT giving MASS

MURDERS "TOP BILLING" i.e. - NOT NAMING

THEM [e.g. STEPHEN PADDOCK, 64, 2017]

BUT LET'S MAKE A MOVIE

LET'S MAKE MONEY! MONEY!!!

DATED: 1-06-2018

#BEILAHADID

SOURCE: ROLLINGSTONE.COM / RANDOM NOTES
NOV. 30, 2017, P. 26

NEVER SAY NEVER
ON-again, off-again couple Selena Gomez and Justin Bieber had some whole some fun in LA, just days after news got out that Gomez recently split with the weekend. Gomez recently said she has two albums worth of new music ready.

IS IT TRUE OR MAYBE?!

Weekend friends purportedly warned him against Gomez using her name to gain materials for her hit songs.

THAT'S WHAT PEOPLE SAY !!
SELENA GOMEZ
LOVERS AND
HER SONGS !!

A VIEWER'S REVIEW
OF ABC.COM/THE VIEW
JAN. 04, 2018 THURS. 10A.M. CT

The Day's "HOT TOPIC", inter alia, was
Michael Wolff's NEW BOOK:

FIRE
AND
FURY
INSIDE THE TRUMP WHITE HOUSE

I write only to tease the erroneous
Record emphatically and repetitiously argued
by co-host Ms. Meghan McCain, i.e., No
previous White House had given a Reporter
the kind of free access, as Mr. Wolff's
New Book depict.

I am confident here in projecting Mr.
Bob Woodward, of Watergate Fame, and his
own various books, e.g., ON Presidents
Bush "W", 2000-2008 and Obama, etc.

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would beg to differ, and his aforesaid
BOOKS and LIST OF CRITICS would back
him up !!

IS IT FAKE NEWS
OR LACK OF KNOWLEDGE?!

Are these TV Talking Heads Talk-
ing down to US viewers, like we're
The ones too ignorant or is it INNO-
CENT errors on their part?

#JUSTANOTHERBRICKINTHEWALL

DATED: JAN. 05, 2018

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BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!!!

NBC.COM/SNL

ENCORE DEC. 30, 2017

10:35 p.m. ET.

SUPERSTAR TIFFANY HADDISH

I just want to THANK YOU AGAIN and
AGAIN for you exclaiming [OUT LOUD!!!], as
the FIRST BLACK LADY, Comedian Host ON
Saturday Night Live [SNL] to the UNIVERSE:

"I am a beautiful woman, OKAY"!!!

Damn Right!!!

#MOVEOVERLESLIEJONES

#BLACKZSBEAUTIFUL

FOR MORE GO TO: "HOT COMEDY TIFF-
ANY HADDISH, HOW THE STAND-UP WENT
FROM HARD TIMES TO HUGE LAUGHS

ROLLINGSTONE.COM
(RS 2017) NOV. 16, 2017, P. 39

DATED: 1-4-2017

HOLLYWOOD AND BLACKS!!!

BLACK PHANTHER

THE REIGN OF CHADWICK
BOSEMAN

— US MAGAZINE.COM

MARA REINSTEIN (MARAMOVIES.COM)

FEB. 16, 2018, P.P. 64-65

THE BLACK PHANTHER
REVOLUTION

CHADWICK BOSEMAN and the MAKING
of a RADICAL SUPERHERO

— BY CONTRIBUTING EDITOR JOSH ELLS
ROLLINGSTONE.COM

MARCH 8, 2018 (RS 1308), P. 32

MY REVIEW

I have not yet the desired opportunity
to see the CHATTED UP to the HEAVENS
Hollywood Blockbuster!

None the less, as evident above - I have Read many Reviews, and Heard many Radio Panel discussions, e.g., NPR, OPB, / MORNING EDITION 07-19-2018, 6:00 A.M. [6:49 A.M. segment; — and seen many TV Trailers and Discussion -s and Stars Interviews, e.g., ABC.COM, NEWS / GMA 7:00 A.M.

HOLLYWOOD HATES AND DEMEAN BLACK FOLKS

Hollywood Portray Black Men as "gay" — and Black Women as obese, ugly and King Kong-like!!!

That's Show Business

FICTIONAL HEROES !!!

Fantasies are nice momentary escapism — but to quote Johnny Cash!
FLESH AND BLOOD NEEDS FLESH AND BLOOD!!!

