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**Every President and First Lady leave their imprint on our city, in the form of businesses they anointed, say, or people they empowered. The Obamas are no different. Here's our look at how they shaped the cultural geography of Washington over the last eight years.**

By Elaina Plott

On January 20, while Donald Trump is being sworn in a few blocks up Pennsylvania Avenue, movers will finish carting the Obamas' possessions out of the White House. The family won't be going far: The Kalorama Tudor where Barack Obama will begin his retirement is only two miles away. In sticking around while his younger daughter finishes high school, he'll be the first chief executive in 96 years to remain in the capital.

Nostalgia will eventually set in, especially among Obama fans unhappy about his successor and inclined to see any change as a step away from a golden era. Which makes it a good time to reflect on the question of how the 44th President and his family shaped the city where they'll soon be private citizens. Not vis-à-vis the grand themes of national and global history-the Affordable Care Act, Syria, same-sex marriage-but the folkways of the nation's capital, the hometown and company town.

There was a time when the answer to that question seemed as if it might be momentous. When Obama took office in the panic-stricken winter of 2009, he was cast as a guy who might alter the trajectory of not just the country but Washington itself. In making government sexy and in quelling partisan rancor, he'd draw energetic newcomers to the region's biggest industry. In the process, he'd lure a new population whose tastes, values, and residential choices would shape local life. It didn't hurt that the Obamas looked the part: a young, cosmopolitan couple whose big-city background was strikingly different from the Clintons of Little Rock or the Bushes of Crawford.

Looking back on the last eight years, it seems pretty clear that the major trends that have shaped the way Washington lives, works, and plays-from the gentrification transforming the District's demographics to omnipresent social media, recasting the way people in and out of politics socialize-were well under way before 2008 and would have continued no matter who won that year.

Yet it's not exactly right to say our city would be the same were these the waning days of a John McCain presidency. The Obamas have altered Washington in some ways that might have been predicted and in others that might not have.

Here's a first draft of the 44th President's local history.

In June 2009, less than six months into his presidency, Barack Obama took a phone call with Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Obama leaned back and propped his feet on his desk, phone cradled against his shoulder. The White House photographer captured the moment.

Observers of the Middle East-where showing the soles of your feet can be an insult-might have predicted what happened next: a minor diplomatic incident, a perceived snub. But not until recently did a top official, punditing about the strained relationship between the leaders, suggest how such a gaffe could have been committed: The photo, it was suggested, had been okayed by young staffers eager to show how hip and casual the new boss was.

It's an explanation that squares with anyone who was around workaday Washington in Obama's first year. The President had promised to "make government cool." More important, he had pushed through an \$800-billion stimulus package. The local economy stayed buoyant, and recent college graduates who might have joined Wall Street were venturing here instead.

As the city brimmed with twentysomethings, the federal government seemed poised to benefit. But the numbers tell a different story. At the end of the Obama era, the number of workers under age 30 is at its lowest level in a decade, having dropped 34 percentage points between 2010 and 2015. By contrast, the number of workers under 30 increased each year of the George W. Bush administration.

Sequestration, which kicked in in 2013, was one factor, but even so, "there's simply been less hiring in this administration," says Max Stier of the Partnership for Public Service. What concentrated outreach efforts there were didn't target millennials. In 2009, the Obama administration announced the start of an aggressive push to hire veterans; by 2015, 47.4 percent of new hires were vets, an increase of more than 23 percentage points from 2009.

For all the casual-Friday ease of Obama's inner circle-the President had castigated the civil service's "19th century" rhythms-federal employment remained a vastly less enticing opportunity for young people than one they'd find in Silicon Valley or a young-and-tech-friendly city like Austin, starting with a hiring model that Stier says favored "experience over capability." (The administration scrapped the Federal Career Intern Program after an agency board ruled that it violated veterans'-preference laws.)

By contrast, career federal workers remember a positive mood shift in the broader sense of just who was welcome. "For me personally, being African-American and being able to rise in the ranks and become an executive [in the last eight years] is just-wow," says Rachel Torres, an administrator in the Labor Department who has worked in the civil service for 24 years. She cites her department's institution of a diversity-inclusion council as a "deliberate step" in recruiting diverse employees: "People who look like me have been able to become role models."

That's the sort of intangible that numbers can't quite capture. Previous administrations have pushed for diversity, too, but over the last eight years-the White House now has a gender-neutral bathroom-the symbolism has rubbed off on people who will still be drawing a federal paycheck come January 21.

The biggest official-Washington workplace change of the Obama years-or at least the one that was foretold-hit people in an even older line of work than bureaucracy: influence.

Among his first executive orders, Obama banned lobbyists who had pressed on a particular issue in the previous two years from working in the administration on that issue-one of the most sweeping government ethics reforms in decades.

"I sort of knew the President had taken on the company town in a real way at the end of that first year," says Norm Eisen, the adviser who helped draft the rule. "My wife and I got a lot fewer invitations to holiday parties."

As it turned out, however, the order's effect didn't end influence-peddling as we know it-it just pasted a new facade onto an old game.

Lobbyists stopped calling themselves lobbyists-they "deregistered," in industry jargon, downsizing to less than 20 percent the amount of time they spent facilitating meetings between a corporate client and officeholders, and upping their time spent "consulting for" and "educating" that client. According to American University government professor James Thurber, who tracks the industry, there were 2,905

fewer lobbyists registered in DC in 2016 compared with 2009. Suddenly, working as a "strategic adviser" never sounded better-something one prominent Democratic lobbyist refers to as a "self-reclassification of people in Washington" that ultimately led to less transparency, not more.

"At one point, lobbyists were eager to register and show off how many clients we had, how big our portfolio was," says the lobbyist, who requested anonymity to speak candidly. "But nobody wanted that mark anymore."

Case in point: Steve Ricchetti, Vice President Joe Biden's chief of staff. At the end of 2008, Ricchetti-whose lobbying clients included AT&T and the American Bankers Association-deregistered. So when Biden tapped him in 2012, Ricchetti didn't need a special waiver. He was unregistered, yes, but he was still president of his firm, where he had made \$1.8 million the year before. The revolving door was still spinning, and by 2014, according to a Politico analysis, the White House had hired more than 70 staffers who had once been registered lobbyists.

"It's clear at this point it was a branding exercise," says lawyer/lobbyist Jack Quinn. "I was always able to present my case to people in government. I haven't had difficulty in the last eight years in making sure that my clients are represented. It was still business as usual."

Also unchanged was the background music of professional politics: relentless, relentless partisan warfare. Obama's signature initiative, the health-care law, passed with zero support from the other party. This was, in a sense, part of the same trend line through the Bill Clinton administration-with its investigations and its impeachment-and on through the late years of George W. Bush. But in Obama's case, coming on the heels of a campaign that promised to transcend calcified divisions, the persistence of the cold war felt especially bitter.

While that polarization is a national story, it was salient at the local level. The warriors of the 1990s might at least have had fleeting memories of cross-party socializing in the 1970s. No more. "The ideological sorting of the country and in Congress is reflected in Washington now," says lobbyist and former GOP congressman Vin Weber.

Washington has traditionally been a place where liberals and conservatives have an easier time coexisting than they do at, say, the average middle-American Thanksgiving table. But gatherings among Washingtonians from either side, once a regular 5 pm sight, now feel more manufactured. "In the think-tank world, you might see mixed groups of people-they've worked hard to do that," says Weber, who is on the board of the Aspen Institute. "Outside of that, it's rare, like pulling teeth."

Obama staffers had their own take on socializing. On January 19, 2013, Eric Lesser, Jake Levine, Josh Lipsky, and Herbie Ziskend threw what they called a third inaugural bash for President Martin Van Buren and Vice President Dick Mentor Johnson. "Oh, and while we're at it," the invitation read, "let's toast the re-election of President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden."

It was a homecoming of sorts for four bright young things of Obama's first term, by this time in their late twenties and working elsewhere. Their Logan Circle rowhouse, stuffed with Ikea card tables and mismatched dishware, had once been the backdrop for parties peopled by White House staff assistants and top brass alike. On this night, the venue was different-the rooftop of Tabaq Bistro on U Street, since closed-but the guest list wasn't. There was a cash bar and no food, and yet, look-there was Ben Rhodes, the President's national-security communications deputy, working the room. Health-care-reform communications chief Linda Douglass, too.

The party was the kind of scene that would have been hard to imagine even ten years before-a bunch of current and former aides of all ages mixing in an edgy joint on Inauguration Eve-but it crystallized the preferred social rhythms of Obamaworld.

"I think the younger guard rubbed off on the old guard," says Ziskend. "When you're all on the campaign trail together, that happens."

Washington has always had its share of preternaturally young aides—think George Stephanopoulos, barely 30 during his stint in Bill Clinton's administration—but the strivers around Obama had little romanticism about old Washington. Invitations arrived "constantly," even for the younger aides, says Lesser. "We'd come home and there'd be all these invitations from different ambassadors, for different embassy dinners, and sometimes we'd have to Google who the people even were." (That's not to say they didn't accept some of them—just that they, as Ziskind puts it, "didn't really like" them.)

No surprise, then, that on the other side of town, things were much quieter. "Socially, DC has taken an Ambien," says *Washington Post* veteran Sally Quinn, whose Georgetown dinners were a focal point of elite socializing a generation back. The crew at Tabaq wouldn't necessarily have been her guests—but, following the lead of their bosses, they might have wanted to be.

Nowadays, there's no more "scratching and clawing" to make the scene, Quinn says. "A lot of us tried to make friends with people in the administration. But more often than not, they just didn't come. I don't want to name names or get into that, but you'd have to go back at them a couple of times, and if they answered, then they would usually regret."

"You have to remember that we were the insurgents and the mainstream was with Hillary," Norm Eisen says. "We were never associated with the old guard, even us older ones, and we didn't want to start just because we were now in the White House." Eisen, for his part, says he and his colleagues would eat "mess-hall meals" and fro-yo after work while sitting on the steps of the Eisenhower Executive Office Building.

They also saw how people who cut a different profile suffered for it. Take Desirée Rogers, the administration's first social secretary: Her departure was abruptly announced on a Friday in 2010, a few months after the infamous state dinner for India's prime minister, where Rogers, off enjoying the party inside, inadvertently allowed an uninvited couple, Tareq and Michaele Salahi, to trot through the doors.

It's not that the Obamas weren't plenty comfortable clinking glasses with high-wattage types. They were, after all, the First Couple—who liked to invite Beyoncé and Ellen DeGeneres to town for private parties. It's just that they preferred to socialize more with celebrities from outside the Beltway, not the ones you'd read about in *Playbook*.

On May 21, 2016, Michelle Obama joined 11 friends for dinner at Ottoman Taverna, a new Turkish restaurant in Mount Vernon Triangle. Afterward, the city's food scribes dashed off a few obligatory lines. (The big takeaway of the outing: She wore all black.)

By this point in the administration, it wasn't news that the First Lady was spotted enjoying a voguish restaurant or gym. She has dined at more than 50 restaurants in the past eight years, including three times at Masseria, whose on-the-fringes-of-Union Market locale doesn't fit most conceptions of presidential pomp.

For Washingtonians, the Obamas' propensity for nontraditional outings mattered more than the (diminishing) thrill of seeing the First Family in one's neighborhood. If elite insider socializing had become snoozier, the city at large was vibrant, its culinary scene experiencing a renaissance—and, for the first time in a long time, the President was associating himself with that mood.

Why? For the Obamas, hailing from a city where the food scene had been rich long before Washington's, there was probably nothing particularly intentional about their outings—they and their Chicago-transplanted staff alike had always been tied to that kind of lifestyle and would stick to it here as much as could be reasonably expected. "They're just acting as couples and parents their age would," says veteran *New York Times* food columnist Marian Burros.

All the same, business owners were thankful for the attention. "I think that there's no way the restaurant industry would have seen the same level of energy and enthusiasm had McCain been President," says Constantine Stavropoulos, owner of the restaurants Open City, Tryst, and the Coupe. "Obama created a spark. I mean, it's true that with every new administration, there's a bump, especially at the beginning. But

this was a mountain."

Michelle Obama's style-from clothing to gym preferences-became influential, too. Of course, First Ladies dating back to the founding of the Republic have shaped public opinion in fashion, but not always in ways that felt accessible. In Obama's case, her choices actually flattered the new Washington's sense of itself. "I started to see a growth in the market from a style perspective close to the moment the Obamas arrived-edgier brands were in much higher demand," says Aba Kwawu, president of the public-relations firm TAA PR. "I've been here 15 years, and DC wasn't necessarily respected in the fashion world, because we didn't want to be known for style-it was about being smart and well traveled. That's still the culture to some degree, but Mrs. Obama made it acceptable to care about style alongside everything else."

Like the young aides who opted to dine out rather than attend insider dinners, the Obamas were around-with their daughters at Sidwell, going to basketball games and concerts, on an outing to Politics and Prose around the holidays, ducking into SoulCycle. In the history of US presidencies, that alone was noteworthy.

Indeed, This First Family seemed to go everywhere-and as each corner of the city transformed itself into something of a destination, there was little reason not to. "This is a guy who wasn't afraid to pioneer new neighborhoods regularly," says developer Jim Abdo. "I think in that sense the idea of 'power corridors' dissolved."

While previous administrations had associations with some particular neighborhood-think of the New Dealers in their Georgetown haunts-a striking thing about the Obama generation was how *much* of the city seemed to be their stomping grounds.

But to a swath of Washington, it was just as striking to see how the places the Obamas went in their free time had limits. "He was out at the fancy restaurants, yes," says Maurice Jackson, an associate professor of history and African-American studies at Georgetown, "but you have to understand that those aren't out in the black communities."

When Obama took office, DC was still "Chocolate City." Three years into his first term, that was no longer the case. In 2012, the District's African-American population dipped below the majority mark and fell to 49.5 percent-from a high of 71 percent in 1970. By 2015, it would drop further, to 47.4 percent.

The trend lines were in place well before the nation's first black President arrived. But one of the unintended byproducts of his administration-which helped keep the city afloat in 2009 and advertised its emergence as a creative-class destination thereafter-was probably to hasten the city's gentrification. That's why, for Jackson, DC's growing whiteness made Obama's engagement with its black residents, or lack thereof, all the more symbolic.

"You saw an influx of young white people in the last ten years who had no appreciation for the struggle of African-Americans," he says. "As the city became so greatly gentrified . . . that was the time for Obama to make more gestures."

Jackson would have liked to see Obama reach out to the city's black communities in more personal, unceremonious ways, particularly as the city was filled with "African-Americans-especially young men-who just wanted to be seen with him." He credits the President for delivering a commencement address at Howard University this year but says that gestures such as attending a football game between Dunbar and Coolidge high schools, taking a stroll through Anacostia, or attending a historically black church more often "would have gone a long way-that's how you engage the black community." (To the fury of DC-statehood activists, Obama negotiated with John Boehner to undercut some home-rule prerogatives, the kind of federal big-footing that was once cast as a civil-rights issue.)

Talk to Jimmy Garvin, manager at the Langston Golf Course in Northeast DC and the regrets about Obama's legacy in the District are practically palpable. Back in 2009, Garvin told ESPN that the course, once the only place African-Americans could play in the area, would inevitably get its first presidential visit. Eight years and 321 presidential rounds of golf later-according to CBS White House correspondent

Mark Knoller's tally-Garvin is still waiting.

"It does disappoint me," he says. "I think we expected a lot out of him with respect to the black agenda. He's done as well as he probably could, but it's true that he was not visible in the places that people needed him the most."

DC in the last days of the Obamas is richer, younger, and whiter than before the First Family arrived. Plenty of people will tell you it's cooler (although we're now wringing our hands over what the Trump presidency will do to the city's beloved new image). But just as many will say the District has never felt more like two different cities at once.

Both are true.

When it comes to how we live, and how we play, the District has a new gloss. Yet we're as steeped as ever in the same challenges as before, from mundane ones like improving federal hiring to tragic ones like racial inequality.

It was inevitable, even eight years after the Obamas marched down Pennsylvania Avenue in front of historic, ecstatic inaugural crowds, that no mere President could knit a social fabric together nationally. Same goes at the local level: The notable thing is that many Washingtonians—for all our talk about how we're a city much bigger than the government-believed Obama could. Which may wind up being the thing people most remember when they look back.

Herbie Ziskend recalls, in a moment of "naive curiosity," asking the late *Washington Post* journalist David Broder what had changed most in DC since he first arrived in the 1950s. Broder paused for a moment, then replied, "The television."

Says Ziskend: "It was a good reminder that, yeah, we were these idealistic foot soldiers who wanted to change the world, but we weren't the first ones. Obama wasn't the first President, and not the last, either. But it was fun to think so."

## Obama's DC

### Moments from the last eight years that we'll remember most

#### 1.10.09

President-elect Obama and DC mayor Adrian Fenty visit Ben's Chili Bowl, the venerable U Street hot-dog joint. **"What is a half-smoke?"** the incoming chief executive asks. Fenty hints Obama will return.

#### 1.15.09

At the opposite end of the culinary spectrum, the Obamas dine at Equinox for FLOTUS's birthday, **the first sign they'll be frequenting local restaurants.**

#### 1.28.09

**Washington loses its collective mind over a snowstorm**, prompting Obama to joke that we need some "flinty Chicago toughness."

#### 3.20.09

**Michelle Obama plants the White House garden**, providing the GOP proof of a nanny state and Washingtonians a reason to take the garden tour again.

#### 11.24.09

**Tareq and Michael Salahi crash the Obamas' first state dinner** and give the city a deliciously tasteless

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scandal to chew over for months.

**1.21.10**

The Supreme Court paves the way for unlimited political spending by corporations with its **Citizens United v. FEC decision**, and the Washington consultants who will soon launch super-PACs rejoice.

**6.24.10**

**Obama and Russian president Dmitry Medvedev have lunch at Ray's Hell Burger.** Those were the days.

**9.12.10**

FreedomWorks holds the Remember in November rally, one of several that draw thousands of Tea Partiers. **Mike Pence is among the keynoters.**

**10.30.10**

**Jon Stewart and Stephen Colbert hold the Rally to Restore Sanity and/or Fear**, and 200,000 people swarm the Mall for the Tea Party takedown.

**4.07.11**

**"John, I will give you DC abortion."** With a government shutdown looming, Obama gives in to House speaker John Boehner's request for DC abortion restrictions, and many Washingtonians feel had.

**4.17.11**

**Game of Thrones premieres**, creating a cottage industry of bad comparisons of DC power players to make-believe knights and dragons. If you use "Obama" and "Jon Snow" in the same sentence, stop.

**8.23.11**

A **5.8-magnitude earthquake** damages the Washington Monument and National Cathedral.

**9.29.11**

**Michelle Obama shops at the Alexandria Target** in sunglasses and a ball cap and is recognized. FLOTUS-she's just like us!

**1.30.12**

**Occupy Wall Street defies a federal deadline and keeps occupying McPherson Square**, months after the Occupy fever in other cities has broken.

**4.22.12**

**Veep premieres.** Washington sycophants covet cameos.

**6.20.12**

Former State Department official **Anne-Marie Slaughter publishes "Why Women Still Can't Have It All"** in the *Atlantic*. Four years later, women still can't have it all.

**6.28.12**

SCOTUS upholds Obamacare's individual mandate, and **CNN and Fox News initially misreport the decision**, a new low in cable news.

**1.15.13**

Safely reelected, **Obama announces he'll use the District's "taxation without representation" license plates.** Better late than never?

**9.16.13**

**A gunman kills 12 people during the Navy Yard shooting.** At the time, it's the fifth mass shooting Obama has addressed in his presidency.

**10.04.13**

The government is shut down, so **Obama and Biden walk to Taylor Gourmet for lunch.** Cable news loses it, obvi.

**10.17.13**

Panda Cam views almost break the internet when **Washington can't get enough of two-month-old cub Bao Bao.**

**2.14.14**

**Frank Underwood becomes President.** #HouseofCards

**3.11.14**

POTUS wins the day in Washington-and wins over the country's hipsters-by **going on Between Two Ferns With Zach Galifianakis** to promote Obamacare.

**8.07.14**

**SoulCycle opens its first studio in Washington,** and Michelle Obama is soon spotted shredding it, cementing the spinning studio's local presence.

**9.19.14**

**An armed man jumps the White House fence** and makes it all the way to the East Room before being tackled by Secret Ser-vice. The security breach prompts plans to raise the fence from 7 to 14 feet.

**4.16.15**

**Deesha Dyer, an African-American who attended community college, becomes White House social secretary**-a shift from the old model of giving the job to socially connected types.

**6.26.15**

**SCOTUS legalizes same-sex marriage.** Crowds mass outside the White House as spotlights project a rainbow onto it.

**8.22.15**

**Bao Bao's brother, Bei Bei, is born,** and Michelle Obama reveals that cub's name.

**9.22.15**

The pope comes to town, and Washington can't decide which is more adorable-the popemobile or **John Boehner crying during the pontiff's address to Congress.**

**5.23.16**

News breaks that **the Obamas will rent a home in Kalorama** after leaving the White House. Neighbors include Tony Podesta, Chris and Lorraine Wallace, and Lois Romano.

**7.20.16**

**FLOTUS does "carpool karaoke"** with *Late Late Show* host James Corden, and the internet squeals with delight while Washingtonians count the number of times the car circles the White House driveway.

**9.24.16**

A 100-year-old plan comes to life when the National Museum of African American History & Culture opens. The heartwarming mood is bipartisan: **George W. Bush and Michelle Obama happily embrace.**

**11.23.16**

**POTUS is slated to pardon his last turkey,** undoubtedly reminiscing about all the turkeys DC served up these past eight years.

### **The New Media Establishment**

#### **A roll call of the journalists who made their bones during this administration**

##### **Sam Stein**

The Huffington Post's man in Washington became the first online-only reporter to ask the President a question in the briefing room. Not bad for a 26-year-old barely out of journalism school. Today Stein is an MSNBC regular.

##### **Katie Pavlich**

In 2012, Pavlich published *Fast and Furious: Barack Obama's Bloodiest Scandal and Its Shameless Cover-Up*, which instantly made her a darling of the right. She pundits for Fox News and the *Hill*.

##### **Mary Katharine Ham**

As a Fox News contributor, Ham was an early predictor of the GOP's 2010 takeover of Congress. This year, she cemented her status by moderating ABC's Republican primary debate. She also joined CNN.

##### **Ezra Klein**

Klein's stock rocketed as his Wonkblog at the *Washington Post* became *thesource* for Obamacare explainers. In 2014, venture capitalist Jim Bankoff tapped the then-30-year-old to launch Vox.com.

##### **Robert Costa**

He became a GOP scoop machine at *National Review* during the 2013 government shutdown and was poached by the *Post*. In 2016, he cut through the noise, regularly breaking news on the campaign trail.

##### **Jeff Zeleny**

Zeleny chronicled Obama's first year in the Senate for the *Chicago Tribune*, then jumped to the *New York Times* for the 2008 campaign. He went on to ABC News and is now a senior political correspondent for CNN.

##### **Mike Allen**

In 2008, Allen created his chatty morning Politico news-letter, *Play-book*. By the time he signed off 3,304 editions later, the tip sheet had come to define the new-media age in Washington more than any other.

### **Kristen Welker**

A newcomer on the national stage when she took up the White House beat for NBC in 2011, she was a lead source on headline-grabbing moments-from payroll tax cuts to FLOTUS's first international solo trip, to South Africa.

### **They're Staying**

**A stint with the President once guaranteed a lifetime seat in the Beltway establishment. But that truism may have found its exception under Obama. Many of his top aides have split-former adviser David Plouffe to San Francisco, for Uber, and onetime press secretary Robert Gibbs to Illinois, for McDonald's, for instance. But some pretty prominent Obamans are sticking around. Here are those you can expect to see most.**

### **Ben Labolt**

He was press secretary for Obama the US senator and Obama the President. Today he runs the Incite Agency, which does work for Google and others.

### **Arun Chaudhary**

The White House's first official videographer advises liberal pols as a consultant for Revolution Messaging. His main client this past year: Bernie Sanders.

### **Stephanie Cutter**

Cutter was Obama's deputy senior adviser, then teamed up with fellow campaign alum Jennifer O'Malley Dillon (below) to form Precision Strategies.

### **Reggie Love**

Obama's "body man" got his MBA, then became a partner at and vice president of RON Transatlantic Advisors, a holding company that owns energy interests.

### **Jennifer O'Malley Dillon**

The campaign veteran and former head of the Democratic National Committee cofounded Precision Strategies, which consults for GE and Under Armour.

### **Jim Messina**

The deputy White House chief of staff turned 2012 campaign manager is now head of the Messina Group. Among its clients: Delta Air Lines and Airbnb.

### **Michelle Obama's Fashion Legacy**

#### **The three looks that will remain in town long after she leaves**

She made a runway sensibility a respect-able thing to wear while getting down to business, and women in Washington have followed suit.

**-Sarah Zlotnick**

**Color**

Citrine is now taken just as seriously as charcoal and navy.

### J. Crew

Our love for the preppy brand grew with every cardi and pencil skirt she sported.

### Sleeveless Sheaths

To be paired, of course, with Solidcore-sculpted biceps.

### By the Numbers

**The District got whiter under Obama. The federal payroll grew, then shrank. And the Nats became a legit team.**

### -Zack Bu

Sources: US Census Bureau, Metropolitan Police Department, Washington Nationals, Real Estate Business Intelligence, George Mason Center for Business Analysis, Department of Labor

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
DC population	599,657	604,453	617,996	632,323	646,449	658,893	672,228
Black	53.2%	51.2%	50.1%	49.5%	48.8%	48.8%	47.4%
White	38.7%	40.2%	39.9%	39.6%	40.9%	40.2%	40%
Asian	2.9%	3.6%	3.6%	3.5%	3.6%	3.8%	3.9%
Other	2.9%	2.8%	4.0%	4.5%	3.4%	4.4%	5.2%
DC annual household income	\$53,141	\$56,928	\$55,251	\$65,246	\$60,675	\$68,277	\$70,071
DMV residents employed by Uncle Sam	361,500	380,400	382,800	378,400	373,400	362,700	364,600
DC median home sale price	\$375,000	\$387,000	\$399,000	\$430,900	\$475,000	\$499,000	\$523,050
Violent crimes in DC	7,297	6,920	6,751	6,963	6,814	6,210	6,331
Nats win-loss record	59-103	69-93	80-81	98-64	86-76	96-66	83-79

### That Time I Met the President

**Seven Washingtonians recall their visit with the commander in chief**

### Anna Thorn

General manager, [Upshur Street Books](#) in DC, November 2015

"I was writing 'Shop local' on the window, and I saw these customers who had been there the day before. I thought, oh, that's nice-they're coming back. It turns out they were Secret Service, and they said, 'The President will be here in 15 minutes.' They offered to finish coloring in the window for me.

"The President and I chatted a fair bit. He bought Franzen and Rushdie. I asked if the Franzen was for him, and he joked that it was a gift but he might read it before he wrapped it. In my head I'm thinking, yeah, somehow I don't think you'll be the one wrapping it."

### Marianne Ali

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Director of job training, DC Central Kitchen, September 2011

"Right before he walked in to help us prepare food, I told our CEO, 'I wanna be the person who stands beside him.' He said, 'You got it, sister.' The press was there, too, asking him questions while he was trying to focus. He proceeded to make a slight mess scooping the gumbo. It's like, how do you tell the President of the United States that he's making a mess?" So in my humble way, I whispered, 'Mr. President, can I show you how to do this?' He looked at me and gave this eyebrow raise and said, 'You try doing this and talking to the press at the same time!' "

### **Carolyn Rogers, Ana Valdes, Stephanie Slater, and Espy Almeida**

Preschool staff at Adas Israel in DC, May 2015

Valdes: "We were singing a song, the Friday Shabbat song, and all of the sudden he comes in singing right along, 'Shabbat shalom, hey!' "

Slater: "There were probably 30 or 40 photographers crowding around us, but he took the edge off immediately. He was so approachable that I almost forgot he was the President."

Rogers: "One little girl's grandmother had given her a postcard of Obama. She had been holding onto this picture all day long. She's three years old. In my frenzy to make sure the kids could see him, I pushed her forward. That's when he knelt down and very graciously asked her, 'Who's that in the picture?' Suddenly another little boy looks at him and says, 'It's Barack Obama!' As if, duh, how do you not know that? He got a kick out of that."

Almeida: "He interacted with every single child. Then he put his arm on my shoulders and I almost fainted."

### **Eileen McGervey**

Owner of One More Page Books in Arlington, November 2012

"Crowds began gathering the moment he arrived-it was like Justin Bieber had walked through the door. He whipped out his BlackBerry, which had a list of books to get as Christmas gifts for his family-mostly in the children's section. He got *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus*, and I told him, 'We also have *Don't Let the Republicans Drive the Bus*.' Everyone started laughing."

"He said, 'I hope this card goes through-I don't even know the last time I used it.' Which, yeah, I guess if you're President, you're not swiping your credit card all the time. Of course, we asked him if he wanted to join our frequent-buyer program. He said no."

### **My Take**

Obama has relished needling the establishments of Washington, especially in foreign policy. One result is that there's not necessarily an institution where, say, he really put his thumb on the scale. I don't see anyone reaping a reward the way the American Enterprise Institute did during the George W. Bush years."

Derek Chollet, Assistant Secretary of Defense, 2012-15

The thing about the Bush family is that they'd leave for Texas. That made it hard for us to personalize Washington as their hometown. The current First Family has helped promote our DC Cool campaign. I was in Spain once, and a resident turned to me and said, 'Ben's Chili Bowl!' He'd clearly seen the news about Obama going there. It was nice to see that new things had stuck."

Elliott Ferguson, CEO of Destination DC

The Obamas ventured to H Street, to 14th Street-to neighborhoods that were well on their way but still transitional. I'd pinch myself, because it seemed like I was out there just yesterday trying to convince people H Street was a destination, and then it felt like overnight the President was going there for dinner."

Jim Abdo, CEO of Abdo Development

After Michelle Obama announced her school-lunch reform initiative, the White House got 12 chefs together. We each picked a school and looked at what was missing. We began doing school-wide demos on healthy cooking, and it just grew from there. It helped chefs realize we have a true voice in this space."

Spike Mendelsohn, Chef and restaurateur

Everything the President does, I put into my log-his press-pool sightings, Cabinet meetings, rounds of golf. Here's how the activities of President Obama and his predecessor, George W. Bush, compare [as of November 7]."

Mark Knoller, CBS News correspondent and unofficial White House statistician

### **Foreign Nations Visited**

**Obama:** 56

**Bush:**75

### **States Most Visited**

**Obama:** New York (56 times), Florida (46), Ohio (42)

**Bush:** Texas (83 times), Pennsylvania (50), Florida (39)

### **Solo News Conferences**

**Obama:** 36

**Bush:**44

### **Pardons**

**Obama:** 70

**Bush:** 189

### **Commutations**

**Obama:** 944

**Bush:** 11

### **Vacations**

**Obama:** 28 (217 days in full or in part)

**Bush:**77 (490 days in full or in part)

### **Rounds of Golf**

**Obama:** 321

**Bush:** 24

**Washington Restaurant Outings**

**Obama:**39

**Bush:** 4

**Where the Obamas Ate in Washington**

**As the local dining scene blew up over the past years, POTUS and FLOTUS were just as eager as the rest of us to eat at the city's hottest spots. By our count, the First Couple dined out, together or individually, more than any other in recent memory-hitting at least 80 restaurants.**

Redwood

Cactus Cantina

BlackSalt

1789

Red Robin

Mom's Apple Pie Bakery

Liberty Tavern

Woo Lae Oak

Okra's

Ray's Hell Burger\*

Dairy Godmother

FireFlies

Vermilion

Majestic

Restaurant Eve

Union Street Public House

Citronelle\*

Thomas Sweet

Cafe Milano

Chez Billy Sud

Fiola Mare

Bourbon Steak DC

Blue Duck Tavern

Open City  
Restaurant Nora  
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Chipotle  
Pleasant Pops  
Shake Shack  
BLT Steak  
Equinox  
Kapnos  
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Cedar  
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RPM Italian  
Ottoman Taverna  
Rasika  
Fiola

The Source

Oyamel Cocina Mexicana

Dubliner

Boundary Road

Sticky Rice

Smith Commons

Radici

We, The Pizza

Good Stuff Eatery

Ted's Bulletin

Molly Malone's

Rose's Luxury

Texas Ribs & BBQ

\*Restaurant has either closed or changed names.

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Spotted The President and First Lady of the United States at restaurants, on golf courses, and out on the town.

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Sitting for the Smithsonian team making the first-ever presidential portrait created by 3-D scan, June 9, 2014.

Photograph by Alamy

In the Diplomatic Reception Room on March 27, 2015.

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## Restaurant Review: Retro Comfort Done Right at Slim's Diner

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Located in the close-knit residential Petworth neighborhood, Slim's Diner stands out from the pop-up restaurants and transient eateries that crowd the neighborhood's artistic space. Slim's is not just another hipster establishment trying to modernize the "diner atmosphere." Walking into Slim's, you can immediately envision yourself in a sock hop dress, hair high and holding the hand of the guy you are "going steady with."

Black and white tiles line the floor and the sides of the counters, while red booths and countertop stools accent the simple retro layout of the small space. By following the conveniently large sign and arrow located at the entrance, guests will find an authentic jukebox in the corner where patrons can complete their escape from reality and fully immerse themselves in the 1960s. The only stereotype eluding the eatery is roller-skating waitresses.

The restaurant's simple menu and uncluttered layout embody a '60s diner - nothing less, nothing more. The breakfast menu - available allday in true diner fashion - features signature eggs, French toast, pancakes and omelets. The tofu scramble is the only item that reminds customers of the newness of the establishment. Meanwhile, the refreshingly limited menu allows the cooks to hone their expertise on these classics and produce dishes that are homely, greasy and wonderful.

Those who plan on stopping by after 11 a.m. must be aware that the options presented to them may not be any more exotic. Grilled cheese or a Washington, D.C. classic half-smoke seem like the perfect combination in a retro setting where the price for almost all of the items fluctuates below a modest \$10. Some of the diner's signature offerings are hardly diet-friendly. Its range of milkshakes - from the classic chocolate to

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spiked options for those over 21 -, ice cream floats, bottled root beer and egg creams are a perfect way to treat yourself.

This praise comes with one specific, but not insignificant, caveat: the wait. The space has very limited seating, and the restaurant is in a neighborhood that is growing in popularity. Going on a Sunday morning means waiting in line for 30 to 40 minutes, most likely outside. Despite the restaurant's small capacity, the service is still working out its kinks. Orders often take much longer than expected based on the stripped-down and simple menu.

Nonetheless, for those waiting to get seats, Slim's shares the block with two other charming D.C. establishments: Willow and [Upshur Street Books](#). During the wait, you can explore Willow, a vintage-styled boutique that will not break the bank, or pop into Upshur, an independent bookstore furnished with comics, unique picture books, classics, artsy magazines and more.

The restaurant, vintage shop and bookstore are all situated in the Ward 4 quarter of Petworth. Like many newly popular neighborhoods in D.C., Petworth is rapidly gentrifying. The diversity that still remains has created a unique neighborhood with a vibrant culture and friendly neighbors who will gladly wave from their porches to strangers passing by. Upshur Street, which Slim's is just west of, is locally known as "the block." Paul W. Ruppert is the mastermind behind many of the block's most popular attractions. His original property consisted of the Petworth Citizen and Reading Room, a literary-themed bar. Since 2014, Ruppert has also opened [Upshur Street Books](#) and, more recently, Slim's Diner.

A visit to Slim's surely signifies much more than just the one-time decision of eating out. The wait may be long, but it allows customers to explore one of the most vibrant neighborhoods that D.C. has to offer. Entering the diner allows the sensation of being transported to a different time, where everyone is entitled and encouraged to disregard calories and impending grades alike. Listening to the jukebox play 50-year-old music while eating deliciously simple and classic food is an experience not to be missed. Slim's is open until 2 a.m. late-night Fridays and Saturdays, perfect for when a greasy late night snack may save your evening - or morning.

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**Petworth, Washington, D.C.: A Place of Porches**

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In 2009, Robert H. Mandle and his wife, Maria, were living in an apartment in Arlington, Va., and shopping for a single-family home. They were shown a 1919 three-bedroom townhouse in Petworth, a centrally situated neighborhood in the District of Columbia. The 1,775-square-foot house on Rock Creek Church Road NW was at the end of a row of attached buildings, which meant it had abundant light. And then there was the charming fact that President Lincoln had spent his summers across the road. But the property, which was listed at more than \$400,000, needed cosmetic improvements and seemed expensive for the amount of space.

"We crossed it off our list," recalled Mr. Mandle, 36, who is chief operating officer of a business improvement district in Arlington.

Then the Mandles strolled around the neighborhood and were greeted by strangers on porches. They found that the half-mile or so walk to the Metro, along pleasant streets with old-growth trees, didn't feel like a slog. They ended up paying \$379,000 for the house and, like many newcomers to Petworth, had children.

Today, a fully renovated single-family home in the area costs about \$750,000 to \$800,000, said Phil Di Ruggiero, a founder of GreenLine Real Estate in Petworth. But in the heated Washington real estate market, prices in this historic, culturally diverse neighborhood remain an attraction.

Brandon T. Todd, a member of the district's council representing Ward 4, of which Petworth is a part, spent some early years in the neighborhood when it had far more African-American residents than it does now. In 1990, the population was 88 percent black; by 2010, that number had dropped to 57 percent.

