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— MLK, Jr.

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# FOX CONN DEAL

## A TAIWANESE MANUFACTURER

Gov. Walker to Give \$3 Billion Away  
To Foxconn:

"Foxconn is the largest contract manufacturer of electronics, best known for making iPhones, but with a long list of customers including Sony Corp., Dell Inc. and BlackBerry Ltd..."

"The total incentive package is 10 times larger than anything ever approved in Wisconsin and would be the biggest state subsidy to a foreign company in the United States."

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be sustainable as finances continue to deteriorate.

"The system has not maintained the financial health of the Postal Service," Taub declared. Shipping rival UPS, which has opposed higher stamp rates as potentially anticompetitive, said Friday it hoped the regulatory commission would take additional steps to protect companies that the Postal Service competes with. UPS argues the post office could unfairly use revenue from higher stamp rates to lower package delivery rates, "which would be against U.S. law."

An independent agency of government, the Postal Service has lost money for 11 straight years. While online shopping has led to years of double-digit growth in its package-delivery business, it hasn't offset declines in lucrative first-class mail. Overall mail volume, which makes up more than two-thirds of postal revenue, dropped 27 percent over the last decade as people relied more on email and online bill payments.

### McDonald's revives Dollar Menu name with \$1, \$2 and \$3 items

NEW YORK (AP) — The Dollar Menu is making a McComeback.

McDonald's said Monday that it is reviving the name of the once-popular value menu next month after a two-year absence, but this time the items will cost \$1, \$2 or \$3.

Offering cheap eats has become a winning strategy for the world's largest hamburger chain, and a way to fight off other low-priced chains. In October, it attributed a rise in a key sales figure during the third quarter to its \$1 sodas and a two-for-\$5 promotion called McPick 2. And as more people visited its restaurants for deals, McDonald's said some also bought pricier burgers stuffed with crispy onions or guacamole, which helped sales.

McDonald's dumped the original Dollar Menu, with items costing \$1, about four years ago as franchisees complained that their profits were squeezed by a rise in ingredient costs. But the move hurt sales as customers went elsewhere for low-priced fast food. In 2013, it launched the Dollar Menu & More, with items costing as much as \$5, but discontinued it about two years ago and replaced it with the McPick 2.

The "\$1 \$2 \$3 Dollar Menu" will become a permanent part of the McDonald's nationwide menu starting Jan. 4, the Oak Brook, Illinois-based company said. It tested other names, but customers liked the Dollar Menu one best, said Chris Kempczinski, who oversees McDonald's Corp.'s U.S. business.

"It's something that still resonates," he said. There are a dozen items on the new menu, including a sausage burrito for a buck, a bacon McDouble for \$2 and a Happy Meal for \$3.

### CVS expands into insurance with \$69 billion Aetna bid

CVS will buy insurance giant Aetna in a roughly \$69 billion deal that will help the drugstore chain reach deeper into customer

health care and protect a key client, a person with knowledge of the matter said Sunday. CVS Health Corp. will pay about \$207 in cash and stock for each share of Aetna Inc., according to the person, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the deal has not been announced publicly. That represents a 29 percent premium to the price of Aetna shares on Oct. 25, the day before The Wall Street Journal first reported about the possibility of a deal.

The mammoth acquisition pairs a company that runs more than 9,700 drugstores and 1,100 walk-in clinics with an insurer covering around 22 million people. CVS Health Corp. is also one of the nation's biggest pharmacy benefit managers, processing more than a billion prescriptions a year for insurance companies, including Aetna.

The deal could help feed a steady stream of customers to CVS stores, many of which now offer a growing menu of medical services in addition to the usual fare of prescriptions and cold and cough supplies.

That could help fuel a push by CVS to become more of a one-stop-shop for health care, a place where patients can get blood drawn, then see a nurse practitioner and pick up prescriptions.

"If you think about it, we actually don't have anything like that," Jefferies analyst Brian Tanquilut said recently.

CVS Health started adding clinics to its drugstores years ago and has been expanding the services they offer. Customers can get physicals, flu shots or treatments for sinus infections at the clinics. They also can receive cholesterol screenings or find help monitoring chronic conditions like diabetes. Analysts say clinics aren't especially profitable, but they are important because they draw people into the stores and help build deeper customer relationships.

The clinics also provide services that can't be purchased online. Like other retailers, drugstores are struggling to hold onto customers who are buying more goods through outlets such as Amazon.

By expanding its medical services, CVS would essentially be "replacing aisles and products with services," Tanquilut noted. He and others on Wall Street expect the Aetna deal to fuel a health care services expansion for CVS. The company might open more clinics or add services such as eye care or hearing aid centers.

The deal also will help CVS keep Aetna's business managing the insurer's pharmacy benefits. That could keep millions of customers away from Amazon if the retail giant decides to expand into prescription drugs. Investors have been worried about that prospect since reports about the possibility first appeared earlier this year. Amazon has not commented on the possibility.

CVS also has to worry about competition from UnitedHealth Group Inc. The nation's biggest health insurer also manages a large

pharmacy benefits business, and it runs doctor practices and clinics.

Antitrust regulators still need to approve the deal, and that is not guarantee.

The Justice Department said last month that it is suing AT&T to stop its \$85 billion purchase of Time Warner. Regulators also sued to stop the Aetna's approximately \$34 billion purchase of rival Humana Inc. — a deal that fell apart earlier this year.

Hartford, Connecticut-based Aetna and Woonsocket, Rhode Island-based CVS both manage Medicare prescription drug coverage. Some of that business may have to be sold to address antitrust concerns. But otherwise, Leerink analyst David Larsen thinks a CVS-Aetna combination has decent odds of getting past regulators, in part because the businesses have little overlap.

"We also believe that the Trump administration is more business-friendly, and regulators may view a CVS/(Aetna) combination as a way to continue to put pressure on manufacturers and drug prices," he said in a recent research note.

### Foxconn won \$3 billion tax credit battle, but the public relations campaign continues

Taiwanese manufacturer Foxconn has won the political battle for a \$3 billion state tax credit, but the campaign to win over the public, including many in the business community, continues.

The public relations effort comes as Gov. Scott Walker mounts a campaign for a third term, his Democratic challengers criticize the Foxconn deal as a waste of taxpayer resources and initial public polling shows evidence of public opposition. One of Walker's closest political advisers is also involved in Foxconn's communications strategy.

Last week the company sent Louis Woo, a top Foxconn executive, to participate in a panel discussion at a Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce event in Madison where he cracked jokes with fellow panelists Wisconsin Economic Development Corp. CEO Mark Hogan and Department of Administration Secretary Scott Neitzel in front of a projected map of Wisconsin with ripples emanating across the state from a star in Racine County.

Woo said the company's 10-year vision is to create a "Wisconn Valley" that will rival California's Silicon Valley. He added that in order to recruit workers it will be imperative "to maintain and even increase the pristine of Wisconsin, the beauty of Wisconsin, the environmental values of Wisconsin" — even though one of the main criticisms of the deal is that it exempts the company from certain state environmental regulations that other businesses must follow.

"Why are we attracted to Wisconsin? Mostly it's the people," Woo said. "It's because of you guys that we are attracted to Wisconsin." Gov. Scott Walker, speaking at the same event, addressed right away a concern that he said has been on the mind of many business

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owners as the Foxconn facility creates as many as 13,000 direct jobs, 22,000 indirect jobs and 10,000 construction jobs in Racine County.

"One of our goals is to make sure we're not only fulfilling the needs that they're going to have directly and indirectly there but that those are a net gain when it comes to jobs in the state and that we're not taking employees from other employers across the state," Walker said.

In its recent series on the worker shortage, the Wisconsin State Journal reported how some business owners are concerned about where Foxconn will find 13,000 workers when near record-low unemployment has made it difficult to find workers. Speaking with reporters Friday, Walker acknowledged the concerns about Wisconsin's worker shortage in relation to Foxconn have been continual and widespread.

"There's usually not a week, sometimes not a day that doesn't go by when I haven't heard specifically from employers about concerns they have about filling positions," Walker said. "And so as I look ahead knowing that obviously the (Foxconn) building will start next year and the full-scale hiring ... I'm going to make sure that we're not waiting until we've got an insurmountable problem, that we're acting now."

Walker said that after announcing the Foxconn deal in July, he met with representatives from German candymaker Haribo to reassure the company that it wouldn't be competing with Foxconn for workers. He brought representatives from Milwaukee-based workforce consultant Manpower to share a report that had been prepared regarding the Foxconn deal.

"We actually involved Manpower to help us make the case about how there are different markets in terms of the type of workers they're looking for and different ways even though they're in southeastern Wisconsin," Walker said. "It was something that renewed their confidence."

Earlier this year, Haribo landed a \$21 million income tax credit incentive from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corp. — at the time the agency's fourth largest tax credit award — to create 385 jobs in Pleasant Prairie.

Haribo officials didn't respond to a request for comment.

Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce, the state's largest business group, also declined to discuss what they are hearing from businesses about the Foxconn deal and their public relations strategy.

Foxconn's public relations effort is being overseen by Platform Communications, a company owned by Walker campaign political adviser Keith Gilkes. A Platform spokeswoman declined to discuss the group's communications strategy. The company provided a statement saying over the coming weeks and months, it will continue to engage with business leaders and the public as the company builds its campus in Racine County

and grows an "extensive Wisconsin-based supply chain that will support this facility." Polls from Marquette Law School and Democratic-leaning Public Policy Polling suggested the deal isn't wildly popular. The Marquette Poll was limited to southeastern Wisconsin but found 38 percent saying it was worth the \$3 billion state investment and 48 percent saying it wasn't. The PPP poll found statewide 41 percent opposed the Foxconn deal, 34 percent supported it and 26 percent weren't sure.

The Walker campaign declined to discuss any internal polling, but noted Walker has talked up Foxconn on the campaign trail after initially not mentioning it in his kickoff speech in Waukesha.

At an event in Superior soon after — in the opposite corner of the state from Racine County and the location of a failed economic development deal from 2012

involving Kestrel Aircraft — Walker said Foxconn is "going to have to have construction workers from one end of the state to the other" and purchase \$1.4 billion from "companies in Superior and all over." "Not only was Foxconn the right thing to do for hard-working families — excitement around this historic investment will continue to grow as shovels enter the ground, suppliers and workers across the state support the project, and tens of thousands of jobs are created," campaign spokesman Nate Craft said.

All the major Democratic candidates running for governor have criticized the deal. State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Evers launched an ad in August highlighting how taxpayers won't recoup the lost state revenue for 25 years. Rep. Dana Wachs, D-Eau Claire, who voted against the deal, decried the "staggering price tag borne by taxpayers" and "lack of protections for workers, our water and air." Milwaukee businessman Andy Gronik called it a "shell game." Former Democratic Party of Wisconsin chairman Matt Flynn called it a "desperate deal."

The criticism prompted a response last month from the Republican Party of Wisconsin and the GOP leaders of the Legislature's economic development committees, who said "Democrats are so desperate to score a few cheap political points that they are willing to put hard working families at risk by creating a chilling effect on investment and job creation."

Rep. John Nygren, R-Marinette, also wrote a column recently defending the deal, saying "while Foxconn may be located in southeastern Wisconsin, its impact will be felt statewide."

Rep. Todd Novak, R-Dodgeville, one of two Assembly Republicans who voted against the deal, said before the vote he heard from business owners concerned about what impact Foxconn would have on their ability to find workers. He said he heard from all across the political spectrum: "What are we going to get out of it?"

Novak said many of his concerns about the deal were addressed when WEDC signed the Foxconn contract, which spelled out a timeline for when the company would have to create the 13,000 jobs in order to qualify for the \$3 billion in tax credit.

## 2018 Bentley Continental GT First Edition beckons early adopters

Bentley has launched limited-run First Edition models for the Bentayga SUV and the Mulsanne flagship. Now, the latest Continental GT is on deck.

The luxury marque revealed the Continental GT First Edition on Wednesday, and it boasts a handful of unique cues to earn its badge. Like more pedestrian Continental GTs, the First Edition includes Bentley's funky Rotating Display, which lets drivers switch through three different fascia panels to suit one's mood. Buyers can opt for four unique Dual Veneers for the dashboard fascia, but unlike other cars, the First Edition's wood options may be paired with an exclusive Grand Black option. Additionally, the interior boasts a unique contrasting stitch pattern through the diamond-in-diamond quilt pattern on seats, door panels and rear quarter panels. Continental GT First Editions also include a Mulliner Driving Specification, which adds alloy foot pedals, jeweled oil and fuel filler caps, and unique 22-inch wheels available in bright paint, black and hand polished, or fully polished finishes. And like all First Editions, Bentley has placed Union Jack badges throughout the interior and exterior. Atop the lengthy list of standard equipment, Continental GT First Editions are also equipped with the City Specification and Touring Specification. The packages add other helpful features such as park assist, pedestrian warning, and traffic sign recognition.

Bentley did not announce how many Continental GT First Editions it will build, nor how much one will cost, but if previous First Edition launches set standards, expect only a couple hundred for production.

## The Mid-Engine C8 Chevrolet Corvette Might Make 850 HP

Chevrolet may have just announced the 755-hp Corvette ZR1, but no matter how incredible it is to drive, it's going to have a hard time not getting overshadowed by the upcoming redesigned version. Based on what we've seen and heard, the C8 will almost definitely be the mid-engine Corvette that's been rumored for all these years. And if the latest report is accurate, not only will the engine sit behind the driver, it will also be ridiculously powerful.

Corvette Forum reader "rsinor" reportedly obtained a copy of a document from IHS Markit, a London-based business analysis company. Unfortunately, the link to the original report is no longer available, but based on what those who read it say, the C8 will get as many as three different engine options. The Corvette's current 6.2-liter V-8 is listed, but is more likely destined for the



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The disturbed man remained inside the rear bedroom after the shooting, police said. After a more than hourlong standoff, officers entered the bedroom and found the man dead with two weapons nearby, police said. The *New York Daily News* and other local media identified the man as Andy Sookdeo. Relatives told the outlets that Sookdeo lived with his parents and hadn't shown any signs of violence.

## Wisconsin Assembly committee approves Foxconn incentives

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — A Wisconsin state Assembly committee approved a \$3 billion tax incentive package on Monday for Taiwan-based Foxconn Technology Group, the first vote in what could be an intense month of legislative action to quickly pass the massive deal.

The Republican-controlled Assembly's jobs and economy committee voted 8-5 along party lines to send the bill to the full Assembly, which plans to take it up Thursday. Republican-authored tweaks were approved that attempt to address some concerns raised by critics that the state is giving away too much to win the \$10 billion plant that could employ up to 13,000 workers.

But the core of the proposal remains — including \$3 billion in tax breaks for meeting investment and employment targets. The panel rejected 22 Democratic amendments that sought, in part, to provide extra protections for taxpayers and the environment and ensure that workers come from Wisconsin, are paid a living wage and have union protections.

"I ask that we take a deep breath, slow this down a bit and enter into further discussions to come up with the best deal possible," said Rep. Tod Ohnstad, a Democrat from Kenosha near where the plant may locate. Republicans defended the deal as a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

"This is an investment that makes sense and we cannot look the other way and let this opportunity go by," Republican Rep. Bob Kulp said.

The Legislature's budget committee could hold a hearing on the measure early next week, with a vote in the Republican-controlled Senate sometime shortly after that. "Rather than rushing through a \$3 billion tax break for a foreign corporation, we need to make sure Wisconsin taxpayers aren't being taken for a ride," said Democratic Senate Minority Leader Jennifer Shilling in a statement.

The proposal must clear both the state Assembly and Senate in identical form and be signed by Gov. Scott Walker before taking effect. Walker negotiated the deal, which was announced by President Donald Trump with great fanfare about two weeks ago. The deal requires the Legislature to pass the tax break bill by Sept. 30.

Despite the Democratic opposition, Republican Assembly Speaker Robin Vos said last week he expected the bill to pass

with bipartisan support. Foxconn is eyeing locations in Kenosha and Racine counties in southeast Wisconsin, areas of the state that include several Democratic lawmakers. It also is considering a secondary site in Dane County, a Democratic stronghold. Foxconn has said it may invest \$10 billion on the plant that would open in 2020 with 3,000 but could expand to 13,000 people within six years.

Concerns about what the state is offering Foxconn increased last week when the nonpartisan Legislative Fiscal Bureau said it will take at least 25 years for Wisconsin taxpayers to break even on the proposed incentives. It would take Wisconsin longer to break even depending on how many workers at the plant come from Illinois, the analysis said.

Under the bill, for every acre of wetland disturbed on the Foxconn site, two acres would have to be restored. The amendment approved Monday would say those should be in the same watershed, if possible. But other key environmental provisions, including exempting Foxconn from having to file an environmental impact statement, remained. The committee also voted to tie payroll tax credits to the number of jobs Foxconn creates that pay between \$30,000 and \$100,000. The bill was also changed to call for state officials to encourage in its contract with Foxconn that it hire Wisconsin residents, addressing concerns that many of the workers would come from neighboring Illinois.

The committee also approved spending \$20 million on worker training to help create a pipeline for high-tech workers who would be needed at the plant.

If constructed as promised, the Foxconn facility would be the first liquid crystal display monitor manufacturing plant outside of Asia.

## SpaceX launches experiments, ice cream to space station

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — A SpaceX capsule rocketed to the International Space Station on Monday, carrying tons of science research, plus ice cream.

As has become customary on these cargo flights, SpaceX landed its leftover booster back at Cape Canaveral shortly after liftoff, a key to its long-term effort to recycle rockets and reduce costs.

"Gorgeous day, spectacular launch," said Dan Hartman, NASA's deputy manager of the space station program.

Experiments make up most of the 6,400 pounds of cargo, which should reach the orbiting lab Wednesday. That includes 20 mice that will return alive inside the SpaceX Dragon capsule in about a month.

The Dragon is also doubling as an ice cream truck this time.

There was extra freezer space, so NASA packed little cups of vanilla, chocolate and birthday cake ice cream, as well as ice cream candy bars. Those treats should be especially welcomed by U.S. astronaut Peggy Whitson, in orbit since November. She's due back at

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the beginning of September. Newly arrived U.S. spaceman Randolph Bresnik turns 50 next month.

The space station was zooming 250 miles above the Atlantic, just off Nova Scotia, when the Falcon took flight.

It was the 14th successful booster landing for SpaceX and the sixth on the giant X at the company's touchdown spot at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, just a few miles from its NASA-leased pad at Kennedy Space Center.

"It's right on the bull's-eye, and a very soft touchdown," said SpaceX's Hans Koenigsmann.

The mice on board are part of a study of visual problems suffered in space by some male astronauts. Scientists will study the pressure in the animals' eyes, as well as the movement of fluid in their brains. Thirty days for mice in space is comparable to three years for humans, according to Florida State University's Michael Delp, who's in charge of the experiment. The study may help explain why female astronauts don't have this vision problem, which can linger long after spaceflight, he added.

The Dragon also holds an instrument to measure cosmic rays from the space station. This type of device has previously flown on high-altitude balloons. The Army has an imaging microsatellite on board for release this fall from the station. It's a technology demo; the military wants to see how small satellites like this, with low-cost, off-the-shelf cameras and telescopes, might support critical ground operations. It's about the size of a dormitory-room refrigerator.

Also going on behalf of the Michael J. Fox Foundation: protein crystals that, in space, might shed light on Parkinson's disease. The mission got a televised plug from Fox, an actor who has the disease. Three Americans, one more than usual, and an Italian will tackle all this scientific work in orbit. The station also is home to two Russians; that number will go back up to three in a year or so.

This is the 13th delivery by the Hawthorne, California-based SpaceX, one of two private shippers hired by NASA. The other is Orbital ATK; its next supply run is in November from Wallops Island, Virginia.

The SpaceX Dragon is the only supply ship capable of returning items to Earth. It parachutes into the Pacific; the others burn up during re-entry.

This particular Dragon is brand new, as is the Falcon rocket. In June, SpaceX launched its first reused Dragon, and in March, its first reused Falcon. From now on, the company said it may only fly used Dragons.

SpaceX is also developing a crew Dragon for NASA astronauts, set to debut next year. Boeing is working on its own capsule to ferry space station astronauts.

In the meantime, SpaceX is aiming for a November debut of its Falcon Heavy rocket, which will feature three first-stage boosters and 27 engines, versus the single booster and

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nine engines on the Falcon 9. It will have two-thirds the thrust of NASA's Saturn V rocket, which was used during the Apollo moon program. All three of the Falcon Heavy's first-stage boosters are meant to fly back to a touchdown.

#### **Scientists closer to using pig organs in humans, working on 'Pig 2.0'**

Scientists at an American biotechnology company achieved an important milestone in their quest for animal-to-human organ transplant: Creating piglets free of a retrovirus that has plagued advancement. Researchers at Cambridge, Massachusetts-based eGenesis announced Thursday it raised the first animals, a litter of 37 piglets, free of PERVs — Active Porcine Endogenous Retrovirus.

The company seeks to use xenotransplantation, using animal organs for human transplant, as a way to "alleviate the severe shortage of organs for human transplantation." The company said nearly 118,000 people in the U.S. need a life-saving organ transplant and every 10 minutes someone is added to the waiting list. But the fear of transmitting PERVs to humans was, among other hurdles, blocking progress toward successful xenotransplantation, making the eGenesis find an important one.

"This research represents an important advance in addressing safety concerns about cross-species viral transmission," said Luhan Yang, eGenesis' co-founder and chief scientific officer. "Our team will further engineer the PERV-free pig strain to deliver safe and effective xenotransplantation." The company and its collaborators published their work in the journal *Science*, where they explain how they created the PERV-less piglets.

Using a genome-editing tool named CRISPR, the researchers created PERV-free embryos, implanted them into surrogate female pigs, which gave birth to piglets without the retrovirus.

The piglets are now four-and-a-half months old and will be monitored for any long-term effects.

It's still too early to tell if and when we can expect widespread xenotransplantation, the company said. More development needs to be done on the process.

The company also is working on something called "Pig 2.0," an animal with "advanced immune compatibility."

#### **What war? U.S. military not mobilizing despite North Korea threats**

For all the war-like rhetoric between President Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, neither country is taking action on the ground that matches the scary talk. The Pentagon said it has not deployed additional ships, aircraft or troops in response to North Korea's announcement this week that it plans to launch four missiles into the waters off the coast of Guam, which has a large U.S. military installation.

Likewise, North Korea has not announced that it was placing its military on heightened alert, as it has at times in the past, or mobilizing reservists in response to Trump's repeated vows to unleash a furious attack of unprecedented proportions on the country should it take any aggressive actions. Nor has U.S. ally South Korea made any announcements about mobilizing its troops. "There is little verbal restraint but a great deal of true military restraint," said Bruce Bennett, an analyst at Rand Corporation, a think tank.

The decision by the Pentagon not to move forces in the region — or at least publicize any actions — may be designed to lessen the chances of a miscalculation at a time of heightened tensions over North Korea's apparent breakthrough in developing a nuclear-armed missile capable of striking the U.S. mainland.

Avoiding a show of U.S. military force could also signal to North Korea that war is not imminent so it doesn't feel threatened and lash out.

"If Kim Jong Un believes his regime is threatened ... that could cause war," said David Maxwell, associate director of Georgetown University's Center for Security Studies.

The U.S. military has enough forces near the Korean Peninsula — including Navy ships, 28,000 troops in South Korea and combat aircraft — to respond quickly even without additional movements.

"Our state of readiness hasn't changed," said Marine Capt. Cassandra Gesecki, a spokeswoman for U.S. Pacific Command. "We always maintain a high state of readiness."

In the past, the Pentagon has made shows of force designed to send a message to the North Korean regime.

Last month, for example, the Air Force announced it had flown two B-1 bombers over South Korea in response to missile tests conducted by Kim's regime. Earlier in the year, the Pentagon said it was ordering an aircraft carrier to the Sea of Japan as a signal of resolve in the face of North Korean missile tests.

Since then, the rhetoric coming from both sides has heated up sharply. "Military solutions are now fully in place, locked and loaded, should North Korea act unwisely," Trump tweeted Friday. "Hopefully Kim Jong Un will find another path!"

Earlier, Trump threatened North Korea with "fire, fury and frankly power the likes of which this world has never seen before" if the country didn't back off its provocative actions.

North Korea's military quickly responded by saying it would have a plan for launching missiles near Guam by mid-August for Kim to approve. The U.S. territory in the western Pacific is about 2,100 miles from North Korea.

But North Korea did not follow up with any mobilization, as it did amid tensions on the

peninsula in 2015, when it put its military on a war footing after South Korean soldiers were injured by land mines placed by soldiers from the North.