I HAVE A DREAM!!!

Dr. Martin Luther, Jr.'s "GOOD"
AND POWERFUL!!! WORKS WERE
BURIED WITH HIM (1968)!

He was reduced to AN I HAVE
AN IMPOSSIBLE DREAM NOT A REAL-
ITY!!!] !!!

WHERE ARE OUR IRL HEROES!!!

NAT TURNER

JOHN BROWN

DAVID WALKER

MUSIA MUSA

DENMARK VERSEY

HARRIET TUBMAN

Ad INFINITUM

HOLLYWOOD BURIED OUR REAL LIKE
REAL LIFE IRL HEROES;

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NATE PARKER AND HIS MOVIE
MASTERPIECE NAT TURNER. SEE BELOW,
P.S

NO DREAM!!!
NO FANTASY!!!

AIN'T NOTHING LIKE
THE REAL THING!!!

#CALLITBS!!!

#TEACHERLEAVE THOSE KIDS ALONE"!!!

TELL IT LIKE IS

As racial injustice continues to rattle the country, actor-writer-director Nate Parker achieves his career long mission: bringing the story of Nat Turner's slave rebellion to the big screen.

By Nathan Heller. Photographed by Anton Corbijn.

100 PERCENT RECOMMENDED:
PLEASE READ THE REST OF THIS
"NEED TO KNOW" ILLUMINATING
STORY:

AT: VOGUE.COM
SEPTEMBER 2016, P. 720

"It was the possibility of who looked like me!" !!!

— Nate Parker

.Id P. 721

Heart and sole: Detroiters walks 21 miles in work commute

Leaving home in Detroit at 8 a.m., James Robertson doesn't look like an endurance athlete.

Pudgy of form, shod in heavy work boots, Robertson trudges almost haltingly as he starts another workday.

But as he steps out into the cold, Robertson, 56, is steeled for an Olympic-sized commute. Getting to and from his factory job 23 miles away in Rochester Hills, he'll take a bus partway there and partway home. And he'll also walk an astounding 21 miles.

Five days a week. Monday through Friday. It's the life Robertson has led for the last decade, ever since his 1988 Honda Accord quit on him.

Every trip is an ordeal of mental and physical toughness for this soft-spoken man with a perfect attendance record at work. And every day is a tribute to how much he cares about his job, his boss and his coworkers.

Robertson's daunting walks and bus rides, in all kinds of weather, also reflect the challenges some metro Detroiters face in getting to work in a region of limited bus service, and where car ownership is priced beyond the reach of many.

But you won't hear Robertson complain — nor his boss.

"I set our attendance standard by this man," says Todd Wilson, plant manager at Schain Mold & Engineering. "I say, if this man can get here, walking all those miles through snow and rain, well I'll tell you, I have people in Pontiac 10 minutes away and they say they can't get here — bull!"

As he speaks of his loyal employee, Wilson leans over his desk for emphasis, in a sparse office with a view of the factory floor. Before starting his shift, Robertson stops by the office every day to talk sports, usually baseball. And during dinnertime each day, Wilson treats him to fine Southern cooking, compliments of the plant manager's wife.

"Oh, yes, she takes care of James. And he's a personal favorite of the owners because of his attendance record. He's never missed. I've seen him come in here wringing wet," says Wilson, 53, of Metamora Township.

With a full-time job and marathon commutes, Robertson is clearly sleep deprived, but powers himself by downing 2-liter bottles of Mountain Dew and cans of Coke.

"I sleep a lot on the weekend, yes I do," he says, sounding a little amazed at his schedule. He also catches zzz's on his bus rides. Whatever it takes to get to his job, Robertson does it.

"I can't imagine not working," he says.

'Lord, keep me safe'

The sheer time and effort of getting to work has ruled Robertson's life for more than a decade, ever since his car broke down. He didn't replace it because, he says, "I haven't had a chance to save for it." His job pays \$10.55 an hour, well above Michigan's minimum wage of \$8.15 an hour but not enough for him to buy, maintain and insure a car in Detroit.

As hard as Robertson's morning commute is, the trip home is even harder.

