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Dear Friends:

HAPPY HOLIDAYS 2020!!!

AS USUAL AND ALWAYS, I
Thank the TEAM for allowing
me this PRICELESS gratis
gift to write my ideas "across
the sky".

Accordingly, I request that
my ENC. Pages be posted?

Thank you!

STAY ALIVE!

Jeon.

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ENC.

SAY HER NAME:

BREONNA TAYLOR

SA

FIRST...

I

APOLOGIZE!!

! I HOPE SOMEONE

GETS

MY MESSAGE ... "

IN

THE UNIVERSE !!!

RINGO STARR, 80

HIGH NOON

LOVE & PEACE !!!

JEN SORENSEN

Soylent Greenbacks



BY THE NUMBERS



400

Average number of plastic bags used each year by a person living in California before the state voted in 2016 to ban single-use bags

8M

Tons of plastic that enter the ocean each year; 60 to 80 percent of all marine litter is plastic

2050

Year when there will be more plastic than fish in the Earth's oceans, if current trends continue

85%

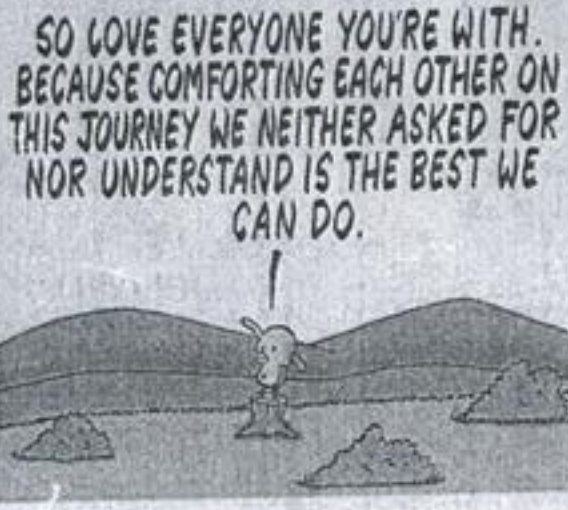
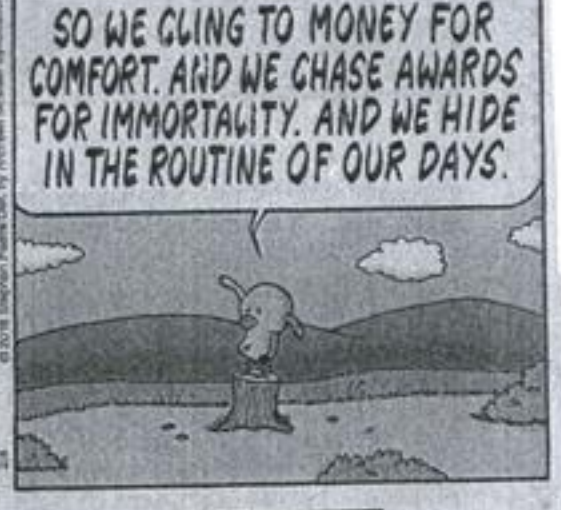
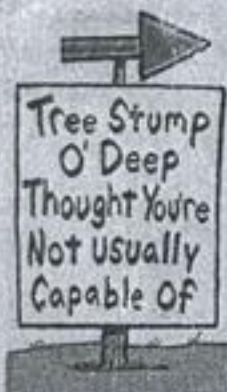
Amount by which plastic-bag use has decreased in England after it required all stores to levy a 5-pence-per-bag charge starting in 2015
—Glyn Peterson

"Take a bow, California voters. It's working."

San Jose's *Mercury News*, on the one-year anniversary of California's plastic-bag ban

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

BY STEPHAN PASTIS



~~\$\$~~ THAT'S WHAT PEOPLE SAY ~~\$\$~~

POLITICIANS HAVE AN
ANSWER FOR EVERYTHING
but SOLUTION FOR NOTHING!

2021
AMERICA
SWEET DREAMS -
AGAIN!!!

BIDEN IS BACK!

CLINTON IS BACK!

OBAMA IS BACK!!!

AND AMERICA IS
BACK TO SLEEP

#Predictable and Dull by AMY
WATERS PBS.org/NewsHour

12-03-2020

ABC.com THE VIEW
12-04-2020 FRID.

Joy: I want 2021...

I want to be bored
in 2021

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PC! BS!