Mr. Todd praises Petworth's family-friendliness, walkability and abundant new housing and services, but is mindful of the strains posed by gentrification. "Anytime you have a city growing like Washington, D.C., by leaps and bounds, with 1,000 new residents every month," he said, "the government has to be focused on doing more. We have to help people who want to live in the city be able to afford to do it."

Residential buildings that enliven the commercial stretch near the Georgia Avenue-Petworth Metro station include the Swift Petworth, a 285,000-square-foot building at 3828 Georgia Avenue with a Safeway supermarket at its base and 220 LEED-silver-certified rental apartments. Petworth residents credit the new 64,000-square-foot Safeway, which replaced an old, decrepit one in 2014, with vastly improving the neighborhood's livability.

The building has a 559-square-foot studio apartment listed for \$1,755 a month and a 1,081-square-foot two-bedroom two-bath apartment for \$2,975 a month, among others. Around the corner, Park Place at Petworth Metro, an apartment building at 850 Quincy Street NW, has 161 units tailored to various incomes, from \$1,342 for a subsidized 673-square-foot one-bedroom apartment to \$3,063 for a market-rate, 1,130-square-foot two-bedroom two-bath apartment.

Another appealing feature of the area is what is known locally as "the block," a vibrant section of Upshur Street between Eighth Street NW and Ninth Street NW that includes vintage clothing and furniture shops and new Japanese and Latin-inspired restaurants.

In 2014, Paul W. Ruppert, owner of Petworth Citizen & Reading Room, at 829 Upshur Street, a literary bar that has served cocktails inspired by Robert Burns and Haruki Murakami, was offered a lease on newly vacant space next door. Mr. Ruppert, 49, chose not to expand the bar but to open a bookstore. **Upshur Street Books**, he said, appeals to the "cocktail and stroller set," or the many new Petworth families with children under 6. "Kids' books sell really well," he noted. "The neighborhood hasn't aged into young adult."

Mr. Ruppert also owns Slim's Diner just west of Upshur and Ninth Street, and has offices in the building. "There's been an explosion of independent retail and restaurants in D.C. over the last 10 years," he said. "That growth has come to Petworth."

Petworth's popularity has earned it the double-edged distinction of being the No. 1 market in the United States for home flipping. As reported by the residential real estate company Redfin in March, the average gain in 2015 was \$337,000 per flip.

But grooming has not smoothed out all the neighborhood's rough edges. Residents say that while crime has lessened in the last several years, there was a recent spate of shootings and stabbings, most involving gangs. Mr. Todd sent a letter to Petworth residents in early June promising to look into ways to improve public safety. This week, his office stated that Ward 4 has experienced a 21 percent decrease in crime, year-to-date, the sharpest of any ward in Washington.

"I'm of the mind-set that we're on the right trajectory," said Mr. Mandle, who was a founding member of Petworth's farmers market and helped organize Celebrate Petworth, an annual festival devoted to art, food, music and healthy living. "People would have lopped off their right arm for the crime rates we have right now, if you asked them 20 years ago."

#### What You'll Find

Petworth is bounded by Emerson Street NW to the north, Rock Creek Church Road NW and Spring Road NW to the southeast and south, the 18th-century Rock Creek Church Yard and Cemetery to the east and Arkansas Avenue NW to the west. Its dominant building type is the attached brick rowhouse with a front porch. Most homes, said Mr. Di Ruggiero, the real estate company owner, are within two blocks of a park or playground.

On the neighborhood's eastern edge sits President Lincoln's Cottage, a gabled Gothic Revival house built in 1842 for a Washington banker. In 1851, the building and land were sold to the federal government for an Army veterans' retirement home that still exists. The house became a presidential retreat and was the Lincolns' summer and autumn residence from 1862 to 1864. Opened to the public in 2008 after an eight-year restoration, President Lincoln's Cottage now operates as a private, nonprofit "museum of ideas" on the grounds of the Armed Forces Retirement Home, with a focus on human rights. It also sponsors local events, including an annual 5K run on the grounds.

In another renovation of a vintage building, the late 1930s Petworth Neighborhood Library, at 4200 Kansas Avenue NW, was updated in 2011 with a new cupola and balustrade, a community room connecting to an outdoor patio and a children's story room.

#### What You'll Pay

According to the real estate information site Homesnap, for this year through Nov. 10, the median sales price of a home in Petworth was \$690,000, an increase of 4.6 percent over the previous year.

Thirty-two Petworth listings from various brokers were featured on Washington's PoPville website as of Nov. 10. They ranged from a condominium with two bedrooms and one bath in a 1920 building at 4120 14th Street NW, priced at \$279,999, to a 1922 house with five bedrooms and five and a half baths at 1218 Decatur Street NW, priced at \$1,299,900.

#### The Vibe

Porch life, a District of Columbia signature, is especially popular in Petworth, said Drew Schneider, a resident since 2005. For Mr. Schneider, who directs interactive media at the military newspaper Stars and Stripes and writes Petworth News, a local blog, this means "people hanging out, waving to each other, talking to neighbors."

Petworth supports a number of grass-roots activities. In addition to the Petworth community farmers market

and the Celebrate Petworth festival, there is a Petworth Jazz Project series of free concerts. Friends of the Soldiers Home, for which Mr. Schneider volunteers, is a nonprofit that connects veterans of the Armed Forces Retirement Home with the community through bowling nights, gardening projects and spring and fall celebrations.

### The Schools

Powell Bilingual Elementary School, a public school at 1350 Upshur Street NW with a dual English-Spanish language program, has 512 students, prekindergarten through fifth grade. On 2015-16 state standardized tests, 10 percent met standards in English, versus 26 percent in the District of Columbia, according to District of Columbia Public Schools data; 29 percent met standards in math versus 24 percent districtwide. In 2014, the school was awarded almost \$20 million by the city for renovations and an addition.

After closing in 2013, MacFarland Middle School, a public school, reopened in August at 4300 Iowa Avenue NW. It currently serves only sixth graders with its dual English-Spanish language program. Next year, the school will extend to seventh grade and in 2018 to eighth grade.

Theodore Roosevelt High School, a public school with 482 students, Grades 9 through 12, reopened in August after a three-year, \$127 million renovation of its 1932 building at 4301 13th Street NW. On 2015-16 state standardized tests, 7 percent of students met standards in English, versus 26 percent in the District of Columbia; 1 percent met standards in math versus 24 percent districtwide. A new International Academy within the school serves the needs of students who are new to the United States.

The E.L. Haynes public charter school has 1,150 students, prekindergarten through 12th grade, at two locations: 4501 Kansas Avenue NW (elementary school and high school) and 3600 Georgia Avenue NW (middle school). On 2015-16 state standardized tests, 31.6 percent of students met standards in English versus 26 percent districtwide, and 40 percent met standards in math versus 24 percent districtwide.

### The Commute

Petworth attracted a wave of new residents after the Metro was extended to the neighborhood in 1999. Commuting time from the Georgia Avenue-Petworth station to the Metro Center station in downtown Washington, with a change of trains at Gallery Place-Chinatown, is about 20 minutes. The neighborhood is also served by eight Metrobus lines.

### The History

Petworth derives its name from an estate owned by John Tayloe III, a plantation owner and military officer who died in 1828. The estate, sold by his heirs for development, was combined with other parcels and subdivided in 1887 to create the neighborhood. Petworth's distinctive rowhouses, built mainly in the 1920s and 1930s, are hallmarks of the Washington real estate developer Harry Wardman. Upshur Street between Eighth Street and Ninth Street is part of a retail strip developed in 1922 by Morris Cafritz and designed by the architect George T. Santmyers.

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## Marjorie Meek-Bradley, Marcin Gortat and more DC personalities tell us about the day in D.C. they dream about

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To accompany our eighth annual Best Of issue, we asked the people who are making D.C. great to tell us their favorite things about This Town. They shared the kind of D.C. day they dream about, where the weather is perfect, the farmers market is always open and the museums are free (-er than normal, that is). Follow their itineraries, or tell us about your own perfect day in D.C. on Twitter at @WapoExpress.

Meek-Bradley, 32, is the executive chef at D.C. institutions Ripple and Roofers Union, and she put in a stint on "Top Chef" earlier this year. She opened her pastrami-focused sandwich shop, Smoked and Stacked, in Shaw last month.

I would go to Maketto specifically to get coffee from Vigilante Coffee Company in the morning. I love Vigilante coffee, and that's why we have it at Smoked and Stacked. It's such a good space to hang out and get some work done. It's something about the light.

I definitely love going to SoulCycle. The one in Mount Vernon Square is close to my house. I know it sounds cliché or whatever, but it puts you in a positive place to go about your day. Basically, I just eat on my days off. That's why I have to go to SoulCycle!

I love going down to the Mall. I'm a sucker for the National Museum of American History. If I'm in a funk, I go to see Julia Child's kitchen or the ruby slippers.

I definitely love the Mandu on K Street - they have an awesome late-night menu, the bartenders are all super-nice, they never close early. They're definitely my favorite late-night spot in D.C., with a great fried chicken sandwich and kimchee quesadilla. If I'm wanting to die, I usually text Danny [Lee, Mandu's chef] and ask, "Are you there?" and he always makes me feel better. The chef community is so tight-knit and so positive. I've never lived in a city where everybody helps each other so much. -As told to Lori McCue

The founders of Republic Restoratives, D.C.'s only women-run distillery, spend most of their days in their Ivy City facility working on their whiskeys.

Gardner (left): Preferably, my perfect day would involve sleeping in. Then I would probably head over to Maketto and get myself a strong, delicious coffee and one of their croissants.

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Then I would scoot over to the National Arboretum. I'd take my dog, Zuni, a Texas Lacy, around there for a solid two to three hours. Then I'd probably do some gardening at home, because I have to live up to my name. I have a relatively ambitious garden that's suffering because of my distilling lifestyle.

For dinner, I'd end up at The Dabney. because I love the atmosphere. It's one of the few places I'm happy to sidle up to the bar and eat a full meal. And I love the smell of that place - even when I just order a cocktail, it feels like I've eaten a delicious meal.

Carusone (right): When the season's running, I'll head to the FreshFarm Market on H Street, which generally means buying some berries and eating the whole pint.

Then, if I'm feeling up for it, I'll head over to Union Market to Peregrine Espresso and get some coffee. On a perfect day, I'm sitting on my porch reading the paper and drinking coffee.

At nighttime, I'll head to my friend's restaurant Tail Up Goat. [Co-owner] Bill Jensen is a friend from my past political life. I can't get enough - I'll probably go tonight.

I love live music, so I tend to buy tickets to random shows at the 9:30 Club for bands I've never heard of. It's worked out well for me. Alt-J, I saw them a couple years ago. I said, "Three nights of sold-out shows - they must be good." And now they're my favorite band. -As told to Lori McCue

A musician, lawyer and D.C. native, June, 29, is best known for "But Anyway," her hip-hop song about gentrification.

I will wake up and have a smoothie of bananas, spirulina, almond milk and frozen blueberries - all things I probably bought at the Petworth Yes! Organic Market. And then I would probably go for a walk in Malcolm X Park. I think that's the best park to walk around in the city. You have waterfalls, you have flowers and there's a lot of places where you can just sit down and people-watch. There's a huge grassy area in the middle, and a lot of times you can catch a soccer game there. On Sundays, I like to go to the drum circle there. It starts around 3 p.m.

As far as eating lunch, I really like The Greek Spot at 11th and U. People don't believe me, but that's the restaurant's actual name. It's very small and only does carryout. I usually get the salmon platter, but they also have the best french fries. Highlands is one of my favorite places too. It's on 14th Street in a really quiet neighborhood. Their food is good and you almost never have to wait for a table.

If I were music shopping, I'd go to Joe's Record Paradise in Silver Spring. It's a really cool place with a lot of records and books on music and music history.

For shows, I've been going to The Fillmore a lot lately. They've been booking a lot of the types of acts that used to perform in the city. Especially on Sunday, you can see people who are local or little-known. I saw Christylez Bacon there, who is a progressive rapper like me. They get big acts there too, like Wale. -As told to Sadie Dingfelder

Williams, 51, the designer behind the fashion label Corjor International, is best known for launching D.C. Fashion Week in 2004.

My favorite place to get brunch is Ted's Bulletin. I love watching "Breakfast at Tiffany's," [which is usually] playing in the background on the big screen, and I always get the Jon's Omelet, which has a little bit of everything. Their Reuben is to kill for, too.

Then, I might go to Eastern Market and people-watch. On the weekends, you can see artisans from all different countries and cultures, and everyone is out and about with their animals and their babies.

At some point, I'll probably go for a jog. My favorite running route is going down Pennsylvania Avenue. My ending point is the Capitol Building. It's so beautiful and majestic. I just like to stop and take it in.

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After I go home and shower, I'll go to Suitsupply in Georgetown. It's one of the few places where I buy suits off the rack. When I need alterations, they'll do them right there, in the store.

For dinner, I'll probably go to Kruba Thai and Sushi in Navy Yard. Their pineapple fried rice - you will smack your mother if she tries to eat the food off your plate because it's so good. And they serve it in an actual pineapple. -As told to Sadie Dingfelder

West, 32, the lifestyle guru behind the social media project A Creative DC, hosts photo shoots, pop-up markets and more at her shared studio, Wild Hand Workspace, in Brookland.

My ideal day is a Sunday for sure, and I'd start by walking down to the Dupont Farmers Market. I'm a big fan of FreshFarm Markets in general and the Dupont Market on Sundays has amazing community vibes. First stop is always the Zeke's Coffee of DC tent for an iced coffee, then Tree and Leaf Farm for greens and sunflowers. The cajun okra from Gordy's Pickle Jar is a staple at our house, so I'll usually grab a jar or two on the way out.

Next up, a late breakfast or lunch situation at Meats & Foods. Their "biscuit Sunday" sausage breakfast sandwiches are insanely good, and otherwise my go-to order is the salt and pepper chicken sausage. The owners, Ana [Marin] and Scott [McIntosh], are always playing something amazing on the record player.

I always love to visit Be Clean Studio. It is a tiny delight. They carry Mischo Beauty nail polish, which is made in D.C., comes in great colors and is vegan/cruelty-free. Because life is about balancing sausage breakfast sandwiches with the rest of your day.

**Upshur Street Books** is another favorite. I went recently with my 4-year-old niece and walked out with a set of dominoes and a book about a cactus who just really wanted a hug.

That night, my husband and I would head up to Suns Cinema in Mount Pleasant for whatever they happen to be showing. The tiny little theater seats maybe 20; there's a vintage popcorn machine and great decor.

I'm ending every ideal D.C. day with a late dinner at the bar at Room 11, which has an amazing seasonal menu. The in-house bakery, Paisley Fig, makes incredible desserts and the taco choco is my favorite. Seven years' bad luck if you pass it up. -As told to Sadie Dingfelder

A yogi of global renown, Hunter runs Embrace Yoga DC, a yoga training and community center in Adams Morgan.

I have a dog, a 9-year-old Shih Tzu named Sebastian, so one of the first things I do in the morning is take him for a walk. He loves the grassy fields at Malcolm X Park. Then I make myself breakfast, usually a Shakeology shake with added strawberries and banana and a little cumin and cinnamon for inflammation. If Sebastian wants a treat or needs a bath, I'll probably hit Doggy Style on 18th Street.

Then I'll get in my yoga practice and meditation. My studio, Embrace Yoga DC, is just a few blocks from my apartment, and it's so full of natural light and color it always puts me in a good mood.

If I'm going to meet friends for coffee, one of my favorite spots right now is The Potter's House. Their gluten-free chocolate chip muffin is so moist and tasty you can't even believe it's gluten-free. I also love Le Diplomate. Their french fries are just off the chain, and they have an amazing selection of French wines.

I might do a little shopping, too. One of the cutest stores in D.C. is Violet Boutique, in Georgetown. They are kind of retro, and I can always find an adorable purse or funky earrings there that aren't super-expensive. If I want to treat myself or get a unique present for a friend, I'll go to Lettie Gooch. They have clothes that are urban mixed with boho with a slight edge of hipster.

Then, I'd probably make dinner at home. I've been grilling lots of veggies that I get from the Mount Pleasant Farmers' Market. I just moved back to D.C. from New York, and I love that my apartment here has a real kitchen. In New York, all I had was a stovetop. -As told to Sadie Dingfelder

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The 32-year-old Wizards center is a native of Lodz, Poland, which explains his nickname: the Polish Machine.

I'd wake up at noon and rest. No, seriously - we'll probably just rest at home, watch a movie [or] go to the movies. Obviously, if we have more time then [I might] check out one of the museums. I like the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. I like the International Spy Museum here. I definitely like to go to different concerts and shopping centers.

To eat, we have this one Polish restaurant in Arlington. I don't know exactly the street name.

[I go to the movies] right here, the one attached to the [Verizon Center] arena [Regal Gallery Place Stadium 14]. I see everything. I watch all kinds of movies, everything that's good, everything that's new. "Warcraft" was a recent [one that was] a really good movie. I watched the new Bourne, "Jason Bourne," and the new "Mechanic," which was bad. I've seen a lot of movies.

To relax, I lift. I play some video games. I sit in my office, check everything, what's going on with my foundation [MG13, which, grants scholarships to young Polish athletes] - just take care of the businesses and marketing in Poland.

Between the games and the practices, you're resting a lot. I'm just resting most of the time and meeting with friends. -As told to Gabe Hiatt

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**KELLY MCEVERS:** Even well-known books that are considered classics can be the targets of censorship. The Washington D.C. Public Library has come up with a clever way to remind people of that - a scavenger hunt throughout the city. Find one of the books that's been censored at some point, and you can keep it. It's part of the run-up to Banned Books Week later this month. NPR's Lynn Neary went looking herself.

LYNN NEARY: Scavenger hunters in Washington, D.C., are stalking local shops, cafes and bookstores, looking for copies of books that are wrapped in distinctive black and white covers. There's no title on the cover, just a phrase which describes the reason why some people wanted the book banned. Take "The Catcher In The Rye."

LINNEA HEGARTY: That was banned for being anti-white.

LYNN NEARY: Linnea Hegarty is executive director of the D.C. Public Library Foundation. She says the library wanted to get the public more involved in Banned Books Week. Someone pointed out that when books are banned, their supporters still circulate them surreptitiously.

LINNEA HEGARTY: They cover them with a cover that makes them unidentifiable, and then they pass them to people under bars or, you know, on the street or however. And they pass from hand to hand. And we thought oh, that's such a great concept.

LYNN NEARY: The library chose six books which have been banned at one time or another, then began posting clues about the scavenger hunt on social media.

JOSE VAZQUEZ: I've been checking Twitter. I haven't seen anything new yet. Let's take a quick look.

LYNN NEARY: Jose Vazquez first heard about the scavenger hunt on Facebook. Until then he didn't even know that books could be banned, and it made him want to find one.

JOSE VAZQUEZ: That's kind of the child in me I guess. You try to keep something from me, and I'll seek it out more.

LYNN NEARY: Vazquez has already found one book - "Catcher In The Rye." Now he wants to find all six. He let me join him on his search. Our first stop - the Proper Topper, a small shop near D.C.'s Dupont Circle.

UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN #1: Hi.

LYNN NEARY: Hi. How are you?

UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN #1: Good. How are you?

LYNN NEARY: Good. We're looking for a banned book.

UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN #2: We...

UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN #1: Unfortunately...

UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN #2: They've all been found. We're getting some more.

LYNN NEARY: Store manager Tara McCreedy suggested we head over to Kramers, a nearby bookstore and restaurant. We hit a dead end there, too.

UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN #3: I can see if we're supposed to get any more in.

LYNN NEARY: OK.

UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN #3: But I think they've...

LYNN NEARY: The scavenger hunt has been more popular than anyone expected, said Kramerbooks events manager, Sara Baline. She thinks it's those attention-grabbing covers.

SARA BALINE: And so you want to pick up a book that says smut on the cover, and you open it, and you see that it's "Catcher In The Rye." And it makes you think, well, I don't, you know, consider this smut. Or why would someone else consider it smut?

LYNN NEARY: OK, we decided to cheat a little bit. After all, what are smartphones for? So they were expecting us at the next stop - [Upshur Street Books](#).

So you have some still.

UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN #4: Yes. Would you like me to show you where they are?

LYNN NEARY: No, I think we have to find them, right?

UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN #4: OK. I think so, too.

LYNN NEARY: It didn't take long. Vazquez spotted one right away.

So what does it say?

JOSE VAZQUEZ: This is filthy, trashy sex novel.

LYNN NEARY: What is it?

JOSE VAZQUEZ: So this particular one is "A Separate Peace" by John Knowles.

LYNN NEARY: Wow.

Moments later Vazquez found another book - "Native Son" by Richard Wright.

JOSE VAZQUEZ: This is profane and sexually explicit - sounds interesting.

LYNN NEARY: And with that, my scavenger hunt came to an end. But Jose Vazquez still has a ways to go.

JOSE VAZQUEZ: Three down, three to go I guess (laughter).

LYNN NEARY: And yes, the D.C. Public Library did restock the banned books just a few hours after we left. Lynn Neary, NPR News, Washington.

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## New in Petworth: The diner is spiffy, the service is iffy

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It took me four tries, but I finally snagged one of the 41 seats at the long-awaited, corner-dominating Slim's Diner in Petworth.

Previous attempts to visit the all-day breakfast purveyor had been thwarted by AC failures, hour-long waits and AWOL staff. (Curious as to why no one was being seated at the counter on a recent Sunday, I was told by an employee at the door that a colleague hadn't reported for a shift, so only the booths were being used.)

Playing hard to get since its late-June debut, Slim's Diner represents the sweat and tears of neighborhood cheerleader Paul Ruppert, owner of the nearby Cappy's Crabs, Petworth Citizen and [Upshur Street Books](#). His eye-catching diner, outfitted with cherry-red stools and booths and a neon-trimmed jukebox, gives kudos to James "Slim" Crawford, Ruppert's longtime carpenter and painter from South Carolina.

The menu, designed with the input of more than 800 survey respondents from the area, rounds up the usual diner suspects - pancakes, omelets, BLTs - while taking special interests into consideration. Enter a vegan tofu scramble; beer and wine; and milkshakes, some of which require proof of age to order. How Now Brown Cow, for instance, combines chocolate ice cream and root beer with rum and Averna, an Italian amaro.

Aren't diners supposed to be breezy and efficient? Even when Slim's isn't crowded, some servers give you the impression they would rather be anywhere else. Spying an empty glass on my table one morning, a waiter asked, "More orange juice?" When I declined seconds, she walked away empty-handed. The food is slow leaving the exposed kitchen, a problem Ruppert attributes to "overwhelming" business (and plans to

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remedy with some reshuffling of equipment).

Eggs are your friend here. The omelets, including the Greek - packed with spinach, tomatoes and feta cheese - are fluffy and satisfying. Not so the cheeseburger, two gray patties in a soft, glossy bun, a situation improved with pickles and a side of tangy coleslaw or sweet onion rings (each side, \$3 extra). Of the salads, romaine with apples, pecans and dried cranberries is a better bet than either the listless Caesar or spinach with chickpeas. The last, when I encountered it, contained only trace amounts of the promised green in the toss.

In the middle of a heat wave, the soup of the day was cream of mushroom. For real? Meanwhile, milkshakes have been so liquid, they require no spoon.

You can count on dessert. Liza Moran, formerly of Pastries by Randolph in Arlington, is the pastry chef. She stocks Slim's case with pretty sugar-dusted doughnuts and with pies whose buttery crusts are every bit as delectable as their fillings - raspberry, if you're lucky.

Ruppert listened to the neighbors who responded to the diner's pre-opening survey. There's no television, in other words, and fans of both home fries and hash browns got what they wanted.

Is it too late for Slim's to take requests? Because reliability would be at the top of my wish list.

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## 12 things to do in the D.C. area the week of June 13-17

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### Monday, June 13

**Flight of the Conchords at Wolf Trap:** The New Zealand folk-comedy duo, best-known stateside for their two eponymous seasons on HBO (in 2007 and 2009), haven't released an album since that last season, so they've certainly had plenty of time to work on new material. 8 p.m. \$35-\$65.

**"Will on the Hill" at Sidney Harman Hall:** Here's your chance to witness something scripted but also entertaining, as members of Congress take the stage with reporters and real actors to perform Shakespeare scenes. Proceeds from the event support the Shakespeare Theatre's education programs. 7:30 p.m. \$50.

**Festival of New Spanish Cinema: Shorts Night at the Former Residence of the Ambassadors of Spain:** Featuring screenings and a discussion of Spanish Cinema shorts. The festival officially opens Thursday at AFI with a screening of "Nothing in Return (A Cambio de Nada)," followed by a reception. 6:30 to 8 p.m. RSVP required. Free.

**Royal Nights: OCMD Beach Week at the Royal:** If you spent your Senior Week in Ocean City back in the '90s, this pop-up may be uncomfortably familiar. Guest bartenders Jo-Jo Valenzuela and Jamie MacBain have created a menu of Orange Crush jello shots, bottled "wine coolers," frozen cocktails, appletinis and other retro drinks. Fluorescent tank-tops and shades are encouraged. 9 p.m. Free.

### Tuesday, June 14

**"Kinky Boots" at the Kennedy Center:** During its Tony and Grammy award-winning run on Broadway, "Kinky Boots" was described by Post theater critic Peter Marks as "sweetly, vivaciously, irresistibly good." Now D.C. theatergoers will get a chance to judge for themselves. Through July 10. 7 p.m. \$25-\$199.

### Wednesday, June 15

**Dine-N-Dash at multiple area locations:** This event, which benefits World Central Kitchen, offers unlimited food and drink from participating restaurants in the Penn Quarter or 14th Street areas, such as Barcelona, China Chilcano and Del Campo. 6 to 10 p.m. \$125, VIP \$300.

**Bloomsday at Third Floor:** James Joyce fans know June 16 as Bloomsday, the day on which the events of "Ulysses" take place. Once again, Petworth Citizen and [Upshur Street Books](#) honor Joyce with a marathon round-the-clock reading of his masterpiece, performed by local actors, radio personalities and other guests. Food and Irish whiskey will be available. 5 p.m. Free.

### Thursday, June 16

**History and Hops at the Heurich House Museum:** In March, DC Brau released cans of Heurich's Lager, a delicious, easy-drinking beer inspired by the lagers of Washington's largest pre-Prohibition brewery, the Christian Heurich Brewing Company. This week, DC Brau brings its last kegs of the beer to a party at the Heurich House Museum. Tickets include unlimited beer, snacks and tours. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. \$30.

**Anderson .Paak and the Free Nationals at the Fillmore:** Anderson .Paak isn't the type of musician who can be easily filed into a single genre. His eclectic sound mixes soul, funk, R&B and hip-hop, and he's also experimented with boom bap, a subgenre of hip-hop made popular in the 1990s. 8 p.m. \$20.

**Biscuit Bash at Art and Soul:** Ticket-holders get to judge as chefs, such as Alex McCoy (Alfie's, Crisp Kitchen & Bar), George Rodrigues (Tico) and Tiffany MacIsaac (Buttercream Bakery), compete to make the best biscuit. Also on deck: treats from Ice Cream Jubilee, beers and cocktails. 6-8 p.m. \$40.

### Friday, June 17

**Ringo Starr & His All-Starr Band at Warner Theatre:** Starr's concerts often feel like a pop revue, with members of His All-Starr Band, which includes singer-guitarist Todd Rundgren, Toto's Steve Lukather and Santana's Gregg Rolie, trading vocals on Beatles classics and their own hits. 8 p.m. \$75-\$280.

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D.C. Jazz Fest at the Yards: This year's festival has lengthened its stay at Yards Park from two days to three, featuring performances by Cécile McLorin Salvant and Kamasi Washington. Friday's show (Cissa Paz, Akua Allrich and the Tribe, Sharel Cassity and Elektra) is free. Through June 19. 5 to 10 p.m.

Looking ahead:

Northern Virginia Summer Brewfest, June 18-19

The Second City's "Almost Accurate Guide to America" at the Kennedy Center, June 19-July 31

AFI Docs, June 22-26

Smithsonian Folklife Festival at the National Mall, June 29-July 4 and July 7-10

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## 7 book events in D.C. to put on your summer calendar

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June 10: Chuck Klosterman, 'But What If We're Wrong? Thinking About the Present As If It Were the Past' Politics and Prose, 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW; Fri., 7 p.m., free. The shock jock of American pop culture writing (he gained fame for "Sex, Drugs, and Cocoa Puffs: A Low Culture Manifesto") is back. In his mind-bending book, Klosterman gives the middle finger to everything we know as "true," like gravity and time. Through interviews with thinkers such as astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson and author Junot Diaz, Klosterman urges readers to consider today's knowledge from the perspective of a future, and hopefully wiser, populace.

June 12: Rebecca Schiff, 'The Bed Moved'

Upshur Street Books, 827 Upshur St. NW;

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Mon., 7 p.m., free. Schiff's debut, a collection of 23 short stories, follows a series of characters trying to find their footing in a millennials' world. Through dark and often cheeky humor, Schiff suggests that the young high schooler exploring her sexuality at geology camp is just as flummoxed by life as the aging cancer patient who documents his sickness on social media.

June 15: Annie Proulx, 'Barkskins' Sidwell Friends Meeting House, 3825 Wisconsin Ave. NW; Wed., 7 p.m., \$10-\$35. The author of "The Shipping News" and the short story "Brokeback Mountain," Proulx returns with an intense novel about two 17th-century woodcutters (aka barkskins) in New France (now part of the U.S. and Canada). Indentured and poor, Rene Sel and Charles Duquet struggle to find fulfillment as they level the woodlands. The novel traces their descendants over the course of 300 years, revealing what happens when you destroy too many forests.

June 18: Emma Straub, 'Modern Lovers' Politics and Prose; June 18, 6 p.m., free. Following up 2014's runaway summer-reading hit "The Vacationers," Straub doesn't disappoint with her latest novel, "Modern Lovers." It's a tender look at the complexities of human relationships as seen through three former bandmates - now married (two to each other), living in Brooklyn and parenting teenagers. She'll be at Politics and Prose discussing the book with Tayla Burney, a producer with WAMU's "The Kojo Nnamdi Show."

June 21: Cynthia D'Aprix Sweeney, 'The Nest' Politics and Prose; June 21, 7 p.m., free. A hefty trust fund will pay out only if a fresh-out-of-rehab man cleans up his act - and his three siblings/co-beneficiaries really need the cash. What (else) could go wrong? "The Nest," which critics have been chirping great things about, makes your family drama look like a day at the park. Sweeney paints a poignant and hysterical picture of self-interested individuals who are forced to work together to get their hands on a life-changing sum of money.

June 29: Dave Holmes, 'Party of One: A Memoir in 21 Songs' Kramerbooks, 1517 Connecticut Ave. NW; June 29, 6:30 p.m., free. Remember Dave Holmes? It took us a minute, too. The actor and former MTV VJ will hit Kramerbooks to discuss his new memoir with Linda Holmes (no relation) of NPR's Monkey See pop culture blog. Conjuring up music from the '80s, '90s and today, Holmes' hilarious and touching book chronicles his rise to semi-stardom and the many awkward phases it took him to get there.

July 15: Beatriz Williams, 'A Certain Age' One More Page Books, 2200 N. Westmoreland St., Arlington; July 15, 7 p.m., free. Like catnip for "The Great Gatsby" lovers, "A Certain Age" is a whirlwind tale of New York high society in the Roaring 'Twenties. The salacious love affairs, family secrets and bucked traditions come together to weave a gripping tale of scandal and hedonism, though keeping up with all the twists may require some writing in the margins.

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More events to put on your summer calendar:

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### Cheesy, and then some

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The day Mathew Ramsey went viral was nearly his last. It was March 8, 2014, and traffic to his over-the-top blog, PornBurger, had just gone through the roof after a mention on the technology website Gizmodo.com. And as he was sitting at his kitchen table, watching it all happen, he took a bite of a ham sandwich and began to choke.

"I was like, 'I am dead, and everything is about to happen right now,' " he says. He was about to self-Heimlich on the back of a chair when he finally coughed the ham out of his windpipe. "I was like, 'Oh my God, my life just flashed [before my eyes] over a stupid ham sandwich.' "

If Ramsey had bitten the dust, he wouldn't have gone on to invent a burger-infused whiskey, or a marijuana-infused burger, or a Cheetos-infused tequila. And he certainly wouldn't have gone on to write his pun-infused cookbook, "PornBurger: Hot Buns and Juicy Beefcakes," released this week.

The 36-year-old Bloomingdale resident calls himself a burger pervert. He has a full mustache and a home decorated like a Southwestern ranch. His burgers, photographed in lascivious detail, have cheeky names: the Full Mounty, topped with bone marrow poutine sauce; A Fish Called Hitachi Wanda, a trout burger named after a vibrator; Calicornication, which he describes as "some serious hard-core soft-core porn"; and unprintable others. He is the Larry Flynt of burgers. His motto: "Let's get weird."

The catalyst for all this is a word Ramsey made up: "slurst."

"It's a combination of slutty and thirst," he said. "It's so carnal, and your thirst will never be satisfied. That's how it is with burgers sometimes. Like, I don't care how messy my hands get. I just need this in my face."

#### 'Sexy, gorgeous food'

Ramsey's first job was at National Geographic, where he worked as an assistant for reporter-host Lisa Ling and later as a producer for TV shows including "Hogzilla," about an enormous wild hog. That's when he learned the true meaning of slurst: He participated in the Slog, a 10-day, 200-mile charity walk with his colleagues to raise money for Sudan, during which participants were not allowed to eat.

"I was able to perceive food in a way I've never ever encountered it, because I couldn't eat it. My brain was just hyperactive; that's all I was thinking about," he said. "I could smell granola bars from distances, I could

taste these things that I was thinking of. It was really wild."

He had already been tooling around in the kitchen for hours each weekend. But the 10 days of culinary hallucinations provided the final push: He quit his job and moved to San Francisco, enrolling in a 15-month program at Le Cordon Bleu.

During culinary school, he apprenticed at a few restaurants and interned for the food section of the San Francisco Chronicle, where he tested recipes, took photos, styled food - he had studied photography in college - and even did a little bit of writing. A 2009 review he wrote of Hubert Keller's "Burger Bar" cookbook now reads like a premonition: Keller "takes the classic hamburger, explodes it and meticulously reconstructs it," Ramsey wrote.

A video production job at LivingSocial brought Ramsey back to Washington. All the while, he was itching to use his culinary degree. In January 2014, he had friends over for dinner and served them a venison burger topped with Spam, Taleggio cheese and quick-pickled beets. "They were like, 'What are you going to call this burger?' And I said, 'I don't know, the Bambi?'"

A blog was born. Ramsey decided to make one burger a week as a creative challenge - initially, just for friends. He called it PornBurger as a nod to the love-it-or-hate-it term in the food world for an especially desirable (and well-photographed) dish.

"I think food is very sensual," he said. "It's one of my biggest driving factors in the kitchen: creating sexy, gorgeous food. Food porn, for me personally, it's drippy, it's saucy, it's also obtainable and real."

Initially, he said, the name posed a problem for his parents, who live in Caledonia, Tex.

"They'd tell people at church that their son has this [web] site called PornBurger," he said. But they'd forget that his URL is PornBurger.me and send people by mistake to the .com version, "which is just a straight-up porn site."

### **From sketch to 'masterworks'**

Ramsey creates each burger in his basement man-cave of an apartment in Bloomingdale, filled with kitchen gadgetry and watched over by Fred, a mounted antelope head, and Daniel Day-Lewis, a taxidermied squirrel paddling a tiny canoe. ("It's just us boys down here," he said.) He likes to name things: His chef's knife is John Wayne.

Many of the burgers are also brazenly heteromascuine: Some women might be disinclined to make, for example, a peanut-butter-and-jelly-themed burger called the Lolita. "There's a lot of machismo in the cooking world," he acknowledges.

Often, he'd draw the burgers in a sketchbook. Then, late at night and over a glass of fernet, he'd cook his burgers, style them and photograph them in a particular lighting that gives them a sexy glister.

"Late-night stoner food," he calls it. "Well, some of it's early-morning stoner food." It could be as highbrow as a foie gras gougère burger or as lowbrow as a bacon-wrapped burger in a doughnut (the Wake'n Bacon).

"He's able to make masterworks on his . . . electric stove, and on a hot plate and a toaster oven," said artist Martin Swift, a collaborator on Ramsey's book. "And that's what makes him great, is that these beautiful, picturesque dishes come out of a very small basement apartment."

It wasn't long before other blogs took notice. Ramsey's photos were picked up by Gizmodo, BuzzFeed and Grub Street, and the opportunities began pouring in. He was contacted by reporters from Norway, Japan and Australia. He got an offer to collaborate on a women's underwear line. He began workshoping a television concept that he says may or may not happen, in which he would travel around the world to discover new ingredients, then make burgers out of them. It was his first chance to make money from the blog; he had resisted advertising because he thought it would "muddy the creative waters."

And he got the book deal. Because he had been making burgers for fun and photographs, he'd never written down many of his recipes, so he had to retrace his steps. There were a few burgers he was never able to replicate.

It can be hard to replicate a viral success, too. Jon Chonko, the blogger behind Scanwiches, another viral food-photo site, made a book of his work and said it has been more of a passion project than a windfall: His annual book profit "covers roughly what I would pay for sandwiches to put them on the site." (He eats a lot of sandwiches.) "I hope he does better."

The phrase "food porn" comes and goes out of style, too, which is the kind of thing that can date a book. But that doesn't faze Ramsey.

"In a few years, this book will be dated, and all of my puns with it," he said. "But that's the fun of it. You get to keep creating."