South Korea's decision not to mobilize troops might reflect a new president who won election on a promise to pursue better ties with its northern neighbor. More: Trump: North Korea leader Kim Jong Un 'will regret it fast' if he threatens U.S. or allies

Related: Military options Trump might choose in a war with North Korea

North Korea: Here's what leader Kim Jong Un wants

President Moon Jae-in has expressed interest in making overtures to North Korea and is reluctant to take actions that might cut off chances of reconciliation. "He is being very careful," Rand analyst Bennett said.

Trump can't be happy that North Korea has accelerated its weapons program despite ever-tightening sanctions, and China's inability or unwillingness to pressure its ally to curb nuclear and missile testing, analysts say. So ratcheting up the rhetoric may be his only choice.

"North Korea remains pretty convinced that America is all bark and no bite," Bennett said. "This is about President Trump trying to establish a change in that pattern without having to actually bite."

#### **US Navy reports another tense encounter with an Iran drone**

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — An unarmed Iranian drone shadowed a U.S. aircraft carrier at night and came close enough to F-18 fighter jets to put the lives of American pilots at risk, the Navy said Tuesday, reporting the second such tense encounter within a week. Iran's Revolutionary Guard said the U.S. safety concerns were unfounded.

The Iranian Sadegh drone flew without any warning lights Sunday night while shadowing the USS Nimitz, said Lt. Ian McConnaughey, a spokesman for the Bahrain-based 5th Fleet. The drone did not respond to repeated radio calls and came within 1,000 feet (300 meters) of U.S. fighters, he said.

That "created a dangerous situation with the potential for collision and is not in keeping with international maritime customs and laws," McConnaughey said in a statement. The drone was unarmed, the lieutenant said, though that model can carry missiles.

Iran's Revolutionary Guard issued a statement early Tuesday saying their drones are guided "accurately and professionally," dismissing the U.S. Navy's concerns as "unfounded."

In a similar encounter Aug. 8, the Navy said an Iranian drone came within 100 feet (30 meters) of an F-18 preparing to land on the Nimitz. Iranian vessels and U.S. warships have also had tense encounters in recent months.

President Donald Trump has threatened to renegotiate the nuclear deal struck by his



## National Toy Hall of Fame announces 2017 finalists

ROCHESTER, N.Y. - The National Toy Hall of Fame announced the finalists for this year's induction.

The 12 finalists for 2017 are: Clue, Magic 8 Ball, Wiffle Ball, Transformers, Uno, sand, paper airplanes, PEZ dispensers, play food, Matchbox Cars, My Little Pony and Risk. The National Toy Hall of Fame named the finalists for induction, here's a look at the 12 toys that made the cut from thousands of nominations.

According to a news release, The Strong's National Toy Hall of Fame recognizes toys that have delighted multiple generations of people. Criteria for induction include: icon status, longevity, discovery and innovation. Anyone can nominate a toy for induction. Sixty-three toys have been inducted into the hall so far. Some previous inductees include: Mr. Potato Head, Slinky, Tonka Trucks, G.I. Joe and several others.

The finalists, picked by a national advisory committee, will be announced on Nov. 9. A public celebration will be held Nov. 11-12.

### Ralph Lauren held an opulent,

### unforgettable fashion show in his garage

Take it from us: The value of Ralph Lauren's garage is equal to the GDP of a small nation. Instead of holding his New York Fashion Week show in one of the five boroughs, Lauren chauffeured VIPs out to his garage in Bedford, N.Y., to view his latest collection among his eye-popping collection of Bugattis, Bentleys, Ferraris and every other luxury car one could imagine.

The list of celebrity attendees included Lauren's current muse and face of his newest fragrance Jessica Chastain, along with the actress he iconically dressed in *Annie Hall*, Diane Keaton. Other A-listers included Katie Holmes (sans Jamie Foxx), Nina Dobrev, Diane von Furstenberg, Donna Karan, Armie Hammer and Anna Wintour, among others. On the runway, famous faces included Kendall Jenner and Bella Hadid, who modeled billowing ball gowns in black/yellow and red, respectively. And while Kaia Gerber has been turning heads during her first fashion week, the 16-year-old daughter of Cindy Crawford and Rande Gerber also has a model brother, Presley, who modeled at the show.

The show included Lauren's women's and men's Purple Label looks, and since the garage setting of luxury cars screamed James Bond, the designer was more than happy to outfit his models to fit the theme, with plenty of gray tweed and leather trenches alongside racing stripes and bomber jackets over suits. And for female Bonds, Lauren interspersed slinky gowns and tulle skirts with suspenders, smoking jackets and other impeccably tailored menswear-inspired looks.

Even the waiters were dapper, wearing matching Lauren-emblazoned jumpsuits, looking like members of a chic pit crew who've never stepped close to a

NASCAR race. At the end of the show, Lauren emerged in his own racing jumpsuit, hugging guests and waving to the crowd. Unlike Rihanna's motocross-crazy Fenty x Puma show, none of Lauren's vintage motorcycles came to life during the show. Besides, did anyone really expect the designer to dirty his garage's spotless carpets?

### Wisconsin Legislature approves \$3B incentive for Foxconn

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — The Wisconsin Assembly sent a \$3 billion incentive package for Taiwan-based Foxconn to Gov. Scott Walker on Thursday, signing off on a deal to lure the electronics giant to the state with the biggest subsidy to a foreign company in U.S. history.

The bill approved on a bipartisan 64-31 vote would make \$2.85 billion available to Foxconn Technology Group in cash payments if it invests \$10 billion and hires 13,000 workers. The Senate approved the proposal Tuesday.

The Republican governor was in South Korea on a trade mission at the time of the vote but pledged to sign the incentives package into law soon.

Walker, who negotiated the deal and is its lead champion, joined President Donald Trump in announcing Foxconn's plans to build in Wisconsin at a White House event in July, heralding it as a game-changer for American manufacturing.

Assembly Democrats, who didn't have the votes to stop it, slammed the proposal Thursday as being unfairly rigged to benefit Foxconn at the expense of taxpayers. But Republican Assembly Speaker Robin Vos defended it as an unprecedented opportunity for the state and country.

"What's rigged is the deal for the taxpayer, the workers, the families and ultimately those of us who have the good foresight to realize when a good deal is put in front of you," Vos said.

Foxconn is the largest contract manufacturer of electronics, best known for making iPhones, but with a long list of customers including Sony Corp., Dell Inc. and BlackBerry Ltd. The Wisconsin plant would construct liquid crystal display panels for televisions, computers and other uses. The total incentive package is 10 times larger than anything ever approved in Wisconsin and would be the biggest state subsidy to a foreign company in the United States.

Foxconn issued an unsigned statement thanking Wisconsin, saying the incentives "will help us move forward with our plans to build the state-of-the-art advanced display manufacturing campus." It also pledged to make extensive use of the supply chain in the state to make Wisconsin "a center of worldwide high-tech manufacturing."

Critics have warned that there aren't enough protections for taxpayers to recover payments to Foxconn if it automates production and fires workers. They've also said more needs to be done to guarantee that Wisconsin

workers and businesses get preference during the construction phase of the plant, and once it's up and running. Foxconn has said it hopes to open the plant in 2020 with 3,000 workers, but that the workforce could grow to 13,000.

The Assembly passed the bill with all Republicans and four Democrats in support. Two Republicans joined all other Democrats against.

Opponents objected to a provision that would allow the Wisconsin Supreme Court to take appeals of certain lawsuits related to Foxconn, skipping the appeals court. No other business in the state is provided such an expedited route to the Supreme Court.

Under the bill, the company would have 15 years to access the maximum \$2.85 billion in cash payments tied to meeting the investment and hiring numbers. They can also receive \$150 million in sales tax exemptions on construction equipment.

The Walker administration is charged with negotiating minimum hiring numbers to trigger the payments in the contract with Foxconn which has not been finalized. Foxconn has also not selected the exact location for the plant, but it has focused on property in Racine County in between Milwaukee and Chicago.

Democrats have also raised alarms about exemptions under the bill that waive requirements for Foxconn to first develop an environmental impact statement before constructing what could be a 20-million-square-foot (1.86-million-square-meter) campus. Foxconn would also be allowed to build in wetland and waterways.

### Jolt Cola and all its caffeinated goodness is making a comeback

PHOENIX — Jolt Cola, the precursor to the energy drinks we all love today, is making a comeback.

Social posts and company officials have announced that Jolt will return to store shelves this month.

"It's a nostalgia thing," Jolt spokeswoman Kathryn Lyons told AdAge. "We are bringing the '90s back. Why not bring the '80s back? Everyone seems to be so receptive to it." AdAge is reporting that the drink will be available exclusively through Dollar General stores for a year.

The drink was first released in the mid-1980s with the promise of all the sugar and caffeine your body could handle.

### Ford creates a baby Raptor off-road pickup

DETROIT — Can you say "Ranger Raptor?" Now try it with an Australian accent: "No worries, mate. I'll pick you up for the barbie in me Ford Ranger Raptor. G'day."

That's as close as Ford's legions of American truck fans may get to the Blue Oval's latest road warrior for the foreseeable future. Ford has announced it will sell a high-performance Raptor off-road racer version of its Ranger midsize pickup in Australia and other countries around the Pacific Rim next year.



"Combining the Raptor's advanced off-road capabilities with the versatility of the Ranger is a significant accomplishment for Ford's world-class engineering and design teams," said Jamal Hameedi, chief engineer of Ford's global Performance group.

Easy, digger. That doesn't mean there are plans for a U.S. Ranger Raptor. Far from it. The Ranger Raptors built in Ford's Thai pickup plant will be very different from the midsize pickup of the same name hitting American roads next year. The U.S. Ranger has been re-engineered for American buyers. We're not likely to learn its details until auto show season.

Ford already sells a pickup of which dreams are made in the U.S. With the 450-horsepower engine, the \$49,265 F-150 Raptor is a full-size truck engineered for off-road racing. The existence of a Ranger Raptor in other parts of the world is sure to conjure visions of a smaller, more affordable version in America.

Ford ducks questions about U.S. sales or production of the Ranger Raptor like an American tourist dodging a Vegemite sandwich, though.

But the very words "Ranger Raptor" will excite truck fans, and video of a camouflaged truck rocketing through the Australian Outback will stoke the fire. In addition to plumes of red Australian dust and shots of a Ranger Raptor in full flight with all four wheels airborne, the brief video features racing harnesses and close-ups of its modified off-road suspension in action. Because it's smaller than an F-150, a Raptor based on the Ranger would have special appeal to serious off-roaders. In extreme off-road conditions, where the space between rocks, trees and other obstacles shrinks, a smaller vehicle can get in and out of places inaccessible to full-size pickups.

"Ford Ranger Raptor will offer Ranger fans a fantastic opportunity to own an authentic off-road performance version of their favorite truck for the first time," said Trevor Worthington, Ford Asia Pacific product development chief.

#### **Review: Porsche 911 Carrera GTS hits sweet spot**

The 2017 Porsche 911 Carrera GTS isn't the fastest, most powerful or most expensive member of the 911 family, but it just may be the sweet spot in the lineup.

Every 911 Carrera GTS starts its life as a Carrera S, the second step in the extension ladder of models that comprise the 911 family. This review refers to a 2017 Carrera GTS, but there are no significant changes to the model for 2018 save a small increase in price.

You can get a GTS in five flavors: rear- or all-wheel drive, coupe, convertible or targa. "Targa" is perhaps best described as German for T-top, but owners are not required to have mullets.

The 911 Carrera GTS's 3-liter, bi-turbo, 6-cylinder engine produces 450 horsepower.

Porsche offered a GTS before, but the 2017 model was the first to offer turbochargers. The result is an extra 80 lb-ft of torque. The Corvette Z06, Jaguar F-type SVR and Mercedes-Benz AMG GT S all have more power, but the GTS' performance is competitive: a top speed of 192 miles per hour and 3.5-second acceleration time from zero to 60 mph.

The GTS is the lightest car in the group. That helps offset its power disadvantage, but its ace in the hole is the four-wheel steering system's responsiveness.

The engine is immediately responsive, with a satisfying throttle note that can be embellished in by sport mode. The combination of bigger turbos and 2 pounds greater boost pressure delivers power smoothly while the DCT transmission snicks through the gears with effortless precision. Like most new cars, my GTS had auto stop, which shuts the engine off to save fuel at traffic lights and when idling. It's reasonably smooth, but the restart was slow enough that I found myself disabling it when I was in heavy traffic and wanted quick response from stop lights.

Porsche's new optional rear steering is a revelation. The 911 Carrera GTS responds to steering inputs like an extension of your body. Suddenly, identifying the apex of a turn is as natural as putting one foot in front of the other. Except the result feels like moving with the seemingly effortless speed of Usain Bolt's finest races.

The Carrera GTS theoretically has four seats — the rear pair are better suited to grocery bags than bipeds — but it competes primarily with two-seat sports cars such as the Corvette Z06, Jaguar F-type SVR and Mercedes AMG GT S coupe.

The interior is trimmed in Alcantara leather, with anodized and black aluminum trim. The center console buttons and dials make controlling audio, climate and performance systems simple, unlike the plethora of controls littering the interior of some advanced cars. A big touch screen, voice recognition and Apple CarPlay complement those controls, making it easy for the driver to concentrate on the fun of driving a GTS. The Carrera GTS has the deceptively simple elegance of a design that has been refined continually for a half-century, since the first 911 debuted in 1963. Satin black center-locking 20-inch wheels are standard, along with sport design side mirrors and GTS logos on the doors.

To minimize weight and maximize profit — the only thing Porsche makes better than fast cars is cubic quantities of money — Porsche omitted a few features you might expect. Memory for the driver's seat and mirror settings, for instance. And blind spot alert. The Porsche 911 Carrera GTS is a singularly elegant supercar. Its restrained approach to power and performance delivers all the fun and prestige most drivers will ever want

without indulging in the megahorsepower war that obsesses some automakers. You can spend more on a 911, much more for exotic sports cars, but you're unlikely to find a car that's more delightful to drive.

#### **WHAT STANDS OUT**

Engine: Responsive

Steering: Even more responsive

Storage: Non-existent

2017 PORSCHE 911 CARRERA GTS

What? A 2-plus-2 sports car

Where? Made in Zuffenhausen, Germany

When? On sale now

What makes it go? A 3-liter, twin-turbo, 6-cylinder engine producing 450 horsepower, with a 7-speed dual-clutch automatic transmission.

How thirsty? Rated at 20 miles per gallon in the city, 26 mpg on the highway and 23 mpg overall

How big? 14.7 feet long

How much? Starts at \$119,000 before destination charges and including a Powerkit that adds 30 horsepower

Overall? Delightful

#### **Hyundai's Genesis takes on BMW, Mercedes with new compact sedan**

Having shown that it can compete with midsize and large luxury cars in the U.S., Hyundai's Genesis division is about to try to make a dent with smaller cars against some tough rivals.

The automaker unveiled the G70, a compact luxury car that will go up against BMW's 3 series, Mercedes-Benz's C-Class and Lexus' IS, to name a few. It joins the midsize G80, formerly the Hyundai Genesis, and the G90, which took over from the Hyundai Equus when the automaker split off its luxury vehicles into their own division nearly two years ago.

Little by little, Genesis is broadening its portfolio but is sure to struggle as long as it goes without SUVs, which currently dominate new vehicle sales.

Partly because of the shift in consumer preference, sales of cars classed as "lower luxury" — mostly compacts and midsize premium models — were off 9.4% in the first eight months of the year, Autodata reports. The G70 was unveiled in South Korea, where Hyundai is based and where it will go on sale this month, to be followed by other markets, including the U.S.

"G70 is the latest demonstration of our dedication to delivering innovative, customer-oriented vehicles," said Woong-Chul Yang, vice chairman of the Hyundai Motor Group's R&D Division, in a statement. "We will continue to focus our R&D efforts on the development and expansion of the Genesis brand."

The new compact will be offered in South Korea with both a 2-liter turbocharged four-cylinder engine and a 3.3-liter turbocharged six-cylinder engine, not to mention a diesel. The engine choices for the U.S. are yet to be disclosed.



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two days after being kidnapped, according to announcements Sunday by Virunga National Park and the British foreign secretary. Boris Johnson didn't give any further details, but paid tribute to the authorities from the African country and the Congolese Institute for Nature Conservation "for their tireless help during this terrible case."

He said that "my thoughts are now with the family of Virunga Park ranger Rachel Makissa Baraka who was killed during the kidnapping, and with the injured driver." Cosma Wilungula, director general of the Congolese Institute for Nature Conservation, welcomed the tourists' release.

"We would like to thank our brave team for ensuring the swift resolution of this incident, and the safe return of the two British nationals," he said.

Virunga Park director, Emmanuel de Merode, said: "We are deeply saddened by the death of Virunga National Park Ranger Baraka, whose life was tragically cut short while protecting the passengers and driver. We wish to extend our deepest condolences to her family and our sincerest gratitude for her bravery and service to Congo. We would like to thank the U.K. government for their support with this issue."

The tourists' vehicle was ambushed while transporting them from the park about 10 kilometers (6 miles) north of the city of Goma, a park guard told The Associated Press. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not permitted to speak to the press.

Eastern Congo is home to multiple armed groups that compete for mineral-rich land. Virunga Park is home to about one-quarter of the world's remaining mountain gorillas, and the work of protecting them has proven dangerous.

On April 9, six park staffers were killed in the deadliest known ambush of its kind in Virunga. Park officials blamed Mai Mai militia members.

That attack brought the number of rangers killed on the job to 175 since the vast park in far eastern Congo was established in 1925, officials said.

Allied Democratic Forces rebels have also been accused of attacks and kidnappings near the park.

## Trump's bid to help Chinese firm draws fire but raises hopes

WASHINGTON (AP) — A long-running dispute between American regulators and Chinese telecom company ZTE may have handed President Donald Trump some unexpected leverage in avoiding a trade war with Beijing.

Trump's tweet Sunday that he was working with President Xi Jinping of China to put ZTE "back into business, fast" after U.S. sanctions threatened ZTE's existence and 70,000 Chinese jobs caught many trade-watchers by surprise.

"Too many jobs in China lost," Trump tweeted. "Commerce Department has been instructed to get it done!"

The overture came just as Vice Premier Liu He is flying to Washington for talks aimed at heading off a mutually harmful battle between the world's two biggest economies and just before U.S. companies plan to plead during three days of hearings for a resolution to the dispute.

Trade analysts say it is highly unusual for a president to intercede in a case brought by the Commerce Department and to mix regulatory sanctions with trade negotiations. But they also note that Trump's offer to rescue ZTE, which makes cellphones and other telecommunications equipment, has the potential to clear the way for progress.

"It's a way to unlock negotiations," said Wendy Cutler, a former U.S. trade negotiator specializing in Asia and now vice president at the Asia Society Policy Institute.

The United States has proposed imposing tariffs on up to \$150 billion in Chinese products to punish Beijing for forcing American companies to hand over technology in exchange for access to the Chinese markets. In retaliation, Beijing is threatening tariffs on \$50 billion in U.S. products.

"Trump's tweet creates an atmosphere where there's more hope for reaching an agreement on trade," said David Dollar, senior fellow at the Brookings Institution and a former official at the World Bank and the U.S. Treasury Department.

The United States also needs China's support as it prepares for talks with North Korea that are intended to persuade the Pyongyang regime to abandon nuclear weapons.

Commerce and ZTE last year settled charges that the Chinese company sold sensitive telecommunications equipment to Iran and North Korea in violation of U.S. sanctions. ZTE agreed to plead guilty and pay about \$1 billion in fines.

Last month, Commerce accused ZTE of violating the agreement and blocked ZTE from importing American components for seven years. The department said ZTE had misled regulators: Instead of disciplining all employees involved in the sanctions violations, Commerce said, ZTE paid some of them full bonuses and then lied about it. The seven-year ban was tantamount to a death sentence for ZTE.

"It was basically going to put them out of business," Dollar said. "They rely on American technology."

Last week, the company announced that it was halting operations.

Early this month, a high-level U.S. delegation — including Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross, top American trade negotiator Robert Lighthizer and White House adviser Peter Navarro — traveled to Beijing to address the trade dispute. There, they heard an outcry about U.S. regulators putting ZTE out of business.

**Foxconn selects company with close ties to Walker**

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Foxconn Technology Group on Monday selected a company led by a Republican megadonor with close ties to Gov. Scott Walker to develop the master plan for its massive campus in Wisconsin.

The Taiwan-based electronics giant said it chose Hammes Company to be the lead developer on the \$10 billion project that will house a display-screen factory on a campus spread over 2,900 acres (1,173.61 hectares) not far from the Illinois border. Foxconn could qualify for up to \$4.5 billion in state and local taxpayer incentives if it employs 13,000 workers as envisioned.

Hammes is led by Jon Hammes, Walker's campaign finance chairman for his re-election bid this year. Hammes is part owner of the NBA's Milwaukee Bucks and has given hundreds of thousands of dollars to Republicans, including more than \$15,000 to Walker, and GOP causes over the years.

Hammes said in a statement that he was "delighted" to have his Milwaukee-based company selected and it will provide "planning, strategic advisory and development related services."

Alan Yeung, Foxconn's director of U.S. strategic initiatives, called the Hammes Company "one of the most trusted providers of real estate solutions in the United States." Yeung said the goal of the Foxconn project in Wisconsin is to become a "key base for scientific and technology cooperation between the U.S. and Asia, where technical talent and entrepreneurs in America can meet investors and leading technologists from Japan, China and elsewhere from Asia." Democrats who opposed the Foxconn project as a taxpayer boondoggle pointed to the selection of Hammes as another example of political cronyism.

"It didn't take long for millions of taxpayer dollars promised to Foxconn to end up in the hands of Scott Walker's re-election campaign people," said Wisconsin Democratic Party chairwoman Martha Laning. "Foxconn, like everything else, is all about helping Scott Walker save his own career and not about the people of Wisconsin."

More than a dozen Democrats are running for a chance to take on Walker in August. Several of them took to social media to decry the Hammes pick.

"Follow the money, it always leads to Walker," tweeted Democratic candidate Andy Gronik, a Milwaukee businessman. Kelda Roys, a former state lawmaker who is also running, tweeted that she wasn't surprised because "brazenly corrupt behavior is exactly what we've come to expect from Walker."

And Democratic state Rep. Dana Wachs, another candidate, tweeted "I'm running out of 'surprise and outrage,' for all this back-door dealing Gov. Walker is doing. He's lining the pockets of his campaign donors with TAXPAYER MONEY. It's got to stop." Walker spokeswoman Amy Hasenberg said the state has no authority over such a

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decision, and said Democrats "are choosing to attack the creation of real family sustaining jobs in our state."

Hammes donated \$150,000 in 2015 to a political action committee backing Walker's run for president. Campaign finance records show Hammes has given more than \$15,000 to Walker since 2005.

### **Snoopy joining Sony? Electronics maker buying Peanuts stake**

TOKYO (AP) — Snoopy may be joining Sony.

Japanese electronics maker Sony Corp. said Monday that it is buying a stake in Peanuts Holdings, the company behind Snoopy and Charlie Brown.

Sony Music Entertainment signed a deal with DHX Media, based in Nova Scotia, Canada, to acquire 49 percent of the 80 percent stake DHX holds in Peanuts.

Under the deal, Sony Music will own 39 percent and DHX 41 percent. The family members of Charles Schulz, the creator of Peanuts, will continue to own 20 percent of Peanuts. The parties hope to complete the acquisition on or about June 30, according to Tokyo-based Sony.

Sony said it sees Peanuts as "world class," and hopes to use its character business expertise to strengthen the brand and push the business to grow. Snoopy and other Peanuts characters are extremely popular in Japan, featured in a variety of everyday goods from T-shirts to plastic chopsticks.

The comic series was translated into Japanese decades ago, becoming an instant hit.

DHX is a leading children's content and brand company, known for Strawberry Shortcake as well as producing children's shows, in addition to Peanuts.

Sony has a range of characters under its wings, including those from its PlayStation video games. Its film division makes the Spider-man movie series.

Peanuts began as a comic, first published in American newspapers in 1950. It's now carried in 2,200 newspapers around the world in 21 languages. In 2020, it will celebrate its 70th anniversary. Schultz, who used to say that all he wanted to do was to "draw funny pictures," died in 2000.

The popularity of Peanuts stems partly from its ability to connect with a wide audience through its poetic portrayal of a children's world, exploring with sensitivity and humor themes such as failure, heartbreak and pursuit of music.

"They were a little bit blindsided," said Paul Triolo, a technology specialist at the Eurasia Group consultancy. "The Chinese reaction was pretty vociferous. ... The U.S. government shooting down the No. 2 telecommunications supplier in China at this sensitive time — it didn't look good." Now, analysts see the outlines of a potential deal: In return for Trump's lifeline to ZTE, Beijing might agree to buy more U.S. products or take other steps to shrink

America's gaping trade deficit with China — \$337 billion last year.