At the end of his 2-10 p.m. shift as an injection molder at Schain Mold's squeaky-clean factory just south of M-59, and when his coworkers are climbing into their cars, Robertson sets off, on foot — in the dark — for the 23-mile trip to his home off Woodward near Holbrook. None of his coworkers lives anywhere near him, so catching a ride almost never happens. Instead, he reverses the 7-mile walk he took earlier that day, a stretch between the factory and a bus stop behind Troy's Somerset Collection shopping mall.

"I keep a rhythm in my head," he says of his seemingly mechanical-like pace to the mall. At Somerset, he catches the last SMART bus of the day, just before 1 a.m. He rides it into Detroit as far it goes, getting off at the State Fairgrounds on Woodward, just south of 8 Mile. By that time, the last inbound Woodward bus has left. So Robertson foots it the rest of the way — about 5 miles — in the cold or rain or the mild summer nights, to the home he shares with his girlfriend.

"I have to go through Highland Park, and you never know what you're going to run into," Robertson says. "It's pretty dangerous. Really, it is (dangerous) from 8 Mile on down. They're not the type of people you want to run into.

"But I've never had any trouble," he says. Actually, he did get mugged several years ago — "some punks tuned him up pretty good," says Wilson, the plant manager. Robertson chooses not to talk about that. So, what gets him past dangerous streets, and through the cold and gloom of night and winter winds?

"One word — faith," Robertson says. "I'm not saying I'm a member of some church. But just before I get home, every night, I say, 'Lord, keep me safe.'" The next day, Robertson adds, "I should've told you there's another thing: determination."

A land of no buses

Robertson's 23-mile commute from home takes four hours. It's so time-consuming because he must traverse the no-bus land of rolling Rochester Hills. It's one of scores of tri-county communities (nearly 40 in Oakland County alone) where voters opted not to pay the SMART transit millage. So it has no fixed-route bus service.

Once he gets to Troy and Detroit, Robertson is back in bus country. But even there, the bus schedules are thin in a region that is relentlessly auto-centric.

"The last five years been really tough because the buses cut back," Robertson says. Both SMART and DDOT have curtailed service over the last half decade, "and with SMART, it really affected service into Detroit," said Megan Owens, executive director of Transportation Riders United.

Detroit's director of transportation said there is a service Robertson may be able to use that's designed to help low-income workers. Job Access and Reverse Commute, paid for

in part with federal dollars, provides door-to-door transportation to low-income workers, but at a cost. Robertson said he was not aware of the program.

Still, metro Detroit's lack of accessible mass transit hasn't stopped Robertson from hoofing it along sidewalks — often snow-covered — to get to a job.

At home at work

Robertson is proud of all the miles he covers each day. But it's taking a toll, and he's not getting any younger.

"He comes in here looking real tired — his legs, his knees," says coworker Janet Vallardo, 59, of Auburn Hills.

But there's a lot more than a paycheck luring him to make his weekday treks. Robertson looks forward to being around his coworkers, saying, "We're like a family." He also looks forward to the homemade dinners the plant manager's wife whips up for him each day. "I look at her food, I always say, 'Excellent. No, not excellent. Phenomenal,'" he says, with Wilson sitting across from him, nodding and smiling with affirmation.

Although Robertson eats in a factory lunchroom, his menus sound like something from a Southern café: Turnip greens with smoked pork neck bones, black-eyed peas and carrots in a brown sugar glaze, baby-back ribs, cornbread made from scratch, pinto beans, fried taters, cheesy biscuits. They're the kind of meal that can fuel his daunting commutes back home.

Though his job is clearly part of his social life, when it's time to work this graduate of Northern High School is methodical. He runs an injection-molding machine the size of a small garage, carefully slicing and drilling away waste after removing each finished part, and noting his production in detail on a clipboard.

Strangers crossing paths

Robertson has walked the walk so often that drivers wonder: Who is that guy? UBS banker Blake Pollock, 47, of Rochester, wondered. About a year ago, he found out. Pollock tools up and down Crooks each day in his shiny black 2014 Chrysler 300.

"I saw him so many times, climbing through snow banks. I saw him at all different places on Crooks," Pollock recalls.

Last year, Pollock had just parked at his office space in Troy as Robertson passed. The banker in a suit couldn't keep from asking the factory guy in sweats, what the heck are you doing, walking out here every day? They talked a bit. Robertson walked off and Pollock ruminated.