### **Embracing impermanence**

Which brings us to wabi-sabi, a word that sounds as if it could be an exotic burger condiment. Instead, it's a Japanese philosophy of life that values austerity and modesty, traits that seem incompatible with PornBurger's excess. But wabi-sabi is the medium-rare middle of Ramsey's cowboy exterior: a practice, along with his intermittent study of Buddhism, that drives his creativity and worldview. One of its tenets is that of impermanence: All things, from art to scientific theorems to the planets and stars, "eventually fade into oblivion and nonexistence," according to one of Ramsey's books on the subject. The key to life is to enjoy things in the moment. Including food.

"As soon as you're done cooking it, it starts degrading. In 10 minutes, it's gone," said Ramsey. "I find there's a beauty in that."

You could say the same thing about going viral. "It's exhilarating," he said. But "I try not to put any stock in that at all. Because it is fleeting, it's so temporary."

The trick, then, is to harness the virality, to make it into something that lasts, and to shape your own image. Because as much as Ramsey loves burgers, he doesn't necessarily want to be Mr. PornBurger for the rest of his life. That's why he and his friend and former Washingtonian food editor Kate Nerenberg started Bar R, an occasional supper club that showcases his fine-dining cooking as well as his burgers. It has a playful bent: He frequently reserves a place at the table for his favorite actor, Bill Murray, and sometimes offers his handful of guests a joint as an amuse-bouche of sorts.

For the past few months, he worked at Sally's Middle Name on H Street NE, just to get used to being in a kitchen again. He says he hopes eventually to open up a space of his own - and it won't be a burger joint. When he's not making PornBurgers, Ramsey pushes the boundaries of creativity with dishes such as salmon ice cream, blue cheese marshmallows and boozy won tons.

### **Ideas first, money second**

One hurdle standing in the way of Ramsey's future restaurant is his handle on finances. "I lose money on these things every time," he said. For his most recent Bar R dinner, he charged \$250 per couple but spent \$400 at West Elm on tableware alone for his eight guests.

Ramsey spent days preparing for that dinner and was up cooking until 4 a.m. the night before. Most of the prep took place in his apartment kitchen, where, at noon, he was slicing braised beef tongue, a recipe from his book. "Tongue-on-tongue action," he said.

The dinner that night was the first Bar R to take place outside his home. He had leveraged some National Geographic contacts to use the Earth Conservation Corps headquarters, a small brick building on the bank of the Anacostia. The building had no kitchen, so he brought his deep-fryer and a hot plate.

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Guests were ushered onto a boat, where an ECC volunteer gave them a closer look at osprey nests on a pylon of the Frederick Douglass Memorial Bridge. When they returned to shore, Ramsey opened with what he called a ham and cheese sandwich: toasted brioche filled with prosciutto and Parmesan gelato, a haute upgrade to his meal on the day he went viral. Other courses: frites topped with mole made from local Harper Macaw chocolate, beef tongue with apples and radishes, a scallop sevice studded with pickled ramps.

Between courses, there were more surprises: Ramsey had enlisted Rodney Stott, a falconer, to give guests the chance to hold Mr. Hoots, his owl. A bluegrass band strolled into the room and performed a half-dozen songs. And Ramsey produced his traditional joint (though most of the guests politely declined).

The entertainment threatened to upstage the main event: Ramsey's burger, two smash-cooked patties with American cheese, lettuce, tomato, black-vinegar-pickled onions, potato chips and a name whose Urban Dictionary entry might make you blush. It's like the famous saying about obscenity: You know it when you see it. Beauty is fleeting, as wabi-sabi teaches, so it wasn't long before the guests made those lusty burgers disappear.

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Ramsey will be signing copies of "PornBurger" and cooking at [Upshur Street Books](#) on Wednesday at 7 p.m. Tickets, \$38, include food and a copy of the book.

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## This new cookbook shows you how to make a sexy burger

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Mathew Ramsey is trying to eat fewer burgers these days. "I'm worried about gout," says the D.C. chef, 36.

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He probably should be, considering that the self-described "burger pervert" perfected 35 of the sandwiches for his new cookbook, "PornBurger: Hot Buns and Juicy Beefcakes." Ramsey will lead a talk and tasting tonight at Third Floor in an event presented by [Upshur Street Books](#) (Third Floor, 4200 Ninth St. NW; Wed., 7 p.m., \$10-\$35).

What is it about burgers that turns you on? A good burger leaves you wanting a cigarette. ... There's so much sensuality that goes on between the meat and the cheese and the mayo. It's this perfect medium that you can explode and reconstruct in a billion different ways.

What's the biggest mistake people make with their burgers? The easiest way to diminish a burger is to overwork the meat. It's such a simple thing but it plays a really important role in the actual texture and juiciness of the burger. Very often it's just about very loosely handling it. You don't need to squeeze it together. It doesn't need to be the most gorgeous patty in the world, but it's going to taste really good.

We have to talk about the puns you used to name the burgers. What's your favorite one? I apologize for those. The Bill U Murray Me has been one of my favorites from the beginning. Originally I had one that was called the Spamela Anderson, but then I realized she's vegan. So my friend came up with Hawaiian Five "O" Face. I was kind of hoping my editor would rein me in a little bit with those, but unfortunately for everyone, they made it in.

You love processed food as much as fresh ingredients. How do you know when junk food is something you can work with? I have an infatuation with White Castle cheeseburgers. For me, that's just sentimentality, [the memory of] having these little sliders with my dad. Is it good for me? No. But I still eat them all the time when I'm cooking for other people, like if I don't have time to cook for myself. Creamed corn is something I used to eat straight out of the can. But then I realized that creamed corn doesn't actually come from a can - it's something you can make yourself way, way, way better. You also give a lot of shoutouts to local spots like Gordy's Pickle Jar and Meats & Foods. What is it about D.C. that's inspiring you? I went to college at George Washington University back in 1998. Back then, the only grocery store we had over there was the Safeway under the Watergate: It was brutal. Fast forward to today and there are Freshfarm markets every weekend. For the first time ever here, I have a butcher, I have a fishmonger, I have another fishmonger that does [smoked fish]. We live in such an exciting city right now. I love what's going on foodwise. There's so many makers and food entrepreneurs and restaurants popping up. It's this wild west of activity in D.C. right now.

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## Guest list

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**HIGHLIGHT:** A monthly roundup of people we'd like to have over for drinks, food, and conversation

### Akilah Johnson

The sophomore at the District's Eastern Senior High School won the national Doodle 4 Google competition on the theme "What makes me . . . me." Her graffiti-style portrait, with braids spelling "Google," included the DC flag because, she said, "I love my city with everything in me!"

### Owen Danoff

The standout star of the season on NBC's talent reality show, *The Voice*, grew up at Starland Cafe in the Palisades, run by his dad, **Bill Danoff** of the '70s pop group Starland Vocal Band.

### Paul Ruppert

The great-grandson of a Washington shopkeeper, the owner of the restaurant Petworth Citizen & Reading Room and **Upshur Street Books** continues his one-man revival of Upshur Street with the opening of Slim's Diner.

### Kinosha Soden

The medical aesthetician from Olney was recently named Mrs. DC America 2016 and will compete in August to become the 40th Mrs. America.

### Jane Wu Brower

Lost when the small talk at her firm turned to sports, the former DC attorney and consultant founded Goalposte, a daily newsletter aimed at women who need to understand what the Monday-morning quarterbacks are discussing.

### Eric Guerci

The Montgomery County school board's student member, a Bethesda-Chevy Chase High junior, now has the right to vote on collective bargaining, budgets, and school closings after appearing twice before Annapolis legislators to argue for longstanding adults-only limits to be lifted.

### Disinvited! Richard Black

Defending a bill to allow parents to opt kids out of books assigned in school, the Loudoun County state senator called the Pulitzer-winning novel *Beloved* "moral sewage." **Governor McAuliffe** vetoed the bill.

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## **Fifth Split This Rock Poetry Festival Presents Nation's Most Acclaimed Poets**

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The Institute for Policy Studies issued the following news release:

Split This Rock Poetry Festival: Poems of Provocation & Witness, DC's biennial national festival, will showcase poets working at the intersection of the imagination and social change for four days during National Poetry Month, April 14-17, 2016. On April 13, 7 pm, Juan Felipe Herrera will conclude his term as the 21st Poet Laureate Consultant in Poetry at the Library of Congress with a lecture titled "Pioneers of Flower and Song," kicking off Split This Rock Poetry Festival.

The only one of its kind in the country, Split This Rock Poetry Festival includes readings, workshops, panel discussions, open mics, youth programming, and activism. Executive Director Sarah Browning says, "In the face of growing violence and bigotry, Split This Rock Festival poets speak for resistance and hope. In the face of hate, they demand that we recognize and celebrate the humanity in one another." On Friday, April 15 festival participants will take poetry to the streets from 10 to 11 am, standing against hate and fear by sharing poems of love and welcome throughout the Farragut neighborhood.

Poetry magazine, the oldest monthly devoted to verse in the English-speaking world, has collaborated with Split This Rock, publishing a special portfolio in the April 2016 issue, with new poems by festival featured poets. The portfolio is co-edited by Poetry editor Don Share and Split This Rock Executive Director Sarah Browning, with an introduction by Browning.

Featured readings, free and open to the public, will be held in the National Geographic Auditorium, 1145 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC (entrance on M Street, NW). The venue is wheelchair accessible and all

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readings will include ASL interpreters. The reading schedule is as follows:

Thursday, April 14, 7:30 pm - Ross Gay, Aracelis Girmay, Craig Santos Perez, and 2015 Split This Rock Poetry Contest Winner Sara Brickman

Friday, April 15, 7:30 pm - Jennifer Bartlett, Jan Beatty, Regie Cabico, and 2016 Split This Rock Poetry Contest Winner Lauren K. Alleyne

Saturday, April 16, 4:30 pm - Dominique Christina, Martha Collins, Dawn Lundy Martin

Saturday, April 16, 8 pm - Reginald Dwayne Betts, Nikky Finney, Ocean Vuong

Sunday, April 17, 11:30 am - Amal Al-Jubouri, Rigoberto Gonzalez, Linda Hogan

Among the most significant and artistically vibrant poets writing and performing today, the festival's featured poets exhibit exemplary public citizenship as activists, teachers, and supporters of marginalized voices. They represent the great diversity of poets writing and performing in the United States today: poets writing in all poetic styles, poets with disabilities, men and women of many races, ethnicities, sexual orientations, ages, and social classes.

Full biographies and photographs of Split This Rock 2016 featured poets can be found at [www.splitthisrock.org](http://www.splitthisrock.org).

Other free events include:

Social Change Bookfair, Saturday, April 16, 10 am-3:30 pm, Charles Sumner School Museum & Archives, Room 300, 1201 17th St, NW, Washington, DC.

Poetry Public Action, standing against hate and fear. Friday, April 15, 10-11 am; gathering at the Human Rights Campaign, 1640 Rhode Island Ave NW, Washington, DC, at 9:45 am.

Festival registrants are invited to three events at Busboys and Poets: two open mics (Thursday, April 14 at 14th & V and Friday, April 15 at 5th & K, both starting at 10 pm) and the FLO(W)TUS Party on Saturday, April 16 at 10:30 pm. The Dark Noise Collective co-hosts this festive Michelle Obama-themed event with music by DJ Mane Squeeze. The public is welcome to attend. These events are free to festival participants. Open mics are \$5 at the door, cash only. Tickets to the party can be purchased in advance online at [busboysandpoets.com](http://busboysandpoets.com) for \$10.

Cost: Full festival registration costs \$140. Students are \$50. One-day passes are \$60. The full schedule and registration are at [www.splitthisrock.org](http://www.splitthisrock.org).

Locations: Festival readings will take place in the Grosvenor Auditorium of the National Geographic Museum, 1145 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC (entrance on M Street). Daytime readings, panels, and workshops will take place at the AFL-CIO, Charles Sumner School Museum & Archives, the Human Rights Campaign, the Beacon Hotel, the Institute for Policy Studies, University of California - Washington Center (UCDC) Auditorium, and Foundry United Methodist Church.

Festival Partners are Busboys and Poets, the Institute for Policy Studies, and Poetry Foundation and POETRY magazine. [Upshur Street Books](#) is the official festival bookseller.

Split This Rock Poetry Festival is made possible in part by support from the National Endowment for the Arts, the DC Commission on the Arts & Humanities, the Morris & Gwendolyn Cafritz, Compton, CrossCurrents, and Reva & David Logan Foundations, the Doris Duke Foundation for Islamic Art, and many generous individuals. Cosponsors include the AFL-CIO, Arts and Humanities Center for Synergy at the University of Maryland, Jimenez-Porter Writers House at University of Maryland, Letras Latinas at the University of Notre Dame's Institute for Latino Studies, Poets & Writers, Spectrum of Poetic Fire/Poetry Posse, The Maryland Writer's Association, the Beacon Hotel, and the Human Rights Campaign.

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## A vintage-furniture aficionado calls Petworth home

**BYLINE:** Drew Schneider

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I first met Petworth resident Tarek Anandan at Domku during the summer of 2015 just after I launched the Petworth News website. We're both web professionals who can't help tinkering with things that interest us, and we took a quick liking to each other. Tarek is indeed a tinkerer - beyond building websites for a career, he and his wife Valentine are passionate for little consignment shops, antiques and fixing up old and interesting furniture.

They both enjoy shopping for odd, vintage furniture, but finding places to visit was a challenge. They wished there was a way to find antique shops in the D.C. area, and see what new products they had available. So Tarek and a friend, Francisco Serrano, made one: ATTIC DC, a website that promotes local, independently owned antique and fashion retail here in Petworth and around the city.

Writing about people like Tarek is one of the things I like best about Petworth News: profiling a resident who is following his heart, doing something exceptional and someone you might otherwise not have realized lived a few doors down from you. In fact, The Post wrote about the launch of ATTIC DC this summer, and the D.C. chapter of the Awesome Foundation selected ATTIC as its July 2015 micro-grant winner. It's because he's

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following his passion and doing great work.

Originally from the Detroit area, Tarek has been bouncing between Michigan and the District for most of his adult life. He moved to the District in 1999 to work at a think tank (how very D.C.), and left to attend graduate school at the University of Michigan. He quickly returned after he received his degree.

His wife, Valentine, is a "Californian via France," and is now a linguist at the University of Maryland. (They met in the District and were married here three years ago.) They bought a house in Petworth a few years ago and fell firmly in love with the area.

"We landed in Petworth after shopping around all over the city for nearly a year," Tarek said when I asked him why they chose Petworth. "What appealed to us most about the area were the developing strips that promote foot traffic and greater density like Upshur, Georgia Ave and 14th Street. I'd love to see even more retail options, on top of the already existing places. There's Willow, DC Treasure, Bentley's, Fia's and [Upshur Street Books](#) in Petworth proper. And towards Park View, there's Mom N Pop Antiques. The maker/education space Lemon Bowl, and the used bookstore Walls of Books are nice additions, too."

[Continue reading Drew Schneider's post at Petworth News.]

Drew Schneider is a Petworth resident who blogs at PetworthNews.org. The Local Blog Network is a group of bloggers from around the D.C. region who have agreed to make regular contributions to All Opinions Are Local.

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## 9 things to do in the D.C. area the week of Feb. 29-March 6

**BYLINE:** Emily Codik

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Monday, Feb. 29

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Leap Day specials at multiple area locations: Those born on Feb. 29 can enjoy freebies at Urbana, Del Frisco's Grille and 14K. The rest of us get a few perks, too: Jack Rose hosts an Allagash Leap Day Bash with \$5 beers, and **Upshur Street Books** offers 29 percent off anything in its store. For a longer list of Leap Day specials, check out the Going Out Guide's story [here](#).

Tuesday, March 1

New York City Ballet at the Kennedy Center: The dance company presents two programs that include the D.C. premiere of Justin Peck's "The Most Incredible Thing" and a staging of August Bournonville's "La Sylphide." Through March 6. 7 p.m. \$29-\$149.

"The Flick" at Signature Theatre: Annie Baker's 2014 Pulitzer Prize winner stars three employees of a decaying Massachusetts movie theater as they try to keep a 35mm projector functioning. Through April 17. 7:30 p.m. \$70.

Wednesday, March 2

SWMRS at Black Cat: SWMRS co-founder Joey Armstrong happens to be the son of Green Day's Billie Joe Armstrong, but despite its high-powered connections, this punk band has proved it has merits of its very own. 7:30 p.m. \$10-\$12.

Thursday, March 3

Luce Unplugged at the Luce Foundation Center for American Art: The local electronic rock band Color Palette performs as part of the Luce Foundation's monthly concert series, Luce Unplugged. 5:30 p.m. Free.

Friday, March 4

Flamenco Vivo: Poema de Andalucía at the Music Center at Strathmore: Based in New York, this flamenco and Spanish dance company celebrates the different styles and varieties of the vibrant Andalusian dance. 8 p.m. \$28-\$72.

D.C. Independent Film Festival opening night at the Miracle Theater: The film festival kicks off with the world-premiere of "Districtland," featuring a table read by the cast and a performance by These Quiet Colors, followed by an after-party. Through March 13. 7 p.m. \$12-\$25.

Saturday, March 5

Turquoise Mountain: Artists Transforming Afghanistan at the S. Dillon Ripley Center: The S. Dillon Ripley Center's International Gallery morphs into a replica of Old Kabul, where Afghan artisans will showcase their crafts, ranging from woodwork and ceramics to calligraphy and jewelry design, alongside exhibits of photography and video. Presented by the Freer and Sackler Galleries. Through Jan. 29.

Sunday, March 6

Ra Ra Riot at 9:30 Club: Hearing the indie rock band's upbeat track, "Absolutely," even once means it'll likely be stuck in your head all day. Their latest album, "Need Your Light," reflects a departure from the group's chamber pop roots toward a synth-heavy sound. 7 p.m. \$22.

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## Jump on these Leap Day food and drink deals

**BYLINE:** Fritz Hahn

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Today, as you're probably aware, is Leap Day. Every four years, the month of February receives an extra day, thanks to Julius Caesar. While the purpose of the day is to keep the solar calendar and the seasons better aligned, it's also an extra chance for restaurants, bars and other businesses to mark a "holiday" with a slew of specials.

If your birthday falls on Feb. 29, not only do you share a special day with Ja Rule, but several restaurants are trying to make your quadrennial celebration more affordable: Urbana, at the Palomar Hotel in Dupont, offers a full three-course dinner and glass of wine or cocktail to anyone who presents a valid photo ID with proof of their birthday. Downtown, Del Frisco's Grille is giving Leapsters a free order of cheesesteak eggrolls, while 14K, in the Hamilton Hotel at 14th and K streets NW, provides a free dessert and glass of wine with proof of birth date.

Of course, you don't have to be turning a year (or four) older to take advantage of Leap Day.

At Poste, anyone can order \$2.29 frog's legs and pours of PBR beer for 29 cents per ounce.

Legal Sea Foods is offering a deal for couples at three area locations: two one-pound lobsters and two sides for \$29. (The deal isn't valid at the National Airport location.)

And if there's a book you've been meaning to read, Upshur Books is offering 29 percent off everything in the store. ([Upshur Street Books](#) isn't usually open on Mondays, but is making an exception for the holiday.)

Some beer bars are taking advantage of the rarity of the holiday to tap rare beers:

The menu at Jack Rose's Allagash Leap Day Bash, which runs from 5 to 9 p.m., includes 2013 versions of the Maine brewery's Confluence, Fluxus and Interlude, and 2015 kegs of Curieux, Interlude and James Bean. All of the beers - including White, Saison and the new St. Klippenstein - cost \$5.

DCBeer.com - you can probably guess what the focus of that site is - has organized a "Leap Beer" meetup at the Big Hunt featuring ales from Richmond's Strangeways Brewing. Strangeways isn't usually sold outside of Richmond, but the bar is taking advantage of D.C.'s famous grey laws to sell five different large-format bottles, including Only Brewed 4 Cuban Linx wild ale and the Snake and the Snowman, a strong Belgian ale.

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Prices will range from \$20 to \$30 for half-liter and 750-milliliter bottles, and the happy hour runs from 5 to 7:30.

RedRocks on H Street NE chose Leap Day to kick off its "Choose Your Brews" tasting event, featuring 20 beers from five Washington and Maryland breweries: Atlas, DC Brau, Right Proper, Denizens and Flying Dog. At the free event, which runs from 6 to 9 p.m., all pints are \$6 and a flight of any four beers is \$15.

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## Barack Obama goes shopping during Small Business Saturday

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United States President Barack Obama buys books with his daughters, Malia (2L) and Sasha (2R) at [Upshur Street Books](#) in Northwest Washington, DC in support of Small Business Saturday, on November 28, 2015, in Washington, DC. Photo Credit: Aude Guerrucci/CNP/AdMedia Photo via Newscom

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## **Loren Miller: Rose from Poverty to Civil Rights Activist**

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"[Loren Miller] was an essential part of the legal team in the Brown v Board of Education landmark case, serving as the writer of the briefs for [Thurgood Marshall] but he's rarely mentioned - that's a real travesty," she said. "One of his cases, Shelley v. Kraemer (1948) is taught in nearly every American law school today."

"He was also a frustrated writer but he went into law in order to honor his father's wishes," she said. "Few people know that he co-founded the Los Angeles Sentinel in 1964 with his cousin, often writing the editorials. He was appointed as a judge in 1964 too and died in 1967 at the age of 64."

"Miller said the Black press tended to misrepresent the real role portrayed by Black actors, painting them as stars in films when they were more accurately bit part players," [Amina Hassan] said. "He wanted the Black press to tell the truth. His words remain relevant today in light of the many criticisms lodged against the Academy because of its lack of diversity in its awards decisions."

### **FULL TEXT**

Author Amina Hassan Shares a Gem of an Untold Story

When children are asked to do research on a famous Black American, they often lean toward the familiar

figures: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Rosa Parks, Harriet Tubman or George Washington Carver.

But when historian and award-winning public radio documentarian Amina Hassan heard about an attorney who had been critical in the civil rights victories of Thurgood Marshall and the NAACP, she said she became curious.

That curiosity led her to uncover little known facts about Loren Miller - the son of a former slave and a white Midwesterner born in 1903 whose life reflects the quintessential America success story - rising from poverty to power and influence.

After earning his law degree. Miller, who was said to prefer political activism and writing to the law, made his way from his home in Kansas to Los Angeles where he took a job as a journalist and owner of the California Eagle, one of the longest-running Black newspapers in the West. At the same time, he assisted the California branch of the ACLU, working to stop the internment of Japanese citizens, helping to integrate the U.S. military and the L.A Fire Department and defending Black Muslims arrested in a deadly street brawl with the LAPD.

Hassan shared her views during an author's reading at Sankofa Video Books & Café on Saturday, Feb. 6 in Northwest, also speaking to audiences several days earlier at [Upshur Street Books](#) and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Library, both also in Northwest.

"Miller was an essential part of the legal team in the Brown v Board of Education landmark case, serving as the writer of the briefs for Thurgood Marshall but he's rarely mentioned - that's a real travesty," she said. "One of his cases, Shelley v. Kraemer (1948) is taught in nearly every American law school today."

"I think his contributions aren't as well-known because he was based out West in LA - most of the great leaders in Black history we hear about lived in either the South or the East. Only in the last few years have we heard more about Miller. But we owe a great deal to him and his lifelong commitment to making democracy work for the minority," said Hassan, a single parent of five children who received her Ph. D. in rhetorical criticism from Ohio University and lives a bi-coastal life between D.C. and L.A.

"He was also a frustrated writer but he went into law in order to honor his father's wishes," she said. "Few people know that he co-founded the Los Angeles Sentinel in 1964 with his cousin, often writing the editorials. He was appointed as a judge in 1964 too and died in 1967 at the age of 64."

Miller's influence continues to be felt, particularly in the state of California.

"One of the state's most prestigious awards is The Loren Miller Legal Services Award - one of the greatest honors an attorney can receive and the only award that allows the recipient to speak at the ceremony during which they're honored," Hassan said.

As for the Black press. Miller was often more critical than complimentary.

"Miller said the Black press tended to misrepresent the real role portrayed by Black actors, painting them as stars in films when they were more accurately bit part players," Hassan said. "He wanted the Black press to tell the truth. His words remain relevant today in light of the many criticisms lodged against the Academy because of its lack of diversity in its awards decisions."

From Pinder, Nebraska,, one of seven children, the extremely intelligent Miller made his mark in his community and in America.

"He often shared his story of extreme poverty with school children in order to show them that by working hard at one's studies, it's possible to achieve anything," Hassan said.

Loren Miller - a true American original who had the courage to defy the limits of society while reshaping the political and racial landscape of 20th century America

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### **ABSTRACT**

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"He was also a frustrated writer but he went into law in order to honor his father's wishes," she said. "Few people know that he co-founded the Los Angeles Sentinel in 1964 with his cousin, often writing the editorials. He was appointed as a judge in 1964 too and died in 1967 at the age of 64."

"Miller said the Black press tended to misrepresent the real role portrayed by Black actors, painting them as stars in films when they were more accurately bit part players," [Amina Hassan] said. "He wanted the Black press to tell the truth. His words remain relevant today in light of the many criticisms lodged against the

Academy because of its lack of diversity in its awards decisions."

## FULL TEXT

### Author Amina Hassan Shares a Gem of an Untold Story

When children are asked to do research on a famous Black American, they often lean toward the familiar figures: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Rosa Parks, Harriet Tubman or George Washington Carver.

But when historian and award-winning public radio documentarian Amina Hassan heard about an attorney who had been critical in the civil rights victories of Thurgood Marshall and the NAACP, she said she became curious.

That curiosity led her to uncover little known facts about Loren Miller - the son of a former slave and a white Midwesterner born in 1903 whose life reflects the quintessential American success story - rising from poverty to power and influence.

After earning his law degree, Miller, who was said to prefer political activism and writing to the law, made his way from his home in Kansas to Los Angeles where he took a job as a journalist and owner of the California Eagle, one of the longest-running Black newspapers in the West. At the same time, he assisted the California branch of the ACLU, working to stop the internment of Japanese citizens, helping to integrate the U.S. military and the L.A. Fire Department and defending Black Muslims arrested in a deadly street brawl with the LAPD.

Hassan shared her views during an author's reading at Sankofa Video Books & Café on Saturday, Feb. 6 in Northwest, also speaking to audiences several days earlier at [Upshur Street Books](#) and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Library, both also in Northwest.

"Miller was an essential part of the legal team in the Brown v Board of Education landmark case, serving as the writer of the briefs for Thurgood Marshall but he's rarely mentioned - that's a real travesty," she said. "One of his cases, Shelley v. Kraemer (1948) is taught in nearly every American law school today."

"I think his contributions aren't as well-known because he was based out West in L.A. - most of the great leaders in Black history we hear about lived in either the South or the East. Only in the last few years have we heard more about Miller. But we owe a great deal to him and his lifelong commitment to making democracy work for the minority," said Hassan, a single parent of five children who received her Ph. D. in rhetorical criticism from Ohio University and lives a bi-coastal life between D.C. and L.A.

"He was also a frustrated writer but he went into law in order to honor his father's wishes," she said. "Few people know that he co-founded the Los Angeles Sentinel in 1964 with his cousin, often writing the editorials. He was appointed as a judge in 1964 too and died in 1967 at the age of 64."

Miller's influence continues to be felt, particularly in the state of California.

"One of the state's most prestigious awards is The Loren Miller Legal Services Award - one of the greatest honors an attorney can receive and the only award that allows the recipient to speak at the ceremony during which they're honored," Hassan said.

As for the Black press, Miller was often more critical than complimentary.

"Miller said the Black press tended to misrepresent the real role portrayed by Black actors, painting them as stars in films when they were more accurately bit part players," Hassan said. "He wanted the Black press to tell the truth. His words remain relevant today in light of the many criticisms lodged against the Academy because of its lack of diversity in its awards decisions."

From Pinder, Nebraska, one of seven children, the extremely intelligent Miller made his mark in his community and in America.

Loren Miller: Rose from Poverty to Civil Rights Activist Washington Informer February 11, 2016 Thursday

"He often shared his story of extreme poverty with school children in order to show them that by working hard at one's studies, it's possible to achieve anything," Hassan said.

Loren Miller - a true American original who had the courage to defy the limits of society while reshaping the political and racial landscape of 20th century America

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## **Walkable Petworth's in reach in more ways than one**

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When Justin and Emily Ellis started looking for their first condo unit to purchase, they focused on their neighborhood, Kalorama in Northwest Washington, as well as nearby Adams Morgan and Dupont Circle.

They love the walkability of those neighborhoods but were unable to find anything affordable that met their needs. Then they decided to broaden their search.

"I looked at Petworth and thought it had a lot of the same character and beautiful buildings as Kalorama, especially once you get off Georgia Avenue," Emily Ellis said. "My husband drove around there one day and realized it had the parks, trees and open space we love along with nice rowhouses. Plus, we're foodies, and we're excited to try all the new restaurants in that neighborhood."

The Ellises bought one of the three units in a new building at 817 Varnum St. NW, a half-mile from the Georgia Avenue-Petworth Metro station.

"It's important for buyers to be open to other neighborhoods and types of properties," said David Shotwell, a realty agent with Compass in Washington and the buyers' agent for the Ellises. "They may have their heart set on a single-family home or to live in a specific neighborhood, but in a competitive real estate market, their budget may not afford that. Being flexible allows buyers to have more options."

Many of his buyers are recognizing the benefit of looking at Petworth and other neighborhoods just outside downtown Washington, Shotwell said.

"Petworth offers more space for the money, compared to neighborhoods like Logan and Dupont circles, and you still have a great neighborhood feel and access to amenities like Metro, restaurants, bars, grocery stores and coffee shops," he said. The building at "817 Varnum offers new condos with larger, open space and high-end finishes in a convenient location."

'Waterfall-style' counter : Amit Vora, a principal of Sunrise Group DC, developer of 817 Varnum, said he was careful to build a condominium in keeping with the character of the street and complementary to nearby homes.

"We found a single-family home that had been built in 1905 that was in very poor condition, so we took it down to the foundation and built a boutique condo with Hardi plank cement siding that fits in with the rest of the street," Vora said.

Each two-bedroom, two-bath unit has a private balcony or terrace and a designated parking space.

Two of the three units (Nos. 1 and 2) have two levels of living space; the penthouse is on one level. The Ellises bought Unit 2, which has about 1,420 square feet.

"We love getting more space for the money," Emily Ellis said. "We like to entertain out-of-town guests, so having our second bedroom on a separate level from the master bedroom is really nice. We feel like we have room to grow in this home."

The largest unit, No. 1, has about 1,720 square feet and is priced at \$649,900. It has an open floor plan with a living room at the front with a bay window and French doors that open onto a balcony. The dining area is open to the living area and to the kitchen and breakfast area, which has a bay window and a center island with a quartz "waterfall-style" counter. This level also has a coat closet, a pantry and a powder room. On the lower level are the master suite, which has a walk-in closet, and a luxury bathroom with dual-vessel sinks and an oversize shower. The second bedroom has a bay window, a walk-in closet and a private full bath. This level also has a laundry room with a stacked washer-and-dryer.

The penthouse unit, No. 3, has about 1,215 square feet and is priced at \$574,000. This one-level residence has an open living and dining room with a bay window and a balcony with two sets of French doors. The master bedroom, at the back of the unit, has windows on two sides, a walk-in closet and a luxury bathroom. The second bedroom has a double-door closet and a full bath across the hall.

What's nearby : "Lots of young couples are looking at homes in Petworth because they want a starter home near plenty of restaurants and neighborhood spots," said Jill Patel, a realty agent with the Alex Venditti Group at Compass.

Walkable Petworth's in reach in more ways than one The Washington Post January 16, 2016 Saturday

Upshur Street Books, around the corner from 817 Varnum, received unusual attention recently when President Obama visited on Small Business Saturday. Next door is Petworth Citizen and Reading Room, a bar and cafe with space for frequent author readings and poetry evenings.

Nearby restaurants such as Chez Billy, Crane and Turtle and Domku bring in foodies from all over the city, and the Petworth Library and the Upshur Street outdoor swimming pool provide neighbors with places to meet. The library even offers free yoga classes. The Petworth Farmers Market is open every Saturday from May through November, providing fresh produce, music and entertainment.

Schools : Barnard Elementary, Raymond Education Campus, Roosevelt High.

Transit : The building is in walking distance of the Georgia Avenue-Petworth Metro station, for Green and Yellow line service. Numerous bus routes, including 60, 62, 63, 64 and 70, serve the community.

Michele Lerner is a freelance writer.

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## What Barack Obama is reading on vacation

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(CNN) -- Another vacation, another ambitious reading list for President Barack Obama.

The White House shared the list of titles the President is making his way through during his annual holiday vacation in Hawaii.

Of the four books, three are fiction, including "Purity" by Jonathan Franzen, which the President bought in November at Upshur Street Books in Washington, D.C., as part of a celebration of Small Business Saturday.

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Obama seems to be a fan of Franzen's work -- having purchased 'Freedom' in 2010 at a bookstore trip in Martha's Vineyard.

The President will also tackle a biography of the Wright Brothers in between his normal vacation activities.

Before leaving for Hawaii, Obama continued the tradition of proclaiming December 17 "Wright Brothers Day" to celebrate their 1903 first flight at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina.

The full reading list is below:

"The Whites," by Richard Price

"Purity," by Jonathan Franzen

"The Wright Brothers," by David McCullough

"The Three Body Problem," by Liu Cixin

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### **FULL TEXT**

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Administration of , Barack Obama, 2015

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The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this Compilation.

January 1

In the morning, the President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Sasha and Malia traveled to Hanauma Bay, HI.

In the afternoon, the President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Sasha and Malia traveled to Kailua, HI, where at Island Snow, they purchased shave ice and greeted customers and staff. Later, they returned to their vacation residence.

In the evening, the President and , Mrs. Obama traveled to Honolulu, HI. Later, they returned to their vacation residence in Kailua.

Also in the evening, the President had a telephone conversation with Governor , Andrew M. Cuomo to extend his and the First Lady's condolences on the passing of the Governor's father, former Governor Mario M. Cuomo of New York.

January 2

In the morning, the President traveled Marine Corps Base Hawaii in Kaneohe Bay, HI. Then, he returned to his vacation residence in Kailua, HI. Later, he traveled to Marine Corps Base Hawaii in Kaneohe Bay.

Also in the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Senate Majority Leader Harry M. Reid to wish him a full and speedy recovery from injuries sustained while exercising.

In the afternoon, the President returned to his vacation residence in Kailua.

In the evening, the President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Sasha and Malia traveled to Honolulu, HI. Later, they returned to their vacation residence in Kailua.

The White House announced that the President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Sasha and Malia will return to Washington, DC, on January 3.

January 3

In the morning, the President traveled to Bellows Air Force Station in Waimanalo, HI.

In the afternoon, the President returned to his vacation residence in Kailua, HI. Later, he and his daughters Sasha and Malia traveled to the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu. Then, they stopped to visit the President's sister Maya Soetoro-Ng at her home. Later, they traveled to Kailua, where they visited musician Eddie Vedder and his family at their home. Then, they returned to their vacation residence.

In the evening, the President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Sasha and Malia returned to Washington, DC, arriving the following morning.

January 5

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Biden had lunch. Later, in the Roosevelt Room, he met with his senior advisers.

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During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with President Giorgio Napolitano of Italy to thank him for his leadership and commitment to Italy-U.S. relations, commend him for his dedication to the European Union and U.S.-EU cooperation, and discuss the economic situation in Europe. He also had a telephone conversation with President Beji Caid Essebsi of Tunisia to congratulate him on his election victory under Tunisia's new constitution, commend Tunisians for their transition to democracy, reiterate U.S. commitment to assist Tunisian efforts to strengthen national security and increase economic opportunity, and invite President Caid Essebsi to the White House.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Wayne, MI, on January 7.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Phoenix, AZ, on January 7.

#### January 6

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Cabinet Room, the President had a working lunch with President Enrique Peña Nieto. Later, in the Oval Office, he and Vice President Joe Biden met with Secretary of Defense Charles T. Hagel.

The White House announced that the President, Vice President Joe Biden, and his wife Jill T. Biden will travel to Knoxville, TN, and Clinton, TN, on January 9.

The President announced his intention to nominate Allan R. Landon to be a Governor on the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

#### January 7

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. He also received a briefing on the attack carried out by two gunmen against the Charlie Hebdo newspaper staff in Paris.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Wayne, MI. While en route aboard Air Force One, the President had a telephone conversation with President François Hollande of France to offer his condolences for the loss of life, express solidarity with the French people, and offer assistance in the aftermath of the terrorist attack in Paris.

Upon arrival in Wayne, the President toured the Ford Motor Company Michigan Assembly Plant with Executive Chairman William C. Ford, Jr., Chief Executive Officer Mark Fields, Plant Manager Phillip Calhoun, and employee Mia Dew. He also greeted U.S. military veteran Ramone Davis, who served in Iraq and Afghanistan and works at the assembly plant. Later, he traveled to Phoenix, AZ, arriving in the evening.

In the evening, upon arrival in Phoenix, the President traveled to Pointe Hilton Squaw Peak Resort, where he remained overnight.

The White House announced that the President will welcome the 2014 National Basketball Association Champion San Antonio Spurs to the White House on January 12.

The President declared a major disaster in Mississippi and ordered Federal aid to supplement State, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and tornadoes on December 23, 2014.

#### January 8

In the morning, the President traveled to Nueva Villas at Beverly, a single-family housing development owned by the local nonprofit Chicanos Por La Causa, Inc., where he greeted residents. Then, he traveled to Central High School, where he met with former Rep. Gabrielle D. Giffords and her husband Mark E. Kelly to commemorate the fourth anniversary of the Tucson shootings.