AND LIES!!!

"THAT'S WHAT PEOPLE SAY"!!!

Lil Wayne was PAID TO
SUPPORT Pres. Trump!

THAT'S REAL POLITICS!

TELL That To BLACK
WOMEN (NE QUEENS)
WHO VOTED FOR BIDEN!

#KANYEWEST

#JACKIEROBINSON

XOXO!

1092

A communication line has been established and food and medicine can be lowered to them through a narrow shaft.

While they've been receiving porridge and nutritional liquids, the miners a few days ago asked for a traditional meal of sausages.

Eight of them are thought to be doing well, while two are in poor health.

Lil Wayne and Kodak Black publicly thank Trump for pardon, commutation

The two rap stars were among the people who were pardoned or had sentences commuted by Trump on his last day in office.

This week, while much of the country celebrated the inauguration of President Joe Biden, Lil Wayne took to his social media to instead thank former president Donald Trump, whose administration pardoned the rapper during its final days in the White House.

"I want to thank President Trump for recognizing that I have so much more to give to my family, my art, and my community," wrote the 38-year-old emcee. "I also want to thank @bradfordcohen for working so diligently to secure another chance for me. Love!"

He then signed off with his full government name, "Dwayne Michael Carter Jr."

Early Wednesday, Trump issued a slew of 11th-hour pardons and commutations that included his onetime political strategist, a former top fundraiser, former Detroit mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and rappers Lil Wayne and Kodak Black. Most notably that list – of 73 pardons and 70 commutations – did not include himself or his family.

Wayne specifically received a pardon after pleading guilty to a gun possession charge in Miami, while Kodak Black received a commutation after he pleaded guilty to a weapons charge.

According to Billboard, "Ahead of the 2020 presidential election, Wayne endorsed Trump for president and co-signed his 'Platinum Plan' for the Black community, which led skeptics to believe it was all a tactic to receive a pardon. But Bradford Cohen, the lawyer who helped set up Trump's meeting with Lil Wayne, denied the speculation in an interview with The New York Times."

Kodak Black (real name Bill Kahan Kapri) also posted on Twitter to thank Trump for commuting his 46-month sentence.

"I Want To Thank The President @realDonaldTrump For His Commitment To Justice Reform And Shortening My Sentence. I Also Want To Thank Everyone For Their Support And Love," he wrote, tagging Dan Scavino, the former White House deputy chief of staff for communications and director of social media. "It Means More Than You Will Ever Know. I Want To Continue Giving Back, Learning And Growing."

Coronavirus: Japan denies Tokyo Olympics cancellation

Organizers said all partners, including the government and the IOC, were "fully focused" on hosting the Games. A British newspaper, citing a member of Japan's ruling coalition, said the event would not be going ahead.

The Japanese government on Friday denied reports that the Tokyo Olympics are set to be canceled.

Japan's Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary Manabu Sakai, a government spokesman, told reporters there was no truth whatsoever in the stories that emerged earlier on Friday, stating the event was set to be called off due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The Times said an unnamed senior member of Japan's government had conceded defeat in the city's efforts to stage the Games, admitting the focus is now on securing the event for Tokyo in the next available year, 2032.

However, the government is implementing thorough infection countermeasures to be able to host the Games, according to Sakai.

Increased jeopardy

The Games were placed in increased jeopardy earlier this month when Tokyo declared a state of emergency due to an increasing number of coronavirus cases, and public opinion has swayed strongly towards canceling the event altogether.

On Thursday the International Olympic Committee (IOC) president, Thomas Bach, admitted "there is no plan B" over the staging of the sporting occasion, which is due to commence on July 23.

Spectator decision

Some 15,000 international athletes are expected to convene in Tokyo ahead of both the Olympic and Paralympic Games, which will get underway on August 24.

Organizers are expected to decide in the coming weeks whether the coronavirus risks have eased enough to let spectators attend the Games. Previously, senior IOC member Dick Pound had suggested athletes should be at the front of the line for vaccines to boost the chances of the Olympics going ahead, though this prompted a backlash from the public, health experts and athletes themselves.

Bucs-Packers, Bills-Chiefs picks, schedule, odds, injuries, predictions, more for AFC and NFC championships

The conference championship games of the NFL playoffs have arrived, with both kicking off on Sunday. The fifth-seeded Tampa Bay Buccaneers will face the top-seeded Green Bay Packers in the NFC Championship Game, and then the No. 2-seeded Buffalo Bills will play the No. 1 Kansas City Chiefs in the AFC Championship Game. The winners advance to Super Bowl LV on Feb. 7.