From then on, Pollock began watching for the factory guy. At first, he'd pick him up occasionally, when he could swing the time. But the generosity became more frequent as winter swept in. Lately, it's several times a week, especially when metro Detroit sees single-digit temperatures and windchills. "Knowing what I know, I can't drive past him now. I'm in my car with the heat blasting and even then my feet are cold," Pollock says. Other times, it's 10:30 or 11 p.m., even after midnight, when Pollock, who is divorced, is

sitting at home alone or rolling home from a night out, and wondering how the man he knows only as "James" is doing in the frigid darkness.

On those nights, Pollock runs Robertson all the way to his house in Detroit.

"I asked him, why don't you move closer" to work. "He said his girlfriend inherited their house so it's easy to stay there," Pollock said. On a recent night run, Pollock got his passenger home at 11 p.m. They sat together in the car for a minute, outside Robertson's house.

"So, normally you'd be getting here at 4 o'clock (in the morning), right?" the banker asks. "Yeah," Robertson replies. Pollock flashes a wry smile. "So, you're pretty early, aren't you?" he says. Robertson catches the drift.

"Oh, I'm grateful for the time, believe me," Robertson says, then adds in a voice rising with anticipation: "I'm going to take me a bath!"

After the door shuts and Pollock pulls away, he admits that Robertson mystifies him, yet leaves him stunned with admiration for the man's uncanny work ethic and determination. "I always say to my friends, I'm not a nice guy. But I find myself helping James," Pollock says with a sheepish laugh. He said he's picked up Robertson several dozen times this winter alone.

Has a routine

At the plant, coworkers feel odd seeing one of their team members always walking, says Charlie Hollis, 63, of Pontiac. "I keep telling him to get him a nice little car," says Hollis, also a machine operator.

Echoes the plant manager Wilson, "We are very much trying to get James a vehicle." But Robertson has a routine now, and he seems to like it, his coworkers say.

"If I can get away, I'll pick him up. But James won't get in just anybody's car. He likes his independence," Wilson says.

Robertson has simple words for why he is what he is, and does what he does. He speaks with pride of his parents, including his father's military service.

"I just get it from my family. It's a lot of walking, I know."

Contact Bill Laitner: blaitner@freepress.com or 313-223-4485.

Robertson's commute by the miles

Detroit City Hall to Metro Airport: What he walks each day

Detroit to Lansing: What he walks each week

Detroit to Louisville, Ky.: What he walks each month

Detroit to Los Angeles – and back: What he walks each year

Pope Francis to address Congress

WASHINGTON — Pope Francis will make an unprecedented address to Congress on Sept. 24 during his first visit to the United States.

House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, announced Thursday that the pope formally accepted an invitation the speaker extended last year.

No pope or religious leader who serves as a head of state has ever addressed Congress, according to the U.S. House Historian's Office.

Pope Francis, who was elected the head of the Roman Catholic church in 2013, will visit New York, Philadelphia and Washington this fall during his first visit to the United States as pope.

"In a time of global upheaval, the Holy Father's message of compassion and human dignity has moved people of all faiths and backgrounds," Boehner, who is Catholic, said in a statement. "His teachings, prayers, and very example bring us back to the blessings of simple things and our obligations to one another."

White House says Obama will ask Congress to authorize military force against ISIS

President Obama is expected to formally ask Congress to authorize the use of military force against the Islamic State terror group in the coming days, even as lawmakers said crafting and passing such a measure would be a challenge.

The U.S. has been carrying out airstrikes against the terrorists, most commonly known as ISIS, in Iraq and Syria since August and September, respectively. In doing so, Obama has been relying on congressional authorizations that President George W. Bush used to justify military action after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Critics have called the White House's use of post-9/11 congressional authorizations a legal stretch, though Obama has previously argued that a new authorization isn't legally necessary.

White House spokesman Josh Earnest said Thursday that the administration is dedicated to getting a new authorization with bipartisan support. He declined to comment on specific provisions, including how long the authorization will last, what geographical areas it will cover and whether it will allow for the possibility of ground troops. Earnest said those details were still being worked out.