The Wall Street Journal reported Monday that the two countries were in talks about such a potential swap: The U.S. would spare ZTE, and Beijing would drop plans to impose tariffs on U.S. farm products. Neither the White House nor the Commerce Department would comment.

The ZTE case also drives home how entwined the U.S. and Chinese economies are. The Commerce sanctions didn't just imperil ZTE; they also hurt the American companies that sell components to the Chinese company.

And so investors breathed a sigh of relief after Trump's tweet, buying stock Monday in Maynard, Massachusetts-based optical components maker Acacia Communications, which last year collected 30 percent of its revenue from ZTE; San Jose-based optical communications company Oclaro; and Sunnyvale, California-based fiber optic cable manufacturer Finisar.

Still, critics charged that Trump shouldn't have intervened in the legal case against ZTE.

"This would be a truly awful deal for the U.S.," Derek Scissors, a China specialist at the conservative American Enterprise Institute, wrote in a blog post. "If the accusations last year and last month are accurate, ZTE violated Iran sanctions, then further attempted to deceive the U.S. government."

Xi "would be using barriers against American agriculture to blackmail the Trump administration into accepting ZTE's behavior," Scissors said.

Trump has thrust trade policy to the center of his agenda. In addition to sparring with China, his team is in talks to rewrite the North America Free Trade Agreement with Mexico and Canada.

The timing of the NAFTA negotiations is tight: House Speaker Paul Ryan has said Congress must have an agreement by Thursday to have any hope of approving it this year.

### **Tesla's Autopilot engaged during Utah crash**

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The driver of a Tesla electric car had the vehicle's semi-autonomous Autopilot mode engaged when she slammed into the back of a Utah fire truck over the weekend, in the latest crash involving a car with self-driving features. The 28-year-old driver of the car told police in suburban Salt Lake City that the system was switched on and that she had been looking at her phone before the Friday evening crash.

Tesla's Autopilot system uses radar, cameras with 360-degree visibility and sensors to detect nearby cars and objects. It's built so cars can automatically change lanes, steer, park and brake to help avoid collisions. The auto company markets the system as the "future of driving" but warns drivers to remain alert while using Autopilot and not to

rely on it to entirely avoid accidents. Police reiterated that warning Monday.

A Tesla spokesperson did not comment following the disclosure about the use of the feature.

On Twitter, co-founder Elon Musk said it was "super messed up" that the incident was garnering public attention, while thousands of accidents involving traditional automobiles "get almost no coverage."

South Jordan police said the Tesla Model S was going 60 mph (97 kph) when it slammed into the back of a fire truck stopped at a red light. The car appeared not to brake before impact, police said.

The driver, whom police have not named, was taken to a hospital with a broken foot. The driver of the fire truck suffered whiplash and was not taken to a hospital.

"What's actually amazing about this accident is that a Model S hit a fire truck at 60 mph and the driver only broke an ankle," Musk tweeted. "An impact at that speed usually results in severe injury or death."

The National Transportation Safety Board has not opened an investigation into the crash, spokesman Keith Holloway said, though it could decide to do so.

Over the past two months, federal officials have opened investigations into at least two other crashes involving Tesla vehicles.

Last week, the NTSB opened a probe into an incident in which a Model S caught fire after crashing into a wall in Florida.

Two 18-year-olds were trapped in the vehicle and killed in the flames. The agency has said it does not expect the semi-autonomous system to be a focus of that investigation.

The NTSB and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration are also looking into the performance of the company's Autopilot system in the March crash of a Tesla Model X on a California highway. The driver in that incident died.

In March, an Arizona pedestrian was killed by a self-driving Uber car, in the first death of its kind. A driver was behind the wheel of the test vehicle in that case but failed to halt in time.

The investigation into the crash in Utah is ongoing, police said.

The driver of the Tesla may face charges for failing to maintain the safety of her vehicle, which would be a traffic infraction, according to police spokesman Sgt. Samuel Winkler.

### **Ford vs. Chevrolet: Here's which is bigger at the movie box office**

Want to start an argument?

The folks at British insurance-shopping website GoCompare have created a list of the movies' most iconic, popular and frequently seen cars.

It shows the timeless Ford-Chevy rivalry is in full swing onscreen. Ford got the nod as the brand most frequently seen in movies and for the top two models: Mustang and the Crown Victoria. Chevrolet notched spots 3 and 4 with the Impala and Caprice.

### **Top 10 Models**

1. Ford Mustang (*Death Race*, *Gone in 60*)

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North Korea's capital. North Korea and the United States are still technically at war and have no diplomatic ties because the 1950-53 Korean War ended with an armistice, not a peace treaty.

Trump views a summit as a legacy-defining opportunity to make the nuclear deal that has evaded others, but he pledged to walk away from the meeting if he believed the North wasn't serious about discussing dismantling its nuclear program.

After the North's combative statements, there was debate inside the Trump administration about whether it marked a real turn to belligerence or a feint to see how far Kim Jong Un could push the U.S. in the lead-up to the talks. Trump had mused that Kim's "attitude" had changed after the North Korean leader's surprise visit to China two weeks ago, suggesting China was pushing Kim away from the table. Trump's letter, the aides said, was designed to pressure the North on the international stage for appearing to have cold feet.

White House officials maintain that Trump was hopeful the North was merely negotiating but that he was prepared for the letter to mark the end of the two-month flirtation. Instead, the officials said, it brought both sides to the table with increasing seriousness, as they work through myriad logistical and policy decisions to keep June 12 a viable option for the summit.

Kim Yong Chol is a vice chairman of the North Korean ruling party's central committee. The last official of his stature to visit the United States was Jo Myong Rok, the late first vice chairman of the National Defense Commission, who visited Washington in 2000, South Korea's Unification Ministry said.

The White House emphasized that it has remained in close contact with South Korean and Japanese officials as preparations for the talks continue. Spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders said Trump will host Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe of Japan on June 7 to coordinate their thinking ahead of the summit. Trump hosted South Korean President Moon Jae-in last week.

Moon, who has lobbied hard for nuclear negotiations between Trump and Kim Jong Un, held a surprise meeting with the North Korean leader on Saturday in an effort to keep the summit alive.

## Trump renews China tariff threat, complicating talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Trump administration has renewed its threat to place 25 percent tariffs on \$50 billion of Chinese goods in retaliation for what it says are China's unfair trade practices.

The White House also said Tuesday that it would place new restrictions on Chinese investment into the United States and limit U.S. exports of high-tech goods to China. The threats come just over a week after trade tensions between the world's two largest economies had seemingly eased. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said May 20 that

the trade conflict was "on hold." Mnuchin's comments followed a commitment by China to significantly increase its purchases of U.S. farm goods and energy products, such as natural gas.

Commerce Department Secretary Wilbur Ross is scheduled to visit China on Saturday to negotiate the details of that agreement. Some trade experts said the tariff announcement is likely intended to strengthen Ross's hand.

Other analysts, however, say the newly confrontational stance may be intended to appease congressional critics of a deal the Trump administration made Friday that allowed Chinese telecom giant ZTE Corp. to stay in business. The tariff threat is unlikely to derail ongoing talks, they said.

"This is really about Congress," said Derek Scissors, a China specialist at the conservative American Enterprise Institute. "I don't think it blows up a deal with the Chinese."

China's Ministry of Commerce responded in a mild fashion Tuesday. The Ministry said the White House's announcement "is contrary to the consensus the two sides have previously reached," according to China's official news agency, Xinhua. The statement did not reiterate China's own previous threats to impose \$50 billion in retaliatory tariffs on U.S. goods.

Members of both parties in the House and Senate slammed the agreement the Trump administration reached with ZTE Friday, in which the Chinese firm agreed to remove its management team, hire American compliance officers, and pay a fine. The fine would be on top of a \$1 billion penalty ZTE has already paid for selling high-tech equipment to North Korea and Iran in violation of U.S. sanctions.

In return, the Commerce Department lifted a seven-year ban on ZTE's purchase of U.S. components that it had just imposed earlier in May. China had complained strongly that the ban would put ZTE out of business, costing 70,000 jobs. Trump tweeted last month that the ban threatened too many Chinese jobs and he wanted to get the company "back in business, fast."

GOP and Democratic Senators attacked the deal as insufficient punishment for a company that defied U.S. sanctions policy. The White House said Tuesday that it will focus the tariffs on cutting-edge technologies, including those that China has said it wants to dominate as part of its "Made in China 2025" program. Under that program, China aims to take a leading role in areas such as artificial intelligence, robotics, and electric cars.

The list of imports subject to the duties will be announced by June 15, the White House said, and the tariffs will be imposed "shortly thereafter." The list will be based on a previous compilation of 1,300 goods released in April that will be narrowed based on public comments the administration has received. The list includes computer

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equipment, aerospace parts, medical devices, and industrial machinery.

The tariff threat could still disrupt Ross's China talks.

"If Beijing was under the impression that Trump's \$50 billion of tariffs were actually on hold, they may find this confusing," Chad Bown, senior fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics, said. "It could very well complicate Wilbur Ross's visit." Trump has bemoaned the massive U.S. trade deficit with China — \$337 billion last year — as evidence that Beijing has been complicit in abusive trading practices. The White House, and many American companies, say that China forces U.S. firms to turn over technology as part of joint ventures with Chinese companies to gain access to its market. China also subsidizes many favored industries.

Trump has frequently focused on the trade deficit, urging China to boost its imports and lower the gap by \$200 billion, while China has refused to agree to any dollar amounts. Many experts and U.S. companies, however, warn that China's efforts to protect its high-tech industries and capture U.S. technology represent the larger threat.

The Trump administration said Tuesday that it plans to shorten the length of validity of some visas issued to Chinese citizens as part of a push to counter alleged theft of U.S. intellectual property by Beijing. The State Department said that under the new policy, U.S. consular officers may limit how long visas are valid, rather than the usual practice of issuing them for the maximum possible length.

Scott Kennedy, a China expert at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, said that many foreign leaders are learning to not overreact to Trump's threats, which are frequently seen as just part of negotiating strategy. That's good for global stability, he added.

"But that means the United States' credibility is incredibly low," he said. "I don't think you can keep doing about-faces, and have everyone pretend the threat is as ominous as it was before."

## Wisconsin property owners appeal ruling in Foxconn lawsuit

MOUNT PLEASANT, Wis. (AP) — Property owners in southeastern Wisconsin who believe they won't be fully compensated for land Foxconn Technology Group needs to build a \$10 billion plant are appealing a ruling dismissing their case.

A dozen property owners filed a federal lawsuit in January alleging the village of Mount Pleasant's use of eminent domain is unconstitutional because it is for private rather than public benefit. They say the offers for their properties are too low.

The village is acquiring 18 acres (7 hectares) from landowners for the Foxconn complex. The lawsuit alleged the village was planning on to label some properties as blighted, which the property owners said would violate their Fifth Amendment rights.

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Judge Lynn Adelman of the U.S. Eastern District of Wisconsin dismissed the suit this month, calling it "not cognizable."

"That defendants offered to pay some property owners substantially more than others to acquire their properties is hardly 'oppressive' in any actionable sense," Adelman wrote. "The facts alleged in the operative complaint do not come close to allowing me to infer that defendants violated it."

The property owners' attorney, Erik Olsen, filed the appeal Tuesday, The Journal Times reported. The legal appeal won't stop the project, said Alan Marcuvitz, an attorney for the village.

"We do not believe there is any merit to this lawsuit, which was confirmed in the decision by the U.S. District Court, granting the village's motion to dismiss the case," Marcuvitz said in a statement. "We are confident that the Appeals Court will reach the same conclusion."

The Taiwanese company's plant will manufacture advanced liquid crystal display panels.

### Spain rescues 366 migrants in Mediterranean

BERLIN (AP) — The Latest on migrants in Europe (all times local):  
12:40 p.m.

Spain's maritime rescue service says it has rescued 366 migrants attempting the dangerous crossing of the Mediterranean Sea this weekend.

The service says that its rescue craft has intercepted 73 migrants traveling in four small boats on Sunday, adding to the 293 migrants it pulled from nine vessels on Saturday.

Driven out by violent conflict and extreme poverty, tens of thousands of migrants attempt to reach Spain and other southern European countries each year by crossing the Mediterranean in smugglers' boats. Most of the boats are unfit for open water, and thousands drown.

The U.N. says 636 migrants have died crossing the Mediterranean so far this year. A total of 22,439 migrants reached European shores, with 4,409 arriving in Spain, through the first four months of 2018.

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Austria's chancellor says European border guards should be allowed to go to north Africa to prevent migrants from setting off across the Mediterranean Sea in rickety boats.

Austria will take over the European Union's rotating presidency in July. Chancellor Sebastian Kurz's governing coalition took office in December after a campaign in which both partners talked tough on migration. Kurz told Sunday's edition of German newspaper Welt am Sonntag that a new mandate for EU border protection agency Frontex should allow it "to act in third countries, with the permission of their governments, to end smugglers' dirty business model and prevent smugglers' boats

setting off on the dangerous route across the Mediterranean."

Each year, tens of thousands attempt to reach Europe in vessels that are mostly unfit for the open sea.

### Powerful cyclone strikes Oman, Yemen; 6 dead, 30 missing

SALALAH, Oman (AP) — A cyclone more powerful than any previously recorded in southern Oman slammed into the Gulf country and neighboring Yemen on Saturday, deluging a major city with nearly three years' worth of rainfall in single day. The storm killed at least six people while more than 30 remain missing, officials said.

Cyclone Mekunu caused flash flooding that tore away whole roadways and submerged others in Salalah, Oman's third-largest city, stranding drivers. Strong winds knocked over street lights and tore away roofing.

Rushing waters from the rain and storm surges flooded typically dry creek beds. The holiday destination's now-empty tourist beaches were littered with debris and foam from the churning Arabian Sea.

Three people, including a 12-year-old girl, died in Oman, and another two bodies were recovered from the Yemeni island of Socotra. More than 30 people were still missing in Socotra, including Yemeni, Indian and Sudanese nationals.

Yemeni officials also reported damage in the country's far east, along the border with Oman. Rageh Bakrit, the governor of al-Mahra province, said on his official Twitter account late Friday that strong winds had blown down houses and taken out communication lines and water services. He said there were no fatalities in the province. India's Meteorological Department said the storm packed maximum sustained winds of 170-180 kilometers (105-111 miles) per hour with gusts of up to 200 kph (124 mph). It called the cyclone "extremely severe." Portions of Salalah, home to some 200,000 people, lost power as the cyclone made landfall.

Branches and leaves littered the streets. Several underpasses became standing lakes. Some cars were left abandoned on the road. Electrical workers began trying to repair lines in the city while police and soldiers in SUVs patrolled the streets. On the outskirts of the city, near the Salalah International Airport, what once was a dry creek bed had become a raging river.

The airport, closed since Thursday, will reopen early Sunday, Oman's Public Authority for Civil Aviation said. The Port of Salalah — a key gateway for the country and for Qatar amid a regional diplomatic dispute — remained closed, its cranes secured against the pounding rain and winds. Omani forecasters said Salalah and the surrounding area would get at least 200 millimeters (7.87 inches) of rain, over twice the city's annual downfall. It actually received 278.2 mm, nearly three times its annual rainfall.

Authorities remained worried about flash flooding in the area's valleys and potential mudslides down its nearby cloud-shrouded mountains. In nearby Wadi Darbat, the storm's rains supercharged its famous waterfall.

Police and others continued their rescue efforts even as the winds and rains calmed. Capt. Tarek al-Shanfari of the Royal Oman Police's public relations department said there had been at least three fatalities in the storm, including the death of a 12-year-old girl who was hit in the head by a door flung open by the wind.

An Asian laborer died in a flooded valley and an Omani national in a 4x4 died when his vehicle was swept away, al-Shanfari said. Oman's National Committee for Civil Defense announced a fourth death early Sunday, without offering details.

On Socotra, authorities relocated over 230 families to sturdier buildings and other areas, including those more inland and in the island's mountains, Yemeni security officials said.

Flash floods engulfed Socotra's streets, cutting electricity and communication lines. Some humanitarian aid from Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates arrived on the island just hours after the cyclone receded. Yemeni security officials said rescuers recovered two bodies on Socotra, while more than 30 people remain missing. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to brief reporters.

The island, listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site, has been the focus of a dispute between the UAE and Yemen's internationally recognized government, which are ostensibly allied against Shiite rebels known as Houthis.

Socotra has a unique ecosystem and is home to plants, snails and reptiles that can be found nowhere else.

In Oman, Mohammed Omer Baomer warned his neighbors about a torn-away chunk of road just down the street from his home after earlier getting his SUV stuck over it.

"It was a scary feeling, as if it was the end of world," he said of the cyclone. "You can't even go outside. You try to watch from the window and you can't."

Yet even as Mekunu barreled overhead, the eye of the storm provided a moment's respite early Saturday morning. At one luxury hotel in Salalah, which already had evacuated its guests, workers sat down early for "suhoor," a meal Muslims eat before sunrise during the holy fasting month of Ramadan. They laughed and shared plates by flashlight in a darkened ballroom, the cyclone's wind a dull roar behind their clatter.

### 'Slain' Russian journalist turns up alive at news conference

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — To the gasps, whoops and applause of stunned colleagues, Russian journalist Arkady Babchenko walked into a news conference Wednesday, less than

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plans to travel another 45 miles (75 kilometers) of the more than 1,000 miles that still lie before them.

The five days of walking in the southernmost reaches of Mexico — after seven days in Honduras and Guatemala — were beginning to show: Mexican authorities said Wednesday that about 500 migrants had accepted an offer to be bused back to their countries. Many said they were sick or exhausted, especially the children who toddled or were carried along on the march. Still, the size of the caravan — estimated by the United Nations at more than 7,000 strong — seemed basically undiminished as the throng set out in darkness cut by occasional flashlights or the spotlights of municipal police who were escorting them.

Rosa Duvon of Cofradia Cortes in Honduras was pushing two baby boys, both named Daniel — a son and a nephew — in a rickety donated baby carriage over a potholed road at 5 a.m.

"This thing is going to die," she said of the carriage, pointing to a wobbly back wheel. Still, she vowed to keep going.

In worse condition was Maria del Carmen Mejia of Copan, Honduras, who was already sweating profusely before dawn. She carried in her arms 3-year-old Britany Sofia Alvarado, while with her other hand she clutch the hand of Miralia Alejandra Alvarado, 7, who was also sweaty — and fevered.

Miralia "isn't well, has a fever. Let's see if they give us a ride up ahead. I'm worn out now." But she too pledged to go on. "I've walked a long way. I don't want to return. I want a better future for my children."

While the group has been discouraged by Mexico's government — and prompted threats of aid cutoffs for their homelands from U.S. President Donald Trump — they have received an outpouring of help from locals as they pass by.

Neighbors have supplied the marchers — many of them largely penniless — with food and passersby have stopped to give them rides in cars, pickups, even dump trucks. Such caravans have taken place regularly, if on a smaller scale, over the years, but U.S. President Donald Trump has seized on the phenomenon this year and made it a rallying call for his Republican base ahead of Nov. 6 midterm elections.

Trump has blamed Democrats for what he said were weak immigration laws and claimed — with no evidence — that MS-13 gang members and unknown "Middle Easterners" were hiding among the migrants. Trump later acknowledged there was "no proof" of the claim Middle Easterners were in the crowd. But he tweeted Wednesday that the U.S. "will never accept people coming into our Country illegally!"

The caravan had advanced about 45 miles (75 kilometers) since crossing the border from Guatemala and the marchers hoped to trek

another 45 miles on Wednesday to the town of Mapastepec.

Even if they eventually reach the distant U.S. border, many have low odds of qualifying for asylum: The United States does not consider things like fleeing from poverty or gang violence as a qualifying factor.

Nearly 1,700 from the current caravan have already dropped out and applied for asylum in Mexico and hundreds more have decided to return home. The numbers could thin further as people decide to take their chances in Mexico or strike out on their own.

**Putin says Russia will target nations hosting US missiles**

By VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV  
MOSCOW (AP) — Russian President Vladimir Putin warned Wednesday that if the United States deploys intermediate-range missiles in Europe, Russia will have to target the nations that would host them.

The stern statement follows U.S. President Donald Trump's announcement over the weekend that he intends to opt out of a 1987 nuclear arms control pact over alleged Russian violations.

Putin said he hoped the United States wouldn't follow up by positioning intermediate-range missiles in Europe. Such a move would be a repeat of a Cold War showdown in the 1980s, when the U.S. and the Soviet Union both deployed intermediate-range missiles on the continent, the Russian leader said.

"If they are deployed in Europe, we will naturally have to respond in kind," Putin said at a news conference after talks with visiting Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte. "The European nations that would agree to that should understand that they would expose their territory to the threat of a possible retaliatory strike. These are obvious things." He continued: "I don't understand why we should put Europe in such a grave danger."

"I see no reason for that," Putin said. "I would like to repeat that it's not our choice. We don't want it."

NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg said Wednesday that the Western military alliance's members blame Russia for developing a new missile in violation of the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty, but he doesn't expect them to beef up nuclear arsenals in Europe in response.

"I don't foresee that allies will deploy more nuclear weapons in Europe as a response to the new Russian missile," Stoltenberg told reporters at NATO headquarters in Brussels. Putin rejected Trump's claim that Russia has breached the INF treaty, alleging it was the United States that violated the pact.

He charged that U.S. missile defense facilities in Romania hold intermediate-range cruise missiles with just a quick tweak in computer software.

The Russian leader added that he hoped to discuss the issue with Trump in Paris when

they both attend Nov. 11 events marking 100 years since Armistice Day.

"We are ready to work together with our American partners without any hysteria," he said. "The important thing is what decisions will come next."

The INF treaty signed in 1987 by U.S. President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev prohibited the U.S. and Russia from possessing, producing or test-flying ground-launched nuclear cruise and ballistic missiles with a range of 500 to 5,500 kilometers (300 to 3,400 miles.)

The pact was lauded as a major safeguard for global security since they eliminated shorter-range missiles that take only a few minutes to reach their targets.

Trump said he planned to pull the U.S. out of the treaty due to the alleged Russia violations and also because China, which wasn't part of the pact, has intermediate-range missile capability.

Trump's national security adviser, John Bolton, spent two days in Moscow this week to discuss the move with Putin and his top lieutenants. Bolton said Washington hasn't served a formal withdrawal notice, but he voiced strong skepticism the treaty could be salvaged.

**Trump turns focus to Wisconsin's races for Senate, governor**

By SCOTT BAUER  
MADISON, Wis. (AP) — President Donald Trump makes a campaign visit to Wisconsin with Republicans growing increasingly nervous about the prospects of holding onto the governor's office, let alone picking up a Senate seat held by a well-positioned Democratic incumbent.

Trump on Wednesday will return to a rural part of the state he easily won by double digits in 2016. It is far from the conservative Milwaukee suburbs where his support is weaker, but it's in an area where Gov. Scott Walker and GOP Senate candidate Leah Vukmir will need to do well.

The question is whether Trump's presence in the tiny central Wisconsin city of Mosinee (population 4,000) will provide enough of a boost to energize Republican voters to matter for Walker and Vukmir less than two weeks before the election.

Vukmir is counting on it as she challenges Sen. Tammy Baldwin.

"These are the people we want to be sure to come out to vote," Vukmir said in an interview Tuesday.

Vukmir, who is from a conservative Milwaukee suburb in Waukesha County, said it was "far better" for Trump to campaign in central Wisconsin than her part of the state. Vukmir didn't do well in northern Wisconsin in her primary win, which was fueled by strong support in southeast Wisconsin.

"This is the heart of Trump country," said Vukmir, who was campaigning in the area on Tuesday with Rep. Sean Duffy. "This is the part of the state, central Wisconsin and

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northern, that came through for him and advocates for him."

Trump won Wisconsin by less than 1 percentage point, but he carried the county where he's appearing Wednesday 56 percent to 38 percent. He won the mostly rural congressional district by 21 points — the widest margin of any congressional district in the state.

Getting out the GOP base in areas that went big for Trump will be important for both Vukmir and Walker. Polls show the race between Walker and Democratic challenger Tony Evers, the state schools superintendent, is a tossup. Baldwin, who is running for a second term, has consistently led Vukmir, a state senator, in fundraising and in polls. Walker on Tuesday released a new television ad attacking Evers over his support for in-state tuition for children of people living in the U.S. illegally and of issuing driver's licenses to immigrants here illegally. The spot ends with the line: "Tony Evers: special treatment for illegals, higher taxes for you." Evers decried the ad as a desperate move to mimic Trump, who has been using campaign rallies to increase his anti-immigrant rhetoric. Trump has a complicated history with both Walker and Vukmir. Walker ran against Trump for president, winning support from Vukmir and most other Wisconsin Republicans. Walker has since become a consistent Trump supporter, although not as vocal as Vukmir.