We're previewing both title games. Our NFL Nation reporters bring us the keys to the games, a bold prediction for each matchup and final score picks.

Additionally, ESPN Stats & Information provides a stat to know for each game and the Football Power Index (FPI) goes inside the numbers with a matchup rating (on a scale of 1 to 100) and a game projection. ESPN Chalk's Dave Bearman hands out helpful nuggets, and NFL analyst Matt Bowen points out a key matchup to watch as well. It's all here to help get you ready for an exciting weekend of NFL playoff football.

NFC Championship Game: (5) Buccaneers at (1) Packers

3:05 p.m. ET | Fox

Matchup rating: 96.3 | Spread: GB -3 (51.5)

What to watch for: If there has been anything to gripe about in Matt LaFleur's highly successful two-year run as the Packers' coach, perhaps it is being a step slow to adjust. When these teams met in Week 6, the Bucs played zone coverage on 61% of quarterback Aaron Rodgers' dropbacks, and Rodgers had his only multi-interception game this season. And in general, the more teams have played zone against Rodgers over the past two years, the better they have fared. LaFleur and offensive coordinator Nathaniel Hackett know what's coming in terms of coverage, and how they plan for it will dictate their level of success against a tough Tampa Bay defense.

Bold prediction: Buccaneers quarterback Tom Brady's game-winning touchdown pass will not be thrown to wide receivers Mike Evans, Chris Godwin, Antonio Brown or Scotty Miller, tight ends Rob Gronkowski or Cameron Brate, or running backs Ronald Jones II or Leonard Fournette. Nope, it will go to wide receiver Tyler Johnson. The rookie fifth-round pick out of Minnesota had just one catch last week against the Saints, but that 15-yard spinning grab on the perimeter was masterful. The only reason we aren't talking about Johnson more is the depth chart he's buried on. He has a knack for making difficult catches in high-pressure situations, and he'll do again on Sunday.

Stat to know: The two biggest factors in Brady's performance all season have been pressure and the vertical game. In 13 wins over the course of the season (including playoffs), he averaged 1.1 sacks per game, saw pressure on 14% of his dropbacks and posted an 82 QBR. But in five losses, sacks jumped to 2.2 per game, his pressure rate climbed to 27% and his QBR nearly split in half (44). And as far as the deep ball goes, consider this: On passes thrown 20-plus yards downfield over that 18-game span, he has hit on 45% for 11 touchdowns and zero interceptions in wins, but just 21% for a single score and five picks in the losses.

Bowen's matchup key: How will Tampa Bay keep Packers wide receiver Davante Adams in check? It's going to start at the line of scrimmage in Cover 1, with Buccaneers cornerback Carlton Davis trying to use his length and physical traits to disrupt Adams' release. If he can't, Davis' lack of recovery speed versus Adams' sudden ability to separate will spell trouble for the Bucs.

What's at stake: A win for the Buccaneers would mark the first non-division champion to reach the Super Bowl since the 2010 Packers. It would also bring Brady's 10th Super Bowl appearance, spanning three decades. Rodgers, however, has played in only one Super Bowl. And after losing his past three NFC Championship Game appearances and going 1-3 over his career in this game, Rodgers is attempting to avoid becoming just the third QB to have fewer than two wins and more than three losses in conference title matchups (Ken Stabler and Donovan McNabb are both 1-4).

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Electoral College votes on January 6 may have contributed to inciting the violent Capitol insurrection.

"The Senate Ethics Committee should open an investigation into the actions of Senators Hawley and Cruz, and perhaps others as investigation may reveal, in order to protect the integrity, safety, and reputation of the Senate," Democratic Sens. Sheldon Whitehouse of Rhode Island, Ron Wyden of Oregon, Tina Smith of Minnesota, Richard Blumenthal of Connecticut, Mazie Hirono of Hawaii, Tim Kaine of Virginia and Sherrod Brown of Ohio wrote in the complaint.

"The question the Senate must answer is not whether Senators Hawley and Cruz had the right to the object to the electors, but whether the senators failed to '[p]ut loyalty to the highest moral principles and to country above loyalty to persons, party, or Government department' or engaged in 'improper conduct reflecting on the Senate' in connection with the violence on January 6," the Democrats wrote, citing the Code of Ethics for Government Service and the Senate Ethics Manual.