"When it comes to fighting a war, the Congress should not tie the president's hands, House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, told reporters Thursday morning. However, Boehner later added, "It's also incumbent on the president to make the case to the American people on why we need to fight this fight. This is not going to be an easy lift." House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said talks with the administration are focusing on an authorization time frame of three years, while the other issues are still being worked out. Pelosi added that she ultimately expects a compromise on the outstanding issues to be reached and added that she hopes Congress will repeal the 2002 congressional authorization for the war in Iraq while retaining the 2001 authorization for military action in Afghanistan.

"I'm not saying anybody's come to an agreement on it," Pelosi said. "I think it's going to be a challenge, but we will have it."

The developments come after Islamic militants released a grisly video of the murder of a Jordanian Air Force pilot by burning him alive. Pelosi also said that the U.S. should "move quickly" to steer military aid to Jordan, which has begun a stepped-up campaign against the militants, including a series of air strikes in Syria.

Republicans generally want a broader authorization of military action against the militants, who have overrun wide swaths of Iraq and Syria, than Democrats have been willing to consider. Obama has said he does not intend to have U.S. "boots on the ground" in combat roles, while many Republicans believe that option ought to be available to the military.

Secretary of State John Kerry has testified that any new authorization should not limit U.S. military action to just Iraq and Syria or prevent the president from deploying ground troops if he later deems them necessary. Kerry also said that if the new authorization has a time limit, there should be a provision for it to be renewed.

Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., the ranking member of the House intelligence panel, has already introduced legislation rather than wait for Obama's version. His bill would authorize the use of force against ISIS in Iraq and Syria for three years, but prohibit the use of ground forces in a combat mission in either nation. He has said if the president later decided to deploy ground troops, he could return to Congress to ask for new authority.

"It is my hope that the administration will be willing to accept important limits in a new authorization as well as the sunset or repeal of the old [authorizations], as this will be necessary to ensure strong bipartisan support and meet the goals the president set last summer of refining and repealing the prior authorizations," Schiff said in a statement Thursday, using the acronym for authorization for use of military force.

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie's Administration Facing New Criminal Investigation

Federal authorities have launched a criminal investigation into New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, as well as members of his administration, a man at the center of the investigation told ABC News.

The U.S. attorney's office in New Jersey has interviewed former Hunterdon County Assistant Prosecutor Bennett Barlyn, who claims he was fired because he objected to Christie officials dismissing indictments against political allies of the governor. Barlyn confirmed the investigation to ABC News. It was first reported by the **International Business Times**.

"It is true," Barlyn told ABC News, saying he was interviewed by federal authorities at his Pennsylvania home this week. "I also provided the investigators with names of people I thought could furnish firsthand information."

Barlyn said he was not sure whether others have been questioned for the investigation.

THE BIG IDEA

pris·on ab·o·li·tion

noun

1. The dismantling of the prison system; the end of coerced confinement as punishment
2. The construction of alternatives to prison and of a world that disincentivizes violence

→ DON'T PRISONS KEEP PEOPLE SAFE?

Whatever politicians might say, abolitionists argue that the current prison-industrial complex isn't designed to solve crime—after all, three-quarters of people released from prison are rearrested within five years—but rather to warehouse the poor, drug addicted and mentally ill. And there's a racial element as well: Black Americans are around five times more likely than whites to find themselves behind bars, often for minor offenses, while many who pose a bigger threat to society get Oscars, golden parachutes and seats in Congress.

→ WHY NOT JUST MAKE PRISONS BETTER?

It's true that not all prisons are as sadistic as Uncle Sam's: In Norway, for example, the incarcerated wear street clothes, pick berries, cook meals and



have relative freedom to move about the grounds. But many prison abolitionists believe that depriving humans of liberty is fundamentally cruel. Social scientists such as Gresham M. Sykes—not to mention many incarcerated people themselves—have long documented how the loss of one's place in society, physical safety and autonomy can cause severe long-term psychological problems.

→ STILL, ISN'T PRISON

ABOLITION UTOPIC?

Utopic need not be a slur, but the idea is less out there than it may seem. As Angela Davis explains in *Are Prisons Obsolete?*, imprisonment only became

“While there is a lower class I am in it, and while there is a criminal element, I am of it, and while there is a soul in prison, I am not free.”

—SOCIALIST EUGENE V. DEBS, IN A STATEMENT TO THE COURT AFTER BEING CONVICTED OF SEDITION IN 1918

a catch-all punishment in what's now the United States around the American Revolution. Other means of conflict resolution aren't just possible, but the historical norm.