"My relationship with the president is straightforward," Walker said this month. "When he does things that are good for the state of Wisconsin, I praise him for it. When he does things I disagree with, that I think are detrimental to the state of Wisconsin, I call him up or the vice president up or call someone else and do something about it." Trump has put Walker in difficult positions, including when he called for a boycott of Milwaukee-based motorcycle-maker Harley-Davidson amid a tariff dispute. But Walker has stood with Trump on some of his most divisive policies, including supporting building the Mexico-U.S. border wall. He ran ads on Facebook in support of sending National Guard troops to defend the southern border.

Vukmir's GOP primary opponent called her loyalty to Trump into question after footage of Vukmir from 2016 emerged in which she said Trump is "offensive to everyone." Vukmir, who later was in a radio ad for Trump in the 2016 campaign, said there are no lingering questions about her support of Trump.

"Oh goodness, no," she said. "There weren't even questions back then. It was kind of silly."

As Trump heads to central Wisconsin, Democrats are focusing their efforts this week on Milwaukee, the state's largest city. Independent Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders attracted about 1,000 people to a Monday

rally at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, while former President Barack Obama is holding an event in the city Friday. While the Trump visit is designed to excite the Republican base, Democrats say it's also galvanizing their supporters.

Trump's visit "just reinforces Walker's racist, sexist, xenophobic record," said Analiese Eicher, program director for the liberal group One Wisconsin Now. "It's doubling down on the policies that divide us."

#### **Japanese journalist taken hostage in Syria three years ago released**

TOKYO/ISTANBUL (Reuters) - A Japanese journalist held hostage by Islamist militants after being captured in Syria three years ago has been released and would be brought home as soon as possible, Japan's foreign minister said on Wednesday.

Japanese diplomats in Turkey confirmed the released man was Jumpei Yasuda, a 44-year-old freelancer who was reported to have been captured by an al Qaeda affiliate after entering Syria from Turkey in 2015.

Yasuda gave thanks for his freedom in a video released by Turkish officials.

"My name is Jumpei Yasuda, Japanese journalist. I have been held in Syria for 40 months, now in Turkey. Now I'm in safe condition. Thank you very much," a bearded Yasuda said.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe had earlier voiced relief, while still waiting for confirmation of the identity of the freed man.

Both Abe and Foreign Minister Taro Kono thanked Qatar and Turkey for their cooperation in freeing the man. A government spokesman said that no ransom was paid for Yasuda's release.

"He looks to be in good health, but our staff will check his condition and transport him to Japan as soon as possible," Kono told reporters.

Yasuda's parents spoke to reporters outside their house near Tokyo.

"Above everything else, I want to see him being fine," said his father, Hideaki Yasuda.

"When he's back, I want to tell him one thing, and that'll be 'good job hanging in there'," he said.

Yasuda's mother, Sachiko Yasuda, choked back tears as she clutched a white handkerchief.

"I could do nothing but pray. So I've been praying every day," she said.

It was not the first time Yasuda had been detained in the Middle East.

He was held in Baghdad in 2004 and drew criticism at home for drawing the government into negotiations for his release.

#### **GM's driverless car bet faces long road ahead**

SAN FRANCISCO (Reuters) - It's one of the biggest bets going in the world of cars.

Since May, General Motors Co and its Cruise self-driving car unit have landed \$5 billion in investment commitments from Japan's SoftBank Group Corp and Honda Motor Co

Ltd to develop a robot taxi service that could safely navigate the city streets of San Francisco by the end of next year - putting it ahead Alphabet Inc's Waymo self-driving car unit, Uber and Lyft.

Those expectations are now hitting speed bumps, according to interviews with eight current and former GM and Cruise employees and executives, along with nine autonomous vehicle technology experts familiar with Cruise. These sources say that some unexpected technical challenges - including the difficulty that Cruise cars have identifying whether objects are in motion - mean putting GM's driverless cars on the road in a large scale way in 2019 is looking highly unlikely.

"Nothing is on schedule," said one GM source, referring to certain mileage targets and other milestones the company has already missed.

Cruise CEO Kyle Vogt told Reuters last month the service will offer passengers "a primary form of transportation" most anywhere they want to go, and compete with Uber and Lyft. Using driverless cars to carry fare-paying customers would allow Cruise to recover investments in expensive technology and turn a profit more rapidly than trying to sell self-driving cars to the few individual customers who could afford them.

In addition, operating self-driving cars in a taxi service would allow Cruise and GM to tailor the service to the limitations of the technology until software and sensors are ready to enable autonomous vehicles that can go anywhere.

"Based on where we're at and where we've been, we're on track to hit that" 2019 goal, Vogt said.

Still, some close to the project acknowledge the length of time and money it will take to get the ride hailing service up and running. "We know we aren't commercially ready now," said Michael Ronen, managing partner for SoftBank Investment Advisers and the firm's lead investor on the Cruise deal who will join Cruise's board of directors. "I think now the question is who is going to be successful and how quickly."

Reuters has learned that the driverless Cruise cars still struggle to identify whether objects on the road are moving or stationary, according to one current and three former Cruise employees who have witnessed the problem. The result is that the vehicles hesitate and stop while passing a row of parked motorcycles or bicycles, they said. At times, the software has failed to recognize pedestrians, and has mistakenly seen phantom bicycles, causing the cars to brake erratically, according to two of the sources. And Cruise does not yet have a data-sharing collaboration with the San Francisco Fire Department, a necessary step to train the cars to respond to fire truck sirens, according to a fire department spokesman.

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A group of scientists unveiled the first results Thursday of an ambitious effort to map the genes of tens of thousands of animal species, a project they said could help save animals from extinction down the line.

The scientists are working with the Genome 10,000 consortium on the Vertebrate Genomes Project, which is seeking to map the genomes of all 66,000 species of mammal, bird, reptile, amphibian and fish on Earth. Genome 10,000 has members at more than 50 institutions around the globe, and the Vertebrate Genomes Project last year.

The consortium on Thursday released the first 15 such maps, ranging from the Canada lynx to the kakapo, a flightless parrot native to New Zealand.

The genome is the entire set of genetic material that is present in an organism. The release of the first sets is "a statement to the world that what we want to accomplish is indeed feasible," said Harris Lewin, a professor of evolution at University of California, Davis, who is working on the project.

"The time has come, but of course it's only the beginning," Lewin said.

The work will help inform future conservation of jeopardized species, scientists working on the project said. The first 14 species to be mapped also include the duck-billed platypus, two bat species and the zebra finch. The zebra finch was the one species for which both sexes were mapped, bringing the total to 15.

Sequencing the genome of tens of thousands of animals could easily take 10 years, said Sadye Paez, program director for the project. But giving scientists access to this kind of information could help save rare species because it would give conservationists and biologists a new set of tools, she said.

Paez described the project as an effort to "essentially communicate a library of life."

Tanya Lama, a doctoral candidate in environmental conservation at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, coordinated the effort to sequence the lynx genome. The wild cat is the subject of debate about its conservation status in the United States, and better understanding of genetics can better protect its future, Lama said.

"It's going to help us plan for the future — help us generate tools for monitoring population health, and help us inform conservation strategy," she said.

The project has three "genome sequencing hubs," including Rockefeller University in New York, the Sanger Institute outside Cambridge, England, and the Max Planck Institute of Molecular Cell Biology and Genetics in Dresden, Germany, organizers said.

The work is intriguing because it could inform future conservation efforts of jeopardized species, said Mollie Matteson, a senior scientist with the Center for Biological Diversity who is not involved in the project.

More information about animals' genetics could lead to better understanding of how animals resist disease or cope with changes in the environment, she said.

"I think what's interesting to me from a conservation aspect is just what we might be able to discern about the genetic diversity within a species," Matteson said.

The project has similarities with the Earth BioGenome Project, which seeks to catalog the genomes for 1.5 million species. Lewin chairs that project's working group. The Vertebrate Genomes Project will contribute to that effort.

**US, Cuba to meet on mysterious 'health attacks' in Havana**

WASHINGTON (AP) — As American authorities search for answers into mysterious "health attacks" that began two years ago in Havana, U.S. and Cuban officials were renewing efforts to determine the method and motive behind incidents that have left some diplomats with brain injuries.

Talks scheduled Thursday at the State Department come as national security agencies and members of Congress express frustration about the lack of answers about what the U.S. says were deliberate attacks on some two dozen staffers at the U.S. Embassy in the Cuban capital. Recent reports have suggested investigators have narrowed their suspicions about to cause and culprit.

Cuba's foreign ministry said nine members of the scientific team it assembled to look into the incidents met with U.S. lawmakers and the National Academy of Sciences before the talks.

The Cuban Embassy said the team was proposing "a dispassionate examination of health reports of U.S. diplomats in Cuba according to the rules of science."

The State Department said the meeting is "part of our ongoing effort to investigate and better understand the health conditions of our diplomats." It said the Cuban delegation would "receive a general medical briefing about the injuries experienced by U.S. personnel who served in Havana."

It did not offer additional details, although the department has played down or denied reports that investigators have focused on a microwave device as the source of the attacks and that Russia is the leading suspect.

Those reports have raised protests from Cuba, which does not dispute the symptoms but insists there is no evidence to support any assertion that they were caused by premeditated attacks on its soil. Cuba has repeatedly denounced the U.S. accusations as politically motivated and unproven.

Twenty-five U.S. Embassy workers in Cuba, as well as one at the U.S. consulate in Guangzhou, China, have been affected by mysterious health incidents that began in the fall of 2016. The range of symptoms and diagnoses includes mild traumatic brain injury, also known as concussion.

The last case from Havana was confirmed in June. The U.S. said two embassy staffers were affected in a single occurrence in late May in a diplomatic residence at which both officers were present. Those were the first confirmed cases in Havana since August 2017.

One U.S. official said Thursday's meeting was organized after Cuba complained that Washington has withheld important details about the affected Americans' medical conditions. The official was not authorized to discuss the matter publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

In congressional testimony last week, State Department medical personnel suggested they had shared more information with China about the incident in Guangzhou than they had with the Cubans about what has happened in Havana.

In two classified briefings with congressional aides and lawmakers last week, the officials repeated that they had not come to any conclusions about what caused the injuries or who might be responsible for them, according to officials familiar with the meetings.

Initial speculation had centered on some type of sonic attack, owing to strange sounds heard by those affected. But an interim FBI report in January found no evidence that sound waves could have caused the damage.

**AP FACT CHECK: Walker embellishes return on Milwaukee arena**

When Milwaukee's newest sports arena opened last month, Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker promised that state taxpayers would earn a rich return on their investment in the \$524 million Fiserv Forum, where NBA games will be played.

Walker championed the deal to help the Milwaukee Bucks owners build a new arena in 2015, when some criticized him for committing \$203 million for the arena while trimming other parts of the state budget. The rest of the sports complex was paid for with private funds.

In a statement issued the day of Fiserv Forum's grand opening, Walker said the state will earn a nearly 3-to-1 return on the money spent for the arena.

A look at his claim:

**WALKER:** "The state is estimated to receive \$2.99 for each dollar invested into building the new arena."

**THE FACTS:** In making his estimate, Walker omits some of the state money spent on the 20-year arena deal and relies on income tax estimates that experts call unreliable.

Over the life of the deal, when interest is included on the bonds used to finance the Milwaukee Bucks arena project, it could cost state and local taxpayers as much as \$377 million, according to a state legislative analysis. The state's share for constructing the arena is estimated to add up to \$160 million, when interest is included, according to the same study.

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For Wisconsin taxpayers to get \$2.99 for every dollar spent on the arena — nearly triple the state's investment — the Bucks arena would need to generate \$460 million in state tax revenues over the next two decades. But the governor sets the bar lower in his calculation. He only counts half of the state's investment — \$80 million of it — and predicts the state will get \$299 million in income taxes thanks to the arena. His math predicts taxpayers would actually get as much as \$3.70 for every dollar spent. But Walker's office says the governor is using a more conservative estimate of a 3-to-1 return. What Walker leaves out is a second \$80 million state contribution. His office says he did that because that money comes from a fund that distributes cash annually to Wisconsin counties. The state will deduct \$4 million every year from its regular payment to Milwaukee County and dedicate that money to the arena instead. That adds up to \$80 million over 20 years. That part should be considered in Walker's calculation, said Allen Sanderson, a sports economist at the University of Chicago. "The money is money; it doesn't matter how you carve it out," Sanderson said. Economists also took issue with the tax revenue estimates Walker says the state will earn from the arena. Walker bases his claim on 2015 tax collection projections from the Wisconsin Department of Revenue Secretary Richard Chandler, his office said. Chandler estimated the state would collect \$299 million in income taxes over 20 years because of the arena. Using estimates from previous years, Chandler predicted that if the Bucks stayed in Milwaukee for the next two decades, the state would collect at least \$130 million in income taxes from the Bucks and other NBA teams. (Athletes must pay income tax in any state where they play that collects such taxes.) He also predicted that NBA salaries would grow significantly over the next 20 years and the state would get an additional \$169 million in NBA income tax collections during that same time. That adds up to \$299 million. So far, Chandler's estimates are on track. But multiple economists and sports salary experts who reviewed those estimates for The Associated Press warned that it's risky to predict salaries 20 years into the future. The league's salary cap may stay stagnant or increase for a variety of reasons from year to year, said NBA salary cap expert Larry Coon. For example, an NBA lockout in 2011 shortened the season and kept the salary cap flat the following year. But in 2016, the cap increased significantly thanks to the league's new TV deal. The NBA itself, Coon pointed out, provides salary cap projections only for a few years in advance. "There's enough variance over time that you can't project what will happen from one year

to the next — there are too many confounding factors," Coon wrote in an email.

#### Got \$1,100? Apple shows off its most expensive iPhone yet

CUPERTINO, Calif. (AP) — Apple unveiled three new iPhones on Wednesday, including its biggest and most expensive model yet, as the company seeks to widen the product's appeal amid slowing sales.

CEO Tim Cook showed off the iPhone XS Max, which has a bigger screen than the one on last year's dramatically designed model, the iPhone X. It'll cost about \$1,100, topping the iPhone X, which at \$1,000 seemed jaw-dropping at the time. An updated iPhone X, now called the XS, stays at \$1,000.

As with the iPhone X, both new phones have screens that run from edge to edge, an effort to maximize the display without making the phone too awkward to hold. The screen needs no backlight, so black would appear as truly black rather than simply dark. The Max model looks to be about the size of the iPhone 8 Plus, though the screen size is much larger.

The iPhone XS Max, which will be available on Sept. 21 — with orders open the week before — represents Apple's attempt to feed consumers' appetite for increasingly larger screens as they rely on smartphones to watch and record video and to take photos wherever they are.

By making more expensive iPhones, Apple has been able to boost its profits despite waning demand as people upgrade phones less frequently. iPhones fetched an average price of \$724 during the April-June period, a nearly 20 percent increase from a year earlier. Apple also showed off a cheaper iPhone, called the iPhone XR. It has a traditional, lower-quality screen and an aluminum body; it's physically smaller than the iPhone 8 Plus but has a bigger screen. It'll cost roughly \$750 and come out on Oct. 26.

All three new models join the iPhone X in getting rid of the home button to make room for more screen. They will have facial-recognition technology to unlock the device. Although it didn't sell quite as analysts anticipated, the iPhone X still emerged as the most popular in Apple's line-up, according to Cook. That emboldened the company to aim an even more expensive device at the affluent households that tend to gravitate to its products, especially in the U.S. and Europe. For everyone else, many of whom are still using iPhones they purchased several years ago, there's the XR.

"I am going to go out on a limb and say the XR is going to become Apple's top-selling iPhone," said analyst Patrick Moorhead of Moor Insights. "It is a smart strategy to keep more people in the Apple ecosystem and get even more people to come into it."

The next major update to the iOS will be released next Tuesday, followed a week later

by a Mac software update. Both will be free to install.

Apple also announced updates that push its Apple Watch further into medical device territory. It has a larger screen and a built-in heart sensor that the company said can detect irregular heart rates and perform an electrocardiogram. The latter feature has been cleared by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the company said.

Ben Wood of CCS Insight said getting U.S. regulatory clearance for that is a milestone that underscores the company's leadership in health and fitness. Typically, smartwatches are marketed as consumer devices, not medical ones needing clearance.

These features will be available to U.S. customers later this year, but Apple did not say when it would make it to the rest of the world.

In addition, Apple said the Series 4 Apple Watch will also be able to detect when someone falls — and can tell the difference between a trip and a fall. If it detects a fall and the user doesn't respond in a minute, it'll automatically call for help. This feature may be especially attractive to older people or those with elderly parents worried about falling when no one is around to help.

#### Actor Kevin Hart principal for day at Dallas school

DALLAS (AP) — Actor Kevin Hart has surprised the students of a Dallas high school by dropping in to be interim principal for a day.

Hart told hundreds of cheering students at Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts Wednesday that under his leadership they would be eating "chicken nuggets every day."

The comedian encouraged students at the arts-focused magnet school to believe in their talents and not be discouraged if they are rejected. He said they know better than anyone what they are capable of doing. Hart's day at school was arranged to promote his new movie "Night School," scheduled to open in theaters Sept. 28. The movie about adults attending night school to earn their GED certificates also features Tiffany Haddish.

#### Missouri town gets new newspaper, The Uranus Examiner

URANUS, Mo. (AP) — Cue the giggling: A small Missouri town has a new newspaper called The Uranus Examiner.

KYTV reports that the newspaper's launch was announced Wednesday, just days after GateHouse Media said it was shuttering Pulaski County's local paper, the Daily Guide.

The new publication's editor, Natalie Sanders, led the Daily Guide before leaving in June to start what she calls a "fun" paper that will include local news and promote the tourist town of Uranus, which is pronounced the way any self-respecting class clown would say it.

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O'Keefe claimed publicly releasing documents in the Wisconsin investigation would show that prosecutors were conducting a political witch hunt without any basis in the law. It didn't exactly turn out that way for Walker, did it?

Walker saw his political destruction coming a mile away. That's why a few weeks ago reports circulated that Walker's attorney was trying to negotiate a plea bargain to minimize the damage to Walker before November's election.

Incensed, *The Wall Street Journal* issued a direct order to Walker from his billionaire masters: Don't you dare settle the case!

Its editorial described the Walker John Doe as a rare opportunity to completely demolish campaign finance laws and berated Walker for wanting to cut it short:

"Mr. Walker is a hero to many for his fight against public unions, but he will tarnish that image if he sells out the cause for some short-term re-election reassurance."

So Walker apparently obediently dropped any attempted settlement and was almost immediately engulfed by the tsunami of damaging national publicity placing him at the center of a "criminal scheme."

Walker's only remaining defense was to lie shamelessly on Fox News, the only news venue that wouldn't challenge him with facts.

Walker pretended all those damaging accusations had already been disproven by favorable Wisconsin court decisions, including one by a federal judge. The case had been "resolved," Walker claimed. "No charges, case over."

Only in Walker's dreams. Everyone who knew anything about the case, including the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel's* Walker-friendly *PolitiFact* Wisconsin column, declared Walker's public assertions to be false.

The key federal court decision was a totally bizarre one by U.S. Judge Rudolph Randa, a member of the ultraconservative Federalist Society who regularly attends judicial "retreats" sponsored by the right-wing billionaire Koch brothers and the Bradley Foundation.

Randa not only ordered the investigation shut down, but, incredibly, ordered evidence already collected to be destroyed.

That evidence would include the "smoking gun" email in which Walker boasted to Rove that his team, led by R.J. Johnson, working for both the Walker campaign and Wisconsin Club for Growth, was "wildly successful" in coordinating spending in nine recall races.

The Seventh Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals in Chicago immediately blocked the destruction of evidence and could overturn Randa entirely any day now.

Meanwhile, Walker continues to slide down the voracious maw of the right-wing tiger.

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# All Koched Up

## THE POWER, MONEY AND POLITICS OF THE KOCH BROTHERS

BY DAVID LUHRSEN

**I**t's naïve to believe in a golden age when of ideology. The Kochs' father was the racist money didn't matter in politics, but in the anti-Communist paranoiac who co-founded the last few years, the cost of democracy has John Birch Society. Although the Koch-funded skyrocketed, the restrictions on campaign elements of the Tea Party parade the occasional spending have been annulled and the big African American in a show of diversity, *Citizen Koch* visits a Tea Party gathering during the Walker recall whose John Birch speaker blamed the right wing otherwise denounces as "judicial activism," the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that unrestricted election spending by corporations is a constitutional right. Koch Industries is just like you and me, the court decided. But we know better: Koch is worth billions and controls a big piece of the American economy. Even before Citizens United, the Koch brothers spent a fortune on media and political campaigns, seeking to remodel the U.S. according to their own fantasies. The pace has only accelerated.

As the documentary *Citizen Koch* shows over and over, David and Charles Koch aren't the only billionaires bent on controlling the country, but they are the prime movers. Wisconsin, once a progressive state, became a battleground and test case when the Kochs' favorite son, Scott Walker, pulled a fast one on voters and turned "reform" into union busting. Walker thwarted a grassroots campaign to recall him, outspending his opponents eight to one on the largesse of out-of-state donors.

Directors Tia Lessin and Carl Deal caught Walker on camera blandly discussing his scheme: destroy the state's labor movement by "divide and conquer," starting with public service unions, since many people hold vague resentments over workers paid with taxpayers' dollars. The mania to dismantle unions has a financial motive, since unions are a major source of funding for Democratic Party candidates. But running at a deeper level is a dark current

*Citizen Koch* can't decide whether Obama is a Fascist, a Socialist or a Communist. Of one thing they are certain: he's not an American.

*Citizen Koch* may be preaching to the choir, but its directors hope to win a few converts. They interview several genuinely conservative Republicans dismayed by the radical shift in their party, and follow the 2012 Republican presidential campaign of Buddy Roemer, a banker and former Louisiana governor who couldn't raise enough money to buy a seat in the GOP primary debates. Disgusted by the overweening power of corporate contributors, he quit the party.

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# SCOTT WALKER'S RIGHT-WING NETWORK EXPOSED

## Unsealed John Doe documents detail the governor's 'criminal scheme'

BY LISA KAISSER

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**R**epublican Gov. Scott Walker may be arguing that the John Doe investigation into alleged illegal campaign coordination in 2011 and 2012 is dead as a doornail, but the 266 pages of unsealed court documents released last week showed the public what the bipartisan team of prosecutors has been investigating. According to the prosecutors, here are the main players in what they allege is a nationwide "criminal scheme":

■ **Scott Walker:** The governor was at the hub of what prosecutors say was a national "criminal scheme" meant to subvert the state's campaign finance laws. Walker not only raised funds for his own campaign, but also for the Wisconsin Club for Growth for "coordinated activities" organized by his longtime political advisor, R.J. Johnson. Prosecutors say Walker participated in conference calls about the 2011 and 2012 recall election strategy and bragged in an email to Karl Rove about their coordinated efforts.

■ **R.J. Johnson:** This close political advisor to Walker also did double-duty for the Wisconsin Club for Growth and prosecutors say he was the conduit for the outside money. The national arm of the Club for Growth was concerned about Johnson's activities as far back as 2009, when he was also working for Walker's gubernatorial campaign. Johnson and his business partner Deb Jordahl also set up the phony issue ad group Citizens for a Strong America (CSA), which operated out of a post office box in Columbus, Wis. The Wisconsin Club for Growth spent \$9.1 million on the recalls and poured \$4.6 million into the CSA.

■ **Deborah Jordahl:** This frequent guest on Charlie Sykes' show is Johnson's longtime business partner and together they set up CSA. R.J. Johnson and Associates paid her at the time she issued checks for the Wisconsin Club for Growth, prosecutors say.

■ **Wisconsin Club for Growth:** The group and its director, Eric O'Keefe, are suing in federal court to stop the John Doe investigation, claiming that prosecutors are violating their civil rights. Conservative U.S. Judge Rudolph Randa shut down the investigation, but his order is being reviewed by the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago. Wisconsin Club for Growth spent \$9.1 million on the recalls and allegedly served as the hub of the coordinated activities. R.J. Johnson claimed to have been in control of the group at the same time he was a paid political advisor to Walker.

■ **Kate Doner and Doner Fundraising:** This Texas-based fundraising outfit specializes in conservative candidates and causes. Prosecutors say they were raising funds for Walker and the Wisconsin Club for Growth.