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In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had a telephone conversation with Sen. Barbara Boxer to discuss her decision not to seek reelection and thank her for years of service in both Chambers of Congress. He also had a teleconference call with his national security team to receive a briefing on terror threats and an update on the ongoing investigation into the terrorist attack against the Charlie Hebdo newspaper staff in Paris.

Then, he visited the French Embassy, where he signed a condolence book for the victims of the attack in Paris and observed a moment of silence with France's Ambassador to the U.S. Gerard Araud.

The President announced his intention to nominate Patricia Cahill to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

The President announced his intention to nominate Walter Hood and Diane Rodriguez to be members of the National Council on the Arts.

The President announced his intention to nominate Kristen Kulinowski to be a member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board.

The President announced his intention to nominate Kristen Sarri to be Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management, and Budget at the Department of the Interior.

The President announced his intention to appoint Brian E. Argrett as a member of the Community Development Advisory Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint Barbara B. Franklin and Edward F. Hartfield as members of the Federal Service Impasses Panel at the Federal Labor Relations Authority.

The President announced his intention to appoint William H. Leary as a member of the Public Interest Declassification Board.

#### January 9

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing. He also received an update on the ongoing investigation into the terrorist attack against the Charlie Hebdo newspaper staff in Paris. Later, he traveled to Knoxville, TN, arriving in the afternoon.

While en route aboard Air Force One, the President met with Sens. A. Lamar Alexander, Jr., and Robert P. Corker, Rep. John J. Duncan, Jr., Under Secretary of Education Theodore Mitchell, and Deputy Director of the Domestic Policy Council James Kvaal.

In the afternoon, the President and Vice President Joe Biden traveled to Clinton, TN, where they toured the Techmer PM, LLC, production facility with Chairman and Chief Executive Officer John R. Manuck. Later, he returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

During the day, the President had a conversation with Homeland Security and Counterterrorism Adviser Lisa O. Monaco to discuss the ongoing investigation into the terrorist attack against the Charlie Hebdo newspaper staff in Paris.

The President announced his intention to appoint David S. Cohen as Deputy Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

The President announced his intention to appoint John H. Hankinson as Federal Representative of the U.S. to the Sabine River Compact Administration.

#### January 10

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister David Cameron of the United

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Kingdom on January 15 and 16.

January 12

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel to discuss the status of P-5-plus-1 negotiations aimed at preventing Iran's acquisition of a nuclear weapon and underscore U.S. commitment to Israel's security.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Cedar Falls, IA, on, January 14.

January 13

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had lunch. Later, he traveled to Arlington, VA. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

In the evening, the President had a telephone conversation with Head Coach Urban Meyer of the Ohio State University football team to congratulate him on his team's first-ever National Championship.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the Inauguration of Juan Evo Morales Ayma as President of Bolivia in La Paz, Bolivia on January 21: Tomasz P. Malinowski (head of delegation); Peter M. Brennan; and Alejandra Y. Castillo.

January 14

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organization (AFL-CIO) President Richard L. Trumka and United Auto Workers (UAW) President Dennis Williams. Later, he traveled to Cedar Falls, IA.

Later in the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

January 15

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President signed a memorandum on modernizing Federal leave policies for childbirth, adoption, and foster care. Later, he had a telephone conversation with Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany to discuss international financial assistance for Ukraine and the situation in eastern Ukraine.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Baltimore, MD. Later, he traveled to the Hilton Baltimore hotel, where he attended the Senate Democratic Issues Conference.

Later in the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

In the evening, in the Blue Room, the President had a working dinner with Prime Minister David Cameron of the United Kingdom.

January 16

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Later, also in the Oval Office, they had a meeting with Prime Minister David Cameron of the United Kingdom.

In the afternoon, in the Family Theater, the President hosted a screening of the film "Selma" for cast and crewmembers.

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January 17

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp in Oswięcim, Poland, on January 27: Jacob J. Lew (head of delegation); Stephen D. Mull; Crystal Nix-Hines; David Saperstein; Charles A. Kupchan; Nicholas Dean; Aviva Sufian; Israel Arbeiter; Irene Weiss; and David Harris.

January 18

The White House announce that the President will travel to Boise, ID, on January 21.

January 19

In the afternoon, at the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Washington, the President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughter Malia participated in a service project to promote voluntarism on Martin Luther King, Jr., Day. White House Senior Adviser Valerie B. Jarrett, Cabinet Secretary Broderick Johnson, and Corporation for National and Community Service Chief Executive Officer Wendy Spencer also attended.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Lawrence, KS, on January 21.

January 20

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with Denver, CO, resident Carolyn Reed, St. Anthony, MN, resident Rebekah Erler, Kansas City, MO, resident Victor L. Fugate, Jr., Woodland Hills, CA, resident Katrice Mubiru, who had written letters to the President and will join , Mrs. Obama and Jill T. Biden as guests for the State of the Union Address.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with President François Hollande of France to discuss the ongoing investigations into the January 7-8 terrorist attacks in Paris, the situation in eastern Ukraine and continued international sanctions against Russia, efforts to support elections in Nigeria and counter Boko Haram terrorist organization, ongoing negotiations to prevent Iran's acquisition of a nuclear weapon, and recent developments in Israeli-Palestinian relations.

January 21

In the morning, the President traveled to Boise, ID, arriving in the afternoon.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Boise State University, where he toured the facilities of the New Product Development Lab with College of Engineering Dean Amy J. Moll. Then, he met with Naghmeh Abedini, wife of Saeed Abedini, a U.S. pastor imprisoned by the Iranian Government, and their children Jacob and Rebekka. Later, he traveled to Topeka, KS, arriving in the evening.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with President Nursultan Nazarbayev of Kazakhstan to discuss their shared interest in seeking a resolution to the situation in eastern Ukraine and Kazakhstan-U.S. relations.

In the evening, the President traveled to the Holiday Inn in Lawrence, KS, where he remained overnight.

January 22

In the morning, the President traveled to the Community Children's Center, where he toured a classroom and visited with teachers, staff, and students. Then, he traveled to the Anschutz Sports Pavilion at the University of Kansas, where he met with Bill Self, head coach of the men's basketball team, and members of the team.

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In the afternoon, the President traveled to Topeka, KS, where prior to departure from Forbes Field Air National Guard Base, he visited with Lt. Col. Douglas Pratt, USAF, a retiring Chief Presidential Flight Support officer, and his children Brennan and Lindsay. Then, he returned to Washington, DC.

Later in the afternoon, in the East Room, the President participated in separate live interviews with YouTube hosts Hank Green, GloZell Green, and Bethany Mota.

During the day, the President received regular updates on the situation in Yemen and the security of U.S. Embassy and civilian staff there.

The President announced his intention to nominate Stan Meiburg to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

The President announced his intention to nominate Stuart F. Delery to be Associate Attorney General.

The President announced his intention to nominate Rich Julius to be a member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint Joseph P. Riley, Jr. as a member of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

The President announced his intention to appoint Tiffany Dena Loftin as a member of the President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for African Americans.

The President announced his intention to appoint Jim W. Balsiger as a U.S. Commissioner on the International Pacific Halibut Commission.

The President announced his intention to appoint Gordon "Jeff" Fassett as the Federal Commissioner on the Red River Compact Commission.

The President announced his intention to appoint Mark Scarano as an Alternate Federal Cochairperson of the Northern Border Regional Commission.

#### January 23

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

#### January 24

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and , Mrs. Obama traveled to Ramstein Air Base, Germany, arriving in the evening. En route aboard Air Force One, he had a telephone conversation with King Salman bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia to express his condolences for the death of King Abdallah bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud and discuss his plan to visit Saudi Arabia on January 27 and offer condolences on behalf of the United States.

In the evening, the President and , Mrs. Obama traveled to New Delhi, India, arriving the following morning.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, on January 27.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the Inauguration of Edgar Lungu as President of Zambia in Lusaka, Zambia, on January 25: Sarah Sewall (head the delegation); Eric T. Schultz; and Deborah L. Birs.

#### January 25

In the afternoon, the President traveled to the Rashtrapati Bhavan Presidential palace, where he participated in an official arrival ceremony with President Pranab Mukherjee of India. Then, he traveled to the Raj Ghat memorial to Mahatma Gandhi, where he participated in a wreath-laying ceremony and tree planting. Later,

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he traveled to the Hyderabad House, where he and Prime Minister Narendra Modi of India had a working lunch.

Later in the afternoon, also at the Hyderabad House, the President and Prime Minister Modi participated in a walk and talk and had tea. Then, also at the Hyderabad House, they had an expanded bilateral meeting.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Shinzo Abe to offer his condolences for the murder of Japanese citizen Haruna Yukawa by members of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant terrorist organization in Syria, convey his appreciation for Japan's contributions of humanitarian assistance to the Middle East region, and discuss Japan-U.S. relations.

In the evening, the President and , Mrs. Obama traveled to the Rashtrapati Bhavan Presidential palace, where they viewed a cultural performance. Later, they traveled to the ITC Maurya, New Delhi hotel, where they remained overnight.

January 26

In the morning, the President and , Mrs. Obama traveled to Rajpath Saluting Base, where they viewed a parade in commemoration of India's Republic Day. Also in the morning, he received a briefing on the winter storm heading into the Mid-Atlantic region of the U.S.

In the afternoon, the President and , Mrs. Obama returned to the ITC Maurya hotel. Later, at the ITC Maurya, New Delhi hotel, he met with Congress Party leaders.

Later in the afternoon, the President and , Mrs. Obama traveled to the Rashtrapati Bhavan Presidential palace, where, in the Mughal Gardens, they attended a reception hosted by President Pranab Mukherjee of India. Later, they returned to the ITC Maurya, New Delhi hotel. Later, he traveled to the Taj Palace, New Delhi hotel, where he participated in a roundtable discussion with chief executive officers of Indian and U.S. businesses and government leaders.

In the evening, the President returned to the ITC Maurya. New Delhi hotel.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Philadelphia, PA, to attend the House Democratic Issues Conference on January 29.

January 27

In the morning, the President traveled to the Siri Fort Auditorium, where he met with 2014 Nobel Prize winner Kailash Satyarthi, children's rights advocate and founder of Bachpan Bachao Andolan, and other social justice advocates. Later, he and , Mrs. Obama returned to the ITC Maurya hotel, arriving in the afternoon.

In the afternoon, the President taped an interview with Fareed Zakaria of CNN's "Fareed Zakaria GPS" program for later broadcast. Later, he and , Mrs. Obama traveled to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, where they were greeted at Riyadh King Khalid International Airport by King Salman bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia and other Saudi officials.

Later in the afternoon, the President and , Mrs. Obama traveled to the Erga Palace in Wadi Hanifa, where they had dinner with King Salman bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany to discuss the situation in eastern Ukraine, Russia's support for the separatists and failure to fulfill its commitment under the Minsk agreement, and the importance of continued international financial assistance for Ukraine.

In the evening, the President and , Mrs. Obama traveled to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, where they were greeted at Riyadh King Khalid International Airport by Crown Prince Muqrin bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud, Deputy Crown Prince Muhammad bin Nayif bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud, and Governor of Riyadh Province Turki bin Abdallah Al

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Saud of Saudi Arabia. Then, they traveled to Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

Later in the evening, the President and , Mrs. Obama returned to Washington, DC, arriving the following morning.

The President announced the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to offer condolences to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia on the death of the King Abdallah bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, on January 27: , Barack Obama (head of delegation); Joseph W. Westphal; John F. Kerry; John S. McCain III; Mark R. Warner; Nancy Pelosi; Eliot L. Engel; Ami Bera; Joseph Crowley; Valerie B. Jarrett; Susan E. Rice; John D. Podesta; Anita Decker Breckenridge; Christina M. Tchen; Jennifer M. Palmieri; Benjamin J. Rhodes; Lisa O. Monaco; Joshua R. Earnest; Chase Cushman; Peter A. Selfridge; John O. Brennan; Melissa Winter; Lloyd J. Austin III; James A. Baker III; Condoleezza Rice; Brian Deese; Brent Scowcroft; Samuel R. "Sandy" Berger; Stephen J. Hadley; and Frances Fragos Townsend.

The President declared a major disaster for the Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians and ordered Federal aid to supplement the Tribe's efforts in the area affected by severe storms, flooding, and mudslides from December 4 through 6, 2014.

January 28

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, VA. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras of Greece to congratulate him on his recent election victory and discuss continued economic reforms in Greece and Greece-U.S. relations.

January 29

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Biden met with Secretary of State John F. Kerry. Later, he traveled to Philadelphia, PA, arriving in the evening.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The White House announced that the President will welcome the 2014 National Hockey League Champion Los Angeles Kings and the 2014 Major League Soccer Cup Champion LA Galaxy to honor the teams on February 2.

January 30

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with members of the Social and Behavioral Sciences Team of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

January 31

In the afternoon, at the home of Vernon E. Jordan, Jr., the President and White House Senior Adviser Valerie B. Jarrett attended the Alfa Club luncheon.

February 1

In the afternoon, in the White House Kitchen, the President participated in a live interview with Savannah Guthrie for NBC's "Super Bowl XLIX Pre-Game Show" program. Then, in the Map Room, he taped a second

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interview with Ms. Guthrie for NBC's "Today" program for later broadcast.

February 2

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Later, at the Department of Homeland Security, he toured the Operations Center with Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh C. Johnson and Operations and Planning Director Richard M. Chávez, and greeted staff.

In the afternoon, the President returned to the White House. Then, in the Private Dining Room, he and Vice President Biden had lunch.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany on February 9.

February 3

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the evening, in the Oval Office, the President, Vice President Biden, and Secretary of State John F. Kerry met with King Abdullah II of Jordan to discuss the execution of Jordanian pilot Moaz al-Kasasbeh by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Indianapolis, IN, on February 6.

The President declared a major disaster in Vermont and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area affected by a severe winter storm from December 9 through 12, 2014.

February 4

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Roosevelt Room, the President met with 14 American Muslim leaders to discuss domestic, national security, and foreign policy issues.

In the evening, on the State Floor, the President hosted a reception for new Members of Congress.

The President announced that he has nominated Eileen Maura Decker to be U.S. attorney for the Central District of California.

The President announced that he has nominated John W. Huber to be U.S. attorney for the District of Utah.

The President announced that he has nominated Waverly D. Crenshaw, Jr., to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee.

The President announced that he has nominated Lawrence J. Vilardo to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the Western District of New York.

February 5

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President met with Nadia Lopez, principal, and Vidal Chastanet, student, of Mott Hall Bridges Academy, and photographer Brandon Stanton of Humans of New York. Then, also in the Oval Office, he had an intelligence briefing.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Head Coach William S. Belichick of the National Football League's New England Patriots to congratulate him on his team's victory in Super Bowl XLIX.

The President announced his intention to appoint Tony Scott as Federal Chief Information Officer and

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Administrator of the Office of Electronic Government at the Office of Management and Budget.

The President announced his intention to appoint Ajay Banga as a member of the Advisory Committee for Trade Policy and Negotiations.

The President announced his intention to appoint Frankie M. Freeman and Ross Romero as members of the Commission on Presidential Scholars.

The President announced his intention to appoint Chrysten Lambert as Federal representative of the Klamath River Compact Commission.

The President announced his intention to appoint Earl W. Stafford as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

February 6

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Indianapolis, IN.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

February 9

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden met with Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany.

In the afternoon, in the Cabinet Room, the President and Vice President Biden had a working lunch with Chancellor Merkel.

The White House announced that the President will travel to San Francisco, CA, on February 12.

February 10

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Cabinet Room, the President and Vice President Biden met with members of the Congressional Black Caucus to discuss the national economy, criminal justice reform, and U.S. participation in international trade negotiations and agreements. Later, in the Map Room, he participated in an interview with Ben Smith of BuzzFeed News.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with President Petro Poroshenko of Ukraine to discuss the situation in eastern Ukraine and express his support for the recent cease-fire and peace negotiations. He also had a telephone conversation with President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin of Russia to discuss the situation in eastern Ukraine, reiterate U.S. support for Ukrainian sovereignty and territorial integrity, and emphasize the importance of President Putin seizing the opportunity presented by peace talks with France, Germany, and Ukraine. He also had a telephone conversation with President Xi Jinping of China to discuss China-U.S. relations.

The President announced his designation of John Emerson as a member of the Presidential delegation to attend the funeral services of former President Richard von Weizsacker of Germany in Berlin, Germany, on February 11.

February 11

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Roosevelt Room, he met with private sector and foundation leaders to thank them for their support in working to contain the Ebola epidemic in West Africa and emphasize the need to improve

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detection and prevention efforts going forward.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had lunch. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with Secretary of Defense, Charles T. Hagel.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Palm Springs, CA, on February 14.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the Inauguration of Kolinda Grabar-Kitarovic as President of Croatia in Zagreb, Croatia, on February 15: Elizabeth Sherwood-Randall (head of delegation); Kenneth H. Merten; Hoyt B. Yee; and Capricia Penavic Marshall.

The President announced his intention to nominate Sarah E. Mendelson to be U.S. Representative to the United Nations Economic and Social Council of the United Nations with the rank of Ambassador.

The President announced his intention to appoint Peter J. Beshar as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

The President announced his intention to appoint Kathryn Brinsfield as Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs and Chief Medical Officer at the Department of Homeland Security.

The President announced his intention to appoint Allen Croff as a member of the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint Todd McCracken as a member of the Advisory Committee for Trade Policy and Negotiations.

#### February 12

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to San Francisco, CA. Then, he traveled to the Fairmont San Francisco hotel, where he remained overnight.

During the day the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Mohammad Nawaz Sharif of Pakistan to commend Pakistan's counterterrorism activities and progress in improving relations with Afghanistan and discuss joint efforts to achieve stability in the region and Pakistan-U.S. relations.

#### February 13

In the morning, the President traveled to Stanford, CA.

In the afternoon, in the Memorial Auditorium at Stanford University, the President participated in a panel discussion with business leaders. Then, also in the Memorial Auditorium, he participated in a roundtable discussion with Stanford students. Later, he traveled to San Francisco, CA.

In the evening, the President returned to the Fairmont San Francisco hotel, where he remained overnight.

#### February 14

In the morning, the President traveled to the Sunnylands Estate in Rancho Mirage, CA. En route aboard Air Force One, he had separate telephone conversations with Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany and President Petro Poroshenko of Ukraine to discuss the ongoing violence in eastern Ukraine, the cease-fire scheduled to begin at midnight, and the importance of implementing protocols of the Minsk agreement.

In the evening, the President traveled to a private residence in Thunderbird Heights, where he remained overnight.

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February 15

In the morning, the President traveled to Rancho Mirage, CA.

In the evening, the President returned to a private residence in Thunderbird Heights, where he remained overnight.

The White House announced that the President will return to Washington, DC, on February 16.

February 16

In the morning, the President traveled to the Porcupine Creek Golf Course.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Helle Thorning-Schmidt of Denmark to offer his condolences for the deaths of two Danish citizens and the injuries of several others in the February 14 terrorist attacks in Copenhagen, discuss the importance of confronting attacks on freedom of expression and acts of anti-Semitic violence, and welcome Denmark's participation in the upcoming White House Summit on Countering Violent Extremism.

February 17

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

During the day, in the Oval Office, the President met with Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Mathews Burwell to receive an update on enrollment in health insurance exchanges under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Later, also in the Oval Office, he visited with outgoing U.S. Agency for International Development Rajiv D. Shah and his family.

Also during the day, the President had a telephone conversation with President Sergio Mattarella of Italy to congratulate him on his recent election victory and discuss Italy-U.S. relations.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Chicago, IL, on February 19.

February 18

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with Senate Minority Leader Harry M. Reid. Later, also in the Oval Office, he met with Secretary of the Treasury Jacob J. Lew.

February 19

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President signed the proclamation establishing the Browns Canyon National Monument. Later, he traveled to Chicago, IL, arriving in the afternoon.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to his Hyde Park-Kenwood residence, where he received an update on the progress of the Obama Foundation's plans for library siting from board member Martin Nesbitt.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

February 20

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, at the Hyatt Regency, Washington on Capitol Hill hotel, he attended a Democratic National Committee roundtable fundraiser.

During the day, in the Diplomatic Reception Room, the President and , Mrs. Obama recorded a video to

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commemorate the fifth anniversary of the "Let's Move!" initiative. Later, in the Roosevelt Room, he taped an StoryCorps interview with Noah McQueen, a mentee in the White House "My Brother's Keeper" initiative.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Amir Tamim bin Hamad al Thani of Qatar on February 24.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf of Liberia on February 27.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prince Charles of Wales and Duchess Camilla of Cornwall on March 19.

#### February 23

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Biden had lunch. Later, in the Oval Office, he participated in a credentialing ceremony for newly appointed Ambassadors to the U.S.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Miami, FL, on February 25.

#### February 24

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Biden met with State and local law enforcement officials to discuss efforts to build trust in communities and strengthen public safety. Later, in the Cabinet Room, he and Vice President Biden met with Members of Congress to discuss criminal justice reform.

During the day, the President participated in a signing ceremony for the proclamation establishing the Honouliuli National Monument.

The President announced his intention to nominate Katherine Simonds Dhanani to be Ambassador to Somalia.

The President announced his intention to nominate Amias Gerety to be Assistant Secretary for Financial Institutions at the Department of the Treasury.

The President announced his intention to nominate Cono R. Namorato to be Assistant Attorney General for the Tax Division, Department of Justice.

The President announced his intention to nominate Anne E. Wall to be Deputy Under Secretary for Legislative Affairs at the Department of the Treasury, and upon appointment, to be designated Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs.

The President announced his intention to appoint Laura DeBonis and Solomon B. Watson IV as members of the Public Interest Declassification Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint John W. Keker as a member of the Board of Directors of the Presidio Trust.

The President announced his intention to appoint Joan E. Silber as a member of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad.

#### February 25

In the morning, in the Roosevelt Room, the President met with immigration advocacy leaders to provide an

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update on the administration's executive actions to reform the U.S. immigration system.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Miami, FL. Upon arrival, he traveled to Florida International University, where in the Graham Center, he taped a "Five Things" segment with José Díaz-Balart of MSNBC's "Rundown With José Díaz-Balart" program for later broadcast. Later, he returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening. En route aboard Air Force One, he had a telephone conversation with C. Douglas McMillon, president and chief executive officer of Walmart, to commend him on increasing wages for Walmart's employees.

#### February 26

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Then, in the Dwight D. Eisenhower Executive Office Building, he met with African American faith and civil rights leaders to discuss issues facing their communities, including criminal justice, education, health care, and economic development.

In the afternoon, in the Roosevelt Room, the President participated in separate "Live From the White House" interviews with local television anchors from Kerstin Kealy of WDAY in Fargo, ND, Kris Ketz of KMBC in Kansas City, MO, Loral Porter of KGW in Portland, OR, and Eric Johnson of KOMO in Seattle, WA, to discuss the importance of exports and trade to U.S. jobs.

The President announced that he has nominated Mary Barzee Flores to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida.

The President announced that he has nominated Julien X. Neals to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey.

#### February 27

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Map Room, the President had lunch with participants in the "My Brother's Keeper" initiative's mentorship program.

In the evening, in the Oval Office, he met with Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh C. Johnson and Shaun L.S. Donovan, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and other senior advisers to discuss the impending deadline for funding the Department of Homeland Security. Then, he had separate telephone conversations with House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi and Senate Minority Leader Harry M. Reid to receive an update on efforts to ensure that the Department of Homeland Security does not shut down due to a lapse in funding.

The White House announced that the President will welcome European Council President Donald Tusk on March 9.

The White announced that the President will welcome President Ashraf Ghani Ahmadzai of Afghanistan on March 24.

#### February 28

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the Inauguration of Tabaré Vázquez as President of Uruguay in Montevideo, Uruguay, on March 1: Krysta Harden (head of delegation); Bradley Freden; and Michele J. Sison.

#### March 2

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

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In the afternoon, in the Roosevelt Room, the President met with Technology CEO Council members Ursula M. Burns, Michael S. Dell, D. Mark Durcan, Steven M. Mollenkopf, Virginia M. Rometty, and Joseph M. Tucci.

March 3

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Situation Room, he participated in a video conference with Prime Minister David Cameron of the United Kingdom, President François Hollande of France, Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany, Prime Minister Matteo Renzi of Italy, and European Council President Donald F. Tusk to discuss the situation in eastern Ukraine, Russia's support for the separatists, the need for greater cooperation with the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe and for strengthening its monitoring role, implementation and enforcement of the Minsk agreement, recent political reforms passed by Ukraine's Parliament, and the international commitment to financially assisting Ukraine. They also discussed the ongoing violence in Libya and how to counter ISIL's involvement and promote a political resolution to the conflict.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with his senior advisers.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Selma, AL, on March 7.

The President announced his intention to nominate John Conger to be Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller).

The President announced his intention to nominate Gregory T. Delawie to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kosovo.

The President announced his intention to nominate Peter Levine to be Deputy Chief Management Officer at the Department of Defense.

The President announced his intention to nominate Vanessa Allen Sutherland to be Chairperson and member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint Robert Teranishi as a member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences.

March 4

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President met with White House Counsel W. Neil Eggleston to receive an update on the U.S. Supreme Court case *Black v. Burwell*.

In the afternoon, the President signed H.R. 240, the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2015.

In the evening, the President had a telephone conversation with U.S. Ambassador to South Korea Mark W. Lippert.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Enda Kenny of Ireland on March 17.

March 5

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Biden had lunch. Later, in the Oval Office, he taped separate interviews with Thomas Joyner and Sybil Wilkes of the "Tom Joyner Morning Show" and with Joseph E. Madison of the "Madison Show" for later broadcast.

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March 6

In the morning, the President traveled to Columbia, SC, arriving in the afternoon.

In the afternoon, upon arrival, the President traveled to West Columbia, SC, where, at the Brookland Banquet and Conference Center, he greeted patrons. Then, he traveled to Columbia, SC.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Atlanta, GA, on March 10.

March 7

In the morning, the President, , Mrs. Obama, their daughters Sasha and Malia, and his mother-in-law Marian Robinson traveled to Selma, AL. While en route aboard Air Force One, he signed legislation to award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in "Bloody Sunday," "Turnaround Tuesday," or the final Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March in March of 1965.

In the afternoon, the President, , Mrs. Obama, their daughters Sasha and Malia, and former President George W. Bush and First Lady Laura Bush participated in a walk across the Edmund Pettus Bridge to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the "Bloody Sunday" civil rights march in Selma. Then, he, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Sasha and Malia toured the National Voting Rights Museum and Institute. Later, also at the Voting Rights Museum, he taped an interview with Bill Plante of CBS News for later broadcast. Later, he, , Mrs. Obama, their daughters Sasha and Malia, and his mother-in-law Marian Robinson returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

March 9

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

March 10

In the morning, the President traveled to Atlanta, GA, arriving in the afternoon.

In the afternoon, in the visitors' locker room of the McCamish Pavilion at the Georgia Institute of Technology, the President met with actor and comedian Tyler Perry. Then, also in the visitors' locker room, he met with Tara Lax, a special education teacher who had written him a letter about the rewards of working with children with special needs, and Georgia Tech student Tiffany Davis, who had written him a letter about her college loans. Later, he traveled to Manuel's Tavern, where he participated in a roundtable interview with high school and college students to discuss college affordability. Then, also at Manuel's Tavern, he participated in an interview with Shane Smith, cofounder of VICE News.

Later in the afternoon, the President traveled to the Hyatt Regency Atlanta hotel, where he attended a Democratic National Committee roundtable fundraiser.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Los Angeles, CA, on March 12.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Phoenix, AZ, on March 13.

The President announced his intention to nominate Edward L. Ayers to be a member of the National Council of the Humanities.

The President announced his intention to nominate David Hale to be Ambassador to Pakistan.

The President announced his intention to nominate Kathryn Matthew to be Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

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The President announced his intention to nominate Carol Fortine Ochoa to be Inspector General of the General Services Administration.

The President announced his intention to nominate Eric Satz to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

The President announced his intention to appoint Edward D. Dunson, Jr. as a member of the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts.

The President announced his intention to appoint Lisa Ling as a member of the President's Commission on White House Fellowships.

The President announced his intention to appoint Jose Rodriguez as a member of the Board of Directors of the Border Environment Cooperation Commission and the North American Development Bank.

The President announced his intention to appoint Eric D. Schwerin as a member of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad.

The President announced his intention to appoint Delia Haak as U.S. Commissioner of the Arkansas-Oklahoma Arkansas River Compact Commission.

The President announced his intention to appoint Joel West Williams as Alternate U.S. Commissioner of the Arkansas-Oklahoma Arkansas River Compact Commission.

#### March 11

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President joined a teleconference convened by Secretary of Education Arne Duncan with college newspaper editors to discuss the Student Aid Bill of Rights. Later, in the Grand Foyer, he met with 2015 Intel Science Talent Search student finalists.

The White House announced that the President will host a student film festival to showcase student ideas on the theme, "The Impact of Giving Back," on March 20.

#### March 12

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President met with Secretary of State John F. Kerry. Then, in the Situation Room, he had a video conference with President Ashraf Ahmadzai Ghani and Chief Executive Officer Abdullah Abdullah of Afghanistan to discuss the progress toward forming a national unity government, strengthening Afghan-U.S. relations, and improving security in Afghanistan.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Los Angeles, CA. Upon arrival, he traveled to Hollywood, CA, where, at ABC Studios, he taped an interview with Jimmy Kimmel of ABC's "Jimmy Kimmel Live" program.

In the evening, the President traveled to Santa Monica, CA, where, at a private residence, he attended a Democratic National Committee roundtable fundraiser. Later, he traveled to the InterContinental Los Angeles Century City hotel, where he remained overnight.

The President announced his intention to nominate Ian C. Kelly to be Ambassador to Republic of Georgia.

The President announced his intention to nominate Patricia M. Loui-Schmicker to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

The President announced his intention to appoint Brandon McBride as Administrator of the Rural Utilities Service at the Department of Agriculture.

The President announced his intention to appoint Loren Kieve and Princess Daazhraii Lucaj as members of

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the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development.

The President declared a major disaster in Maine and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area affected by a severe winter storm, snowstorm, and flooding from January 26 through 28.

March 13

In the morning, the President traveled to Phoenix, AZ, where at the Carl T. Hayden Veterans Administration Medical Center, he participated in a roundtable discussion with Veterans Administration employees, veteran advocates and patients, and Members of Congress on the issues facing the Department of Veterans Affairs.

In the afternoon, at the Phoenix Veterans Administration Health Care System, the President met with Carl and Marsha Mueller, parents, and Eric Mueller, brother, of U.S. aid worker Kayla J. Mueller, who was killed by members of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization on February 6 in Syria. Then, he traveled to Gilbert, AZ. Later, he returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

March 14

In the evening, in the grand ballroom of the Renaissance Washington, DC Downtown Hotel, the President made remarks at the annual Gridiron Club dinner.

March 16

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President had a telephone conversation with Sen. Orrin G. Hatch to discuss legislation granting the President trade promotion authority. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with Boys and Girls Clubs of America President and Chief Executive Officer James L. Clark and organization members.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Cleveland, OH, on March 18.

March 17

In the afternoon, in the Rayburn Room at the U.S. Capitol, the President, Vice President Joe Biden, and Prime Minister Enda Kenny of Ireland attended the annual Friends of Ireland St. Patrick's Day luncheon. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with Secretary of Defense Ashton B. Carter.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Matteo Renzi of Italy to the White House on April 17.

The White House announced that the President will host the 2015 White House Science Fair on March 23.

March 18

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had a telephone conversation with Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany to discuss the situation in Ukraine and economic reforms in Greece. Then, he traveled to Cleveland, OH, arriving in the afternoon.

In the afternoon, at Cleveland State University, the President toured a Manufacturing Advocacy and Growth Network (MAGNET) innovation center with Vice President for Client Services and Marketing Ethan Karp and met with officials and employees of participating companies. Later, he returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Jamaica and Panama from April 8 through 11.

The President announced his intention to nominate Douglas J. Kramer to be Deputy Administrator of the

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Small Business Administration.

The President announced his intention to nominate David J. Shulkin to be Under Secretary for Health at the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The President announced his intention to nominate LaVerne Horton Council to be Assistant Secretary for Information and Technology at the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The President announced his intention to nominate Juan M. Garcia III to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower and Reserve Affairs at the Department of Defense.

The President announced his intention to nominate Andrew J. Read to be a member of the Marine Mammal Commission, and upon appointment, to designate him as Chairman.

The President announced his intention to nominate Stephen P. Welby to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering at the Department of Defense.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the National Commission on the Future of the Army: Larry R. Ellis; Kathleen H. Hicks; Thomas R. Lamont; and Jack C. Stultz.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Advisory Committee for Trade Policy and Negotiations: Chad Dickerson; Gary Hirshberg; and Dennis D. Williams.

March 19

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Then, also in the Oval Office, he signed an Executive order entitled "Planning for Federal Sustainability in the Next Decade." Later, at the Department of Energy, he toured a rooftop solar panel installation with Deputy Secretary of Energy Elizabeth Sherwood-Randall, Federal Environmental Executive Kate E. Brandt, and Energy Department Energy Manager Eric R. Haukdal.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with Charles, Prince of Wales, and his wife Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, of the United Kingdom. Vice President Biden also attended. Later, he had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel to congratulate him on his party's success in the recent parliamentary election and to discuss Israel-U.S. relations, the Arab-Israeli peace process, and ongoing diplomatic efforts to prevent Iran's development of nuclear weapons.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with President Beji Caïd Essebsi of Tunisia to offer his condolences for the deaths and injuries caused by the March 18 terrorist attack at the National Bardo Museum in Tunis and to discuss Tunisia-U.S. counterterrorism and security cooperation.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to Namibia to attend the Inauguration of Hage Geingob as President and the commemoration of the 25th anniversary of Namibia's independence on March 21: Heather A. Higginbottom (head of delegation); Thomas F. Daughton; Karen R. Bass; Linda Thomas-Greenfield; and Deborah L. Bix.

March 20

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Later, also in the Oval Office, he had a telephone conversation with President François Hollande of France to discuss ongoing diplomatic efforts to prevent Iran's development of nuclear weapons and the situation in Ukraine.

In the afternoon, in the Cabinet Room, the President participated in an interview with Sam Stein of the Huffington Post. Later, he attended a farewell party for White House Communications Director Jennifer M. Palmieri in her office.

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March 21

In the morning, the President traveled to College Park, MD, where at the XFINITY Center, they attended a women's basketball game between Princeton University and University of Wisconsin-Green Bay with his brother-in-law Craig M. Robinson and other members of the Robinson family.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

March 23

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Later, on the State Floor, he viewed projects on exhibit for the White House Science Fair and visited with student participants.

In the afternoon, the President met with former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton.

In the evening, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong of Singapore to express his condolences on the death of founding Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew and discuss Singapore-U.S. relations.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Birmingham, AL, on March 26.

The White House announced that the annual White House Easter Egg Roll will take place on April 6.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Haider alAbadi of Iraq on April 14.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Shinzo Abe of Japan on April 28.

March 24

In the morning, in the Cabinet Room, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an expanded bilateral meeting with President Ashraf Ghani Ahmadzai of Afghanistan. Chief Executive Officer Abdullah Abdullah and Minister of Foreign Affairs Salahuddin Rabbani of Afghanistan and National Security Adviser Susan E. Rice also attended. Later, in the Oval Office, he and Vice President Biden had a restricted bilateral meeting with President Ghani.

In the afternoon, in the Old Family Dining Room, the President and Vice President Biden had a working lunch with President Ghani. Later, in the Oval Office, he and Vice President Biden met with Secretary of State John F. Kerry.

During the day, the President had separate telephone conversations with Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany and Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy Brey of Spain to extend his condolences for the loss of life in the crash of Germanwings Flight 4U9525 in the French Alps and offer U.S. assistance in the crash investigation.

The President announced his intention to nominate Kathleen A. Doherty to be Ambassador to Cyprus.

The President announced his intention to nominate Hans G. Klemm to be Ambassador to Romania.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jeffrey Prieto to be General Counsel at the Department of Agriculture.

The President announced his intention to nominate Lucy Tamlyn to be Ambassador to Benin.

The President announced his intention to appoint Wanda M. Austin as a member of the President's Council of Advisers on Science and Technology.

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The President announced his intention to appoint Thomas O. Melius as a Commissioner of the U.S. Section of the Great Lakes Fishery Commission.

March 25

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Mathews Burwell.

During the day, in the Oval Office, the President met with members of the Boy Scouts of America.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Palm City, FL, on March 28.

The White House announced that the President and , Mrs. Obama will welcome His Holiness Pope Francis on September 23.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the state funeral service of former Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew of Singapore in Singapore on March 29: William J. Clinton (head of delegation); Kirk W.B. Wagar; Henry A. Kissinger; Steven Green; and Thomas E. Donilon.

The President declared a major disaster in New Hampshire and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area affected by the severe winter storm and snowstorm from January 26 through 28.

March 26

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Birmingham, AL. Later, he returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with President Recep Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey to discuss ongoing cooperation in combating the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant terrorist organization, common efforts to bring security and stability to Iraq and Syria, Turkey's humanitarian support of nearly 2 million refugees from Iraq and Syria, the situations in Yemen and Ukraine, and international diplomatic efforts to prevent Iran's development of a nuclear weapon.

Also during the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany to discuss the ongoing international diplomatic efforts to prevent Iran's development of a nuclear weapon.

The White House announced that the President, , Mrs. Obama, and Vice President Joe Biden will travel to Boston, MA, on March 30.

The President announced his intention to nominate Franklin R. Parker to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs.

The President announced his intention to nominate Atul Keshap to be Ambassador to Sri Lanka and Maldives.