In their letter to the panel's leaders, Democratic Sen. Chris Coons of Delaware and Republican Sen. James Lankford of Oklahoma, the seven senators also asked the committee to offer disciplinary recommendations, "including up to expulsion or censure."

In a statement Thursday, Hawley called the complaint "a flagrant abuse of the Senate ethics process and a flagrant attempt to exact partisan revenge."

"Democrats appear intent on weaponizing every tool at their disposal — including pushing an unconstitutional impeachment process — to further divide the country," the Missouri Republican said, referring to the House's impeachment of then-President Donald Trump earlier this month, which will next go to the Senate.

A spokesperson for Cruz accused the seven Democrats of "playing political games by filing frivolous ethics complaints against their colleagues."

"Sen. Cruz debated a question of law and policy on the floor of the Senate, he did so expressly supported by 11 other Senators, and he utilized a process to raise the objection that has been explicitly authorized by federal law for nearly 150 years," the spokesperson said in a statement, adding that "Cruz immediately condemned the January 6th terrorist attack on the Capitol, calling for everyone who stormed the Capitol to be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law."

The complaint comes as authorities are investigating hundreds of people in connection with the deadly pro-Trump riot at the US Capitol, including possible links to high-ranking Republicans who encouraged them.

Federal prosecutors said earlier this month that they are looking at everyone involved in the riot, including the role Trump played in inciting it. District of Columbia Attorney General Karl Racine warned Sunday that Trump could possibly be charged by city prosecutors with "a misdemeanor, a six-month-in-jail maximum," amid fallout from the insurrection.

Hawley announced on December 30 that he would object during the Electoral College certification process, defying Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell. Nearly a dozen other Republican lawmakers, including Cruz, later announced that they, too, would object. But some changed their minds after the midday violence on January 6 -- which is something the seven Democrats noted in their complaint.

"By proceeding with their objections to the electors after the violent attack, Senators Cruz and Hawley lent legitimacy to the mob's cause and made future violence more likely," the Democratic senators wrote. The seven Democrats wrote Thursday that "The Senate has the exclusive power to determine whether (Hawley's and Cruz's) actions violated its ethics rules, to investigate further conduct of which we may not be aware that may have violated these rules, and to consider appropriate discipline."

They urged investigators to probe issues including whether Hawley, Cruz or members of their offices or campaigns "were in contact or coordinated with the organizers of the rally," "knew about the plans for the event" or "received funding from organizations or donors that also funded the rally."

Whitehouse, one of the seven Democrats, told CNN on Thursday afternoon that he sent the letter because "we need to clear up exactly what happened."

"The only place to get that done effectively is in the Senate, because you can't trust executive branch agencies to do that investigation because they're on the wrong side of the separation of powers," he added.

Hawley, who is thought to harbor 2024 presidential ambitions, has borne the brunt of the blame for kicking off the actions that led to thousands of Trump supporters storming the Capitol complex and forcing the House and Senate to go into emergency lockdown. Hawley had offered pro-Trump demonstrators who stood outside the Capitol a raised-fist salute as he walked into the Senate early that day.

Publishing house Simon & Schuster dropped his upcoming book, which will now be released by conservative publisher Regnery Publishing. Several major companies, including Blue Cross Blue Shield and Citigroup, announced they were halting donations to Hawley and other Republicans who objected to the Electoral College votes. Luxury hotel chain Loews Hotel Group has since canceled a fundraiser for Hawley, saying it's opposed to "all who supported and incited" the deadly riot at the Capitol.

The complaint from the Democratic senators also quotes Missouri's former Sen. John Danforth, Hawley's onetime mentor, who told The New York Times that "lending credence to Trump's false claim that the election was stolen is a highly destructive attack on our constitutional government."

Danforth, whose support was central to Hawley winning his 2018 Republican primary, called supporting him "the worst mistake I ever made in my life" earlier this month.

China mine rescue: Survivors to remain trapped at least two more weeks

Chinese rescue teams say it might be more than two weeks until they can save a group of miners trapped hundreds of metres underground.

They have been trapped since an explosion closed the entrance tunnel to the Hushan gold mine in Shandong province on 10 January.