■ **Kelly Rindfleisch:** Prosecutors say Rindfleisch was a fundraiser for both the Friends of Scott Walker and the Wisconsin Club for Growth. Rindfleisch was convicted

of misconduct in public office in 2012 for raising funds for Republican lieutenant governor candidate Brett Davis in 2010 while working for Walker during his tenure as Milwaukee County executive. She is appealing that conviction.

■ **Mary Stitt:** Walker's longtime fundraiser who also worked as a fundraiser for Wisconsin Club for Growth, prosecutors say.

■ **Keith Gilkes:** Walker's campaign manager served as his gubernatorial chief of staff through most of 2011, when prosecutors allege he was included in discussions involving coordination between several organizations. Gilkes was included in discussions about coordination in 2012, when he was managing Walker's campaign, prosecutors allege.

■ **Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce:** The state's big-business lobby received \$2.5 million from Wisconsin Club for Growth, which it deposited into the bank account of its political arm and used to pay for ads supporting Walker. Prosecutors say Walker participated in conference calls with WMC Senior Vice President James Buchen and others regarding the recall elections strategy.

■ **United Sportsmen of Wisconsin, Wisconsin Family Action and Wisconsin Right to Life:** These groups received money from Johnson and Jordahl's Citizens for a Strong America, which prosecutors say was used for a deceptive absentee ballot scheme during the recalls.

■ **Republican State Leadership Committee:** This national political group aims to elect Republicans in statehouses across the country and allegedly was part of the right-wing recall network. It launched REDMAP to elect Republicans in the 2010 elections and draw GOP-friendly legislative maps as part of the once-a-decade redistricting process.

■ **Allied Groups:** Prosecutors argue that Walker's "criminal scheme" included "open and express discussions of the need to coordinate the activities" of likeminded groups, which began in March 2011. Among the prosecutors' targeted groups are the Koch brothers' Americans for Prosperity, Club for Growth, Republican Party of Wisconsin, Republican State Leadership Committee and the Republican Governors Association.

## Right-Wing Tiger Eats Scott Walker

**P**resident John F. Kennedy warned emerging foreign leaders about turning to political tyranny, saying: "Those who foolishly sought power by riding the back of the tiger ended up inside."

Washington Post columnist E. J. Dionne

recently applied it to cast away House Majority Leader Eric Cantor who aided and abetted the extremist tea party takeover of the Republican Party until it devoured him.

Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker could be next to disappear down the gullet of the vicious beast.

It seems like a Wisconsin Democrat's fondest dream: Headlines all across the country reporting accusations by prosecutors that Walker directed a vast "criminal scheme" illegally coordinating millions of dollars from outside groups benefiting himself and his political allies.

The juiciest tidbit: Evidence supporting the accusations includes a personal email from Walker to right-wing political operative Karl Rove bragging about the success of the alleged conspiracy.

But here's the amazing part you need to know. It wasn't Democrats who were behind the public release of those damaging documents. *Time* magazine says have now put Walker's political career "in the political equivalent of critical condition."

It was right-wing Republicans.

The John Doe investigation into the coordination between the Walker campaign and 12 supposedly independent right-wing groups is usually secret since it uncovers evidence before any charges are filed.

But it was Eric O'Keefe, director of Wisconsin Club for Growth, the right-wing organization prosecutors say was the "hub" for distribution of millions of dollars, who first brought the secret John Doe into the public eye.

O'Keefe publicly identified himself as a target of the secret investigation in *The Wall Street Journal* and filed a lawsuit to try to shut down the investigation as a violation of his organization's free speech rights.

To understand why, you have to understand the role of *The Wall Street Journal* in right-wing politics today.

## MURDOCH PAPER WARNS WALKER NOT TO SETTLE

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*The Wall Street Journal*, the daily bible of American business, has long been recognized for the quality of its journalism. It still is.

But since *The Wall Street Journal* was acquired in 2007 by right-wing billionaire Rupert Murdoch, the ethically challenged owner of Fox News and other sleazy tabloid operations worldwide, its editorial pages have become the personal lobby of the right-wing billionaires financing today's ever-more-extreme Republican Party.

*The Wall Street Journal* and organizations like Club for Growth want to use the Walker John Doe as a vehicle for the Supreme Court to extend its horrendous *Citizens United* decision to eliminate all regulations against candidates controlling millions of dollars from outside political groups who don't have to disclose their donors.

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# In-custody death bill has Barrett's support

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City Hall clarifies that after Tobin's remarks to panel

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Milwaukee City Hall is distancing itself from comments made by the executive director of the city's Fire and Police Commission regarding a bill that would end the long-standing practice of allowing police departments to investigate themselves when people die in custody.

The bill is scheduled for a vote Thursday by the Senate Committee on Transportation, Public Safety, and Veterans and Military Affairs.

It was prompted by the deaths of Paul Heenan, fatally shot by a Madison police officer outside his home last year; Derek Williams, who died after begging for help and gasping for breath in the back of a Milwaukee police squad car in 2011; and Michael Bell, shot in the head at close range by Kenosha police in his family's driveway in 2004.

All three men were unarmed.

During a public hearing last week, Michael Tobin, the commission's executive director, criticized the bill, saying that outside agencies investigating the deaths would be less accountable and noting that the bill exempted deaths in county jails and state prisons from outside scrutiny.

Under existing law, deaths in county jails already are investigated by the state Department of Corrections.

The new law would apply to other deaths in the custody of sheriff's departments, such as shootings or traffic accidents.

The bill's author, Rep. Garey Bies (R-Sister Bay), said Tobin sounded "strongly against the bill."

The day after Tobin's testimony, Milwaukee's director of intergovernmental relations, Jennifer Gonda Birnbaum, sent an email to com-

mittee members about "some confusion" related to Tobin's testimony.

"I would like to clarify that the City of Milwaukee and Mayor Barrett do not oppose this bill," she wrote. "Any statements to the contrary made by Mr. Tobin at committee yesterday were of his own opinion."

The mayor supports transparency and accountability, and would support the bill's expansion to cover all deaths in custody of all law enforcement, not just police officers, she wrote.

The mayor's "only concern is that these types of policies get applied consistently in all types of law enforcement," Birnbaum said in an interview Tuesday.

Asked about the controversy Tuesday, Tobin emailed this statement:

"Increasing community trust in the police department is a primary goal of everyone involved in this legislation. We have taken important steps forward in Milwaukee over the past few years to improve the process and ensure that a fair, objective, and thorough investigation is conducted. In Milwaukee we have taken significant steps in our city to improve the investigation and review process when a critical incident occurs. We will continue to improve our process, because better accountability of the police department leads to improved community trust and that is a goal that I think everyone can agree with."

The custody death bill would require a team of at least two investigators from an outside agency to lead investigations into such deaths.

The bill also would require reports of custody death investigations throughout the state to be released to the public if criminal charges are not filed against the officers involved.

A Milwaukee Journal Sentinel investigation of in-custody deaths in Milwaukee County over a five-year period found that while those re-

views are labeled as "independent," pathologists, prosecutors and law enforcement rely on one another's conclusions — even when those conclusions are flawed — ensuring no one is held accountable when prisoners die.

## The good Walker vs. the evil Walker

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

In 19th-century literature, one of the most common plot devices utilized was that of the "fetch" — the idea that a man can really be two men at once, with one often tormenting the other. In Fyodor Dostoyevsky's "The Double," a mild-mannered government clerk descends into madness when confronted by his vain, confident doppelgänger.



Christian Schneider

The upcoming November election appears almost exclusively to be a race between those two governors.

March 30, 2014

Wisconsin is being led by two completely different governors. The two Scott Walkers aren't his own internal construct; instead, they are found in the views of the people who have elected him twice.

According to the poll, 49% of Wisconsin's citizens view Walker

favorably, while 47% view him unfavorably. Of those polled, 47% think he's doing a good job, while 47% disapprove of his performance.

A split like that in politics is fairly unique. For one thing, hardly anyone in the state doesn't have an opinion about how Walker has steered the state over the past three years. Just about everyone knows him and is willing to tell you what they think about how he's doing.

Further, Walker's numbers have been virtually set in stone since just before the June 2012 recall election that saw him win for the second time in two years. Nobody's moving; the pro- and anti-Walker sides have dug their trenches and appear to be locked in a standoff. Despite his seven percentage point lead over Democratic challenger Mary Burke, Walker splits the state right down the middle when citizens judge him personally.

For half the state, Wisconsin is being run by a man of conviction who has pulled the state from the brink of bankruptcy. Three years ago, this governor stared down the powerful public-sector unions, enduring endless abuse from

spoiled teachers who have lived the good life on the taxpayer dime for too long.

This governor has used the budget surpluses he created to cut taxes by billions of dollars, allowing citizens to keep their own hard-earned money. He has brought integrity to elections by signing a bill requiring voters to present photo identification to cast a ballot. Under his watch, the state has record levels of individuals with health insurance, and he achieved this feat without accepting federal Medicaid expansion money.

Yet that governor is competing with the other governor. The one who is a tool of the billionaire Koch brothers, who runs around the country attending fundraisers to further his national political profile. This governor used his "divide and conquer" strategy to rip apart the state, pitting relatives against one another and destroying the unions' God-given right to organize. This governor's shady dealings involve having staffers commit crimes under his watch, which has led to multiple secret criminal investigations. He has fallen well short of his promise to create jobs and has signed laws that disenfranchise minority voters, allow dangerous people to carry guns and ensure women can never make as much money as men.

The upcoming November election appears almost exclu-

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sively to be a race between those two governors. Burke seems superfluous at this point; she is merely the avatar for the "anybody but Walker" crowd. The real challenge to good Walker is being waged by evil Walker; his opponents need to convince voters that the latter is running



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the state, as opposed to the former. The 2014 election is a referendum exclusively on the two incumbents.

There exists a superstition among many cultures that if someone meets his or her "fate," it is a sign that death is approaching. But Walker's duality actually seems to be feeding his rise to national prominence. Republican presidential voters see the extent to which good Walker's opponents vilify him, and it makes him appear like the kind of strong stock that makes for a good chief executive.

Rather than damaging his image, Democrats have turned Walker into a national star. And if good Walker wins in 2014, voters around the country may be seeing a lot more of both of him.

## What Ryan could learn about race

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Rep. Paul Ryan's "inarticulate" comments on inner city poverty likely will follow him no matter what political path he chooses in the coming years.

That's what happens when a potential presidential candidate puts his foot in his mouth talking about a subject many believe he doesn't understand.

After making some extreme remarks about the kind of people who live in inner city America on a conservative radio talk show, Ryan's status as the leading intellectual in the GOP took a beating from those who accused him of making overly broad assumptions about a community with which he has little experience.

His actual words to host Bill Bennett: "We have got this tailspin of culture, in our inner cities in particular, of men not working and just generations of men not even thinking about working or learning to value the culture of work."

Doubling down on his insights into the lives of the poor, Ryan even referenced conservative author Charles Murray, author of "The Bell Curve," a book that has been denounced for its offensive views on race and class in America.

Ryan was rightly criticized for his statements on Bennett's show, and the Wisconsin congressman later apologized to anyone offended by claiming his words weren't meant to be racist but were "inarticulate."

To be fair, the essence of what Ryan said wasn't really that different from what others — black and white — have said in the past to describe the dysfunction in some parts of black America. What was striking was the sense Ryan was using the interview to buttress his qualifications to run for national office in a few years.

When a presidential candidate starts addressing inner city poverty and points the finger of blame squarely at the people living in the inner cities, that begins to sound like an ominous campaign slogan for some folks.

When he does it in a way that leaves no doubt he's talking about African-Americans in major cities such as Detroit, Chicago, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Los Angeles and, yes, Milwaukee, that's an even bigger problem.

Some call it "dog whistle" politics, i.e. talking about race without really mentioning it. If you believe Ryan knew exactly what he was doing — and I do — it's a troubling view of the baby-faced conservative star who has been accused in the past of letting his political ambitions override his sense of fairness.

The infuriating part for black Milwaukeeans who have followed Ryan's career is the knowledge that this is a guy who doesn't have deep connections with enough African-Americans in the inner city to be able to presume what generations of their families have been doing for decades.

Apparently, Ryan did visit some poor communities in Milwaukee and elsewhere last year as part of his "research" for his policy paper on poverty. From his remarks, he clearly didn't



Eugene Kane  
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stay long enough to see beyond the stereotypes.

Some readers insist Ryan is being attacked by blacks and liberals for simply telling the truth. Well, if you go solely by his words, it's easy to prove his remarks were not based on any empirical facts or research. To say there's "a tailspin of culture in our inner cities in particular" (wink, wink) suggests that rural and suburban communities suffering from the same levels of poverty, joblessness and homelessness are immune from the same symptoms.

When he talks about "generations of men who don't even think about working to make a living," that's a sign he has no clue about the "hustling" mentality in many inner cities where unemployed young black males are constantly working to make money, many times working in the black market or selling drugs.

Granted, some of that is criminal behavior, but that's partly due to a lack of jobs in the inner city that pay a fair wage.

If Ryan really wanted to do some real research on poverty, he should stop reading Murray and read respected social scientist William Julius Wilson ("When Work Disappears: The World of the New Urban Poor") or Elijah Anderson ("Against the Wall: Poor, Young Black and Male"), two acclaimed African-American authors who have written books on inner city poverty from various perspectives.

After a meeting with a black congresswoman who criticized his remarks on poverty last week, Ryan declared, "I don't have a racist bone in my body."

But he misses the point. Racism doesn't exist in your bones. It's in your mind.

## Legislators urge Kramer to quit

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Vos says Assembly may consider expelling lawmaker over sex case

By JASON STEIN and PATRICK MARLEY March 30, 2014  
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Madison — Disgraced state Rep. Bill Kramer should resign or his fellow lawmakers will have to consider making him the first Wisconsin lawmaker to be expelled from office in nearly 100 years, two of the Legislature's top leaders said Saturday.

Assembly Speaker Robin Vos (R-Rochester) said that he found the criminal sexual assault charges filed against the Waukesha Republican on Friday to be credible, and that he was disturbed by the former Assembly majority leader's seemingly flippant reaction to them.

"Bill Kramer should do the honorable thing and resign," Vos said. "When I read the report filed by the (police and prosecutors), it didn't seem to me like



Bill Kramer  
Photo from  
Muskego  
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## Fort Hood gunman kills 3, injures 16

Soldier kills self after opening fire at same base where 13 were killed in 2009

6 inmates hospitalized; jimson weed suspected

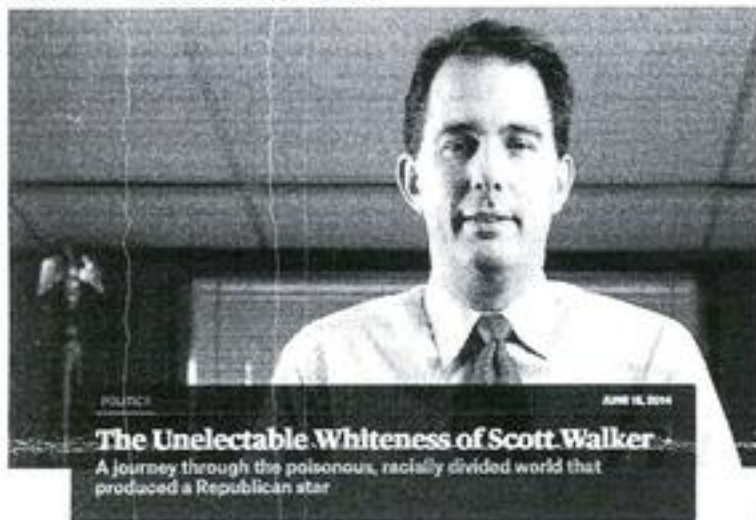
Six inmates at the Rock County Jail were taken to a hospital after jail officials suspected they had ingested jimson weed, the sheriff's office said Tuesday. Staff at the jail became aware of the situation about

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## NEW REPUBLIC

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Scott Walker's political success in Wisconsin is attributable to "a toxic strain of racial politics," the *New Republic* argues this month in a front-page article. But Walker has long backed policies that have a disproportionate impact on people of color, particularly the harsh sentencing laws he pushed as a member of the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) that have contributed to Wisconsin's worst-in-the-country record of racial disparities in incarceration.

The thesis of the *New Republic* piece -- which most right-wing bloggers seem to have missed -- is not that Walker necessarily has personal animus towards people of color, but that his political success is largely attributable to deep support in the overwhelmingly white suburbs surrounding Milwaukee and from the polarizing talk radio hosts that hold sway in those enclaves. This might win elections in the Dairy State, but may not be a recipe for success on a national stage, the *New Republic* argues.

The piece doesn't focus on Walker's record of pushing policies that have disproportionately impacted people of color. But that record exists.

Most notably, as a state legislator and ALEC member in the 1990s, Walker pushed ALEC-inspired tough-on-crime measures that experts say contributed to Wisconsin having the country's highest rate of African-American men behind bars. As governor, he has eliminated programs designed to track and remedy these disparities, and rolled-back efforts to soften harsh sentencing laws, even as sentencing reform gains bipartisan support across the country.

Nationally, the incarceration rate for African-American men is 6.7 percent, but it is nearly double in Wisconsin, at 13 percent. This rate is three percentage points higher than in Oklahoma, the state in second place. According to recent data, African-American men are only 6% of Wisconsin's overall population but 48% of the state's prison population.

These complex disparities don't have a single cause, but criminal justice experts say that tough sentencing laws passed in the late 1990s -- with Walker's backing -- have been a significant contributing factor.

"The explosion really took place in the year 2000 to 2008 where mandatory sentencing, three strikes was put in place and it more than tripled the population in just a few years, which meant about half of the black men in their 30s or early 40s in Milwaukee County would have spent time in the state's correctional facilities. And two-thirds of the men come from the

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six poorest zip codes in Milwaukee," University of Wisconsin Professor John Pawasarat told National Public Radio.

### Walker: "Clearly ALEC had proposed model legislation" on Truth-in-Sentencing

In 1997, then-Representative Walker introduced (and the legislature passed) the ALEC "Truth-in-Sentencing Act," which limits opportunities for parole or supervised release.

"Clearly ALEC had proposed [Truth-in-Sentencing] model legislation," Walker told American Radio Works in 2002, even though there was no mention of ALEC when the legislature was considering the bill. ALEC also promoted three strikes laws throughout the 1990s.

Members of the ALEC Criminal Justice Task Force at the time included for-profit prison providers like Corrections Corporation of America (CCA), which stood to profit from ALEC bills that lengthen sentences and privatize prisons. (See *this graphic from American Radio Works explaining the CCA-ALEC-Wisconsin sentencing law connection*).

Walker said that he took into account the fact that CCA and other ALEC members could make money from the truth-in-sentencing bill.

"Oftentimes that's your greatest challenge, as a legislator, is trying to weed through what everybody's hidden agenda is, and figure out who's giving you credible information and in many cases playing one interest off of another to try and figure out what the truth is. More information to me is better," Walker said.

"Probably more important than just the model legislation, [ALEC] had actually put together reports and such that showed the benefits of Truth-in-Sentencing and showed the successes in other states. And those sorts of statistics were very helpful to us when we pushed it through, when we passed the final legislation," he said in the 2001 interview.

The ALEC statistics Walker relied on, though -- and that he repeated in op-eds -- were critiqued by criminologists as unreliable, and intended to persuade rather than educate. The ALEC report credited Virginia's Truth-in-Sentencing law with a five-year drop in crime, but crime dropped in all states in the 1990s, regardless of whether a state passed a tough-on-crime law like Truth-in-Sentencing.

The actual statistics following the implementation of truth-in-sentencing and other tough sentencing laws in Wisconsin have not been good.

Neighboring Minnesota has a similar crime rate to Wisconsin and similar demographics, but thanks in part to Walker's harsh sentencing law, Wisconsin has two-and-a-half times as many people in prison. Minnesota has more people on parole or in community-based corrections, and because those alternative approaches cost twenty times less than incarceration, Minnesota spends significantly less than Wisconsin on corrections. And, Minnesota locks up far fewer African-American men than Wisconsin: 5.8 percent in Minnesota versus 13 percent in Wisconsin.

### "It Only Makes Sense" That Wisconsin Privatize Prisons

Wisconsin's prison population increased 14 percent in the seven years after the Walker-ALEC truth-in-sentencing law was implemented, with no correlative public safety benefit and no additional decline in crime rates.

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But Rep. Walker, the head of the Assembly's committee on prisons, had a plan for the exploding prison populations. As Steven Elbow of the *Capital Times* wrote in 1999:

*Rep. Scott Walker sees the future for Wisconsin's overburdened prison system, and it doesn't involve a massive building campaign by the state.*

*Instead, Walker, R-Wauwatosa, the chairman of the Assembly Committee on Corrections and the Courts, envisions a landscape dotted with shiny new corrections facilities, built and operated by private prison companies.*

*And he's introduced a pair of bills that would pave the way.*

One of Walker's bills would have handed over control of state prison operations to for-profit prison companies. See the ALEC bill that would do just that, here.

The other would have allowed for-profit operators to open prisons in Wisconsin to house inmates from other states. See the ALEC bill here.

"It only makes sense that we allow a private firm to build and operate an accredited facility in our state," he said, noting that both CCA and Wackenhut Corrections (now GEO Group) wanted to expand into Wisconsin.

Although Walker's bills did not pass, some inmates were contracted-out to private prisons in other states, and CCA has registered lobbyists in the state ever since.

(Meanwhile, in 2010, after reports about CCA benefitting from Arizona's controversial anti-immigrant SB1070 law -- which was voted on by ALEC corporations and politicians before it was introduced in Arizona -- the private prison industry sought to distance itself from ALEC.)

#### **After Becoming Governor, Walker Reversed Progress, Restored Tough-On-Crime Agenda**

In recent years sentencing reform has become a bipartisan issue (just as tough sentencing laws were pushed by both Republicans and Democrats in the 1990s). Likely Republican presidential candidate Rand Paul, for example, has called for changes to federal mandatory sentencing laws, pointing out that the laws disproportionately impact people of color and comparing tough sentencing requirements to Jim Crow.

(ALEC also has a rebranded "Justice Performance Project" task force focused on criminal justice reform, but has done nothing to acknowledge its role in spreading harsh sentencing laws and prison privatization or to promote the repeal of its old bills.

Plus, some of its efforts to replace incarceration with supervised release are likely to financially benefit ALEC members like the for-profit bail bond industry and other corporate funders.)

After Walker left the Assembly in 2002 to become Milwaukee County Executive, the state legislature began rolling-back his truth-in-sentencing law.

But when Walker entered the governor's office in 2011, he reversed this progress and pushed for legislation fully restoring the ALEC truth-in-sentencing requirements, despite the costs to taxpayers associated with incarcerating more prisoners for more time (approximately \$32,000 each year) and despite claiming Wisconsin was "broke."

During Walker's tenure as governor the percentage of inmates granted parole has plummeted. Walker has also not granted a single pardon.

As governor, Walker also eliminated funding for the state's first program to track and remedy Wisconsin's worst-in-the-country rate of racial disparities in the criminal justice system.

That program was aimed at tracking possible racial profiling during traffic stops, and had only taken effect in January 2011, when Walker took office. It was part of the implementation of recommendations first made in 1999 by a task force on racial profiling appointed by Republican Governor Tommy Thompson, and reiterated in 2008 by a Democrat-appointed commission.

State Bar President James C. Boll, Jr., said at the time "[t]he data collection just began this year. At best, to repeal this requirement now would signal that the Legislature has concluded, without any empirical basis, that racial profiling does not exist in Wisconsin or is not a significant problem."

Walker has also pushed other policies as governor that disproportionately impact people of color.

Soon after taking office he eliminated in-state tuition for undocumented Wisconsin students attending state universities, a policy that even Republican governors like Rick Perry in Texas and Rick Scott in Florida have championed. Walker eliminated eligibility for medical assistance and foodshare for legal immigrants in the state. He rejected Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act, which would have largely benefitted people of color in Wisconsin. He pushed strict voter ID restrictions, even vowing to call a special session to restore the law after courts struck it down as discriminatory.

None of this is to say Walker himself is a bigot. But what the *New Republic* describes as "the insularity of his worldview" -- and the "toxic strain of politics" that gave rise to his political career -- has certainly had an impact outside of the white suburban and rural enclaves that elected him to office.

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## Trump stokes pre-election fear of immigrants to drive voters

By CATHERINE LUCEY, JILL COLVIN and COLLEEN LONG

WASHINGTON (AP) — Thousands of U.S. troops to stop an “invasion” of migrants. Tent cities for asylum seekers. An end to the Constitution’s guarantee of birthright citizenship.