→ OKAY, SO ... WHAT DO WE DO WITH ALL THE CRIMINALS?

The abolitionist first might challenge the word “criminal,” observing that it's often racialized, and call to decriminalize “crimes” like drug use, for example. They might also advocate full employment, well-funded public education, drug treatment programs and adequate mental healthcare, all of which help address causes of illegal activity; digging out the social and economic roots of gendered violence would be crucial as well. Prison abolitionist organizations such as Critical Resistance support initiatives like community gardens to build social cohesion. And while instances of rape and murder won't vanish entirely, societies worldwide are experimenting with restorative justice: non-carceral efforts at repairing harm done to individuals and communities.



DEAR ITT IDEOLOGIST,

Accounts abound that after a year of euphoria, the Trumpen element is becoming exasperated at the inability of their leader to get Congress to enact his antic agenda. Some say that even the hard core of his base is softening. Do you credit these rumors?

—Buzz Hearsay, Palm Beach, Fla.

Dear Buzz,

I certainly do. My sources tell me that the CREAPS among his supporters are especially disillusioned. The initials stand for the Caucus of Rapists, Exhibitionists and Assorted Perverts. They had been riding high ever since the *Access Hollywood* incident seemed to indicate that a winning fraction of the electorate was ready to let a lying lecher lead America. They believed that Trump's unabashed lickerish would give license to deliver the country into a new age of depravity in which business execs would spend their days cheating their workers and their nights cheating on their spouses. But things haven't worked out for the CREAPS and their kith. Finally fed up, women across the spectrum of status have exploded in rebellion at the unabashed misogyny and abuse celebrated by the recrudescence of reaction. Who would have guessed that “locker-room talk” would have helped inspire revolution?

—PETE KARMAN

SOUTH AFRICA

Trevor Noah Seriously funny

By Eliana Dockterman

Trevor Noah wasn't supposed to be here. Before the 33-year-old South African comedian took over hosting *The Daily Show* in 2015, the list of obvious successors to Jon Stewart included alumni of the show Samantha Bee, Stephen Colbert and John Oliver as well as *Saturday Night Live* veterans Tina Fey, Amy Poehler and Chris Rock. "It was ridiculous. There was no way I expected to get it," Noah recalls, sitting in an office above *The Daily Show's* studio, now his studio, on the edge of midtown Manhattan.

And yet Comedy Central made the risky choice to install a host little known in America but famous around the world in hopes of reaching young people, especially international young people. His debut wasn't exactly smooth for an audience used to 16 years of Stewart. "When I started, there was a lot of criticism around me not being angry. But what was there to be angry about? Progress was being made. Unemployment was dropping. Gay people were getting marriage equality. I refuse to be a part of an outrage machine," Noah says, pausing. "And then Donald Trump was elected."

In the months since, Comedy Central's bet on finding a more global audience for *The Daily Show* has begun to pay off. Noah's viewership has yet to reach that of Stewart's last season, but the network says international viewership has risen drastically since Noah's debut. (The show is now watched in 176 countries, up from around 70 before.) "Donald Trump has made everyone interested in everything, everywhere. He's a worldwide phenomenon," says Noah. "And with everything that's going on—the Muslim ban, threats to women's rights, the environment—I feel like I can finally say the show has a purpose."

NOAH WAS BORN in Johannesburg, the son of a white Swiss father and a black South African mother, during apartheid, when it was illegal for mixed-race couples to procreate. His parents never married. The comedian writes in his memoir, *Born a Crime*, that he spent much of his youth playing alone indoors so that the police wouldn't spot him and take him away. Noah, whose Netflix stand-up special *Afraid of the Dark* premiered Feb. 21, jokes that on family outings his father would have to walk across the street and wave at him "like a pedophile."

Many comedians make light of tragedy. Still, Noah's case is extreme: Noah, his brother and his mother once leaped from a moving minibus after the driver intimated he would kill them over their

ethnicity. When Noah was in his 20s, his stepfather shot his mother in the head. She miraculously survived and, when she woke from surgery, told Noah not to cry because he was now the best-looking one in the family. "I inherited a sense of humor from my mom, the ability to laugh in the face of danger," says Noah. "My friends say to me, 'I hope I'm never kidnapped with you, because you'll probably get us killed by making fun of the kidnapper,' which is true."