Authorities made contact with 11 surviving miners a week after the blast, but one has since died.

Rescuers have drilled small holes to supply food and medicine to the men.

The cause of the explosion that sealed the mine entrance is still not known.

The fate of another 11 miners trapped by the blast is unclear - authorities have been unable to communicate with them despite lowering food and messages into other areas of the mine.

The group discovered alive told rescuers they had established communication with a lone miner about 100m below them, but had since lost touch with him.

How will the rescue work?

Currently, rescue operations are trying to widen a narrow shaft to make it big enough to lift the miners out.

However, drilling is proving difficult as it needs to get through particularly hard granite and the miners are trapped far from the surface. Rescuers face an added problem in that the mine is waterlogged and there's the risk the chamber where the miners are stuck could flood.

"The obstacles are just too huge, which means we need a least another 15 days or even more to reach the miners," Gong Haitao, deputy head of the local publicity department, said.

The debris standing in the way weighs about 70 tons, he added.

How did they get trapped?

The entry into the mine was severely damaged and communication was cut off by the so-far unexplained explosion.

For a week, there was no sign of life. Then, last Sunday, rescuers felt a pull on one of the ropes they were lowering into small shafts leading down into the dark.

A paper note was then sent up on a rope from a group of 12 surviving miners - 11 trapped in one place and a 12th trapped further below.

Since then, the contact with the 12th miner has been lost, while one of the group of 11, who had fallen into a coma after sustaining a head wound in the explosion, was on Thursday confirmed dead.

Mining accidents are not uncommon in China, where the industry safety regulations can be poorly enforced. In December last year, 23 miners died after a carbon monoxide leak at a coal mine.

In September, 16 workers were killed at another mine on the outskirts of Chongqing, also due to carbon monoxide. In December 2019, an explosion at a coal mine in Guizhou province, south-west China, killed at least 14 people.

How are the miners doing?

The group of 10 known survivors are trapped in the dark some 600m (2,000ft) underground. They are in regular contact with the rescue teams.

Blue Ivy Carter

GRAMMYS

MARCH 2021

PAY TO PLAY

Blue Ivy, 8, is now a Grammy-Nom-
inated artist! Beyoncé and Jay-Z's
child was recognized for her part
in her mom's song.

' BROWN SKIN GIRL!'

SOURCE: KEEPING UP WITH US
Email HOTSTUFF@US
MAGAZINE.COM

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HILARIA BALDWIN

FAMILY DRAMA

"This has been a part
of my whole life,"

Hilaria recently said
of her heritage and
cultural appropriation
accusations. "I can't
make it go away just
because some people
don't understand it."

#EVERYDAYPEOPLE
SLY AND FAMILYSTONE

HILARIA BALDWIN

Family
Drama

The Baldwins are taking
sides after Hilaria's
Spanish heritage scandal

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MY "VIEW"

It's A MAD! MAD! PC
"ESCAPIST" WORLD!

Go Senora HILARIA!!!

The REAL world is a STAGE
And we are ALL PLAYERS!!

~~\$\$~~ THAT'S WHAT PEOPLE SAY ~~\$\$~~

SOME PEOPLE TODAY
IS SO FULL OF THEM-
SELVES, BUT EMPTY
OF ALL HUMANITY...

PLAY ON!

F--K! PC BS!

75 million VOTES X

Sweet Dreams!

Senora!!!

#WHILE OUR WORLD IS BURNING!!!

2022 JAN. 12, 2021

Billie's Blues

The feds hounded her because
they feared her voice. Intro-
ducing The United States VS.
Billie Holiday

By YOHANA DESTA

A New Movie Directed by
Lee Daniels

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DECEMBER 2020
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MY TAKE

I'm A BLACK MAN and I am
GAY, Lee Daniels...

MY FEEL REMAINS MR. Daniels
and Mr. Barrack H. Obama, etc. shall
extend "Hollywood's GAY Agenda"
in Portraying "BLACK Heroes" AS
BLACK GAY ROLE MODELS, e.g.,
James Baldwin; IN ORDER TO "
TURN-OUT OUR INNOCENT BLACK
YOUTH, and Advance The 'GAY'
MOVEMENT" SUPPORT FOR "CIVIL
RIGHTS" IN THE BLACK COMMUNITY!

I WRITE NOT IN OPPOSITION
- but IN WHOLE SUPPORT OF OUR
BLACK YOUTH!