The President announced his intention to nominate Julieta Valls Noyes to be Ambassador to Croatia.

The President announced his intention to nominate Alaina B. Teplitz to be Ambassador to Nepal.

The President announced that he has nominated John M. Vazquez to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey.

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The President announced that he has nominated Paula Xinis to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland.

March 27

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with Secretary of the Treasury Jacob J. Lew.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with King Salman bin Abdulaziz al-Saud of Saudi Arabia to discuss the situation in Yemen and Saudi Arabia-U.S. relations.

March 28

In the morning, the President traveled to the Floridian National Golf Club in Palm City, FL, arriving in the afternoon.

In the evening, at the Floridian National Golf Club, the President remained overnight in a guest cottage.

March 29

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

March 30

In the morning, the President and , Mrs. Obama traveled to Boston, MA, where, in rotating exhibit room 126 at the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate, they and Vice President Joe Biden met with members of the Kennedy family. The President and , Mrs. Obama also viewed a replica of the former Senator's office with his widow Victoria Reggie Kennedy. The President also greeted students in a replica of the Senate Chamber.

Also in the morning, the President was briefed on the shooting at the National Security Agency in Fort Meade, MD.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Cambridge, MA, where, at the Area Four restaurant in Kendall Square, the President attended a Democratic National Committee roundtable fundraiser. Then, he and , Mrs. Obama returned to Washington, DC.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Louisville, KY, on April 2.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Kenya in July.

March 31

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. He also received an update on the U.S. negotiating team's progress in Lausanne, Switzerland, as part of an international diplomatic effort to prevent Iran from developing a nuclear weapon.

Late in the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Biden met with Secretary of Defense Ashton B. Carter.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with President Joseph Kabila to discuss democratic elections in 2016, continued efforts to defeat the Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Rwanda insurgent group, and pending adoptions by U.S. families. He also had a telephone conversation with President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi of Egypt to discuss U.S. military assistance, the situations in Libya and Yemen, and U.S. support for human rights in Egypt.

In the evening, the Situation Room, the President, Vice President Biden, and members of the President's

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national security team participated in a video conference with Secretary of State John F. Kerry, Secretary of Energy Ernest J. Moniz, and the U.S. negotiating team in Lausanne, Switzerland, to discuss international diplomatic efforts to prevent Iran from developing a nuclear weapon.

The President declared a major disaster in West Virginia and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area affected by a severe winter storm, flooding, landslides, and mudslides from March 3 through 6.

April 1

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Roosevelt Room, they met with senior advisers to discuss college affordability.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Biden had lunch.

During the day, the President signed H.R. 1527, the Slain Officer Family Support Act of 2015. He also met with White House Chief of Staff Denis R. McDonough and Director of Communications Jennifer R. Psaki.

Also during the day, the President had separate telephone conversations with President Goodluck Jonathan and President-elect Muhammadu Buhari of Nigeria to commend them for their leadership during the recent Presidential election and pledge continued U.S. support for efforts to defeat the Boko Haram terrorist organization.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Hill Air Force Base, UT, on April 2.

April 2

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Louisville, KY. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel to reaffirm U.S. commitment to Israel's security and discuss diplomatic efforts to prevent Iran's development of nuclear weapons. Upon arrival in Louisville, he traveled to the Indatus ICIM Corporation, where he toured the facilities with President Philip Hawkins and greeted employees.

Also in the afternoon, the President had a telephone conversation with Speaker of the House of Representatives John A. Boehner to discuss international diplomatic efforts to prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons.

During the day, in the Oval Office, the President met with Deputy National Security Adviser for Strategic Communications Benjamin J. Rhodes to prepare for his remarks on international diplomatic efforts to prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons.

Also during the day, the President had a telephone conversation with King Salman bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia to discuss the diplomatic efforts to prevent Iran from developing a nuclear weapon and reaffirm U.S. commitment to the security of its allies in the Persian Gulf region. He also had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister David Cameron of the United Kingdom, President François Hollande of France, and Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany to thank them for their cooperation and support of the diplomatic efforts to prevent Iran's development of nuclear weapons.

In the evening, the President traveled to Salt Lake City, UT. Upon arrival, he traveled to the Sheraton Salt Lake City Hotel, where he remained overnight. While en route in the Presidential limousine, he and Gov. Gary R. Herbert of Utah discussed extending State control over of federally managed public lands and other topics. Later, at the Sheraton Salt Lake City Hotel, in Room Wildcat, he met with Dieter F. Uchtdorf and Henry B. Eyring, presidents of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and other church representatives to discuss immigration reform and the church's longstanding commitment to public service and relief work.

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The President declared a major disaster in Tennessee and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area affected by a severe winter storm and flooding from February 15 through 22.

April 3

In the morning, the President traveled to Hill Air Force Base, UT, where he participated in a roundtable discussion on clean energy and toured an array of solar panels with Ronald E. Jolly, Sr., deputy commander of maintenance, Ogden Air Logistics Complex. Later, the President returned to Washington, DC, arriving late in the afternoon.

In the afternoon, while en route aboard Air Force One, he had a telephone conversation with President Uhuru Kenyatta of Kenya to offer his and , Mrs. Obama's condolences for the loss of life caused by the April 2 terrorist attack at Garissa University College in Garissa, Kenya.

Also aboard Air Force One, he had separate telephone conversations with King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa of Bahrain, Amir Sabah al-Ahmad al-Jabir al-Sabah of Kuwait, Amir Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani of Qatar, Crown Prince Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan of Abu Dhabi to discuss international diplomatic efforts to prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons and reaffirm U.S. commitment to the security of its allies in the Persian Gulf region.

In the evening, in the Old Family Dining Room, the President and , Mrs. Obama hosted a Seder to mark the beginning of Passover.

The White House announced that the President will welcome King Willem-Alexander and Queen Maxima of the Netherlands on June 1.

The President declared a major disaster in Rhode Island and ordered Federal aid to supplement State, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the area affected by a severe winter storm and snowstorm from January 26 through 28.

April 4

In the morning, in the Oval Office, President Obama participated in an interview with Thomas L. Friedman of the New York Times for later broadcast online.

April 5

In the morning, the President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Sasha and Malia attended an Easter Sunday service at the Alfred Street Baptist Church in Alexandria, VA.

In the afternoon, the President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters, Sasha and Malia returned to Washington, DC.

April 6

In the morning, on the South Lawn, the President and , Mrs. Obama participated in the annual White House Easter Egg Roll. Later, also on the South Lawn, he read "Where the Wild Things Are" to children participating in the Easter Egg Roll. Then, on the White House basketball and tennis courts, he played basketball with youth and players from the National Basketball League's Washington Wizards basketball team.

In the afternoon, the President taped an interview with Steve Inskeep of National Public Radio's "Morning Edition" program for later broadcast.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Sultan Qaboos bin Said Al Said of Oman to discuss the parameters for a Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) regarding Iran's nuclear program and reaffirm U.S. support for regional and international efforts to prevent Iran's development of a nuclear

weapon.

April 7

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had lunch. Later, at the Howard University College of Medicine, he taped an interview with Chief Medical Correspondent Sanjay Gupta for CNN's "New Day" program for later broadcast.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Head Coach Mike Krzyzewski of Duke University men's basketball team to congratulate him on his team's victory in the NCAA basketball championship.

The President announced his intention to nominate Gabriel Camarillo to be Assistant Secretary for Manpower and Reserve Affairs at the Department of the Air Force.

The President announced his intention to nominate Joyce Connery to be a member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, and upon appointment, to designate her as Chair.

The President announced his intention to nominate Bruce Hamilton to be a member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board.

The President announced his intention to nominate William A. Heidt to be Ambassador to Cambodia.

The President announced his intention to nominate David M. Robinson to be Assistant Secretary for Conflict and Stabilization Operations and Coordinator for Reconstruction and Stabilization at the Department of State.

The President announced his intention to appoint Kevin Griffis as Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs at the Department of Health and Human Services.

The President announced his designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the Smart Cities-Smart Growth Business Development Presidential Trade Mission in Beijing, China: Ernest J. Moniz (head of delegation); Penny S. Pritzker (head of delegation); and Max S. Baucus.

April 8

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden met with Secretary of State John F. Kerry.

In the afternoon, in the Situation Room, the President received an update from his international health and national security teams on efforts to contain the Ebola epidemic in West Africa and progress toward the goal of eliminating new Ebola cases in Sierra Leone and Guinea. He also had a telephone conversation with President Raúl Castro Ruz of Cuba to discuss Cuba-U.S. relations. Later, he traveled to Kingston, Jamaica. Upon arrival, he traveled to the Jamaica Pegasus hotel.

In the evening, at the Jamaica Pegasus hotel, the President visited with U.S. Embassy personnel and their families. Later, he traveled to the Bob Marley Museum, where he toured the house and museum exhibits with guide Natasha Clarke. Then, he returned to the Jamaica Pegasus hotel, where he remained overnight.

The President declared a major disaster in Connecticut and ordered Federal aid to supplement State, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the area affected by severe winter storm and snowstorms from January 26 through 28.

April 9

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In the morning, the President traveled to Jamaica House, the official residence of the Prime Minister of Jamaica, where , in the lobby, he signed the guest book. .

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Mona, Jamaica, where at the Regional Headquarters Building of the University of the West Indies, Mona-Western Jamaica Campus. Later, in the lobby of the Headquarters' building, he participated in a group photo with leaders of the Caribbean Community and Common Market (CARICOM). Then, he returned to Kingston, where, at the National Heroes' Park War Memorial, he participated in a wreathlaying ceremony.

Later in the afternoon, the President traveled to Panama City, Panama, arriving in the evening.

In the evening, upon arrival in Panama City, the President traveled to the Westin Playa Bonita Panama hotel, where he visited with U.S. Embassy personnel and their families. Later, he traveled to a private residence, where he remained overnight.

April 10

In the morning, the President traveled to the Hotel Riu Plaza Panama. While en route, he stopped at the Miraflores Locks of the Panama Canal, where he toured the canal. Later, at the Hotel Riu Plaza Panama, he participated in a signing ceremony between the Boeing Company and Copa Airlines.

In the evening, the President traveled to the ATLAPA Convention Center, where he participated in arrival and inaugural ceremonies for the Summit of the Americas. Then, he traveled to Panamá Viejo, Panama City's historic district where he participated in an official photograph for Summit of the Americas leaders. Then, he attended a dinner and a cultural performance with Summit of the Americas leaders. Later, he returned to a private residence where he remained overnight.

April 11

In the morning, the President traveled to the the ATLAPA Convention Center where he participated in a Summit of the Americas leaders' retreat. Then, he met with Prime Minister Stephen J. Harper of Canada.

In the afternoon, at the ATLAPA Convention Center, the President participated a family photograph with Summit of the Americas leaders. Later, he participated in the second plenary session of the Summit of the Americas. Then, on the margins of the plenary session, he met with President Nicolas Maduro Moros of Venezuela.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

April 13

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with 4-H Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) students during their visit to the White House with Secretary of Agriculture Thomas J. Vilsack. Later, in the Roosevelt Room, he and National Security Adviser Susan E. Rice met with leaders of Jewish organizations to discuss international diplomatic efforts to prevent Iran from a developing nuclear weapon. Then, in the Diplomatic Reception Room, the President participated in separate "Live From the White House" television interviews with Jerry Revish of WBNS in Columbus, OH, Ron Martin of WGAL in Harrisburg, PA, John Stofflet of WMTV in Madison, WI, Cindy Williams of WCSH in Portland, ME, and Nancy Naeve of KSFY in Sioux Falls, SD, to discuss efforts to strengthen the national economy.

Later in the afternoon, in the Roosevelt Room, the President met with Jewish community leaders to discuss international diplomatic efforts to prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Charlotte, NC, on April 15.

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The President announced his intention to nominate Glyn Townsend Davies to be Ambassador to Thailand.

The President announced his intention to nominate Carol Waller Pope to be a member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, and upon appointment, to designate her as Chairman.

The President announced his intention to appoint Amanda Hesser as a member of the President's Commission on White House Fellowships.

The President declared a major disaster in Massachusetts and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the area affected by a severe winter storm, snowstorm, and flooding from January 26 through 28.

April 14

The White House announced that the President will welcome Crown Prince Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan of Abu Dhabi, Deputy Supreme Commander of the United Arab Emirates Armed Forces, to the White House on April 20.

April 15

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Charlotte, NC. Later, he was briefed on the landing of a gyrocopter on the West Front Lawn of the U.S. Capitol by Tampa, FL, resident Douglas M. Hughes.

Later, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The White House announced that the President will welcome the College Football Playoff National Champion Ohio State University football team to the White House on April 20.

The President announced that he has nominated Wilhelmina Marie Wright to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota.

April 16

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with Satya Nadella, chief executive officer, Microsoft Corporation. Later, in the East Room, he hosted a Greek Independence Day reception. Vice President Biden also attended.

The White House announced that the President will welcome 2014 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Champion Kevin Harvick and his Stewart-Haas Racing team members to the White House on April 21.

The White House announced that the President will welcome the 2015 Super Bowl Champion New England Patriots to the White House on April 23.

The President announced his intention to nominate Adam J. Szubin to be Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Crimes at the Department of the Treasury.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jeffrey J. Hawkins, Jr., to be Ambassador to the Central African Republic.

The President announced his intention to appoint Victoria Esser as Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs at the Department of the Treasury.

April 17

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President met with Prime Minister Matteo Renzi of Italy. Vice President Joe Biden also attended.

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In the afternoon, in the Cabinet Room, the President had a working lunch with Prime Minister Renzi.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with King Salman bin Abdulaziz al-Saud of Saudi Arabia to discuss the situation in Yemen and Saudi Arabia-U.S. relations.

The White House announced that the President will welcome leaders of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf to the White House on May 13 and to Camp David on May 14.

#### April 20

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Later, also in the Oval Office, they met with Secretary of State John F. Kerry.

Later in the morning, the President met with Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan of Abu Dhabi, Deputy Supreme Commander of the United Arab Emirates. Secretary of State John F. Kerry and National Security Adviser Susan E. Rice and Minister of Foreign Affairs Abdallah bin Zayid Al Nuhayyan, Deputy National Security Adviser Tahnoun Bin Zayed, and Ambassador to the U.S. Yusif bin Mani bin Said al-Utayba of the United Arab Emirates also attended.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Biden had a working lunch with Crown Prince Mohammed. Later, in the Oval office, he and Vice President Biden met with Secretary of the Treasury Jacob J. Lew.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Everglades National Park in Homestead, FL, to commemorate Earth Day on April 22.

The White House announced that President will welcome President Beji Caid Essebsi of Tunisia on May 21.

The President declared a major disaster in Georgia and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area affected by a severe winter storm from February 15 through 17.

#### April 21

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Tyson's Corner, VA, where at the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, he taped a roundtable interview with Chris Matthews for MSNBC's "Hardball With Chris Matthews" program for later broadcast. Rep. Gerald E. Connolly, Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce President and Chief Executive Officer Jim Corcoran, Zansors, LLC, Chief Data Science Officer and Cofounder Abhijit Dasgupta, and Team Askin Technologies, Inc., President and Chief Executive Officer Debbie Askin also participated.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with Secretary of Defense Ashton B. Carter.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the Centennial Commemoration of the Events of 1915 in Armenia on April 24: Jacob J. Lew (head of delegation); Richard M. Mills, Jr.; Jackie "Kanchelian" Speier; Frank Pallone, Jr.; Anna G. Eshoo; and Dave Trott.

#### April 22

In the morning, the President traveled to Miami, FL, arriving in the afternoon.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Homestead, FL, where at Everglades National Park, he toured park grounds with South Florida Natural Resources Center Director Robert Johnson, Everglades Restoration Initiatives Director Shannon A. Estenoz, and park ranger Alan Scott. Then, on the Visitors Center Gazebo, he taped an interview for a White House Earth Day video series with William S. Nye, television personality and executive director of the Planetary Society, for later online broadcast. Later, he returned to Washington,

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DC, arriving in the evening.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Elaine Weinstein, wife of U.S. aid worker Warren Weinstein, a hostage who was killed during a U.S. counterterrorism operation against an Al Qaida compound in Pakistan on January 15, to offer his condolences for the death of her husband. He also had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Matteo Renzi of Italy to discuss the death of Italian aid worker Giovanni Lo Porto, a hostage who was also killed during the January 15 operation, to offer his condolences for the death of Mr. Lo Porto.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Shinzo Abe of Japan on April 28.

April 23

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The President announced his intention to appoint Mauro Morales as Staff Director of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

The President announced his intention to appoint Daniel Weiss as a member of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council.

April 24

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Biden had lunch. Later, he traveled to McLean, VA. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

During the day, the President joined a conference call with Secretary of Labor Thomas E. Perez and journalists to discuss the Trans-Pacific Partnership negotiations and trade promotion authority legislation.

The White House announced the President will host a White House Tribal Youth Gathering on July 9.

April 27

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Cabinet Room, he participated in an interview with Gerald F. Seib.

In the afternoon, on the National Mall, the President and Prime Minister Shinzo Abe of Japan visited the Lincoln Memorial. Then, he returned to the White House. Later, in the Oval Office, he had a meeting with Attorney General, Loretta E. Lynch, to welcome her to his team. During the meeting, he received an update from Attorney General Lynch, on the ongoing situation in Baltimore, MD.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Mayor Stephanie C. Rawlings-Blake of Baltimore, MD, to discuss the situation in Baltimore.

In the evening, the President had a telephone conversation with Gov. Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr., of Maryland, to discuss the situation in Baltimore.

The White House announced that the President will honor the 2015 National and State Teachers of the Year on April 29.

April 28

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden met with Prime Minister Shinzo Abe of Japan.

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In the afternoon, the President taped in a telephone interview with radio host Steve Harvey of "The Steve Harvey Morning Show" for a later broadcast.

In the evening, on the North Portico, the President and , Mrs. Obama greeted Prime Minister Abe and his wife Akie Abe for a state dinner and reception. Then, on the Grand Staircase, they participated in a photographic opportunity with the Prime Minister and Mrs. Abe. Later, in the State Dining Room, he and , Mrs. Obama hosted a entertainment for Prime Minister Abe and Mrs. Abe.

The President announced his intention to nominate Peter V. Neffenger to be Assistant Secretary of the Transportation Security Administration at the Department of Homeland Security.

The President declared a disaster under the Compact of Free Association between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended, due to Typhoon Maysak during the period of March 29 through April 1.

April 29

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Sushil Koirala of Nepal to express his condolences for the loss of life in the April 25 earthquake in Nepal, discuss ongoing disaster response and recovery efforts, and pledge U.S. assistance. Later, also in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President and the 2015 National Teacher of the Year, Shanna Peeples, walked to nearby Teaism restaurant, where he purchased lunch and tea. Then, on their way back to the White House, he stopped outside the White House to talk to a group of young schoolchildren who were visiting. Later, in the Private Dining Room, he had lunch with House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi.

Later in the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President signed the 2015 Economic Report of the President. Then, he traveled to Bethesda, MD, where, at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, he visited with wounded U.S. servicemembers and their families. Later he returned to Washington, DC.

April 30

In the afternoon, in the Cabinet Room, the President met with members of the New Democrat Coalition.

The White House announced that the President will travel to New York City on May 4.

The President announced his intention to nominate Gayle E. Smith to be Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

The President announced that he has nominated Julie Helene Becker to be a judge on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

The President declared a major disaster in Kentucky and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area affected by severe winter storms, snowstorms, flooding, landslides, and mudslides from February 15 through 22.

May 1

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President participated in a video teleconference with mayors of Cities United to discuss the White House "My Brother's Keeper" initiative and the President's Task Force on 21st-Century Policing.

The President announced his intention to appoint W. James McNerney, Jr., and Ann Marie Wilkins as General Trustees on the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

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The President announced his intention to appoint Russell F. Smith III as a U.S. Commissioner to the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas.

The President announced his intention to appoint Guy "Bud" Tribble as a member of the President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee.

The President announced his intention to nominate Elizabeth Ann Copeland to be a judge on the U.S. Tax Court.

The President declared a major disaster in Kentucky and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area affected by severe storms, tornadoes, flooding, landslides, and mudslides from April 2 through 17.

May 2

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Camp David, MD.

May 3

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Joint Base Andrews, MD, where he played a round of golf. Later, he returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

In the evening, the President was briefed on the shootings at the Curtis Culwell Center in Garland, TX.

May 4

In the morning, the President traveled to New York City.

In the afternoon, at the Ed Sullivan Theater in New York City, the President taped an interview with David Letterman of CBS's "Late Show With David Letterman" for later broadcast.

In the evening, at a private residence, the President attended a Democratic National Committee roundtable fundraiser. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

May 5

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Roosevelt Room, the President and Vice President Biden met with President Masoud Barzani of the Kurdistan Regional Government in Iraq to discuss ongoing efforts to combat the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization and reaffirm U.S. support for the Iraqi Kurdistan region and commitment to a united, federal, and democratic Iraq. Then, in the Oval Office, he met with Secretary of Defense Ashton B. Carter. Later, he met with members of the Esperanza Azteca Youth Orchestra of Los Angeles, CA, and Puebla, Mexico, prior to their performance at the White House Cinco de Mayo celebration.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Portland, OR, on May 7.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Watertown, SD, on May 8.

May 6

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Biden had lunch. Later, in the Oval Office, he made separate telephone calls to Stephanie Tarr of Coon Rapids, MN, Dawn Miller of Tucson, AZ, and Patricia Church of Ormond Beach, FL, who had written letters to the President, to wish them a happy Mother's Day.

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The President announced his intention to nominate Karen DeSalvo to be Assistant Secretary for Health at the Department of Health and Human Services.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jennifer Zimdahl Galt to be Ambassador to Mongolia.

The President announced his intention to nominate David R. Gilmour to be Ambassador to Togo.

The President announced his intention to nominate James D. Melville, Jr., to be Ambassador to Estonia.

The President announced his intention to nominate Peter F. Mulrean to be Ambassador to Haiti.

The President announced his intention to nominate Edwin R. Nolan, Jr., to be Ambassador to Suriname.

May 7

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Roosevelt Room, he met with White House Fellows.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Portland, OR.

May 8

In the morning, the President traveled to Beaverton, OR, where, in the Jerry Rice Lobby at Nike World Headquarters, he taped an interview with Matt Bai of Yahoo News for later online broadcast. Later, he traveled to Watertown, SD, arriving in the afternoon.

In the afternoon, while en route to Watertown aboard Air Force One, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister David Cameron of the United Kingdom to congratulate him on his election victory and discuss United Kingdom-U.S. relations.

In the evening, on the tarmac of Watertown Regional Airport, the President met with 11-year-old Rebecca Kelley of Vermillion, SD, who had written a letter to the President asking him to visit South Dakota, and members of her family. Then, he returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to nominate Ann Calvaresi Barr to be Inspector General of the U.S. Agency for International Development.

The President announced his intention to nominate Julius Lloyd Horwich to be Assistant Secretary for Legislative and Congressional Affairs at the Department of Education.

The President announced his intention to nominate Gregory G. Nadeau to be Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration at the Department of Transportation.

The President announced his intention to appoint Elizabeth H. Blackburn as a member of the President's Committee on the National Medal of Science.

The President announced his intention to appoint Xavier de Souza Briggs as a member of the Community Development Advisory Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders: Jacob J. Fitisemanu, Jr.; Sanjita Pradhan; and Paul Y. Watanabe.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities: Peter V. Berns; James T. Brett; Kenneth Capone; Zachary W. Holler; Deborah M. Spitalnik; and Elizabeth Weintraub.

May 11

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In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with King Salman bin Abd alAziz al-Saud of Saudi Arabia to discuss the King's regret at not being able to travel to Camp David to attend the Gulf Cooperation Council meetings and the attendance of Crown Prince Muhammad bin Nayif bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud and Deputy Crown Prince Muhammad bin Salman bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud in his place, the importance of reaching a comprehensive agreement between the P-5-plus-1 and Iran to ensure the peaceful nature of Iran's nuclear program, the situation in Yemen, and Saudi Arabia-U.S. relations.

May 12

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with Secretary of Defense Ashton B. Carter. Also, he met with a group of Senate Democrats to discuss trade promotion authority legislation and Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) negotiations.

The President declared a major disaster in Kentucky and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area affected by a severe winter storm, snowstorm, flooding, landslides, and mudslides from March 3 through 9.

May 13

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Biden had lunch. Later, on the South Lawn, he greeted leaders and delegations from the Gulf Cooperation Council.

In the evening, in the Blue Room, the President hosted a working dinner for leaders and delegations from the Gulf Cooperation Council. Vice President Biden also attended.

The President announced his intention to nominate Karl Brooks to be Assistant Administrator for Administration and Resources Management at the Environmental Protection Agency.

The President announced his intention to nominate Laura Farnsworth Dogu to be Ambassador to Nicaragua.

The President announced his intention to nominate Samuel D. Heins to be Ambassador to Norway.

The President announced his intention to nominate Thomas O. Melia to be Assistant Administrator for Europe and Eurasia at the U.S. Agency for International Development.

The President announced his intention to appoint Fran Ulmer as Chairperson of the Arctic Research Commission.

The President announced his intention to appoint James J. Zogby as a member of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom

May 14

In the morning, the President traveled to Camp David, MD, where in the conference room of the Laurel Cabin he greeted leaders and delegations from the Gulf Cooperation Council. Then, also in the Laurel Cabin, he participated in a working session.

In the afternoon, in the Laurel Cabin, the President hosted a lunch for Gulf Cooperation Council leaders and delegations. Later, also in the Laurel Cabin, he participated in a working session with Gulf Cooperation Council leaders and delegations.

Later in the afternoon, the President participated in separate photographic opportunities with leaders and

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delegations from the Gulf Cooperation Council, followed by a group photograph. Then, he made remarks to members of the news media. Later, in the Laurel Cabin, he participated in a working session. Later, he returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

The White House announced that the President will present the Medal of Honor posthumously to Sgt. William Shemin, USA, and Private Henry Johnson, USA, for conspicuous gallantry during World War I.

The President declared a major disaster in West Virginia and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area affected by severe storms, flooding, landslides, and mudslides from April 3 through 5.

May 15

In the afternoon, in the Map Room, the President taped an interview with Nadiya Bilbassy-Charters of the Al-Arabiya News Channel for later broadcast.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Camden, NJ, on May 18.

May 17

The White House announced that the President will travel to New London, CT, on May 20.

May 18

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, also in the Oval Office, he participated in a credentialing ceremony for newly appointed Ambassadors. Also in the morning, in the Oval Office, he sent out his first tweet under the handle @POTUS, the official Twitter account of the President of the United States.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Camden, NJ, where at the Camden County Police Department headquarters, he toured the department's Real-Time Tactical Operations and Information Center and met with local law enforcement officers and youth. Later, at The Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center, he met with local youth and law enforcement officials. Then, he returned to Washington, DC.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Stamford, CT, on May 20.

The President announced the designation of a Presidential delegation to attend the Inauguration of Muhammadu Buhari as President of Nigeria in Abuja, Nigeria, on May 29: John F. Kerry (head of delegation).

The President declared a major disaster in West Virginia and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, flooding, landslides, and mudslides from April 8 through 11.

May 19

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Situation Room, he met with the National Security Council to discuss the situation in Iraq and the U.S. strategy to counter the threat posed by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) organization in Iraq and Syria.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, he participated in an interview with Jeffrey Goldberg of the the Atlantic magazine. Then, in the Oval Office, he and Vice President Joe Biden met with Secretary of Defense Ashton B. Carter.

The White House announced that the President will make remarks at the Adas Israel Congregation on May

22.

May 20

In the morning, the President traveled to New London, CT.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Stamford, CT, where, at a private residence, he attended a Democratic National Committee fundraiser.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to nominate Stephen C. Hedger to be Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs at the Department of Defense.

The President announced his intention to nominate W. Thomas Reeder, Jr., to be Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jessica Rosenworcel to be a Commissioner of the Federal Communications Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate Luis A. Viada to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation.

The President announced his intention to nominate Akhil R. Amar and Robert P. Zimmerman to be members of the National Council on the Humanities.

The President announced his intention to appoint Ronald A. Klain as a member of the Council of the Administrative Conference of the U.S.

The President announced his intention to appoint Gerald S. McGowan as a member of the Board of Visitors to the U.S. Military Academy.

May 21

The President announced his intention to nominate Denise Turner Roth to be Administrator of the General Services Administration.

The President announced that he has nominated Edward L. Stanton III to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Tennessee.

The President announced that he has nominated Eric S. Miller to be U.S. attorney for the District of Vermont.

The President announced that he has nominated Michael McGowan to be U.S. marshal for the District of Delaware.

The President declared a major disaster in West Virginia and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by the severe storms, flooding, landslides, and mudslides from April 13 through 15.

May 22

In the morning, at the Adas Israel Congregation, the President visited a preschool classroom and greeted students and teachers.

In the afternoon, in the East Room, the President and , Mrs. Obama hosted a reception for the foreign diplomatic corps.

May 25

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In the morning, in the State Dining Room, the President hosted a Memorial Day breakfast. Then, he traveled to Arlington, VA, where, at Arlington National Cemetery, he participated in a wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Later, he returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the afternoon.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Miami, FL, on May 27 and 28.

#### May 26

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Also in the morning, he had a telephone conversation with Gov. Gregory W. Abbott of Texas to discuss the floods affecting Texas, express his condolences for the loss of life, and offer Federal assistance in the rescue and recovery efforts.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Biden greeted 97-year-old Vivian Bailey of Columbia, MD, and her guests, Principal Troy Todd and teacher Melissa Peyton of Running Brook Elementary School in Columbia. Ms. Bailey raises money for students at the school to take field trips. Then, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Biden had lunch. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Mathews Burwell.

The White House announced that the President will award the Medal of Honor posthumously to Sgt. William Shemin, USA, and Pvt. Henry Johnson, USA, on June 2.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Park Geun-hye of South Korea to the White House on June 16.

The President declared a major disaster in Oklahoma and ordered Federal aid to supplement State, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the area affected by severe storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds, and flooding from May 5 through 10.

#### May 27

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

Later, the President traveled to Miami, FL, where, at a private residence, he attended a Democratic National Committee roundtable fundraiser.

In the evening, the President traveled to the Hilton Miami Downtown hotel, where he remained overnight.

#### May 28

In the morning, at the Hilton Miami Downtown hotel in Miami, FL, the President met with Arthur and Shirley Sotloff, parents, and Lauren Sotloff, sister, of Steven J. Sotloff, a freelance journalist who was killed by members of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization in Syria on September 2, 2014. Later, he traveled to the National Hurricane Center, where he toured the facilities with Director Richard Knabb and met with staff members.

In the afternoon, at the National Hurricane Center, the President participated in a Twitter question-and-answer session on climate change. Then, he visited the Shrine of Our Lady of Charity in Miami, where he met with Rector Juan Rumin Dominguez, paid respects to the Cuban American community, and honored their contributions to the U.S. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

#### May 29

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Map Room, the President participated in a television interview with Iliana Dayan of Israel's Channel 2.

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The President announced his intention to nominate Marie Therese Dominguez to be Administrator of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration at the Department of Transportation.

The President announced his intention to nominate Sarah Feinberg to be Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration at the Department of Transportation.

The President announced his intention to appoint Rebecca Richards-Kortum and Andrew J. Viterbi as members of the President's Committee on the National Medal of Science.

The President declared a major disaster in Texas and ordered Federal aid to supplement State, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the area affected by severe storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds, and flooding beginning on May 4 and continuing.

May 31

In the afternoon, at the U.S. Naval Observatory, the President and , Mrs. Obama visited with Vice President Joe Biden, his wife Jill T. Biden, and their family to offer their condolences for the death Joseph R. "Beau" Biden III, son of Vice President Biden.

The White House announced that the Ford's Theatre Reception had been canceled out of respect for the death of Joseph R. "Beau" Biden III.

June 1

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The President announced his intention to nominate Roberta S. Jacobson to be Ambassador to Mexico.

The President announced his intention to appoint Cary Fowler as a member of the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development.

The President announced his intention to appoint Marvin E. Johnson and David E. Walker as members of the Federal Service Impasses Panel for the Federal Labor Relations Authority.

The President declared a major disaster in Texas and ordered Federal aid to supplement State, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the area affected by severe storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds, and flooding beginning on May 4 and continuing.

June 2

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The White House announced that the President will welcome the World Series Champion San Francisco Giants on June 4.

June 3

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, also in the Oval Office, he taped an interview with Kai Ryssdal of National Public Radio's "Marketplace" program for later broadcast.

In the afternoon, in the Roosevelt Room, the President participated in separate "Live From the White House" interviews with Karen Borta of KTVT in Dallas, TX, Estela Casas of KVIA in El Paso, TX, Dennis Bounds of KING in Seattle, WA, Edie Lambert of KCRA in Sacramento, CA, and Barbara-Lee Edwards of KFMB in San Diego, CA. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with Secretary of the Treasury Jacob J. Lew.

June 4

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

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The White House announced that the President and , Mrs. Obama will travel to Wilmington, DE, on June 6.

The President announced his intention to nominate Scott Allen to be the U.S. Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

The President announced his intention to nominate Mary Kendall to be Inspector General at the Department of the Interior.

The President announced his intention to appoint Jim M. Ash as a member of the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development.

The President announced his intention to appoint Abba Cohen as a member of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad.

June 5

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with President Petro Poroshenko of Ukraine to discuss the situation in eastern Ukraine, the recent assault by Russian-separatist forces near Donetsk, the need for Russia to abide by the terms of the Minsk agreement, and the U.S. commitment to supporting a diplomatic resolution to the conflict.

The President declared a major disaster in Guam and ordered Federal aid to supplement Territory and local recovery efforts in the area affected by Typhoon Dolphin from May 13 through16.

June 6

In the morning, the President, , Mrs. Obama, their daughters Sasha and Malia, and , Mrs. Obama's mother Marian Robinson, traveled to Wilmington, DE.

In the afternoon, they returned to Washington, DC. Later, he traveled to Munich, Germany, arriving the following morning.

June 7

In the morning, upon arrival at Munich Airport, the President signed a guest book and participated in an arrival ceremony. Then, he traveled to the Schloss Elmau resort in Elmau, Germany. Later, he traveled to Kriin, Germany, where at the Krün City Hall, he was welcomed by Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany and signed the town guest book.

In the afternoon, the President toured the village with Chancellor Merkel and stopped for a pretzel and a beer with Chancellor Merkel and her husband Joachim Sauer. Then, he and Chancellor Merkel greeted local residents. Later, he returned to the Schloss Elmau resort in Elmau.

Later in the afternoon, in the Second Library of the Old Castle Building the President met with Chancellor Merkel. Then, in the entrance of the Old Castle Building, he participated in a welcoming ceremony for the Group of Seven (G-7) leaders with Chancellor Merkel and her husband Joachim Sauer. Later, in the Pavilion Room of the Retreat Building, he attended two G-7 working sessions on strengthening the world economy and trade. Later, he participated in a photographic opportunity with G-7 leaders.

In the evening, in the Concert Hall of the Old Castle Building, the President attended a reception and cultural performance with G-7 leaders, their spouses, and other guests. Later, in the Private Dining Room of the Old Castle Building, he participated in a working dinner with G-7 leaders to discuss foreign and security policy. He remained overnight at the Schloss Elmau.

June 8

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In the morning, in the Pavilion Room of the Retreat Building, the President participated in a third working session with Group of Seven (G-7) leaders and outreach guests to discuss energy initiatives and climate change. Later, in the Wetterstein Room of the Old Castle Building, he met with President François Hollande of France. Then, in the Pidelio Room of the Old Castle Building, he attended a fourth working session with G-7 leaders and outreach guests.

In the afternoon, in the Inner Courtyard of the Schloss Elmau, the President participated in a photographic opportunity with G-7 leaders and outreach guests. Then, in the Pidelio Room of the Old Castle Building, he had a working lunch with G-7 leaders, outreach guests, and summit sherpas to discuss development issues. Later in the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

The President announced his intention to nominate Carolyn Patricia Alsup to be Ambassador to the Gambia.

The President announced his intention to nominate Paul Wayne Jones to be Ambassador to Poland.

The President announced his intention to nominate Daniel H. Rubinstein to be Ambassador to Tunisia.

The President announced that he has appointed Shannon Price Minter as a member of the President's Commission on White House Fellowships.

#### June 9

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with Office of Science and Technology Policy Director John P. Holdren and Sen. C. William Nelson and other alumni of the Columbia Space Shuttle missions to discuss developments in astronomy and space exploration.

#### June 10

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had lunch. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with Secretary of Defense Ashton B. Carter.

#### June 11

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Rose Garden, he taped an interview with Jerry Penacoli of Extra TV for later broadcast.

In the afternoon, at a private residence, the President attended a Democratic National Committee fundraiser.

In the evening, at Nationals Park, the President stopped by the 2015 Congressional Baseball Game for charity. Also in the evening, the President had a telephone conversation with President Park Geun-hye of South Korea to discuss the postponement of her planned June 6 visit to the U.S., express his condolences for the loss of lives due to the MERS outbreak, and offer any further U.S. assistance required.

The President announced the designation of the individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the Milan Expo 2015 in Milan, Italy, on June 17 and 18: Michelle Obama (head of delegation); John R. Phillips; Douglas T. Hickey; Risa J. Lavizzo-Mourey; Alonzo H. Mourning; Will Allen; Mario Batali; Carla Hall; and Nicolas Jammet.

The President announced that he has nominated Brian R. Martinotti to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey.

The President announced that he has nominated Robert F. Rossiter, Jr., to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the District of Nebraska.