With his eyes squarely on next Tuesday’s elections, President Donald Trump is rushing out hardline immigration declarations, promises and actions as he tries to mobilize supporters to retain Republican control of Congress. His own campaign in 2016 concentrated on border fears, and that’s his final-week focus in the midterm fight.

“This has nothing to do with elections,” the president insists. But his timing is striking. Trump says he will send more than 5,000 military troops to the Mexican border to help defend against caravans of Central American migrants who are on foot and still hundreds of miles away. Tent cities would not resolve the massive U.S. backlog of asylum seekers. And most legal scholars say it would take a new constitutional amendment to alter the current one granting citizenship to anyone born in America. Still, Trump plunges ahead with daily alarms and proclamations about immigration in tweets, interviews and policy announcements in the days leading up to elections that Democrats hope will give them at least partial control of Congress.

Trump and many top aides have long seen the immigration issue as the most effective rallying cry for his base of supporters. The president had been expected to make an announcement about new actions at the border on Tuesday, but that was scrapped so he could travel instead to Pittsburgh, where 11 people were massacred in a synagogue during Sabbath services.

Between the shootings, the deadliest attack on Jews in U.S. history, and the mail bomb scare targeting Democrats and a media organization, the caravan of migrants slowly trudging north had faded from front pages and cable TV.

But with well-timed interviews on Fox and “Axios on HBO,” Trump revived some of his hardest-line immigration ideas:

— An executive order to revoke the right to citizenship for babies born to non-U.S. citizens on American soil.

— And the prolonged detention of anyone coming across the U.S.-Mexico border, including those seeking asylum, in “tent cities” erected “all over the place.”

The administration on Monday also announced plans to deploy 5,200 active duty troops — more than double the 2,000 who are in Syria fighting the Islamic State group — to the border to help stave off the caravans.

The main caravan, still in southern Mexico, was continuing to melt away — from the

original 7,000 to about 4,000 — as a smaller group apparently hoped to join it.

Trump insists his immigration moves have nothing to do with politics, even as he rails against the caravans at campaign rallies.

“I’ve been saying this long before the election. I’ve been saying this before I ever thought of running for office. We have to have strong borders,” Trump told Fox News host Laura Ingraham in an interview Monday.

Critics weren’t buying it.

“They’re playing all of us,” said David W. Leopold, an immigration attorney and counsel to the immigration advocacy group America’s Voice. “This is not about locking people up. This is not about birthright citizenship. This is about winning an election next week.”

Trump’s citizenship proposal would inevitably spark a long-shot legal battle over whether the president can alter the long-accepted understanding that the 14th Amendment grants citizenship to any child born on U.S. soil, regardless of his parents’ immigration status.

Omar Jadwat, director of the Immigrants’ Rights Project at the American Civil Liberties Union in New York, said the Constitution is very clear.

“If you are born in the United States, you’re a citizen,” he said. He called it “outrageous that the president can think he can override constitutional guarantees by issuing an executive order.”

James Ho, a conservative Trump-appointed federal appeals court judge, wrote in 2006, before his appointment, that birthright citizenship “is protected no less for children of undocumented persons than for descendants of Mayflower passengers.” Even House Speaker Paul Ryan, typically a supporter of Trump proposals, said on WVLK radio in Kentucky: “Well you obviously cannot do that. You cannot end birthright citizenship with an executive order.”

But Trump says his lawyers have assured him that the change could be made with “just with an executive order” — an argument he has been making since his early days as a candidate, when he dubbed birthright citizenship a “magnet for illegal immigration” and pledged to end it.

“We’re the only country in the world where a person comes in and has a baby, and the baby is essentially a citizen of the United States,” he said in an Axios interview excerpt released Tuesday.

Not so, according to a 2010 study from the Center for Immigration Studies, a group that supports immigration restrictions, which said at least 30 countries offer birthright citizenship.

Vice President Mike Pence said the administration was “looking at action that would reconsider birthright citizenship.”

“We all know what the 14th Amendment says. We all cherish the language of the 14th Amendment. But the Supreme Court of the United States has never ruled on whether or not — whether the language of the 14th Amendment, ‘subject to the jurisdiction thereof,’ applies specifically to the people who are in the country illegally,” he said at a Politico event.

The nonpartisan Migration Policy Institute estimates that more than 4 million U.S.-born children under the age of 18 have an unauthorized immigrant parent.

A person familiar with the internal White House debate said the topic of birthright citizenship has come up inside the West Wing at various times — and not without some detractors. However, White House lawyers expect to work with the Justice Department to develop a legal justification for the action. The person was not authorized to discuss the policy debate so spoke on condition of anonymity.

In Trump’s Monday interview with Fox, he said the U.S. also plans to build tent cities to house migrants seeking asylum, who would be detained until their cases were completed. Right now, some asylum seekers, particularly families, are being released as their cases progress because there isn’t enough detention space to house them.

“We’re going to put tents up all over the place,” Trump said. “They’re going to be very nice, and they’re going to wait, and if they don’t get asylum they get out.”

The country is facing a massive backlog of immigration cases — some 700,000 — and there are more and more families coming across the border from Central America — groups who cannot be simply returned over the border. But experts question the legality and practicality of what would amount to indefinite detention.

The options are just two of many possibilities currently under discussion, including asylum law changes and simply barring members of the migrant caravans from entering the country using the same mechanism as the president’s much-publicized travel ban for people from certain Muslim countries.

Administration officials say decisions are unlikely until after the midterm elections, in part because of the synagogue shooting and pipe-bomb scare.

But some supporters in Congress are rushing to cheer Trump on.

GOP Rep. Steve King of Iowa, who has introduced legislation to end birthright citizenship, said Trump was deftly seizing on an issue that was sure to help in the midterms.

“That ability to move on instinct without hesitation, that’s why he’s president,” King said.

**Okinawa leader wants Americans to stop US base**

By MARI YAMAGUCHI and YURI KAGEYAMA



TOKYO (AP) — The bicultural, newly elected governor of the southern Japanese island of Okinawa plans to visit the United States with a message to the American people: Stop building a disputed military base and build peace instead.

Tamaki took office Oct. 4 after campaigning for a disputed U.S. Marine air base to be moved off the island and for the American military presence on Okinawa to be reduced. The small island hosts about half of the 54,000 American troops stationed in Japan and accounts for 64 percent of the land used for U.S. military bases.

Tamaki plans to visit New York and other U.S. cities in November, although dates and other details are not yet decided, according to the governor's office.

"I want the American people to understand what has been, what is and what will be, to solve this problem," Denny Tamaki told The Associated Press in an interview Wednesday at the Tokyo office for Okinawa prefecture. Tamaki, 59, is the first person with an American parent to lead Okinawa, and he stressed that his bicultural roots make him perfect to relay a message to the U.S. public. His father is a U.S. Marine he has never met. His mother, who raised him on Okinawa, burned all his father's letters and photos, Tamaki recalled.

But he would like to meet his father in the U.S. and hug him, he added.

"I'd like to say, 'Hi, dad. How've you been?'" he said in English and Japanese, adding jokingly perhaps 100 people might come forward.

He acknowledged he was not sure what he thought of the overall policy stances of President Donald Trump. A meeting with Trump is not on the trip agenda.

Tamaki said although Trump appeared to take a negative view toward Asia on trade, his gestures for reconciliation with North Korea, including a summit earlier this year with leader Kim Jong Un, showed Trump was committed to pursuing regional peace. "I would like to make it a win-win situation," for Trump and Okinawa, said Tamaki, friendly and relaxed in the office filled with lion statues and woven tropical fabric. Tamaki, who had a radio show before becoming a parliamentary lawmaker in 2009, said he was all for the U.S.-Japan bilateral security treaty, signed after Japan's defeat in World War II. He is also not opposed to Japan's having troops for self-defense, he said.

But Japanese people need to understand and talk more about security issues, defense spending and the unfair burden on Okinawa of hosting U.S. troops, he added.

Okinawa's demands must be coordinated with the overall American plan to relocate U.S. Marines in the Pacific, Tamaki said. At the center of contention is relocating a U.S. air base from densely populated Futenma in Okinawa to less-crowded Henoko

on its east coast. Early construction has begun at Henoko, but it's far from finished. The U.S. and Japan's central government support the relocation, and government ministries have rejected Okinawa's legal maneuvers to block the construction.

"The people of Okinawa have opposed this new base for more than two decades and so there is a basic mistake in Henoko" because the democratic process is being ignored, Tamaki said.

"We believe the Japanese government should assert that view to the American government, not keep insisting that Henoko is the only solution."

Although much of world, including mainstream Japanese media and the public, have tended to overlook the complaints from Okinawa, Tamaki's rise has brought attention to the historical dilemma with an undeniable clarity.

Okinawa continued to be occupied by the U.S. after the rest of Japan regained sovereignty in 1952, and was officially returned to Japan only in 1972. Okinawa was also where one of the bloodiest land battles of World War II was fought.

After the war, crimes by members of the U.S. military, including vehicle hit-and-runs and rapes, have outraged the people of Okinawa. The planning for Henoko dates to a 1995 rape of a schoolgirl in which three American servicemen were convicted. Citizens are also angry about noise pollution and the dangers of accidents involving military aircraft. Tamaki said he stood for Okinawa's culture, history and voice, noting his biracial makeup was common in Okinawa, where diversity was an asset as well as a vision for the future. "There are many people like me," he said, adding that he wanted to build a peaceful, prosperous and gentle society.

"Okinawa is a place where people have a spirit of sharing, and that is an important part of my identity."

He repeatedly stressed that Okinawa, as a part of Japan, can't set national policy on its own, only prod the central government and the U.S. to listen. But when asked if he was interested in becoming Japan's prime minister, he agreed without hesitation.

"If people want it," he said.

He said he hadn't even initially imagined he would become a politician at all.

When asked how he had changed since he became governor, he searched for an answer. He still plays in a band, singing mostly rock and playing guitar, and his love for Eric Clapton hasn't changed, he said, and so maybe he hadn't changed that much. But perhaps his new role was building more patience into his character.

"Maybe I grew up a little bit," he said with a smile.

**Pittsburgh funerals continue after Trump visit and protests**

By MARYCLAIRE DALE and ALLEN G. BREED

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Members of Pittsburgh's grief-stricken Jewish community braced for another round of funerals Wednesday for victims of the synagogue massacre, a day after President Donald Trump encountered hundreds of protesters when he came to town to pay his respects. Melvin Wax, 87, Irving Younger, 69, and Joyce Fienberg, 75, were to be laid to rest as part of a weeklong series of services for the 11 people killed in a shooting rampage at the Tree of Life synagogue Saturday. It was the deadliest attack on Jews in U.S. history. Pittsburgh began burying its dead on Tuesday, with thousands of mourners jamming a synagogue, a Jewish community center and a third, undisclosed site for the funerals of a beloved family doctor, a pillar of the congregation, and two intellectually disabled brothers in the 50s who were known as "the boys."

Cecil and David Rosenthal were "beautiful souls" who had "not an ounce of hate in them — something we're terribly missing today," Rabbi Jeffrey Myers, a survivor of the massacre, said at their funeral at Rodef Shalom, one of the city's oldest and largest synagogues.

The brothers were both active at Tree of Life, with Cecil the more gregarious of the two, a man with a booming voice who was known as the "mayor" of the city's Squirrel Hill neighborhood and the "town crier" for the gossip he managed to gather.

"They were innocent like boys, not hardened like men," the Rosenthals' sister, Diane Hirt, told mournerse.

With Tree of Life still cordoned off as a crime scene, the man arrested in the attack, 46-year-old truck driver Robert Gregory Bowers, was behind bars, awaiting a hearing Thursday on federal hate-crime charges that could bring the death penalty. Authorities said he raged against Jews during the rampage.

On Tuesday afternoon, after the day's funerals were over, Trump and first lady Melania Trump arrived in Pittsburgh to shouting, chanting protesters with signs such as "It's your fault" and "Words matter," a reference to allegations that Trump's combative language has emboldened bigots. Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf and Pittsburgh Mayor Bill Peduto, both Democrats, declined to join him during the visit.

"He didn't pull the trigger, but his verbiage and actions don't help," said Squirrel Hill resident Paul Carberry, 55, wearing anti-Trump patches on his hat and jacket. But another Squirrel Hill resident, Shayna Marcus, a Jewish 34-year-old nurse and Trump supporter who hoped to catch sight of the presidential motorcade, said: "I don't think focusing on Trump is the answer, or on politics."

One person was arrested during the protests. During their visit, Trump and the first lady lit candles at Tree of Life for the victims and

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AT GOV. SCOTT WALKER'S  
OFFICIAL PUBLIC RE-ELECTION  
ANNOUNCEMENT

WPR.ORG/NEWS 11-6-2017,  
MON. 4:30 P.M. CT.

"BIGGEST APPLAUDS"!!

"150 Supporters" given "BIGGEST  
APPLAUDS" when Governor talked  
about "Welfare Drug Testing" ....

NOV. 01, 2018

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To Wisc. to campaign Walker etc. Presid-  
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stealing the votes.  
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PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
FOOD SHARE

Handicap  
For Food...

Persons must work

SOURCE: NPR THIS MORNING 10-11-  
2017 WED. 6:AM. CT.

DRUG TESTING MEDICAID  
RECIPIENT

Gov. (R.Wis) Walker Petitioned The  
Federal Government For Waiver So  
To Allow The State To Drug Test MEDICAID  
RECIPIENTS?

SOURCE: WPR.ORG / CENTRAL TIME 11-18-  
2017, TUES. 3:PM. CT.

Public Housing Residents To be  
Drug Tested...  
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WROK.COM



GOV. (R, WI) SCOTT WALKER

MEANIE BAG OF "DIRTY TRICKS"!!!

TO STAY IN POWER!!!

TO: ENACT: "RESTRICTIVE WELFARE  
REFORM"

WKOW.COM [TV 27 Madison]

2-20-2018 TUES. 6:PM.

FOOD STAMPS: RECIPIENTS MUST WORK 30-  
HOURS...

LIMIT ON VALUE: ON PERSONAL PROPERTY, I.E.,  
HOME; CAR; etc.

SENATE CALLED-UP:  
NOT FOR A VOTE

TO SHOW ID TO OBTAIN "FOOD STAMPS"

PASSED 2-20-2018



## WELFARE REFORM PROPOSAL

NBC15.COM / NEWS

Thurs. 01-18-2018 10:PM CDT

(R. WI.) GOV. Scott Walker called a Special Session Legislature to PASS LAWS to REMOVE people from Welfare,

## Welfare Reform BILL

10 BILLS PASSED...

SEE: CAPITAL CITY SUNDAY WKOK.COM

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# FOOD SHARE PROGRAM

RECIPIENTS MUST WORK TO EAT.

- "ALL THINGS CONSIDERED" NPR. Org H: 50  
A.M. CDT Segment [4:00 p.m.], TUES.  
10-10-2017

FORMER U.S. ATTY. GEN Eric Holder  
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OVER FAILURE TO CALL TWO SPECIAL  
ELECTIONS TO FILL VACACIES...

SEE: WPR.ORG / CENTRAL TIMES TUES.  
02-27-2018 4:15 p.m. [5:15 p.m.  
Segment]

ELECTIONS HELD: IN 4TH ASSEMBLY  
DISTRICT AND 1ST SENATE DISTRICT PER  
DANE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT ORDER...  
SPLIT ELECTION RESULT.

BEFORE THE FIRST TUES. IN APRIL, 2018



## ELECTION CASE DECISION

Judge Joane Relye, Dane County Circuit Court ordered Walker to hold Two Special Elections to fill Vacant Seats by two Resigning Legislators. WPR, ORG/CENTRAL TIME 03-22-2018 4: P.M. [4:35 P.M. Segment]

Before the FIRST Tues. in April, 2018.

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We are at Risk of a Blue Wave in Wisconsin. Tweet Gov. Walker [04-03-2018] 7:AM EDT WPR, ORG/NEWS

Big Government Big Interest Flood-  
ed our State Distorted our Record.  
Next They'll Target Me.



Republican Lost IN District, i.e., 10th District by 10 percent to a Democrat.

Republicans had held that Seat for 17-years...

WAKE-UP CALL!!! by Gov. Walker...

SOURCE: SHAWN JOHNSON, Capitol Bureau Chief.

WPR.ORG/CENTRALTIME  
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GUEST: Jerry Badger LIVE.COM  
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Senator (D. WIS.) Patty Schachtner Won by 10 Points in the 10th District. Republicans had held this thought safe District for 17-years prior to Sen. Schachtner unexpected landslide victory.



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Trumped, NRA and Gang Advocates More GUNS;  
Arm the Schools, Places of Worship, etc.

A LOVER'S QUESTION?!!

Cops, Soldiers, and such are Armed and Trained  
Nonetheless many of them are killed by people  
with GUNS?!

Where are the DEMS candidates 2018  
ON this "FIRING LINE" LIFE and Death ISSUE?

10-29-2018



✓ NOTHING IN THE WORLD IS MORE  
DANGEROUS THAN SINCERE IGNORANCE  
AND CONSCIENTIOUS STUPIDITY"

↳ MLK, Jr. BOOK: Strength to Love, pt.  
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# Rock and Roll

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BON JOVI

BRITISH INVASION

BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN

CONCERT

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ELECTRIC

GUITAR

HEAVY METAL

LED ZEPPELIN

LYRIC

METALLICA

PINK FLOYD

PSYCHEDLIC

PUNK

ROD STEWART

ROLLING STONES

SINGER

STAGE

THE EAGLES

THE GRATEFUL DEAD

THE WHO

TINA TURNER

WOODSTOCK



## Classical Music

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ARRANGEMENT

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INSTRUMENTAL

INTERLUDE

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MOVEMENT

ORCHESTRA

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PERCUSSION

PHILHARMONIC

QUARTET

QUINTET

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STRING

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THEME

VOCAL

WIND



" ROCK-N-ROLL WILL NEVER DIE"!!!

" DEMI'S ROCK"

US MAGAZINE.COM  
OCTOBER 16, 2018 P. 46

DEMI LOVATO

our Prayers are being Heard as update Re-  
ports are sister Demi Lovato's Prognosis  
CONTINUES TO IMPROVE.

" ALONE AGAIN, NATURALLY"!!!

If our beloved Sister Demi had been  
ALONE when stricken with "JULY Drug over-  
dose", WE MAY HAVE LOST this Great Soul!!!

LIKE: JANIS  
WITNEY HUSTON  
ELVIS  
PRINCE,  
Ad-NAUSEUM...

ARTHUR!!!

Celebrities Need a TRUSTED (NON-DISCLOSURE)  
!!! 24/7/365 [+1] PERSONAL [MEDICALLY  
TRAINED] "LIFEGUARD"!!!

ROCK-ON!

10-28-2018



# Affirm Goodness

S D V L E J Z Q W L D A N G E R  
 A T O M O R R O W G L E U L G T  
 F L D O P T U I N M E A I J A Z  
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COURAGE, it  
 WOULD SEEM,  
 is NOTHING  
 LESS THAN  
 THE POWER to  
 OVERCOME.  
 DANGER,  
 MISFORTUNE,  
 FEAR,  
 INJUSTICE,  
 WHILE

CONTINUING  
 to AFFIRM  
 INWARDLY  
 that LIFE  
 WITH ALL  
 its SORROWS  
 IS GOOD;  
 that EVERYTHING  
 is MEANINGFUL  
 EVEN IF  
 in A SENSE

BEYOND our  
 UNDERSTANDING;  
 AND THAT  
 THERE IS  
 ALWAYS  
 TOMORROW.  
 (DOROTHY  
 THOMPSON)



Son of God, Eternal Savior

Son of God, eternal Savior, source of life and truth and grace,

Word made flesh, whose birth among us hallows all our human race,

You our head, who, throned in glory, for your own will ever plead;

Fill us with your love and pity, heal our wrong, and help our need.

Son of God, eternal Savior, source of life and truth and grace,

Word made flesh, whose birth among us halle

By your pryaing, by your willing that your people should be one,

Grant, oh, grant our hope's fruition; here on earth your will be done.

LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowe  
thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be doi  
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass  
against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power  
and the glory,  
forever and ever.

Amen



APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary.  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
He ascended into heaven,  
He is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come to judge  
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit.  
The holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen

BENEDICTION

P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

C Amen



MERCY!!! FORGIVENESS!!

— KATY LEE

NBC.com/TODAY

11-29-2017, Wed. 10:Am, CDT

STILL PRAYING! PRAYING FOR:  
DR. BILL COSBY, Ph.D

FROM HIS PRISON CAGE:

No bad News is GOOD NEWS TO HEAR!  
So blissed he is taking "that HELL" SO  
WELL!

#METOO MOVEMENT SEEM SILENT SINCE  
The "HighTech" LYNCHING OF DR. COSBY  
Like Emmet TILL (1955) [JET.COM]

KEEP ON PUSHING!!!

ON TUES. 10-23-2018, DR. COSBY'S  
NEW ATTORNEY FILED his case APPEAL to  
State Superior Court... PA.

KEEPING THE FAITH !!!

PRAYING!

~~##~~ STRANGE FRUIT

10-26-2018



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## IMPERFECTIONS

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Solution is on page 107



A PETITION TO GOD!!!  
ECC. 12:14

"A LOVER'S QUESTIONS"??

WHAT MANNER OF MAN?

DR. WILLIAM "BILL COSBY

A] WILL his HUMONGOUS "GOOD DEEDS"  
RANSOM his MERCY?!!

COUNTING:

1) ROBIN GIVENS

AFRICAN QUEEN!

ACTOR

FORMER MS. MIKE TYSON

Ultra-Black-Beauty, Wrote: Dr. Cosby  
had Treated her like a REGAL QUEEN  
When Connected to his NBC Show, AND  
Paid for her Education...

Why NO SEXUALITY?

Is She Too Ugly?

2] WHY TWO FAITHFUL



## WIVES ... ?

Why does Both of his Wives, i.e. IRI Wonderful CAMILLE, and TV wife Clair Huxtable aka PHYICA RASHAD stand by this MAN?

Between these Two Whom ever eles CAN KNOW Bill Cosby's "FACE"! "EDGES"! and "Soul" any Better?!!

## WHAT OF:

3) HUMBINGUS DONATIONS OF MONEY TO MANY BLACK COLLEGES ?

4) SUPPORTED UP AND COMING YOUNG BLACK TALENT, e.g., ROBERT TOWNSEND, ACTOR, DIRECTOR AND PRODUCER ?

5) TINSEL: "SEX AND DRUGS" TOWN!!!

TINSEL TOWN NEW SUPERSTAR  
"Hannibal" Brutus

Why this white - negroe so-called "Hannibal" Brutus ONLY accuse Dr. Cosby of "Rape" after he COMMENCED to speak out like Marcus Garvey and Malcolm X



To Black Folks, and Thereby SILENCE Him?

Proverbs 29:2

AMEN.

#KONYEWESTSUPPORTBILL COSBY

10-26-2018

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## How to raise a sweet son in an era of angry men

By Faith Salie

HOURS AFTER I GAVE BIRTH TO MY FIRST CHILD, MY husband cradled all five pounds of our boy and said gently, "Hi, sweet pea." Not "buddy" or "little man." Sweet pea. The words filled me with unanticipated comfort. Like most parents, we knew what we'd name our son but never discussed how we'd speak to him. I was witnessing my husband's commitment to raising a sweet boy.

Because this is what the world needs now, urgently: sweet boys and people who grow them.

There are so many angry men among us. There are angry women too, but they're only beginning to claim this emotion that has long been denied them. Women's public anger delivers deliberate messages—it's pussy hats, reclaiming our time and #MeToo. It's the kind of anger that gives girls voices. Men's anger tries to shut down the voices of others. Today's angriest women galvanize; today's angriest men murder.

My son is now 5, and I'm also the mother of a 3-year-old daughter. I'm thrilled that she is growing up in a time when American girls are encouraged to be both fierce and kind, strong and compassionate. The T-shirts that declare GIRLS RULE THE WORLD offer an empirical falsehood, but at least the aspiration is there. My daughter recently delighted me when she deemed her makeshift kite—a rainbow scarf tied to a stick—a fencing foil and ran about the woods parrying and proclaiming, "En garde!" But I delighted even more in my son when, at a birthday party where the balloon artist presumptuously twisted pneumatic swords for all the boys, he asked for a balloon heart.

Boys have always known they could do anything; all they had to do was look around at their Presidents, religious leaders, professional athletes, at the statues that stand erect in cities big and small. Girls have always known they were allowed to feel anything—except anger. Now girls, led by women, are being told they can own righteous anger. Now they can feel what they want and be what they want.