By his 20s, Noah was one of the first popular comedians in South Africa to have both white and black fans. He'd come up selling illegally copied CDs in high school and deejaying parties before finding his way into radio and stand-up. He hosted a South African late-night show in the 2010s. He toured the world as a comedian, sometimes taking aim at America from an outsider's perspective, eventually getting noticed by Stewart. Ultimately he earned one of the most coveted perches on U.S. television.

If he still considers himself a "citizen of the world," it's less a reflection of his background than of his age. "Younger people are connected by the Internet, and that means we're communicating with people from halfway around the world. It means we're not brainwashed to think every immigrant is a bad person, because we can talk to them," he says. "You look at global warming—of course old people don't care about the planet because they're not going to be here for the consequences."

Noah points out millennials have grown up creating change by swiping on their phones. It took Trump's getting elected to drive them into the streets and protest. He maintains that they will be as much a force for change as the generations before. "People who say millennials are the 'me, me, me' generation—I think an older generation has a 'me, me, me' attitude when it comes to issues like the environment. The older generation tries to maintain the status quo, and the younger generation pushes ahead."

Trump is the most stark example of that status quo. It may seem impossible for someone like Noah to identify with Trump. Even the way they speak in interviews is radically different: Noah in eloquent metaphors, Trump in defiant simplicity. And after all, lambasting Trump's contradictions gave Noah's *Daily Show* badly needed definition.

But Noah says he does relate to the President—as a performer. "When I watch him, I see a comedian. I see somebody who loves an audience. Someone who likes to be liked," says Noah. "You see the standing ovation in front of you, and yet the newspapers are writing that you're not doing well. And the performer's mind goes, This is a world that's clearly lying because I'm doing well, and it is against me." It's a feeling that Noah knows well. Which may be why *The Daily Show* feels so relevant now.

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—TREVOR NOAH

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Signs

- Sign over a Gynecologist's Office:
"Dr. Jones, at your cervix."
- In a Podiatrist's office:
"Time wounds all heels."
- On a Septic Tank Truck:
Yesterday's Meals on Wheels
- At a Proctologist's door:
"To expedite your visit, please back in."
- On a Plumber's truck:
"We repair what your husband fixed."
- On another Plumber's truck:
"Don't sleep with a drip. Call your plumber."
- On a Church's Bill board:
"7 days without God makes one weak."
- At a Tire Shop in Milwaukee:
"Invite us to your next blowout."
- At a Towing company:
"We don't charge an arm and a leg. We want tows."
- On an Electrician's truck:
"Let us remove your shorts.."
- In a Nonsmoking Area:
"If we see smoke, we will assume you are on fire and take appropriate action."
- On a Maternity Room door:
"Push. Push. Push."
- At an Optometrist's Office:
"If you don't see what you're looking for, you've come to the right place."
- On a Taxidermist's window:
"We really know our stuff."
- On a Fence:
"Salesmen welcome! Dog food is expensive!"
- At a Car Dealership:
"The best way to get back on your feet - miss a car payment."
- At a Propane Filling Station:
"Thank heaven for little grills."
- Outside a Muffler Shop:
"No appointment necessary. We hear you coming."
- In a Veterinarian's waiting room:
"Be back in 5 minutes. Sit! Stay!"
- At the Electric Company:
"We would be delighted if you send in your payment.
However, if you don't, you will be delighted."
- In a Restaurant window:
"Don't stand there and be hungry; come on in and get fed up."
- In the front yard of a Funeral Home:
"Drive carefully. We'll wait."
- And don't forget the sign at a Chicago Radiator Shop:
"Best place in town to take a leak."
- Sign on the back of another Septic Tank Truck:
"Caution - This Truck is full of Political Promises"

Laughing Matters

Some short chuckles

English is weird
It can be understood through
tough, thorough thought, though.

Hyphenated. ... Non-hyphenated.
That's irony.

So when is this 'Old enough to
know better' supposed to kick in?

If I were wrong, don't you think I'd
know?

How to enjoy wine:
Open the bottle to allow it to
breathe.

If it doesn't look like it's breathing,
give it mouth-to-mouth.

I can win an argument on any
topic, against any opponent. People
know this, and steer clear of me at
parties. Often, as a sign of their great
respect, they don't even invite me.

— Dave Barry