CAMILA CARBELLO AND SHAWN MENDES

While fitness-fanatic Mendes may have inspired Carbello to get into even better shape, the 22-year-old "Treat You Better" singer says his lady love, 23, has helped him put less pressure on himself. " [She's] so confident with her [body]", he says. "It really changed my view of mine."

USMAGAZINE.COM/POWER COUPLE
JANUARY 11, 2021, P. 37

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"THE RUMOR MENDES HATES"
WWW.THEWEEK / PEOPLE
DEC. 4, 2018, P. 10

"Shawn Mendes admits he's upset about widespread rumor about his sexuality (i.e. being gay)" said Patrick Dwyer in Rolling Stone

"He wishes the rumors would stop and also he wishes he didn't care too much."

MUSIC

SHAWN MENDES

GETS LOST IN LOVE

Rolling Stone.com

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"Teach Me How
To Love!" P.70. Id

CAMILA CARBELLO

FROM SUSPICIOUS RUMORS
OF BEING Pretty Gay boy

TO: CAMILA Made a man -
OUT OF MR. MENDES

THE Nation.

July 13, 2020

Leon Irby
PO Box 900
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Dear Leon,

I am deeply grateful for your contribution of \$10 to *The Nation*, made on June 9, 2020. Your donation provides us the resources needed to cover the defining issues of our time with depth, rigor, and expertise in this critical election year.

In 2016, we made a promise to our readers that we will not let the endless distractions of the Trump administration and the breathless news cycle distract us from our most important progressive priorities—the Green New Deal, free higher education, Medicare for All, immediate climate action, and putting a stop to endless wars abroad. Thanks to your support, we will continue delivering on that promise.

I am truly grateful for your belief in our journalism and for supporting its independence. At a time when the free press is more important than ever and fighting for survival, I am honored that you make *The Nation* one of your giving priorities. On behalf of all of us at *The Nation*, thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely,



Erin O'Mara
President, *The Nation*

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WHAT'S HOT!!!

Rep. (D-N.Y.) ALEXANDRIA
OCCASIO-CORTEZ

She is my Superwoman,
Her-oe!

I LOVE Her!

I wish for Cortez To
be U.S. President 20212!

Seeing her on ABC, com
THE VIEW (ENCORE 5-04-
2020) MON. 10:AM C-7
KISS whoopi "Ring a!!"
made me bruff bna

10/1

Made Shake!!!

Google Whoopi and
CHEERS alum Ted
Danson 2011 or 11

Long Live The
Peoples Fighter
AOC

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February 3, 2020

Congresswoman
Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez
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Washington, DC. 20515

RE: Leon Irby #033802A

Congresswoman Ocasio Cortez:

I am writing on behalf of Mr. Leon Irby an inmate at Columbia Correctional Institution located at 2925 Columbus Dr. P.O. Box 950 Portage, WI. 53901-0950 who requested that I send you a donation in the amount of \$100.00.

Please find enclosed cc #9817927497 d31 January 2020.

Thank you for your service, and please continue to do the excellent job that you are doing. You can forward confirmation of this donation to Mr. Irby at the address above.

If you have any questions or need further information in this matter, please feel free to contact me at the address above or at rosalyn@thewashingtonfoundation.org

Sincerely,

Rosalyn D. Washington
President & CEO
Enclosure

HRM:rdw

AOC

Her Next Four Years
By MICHELLE RUIZ

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Becoming AOC
BY MICHELLE RUIZ

'Two elections in, the Congresswoman
is still fighting the fight and as sure
as she ever was.' p. 8

I don't want to be a savior.
I want to be a mirror."
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Oscasio - Cortez:
The Democrats' future?

"The Youngest woman to ever serve
in Congress"

"She and other smart, ambitious women represent the future!"

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BECOMING
ALEXANDRIA OCASIO-CORTEZ
ON HOW SHE GOT HERE AND
WHERE SHE'S HEADED
BY MICHELLE RUIZ

AOC

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BECOMING

Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez
lost her fight to gain a seat on
the House Committee on Energy
and Commerce, despite lobby-
ing hard for the position.

Moderate Democrats on the
steering committee voted 46-
13 to choose her fellow New
Yorker representative Kathleen
Rice instead, with some criticizing
AOC's far-left policies and
support for progressive primary
challengers to Democratic in-
cumbents.

— Politico.com

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