#### June 12

In the morning, in the Cannon House Office Building, the President met with House Democratic Leader

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Nancy Pelosi and Rep. James E. Clyburn to discuss the upcoming votes on trade promotion authority and trade adjustment assistance legislation. Then, in the Gabriel Zimmerman Meeting Room of the Capitol Visitor Center, he dropped in on a meeting of members of the House Democratic Caucus to discuss his trade agenda.

In the afternoon, in the Situation Room, the President dropped by a video teleconference with Governors from six Western States to discuss ways to combat wildfires and drought.

The President announced his intention to nominate John Morton to be Vice President of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

The President announced his intention to appoint Nancy M. Schlichting as Chair of the President's Commission on Care for America's Returning Wounded Warriors.

The President announced his intention to appoint David W. Gorman and Joyce M. Johnson as members of the President's Commission on Care for America's Returning Wounded Warriors.

June 13

In the evening, the President and , Mrs. Obama hosted a private party featuring a musical performance by Prince.

June 15

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Speaker of the House of Representatives John A. Boehner to discuss trade promotion authority legislation.

June 16

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Biden had lunch. Later, in the Oval Office, they met with Secretary of Defense Ashton B. Carter.

The White House announced that the President will travel to the Los Angeles, CA, area on June 18.

June 17

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President had a telephone conversation with Head Coach Stephen D. Kerr of the National Basketball Association's Golden State Warriors to congratulate him on his team's victory in the 2015 NBA Finals. Later, also in the Oval Office, he met with the recipients of the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Mentoring. Then, he met separately with Democratic Members of the Senate and House of Representatives to thank them for their support of trade promotion authority and trade adjustment assistance legislation and reiterate his commitment to working with congressional leaders to pass the legislation.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Head Coach Joel Quenneville, Principal Owner and Chairman Rocky Wirtz, and team captain Jonathan Toews of the National Hockey League's Chicago Blackhawks to congratulate them on their team's victory in the 2015 Stanley Cup Championship.

In the evening, the President was briefed on the shootings at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, SC.

The White House announced that the President will travel to San Francisco, CA, on June 19.

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June 18

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Then, in the Map Room, he recorded a video message for the White House Summit on Climate Change and Health on June 23. Later, he had separate telephone conversations with Rep. James E. Clyburn, Mayor Joseph P. Riley, Jr., of Charleston, SC, and Minority Leader J. Todd Rutherford of the South Carolina House of Representatives to discuss the June 17 shootings in Charleston and offer his condolences.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Los Angeles, CA. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had separate telephone conversations with Gov. Nikki Randhawa Haley and Sens. Lindsey O. Graham and Timothy E. Scott of South Carolina to discuss the June 17 shootings in Charleston, SC, and offer his condolences. Upon arrival in Los Angeles, he traveled to a private residence, where he participated in a Democratic National Committee roundtable fundraiser.

The President announced his intention to nominate Julie Furuta-Toy to be Ambassador to Equatorial Guinea.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the National Cancer Advisory Board: Peter C. Adamson; Deborah Watkins Bruner; Yuan Chang; Timothy J. Ley; and Max S. Wicha.

June 19

In the morning, the President traveled to the residence of comedian Marc Marón, where he recorded an interview for the "WTF With Marc Marón" podcast to be released on June 22. Later, he traveled to San Francisco, CA, arriving in the afternoon.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to the Hilton San Francisco Union Square hotel, where he met with Gov. Edmund G. "Jerry" Brown, Jr., of California to discuss the Federal, State, and local response to the drought and wildfires affecting California and thank Gov. Brown for his leadership in international efforts to combat climate change. Later, at a private residence, he participated in a Democratic National Committee roundtable fundraiser.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Ethiopia in late July.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Palm Springs, CA, on June 20 and 21.

June 20

In the morning, the President traveled to Rancho Mirage, CA.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to a private residence in Thunderbird Heights, where he remained overnight.

June 21

In the morning, the President traveled to the Porcupine Creek Golf Course.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

June 22

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The White House announced that the President and Vice President Joe Biden will travel to Charleston, SC, on June 26.

June 23

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In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had lunch.

June 24

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Then, he had a telephone conversation with President François Hollande of to discuss U.S. electronic surveillance and intelligence-gathering programs and France-U.S. relations.

In the afternoon, in the Cabinet Room, the President met with Vice Premier Liu Yandong, Vice Premier Wang Yang, State Councilor Yang Jiechi, and other special representatives to the U.S.-China Strategic and Economic Dialogue and Consultation on People-to-People Exchange. Later, in the Blue Room, he visited with Jim Obergefell, plaintiff in the U.S. Supreme Court case Obergefell v. Hodges, who was attending the White House Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month Reception in the East Room.

The White House announced that the President, , Mrs. Obama, and Vice President Biden and his wife Jill T. Biden will travel to Charleston, SC, on June 26

June 25

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. During the briefing, also in the Oval Office, he was informed by Chief of Staff Denis R. McDonough, White House Counsel W. Neil Eggleston, and the Deputy Chief of Staff Kristie A. Canegallo of the Supreme Court's decision to uphold key provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Then, he had a telephone conversation with U.S. Solicitor General Donald B. Vernili, Jr., to congratulate him on the Supreme Court's favorable rulings on the housing discrimination and Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act cases.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin of Russia to discuss efforts to counter the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization, ongoing international negotiations to prevent Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapon, and the situations in Ukraine and Syria.

In the evening, at the White House, the President met with Director of Speechwriting Cody S. Keenan to discuss the eulogy he would deliver at the funeral service for Pastor Clementa C. Pinckney of the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, SC, on June 26.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Muhammadu Buhari of Nigeria on July 20.

The President declared a major disaster in Nebraska and ordered Federal aid to supplement State, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the area affected by severe storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds, and flooding from May 6 through June 17.

June 26

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had a telephone conversation with Jim Obergefell, plaintiff in the U.S. Supreme Court case Obergefell v. Hodges, to congratulate him on the Court's ruling in favor of marriage equality for same-sex couples. Then, he and , Mrs. Obama traveled to Charleston, SC, arriving in the afternoon.

In the afternoon, following the funeral service at the TD Arena of the College of Charleston, the President, , Mrs. Obama, and Vice President Biden and his wife Jill T. Biden met with families of the victims of the June 17 shootings at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston. Later, he and , Mrs. Obama returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

The President announced his intention to nominate Mark Cohen to be a member of the Merit Systems

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Protection Board and, upon appointment, to designate him Vice Chairman.

The President announced his intention to nominate G. Kathleen Hill to be Ambassador to Malta.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Board of Directors of the Presidio Trust: Lynne Benioff; Paula Robinson Collins; Nicola Miner; and Janet Reilly.

The President announced his intention to appoint Eric Ortner as a member of the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities.

The President announced his intention to appoint Shervin Pishevar as a member of the J. William Lulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint Steven Spinner as a member of the President's Commission on White House Fellowships.

The President declared a major disaster in Arkansas and ordered Federal aid to supplement State, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the area affected by severe storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds, and flooding from May 7 through June 15.

June 28

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany to discuss the fiscal situation in Greece and express his condolences for the deaths of the German citizens killed in a terrorist attack at a beach resort in Sousse, Tunisia, on June 26.

June 29

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President François Hollande of France to discuss the economic situation in Greece and express his condolences for loss of life and injuries due to the terrorist attack at the Air Products gas factory in Saint-Quentin-Lallavier near Lyon, France, on June 26. In the afternoon, the President had a telephone conversation with President Beji Caïd Essebsi of Tunisia to offer his condolences for the loss of life resulting from the terrorist attack on a beach resort in Sousse, Tunisia, on June 26 and reaffirm U.S. cooperation on counterterrorism efforts and broader security issues. Later, on the National Mall, he joined President Dilma Rousseff of Brazil on a visit to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial.

In the evening, in the Blue Room, the President had a working dinner with President Rousseff. Vice President Joe Biden also attended.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister David Cameron of the United Kingdom to express his condolences for the loss of life due in the June 26 terrorist attack on a beach resort in Sousse, Tunisia, , offer his support in confronting global terrorism, and discuss the need for structural economic reforms in Greece.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Nashville, TN, on July 1.

The White House announced that the President will travel to La Crosse, WI, on July 2.

June 30

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden met with President Dilma Rousseff of Brazil.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President participated in a teleconference call with elected officials and business and labor groups to discuss the reauthorization of the Export-Import Bank of the U.S. Later, also in the Oval Office, he and Vice President Biden met with Secretary of Defense Ashton B. Carter.

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July 1

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Nashville, TN, accompanied by Medina, OH, resident and health care reform advocate Natoma A. Canfield. En route to Taylor Stratton Elementary School in Nashville, TN, he stopped by the residence of Kelly Bryant, a Nashville resident who had written him a letter on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, to pick her up for the event, where she later introduced him. Later, he returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Matteo Renzi of Italy to discuss the economic situation in Greece and the need for structural reforms.

Also during the day, the President participated in a Twitter question-and-answer session on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the U.S. National Day at Expo 2015 Milan in Milan, Italy, on July 4: Thomas J. Vilsack (head of delegation); John R. Phillips; Betty McCollum; Douglas T. Hickey; Eric Goldstein; Samuel Kass; Marianne Smith Edge; Angela Tagtow; and Susan Ungaro.

July 2

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Later, the President traveled to La Crosse, WI.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the 2015 Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) Women's World Cup final game in Vancouver, Canada, on July 5: Jill Biden (head of delegation); Joseph R. Biden, Jr.; Bruce Heyman; Evan Ryan; Cobi Jones; and Mia Hamm.

July 3

In the afternoon, the President traveled to the Columbia Country Club in Chevy Chase, MD. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Communist Party General Secretary Nguyen Phú Trọng of Vietnam on July 7.

July 4

The White House announced that the South Lawn Independence Day barbecue for military servicemembers and their families had been canceled due to weather conditions.

In the evening, on the South Lawn, the President and , Mrs. Obama hosted a Independence Day celebration for White House staff, guests, and military servicemembers and their families.

July 6

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President had a telephone conversation with President François Hollande of France to discuss the economic unrest in Greece and the need for reforms combined with growth and debt sustainability within the eurozone.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with the U.S. women's soccer team to

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congratulate them on winning the World Cup, applaud Coach Jill Ellis for her leadership, and commend Carli Lloyd's outstanding performance in the championship games.

July 7

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Chancellor Angela Merkel to discuss economic unrest in Greece and the need for reforms combined with growth and debt sustainability within the eurozone. Later, in the Oval Office, he Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Also in the morning, he also had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Alexios Tsipras of Greece to discuss the Prime Minister's ideas for a path forward between Greece and its creditors and the need for a mutually acceptable agreement.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with Secretary of Defense Ashton B. Carter.

In the evening, in the State Dining Room, the President met with members of the Senate Democratic Caucus.

The President announced his intention to nominate Brad R. Carson to be Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness.

The President announced his intention to nominate Peter W. Bodde to be Ambassador to Libya.

The President announced his intention to nominate Catherine Ebert-Gray to be Ambassador to Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands, and Vanuatu.

The President announced his intention to nominate Dennis B. Hankins to be Ambassador to Guinea.

The President announced his intention to nominate Elisabeth I. Millard to be Ambassador to Tajikistan.

The President declared a major disaster in Wyoming and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area affected by severe storms and flooding from May 24 through June 6.

July 8

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Biden had lunch. Later, in the Oval Office, they met with Secretary of the Treasury Jacob J. Lew. Also in the afternoon, in the Situation Room, he and his national security team had a secure video conference with Secretary of State John F. Kerry, Secretary of Energy Ernest J. Moniz, and members of the U.S. negotiating team in Vienna to discuss the progress of international diplomatic efforts to prevent Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapon.

The White House announced that the President will host and deliver remarks at the White House Conference on Aging on July 13.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the Srebrenica genocide in Bosnia and Herzegovina on July 11: William J. Clinton (head of delegation); Maureen E. Cormack; Roger F. Wicker; C. Jeanne Shaheen; Eliot L. Engel; Peter T. King; Madeleine K. Albright; Rosemary A. DiCarlo; Victoria Nuland; and Stephen J. Rapp.

July 9

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

Later, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Biden met with Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch.

The President announced that he has nominated Darlene M. Soltys to be a judge on the Superior Court of

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the District of Columbia.

The President announced his intention to nominate Mary K. Wakefield to be Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services.

The President announced his intention to nominate Anthony Coscia to be a Director on the AMTRAK Board of Directors.

The President announced his intention to nominate Matthew Rhett Jeppson to be Director of the Mint at the Department of the Treasury.

The President announced his intention to nominate Andy Slavitt to be Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services at the Department of Health and Human Services.

The President, Barack Obama announced his intention to nominate Derek Kan to be a Director on the AMTRAK Board of Directors.

July 10

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Philadelphia, PA, on July 14.

July 11

In the morning, the President traveled to the Caves Valley Golf Club in Owings Mills, MD, arriving in the afternoon.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

July 13

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President signed 46 commutations of the prison sentences of nonviolent drug offenders and released a video of the signing to publicize efforts to reform the U.S. criminal justice system. Later, in the Private Dining Room, he and Vice President Biden had lunch.

During the day, in the Oval Office, the President met White House Chief of Staff Denis R. McDonough, Senior Director for Iran, Iraq, Syria, and the Gulf States Jeffrey Prescott, National Security Adviser Susan E. Rice, Deputy National Security Adviser for Counterterrorism Avril D. Haines, and Deputy National Security Adviser for Strategic Communications Benjamin J. Rhodes to discuss the multilateral agreement reached in Vienna, Austria, to prevent Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapon. Then, he had a telephone conversation with Secretary of State John F. Kerry to thank him for his role in negotiating the agreement between the P-5-plus-I and Iran to ensure the peaceful nature of Iran's nuclear program.

Also during the day, the President dropped by a meeting between Vice President Joe Biden and Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk of Ukraine.

In the evening, the President had separate telephone conversations with various Members of Congress to discuss the Iran nuclear agreement reached in Vienna. Also in the evening, he had a telephone conversation with former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton to discuss the international agreement to prevent Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapon.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Durant, OK, and Oklahoma City, OK, on July 15 and 16.

The President declared a major disaster in Louisiana and ordered Federal aid to supplement State, tribal,

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and local recovery efforts in the area affected by severe storms and flooding from May 18 through June 20.

July 14

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Philadelphia, PA. En route to the Philadelphia Convention Center, he had a telephone conversation with King Salman bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia to discuss the agreement among the P-5-plus-I, the European Union, and Iran on a Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action regarding Iran's nuclear program, security assurances covered in discussions with Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) members at Camp David in May, and the situation in Yemen. Then, at the Convention Center, he met with formerly incarcerated individuals to discuss reintegration following their release and work they are doing to help other formerly incarcerated individuals and at-risk youth through community service, mentorship, and education. Also in the afternoon, in the Cabinet Room, the President recorded an interview with Thomas L. Friedman of the New York Times for later broadcast online.

Later in the afternoon, at the Rittenhouse hotel, the President attended a Democratic National Committee roundtable fundraiser.

During the day, the President had separate telephone conversations with President François Hollande of France, Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany, Prime Minister David Cameron of the United Kingdom, and European Union High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Federica Mogherini to discuss the agreement among the P-5-plus-1, the European Union, and Iran on a Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) regarding Iran's nuclear program, thank the leaders for their important role in achieving the agreement, and reaffirm close coordination as the JCPOA is implemented. The President also welcomed the July 13 agreement between Greece and its creditors and urged a path toward growth and debt stability in Greece through continued economic reforms.

Also during the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel to discuss the multilateral agreement to prevent Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapon and underscore the strong U.S. commitment to Israel's security.

Also during the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Crown Prince Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan of Abu Dhabi, Deputy Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces of the United Arab Emirates, to discuss the JCPOA agreement regarding Iran's nuclear program, security assurances covered in discussions with Gulf Cooperation Council members, and the situation in Yemen.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

July 15

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Denison, TX. En route aboard Air Force One, the President had a telephone conversation with President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin of Russia to discuss the agreement among the P-5-plus-I, the European Union, and Iran on a Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action regarding Iran's nuclear program, thank President Putin for his important role in achieving the agreement, and review the situation in Syria. Upon arrival in Denison, TX, he traveled to Durant, OK, where at Durant High School, he met with youth from the Choctaw, Cherokee, Muscogee (Creek), and Chickasaw Nations.

During the day, outside the West Wing, the President met with Vice President Joe Biden, Secretary of State John F. Kerry, National Security Adviser to the Vice President Colin Kahl, and National Security Adviser Susan E. Rice.

In the evening, the President traveled to Denison, TX. Then, he traveled to Oklahoma City, OK, where at the Sheraton Oklahoma City Downtown Hotel, he remained overnight.

The President announced his intention to nominate Susan Coppedge to be Director of the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking, with rank of Ambassador at Large, at the Department of State.

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The President announced his intention to nominate Jessie Roberson to be a Commissioner of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate Marc J. Sievers to be Ambassador to Oman.

The President announced his intention to nominate Kenneth D. Ward for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons at the Department of State.

The President announced his intention to appoint Elizabeth C. Wesman as Chair of Presidential Emergency Board No. 248.

The President announced his intention to appoint Barbara Deinhardt and Ann Kenis as members of Presidential Emergency Board No. 248.

The President announced his intention to appoint Regina T. Jefferson as a member of the Advisory Committee to the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

July 16

In the morning, the President traveled to El Reno, OK, where at the Federal Correctional Institution El Reno, he had a roundtable discussion with inmates and toured the prison facility's Cell Block B with Federal Bureau of Prisons Director Charles E. Samuels, Jr., and correctional officer Ronald Warlick. Then, also at the El Reno correctional facility, he recorded an interview with Shane Smith of VICE News for later broadcast.

Also in the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with former President George H.W. Bush to wish him a speedy recovery after injuries resulting from a fall at his home in Kennebunkport, ME, and extend best wishes on behalf of himself and , Mrs. Obama.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

During the day, the President was briefed by Federal Bureau of Investigation Director James B. Comey, Jr., Homeland Security and Counterterrorism Adviser Lisa O. Monaco, and members his national security team on the shootings at the U.S. military facilities in Chattanooga, TN.

The White House announced that the President will travel to New York City on July 17 and 18.

The President announced that he has nominated Mark A. Young to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California, arriving in the evening.

The President declared a major disaster exists in Colorado and ordered Federal aid to supplement State, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the area affected by severe storms, tornadoes, flooding, landslides, and mudslides from May 4 through June 16.

July 17

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President met with Minister of Foreign Affairs Adii al-Ahmad al-Jubayr of Saudi Arabia.

In the afternoon, the President and his daughter Sasha traveled to New York City, arriving in the evening.

In the evening, the President traveled to a private residence, where he attended a Democratic National Committee roundtable fundraiser.

Later in the evening, the President and his daughter Sasha traveled to the Hilton Manhattan East hotel, where they remained overnight.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Pittsburgh, PA, on July 21.

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The White House announced that the President will travel to New York City on July 21.

July 18

In the morning, the President and his daughters Sasha and Malia visited Central Park, where, joined by the President's sister Maya Soetoro-Ng and her husband Konrad Ng, they took a short walk through the Park.

In the afternoon, at the Richard Rodgers Theatre, the President, his daughters Sasha and Malia, and his sister Maya and brother-in-law Konrad attended a performance of "Hamilton," a Broadway musical.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

July 20

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had lunch. Later, in the East Room, he dropped by a meeting of the American Legion's Boys Nation, where he greeted delegates and staff members.

In the evening, the President had a telephone conversation with President Xi Jinping of China to express his appreciation for the role China played in the nuclear deal achieved among the P-5-plus-I, the European Union, and Iran, and discuss China-U.S. relations ahead of President Xi's visit to the White House in September.

The President announced his intention to nominate Kathryn M. Dominguez to be a member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

The President declared a major disaster in Kansas and ordered Federal aid to supplement State, tribal, and local recovery effort in the area affected by severe storms, tornadoes, straightline winds and flooding from May 4 through June 21.

July 21

In the morning, the President traveled to Pittsburgh, PA.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to New York City, where, at the Daily Show Studios, he recorded an interview with Jon Stewart of Comedy Central's "The Daily Show With Jon Stewart" for later broadcast.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced that he has nominated Leonard T. Strand to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Iowa.

July 22

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Situation Room, he had a video teleconference with President Ashraf Ghani Ahmadzai and Chief Executive Officer Abdullah Abdullah of Afghanistan to commend them for the progress made on efforts to curb corruption and improve the economy and discuss ways to strengthen the Afghan national security forces and encourage regional counterterrorism cooperation.

In the afternoon, the President had a telephone conversation with President Recep Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey to discuss strengthening cooperation in the fight against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant terrorist organization, review efforts to bring security and stability to the Middle East, and condemn the July 20 and July 22 terrorist attacks in Sume and Ceylanpinar, Turkey.

The President declared a major disaster in New Jersey and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and

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local recovery efforts in the area affected by a severe storm on June 23.

July 23

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Roosevelt Room, the President recorded an interview with Jon Sopel of BBC News for later broadcast.

In the evening, the President traveled to Ramstein Air Base, Germany, arriving the following morning. While en route aboard Air Force One, he was briefed by Homeland Security and Counterterrorism Adviser, Lisa O. Monaco on the shootings at the Grand Theatre 16 in Lafayette, Louisiana

The President announced his intention to nominate Richard Howorth to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

The President announced his intention to nominate Harry K. Thomas, Jr. to be Ambassador to Zimbabwe.

The President announced his intention to nominate Victoria Wassmer to be Under Secretary for Management and Performance Energy at the Department of Energy.

The President announced his intention to appoint Sandra E. Black as a member of the Council of Economic Advisers.

The President announced his intention to appoint Raymond Cook as Chief Information Officer of the Intelligence Community at the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

The President announced his intention to appoint Brooke D. Anderson and Robert L. Stein as members of the President's Intelligence Advisory Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint Barbara K. Rimer as Chair and Owen N. Witte as a member of the President's Cancer Panel.

July 24

In the morning, the President traveled to Nairobi, Kenya, arriving in the evening. Upon arrival, he traveled to the Villa Rosa Kempinski hotel, where he had dinner with his sister Auma Obama, grandmother Sarah Onyango Obama, and other Kenyan relatives. He remained overnight at the Villa Rosa Kempinski hotel.

The President announced the designation the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the opening ceremony of the 2015 Special Olympics World Games in Los Angeles, CA, on July 25: Michelle Obama (head of delegation); Maxine Waters; Adam Schiff; Janice Hahn; and Alan Lowenthal.

July 25

In the morning, at the United Nations Compound in Nairobi, Kenya, the President toured the Power Africa Innovation Fair with U.S. Agency for International Development Acting Administrator Alfonso E. Lenhardt and Power Africa Coordinator Andrew M. Herscovitz. During the tour, he met with fair participants Sam Goldman, cofounder and chief customer officer, d.light; Katherine Lucey, founder and chief executive officer, Solar Sister; June Muli, head of customer care, M-Kopa Solar; Michael Wanyonyi, founder and chief executive officer, Mibawa Suppliers Ltd.; Amos Nguru, chief executive officer, Afrisol Energy Ltd.; and Charles Ogingo, cofounder and chairman, Pfoofy Power and Light Ltd.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to the U.S. Embassy, where he visited with Embassy personnel and their families. Then, he traveled to Memorial Park, where he met with survivors and family members of the victims of the 1998 Embassy bombing, signed the guest book, and participated in a wreath-laying ceremony honoring the victims. Later, at the State House, he participated in a welcoming ceremony with President

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Uhuru Kenyatta of Kenya. Then, he traveled to the Villa Rosa Kempinski hotel.

In the evening, the President traveled to the State House. Later, he returned to the Villa Rosa Kempinski hotel, where he remained overnight.

July 26

In the morning, the President traveled to the Safaricom Indoor Arena in Nairobi, Kenya.

In the afternoon, at the Safaricom Indoor Arena, the President met with Kenyan opposition leaders Raila Amolo Odinga, leader of the Orange Democratic Movement party; Sen. Moses Masika Wetangula, leader of the Forum for Restoration of Democracy-Kenya party; Kalonzo Musyoka, leader of the Wiper Democratic Movement-Kenya party; and Martha Kama, leader of the National Rainbow Coalition-Kenya party. Later, he traveled to Kenyatta University in Nairobi, where, at the Young African Leaders Initiative Regional Leadership Center, he participated in a live radio interview with Olive Burrows of Capital FM in Nairobi. Later, he traveled to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

In the evening, upon arrival in Addis Ababa, the President traveled to the U.S. Embassy, where he visited with Embassy personnel and their families. Then, he traveled to the Sheraton Addis hotel, where he remained overnight.

July 27

In the morning, at the National Palace in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, the President participated in a welcoming ceremony with Prime Minister Hailemariam Desalegn of Ethiopia.

In the afternoon, at the National Palace, the President met with President Mulatu Teshome of Ethiopia. Later, he returned to the Sheraton Addis Hotel, where he met with Prime Minister Hailemariam, President Uhuru Kenyatta of Kenya, President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni of Uganda, Foreign Minister Ibrahim Ahmad 'Abd al-Aziz Ghandour of Sudan, and Chairperson Nkosazana Clarice Dlamini Zuma of the African Union Commission to discuss conflict resolution efforts in South Sudan, regional counterterrorism cooperation, and efforts to strengthen the Government of Somalia.

In the evening, the President traveled to the National Palace, where he viewed the fossil skeleton of the early human ancestor known as Lucy with Zeresenay "Zeray" Alemseged, senior curator of anthropology at the California Academy of Sciences, and Yonas Desta Tsegaye, director general of the National Museum of Ethiopia. The Australopithecus fossil was discovered in Ethiopia in 1974 and is permanently housed at the National Museum.

Later in the evening, the President returned to the Sheraton Addis Hotel.

The White House announced that the President will welcome King Felipe VI and Queen Letizia of Spain on September 15.

July 28

In the morning, at the Sheraton Addis Hotel, the President met with Ethiopian civil society activists.

In the afternoon, at African Union Headquarters in Addis Ababa, the President met with Chairperson Nkosazana Clarice Dlamini Zuma of the African Union Commission. Later, he traveled to Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany, arriving in the evening.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

July 29

In the afternoon, in the East Room, the President hosted a working reception for House Democrats to

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discuss his legislative priorities, including the agreement among the P-5-plus-I, the European Union, and Iran on a Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action regarding Iran's nuclear program. Vice President Joe Biden also attended.

During the day, in the Oval Office, the President met with Vice President Biden.

The President declared a major disaster in Vermont and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area affected by a severe storm and flooding on June 9.

July 30

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had lunch.

During the day, in the East Room, the President greeted American Legion's Girls Nation delegates and posed for a group photograph.

In the evening, in the Oval Office, the President participated in a conference call with grassroots supporters to discuss the agreement among the P-5-plus-I, the European Union, and Iran on a Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action regarding Iran's nuclear program.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert P. Jackson to be Ambassador to Ghana.

The President announced his intention to nominate Michael H. Michaud to be Assistant Secretary for Veterans' Employment and Training at the Department of Labor.

The President announced his intention to nominate John E. Sparks to be a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces.

The President announced his intention to nominate Eric D. Eberhard to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation.

The President announced that he has nominated Elizabeth J. Drake, Jennifer Choe Groves, and Gary S. Katzmman to be judges on the U.S. Court of International Trade.

The President announced that he has nominated Susan Paradise Baxter, Robert J. Colville, and Marilyn J. Horan to be judges on the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

The President announced that he has nominated Inga S. Bernstein to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts.

The President announced that he has nominated Gary R. Brown to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York.

The President announced that he has nominated Dax E. López to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia.

The President announced that he has nominated John M. Young to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

The President declared a major disaster in South Dakota and ordered Federal aid to supplement State, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the area affected by severe storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds, and flooding from June 17 through 24.

July 31

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

During the day, in the East Room, the President greeted recipients of the 2013 Presidential Award for

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Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching and posed for a group photograph.

The President declared a major disaster in Iowa and ordered Federal aid to supplement State, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the area affected by severe storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds, and flooding from June 20 through 25.

August 1

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Camp David, MD.

August 2

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

August 3

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the evening, in the Oval Office, he participated in a credentialing ceremony for newly appointed Ambassadors to the U.S.

The White House announced that the President will deliver remarks at American University on August 5.

August 4

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Biden had lunch. Later, in the State Dining Room and Red Room, he viewed projects on exhibit for the White House Demo Day. Later, in the Cabinet Room, he met with U.S. Jewish community leaders to discuss the agreement among the P-5-plus-I, the European Union, and Iran on a Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action regarding Iran's nuclear program.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the 50th National Day celebration in Singapore on August 9: Ronald Kirk (head of delegation); and Kirk W.B. Wagar.

August 5

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Roosevelt Room, the President participated in a roundtable interview with foreign policy columnists to discuss the agreement among the P-5-plus-I, the European Union, and Iran on a Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action regarding Iran's nuclear program.

The President announced his intention to nominate Richard Buckius to be Deputy Director of the National Science Foundation.

The President announced his intention to nominate T.F. Scott Darling III to be Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration at the Department of Transportation.

The President announced his intention to nominate Finda Etim to be Assistant Administrator for the Bureau for Africa at the U.S. Agency for International Development.

The President announced his intention to nominate Paura S.H. Holgate to be U.S. Representative to the Vienna Office of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and U.S. Representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency, with the rank of Ambassador.

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The President announced his intention to nominate Marcel Fettle to be Under Secretary for Intelligence at the Department of Defense.

The President announced his intention to nominate Patrick J. Murphy to be Under Secretary of the Army.

The President announced his intention to nominate Cherry A. Murray to be Director of the Office of Science at the Department of Energy.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert D. Reischauer to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Social Security trust funds.

The President announced his intention to nominate Charles P. Blahous III to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Social Security trust funds.

The President declared a major disaster in the Northern Mariana Islands and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area affected by Typhoon Soudelor from August 1 through 3. The declaration was announced by the Office of the Press Secretary on August 6.

#### August 6

In the afternoon, in the Map Room, the President recorded separate interviews with Fareed Zakaria of CNN's "Fareed Zakaria GPS" program and Jake Horowitz of Mic.com for later broadcast. Then, in the Cabinet Room, he recorded an interview with Steve Inskeep of NPR's "Morning Edition" program for later broadcast.

The White House announced that the President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Sasha and Malia will travel to Martha's Vineyard, MA, on August 7.

#### August 7

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Eater, in the Map Room, he recorded an interview with Thomas F. Friedman of the New York Times for later broadcast online.

In the afternoon, the President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughter Sasha traveled to Chilmark, MA, arriving in the evening. Upon arrival, they traveled to their vacation residence, where they remained overnight.

The President declared a major disaster exists in Missouri and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area affected by severe storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds, and flooding from May 15 through July 27.

#### August 8

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Oak Bluffs, MA.

In the evening, the President returned to his vacation residence in Chilmark, MA.

The President declared a major disaster in West Virginia and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area affected by severe storms, straight-line winds, flooding, landslides, and mudslides from July 10 through 14.

The President declared a major disaster for the Oglala Sioux Tribe of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and ordered Federal aid to supplement tribal recovery efforts in the area affected by severe storms, straight-line winds, and flooding from May 8 through 29.

#### August 9

In the evening, the President and , Mrs. Obama traveled to West Tisbury, MA. Later, they returned to their vacation residence in Chilmark, MA.

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August 10

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Oak Bluffs, MA. Later, he returned to his vacation residence in Chilmark, MA, arriving in the evening.

August 12

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Oak Bluffs, MA. Later, he returned to his vacation residence Chilmark, MA.

In the evening, the President and , Mrs. Obama traveled to Edgartown, MA. Later, they returned to their vacation residence in Chilmark. Also in the evening, he had a telephone conversation with former President James E. Carter, Jr., to extend his and , Mrs. Obama's best wishes following President Carter's recent announcement of his cancer diagnosis.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Park Geun-hye of South Korea on October 16.

The President declared a major disaster in Kentucky and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area affected by severe storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds, flooding, landslides, and mudslides from July 11 through 20.

August 13

In the morning, the President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Sasha and Malia traveled to Oak Bluffs, MA. Later, they returned to their vacation residence in Chilmark, MA.

August 14

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Oak Bluffs, MA. Later, he returned to his vacation residence in Chilmark, MA, arriving in the evening.

August 15

In the morning, the President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Sasha and Malia traveled to Edgartown, MA. Later, they returned to their vacation residence in Chilmark. Then, he traveled to Oak Bluffs, MA.

In the afternoon, at the Farm Neck Golf Club, the President played a round of golf with former President William J. Clinton, former U.S. Trade Representative Ronald Kirk, and civil rights leader Vernon E. Jordan, Jr. Later, he returned to his vacation residence in Chilmark, MA.

In the evening, the President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Sasha and Malia traveled to Oak Bluffs, MA, where, at the Farm Neck Golf Club, they attended a birthday party for Vernon E. Jordan, Jr. Later, they returned to their vacation residence in Chilmark.

August 17

In the morning, the President traveled to Edgartown, MA.

In the afternoon, the President returned to his vacation residence in Chilmark.

August 18

In the morning, the President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Sasha and Malia traveled to Edgartown, MA.

In the afternoon, the President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Sasha and Malia returned to their vacation residence in Chilmark.

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August 19

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Oak Bluffs, MA. Later, he returned to his vacation residence in Chilmark.

In the evening, the President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Sasha and Malia traveled to Tisbury, MA. Later, they returned to their vacation residence in Chilmark. During the evening, the President was briefed on the wildfires affecting Western States, including the deaths of three firefighters in Washington.

August 20

In the afternoon, the President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Sasha and Malia traveled to Aquinnah, MA, where they spent time at the beach with U.S. Ambassador to Japan Caroline B. Kennedy and her family. Later, they returned to their vacation residence in Chilmark.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Las Vegas, NV, on August 24.

August 21

In the morning, the President traveled to Oak Bluffs, MA.

In the afternoon, the President returned to his vacation residence in Chilmark.

In the evening, the President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Sasha and Malia traveled to Oak Bluffs, MA. Later, they returned to their vacation residence in Chilmark.

Also in the evening, the President was briefed on the shooting aboard a train traveling from Amsterdam to Paris, France, in which suspected gunman Ayoub El Khazzani was subdued and restrained by several passengers, including two U.S. servicemembers.

The White House announced that the President will welcome the 2014 Women's National Basketball Association Champion Phoenix Mercury on August 26.

The President declared an emergency in Washington and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts in the areas affected by wildfires beginning on August 13 and continuing.

August 22

In the morning, the President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Sasha and Malia traveled to Tisbury, MA.

In the afternoon, President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Sasha and Malia returned to their vacation residence in Chilmark, MA. Also in the afternoon, he had separate telephone conversations with A1C Spencer Stone, USAF, National Guard Spe. Aleksander Skarlatos, USA, and U.S. student Anthony Sadler to commend and congratulate them on their courageous actions aboard a Paris-bound train, which forestalled an attempted mass shooting on August 22, and wish Airman Stone a speedy recovery for injuries he sustained in restraining suspected gunman Ayoub El Khazzani.

During the day, the President was briefed on the security situation on the Korean Peninsula. He also had a telephone conversation with President François Hollande of France to discuss the August 22 attempted mass shooting on the Paris-bound high-speed train from Amsterdam, the brave actions of three U.S. citizens who helped to subdue the suspected gunman, and their joint commitment to combating terrorism.

In the evening, the President and , Mrs. Obama traveled to a private residence in Edgartown, MA. Later, they returned to their vacation residence in Chilmark, MA.

The White House announced that the President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Sasha and Malia will return to Washington, DC, on August 23.

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August 23

In the morning, the President traveled to Oak Bluffs, MA.

In the afternoon, the President returned to his vacation residence in Chilmark, MA. Later, he, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Sasha and Malia returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

August 24

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Biden had lunch. Later, he traveled to Las Vegas, NV. Then, he traveled to Henderson, NV, arriving in the evening.

In the evening, the President traveled to the Westin Las Vegas Hotel, Casino, and Spa in Las Vegas, NV, where he remained overnight.

The President made additional disaster assistance available to the Northern Mariana Islands by authorizing an increase in the level of Federal funding for the Commonwealth as a result of Typhoon Soudelor from August 1 through 3.

August 25

In the morning, the President returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the afternoon.

In the evening, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Shinzo Abe of Japan to commend the Prime Minister for his August 14 expression of remorse for the suffering caused by Japan during the World War II era, encourage further reconciliation efforts, and reaffirm key areas of Japan-U.S. cooperation.

The White House announced that the President will travel to New Orleans, LA, on August 27.

August 26

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President had a telephone conversation with Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany to discuss the situation in eastern Ukraine, international diplomatic efforts to reduce violence and tensions in Eastern Europe, the migration crisis in Europe, in particular the plight of Syrian refugees entering Europe. Later, in the Diplomatic Reception Room, he recorded separate "Live From the White House" television interviews with Carolyn Clifford of WXYZ in Detroit, MI, Sally-Ann Roberts of WWL in New Orleans, LA, Monica Malpass of WPVI in Philadelphia, PA, Steve Raible of KIRO in Seattle, WA, and Maureen Bunyan of WJLA in Washington, DC, for later broadcast.

The President announced his intention to appoint Jay C. Shambaugh as a member of the Council of Economic Advisers.

The President announced his intention to appoint M. Tia Johnson as Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs at the Department of Homeland Security.

The President announced his intention to appoint Doreen E. Brown and Aaron Payment as members of the National Advisory Council on Indian Education.

The President announced his intention to appoint Joan McDonald as a member of the National Infrastructure Advisory Council.

The President announced his intention to appoint Lisa Funderburke Hoffman as a member of the National Museum and Library Services Board.

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The President announced his intention to appoint Carmen A. Corrales as a member of the President's Commission on White House Fellowships.