There's no commensurate lesson for boys in our culture. While girls are encouraged to be not just ballerinas but astronauts and coders, boys—who already know they can walk on the moon and dominate Silicon Valley—don't receive explicit encouragement to fully access their emotions. Boys are still snips and snails and puppy-dog tails. We leave them behind from birth. Walk into any baby store and you're greeted in the boys' department by brown and neon green layettes festooned with sharks, trucks and footballs. Onesies for baby boys declare, TOUGH LIKE DADDY. The boy taught from infancy to be tough is emotionally doomed. (Mind you,

I'm all for a onesie for any gender that announces, RESILIENT LIKE MOMMY.)

We don't need to raise kids with gender neutrality or deny intrinsic differences between boys and girls. We do need to recognize that children, regardless of gender, harbor innate sweetness that we, as a society, would do well to foster and preserve.

Sweet boys grow up to be men who recognize the strength in being vulnerable and empathetic. Men who aren't threatened by criticism or perceived competition from people whom they deem "other"—be it skin color, sexual orientation, religion, education or whatever. Sweet boys are children who've been given, by their parents and wider society, the permission to feel every-

thing and to express those emotions without shame.

At a young age, this should be done explicitly, in organized forums for discussions at school. It must be done relentlessly and organically, in our family homes. Parents must invite their sons to be sad, afraid, hurt, silly and affectionate, and embrace them as often as they snuggle

their daughters. Sweet boys learn early on that they can defend themselves against loneliness by reaching out and asking for support rather than turning into people who, literally, grab for power. Sweet boys evolve into openhearted men who aren't confused about consent and sexual boundaries, because they experience women as equals.

A man raised with access to the same gamut of emotions and choices as women does not say, "Women are special," as Donald Trump recently averred after disbelieving Roy Moore's accusers; he does not delegate sugar and spice and humility and gentleness to the ladies, while defining himself through anger, lust and pride. Boys will not be merely boys. If we let them, boys will be human.

Salie is the author of *Approval Junkie*





DECODING RUSH LIMBAUGH  
THE BIGGEST MOUTH  
IN THE UNIVERSE !!!

Mr. Rush Limbaugh is too well known, as a controversial "BIG MOUTH PIECE" for THE POWERFUL Elite to warrant introduction here.

WHAT MAKES HIS LONG RUN !!!

I write only To DISSECT HIS POWER  
AND LONGEVITY!

Yes, of course - I am a listener, but NOT his "DITTO HEAD" !!!!!!

Mr. Limbaugh Success Recipe is SHORT AND S---O SWEET!!!!:

He listen to ostensible Liberals, e.g., ABC, COM\ THE VIEW, and play their comments and then states his ASSESSMENTS ON them ON his SHOW.

BALANCE?

Therefore, The Listeners "Believe he Listens To "BOTH SIDES" of the "HOT TOPIC" !!!



## BUT WHAT BLOCK LIBERAL RADIO ACCESS TO POWER ?

However his best of his MAGICAL TRICKS  
is to HOTLY CRITICIZES "BOTH SIDES", i.e., Re-  
publicans and Democrats, which makes it ap-  
pears he's ON his "LISTENERS SIDE"!!!

### FAKE CHATTER BOX

IN his FOXY WAY: MR. LIMBAUGH APPEARS  
objective and Truthful? Moreover his LISTENERS  
-CALLERS constantly Repetitiously REMIND  
MR. LIMBAUGH To Tell Them what "THINK"!!!  
DITTO!!! He Tells Them what To, "THINK?"

### TELL MORE!!

A Salient illustrations is About Three  
Months Ago a Male Caller said: My Heart  
belongs to MY wife! MY soul TO God! AND  
MY mind to you, Rush!!!

### AFTERCLAP!!!

"HOME SCHOOL COMMUNITY"  
Rush Limbaugh provides For young child-  
ren [MINDS] Education!

### "RUSH BOOKS!!"

Wed. 01-11-2017 2053



## ON THE OPPOSITE DIAL !!!

Thom Hartmann.com ! BILL PRESS.COM  
! Stephanie Miller ! etc., whom I LOVE...  
by the way, will not criticize them DEMS!!  
and BLOCK their LISTEN-CALLERS' Criti-  
cism of them, e.g., esp. HILLARY (1996) !

## BAD STATIC !!

Thus, IN TURN, It's Too Short and  
Bitter !!!:

They Lock-out Their own In-  
tended LISTENERS- AUDIENCE !

## IMBALANCE !!!

Abundantly They Too, Like Rush does-would  
Benefit from a Billionaire  
"Sugar Daddy" e.g. Koch Brothers!



SUPREME MODEL  
KENDALL JENNER

FAKE CONTROVERSY - déjà vu  
ALL OVER AGAIN !!!

COKE ! ANYBODY !

THIS TIME ITS:  
APPROPRIATION OF  
BLACK CULTURE !!!

IN AFRO HAIR !  
I SAY: BS !!!

HOW MANY BLACK WOMEN  
WEAR BLOND HAIR  
DOS !!!

SEE! PAGESIXTV

#DIFFERENTSTROKESFORDIFFERENTFOLKS

10-23-2018



VOGUE.COM

PC PRISON DRESS CODE

KEDALL JENNER

SUPER-SUPER-MODEL!!!

IN  
FAKE FAUX AFRO  
Beauty Shop Garbage  
I LOVE SEEING  
A W BEAUTIFUL AFRO.

ON  
A GORGEOUS!!! LADY!

CF.  
WHOOPI G'OLDBERG  
THANK YOU, Mam!!!!

#FREEYOURMIND!!!

#AVOGUESUBSCRIBER!

SEE ~~#~~PAGE SIX TV 10-23-18

10-23-2018



TODAY IS YESTERDAY - AGAIN!!!

#METOO

#LIVINGWHILEBLACK

Brooklin Corner Store  
ABC.com / Nightline (10-6-2018)

Jeremiah,  
a Nine Years-old Black-Baby-Boy

"They Were Never Really Gone"!!!  
[aka Emmet Till 1955 JET.com]

Was outrageously falsely  
Accused by a white woman  
of sexual ASSAULT!!!

INNOCENT CHILD!!!

However, store VIDEO showed  
his Back Pack accidentally  
Brushed her Back!!!  
[Without His knowledge!]



SINCE THE BIRTH OF THE NATION  
THE WHITE WOMAN "WOMAN"  
ACCUSER WAS "ALWAYS  
BELIEVE HER"!!!

INSIDE MONTGOMERY'S POWERFUL  
MEMORIAL HONORING 4,400 LIVES  
NBC.COM / NIGHTLY NEWS TUES. 10-  
09-2018 5:30 P.M. EDT.

OPENED April 02, 2018  
ANCHOR Lester Holt and CO-  
FOUNDER, LAWYER, AUTHOR BRYAN  
STEVENS took the VIEWERS ON  
a TOUR down LYNCH BLOODY  
LANE!

MR. STEVENS' BOOK "JUST MERCY"  
TO BECOME A NEW MOVIE...

Lester Holt wept at Family member  
Name... HUSTON!!!

SEE  
ALSO:

PBS.ORG / AMERICAN EXPERIENCE /  
EUGENICS TUES. 10-16-2018

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## We Will Remember



On April 26, 2018, in Montgomery, Alabama, Pauline and Charlie Sullivan, founders of CURE, attended the opening of the National Memorial for Peace and Justice and the Legacy Museum: From Enslavement to Mass Incarceration.

The Equal Justice Initiative (EJI) is the sponsor of these new institutions and is led by EJI founder, Bryan Stevenson. Bryan has been a strong supporter of International CURE and was the main speaker at our 5th global conference in 2009 in Abuja, Nigeria. Recently, he asked staff attorney, Charlotte Morrison, to represent EJI in Rwanda.

Over the past six years, EJI staff has spent thousands of hours researching and documenting over 4000 racial terror lynchings in the U.S. between the Civil War and World War II. The twelve most active states are the following: AL, AR, FL, GA, KY, LA, MS, NC, SC, TN, TX, and VA. They have recently supplemented their research by documenting lynchings in eight other states: IL, IN, KS, MD, MO, OH, OK and WV.

The Sullivans noted that northern states like MN, CA and NY also had lynchings. Overall, there are 801 counties where a lynching took place and each has a 6 foot coffin like monument which is etched with the name of the persons lynched as shown on the left.

Duplicates of these large, four-sided columns are in an adjacent field and people from one of these lynching counties are encouraged to transport the very county column in the field to the county and place it as a marker in a prominent place. See the interactive map and complete the Memorial Monument Interest form on the EJI website if it shows that at least one lynching was in your county and you would like to be involved in placing the monument in a prominent place in your county.

## Remembering Rudy

As Deb Bozydaj, President of CURE-NY, wrote, "Rudolph 'Rudy' Cypser passed peacefully at his home on February, 16, 2018 at the age of 94. Rudy, along with his wife, Betty, spent well over 40 years, essentially a lifetime, as social and criminal justice reformers. We cannot remember Rudy without speaking of Betty, his loving wife of 70 years."

They were the founders and co-presidents of the NY state chapter. They also represented International CURE at the United Nations and authored global and regional documents calling for prison reforms.

One of the most important was the 2008 report called *Dignity of the Individual* which gave a summary of the status of prisons in the 35 countries of the Organization of American States (OAS). Selected passages from the Report were read to the OAS's Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and later the entire report was officially submitted to the Commission.

Our presentation and Rudy's report played a major role in the unanimous vote by the Commission to publish *Principles and Best Practices on the Protection of Persons Deprived of Liberty in the Americas*, which can be found on the Commission's website.



Shown after our presentation in the front row are left to right Charlie Sullivan, Jose Filho and Tony Payan. On the back row are Betty Cypser, Alan Pogue and Rudy Cypser.

In our next newsletter, we will remember other CURE prison reformers who have died in the last year. Their leadership and financial support have been crucial to the development of our organization locally, nationally and now internationally.

## Where will the 9th International CURE Conference be held?

As you see, our 8th Conference on Human Rights & Prison Reform was very successful. There were three reasons for this:

- (1) the team of Pius, Heidi and Joshua worked very hard to put it together
- (2) Purchasing a visa for \$35 at the airport in Rwanda reduced the fear of being rejected. This happened in Costa Rica when one of our conference participants was sent back to the U.S. because he was on the sex offender public registry. No one was rejected in Rwanda even though there were some in attendance with criminal records
- (3) the site of the conference was in a nice hotel with reasonable costs. For example, for two people in a room with single beds, the charge was \$140 a night and this included a full breakfast the next morning.

Of course, for most participants, the cost of travel was their largest expense which was over a thousand dollars for the round-trip. We also had to charge a pre-registration fee and a much larger conference registration fee because we were not able to raise the funds to take care of the entire cost of accommodations.

In 2020, we plan to have the 9th Conference and welcome your suggestions. So far, countries in Asia that have been suggested are Japan, and Hong Kong in China. Even Beijing, but getting a visa and other problems may be insurmountable. In regard to Europe, Swedish restorative justice experts at the conference thought Europe has a human rights emphasis but needed restorative justice.

In conclusion, I have been baffled by the lack of an intergovernmental organization (IGO) in Asia. South and North America has the Organization of American States (OAS) while Europe and Africa also has an IGO. Thus, why not use the 9th Conference if it is in Asia to organize a campaign to have at least one intergovernmental organization with a human rights commission in Asia.

Just some thoughts, Charlie Sullivan

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10-17-2018



## INFORMATION FOR THOSE WHO ARE "OUT"



Washington State Governor Jay Inslee has signed into law "ban the box" legislation for the state's public and private employers. Washington becomes the 11<sup>th</sup> state to require both public and private-sector employers to delay background checks and inquiries about job applicants' conviction records until the individual has had an opportunity to first present his or her qualifications for the job.

The other states that "ban the box" are AZ, CA, GA, IN, KY, NV, NY, PA, SC and UT.

The NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund (LDF) has reached a settlement with the Target Corporation to compensate tens of thousands who were subjected to discrimination because they have criminal records. The settlement builds from guidelines published by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC).

CURE believes Amazon is also guilty of discrimination because it only hires people with criminal records who are "off paper" for seven years i.e. finished probation or parole and wait for seven years. Do the math. People could be in their sixties before eligible.

Also, if you feel you have been discriminated against, because of your record, google EEOC or contact the main office of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, 131 M St. NE, Washington, DC 20507 or call 202-663-4900 to find a U.S. EEOC office near you. Also, google the EEOC for the guidance passed April 25, 2012, Number 915-002 for hiring people with criminal records.

There is a White-Collar Online Support Group that is open to all individuals throughout the U.S. who have white collar or nonviolent criminal incarceration issues. See [www.prisonist.org](http://www.prisonist.org) for more details; contact Progressive Prison Ministries, P.O. Box 1232, Weston, Connecticut 06883 [jgrant@prisonist.org](mailto:jgrant@prisonist.org)

Google Addiction Resource Hub for a very comprehensive list of help for those suffering due to the drug crisis throughout the country. Also, help for the Right Substance Abuse Program (Drug and Alcoholic) call 24 Hour Toll Free Line: 888-961-4558 or 866-243-4401 or 4407. Another 24/7 hotline is 1-800-662-4357.

The Tar Heel CURE Chapter is seeking "free world" volunteers in North Carolina to start the official chapter of National CURE. If interested call Priscilla Carlisle at (336) 241-2704 or email her at [prissymeemaw71@email.com](mailto:prissymeemaw71@email.com).

In Rwanda, Charles Thornton shared that people who have been in prison in the United States, will be having their annual conference Sept. 13-15 in Orlando, Florida. For more info, please call 916-501-9988.



### ELECTRONIC MONITOR, REFORM OR ABOLISH?

Professor James Kilgore was on an electric monitor (EM) as part of his parole. He now leads a coalition which aims to challenge monitoring and other forms of punitive technology. The coalition rejects the use of EM as an "alternative to incarceration" calling it instead an alternative form of incarceration. Since EM is in use, the coalition has developed guidelines to reduce the harm done by monitoring. These recommend that EM must:

- (1) facilitate freedom of movement to enable people to meet basic daily needs e.g. parenting, employment, medical treatment, etc;
- (2) not be added to less restrictive forms of supervision;
- (3) not disproportionately applied to people of color or poor people;
- (4) be governed by transparent, individualized rules; not a generic "one size fits all" set of conditions and restrictions.

The guidelines also reject any form of fee for EM, insist that people must be given credit for time served for time spent on a monitor, and that EM should never be applied for life.

CURE welcomes your input on these guidelines and/or whether we work to abolish this technology since the abuses are so severe.



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteer NOW to facilitate voting in the Fall by eligible people who are in your jail! There are 3,300 jails in the United States and every detainee

pre-trial detainee or person serving a misdemeanor in jail may be eligible to vote. For information about jail voting initiatives google voting while Incarcerated (2005) and *Locked Up and Locked out of Voting* by Rebecca McCray. Finally, email Nicole Porter if you have questions concerning the voting in jail campaign. [nporter@sentencingproject.org](mailto:nporter@sentencingproject.org)

### Insightful Articles (google them)

Why aren't we spending more on prison education? By Stephen Steurer

Loved ones are the "silver bullet" to prisoners' success during and after incarceration by Jean Thrash

Yep, slavery is still legal: The 13th Amendment ban allows one exception, and we see it in our justice system by Jim Liske

Detroit Pistons owner risks tarnishing rep to profit off prison phone call industry Posted By Violet Ikononova

At the federal supermax, when does isolation become torture? By Alan Prendergast

Gov. Northam signs bill requiring prisons and jails to supply feminine products edited by Jennifer Walker

A veteran services office in Soledad Prison: Why not throughout the system? By Shad Meshad

Let's put an end to prosecutorial immunity by Frederic Bloc

NC prison has special unit for veterans by Shad Meshad

Inmates wounded in deadly SC prison riot file suits against state by John Monk

Where the right went wrong on criminal justice by Arthur Rizer and Lars Trautman



Shown are Massachusetts-CURE's leaders Louise Carcione and Franklin Hobbs who have radio shows heard globally. For example, Louise hosts *Health In Your Neighborhood* that can be seen by going to You-Tube on the web, type in Boston Praise Radio & TV, and her name.

**READ THEM!** *Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust* by Immaculee Ilibagiza; *Separate and Unequal: The Kerner Commission and the Unraveling of American Liberalism* by Steven M. Gillon; *Decarcerating America: From Mass Punishment to Public Health* Edited by Ernest Drucker; *Juvenile Justice Now: Reinvention and Promise* by H. Ted Rubin; *The Sun Does Rise: How I Found Life and Freedom on Death Row* by Anthony Ray Hinton and *Ministry to the Incarcerated* by Dr. Henry G. Covert.





Children rarely have any responsibilities, but as they begin to grow up they usually learn how to manage their own lives. When they enter the corporate world they can apply these skills to their job positions and help to manage the life and property of others. However, some of us fail to learn or accept responsibility for ourselves and have little or no respect for the livelihood of others. Therefore, we rely on others to take care of us or resort to dishonesty and crime. Today, as we take a closer look at the subject of stewardship let's consider how it may apply to our personal lives.

The Bible says: "Who then is that wise and faithful steward, whom his master will make him ruler over his household..."(Luke 12:42 NKJV) The Vines dictionary defines the word steward here in part as: 'The manager of a household or estate. Believers generally.' In other words, as servants of God we're held accountable for everything that has been entrusted to us. Our time, possessions and all other resources including our bodies and the earth we live on. Remember, God is the owner and we are the overseers. "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father..."(James 1:17)

Stewardship starts in the home by learning how to provide and make sacrifices for ourselves and family.(See: Pr.13:22; 20:7) Listen to the words of Timothy: "But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he is denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever."(1 Tim.5:8) The fact of the matter is, God expects us to learn these skills so we're a greater asset to His work... especially to those who are less fortunate.(See: James 1:27; 2:8-9) The simple truth is, God expects each one of us to do are part! "Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give to him who has need."(Eph.4:28)

The key to being a good steward is living a God-centered life. This is where we find our true desires, wisdom and guidance to carry out the Lord's will. The Psalmist wrote: "Delight yourself also in the LORD, and he shall give you the desires of your heart. The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD... Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God."(Ps.37:4,23; 143:10) As we take daily inventory, the Lord will help us to check our motives and to prioritize our responsibilities.(See: Col.1:9-10; 3:23) It's important to know, that apart from God we can do nothing!

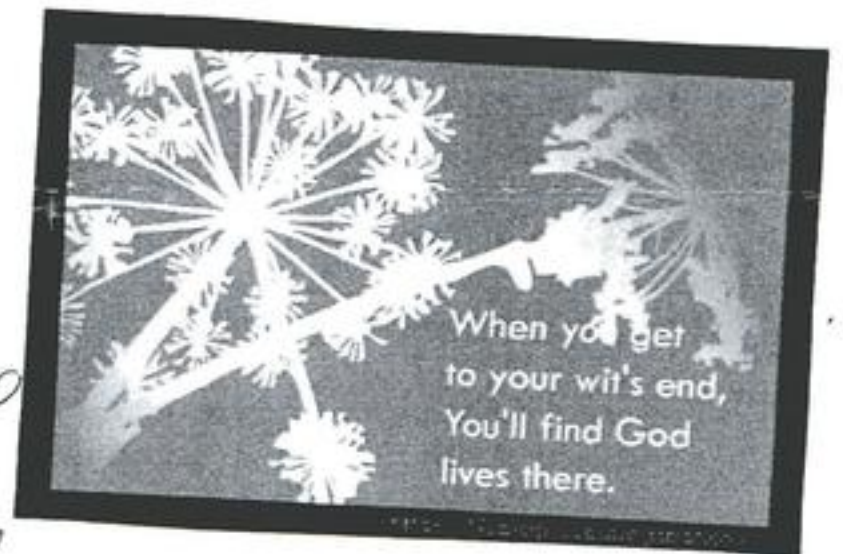
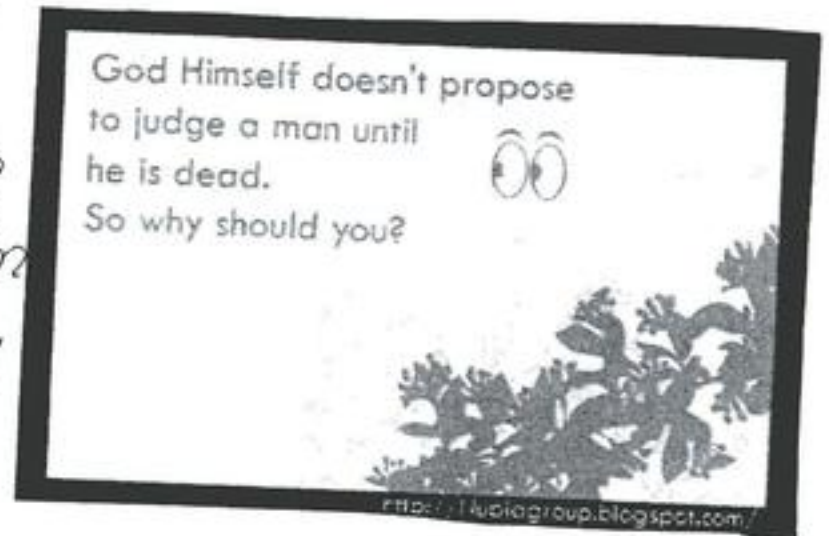
Personally, God has used my prison experience to teach me a lot about responsibility. However, I had to surrender my life to Him. For it is written: "No man can serve two masters..."(Matt.6:24) It was either maintain a prison job that paid penny's a day, and learn how to manage what little I had... or go with out! Furthermore, I started to use my resources and talents or gifts for God's purpose.(See: Rom.12:4-8) Yes, it has taken commitment and sacrifice! Nonetheless, it has increased my resources and abilities beyond what I could of imagined.(See: 1 Pet.4:10)

Let me ask you, are you ready to take a leap of faith and trust God to show you how to be more responsible with your life? Or maybe you're already a committed servant of God, but unsure of how to become a good steward to your community and country. Take it from me, make yourself available and God will give you the ability! Jesus says: "Freely you have received, freely give."(Matt.10:8) Only than will we hear the words that we all long for: "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will make you ruler over many..."(Matt.25:21)



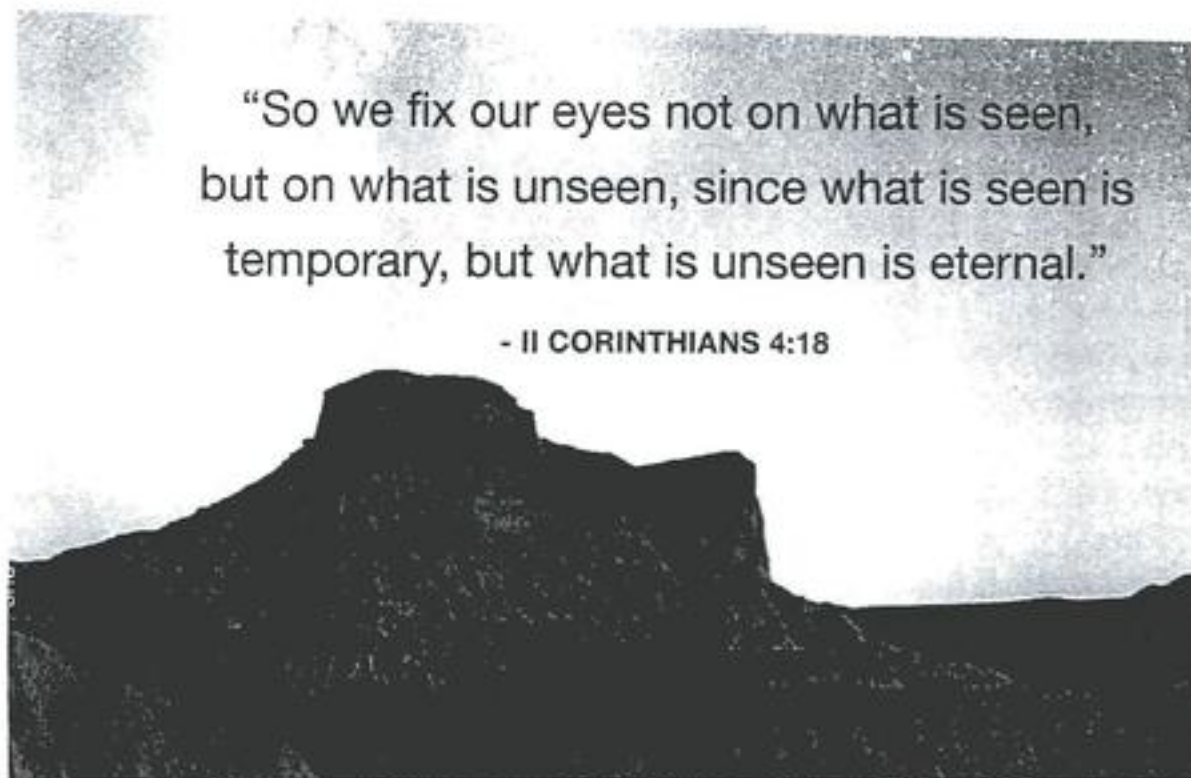
## *From Darkness to Light -*

The saying goes that when we travel through life in a unspiritual and criminal sinful way, we are traveling in the Darkness because we know not God, and are therefore doomed. I traveled in Darkness for many years of my life, and this Darkness led me to Death Row where I sat for many years awaiting execution during my stay on Death Row, a place I know to be very Dark. I came to a decision that changed my life. I no longer wanted to be in the Darkness, I wanted to be in the light. So I changed my unspiritual and criminal ways and got closer to God, and in doing so I also got closer to the light. So close that im proud to say as I sit here in the light writting this message to all, I am no longer on Death Row, because the decision and changes I made in my life brought about Gods blessing to free me from the Darkness to the light, and though I am still imprisoned my future is bright.



"So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."

- II CORINTHIANS 4:18





# BLACK POLITICAL POWER AND DEMOCRATS LOCK ON IT!!!

## THE FAKE ATTACKS ON MR. KANYE WEST'S CHARACTER

The ACTUAL INTENSE Conflict at Play here  
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# The Era of (Bill) Clinton Liberalism is Over: What Does That Mean for Hillary and the Dems?

Clinton revived the Democrats partly by incorporating GOP critiques on crime, welfare and race. What comes next?

By JOAN WALSH

President Clinton famously told us "The era of big government is over." The Baltimore tragedy is trying to tell us, if we didn't already know, that the era of (Bill) Clinton liberalism is over — just when his wife has her best shot at becoming president. In the wake of the Baltimore unrest, a stunning 96% of Americans polled by NBC News say they expect more urban riots this summer. Yet there's little visible urgency around preventing that outcome.

A post-Clinton Democratic domestic agenda is essential — even if the Democratic frontrunner is named Clinton. Intentionally or not, Hillary Clinton echoed her husband's trademark verdict on "big government" April 29 when she called for "an end to the era of mass incarceration," in a speech on criminal justice that symbolized a break from policies championed in the last Clinton administration. Whether post-Clinton politics can be pioneered by someone named Clinton will be an interesting test for Democrats in the months and years to come.

My goal is not to bash either Clinton, as we look at what did and didn't work in the 1990s Democratic domestic agenda. (I also think it's unfair to automatically credit or blame Hillary Clinton for the policies of her husband.) Bill Clinton was a gifted politician who cared about civil rights and poverty. He saw the way Republicans had used both issues against Democrats since the 1960s and he tried to fight it, even if he had to wade into the swamp of white backlash politics to fashion a new Democratic approach to crime, poverty and race.

His notorious "Sister Souljah" moment during the 1992 campaign; his crime and welfare reform policies; his railing against "big government;" all were tailored to reassure white people that Democrats had heard their concerns about the excesses of the war on poverty, and would incorporate the politics of personal responsibility into future efforts to promote equality. But his goal wasn't perpetuating poverty, inequality and racism; it was forging a winning political coalition to take up a new fight against them, informed by the lessons of the 1960s and '70s. You can disagree with his tactics, but it's indisputable that was his intent.

Eight years after Clinton left the White House, Barack Obama tweaked but didn't reject his Democratic predecessor's overall approach to urban poverty. Obama included a heavy dose of respectability politics in his pitch to become the nation's first black president. It worked politically; he won twice. Yet on Obama's watch, we've come up hard on the limits of the '90s approach to race, crime and inequality, not just in Baltimore but in Ferguson, Cleveland, Staten Island, Oakland and Sanford, Florida; in inner cities all across the country.

Tough sentencing laws and "zero tolerance" policing, we've seen, helped reduce violence, but they didn't bring jobs back to the cities, and they also separated millions of black men from their families and trapped them in the criminal justice system. Draconian welfare reform slashed the welfare rolls, we've learned, but the number of households headed by single mothers has steadily climbed, among all races, while poverty among children persists. In fact, welfare reform helped create a poverty trap, in which more than a quarter of people who work make so little they receive some form of welfare.

On the race relations front, our first black president continues to preach the importance of personal responsibility in improving black lives, even as police murder black men on camera. His opponents don't care: they continue to stereotype Obama as a lazy, criminal-coddling, poverty-pimp-of-old, whose policies brought about the chaos

in Baltimore.

And while the Democrats updated their approach to crime and poverty, Republicans continue to scapegoat them as tolerating lawlessness and propagating suffering with a family-eroding welfare state. House Speaker John Boehner blamed Democrats for Baltimore's troubles on *Meet the Press* on May 3. Clinton's centrist moves didn't help his party politically on these issues in any lasting way.

Ironically for Hillary Clinton, it's not her but former Baltimore mayor Martin O'Malley who's on the hot seat after Baltimore, for the approach to urban crime that her husband helped pioneer. On "Meet the Press," O'Malley, who is hoping to challenge Clinton for the nomination, was confronted by one of his campaign statements from 1999: "As much as we'd like to think poverty is the cause of crime, crime is also the cause of poverty." A visibly pained O'Malley refused to take the blame for his city's unrest. "We didn't get it wrong then," he told Chuck Todd, "but we have yet to get it entirely right."

So far, Democrats will have two veterans of the '90s, Clinton and O'Malley, plus Democratic socialist Bernie Sanders, vying to get it right. They, and we, have to learn from the past.

Post-Baltimore, there's a vibrant debate about whether riots advance the cause of social progress or retard it, and I'll leave that aside for now. We do know that time and again, riots serve to concentrate the nation's attention on urban poverty. America "rediscovered" the issue last week with the Baltimore riots — after rediscovering it when Ferguson exploded last year. As well as in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina 10 years ago. Let's be honest: It was the overblown reports of looting and lawlessness in New Orleans that focused the nation on the tragedy there, more than the hurricane itself.

But our first "rediscovery" of urban poverty, after we abandoned the issue in the 1960s, came 23 years ago, with the Los Angeles riots. Like virtually every outbreak of urban violence in the last 50 years, from Watts in 1965 to Baltimore in 2015, the 1992 Los Angeles troubles began over an issue of policing: in that case, the on-camera beating of Rodney King, a black man, and the acquittal of the four white cops who did it.

The Los Angeles unrest gave candidate Bill Clinton the perfect platform on which to showcase his new Democrat approach to issues of race, poverty and crime. Suddenly, the nation had been thrown back to Watts, literally and figuratively, the place where white backlash politics found its winning narrative in 1965. It provided Clinton with a chance to rewrite the Democrats' story.

Watts exploded just five days after President Johnson signed the Voting Rights Act, and Republicans began blaming liberal dogooders for the wave of urban riots that continued throughout the decade. Notorious Los Angeles police commissioner William Parker put responsibility for the Watts riot at the feet of civil rights advocates, claiming that violence was the predictable result when "you keep telling people they are unfairly treated." The problem, in the right's telling, wasn't the unfair treatment, it was the rubble-routers "telling people they're unfairly treated."

After Watts, the dark politics of law and order pioneered by Richard Nixon, and California Gov. Ronald Reagan, perfected white backlash politics and prevailed politically. Nixon chose Spiro Agnew as vice president at least partly because of his role in cracking down on Baltimore's 1968 riots after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Reagan updated backlash politics in 1980, leveraging it with a pinch of concern the poor, as summed up by his genial and deeply dishonest lament, "We fought a war on poverty, and poverty won." That Nixon-Reagan storyline won Republicans five out of six presidential elections between 1968 and 1992.

Until Clinton. A Democratic counter-movement emerged to answer Republicans, and incorporate some of their critique into

new Democratic politics. Clinton was its best practitioner. The rhetoric he pioneered, and the policies he pushed, on crime, welfare and race, tried to take the sharp and often racist edge off the GOP approach while incorporating its "common sense" lessons, especially on crime and poverty. It worked, at least politically, for a while.

The Los Angeles riots offered Clinton a stage on which to unveil that approach to the nation. President Bush denounced the "anarchy" as "purely criminal" and never even visited the scene. Clinton toured it with local congresswoman Maxine Waters and blamed the Reagan-Bush administration for "more than a decade of urban decay," intensified by federal spending cuts. Bush press secretary Martin Fitzwater blamed "the Great Society." Clinton shot back, "Republicans have had the White House for twenty of the last twenty-four years, and they have to go all the way back to the sixties to find somebody to blame. I want to do something about the problems."

But Clinton also found in the Los Angeles chaos the perfect way to show white voters he wouldn't tolerate African Americans using white racism as the primary excuse for poverty and crime. His famous "Sister Souljah" moment came after the rapper defended the Los Angeles violence in 1992. "If Black people kill Black people every day, why not have a week and kill white people?" she told *Washington Post* writer David Mills.

Few people remember that the interviewer was Mills, an African-American reporter who went on to write "Homicide" and David Simon's "The Wire" — the great shows about Baltimore poverty and violence that shaped so many people's reactions to the city's unrest over the last week. And almost nobody remembers that Mills, who tragically died of an aneurysm in 2010, was himself critical of Souljah's remarks, writing that her empathy for the rioters had reached a "chilling extreme."

It was Clinton who got notoriety for his much more pointed attack on Souljah — and that's what he wanted. "If you took the words 'white' and 'black' and you reversed them," he said about her comments to Mills, "you might think David Duke was giving that speech." Souljah's remarks, he told the Rainbow Coalition, "are filled with a kind of hatred you do not honor."

In fact Clinton's so-called Sister Souljah moment was really his Jesse Jackson moment, designed to telegraph to white people that Democrats weren't just the party of two-time presidential candidate Jackson anymore.

Clinton improved his showing with the white working class, but he did less well among African Americans than did Walter Mondale or Michael Dukakis, getting only

84% of the vote where Democrats had been getting in the '90s for two decades. That was OK. Jesse Jackson had assembled the Obama coalition in 1984 and 1988, but it was 20 years too soon. Clinton briefly won back the white working class in 1992, and that's what got him elected.

Still, it wasn't only Clinton who brought a tougher, behavioral approach to the problems of crime and poverty back then. Black leaders joined him in the '90s, even Jackson himself. Cornel West and Barack Obama talked about the way some among the inner city poor contributed to their own misery. West saw, "nihilism," Obama an abdication by fathers, Jackson preached "hope not dope."

A new generation of urban leaders, black and white, incorporated a behavioral element into their politics and policy for the inner city. Even the great William Julius Wilson, who showed the way the disappearance of jobs for men without a college education created a crisis in the inner city, focused his early research on inner city poverty and single parenthood on the absence of what he called "marriageable men." A wave of urban development projects in the late '80s and early '90s tried to meld Wilson's jobs analysis with efforts to shore up families and fight crime.

In Baltimore, a liberal black mayor, Kurt Schmoke, partnered with moderate Republican developer James Rouse to transform Freddie Gray's neighborhood of Sandtown-Winchester, in a laudable effort that focused on housing, education and family troubles, but left out issues of jobs. Schmoke's successor, white Democrat Martin O'Malley, an admirer of Bill Clinton, then ran on the issue of violent crime as not merely a symptom of poverty, but a cause.

What these Democrats learned throughout the '90s showed the limits of the behavioral approach to crime, poverty and race. Just as the Los Angeles riots opened the era of Bill Clinton liberalism, the troubles in Baltimore, despite years of Democratic leadership, should mark its close. Clinton, O'Malley, Sanders and perhaps others will grapple with this changed landscape.

They have one big advantage over Republicans. The GOP is still stuck in the 1980s, trying to reanimate Zombie Reaganism for the 21st century.

Joan Walsh is Salon's editor at large and the author of *What's the Matter With White People: Finding Our Way in the Next America*.

See the followup to this article, "Beyond Sister Souljah: How Democrats get beyond the stale '90s politics of race, and why Republicans can't," with this article at [populist.com](http://populist.com).



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October 2018

Dear Friend,

Thank you so much for the support you have given me over the years. Together, we have come a very long way. Yet, in this pivotal and unprecedented moment in American history much, much more needs to be done.

As you undoubtedly know, the election on November 6 will determine, to a very significant degree, the future direction of our country.

Do we continue with a one-party right-wing government in Washington, led by a pathological liar with strong authoritarian tendencies? Or, do we stand up to Trump and fight for an agenda that represents all Americans, and not just the 1%.

That's what this election is all about.

As you know, I have been fighting hard not only for my own reelection in Vermont but to support progressive candidates across the country. I am doing everything I humanly can to end Republican one-party rule in Washington and to help elect progressive senators, members of Congress, governors and state legislators.

As part of that effort, over the last three weeks of the campaign I will be traveling to, among other states, Indiana, Michigan, South Carolina, Iowa, Wisconsin, Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, California, Maryland, and Florida.

I want to thank you for being a critical part of growing our movement. Today, we need you now more than ever before. Would you make a generous contribution to my reelection campaign and to support my efforts to elect progressive candidates all across the country? I would not ask if this were not important. I cannot do it without your help.

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In the midterm election of 2014 the United States had the lowest voter turnout since World War II. The result: Republicans won landslide victories all across the country. That has got to change, and that is what I'm trying hard to do.

Along with the candidates I am campaigning with, I'm going to do everything I can to get working people and young people involved in the political process and to the polls.

At a time when Republicans want to suppress the vote, we have to increase voter turnout. At a time when Republicans continue their war against women, we have to elect more women to local, state and federal offices.

And at a time when Trump wants to throw 32 million people off the health care they have, and do away with the protections for preexisting conditions, we have to guarantee health care for all as a right, not a privilege, through a Medicare for all single payer program.

Now is the time for us to revitalize American democracy, end the collapse of the middle class, and create a nation of economic, social, racial, and environmental justice.

Now is the time for all of us – black, white, Latino, Native American, Asian American – to come together and take a stand against authoritarianism, oligarchy, and bigotry.

If Democrats take back either the House or the Senate we can stop Trump's agenda cold. No more tax breaks for billionaires, no more throwing people off the healthcare they have, no more talk about building walls, no more xenophobic immigration policy.

If Democrats gain control over both the House and the Senate, we can begin a full-scale effort to finally pass legislation which protects the interests of working

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families and not just the 1%. Among other issues, I will help lead the effort to expand Social Security, and stop all Republican efforts to cut that vitally important program.

I should also mention that if Democrats control the Senate I will likely become chair of the important Senate Budget Committee. In that capacity, I can play a strong role in creating budgetary priorities for this country which reflect the interests of all Americans and not just wealthy campaign donors.

This means demanding that the billionaire class and large profitable corporations start paying their fair share of taxes so that we can provide adequate funding for healthcare, education, environmental protection, infrastructure, affordable housing, and other important needs.

This election is not only about what happens to our lives. It is about our children, grandchildren, and future generations. It is about whether we effectively combat climate change, and transform our energy systems away from fossil fuels and into sustainable energies such as wind and solar.

As we go forward together on this important work, I would like to once again ask for your support in these closing weeks. Your contribution to my campaign will make it possible for us to create the kind of progressive government we desperately need.

Thank you,



Senator Bernie Sanders

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## CHRISTMAS GIFT WRAPPING FUNDRAISER ☐



### A Reflection by Jenny

About 6 or 7 years ago, my mom told me that Companions was starting a fundraising committee and asked if I would be interesting in attending a couple of meetings. In the past, I had only ever been a person that donated to charities. I had never gotten actively involved. As the meetings were really just going to be brainstorming sessions for new ways in which to raise funds, I decided to give it a try.

I arrived at that first meeting with a couple of ideas, one of which has taken off like none of the others: gift wrapping. Borders's website advertised that if you were a charity that promoted literacy, you could sign up to come into any Borders store to wrap people's purchases for donation. That first year we signed up for a couple of days and raised a couple hundred dollars. The next year we signed up for more days at various Borders locations to raise even more.

Then, sadly, Borders filed for bankruptcy and closed all of their store locations. Would this be the end of gift wrapping? Are there other stores that would allow us to continue this fundraiser?

I have no idea what made me write to different malls to see if they would be interested in having us provide a gift wrapping service to their patrons while asking for donations in return. The response was overwhelming, "Yes, we allow charities to do this, but we are all booked this year." Fox Valley, however, wrote back that they still had an opening for Christmas Eve if we were interested in signing up. They would provide tables and gift boxes. We would have to supply everything else.

Not knowing exactly what to expect, we showed up with 30 rolls of wrapping paper, 2 pairs of scissors, and 2 tape dispensers. At around noon, we got slammed and stayed that way for 11 hours. We went to stores near us to borrow scissors. I called my husband to bring us more paper. We even enlisted the help of some of the people having their presents wrapped to fold the gift boxes that the mall provided. We were tired, hungry, and our feet hurt. But we raised almost \$1000 that day and knew that a mall is where we had to be.

The next year, we contacted Fox Valley early enough to do multiple days. The next year we expanded to multiple days at two different malls. We kept expanding until gift wrapping had evolved into what it is today—a monster fundraiser that utilizes over 50,000 square feet of paper and 50+ volunteers over 10 different days to cover the entire holiday season.



## FUNDRAISER CONTINUED ☐



I am still surprised that my little idea of wrapping books for a couple of hours at Borders has morphed into this amazing fundraiser. Never in my wildest imagination did I think that I could have such an impact on the lives of others.—Jenny

Maybe someone is reading this right now who has his/her own little fundraising idea, but doesn't know where to begin or have the people to help run it. Please contact us. We are always looking for new ways to get people involved, expand volunteer opportunities, and create a sense of committee within our organization. If you come up with the idea, we will help carry that idea to fruition.

Thanks so much to Jenny for her very hard work on our Christmas gift wrapping fund raisers. She with the help of all of your volunteers have made this fundraiser a great success for us. Thank you also to all of our volunteers including those from Kohl's Associates Care and the Chicago Ridge Mall for providing us space and all who donated paper, bows and other supplies. We are very grateful.—Jana



### Three birthday Cards a Day

Our volunteer, Deborah, prepares that many birthday cards to send to people who often receive no other Birthday cards. In fact, one man wrote us recently that it was the first birthday card he had ever received. Deborah also adds a beautiful message about the wonder of us each having our own special day. Another man wrote recently of his gratitude to Deborah who had sent him cards for several years. He was especially touched that she had always found him at as he was transferred from prison to prison. Never forget that every act of kindness you offer to another makes a difference.

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Please feel free to contact us if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,



Corina Scott

*PA Prison Society Intern*



Women Who Make a Difference

# Mother Wright Feeds the Homeless



"The Lord woke me up and told me I had to do something."

By Jennifer R. Haupt

**M**ary Ann "Mother" Wright walks at a halting yet determined pace, carrying boxes of fresh strawberries from a vast warehouse in Oakland, California. She gently puts them on one of several long tables set up on the sidewalk and meticulously rearranges into neat rows the fruit, vegetables and bakery goods that have already been unloaded. Then, as she peers through gold-rimmed glasses past stray strands from a halo of wiry black and gray hair, she greets young and old alike with a nurturing hug and a warm, "How you doing, baby?"

Most everyone in Oakland knows the 80-year-old matriarch of the neighborhood, who single-handedly raised her 12 children and 9 foster boys and now has 33 grandchildren and 37 great grandchildren.

Each day dozens of men, women and children come to the block-long warehouse to pick up a loaf of bread or a bag of groceries—no questions asked. Additionally, Mary Ann and two of her daughters, Joel Wright and Carol Barnes,

run daily food deliveries to about 400 families living in six neglected neighborhoods where there isn't a major grocery store for miles. "Mother Wright is the only one caring for these folks—elderly shut-ins, children whose parents may be too sick or strung out to get to the store," says David Ammons, who was helped by Mary Ann and has worked with her for 12 years. "Her faith and kindness are such an example. Knowing that I'm loved by her has helped me to have discipline and patience, as well as open up and love others."



Photos, top to bottom: David Toerge/Black Star; Jim Marinello; David Toerge/Black Star.

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Mary Ann, a Louisiana sharecropper's daughter whose mother died when she was only five years old, learned early on how to work hard and nurture others. She left school after second grade to pick cotton and help raise her five siblings. At age 14 she married and gave birth to the first of 12 babies. But 14 years later in 1950, when pregnant with her ninth child, Mary Ann resolved to leave an abusive marriage and journey thousands of miles to live with her sister in Oakland. Not knowing how to read or write, Mary Ann took her daughters to Oakland by train, packing only a pillowcase full of belongings. Once there, Mary Ann worked 16-hour days cleaning houses for \$1 per hour, and also picked fruit and cotton. Thirteen months later she was able to bring her sons up to Oakland to live with her.

**T**hen one night in 1980, after all of her children had become self-supporting adults, Mary Ann awoke from a sound sleep with a haunting question. *How can I lie in my warm, comfortable bed knowing there are hungry mothers and children sleeping on the cold pavement?* she recalls thinking. “They couldn’t afford to eat. The Lord woke me up and told me I had to do something about that.”

The next day Mary Ann went to the local farmer’s market to solicit donations, but came home empty-handed. “Nobody wanted to give food to the homeless, so I knew it was up to me to get things started,” says Mary Ann.

Over the next few weeks—and after much persistence—checks for \$5 to \$10 and occasional bags of canned goods and clothing trickled in. Joel was able to start a food donation program with Lucky’s grocery store (now Albertson’s), Safeway and Wonder Bread. Mary Ann supplemented these donations with her own: The monthly \$236 Social Security check she received went toward the fixings for sloppy joe sandwiches.

Within several months the sight of Mary Ann driving slowly around Oakland in a donated station wagon—and stopping frequently to pass out sandwiches, blankets, shoes and whatever she could collect from friends and neighbors—became a familiar and comforting one. She offered hope to those who desperately needed someone to care—people sleeping under the commuter rail tracks and in the city’s Jefferson Square Park.

“When you can hug strangers who are filthy and smell bad, that’s real love,” says Joel. “I grew up seeing that when you give from your heart, people respond in kind and God provides whatever you truly need.” Mary Ann soon started cooking entire meals and serving them to hundreds more at Jefferson Square Park every Saturday.

“I’ve seen people from all walks of life who are down on

their luck, from auto workers to Silicon Valley ex-millionaires,” says Mary Ann, who insists on using real silverware wrapped in napkins and serving the food buffet-style on tables with decorative tablecloths. “We serve everyone like they’re somebody special,” she says. “If we don’t treat each other with dignity and love here on earth, we might as well hang it up talking about going to Heaven.”

Recalls Joel, “My mom was a real curiosity. All of the TV stations and newspapers told her story, and we started getting more donations—everything from toys to canned goods to furniture. By the mid-1980s our house was overflowing with boxes into the backyard.”

Today as many as 500 people still line up for a meal on Saturdays; however, a lot has changed during the past 21 years. Four churches now take turns cooking and serving dinners under Mother Wright’s guidance at Jefferson Square Park. And in addition to serving home-cooked holiday meals every Thanksgiving and Christmas, she now provides thousands of families with a turkey and enough groceries to last several days.

The first big Thanksgiving meal Mary Ann recalls was in 1985, when she stayed up all night to cook a dozen turkeys, green beans, pies and all the fixings for a holiday feast. Thanksgiving morning her children loaded her son’s pickup truck with pots of gravy and pans of stuffing, and they served dinner to more than 500 individuals.

Last Thanksgiving hundreds of volunteers—from schools, churches, the Iron Souls Motorcycle Club, the Oakland Raiders football team, and even a ministry in China—transformed Mother Wright’s warehouse into an assembly line. They started arriving three days before Thanksgiving to sort and bag thousands of cans of food, loaves of bread, pies and other fixings, and to give away 8,000 donated turkeys.

The Mary Ann Wright Foundation, which was established in 1992, has gotten significant donations of up to \$10,000 from large corporations such as Shell Oil and Xerox. Other donations from Clorox and the Oakland Athletics helped her purchase two vans. The corporate funds also enabled her to hire Ammons, two of her daughters and another part-time worker.

In 1998 the foundation was able to purchase a mammoth warehouse, which is where you’ll find Mary Ann bagging groceries most mornings as early as 7:00 A.M. The organization donates food and clothing to 26 programs throughout Oakland, has raised money for a school in Nairobi, Kenya, and has sent food to the destitute in the former Soviet Union. Each year they send a truck full of supplies to 21 Native American reservations in Arizona, Montana and elsewhere.

“Mother Wright is proof that faith alone can move mountains,” says former California governor and current Oakland mayor Jerry Brown. “She started with nothing and took things into her own hands to help tens of thousands of poor people in Oakland. This one woman’s determination has inspired many—during the holidays and all year-round—to help their neighbors.”

To Mary Ann, this is all a mission of love.

“The greatest joy in this life for me,” she says, “is feeding God’s children.”

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