August 27

In the morning, the President traveled to New Orleans, LA, arriving in the afternoon.

In the afternoon, the President participated in a walking tour of the Tremé neighborhood with Mayor Mitchell J. Landrieu of New Orleans and visited with local residents. Then, he traveled to Willie Mae's Scotch House restaurant, where he had lunch with Mayor Landrieu, Rep. Cedric L. Richmond, Cabinet Secretary Broderick D. Johnson, and Victor York-Carter, Garland Sipper, Caswick Naverro, and Denzel Shine, local youth and "My Brother's Keeper" initiative participants who have rebuilt their lives over the past 10 years since the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. Later, he returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

The White House announced that the President will welcome King Salman bin Abd alAziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia on September 4.

August 28

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he participated in an interview with Jane Eisner, editor-in-chief of Forward.com.

In the afternoon, at the Fiola restaurant, the President attended a Democratic National Committee roundtable fundraiser.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Anchorage, AK, from August 31 through September 2.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Joachim Gauck of Germany on October 7.

The President announced his intention to appoint James O'Brien as Special Presidential Envoy for Hostage Affairs at the Department of State.

The President announced his intention to appoint Charles "Chip" Lyons as U.S. Representative to the Executive Board of the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF).

The President announced his intention to appoint Aaron Williams as U.S. Alternate Representative to the Executive Board of the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF).

The President announced his intention to appoint Esther Brimmer and Michael Guest as members of the National Security Education Board.

August 30

The White House announced that the President will travel to Dillingham and Kotzebue, AK, on September 2.

August 31

In the morning, the President traveled to Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, AK, arriving in the afternoon. He was joined on the flight by Gov. William M. Walker of Alaska. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had a telephone conversation with Kathleen Goforth, wife of Harris County Deputy Sheriff Darren Goforth, who was killed at a gas station in Cypress, TX, on August 28, to offer condolences on behalf of , Mrs. Obama and the Nation and restate his commitment to honoring the bravery and service of law enforcement personnel.

In the afternoon, upon arrival in Anchorage, AK, the President traveled to Hotel Captain Cook. Later, he traveled to the Dena'ina Civic and Convention Center.

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Later in the afternoon, the President traveled to the Hotel Captain Cook.

In the evening, the President traveled to the private residence of Alice Rogoff, publisher of the Alaska Dispatch News, where he had dinner. Later, he returned to the Hotel Captain Cook, where he remained overnight.

September 1

In the morning, while en route to Seward, AK, , the President stopped at Snow City Cafe in Anchorage, where he ordered breakfast and greeted patrons.

In the afternoon, upon arrival in Seward, the President hiked to Outlook Point at Exit Glacier in Kenai Fjords National Park. Later, he continued hiking in the park while recording an interview with Bear Grylls of NBC's "Running Wild With Bear Grylls" program for later broadcast.

In the afternoon, at the Sweet Darlings shop in Seward, the President purchased gelato for himself and the pool of travel reporters accompanying him. Later, he traveled to Seward Harbor, where he embarked on boat tour of the Kenai Fjords National Park and Resurrection Bay with Laura Sturtz, National Park Service Operations Supervisor for Interpretation, and viewed local wildlife and geographic features.

In the evening, the President returned to Hotel Captain Cook in Anchorage, where he remained overnight.

September 2

In the morning, the President traveled to Dillingham, AK.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Kanakanak Beach, where he met with local fishermen and their families and viewed a demonstration of local salmon preparation methods.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Dillingham Middle/High School, where he attended and participated in a student cultural performance featuring Yup'ik dancing. Then, at N&N Market, he met with patrons. Later, he traveled to Kotzebue, AK. While en route aboard Air Force One, he participated in a fly-over of the island village of Kivalina, an Alaska Native community of 400 people whose coastline has begun receding into the ocean as a result of rising sea levels.

In the evening, at Kotzebue Middle High School, the President participated in an interview and photographic shoot with Jeff Goodell of Rolling Stone magazine for later publication. Later, he traveled to the site of the Shore Avenue Erosion Project, where he viewed the city's beach reconstruction and erosion-prevention efforts. Then, at the seawall overlooking the Kotzebue Sound, he continued his interview with Rolling Stone's Jeff Goodell. Also at the seawall, he recorded a self-narrated video on the impact of climate change on Alaska's landscape and native cultures for later online broadcast.

Later in the evening, while en route to Anchorage, AK, the President stopped at the huskie kennel of John Baker, the 2011 Iditarod dog sledding champion, where he met with Mr. Baker and his family, was presented with a Team Baker hat and jacket, and held two of Mr. Baker's puppies. Then, he returned to Washington, DC, arriving the following morning.

September 3

The White House announced that the President will travel to Boston, MA, on September 7.

The White House announced that the President will award the 2014 National Medal of Arts and the National Humanities Medal on September 10.

September 4

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

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In the afternoon, in the Cabinet Room, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had a working lunch with King Salman bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia. Later, in the Oval Office, he and Vice President Biden met with Secretary of Defense Ashton B. Carter.

The White House announced that the President will welcome the 2015 NCAA Champion Duke University men's basketball team on September 8.

September 4

During the day, in the Oval Office, the President participated in departure photographs with Maurice Owens, outgoing Special Assistant to the White House Chief of Staff, and members of his family.

September 5

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Crown Prince Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan of Abu Dhabi, Deputy Supreme Commander of the United Arab Emirates Armed Forces, to offer his condolences for the deaths of 45 Emirati servicemembers fighting Houthi rebels in Sana'a, Yemen, on September 4.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

September 6

The White House announced that the President and Jill T. Biden, wife of Vice President Joe Biden, will travel to Warren, MI, on September 9.

September 7

In the morning, the President traveled to Boston, MA.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Union Oyster House restaurant, where he purchased clam chowder and visited with patrons. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

September 8

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Biden met with Secretary of the Treasury Jacob J. Lew.

The President announced that he has nominated Clare E. Connors to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the District of Hawaii.

The President announced that he has nominated Stephanie A. Gallagher to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland.

The President announced that he has nominated Mary S. McElroy to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island.

The President announced that he has nominated Edward L. Gilmore to be U.S. marshal for the Northern District of Illinois.

The President announced that he has appointed the following individuals as members of the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Access Board: Regina D. Blye; Christopher S. Hart; Mathew McCollough; Victor S. Pineda; and Karen M. Tamley.

September 9

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In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President and Jill T. Biden, wife of Vice President Biden, traveled to Warren, MI, where, at Macomb Community College, they toured the Michigan Technical Education Center with Engineering and Advanced Technology Workforce and Continuing Education Director Holger Ekanger and met with students. Then, at the college's Sports and Expo Center, they met with members of the College Promise Advisory Board. Later, they returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

The White House announced that the President and , Mrs. Obama will greet Pope Francis on his arrival in the U.S. at Joint Base Andrews, MD, on September 22.

#### September 10

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President held a conference call with over 500 rabbis in observance of Rosh Hashanah. During the call, he discussed the multilateral agreement to prevent Iran from developing a nuclear weapon, Israel's security, and Israel-U.S. relations.

The President announced his intention to nominate Barbara J. Lee, Christopher H. Smith, and Cassandra Q. Butts to be Representatives of the United States to the 70th Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

#### September 11

In the morning, on the South Lawn, the President and , Mrs. Obama participated in a moment of silence to mark the 14th anniversary of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Later, in the Oval Office, he had an intelligence briefing, followed by a meeting with Secretary of State John F. Kerry.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Fort Meade, MD, where, at the National Security Agency, he met with military and civilian intelligence personnel to thank them for their ongoing support in defense of the Nation. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Des Moines, IA, on September 14.

The White House announced that the President will welcome the 2015 NCAA Champion University of Connecticut women's basketball team to the White House on September 15.

#### September 14

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Des Moines, IA. Then, he traveled to the Ola Babcock Miller Building, where at the State Library of Iowa, he was greeted by State Librarian Michael Scott and participated in an interview with novelist Marilynne Robinson for the New York Review of Books. Later, he returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

#### September 15

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Later, also in the Oval Office, he met with Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Mathews Burwell.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Biden had lunch. Later, in the Diplomatic Reception Room, he and , Mrs. Obama greeted King Felipe VI and Queen Letizia of Spain.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong of Singapore to congratulate him on his party's victory in recent elections and discuss U.S.-Singapore relations.

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He also had separate telephone conversations with outgoing Prime Minister Anthony J. Abbott and Prime Minister-elect Malcolm B. Turnbull of Australia to thank Prime Minister Abbott for his strong support of Australia-U.S. relations and wish him well in the future, congratulate Prime Minister-elect Turnbull on his selection as Prime Minister, and pledge to continue working with Australia on a range of issues of mutual interest.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Xi Jinping of China on September 25.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert M. Califf to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs at the Department of Health and Human Services.

The President announced his intention to nominate Eduardo Castell to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation.

The President announced his intention to nominate Deborah R. Malac to be Ambassador to Uganda.

The President announced his intention to nominate Lisa J. Peterson to be Ambassador to Swaziland.

The President announced his intention to nominate H. Dean Pittman to be Ambassador to Mozambique.

The President announced his intention to nominate Linda A. Puchala to be a member of the National Mediation Board.

The President announced his intention to nominate Eric S. Rubin to be Ambassador to Bulgaria.

The President announced his intention to nominate Kyle R. Scott to be Ambassador to Serbia.

The President announced his intention to appoint Octaviana Trujillo as a member of the Joint Public Advisory Committee of the Commission for Environmental Cooperation.

The President announced that he has nominated Rebecca Goodgame Ebinger to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Iowa.

#### September 16

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Bethesda, MD, where at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, he visited with wounded U.S. servicemembers and their families. Later, he traveled to Mark O. Hatfield Clinical Research Center, a facility of the National Institutes of Health, to visit with another wounded U.S. servicemember. Then, he returned to Washington, DC.

In the evening, the President had a telephone conversation with Gov. Edmund G. "Jerry" Brown, Jr., of California to receive an update on the recent wildfires, express his concern about the severe damage in California and its impact on citizens, offer his gratitude for the firefighters, local authorities, and emergency managers working to combat the fires and evacuate people out of harm's way, and reiterate his support for assisting California in building resilience toward climate change.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel on November 9.

#### September 17

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing. Then, also in the oval office, he had a telephone conversation with King Salman bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia to follow up on their September 4 meeting at the White House, discuss regional issues, including the humanitarian situation in

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Yemen and recent violence and tensions at the Haram Al-Sharif/Temple Mount in Jerusalem, Israel, and reaffirm Saudi Arabia-U.S. relations. Later, also in the Oval Office, he met with Secretary of State John F. Kerry.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President participated in a credentialing ceremony for newly appointed Ambassadors to the U.S. Then, also in the Oval Office, he met with Senate Minority Leader Harry M. Reid and House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi. Later, at the St. Regis Washington, D.C. hotel, he attended a Democratic National Committee roundtable fundraiser.

#### September 18

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Roosevelt Room, the President and Vice President Biden met with members of the President's Council of Advisers on Science and Technology. Later, he had a telephone conversation with President Raúl Castro Ruz of Cuba to discuss the normalization of Cuba-U.S. relations in advance of Pope Francis's upcoming visits to Cuba and the United States, commend the role that Pope Francis played in advancing Cuba-U.S. diplomatic ties, and note the cooperation between U.S. and Cuban medical professionals during the U.S. Naval Ship Comfort's recent humanitarian mission to Haiti.

The President announced his intention to nominate Ricardo A. Aguilera to be Assistant Secretary for Financial Management at the Department of the Air Force.

The President announced his intention to nominate Janine Davidson to be Under Secretary of the Navy.

The President announced his intention to nominate Lisa S. Disbrow to be Under Secretary of the Air Force.

The President announced his intention to nominate Eric K. Fanning to be Secretary of the Army.

The President announced his intention to nominate Shoshana Lew to be Chief Financial Officer at the Department of Transportation.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jennifer M. O'Connor to be General Counsel at the Department of Defense.

The President announced his intention to nominate Thomas A. Shannon to be Under Secretary for Political Affairs at the Department of State.

#### September 21

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President had a telephone conversation with Sultan Qaboos bin Said Al Said of Oman to him for his efforts to secure the release of Scott Darden and Sam Farran , U.S. citizens detained in Sanaa, Yemen, by Shiite Houthi rebels fighting Government forces and for his continued assistance in attending to the situation in Yemen.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo of Indonesia to the White House on October 26.

#### September 22

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President, , Mrs. Obama, and Vice President Joe Biden and his wife Jill T. Biden traveled to Joint Base Andrews, MD, where they greeted Pope Francis upon his arrival. Later, he and , Mrs. Obama returned to the White House.

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During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany to discuss the refugee crisis in Europe and the need for EU countries to accept their fair share of refugees and reiterate the importance of Russia's adherence to the Minsk agreements in resolving the situation in eastern Ukraine.

The President announced a major disaster in California and ordered Federal aid to supplement State, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the area affected by the Valley Fire beginning on September 12 and continuing.

#### September 23

In the morning, in the Grand Foyer and Red Room, the President participated in a gift presentation with Pope Francis. Then, in the Oval Office, he met with the Pope.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had lunch. Later, in the Oval Office, he had a telephone conversation with President Enrique Peña Nieto of Mexico to discuss the status of Trans-Pacific Partnership negotiations, the importance of concluding the trade deal expediently, and Mexico-U.S. relations.

#### September 24

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister David Cameron of the United Kingdom to discuss the refugee crisis in Europe, the situation in Syria, their joint commitment to defeat the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization, and the importance of reaching a strong international agreement at the upcoming United Nations Climate Change Conference in Paris. He also had a telephone with Prime Minister Alexios Tsipras of Greece to congratulate him on his election victory and his party's success in the recent parliamentary elections, discuss the refugee crisis in Europe, and reaffirm Greek-U.S. relations.

Also during the day, the President has a telephone conversation with President Ollanta Moisés Húmla Tasso of Peru to discuss the Trans-Pacific Partnership negotiations and other economic issues.

In the evening, at the Blair House, the President had a working dinner for President Xi Jinping of China. Vice President Biden also attended.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the President's Advisory Council on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships: Carroll A. Baltimore; Preeta Bansal; David Beckmann; Kara Bobroff; Jennifer Butler; Steve Gutow; Aziza Hasan; Lanae Erickson Hatalsky; David Jeffrey; Jo Anne Lyon; Michael McBride; Nipun Mehta; Kevin Ryan; Gabriel A. Salguero; Stephen Schneck; Jasjit Singh; Alexie TorresFleming; and Deborah Weinstein.

#### September 25

In the morning in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Biden met with President Xi Jinping of China. Later, in the Cabinet Room, he had an expanded bilateral meeting with President Xi.

In the afternoon, the President had a telephone conversation with Speaker of the House of Representatives John A. Boehner to discuss his resignation from Congress. Later, he traveled to Arlington, VA. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

In the evening, on the North Portico, the President and , Mrs. Obama greeted President Xi of China and his wife Peng Liyuan. Then, on the Grand Staircase, they participated in a photographic opportunity with President Xi and Mrs. Peng.

The White House announced that the President will travel to New York City on September 27.

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September 27

In the morning, the President traveled to New York City. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had a telephone conversation with President Michelle Bachelet Jeria of Chile to discuss Chile-U.S. economic relations, the Trans-Pacific Partnership negotiations, the upcoming U.N. General Assembly meetings, and the Our Ocean Conference to be hosted by Chile in October. President Obama also reiterated his condolences for the loss of life caused by the September 16 earthquake. Upon arrival in New York City, he traveled to the Lotte New York Palace hotel.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to United Nations Headquarters. Later, at the U.S. Mission to the United Nations, he met with Mission employees and their families. Then, he returned to the Lotte New York Palace hotel. Later, he traveled to Gotham Hall.

In the evening, the President returned to the Lotte New York Palace hotel.

September 28

In the morning, the President and , Mrs. Obama traveled to United Nations Headquarters in New York City.

In the afternoon, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber at U.N. Headquarters, the President participated in a family photograph for the Leaders' Summit on Peacekeeping. Later, in the Security Council Consultations Room, he met with President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin of Russia to discuss the situations in Ukraine and Syria.

In the evening, the President returned to the Lotte New York Palace hotel, where, in the Villard Ballroom, he and , Mrs. Obama hosted a reception for visiting heads of state and government attending the U.N. General Assembly.

September 29

In the morning, the President traveled to United Nations Headquarters, where, in Conference Room C, he met with President Raúl Castro Ruz of Cuba to discuss Cuba-U.S. relations, the recent visit of Pope Francis to both countries, U.S. regulatory changes regarding travel by U.S. citizens to Cuba, and human rights in Cuba. Later, following the Leaders' Summit on Countering ISIL and Violent Extremism, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, he met with Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi of Iraq.

In the afternoon, in Conference Room C, the President met with President Nursultan Nazarbayev of Kazakhstan. Later, he and , Mrs. Obama returned to Washington, DC.

September 30

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Also in the morning, he was briefed by Homeland Security and Counterterrorism Adviser Lisa O. Monaco on the Federal Government's preparations for Hurricane Joaquin.

In the afternoon, in the East Room, the President greeted wounded U.S. servicemembers and their families during a tour of the White House.

October 1

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Biden met with Secretary of the Treasury Jacob J. Lew.

During the day, the President was briefed by Homeland Security and Counterterrorism Adviser Lisa O. Monaco on the Federal Government's preparations for Hurricane Joaquin.

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Also during the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Malcolm B. Turnbull of Australia to discuss Trans-Pacific Partnership negotiations, efforts to combat the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization, and the situation in Syria.

October 2

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President received a briefing Federal Emergency Management Agency Administrator W. Craig Rugate, Homeland Security and Counterterrorism Adviser Lisa O. Monaco, and other senior staff to discuss the Federal Government's preparations for Hurricane Joaquin. Later, in the Roosevelt Room, he recorded a video message to be broadcast to participants in the Our Ocean Conference in Chile on October 5.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Emmitsburg, MD, on October 4.

The President announced his intention to nominate Todd C. Chapman to be Ambassador to Ecuador.

The President announced his intention to nominate Steven M. Haro to be Assistant Secretary for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs at the Department of Commerce.

The President announced his intention to nominate John Kotek to be Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy at the Department of Energy.

The President announced his intention to nominate Carolyn N. Lerner to be Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel.

The President announced his intention to nominate Matthew J. Matthews for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as U.S. Senior Official for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum at the Department of State.

The President announced his intention to nominate Michael J. Missal to be Inspector General at the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The President announced his intention to appoint Pamela K. Anderson and Gebisa Ejeta as members of the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development.

The President announced his intention to appoint Ronald A. Cass, Jonathan Sallet, and Jane Sherburne as members of the Council of the Administrative Conference of the U.S.

The President announced his intention to appoint Bo Thao-Urabe as a member of the President's Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

October 3

During the day, the President was briefed on the U.S. military airstrike on a Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières hospital in Kunduz, Afghanistan, that killed and injured several patients and staff.

The President declared an emergency in South Carolina and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts in the areas affected by severe storms and flooding beginning on October 1 and continuing.

October 4

In the morning, the President traveled to Emmitsburg, MD.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

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October 5

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The President declared a major disaster in South Carolina and ordered Federal aid to supplement State, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the area affected by severe storms and flooding beginning on October 1 and continuing.

October 6

In the morning the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, at the Department of Agriculture, the President and Secretary of Agriculture Thomas J. Vilsack taped an interview with Tom Steever of Brownfield Ag News Radio for later broadcast. Also at the Department of Agriculture, he taped an interview with Kai Ryssdal of NPR's "Marketplace" program. Then, in the Private Dining Room, he and Vice President Biden had lunch. Later, in the Roosevelt Room, he taped an interview with Steve Kroft of CBS's "60 Minutes" program for later broadcast.

October 7

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Doctors Without Borders /Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) International President Joanne Liu to apologize and offer condolences for the loss of life and injury among patients and MSF staff as a result of the mistaken U.S. military airstrike on a hospital in Kunduz, Afghanistan, on October 3, offer assurances that the Department of Defense would conduct a thorough, objective, and transparent investigation into the incident, and pledge full cooperation with the joint investigations being conducted with NATO and the Afghan Government. Then, he had a telephone conversation with President Ashraf Ghani Ahmadzai of Afghanistan to commend the bravery of Afghan National Defense and Security Forces, offer his condolences for the deaths and injuries caused by the U.S. airstrike on the MSF hospital in Kunduz, and discuss Afghanistan-U.S. relations. Later, in the Oval Office, he and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Biden met with Secretary of State John F. Kerry.

The White House announced that the President will travel to the San Francisco, CA, area on October 9 and 10.

The White House announced that President will travel to the Los Angeles, CA, area on October 10.

The White House announced that President will travel to the San Diego, CA, area from October 10 through 12.

October 8

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Roseburg, OR, on October 9.

The President announced his intention to nominate Dana J. Boente to be U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert L. Capers to be U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of New York. The President announced his intention to nominate John P. Fishwick, Jr., to be U.S. attorney for the Western District of Virginia.

The President announced his intention to nominate Channing D. Phillips to be U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia.

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The President announced his intention to nominate Emily Gray Rice to be U.S. attorney for the District of New Hampshire.

The President announced his intention to nominate Randolph J. Seiler to be U.S. attorney for the District of South Dakota.

The President announced his intention to nominate Amos J. Hochstein to be Assistant Secretary for Energy Resources at the Department of State.

The President announced his intention to nominate David McKean to be Ambassador to Luxembourg.

The President announced his intention to appoint Raymond Dolan to be a member of the President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee.

#### October 9

In the morning, the President traveled to Roseburg, OR, arriving in the afternoon. Upon arrival at Roseburg Regional Airport, he was joined by Gov. Kate Brown of Oregon, who updated the President on the shootings at Umpqua Community College in Roseburg on October 1 and the State's ongoing efforts to provide support and resources to the families affected.

In the afternoon, the President and Gov. Brown traveled to Roseburg High School, where he met with families of the victims killed in the October 1 shootings at Umpqua Community College. Then, also at Roseburg High School, he met with first responders and college administrators to thank them for their admirable response to the October 1 shootings and express his condolences to the school community. Later, he traveled to Seattle, WA, where at the Westin Seattle hotel, he attended a Democratic National Committee roundtable fundraiser.

In the evening, the President traveled to San Francisco, where at a private residence, he attended a Democratic National Committee roundtable fundraiser. Later, he traveled to the Fairmont San Francisco hotel, where he remained overnight.

#### October 10

In the morning, the President traveled to Los Angeles, CA, arriving in the afternoon. In the afternoon, at a private residence, the President attended a Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee fundraiser.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with President Recep Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey to offer his condolences for the loss of life and injuries due to the terrorist attack at a peace rally in Ankara, Turkey, and reaffirm U.S. solidarity with Turkey in the effort combat terrorism.

In the evening, the President traveled to Rancho Santa Fe, CA, where at the Rancho Valencia Resort & Spa in, he remained overnight.

#### October 12

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

#### October 13

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch.

#### October 14

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

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In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Biden had lunch. Then, in the Oval Office, they met with Secretary of State John F. Kerry.

The White House announced that the President will host a White House Astronomy Night event for students, teachers, scientists, astronauts, and others on October 19.

The White House announced that the President will award the Medal of Honor to Capt. Florent A. Groberg, USA, on November 12.

#### October 15

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President had a telephone conversation with Cheryl Reeve, head coach of the Women's National Basketball Association's Minnesota Lynx, to congratulate her on her team's victory in the WNBA Finals. Then, he had a telephone conversation with President Recep Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey to discuss strengthening Turkey-U.S. cooperation in the fight against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization, reiterate his condolences for the October 10 terrorist attack in Ankara, and stress the urgent need to stop the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) attacks in Turkey.

The President declared a major disaster in Washington and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area affected by the severe windstorm on August 29.

#### October 16

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Later, also in the Oval Office, they met with President Park Geun-hye of South Korea.

In the afternoon, in the Cabinet Room, the President and Vice President Biden had a working lunch with President Park.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Crown Prince Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan of Abu Dhabi, Deputy Supreme Commander of the United Arab Emirates Armed Forces, to discuss the importance of establishing conditions for a political transition in Syria and the urgency of expanding humanitarian assistance in Yemen.

The President declared a major disaster in Washington and ordered Federal aid to supplement State, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the area affected by a severe windstorm on August 29.

#### October 19

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President had a telephone conversation with National Aeronautics and Space Administration astronauts Scott J. Kelly and Kjell N. Lindgren aboard the International Space Station. Later, also in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden met with Secretary of the Treasury Jacob J. Lew.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Charleston, WV, on October 21.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Mohammad Nawaz Sharif of Pakistan on October 22.

The White House announced that the President will host the White House Tribal Nations Conference on November 5.

#### October 20

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In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing. Then, also in the Oval Office, he met with 2014 Enrico Fermi Award recipients Claudio Pellegrini and Charles V. Shank.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had lunch. Later, in the Oval Office, they met with Secretary of State John F. Kerry. Then, also in the Oval Office, the President met with Secretary of Defense Ashton B. Carter. Also in the afternoon, he had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister-designate Justin P.J. Trudeau of Canada to congratulate him on his party's victory in parliamentary elections and discuss Canada-U.S. relations, the Trans-Pacific Partnership, and the upcoming U.N. climate change conference in Paris, France.

The President announced his intention to nominate Hester M. Peirce and Lisa M. Fairfax to be Commissioners on the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate Linda Etim to be a member of the Board of Directors for the African Development Foundation.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jean E. Manes to be Ambassador to El Salvador.

The President announced his intention to nominate Scot A. Marciel to be Ambassador to Burma.

The President announced his intention to nominate Linda Swartz Taglialatela to be Ambassador to Barbados, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

The President declared a major disaster in Washington and ordered Federal aid to supplement State, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the area affected by wildfires and mudslides from August 9 through September 10.

#### October 21

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Later, also in the Oval Office, the President had a separate meeting with Vice President Biden. Then, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Stephen J. Harper of Canada to discuss Canada-U.S. relations and the Trans-Pacific Partnership and wish him well in his future endeavors.

In the afternoon, in the Rose Garden, the President attended Vice President Biden's announcement that he would not be a candidate in the 2016 Presidential election. Then, he traveled to Charleston, WV. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

In the evening, in the State Dining Room, the President hosted a working reception for House and Senate Democrats to discuss trade issues.

The White House announced that the President will host a panel discussion on criminal justice reform on October 22.

The White House announced that the President will welcome the U.S. Women's National Soccer Team on October 27 to congratulate them on their victory in the 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup.

#### October 22

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

#### October 23

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Map Room, the President recorded a video address for broadcast during the October

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31 peace rally in Rabin Square in Tel Aviv, Israel, commemorating the 20th anniversary of the assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel. Then, also in the Map Room, he recorded a Facebook video post on the administration's call to reduce standardized testing in K-12 schools for online broadcast on October 24. Later, at the Grand Hyatt Washington hotel, he attended a Democratic National Committee roundtable fundraiser.

October 25

In the afternoon, the President had a telephone conversation with Crown Prince Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan of Abu Dhabi, Deputy Supreme Commander of the United Arab Emirates Armed Forces, to discuss international diplomatic efforts to address the situation in Syria, ongoing political unrest and violence in Yemen, the political situation in Libya, and efforts to combat Al Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula and other terrorist groups.

The White House announce that the President will travel to Chicago, IL, on October 27 and 28.

October 26

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, also in the Oval Office, the President met with teachers and representatives of States and school districts to discuss shared efforts to reduce the amount of time students spend on redundant or low-quality tests, while still ensuring that teachers and parents have the information they need on student progress. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan and Acting Secretary of Education John B. King, Jr., also attended.

In the afternoon, the President, White House Chief of Staff Denis R. McDonough, and Director of Legislative Affairs Katie Beirne Fallon walked to the Metropolitan Club, where the President attended a luncheon hosted by former Sens. Thomas A. Daschle and George J. Mitchell. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with Secretary of State John F. Kerry.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Turkey, the Philippines, and Malaysia from November 14 through 22.

October 27

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with King Salman bin Abd alAziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia to discuss cooperative efforts to counter the shared threat posed by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant terrorist organization, international diplomatic efforts to achieve a political transition in Syria, the situation in Yemen, and Saudi Arabia-U.S. relations.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Chicago, IL, where in the North Service Hallway of the McCormick Place conference center, he met with spouses and children of law enforcement officers who were killed in the line of duty. Also at McCormick Place, in the East Service Corridor, he met with the families of bystander victims of gun violence in Chicago. Later, at the PowerReviews headquarters, he attended Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee roundtable fundraiser.

In the evening, at the United Center, the President attended a basketball game between the National Basketball Association's Chicago Bulls and Cleveland Cavaliers. Later, he traveled to his Hyde Park-Kenwood residence, where he remained overnight.

October 28

In the morning, the President returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the afternoon.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with outgoing Special Presidential Envoy for the Global Coalition To Counter ISIL John R. Allen.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Rep. Paul D. Ryan to congratulate him on

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his election as Speaker of the House of Representatives and wish him well as he assumes his new responsibilities.

October 29

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Then, he had a telephone conversation with Amir Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani of Qatar to discuss the importance of achieving a successful political transition in Syria and international diplomatic efforts to facilitate a resolution to the conflict, underscore their support for the United Nations role in continued political negotiations in Libya, and review joint efforts to counter the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant terrorist organization and other extremist groups.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Biden had lunch. Later, in the Oval Office, they met with Secretary of Defense Ashton B. Carter.

In the evening, the President traveled to McLean, VA, where at a private residence, he attended a Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee roundtable fundraiser. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

October 30

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Then, he had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Haidar alAbadi of Iraq to discuss the political and security situation in Iraq, underscore U.S. support for Iraq in its fight against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant terrorist organization, note recent progress made by Iraqi security forces in Bayji and Ramadi, and commend the Prime Minister's efforts to combat corruption and implement governance reforms critical to promoting Iraq's political stability and economic prosperity.

In the afternoon, on the South Portico, the President and , Mrs. Obama greeted local schoolchildren and children of U.S. servicemembers trick-or-treating at the White House for Halloween.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Newark, NJ, on November 2.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Newark, NJ, on November The White House announced new details concerning the President's participation in the White House Tribal Nations Conference on November 5.

The President declared a major disaster in Alaska and ordered Federal aid to supplement State, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the area affected by a severe storm on August 27.

November 1

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the Inauguration of Alassane Dram ane Ouattara as President of Cote d'Ivoire in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire, on November 3: Thomas A. Shannon (head of delegation); Terence P. McCulley; and Linda Thomas-Greenfield.

November 2

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Newark, NJ. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had a telephone conversation with Manager Edgar F. "Ned" Yost III of Major League Baseball's Kansas City Royals to congratulate him on his team's victory in the World Series Championship. Upon arrival in Newark, he traveled to Integrity House, a nonprofit substance abuse rehabilitation center, where he toured the facilities and met with Sen. Cory A Booker, Newark Mayor Ras J. Baraka, and center staff and residents. Then, in the Green Room of the Integrity House, he recorded an interview with Lester Holt of NBC's "Nightly News With

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Lester Holt" program for later broadcast.

Later in the afternoon,, the President traveled to the Rutgers University-Newark campus, where, in the Reading Gallery of the Center for Law and Justice building, he participated in a roundtable discussion on prisoner reentry and rehabilitation programs with Sen. Booker, Mayor Baraka, and a group of returning prisoners and family members. Later, in the New Jersey Reference Room, he recorded another interview with NBC host Lester Holt. Then, he traveled to New York City.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

#### November 3

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Later, he met with Sen. Barbara A. Mikulski and Rep. Nita M. Lowey to discuss the appropriations process and the Federal budget.

#### November 4

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President participated in a teleconference call with Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Mathews Burwell and Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act in-person assisters and volunteers to discuss open enrollment in the Federal health insurance exchange. Later, he traveled to Potomac, MD.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

#### November 5

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President recorded separate "Live From the White House" interviews with Mary Shedden of WUSF in Tampa, FL, Alice Rios of KRLD in Dallas, TX, E.J. Becker of KMBZ in Kansas City, MO, Dave Ross of KIRO in Seattle, WA, and Ryan Cameron of WVEE in Atlanta, GA, to discuss the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the importance of reducing the number of people without health insurance.

The President announced his intention to nominate Karen Brevard Stewart to be Ambassador to the Marshall Islands.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert Riley to be Ambassador to Micronesia.

The President announced his intention to appoint Jaime Castillo as Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs at the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The President announced his intention to nominate Vik Edwin Stoll to be a judge on the U.S. Tax Court.

#### November 6

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Biden had lunch.

The White House announced that the President will award the Medal of Honor to Capt. Florent A. Groberg, USA, on November 12.

#### November 9

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In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President met with National Security Adviser Susan E. Rice and Secretary of State John F. Kerry prior to his meeting with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with Secretary of State Kerry. Vice President Joe Biden also attended. Then, also in the Oval office, he had separate telephone conversations with President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu of Turkey to congratulate the Turkish people on the November 1 elections and preview the upcoming Group of Twenty (G-20) summit in Antalya, Turkey. They also discussed the situation in Syria, efforts to combat the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization, and the need to prevent terrorist attacks in Turkey by the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) terrorist organization.

#### November 10

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Narendra Modi of India to discuss India-U.S. relations, the upcoming Group of Twenty (G-20) summit, East Asia Summit, and U.N. Climate Change Conference in Paris, and implementation of the Joint Strategic Vision for the Asia-Pacific and Indian Ocean Region. The President also noted that the conversation represented the first use of the new secure line between the two leaders and wished Prime Minister Modi a happy Diwali.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with 2015 Nobel Prize winners William C. Campbell, Angus Deaton, Paul Modrich, and Aziz Sanear, and Sweden's Ambassador to the U.S. Bjorn Lyrvall and Norway's Ambassador to the U.S. Kare Aas. Later, also in the Oval Office, he met with Secretary of Defense Ashton B. Carter.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Reuven Rivlin of Israel on December 9.

The President announced his intention to nominate Beth F. Cobert to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management.

#### November 11

In the morning, in the State Dining Room, the President hosted a Veterans Day breakfast for veterans and their families. Vice President Joe Biden also attended. Later, he and Vice President Biden traveled to Arlington, VA, where they participated in a wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC. Later, he had a telephone conversation with President Jacob Zuma of South Africa to discuss the upcoming U.N. Climate Change Conference in Paris, the situation in Burundi, and President Obama's November 5 notification to Congress regarding the African Growth and Opportunity Act. He also expressed his condolences for the death of a South African citizen in the November 9 shooting at the King Abdullah II Special Operations Training Center in Amman, Jordan.

In the evening, the President had separate telephone conversations with National League for Democracy Party Leader Aung San Suu Kyi and President Thein Sein of Burma to discuss the November 8 parliamentary elections. He congratulated Aung San Suu Kyi on her party's success in the elections and discussed with both leaders the importance for all parties to respect the official results once announced and work together to form an inclusive, representative Government. He also noted that the election and formation of a new Government could be an important step forward in Burma's democratic transition.

#### November 12

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Crown Prince Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan of Abu Dhabi, Deputy Supreme Commander of the United Arab Emirates Armed Forces, to discuss the situations in Syria and Yemen and the need to support the Iraqi Government's efforts to combat the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization.

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In the afternoon, in the Cabinet Room, the President recorded an interview with George Stephanopoulos of ABC's "This Week" program for broadcast on November 15.

During the day, the President was briefed on a U.S. airstrike in Raqqa, Syria, targeting Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization member Mohammed Emwazi.

The President announced his intention to appoint Joshua M. Javitz as Chair of Presidential Emergency Board No. 249.

The President announced his intention to appoint Elizabeth Neumeier and Nancy E. Peace as members of Presidential Emergency Board No. 249.

#### November 13

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President François Hollande of France to discuss the upcoming U.N. Climate Change Conference in Paris and Group of Twenty (G-20) summit in Antalya, Turkey. Then, also in the Oval Office, he met with Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB); Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington, DC; and Monsignor Ronny Jenkins, General Secretary of the USCCB. Vice President Joe Biden also attended.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Biden had lunch. Later, in the Oval Office, he was briefed by Homeland Security and Counterterrorism Adviser Lisa O. Monaco on the terrorist attacks in Paris, France. National Security Adviser Susan E. Rice, White House Chief of Staff Denis R. McDonough, and White House Press Secretary Joshua R. Earnest also attended.

In the evening, the President had a telephone conversation with President François Hollande of France to express his condolences for the terrorist attacks in Paris, offer U.S. support in the investigation, and pledge continued France-U.S. counterterrorism cooperation.

#### November 14

In the afternoon, in the Situation Room, the President met with the National Security Council to review the latest intelligence concerning the terrorist attacks in Paris, France, on November 13, review the U.S. security posture in light of the attacks, reaffirm close coordination with French authorities investigating the attacks, and discuss diplomatic security measures at the U.S. Embassy in Paris. Then, he traveled to Antalya, Turkey, arriving the following morning.

#### November 15

In the morning, upon arrival in Antalya, Turkey, the President traveled to the Calista Luxury Resort. Later, he traveled to the Regnum Carya Golf and Spa Resort.

In the afternoon, at the Regnum Carya Resort, the President participate in a welcoming ceremony for Group of Twenty (G-20) leaders. Then, he participated in a family photograph with G-20 leaders, followed by a working lunch in the Leaders Dining Room. Later, also at the Regnum Carya Resort, in Plenary Hall, he attended a working session for G-20 leaders.

During the day, at the Regnum Carya Resort, the President met with President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin to discuss the situation in Syria, the November 13 terrorist attacks in Paris, France, the need for all nations to confront the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization, international diplomatic efforts to resolve the situation in Ukraine, and the loss of Russian life in the October 31 crash of Metrojet Flight 9268 over Egypt.

In the evening, in Villa 6300 of the Regnum Carya Golf and Spa Resort, the President met with King Salman bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia to discuss efforts to defeat ISIL, the horrific Paris attacks, the urgency of achieving a cease-fire and political transition in Syria, international diplomatic efforts to resolve

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the conflict there, the need to provide robust support to the moderate Syrian opposition, and methods to support the Iraqi Government's efforts to combat ISIL. Secretary of State John F. Kerry, National Security Adviser Susan E. Rice, Deputy National Security Adviser for International Economics Caroline M. Atkinson, National Security Council Coordinator for Middle East, North Africa, and the Gulf Region Robert Malley, and Special Envoy for the Global Coalition to Counter ISIL Brett H. McGurk also attended. Then, also at the Regnum Carya Resort, in the Leaders Dining Room, he had a working dinner with G-20 leaders. Later, he returned to the Calista Luxury Resort, where he remained overnight.

#### November 16

In the morning, in Candor 2 of the Calista Luxury Resort, the President visited with U.S. Embassy personnel. Then, he traveled to the Regnum Carya Golf and Spa Resort, where in Plenary Hall, he met with Group of Twenty (G-20) leaders.

In the afternoon, in the Leaders Dining Room at the Regnum Carya Resort, the President had a working lunch for G-20 leaders. Later, in Villa 6300, he met with Prime Minister David Cameron of the United Kingdom, Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany, Prime Minister Matteo Renzi of Italy, and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Development Laurent Fabius of France to discuss the November 13 terrorist attacks in Paris, the urgency of continuing and enhancing multilateral action to counter the threat posed by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization, the international commitment to achieving a diplomatic resolution to the situation in Syria, efforts to mitigate the plight of those displaced by the Syrian conflict, and their agreement to maintain sanctions against Russia until full implementation of the Minsk agreements to resolve the situation in Ukraine is achieved. Secretary of State John F. Kerry and National Security Adviser Susan E. Rice also attended. Later, he traveled to the Hotel Riu Kaya Palazzo 5 resort in Belek, Turkey.

In the evening, the President traveled to Manila, Philippines, arriving the following morning.

The White House announced that the President will present the Medal of Freedom on November 24.

#### November 17

In the morning, upon arrival in Manila, Philippines, the President traveled to the Sofitel Philippine Plaza Manila hotel.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Manila Harbor, where he toured the BRP Gregorio del Filar, a former U.S. Coast Guard frigate now part of the Philippines Navy, with the ship's commanding officer, Capt. Vincent Sibaia. Later, he traveled to the Sofitel Philippine Plaza Manila hotel, where he remained overnight.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President François Hollande of France on November 24.

#### November 18

In the afternoon, at the Sofitel Philippine Plaza Manila hotel, in the garden ten, the President participated in a family photograph with the leaders of Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) countries. Later, he traveled to the Philippine International Convention Center, where he attended a Pacific Alliance meeting. Then, he returned to the Sofitel.

During the day, the President received a briefing on the law enforcement action taking place in St. Denis, France, as part of the ongoing investigation into the November 13 terrorist attacks in Paris.

In the evening, the President traveled to the SM Mall of Asia Arena in Pasay, Philippines, where he participated in a family photograph for Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) leaders. Then, he attended an APEC welcome dinner and cultural performance. Later, he returned to the Sofitel Philippine Plaza Manila hotel in Manila, where he remained overnight.

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November 19

In the morning, the President traveled to the Philippine International Convention Center, where he participated in a family photograph for Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) leaders. Then, also at the Philippine International Convention Center, in Meeting Room 1, he attended the opening session of the APEC retreat.

In the afternoon, the President returned to the Sofitel Philippine Plaza Manila hotel. Later, he traveled to the Philippine International Convention Center, where in Meeting Room 1, he attended the second session of the APEC retreat. Later, also in Meeting Room 1, he attended the closing session of the APEC retreat.

In the evening, the President returned to the Sofitel Philippine Plaza Manila hotel, where he remained overnight. Also in the evening, he had a telephone conversation with President François Hollande of France to discuss the latest developments in the investigation into the November 13 terrorist attacks in Paris, reiterate their joint commitment to counter the threat posed by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization, underscore the need to bring to an end the conflict in Syria, and continue the fight against global terrorism.

The President announced his intention to nominate Philip Cullom to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations, and Environment.

The President announced his intention to nominate Swati A. Dandekar to be a U.S. Executive Director of the Asian Development Bank, with the Rank of Ambassador.

The President announced his intention to nominate Harry R. Hoglander to be a member of the National Mediation Board.

The President announced his intention to nominate Daniel B. Maffei to be a Commissioner of the Federal Maritime Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate Georgette Mosbacher to be a member of the U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy.

The President announced his intention to nominate Patrick Pizzella to be a member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority.

The President announced his intention to appoint Dave Eggers as a member of the Advisory Committee on the Arts for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. The President announced his intention to appoint William H. Graham as a member of the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin.

The President announced his intention to appoint David C. Hill as a Commissioner of the Mississippi River Commission.

The President announced his intention to appoint Barry Jackson as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

The President announced that he has appointed Anthony M. Reardon as a member of the Federal Salary Council and member of the National Council on Federal Labor-Management Relations.

November 20

In the morning, at the Sofitel Philippine Plaza Manila hotel, in the garden tent, the President visited with U.S. Embassy personnel and their families. Later, he traveled to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, arriving in the afternoon.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Taylor's University in Subang Jaya, Malaysia.

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During the day, the President received a briefing on the terrorist attack and hostage crisis at the Radisson Blu Bamako Hotel in Bamako, Mali, from National Security Adviser Susan E. Rice.

In the evening, the President traveled to the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre in Kuala Lumpur. Also in the evening, he had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Matteo Renzi of Italy to discuss counterterrorism cooperation, the campaign to counter the threat posed by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization, and the urgent need to end the conflict in Syria. Later, he traveled to the Ritz-Carlton, Kuala Lumpur hotel, where he remained overnight.

The White House announced that the President will pardon the National Thanksgiving Turkey in the Rose Garden on November 25.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the state commemoration service for former Chancellor Helmut Schmidt of Germany in Hamburg, Germany, on November 23: Henry A. Kissinger (head of delegation); and John B. Emerson.

#### November 21

In the morning, the President traveled to the Dignity for Children Foundation, where he toured the school and training center and met with some students.

In the evening, the President traveled to the Kuala Lumpur City Centre, where, in Conference Room 2, he participated in a group photograph with Ambassadors to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations. Then, in Exhibition Halls 1 and 2, he attended an East Asia Summit gala dinner. Later, he returned to the Ritz-Carlton, Kuala Lumpur hotel, where he remained overnight.

#### November 22

In the morning, at the Ritz-Carlton, Kuala Lumpur hotel, in the Banquet Hall, the President met with U.S. Embassy personnel and their families.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC, arriving the following morning.

#### November 24

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden met with President François Hollande of France.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with President Recep Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey to discuss Turkey's downing of a Russian aircraft, U.S.-NATO support of Turkey's right to defend its sovereignty, the importance of reducing tensions with Russia and reiterate their joint commitment to counter the threat posed by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization.

#### November 25

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with Crystal Sanchez and Kenneth Huertas from Lawndale, CA, Urbana Anam and Jannatul "Alifa" Rowshan from New York City, Rachel Gorgas from Encinitas, CA, and Joseph Fortuno from Hercules, CA, winners of youth entrepreneurship competitions sponsored by the Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship and Junior Achievement. Later, he had a telephone conversation with President-elect Mauricio Maori of Argentina to congratulate him on his election victory and discuss Argentina-U.S. relations. Then, at St. Luke's Mission Center, he, Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Sasha and Malia helped serve a Thanksgiving meal to individuals and families of the Friendship Place homeless center.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential

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delegation to attend the state funeral service of former President Kim Young-sam of South Korea in Seoul, South Korea, on November 26: Mark W. Lippert (head of delegation); and Kathleen Stephens.

The President declared a major disaster in Texas and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area affected by severe storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds, and flooding from October 22 through 31.

#### November 26

In the morning, the President had separate telephone conversations with ten U.S. servicemembers from each branch of the Armed Forces to thank them for their service and to wish them a happy Thanksgiving.

#### November 27

In the evening, the President was notified about the shootings at the Planned Parenthood Colorado Springs-Westside center in Colorado Springs, CO, by Homeland Security and Counterterrorism Adviser Lisa O. Monaco.

#### November 28

In the afternoon, at [Upshur Street Books](#), the President and his daughters Malia and Sasha purchased books, visited with staff and patrons, and promoted Small Business Saturday. Then, at Pleasant Pops, they purchased popsicles and visited with staff and patrons, also in recognition of Small Business Saturday.

#### November 29

In the morning, the President traveled to Paris, France, arriving in the evening. Then, he traveled to the Bataclan concert hall, arriving early the following morning.

#### November 30

In the morning, at the Bataclan concert hall in Paris, France, the President laid a rose at a memorial display for the victims of the November 13 terrorist attacks in Paris. He was joined by President François Hollande of France and Mayor Anne Hidalgo of Paris. Then, he traveled to the U.S. Ambassador's residence.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Le Bourget, France, where, in La Seine Plenary Hall at the Parc des Expositions, he participated in the opening ceremony of the U.N. Climate Change Conference. Then, at the Parc des Expositions, the President participated in a family photograph with leaders of countries participating in the U.N. Climate Change Conference.

In the afternoon, at the Parc des Expositions, he attended a lunch hosted by President François Hollande of France. Later, he returned to the U.S. Ambassador's residence in Paris.

During the day, at the Parc des Expositions, on the margins of the U.N. Climate Change Conference, the President met with President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin of Russia to discuss the situations in Syria and Ukraine. President Obama expressed his regret for the death of a crewmember in the downing of a Russian military aircraft by Turkey, reiterated U.S. support for the deescalation of tensions between Russia and Turkey, and stressed the need for President Bashar al-Asad of Syria to leave power and the imperative of focusing military efforts against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization. President Obama also emphasized the importance of working towards a diplomatic solution to the crisis in eastern Ukraine and noted that if the Minsk agreement is fully implemented, international and U.S. sanctions against Russia can be rolled back.

In the evening, the President traveled to Paris, where, at L'Ambroisie restaurant, he attended a working dinner with President Hollande. Later, he returned to the U.S. Ambassador's residence, where he remained overnight.

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The President announced that he has nominated Steven N. Berk and Elizabeth Carroll Wingo to be judges on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

December 1

In the morning, the President traveled to Issy-les-Moulineaux, France, where at the OECD Development Centre, he met with U.S. Embassy personnel and their families.

In the afternoon, at the OECD Development Centre, he participated in a family photograph with President Anote Tong of Kiribati, President Christopher Jorebon Loeak of the Marshall Islands, Prime Minister Peter Paire O'Neill of Papua New Guinea, Prime Minister Kenny Anthony of Saint Lucia, and Prime Minister Freundel Stuart of Barbados. Later, also at the OECD Development Centre, he participated in a television interview with Laurence Haim of France's CANAL+ATELE television network.

Later in the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

December 2

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Biden had lunch. Later, he was briefed by Homeland Security and Counterterrorism Adviser Lisa O. Monaco on the shootings at the Inland Regional Center in San Bernardino, CA. Then, in the Roosevelt and Cabinet Rooms, he participated in an interview with Norah O'Donnell of CBS News for later broadcast.

December 3

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Cabinet Room, he met with a bipartisan group of Senators and Representatives to discuss criminal justice reform legislation. Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch, Deputy Attorney General Sally Quillian Yates, Senior Adviser Valerie B. Jarrett, White House Counsel W. Neil Eggleston, Domestic Policy Council Director Cecilia Muñoz, and Cabinet Secretary Broderick D. Johnson also attended. Prior to the meeting, Federal Bureau of Investigation Director James B. Comey, Jr., briefed the group on the December 2 shootings at the Inland Regional Center in San Bernardino, CA.

Also in the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Mayor R. Carey Davis of San Bernardino, CA, to discuss the shootings in San Bernardino.

In the afternoon, in the East Room, the President met with departing White House interns and participated in a question-and-answer session.

The President announced his intention to nominate Marcela Escobari to be Assistant Administrator for Latin America and the Caribbean at the U.S. Agency for International Development.

The President announced his intention to nominate Charlotte Power Kessler and Esperanza Spalding to be members of the National Council on the Arts.

The President announced that he has appointed Tom A. Bernstein as Chairperson of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council.

The President announced that he has appointed Allan M. Holt as Vice Chairperson of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council.

December 4

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Then, also in the Oval office, he had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister David W.D. Cameron of

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the United Kingdom to discuss the British Parliament's decision to authorize airstrikes against Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization targets in Syria and United Kingdom-U.S. counterterrorism cooperation. The President also accepted the Prime Minister's condolences for the loss of life in the December 2 shootings at the Inland Regional Center in San Bernardino, CA. Also in the morning, the President was briefed on the shootings in San Bernardino.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with former Rep. Gabrielle D. Giffords and her husband Mark E. Kelly to discuss ways to reduce gun violence. Senior Adviser Valerie B. Jarrett also attended.

#### December 5

In the morning, in the Situation Room, the President received an update from Federal Bureau of Investigation Director James B. Comey, Jr., Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch, Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh C. Johnson, and members of his national security team on the ongoing investigation into the December 2 shootings at the Inland Regional Center in San Bernardino, CA, potential evidence of radicalization on the part of suspected perpetrators Tashfeen Malik and Syed Rizwan Farook, and the FBPs efforts to coordinate with State and local law enforcement to pursue every angle of the inquiry. Vice President Joe Biden participated via video teleconference.

Also during the day, the President had a telephone conversation with President François Hollande of France to discuss the horrific shootings in San Bernardino, CA, accept President Hollande's condolences for the loss of life in the attack, update President Hollande on the latest details of the investigation, and pledge continued France-U.S. cooperation in the fight against terrorism. They also discussed negotiations underway at the U.N. Climate Conference in Paris, France.

The White House announced that the President will no longer attend the 2015 Kennedy Center Honors Gala at the Kennedy Center at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts on December 6.

The White House announced that the President will address the Nation on the shootings in San Bernardino, CA, operations to combat the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization, and ongoing efforts to counter terrorist threats at home and abroad on December 6.

The White House announced that the President will attend 2015 Kennedy Center Honors Gala at the Kennedy Center at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts following his Oval Office address to the Nation on December 6.

#### December 6

In the evening, at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, the President and , Mrs. Obama attended the 2015 Kennedy Center Honors Gala.

#### December 7

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing. Then, in the Cabinet Room, he met with the Ambassadors to the United Nations of the 15 current U.N. Security Council members along with those of the 5 countries whose 2-year elected terms on the Council begin in January 2016 to discuss efforts to promote peace and security of people around the world including strengthening human rights, reducing the impact of infectious diseases, and combating international terrorism. U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations Samantha Power and National Security Adviser Susan E. Rice also attended.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President had lunch with former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton. Then, in the Oval Office, he recorded an interview with comedian Jerry Seinfeld of the online series "Comedians in Cars Getting Coffee" for later broadcast.

Later, he had a telephone conversation with President Dilma Vana Rousseff of Brazil to discuss ongoing progress in the U.N. Climate Change Conference in Paris, France, and their joint commitment to reach an

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ambitious climate change agreement.

In the evening, on the State Floor, the President and , Mrs. Obama hosted the Congressional Ball.

#### December 8

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Narendra Modi of India to discuss the ongoing U.N. Climate Change Conference in Paris, France, and emphasize their joint interest in securing a strong climate change agreement. The President accepted the Prime Minister's condolences for the loss of life in the December 2 terrorist attack San Bernardino, CA.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with Secretary of Defense Ashton B. Carter. Later, at the Jefferson, Washington, DC hotel, he attended a Democratic National Committee roundtable fundraiser.

#### December 9

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the Inauguration of Mauricio Maori as President of Argentina in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on December 10: Anthony R. Foxx (head of delegation); Noah Mamet; and Roberta S. Jacobson.

The White House announced that the President will deliver remarks and sign the Every Student Succeeds Act on December 10.

#### December 10

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President François Hollande of France to discuss the status of the ongoing negotiations at the U.N. Climate Change Conference in Paris, France, and underscore their firm commitment to reaching an ambitious and durable climate change agreement. President Obama also thanked President Hollande for deploying the aircraft carrier Charles de Gaulle to the Persian Gulf to undertake naval strike operations to counter the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization.

In the evening, the President had a telephone conversation with President Xi Jinping to discuss coordinated efforts at the ongoing U.N. Climate Change Conference in Paris, France, and their joint commitment to achieving an ambitious climate agreement.

The President announced his intention to nominate Andrew Mayock to be Deputy Director for Management at the Office of Management and Budget.

The President announced his intention to nominate Edith Ramirez to be a Commissioner and Chair of the Federal Trade Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate Alan J. Kreczko and James R. White to be members of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint John F. Kirby as Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs at the Department of State.

#### December 11

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Biden had lunch.

The White House announced that the President will deliver remarks during a naturalization ceremony at the

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National Archives and Records Administration on December 15.

December 13

In the evening, the President had a telephone conversation with President Xi Jinping of China to his express appreciation for the important role China played in securing an historic climate agreement at the U.N. Climate Change Conference in Paris, France, on December 12 and review the contributions made by their joint announcement of climate targets in November 2014, their joint statement on climate in September 2015, and pledge the close coordination of their negotiating teams in Paris toward securing the agreement.

December 14

In the morning, the President traveled to Arlington, VA, where in Meeting Room 869 at the Pentagon, he had a meeting with the National Security Council to discuss the campaign to counter the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization. Vice President Joe Biden also attended.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC. Also in the afternoon, he released a Facebook post commemorating the third anniversary of the shootings at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, CT, on December 14, 2012.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with President François Hollande of France to thank and congratulate him and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Development Laurent Fabius for their leadership in achieving the historic multilateral agreement reached at the U.N. Climate Change Conference in Paris, France, on December 12 and discuss joint efforts toward implementation of the agreement. He also had a telephone conversation with President Dilma Vana Rousseff of Brazil to thank and congratulate her and Minister of the Environment Izabella Teixeira for the successful Paris agreement and Brazil's important role in achieving a comprehensive climate implementation plan.

Also during the day, the President had a telephone conversation with U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki-moon to thank him for his leadership in achieving the historic U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change agreement in Paris, France, on December 12, underscore their joint commitment to implement the agreement, and discuss the deteriorating situation in Burundi and the urgent need to begin internationally mediated dialogue.

December 15

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had lunch. Later, in the Roosevelt Room, he participated in an off-the-record interview with several news columnists, including David Ignatius of the Washington Post.

During the day, the President was informed of the decision by Los Angeles Unified School District to close all public schools for the day in response to a bomb threat received by members of the Los Angeles Board of Education.

December 16

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Then, he had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Narendra Modi of India to thank him for his vision and leadership in achieving the historic climate agreement at the U.N. Climate Change Conference in Paris, France, on December 12, underscore the importance of implementing the agreement, including through the Mission Innovation initiative, and discuss close and strong India-U.S. cooperation on a range of issues.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with former Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg of New York City to discuss efforts to prevent gun violence and thank Mayor Bloomberg for his leadership as U.N. Special Envoy for Cities and Climate in helping to achieve the historic U.N. Framework Convention on Climate

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Change agreement in Paris, France, on December 12. White House Senior Adviser Valerie B. Jarrett also attended. Later, also in the Oval Office, he and Vice President Biden met with Secretary of State John F. Kerry.

The White House announced that the President will travel to San Bernardino, CA, en route to Honolulu, HI, on December 18

The President announced his intention to appoint Marie Greene as a member of the Arctic Research Commission.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Panel of Arbitrators of the International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes: Joan Donoghue; Paolo Di Rosa; David Huebner; Rosemary Barkett; Lucinda A. Low; and Pedro Martinez-Fraga.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the U.S. Advisory Council on Human Trafficking: Evelyn Chumbow; Harold d'Souza; Minh Dang; Tina Frundt; Ima Matul Maisaroh; Ronny Marty; Florencia Molina; Bukola Love Oriola; Suamhirs Piraino-Guzman; Sheila White; and Shandra Woworuntu.

The President announced that he has nominated Paul L. Abrams to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California.

The President announced that he has nominated Suzanne Mitchell and Scott L. Palk to be judges on the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma.

The President announced that he has nominated Ronald G. Russell to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the District of Utah.

#### December 17

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to McLean, VA, where in Room OP200 of the National Counterterrorism Center, he received a briefing from his national security team. Vice President Biden also attended.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC. Later, in the Cabinet Room, he recorded an interview with Steve Inskeep of NPR's "Morning Edition" program for later broadcast.

The White House announced further details on the President and , Mrs. Obama's visit to San Bernardino, CA, on December 18.

The White House announced that the President and the First Family will travel to Honolulu, HI, on December 18.

The President announced his intention to nominate Michael O. Johanns to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Millennium Challenge Corporation.

The President announced intention to nominate Adam H. Sterling to be Ambassador to Slovakia.

The President announced intention to nominate Morton H. Halperin to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Millennium Challenge Corporation.

The President announced intention to nominate Dain Borges, Thavolia Glymph, and Deborah Wong to be members of the National Council on the Humanities.

#### December 18

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

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In the afternoon, in the Diplomatic Reception Room, the President participated in a photographic opportunity with Gold Star families who were at the White House attending a private screening of "Star Wars." Later, he, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Malia and Sasha traveled to San Bernardino, CA, arriving in the evening.

During the day, the President made separate telephone calls to Speaker of the House of Representatives Paul D. Ryan, House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi, Senate Majority Leader A. Mitchell McConnell, and Senate Minority Leader Harry M. Reid to congratulate them on the passage of the omnibus spending bill, H.R. 2029. He also signed into law H.R. 2029, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016.

Also during the day, the President had a telephone conversation with President Recep Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey to discuss the current dispute between Turkey and Iraq over recent Turkish military action in northern Iraq, efforts to deescalate tensions, the need for Turkey to respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Iraq, and the importance of continued diplomatic efforts between the United States, Turkey, and Iraq to coordinate military efforts against Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization as well as work toward a broader resolution of the situation in Syria.

Also during the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Crown Prince Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan of Abu Dhabi, Deputy Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces of the United Arab Emirates, to express appreciation for the United Arab Emirates' commitment to an expanded role in international efforts to destroy the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization, international diplomatic efforts to resolve the situation in Syria, and the urgent need for all parties in Yemen to adhere to the negotiated cease-fire and engage the U.N.-facilitated peace talks as an opportunity to advance a deescalation of the fighting.

In the evening, the President and , Mrs. Obama traveled to Indian Springs High School, where in the library, they visited privately with the families of 14 victims of the terrorist attack at the Inland Regional Center in San Bernardino on December 2. Then, also at Indian Springs High School, in the Resource Room, he met with local first responders and law enforcement professionals, including individuals who responded to the incident. Later, they and their daughters Malia and Sasha traveled to Honolulu, HI, arriving the following morning.

#### December 19

In the morning, upon arrival at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam in Honolulu, HI, the President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Malia and Sasha traveled to their vacation residence in Kailua, HI.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Marine Corps Base Hawaii in Kaneohe Bay, HI. Later, he returned to his vacation residence in Kailua, where he remained overnight.

During the day, the President had an intelligence briefing.

#### December 20

In the morning, the President and , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Malia and Sasha traveled to the Hawaii Nature Center in Honolulu, HI.

In the afternoon, the President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Malia and Sasha traveled to their vacation residence in Kailua, HI.

During the day, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the evening, the President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Malia and Sasha traveled to Honolulu. Later, they returned to their vacation residence in Kailua, where they remained overnight.

#### December 21

In the morning, the President traveled to Marine Corps Base Hawaii in Kaneohe Bay, HI. Later, he returned

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to his vacation residence in Kailua, HI.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to the Mid Pacific Country Club. Later, he returned to his vacation residence in Kailua, where he remained overnight.

During the day, the President had an intelligence briefing.

December 22

In the morning, the President traveled to Marine Corps Base Hawaii in Kaneohe Bay, HI. Then, he returned to his vacation residence in Kailua, HI. Later, he and , Mrs. Obama traveled to Koko Head District Park in Honolulu, HI. Then, they returned to their vacation residence in Kailua, where they remained overnight.

During the day, the President had an intelligence briefing.

December 23

In the morning, the President traveled to Marine Corps Base Hawaii in Kaneohe Bay, HI. Then, he returned to his vacation residence in Kailua, HI. Later, he traveled to Kapolei, HI.

During the day, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the evening, the President returned to his vacation residence in Kailua, where he remained overnight.

The President declared a major disaster in Idaho and ordered Federal aid to supplement State, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the area affected by a severe storm and straight-line winds on November 17.

December 24

In the morning, the President traveled to Marine Corps Base Hawaii in Kaneohe Bay, HI. Then, he returned to his vacation residence in Kailua, HI. Later, he and his daughters Malia and Sasha traveled to the Judd Memorial Trail, part of the Honolulu Mauka Trail System in Honolulu, HI.

In the afternoon, the President and his daughters Malia and Sasha traveled to Bellows Air Force Station in Waimanalo, HI. Later, they returned to their vacation residence in Kailua.

During the day, the President had an intelligence briefing.

During the day, the President had separate telephone conversations with deployed U.S. servicemembers from each branch of the Armed Forces to thank them for their service and dedication.

In the evening, the President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Malia and Sasha traveled to Honolulu. Later, they returned to their vacation residence in Kailua, where they remained overnight.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the Inauguration of Roch Marc Christian Kaboré as President of Burkina Faso in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, on December 29: Linda Thomas-Greenfield (head of delegation); Tulinabo S. Mushingi; and David M. Rodriguez.

December 25

In the afternoon, the President and , Mrs. Obama traveled to Marine Corps Base Hawaii in Kaneohe Bay, HI, where they visited with U.S. servicemembers and their families.

During the day, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the evening, the President and , Mrs. Obama returned to their vacation in Kailua, HI, where they remained overnight.

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December 26

In the afternoon, the President traveled Marine Corps Base Hawaii in Kaneohe Bay, HI. Later, he returned to his vacation residence in Kailua, HI, where he remained overnight.

December 27

In the morning, the President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Malia and Sasha and Malia traveled to Bellows Air Force Station in Waimanalo, HI.

In the afternoon, the President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Malia and Sasha traveled to Kailua, HI, where at Island Snow, they purchased shave ice and greeted customers and staff. Then, they returned to their vacation residence in Kailua. Later, they traveled to Honolulu, HI, arriving in the evening.

During the day, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the evening, the President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Malia and Sasha returned to their vacation residence in Kailua, where they remained overnight.

December 28

In the morning, the President traveled Marine Corps Base Hawaii in Kaneohe Bay, HI. Then, he returned to his vacation residence in Kailua, HI, where he received an update on the progress made by Iraq's security forces against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization in Ramadi, Iraq. Also in the morning, he had a telephone conversation with Gov. Gregory W. Abbott of Texas to receive an update on the severe winter storms in Texas, offer Federal assistance for recovery efforts, and express his and , Mrs. Obama's condolences for the loss of life due to the severe weather that affected the area from December 24 through December 27. Later, he traveled to the Mid Pacific Country Club.

In the afternoon, the President returned to his vacation residence in Kailua.

During the day, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the evening, the President and , Mrs. Obama traveled to Honolulu, HI. Later, they returned to their vacation residence in Kailua, where they remained overnight.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Justin P.J. Trudeau of Canada on March 10, 2016.

December 29

In the morning, the President traveled Marine Corps Base Hawaii in Kaneohe Bay, HI. Then, he returned to his vacation residence in Kailua, HI.

In the afternoon, the President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Malia and Sasha traveled to Hanauma Bay, HI. Later, they returned to their vacation residence in Kailua, where they remained overnight.

During the day, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Juan Manuel Santos Calderon of Colombia on February 4, 2016.

The President declared a major disaster in Oklahoma and ordered Federal aid to supplement State, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the areas affected by severe winter storms and flooding from November 27 through 29.

December 30

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In the morning, the President traveled Marine Corps Base Hawaii in Kaneohe Bay, HI. Then, he returned to his vacation residence in Kailua, HI. Also in the morning, he had a telephone conversation with Gov. Jeremiah W. "Jay" Nixon of Missouri to receive an update on the State's response to severe weather, offer Federal support and assistance, and express his and , Mrs. Obama's condolences for the loss of life due to major flooding.

In the afternoon, the President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Malia and Sasha traveled to Mokuleia, HI.

During the day, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the evening, the President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Malia and Sasha returned to their vacation residence in Kailua, where they remained overnight. The White House announced that the President will travel to Hannover, Germany, in late April.

#### December 31

In the morning, the President traveled Marine Corps Base Hawaii in Kaneohe Bay, HI. Then, he returned to his vacation residence in Kailua, HI. Later, he traveled to Honolulu, HI.

In the afternoon, the President returned to his vacation residence in Kailua, HI, arriving in the evening, where he remained overnight.

During the day, the President had an intelligence briefing.

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Communications : News media : Presidential interviews; Communications : News media, Presidential interviews; Communications : News media, Presidential interviews ; Communications Commission, Federal; Community Development Advisory Board; Community Service, Corporation for National and; Congo : Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Rwanda insurgent group; Congo, Democratic Republic of the : Adoptions by U.S. families; Congo, Democratic Republic of the : Democracy efforts; Congo, Democratic Republic of the : President; Congress : Congressional Baseball Game; Congress : Congressional Black Caucus; Congress : Friends of Ireland; Congress : House of Representatives : House Democratic Caucus; Congress : House of Representatives : Minority leader; Congress : House of Representatives : New Democrat Coalition; Congress : House of Representatives : Speaker; Congress : Members, meeting with President; Congress : Members, meetings with President; Congress : Senate : Majority leader; Congress : Senate : Minority leader; Congress : Senate : Senate Democratic Caucus; Congressional Ball; Connecticut : 2012 shootings in Newtown; Connecticut : Disaster assistance; Connecticut : President's visit; Cote d'Ivoire : President; Croatia : President; Croatia, U.S. Ambassador; Cuba : Human rights issues; Cuba : President; Cuba : Relations with U.S.; Cyprus, U.S. Ambassador; d.light; Deaths : Abdallah bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud, King of Saudi Arabia; Deaths : Biden, Joseph R. "Beau," Jr.; Deaths : Cuomo, Mario M.; Deaths : Kim Young-sam, former President of South Korea; Deaths : Lee Kuan Yew, former Prime Minister of Singapore; Deaths : Lo Porto, Giovanni; Deaths : Pinckney, Clementa C.; Deaths : Schmidt, Helmut, former Chancellor of Germany; Deaths : Weinstein, Warren; Deaths : Yukawa, Harana; Decorations, medals, and awards : 2014 Enrico Fermi Award; Decorations, medals, and awards : Congressional Gold Medal; Decorations, medals, and awards : Mathematics and Science Teaching, Presidential Award for Excellence in; Decorations, medals, and awards : Medal of Honor; Decorations, medals, and awards : National Humanities Medal; Decorations, medals, and awards : National Medal of Arts; Decorations, medals, and awards : Presidential Medal of Freedom; Decorations, medals, and awards : Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Mentoring, Presidential Awards for; Decorations, medals, and awards : Teachers of the Year, National and State; Defense and national security : Electronic surveillance program; Defense and national security : Intelligence personnel, meeting with President; Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board; Defense, Department of : Assistant Secretaries : Manpower and Reserve Affairs; Defense, Department of : Assistant Secretaries : Research and Engineering; Defense, Department of : Deputy Chief Management Officer; Defense, Department of : Energy, Installations, and Environment, Assistant Secretary for; Defense, Department of : General Counsel; Defense, Department of : Intelligence, Under Secretary for; Defense, Department of : Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, AK; Defense, Department of : Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, VA; Defense, Department of : Legislative Affairs, Assistant Secretary for; Defense, Department of : Secretary; Defense, Department of : Under Secretaries : Comptroller; Defense, Department of : Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness for; Defense, Department of : Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, MD; Delaware : President's visit; Democratic Party : Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee; Democratic Party : Democratic National Committee; Democratic Party : Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee; Democratic Party : House Democratic Issues Conference; Democratic Party : Senate Democratic Issues Conference; Denmark : Prime Minister; Denmark : Terrorist attacks in Copenhagen; Development banks and funds : Asian Development Bank; Development banks and funds : European Bank for Reconstruction and Development; Development banks and funds : North American Development Bank; Development, U.S. Agency for International; Disaster assistance : Alaska; Disaster assistance : Arkansas; Disaster assistance : California; Disaster assistance : Colorado; Disaster assistance : Connecticut; Disaster assistance : Georgia; Disaster assistance : Guam; Disaster assistance : Idaho; Disaster assistance : Iowa; Disaster assistance : Kansas; Disaster assistance : Kentucky; Disaster assistance : Louisiana; Disaster assistance : Maine; Disaster assistance : Massachusetts; Disaster assistance : Micronesia; Disaster assistance : Midwest floods; Disaster assistance : Mississippi; Disaster assistance : Missouri; Disaster assistance : New Hampshire; Disaster assistance : New Jersey; Disaster assistance : Northern Mariana Islands; Disaster assistance : Oglala Sioux Tribe; Disaster assistance : Oklahoma; Disaster assistance : Rhode Island; Disaster assistance : Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians; Disaster assistance : South Carolina; Disaster assistance : South Dakota; Disaster assistance : Tennessee; Disaster assistance : Texas; Disaster assistance : Vermont; Disaster assistance : Washington; Disaster assistance : West Virginia; Disaster assistance : Wyoming; District of Columbia : Adas Israel Congregation; District of Columbia : American University; District of Columbia : Democratic Party events; District of Columbia : Fiola restaurant; District of Columbia : Friendship Place homeless center; District of Columbia : Grand Hyatt Washington hotel; District of Columbia : Gridiron Club and Foundation; District of Columbia :

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Gyrocopter landing on U.S. Capitol West Front Lawn; District of Columbia : Howard University College of Medicine; District of Columbia : Hyatt Regency, Washington on Capitol Hill hotel; District of Columbia : Jefferson, Washington, DC hotel; District of Columbia : Lincoln Memorial; District of Columbia : Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial; District of Columbia : Metropolitan Club; District of Columbia : Nationals Park; District of Columbia : Pleasant Pops; District of Columbia : Renaissance Washington, DC Downtown Hotel; District of Columbia : St. Luke's Mission Center; District of Columbia : St. Regis Washington, D.C. hotel; District of Columbia : Teasm restaurant; District of Columbia : **Upshur Street Books**; District of Columbia : WJLA; Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières; Dominica, U.S. Ambassador; Drug abuse and trafficking : Addiction treatment and reduction efforts; Economic Report of the President; Economy, national : Strengthening efforts; Ecuador : U.S. Ambassador; Education : Postsecondary education : Affordability; Education : Postsecondary education : College Promise Advisory Board; Education : Science and math programs; Education : Standards and school accountability; Education Sciences, National Board for; Education, Department of : Legislative and Congressional Affairs, Assistant Secretary for; Education, Department of : Acting Secretary; Education, Department of : Secretary; Education, Department of : Under Secretary; Educational Excellence for African Americans, President's Advisory Commission on; Egypt : Crash of Russian Metrojet Flight 9268; Egypt : Human rights issues; Egypt : President; Egypt : U.S. assistance; El Salvador, U.S. Ambassador; Elections : 2016 Presidential and congressional elections; Emergency Board No. 248, Presidential; Emergency Board No. 249, Presidential; Energy : Alternative and renewable sources and technologies : Promotion efforts; Energy : Carbon dioxide emissions, reduction; Energy : Solar and wind energy; Energy, Department of : Assistant Secretaries : Nuclear Energy; Energy, Department of : Deputy Secretary; Energy, Department of : Energy Manager; Energy, Department of : Management and Performance, Under Secretary for; Energy, Department of : Science, Office of; Energy, Department of : Secretary; Environment : Air quality, improvement efforts; Environment : Climate change; Environment : United Nations Climate Change Conference; Environmental Cooperation, Public Advisory Committee of the Commission for; Environmental Protection Agency; Equatorial Guinea, U.S. Ambassador; Estonia, U.S. Ambassador; Ethiopia : "Lucy" fossil, viewing by President Obama; Ethiopia : Addis Ababa : African Union Headquarters; Ethiopia : Addis Ababa : National Palace; Ethiopia : Addis Ababa : Sheraton Addis hotel; Ethiopia : President; Ethiopia : President Obama's visit; Ethiopia : President's visit; Ethiopia : Prime Minister; Ethiopia : U.S. Embassy staff, meeting with President Obama; Europe : Europe : Middle Eastern and North African refugees, humanitarian situation; Europe : European Union : European Council President; Europe : European Union : Relations with U.S.; Europe : Financial markets : Stabilization efforts; Europe : Financial markets, unrest; Europe : Migrants and political refugees, influx; Europe : Security and Co-operation in Europe, Organization; Europe iEuropean Union : High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy; Everglades Restoration Initiatives; Export-Import Bank of the U.S.; Extra TV; Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, President's Advisory Council on; Federal LaborManagement Relations, National Council on; Fine Arts, U.S. Commission of; Florida : Democratic Party events; Florida : Everglades National Park in Homestead; Florida : Florida International University in Miami; Florida : Floridian National Golf Club in Palm City; Florida : Hilton Miami Downtown hotel in Miami; Florida : Miami : Hilton Miami Downtown hotel; Florida : Miami : National Hurricane Center; Florida : Miami : Shrine of Our Lady of Charity; Florida : President's visit; Florida : President's visits; Florida : WUSF in Tampa; Food and Agricultural Development, Board for International; Ford's Theatre; Foreign policy, U.S. : Civil and human rights, promotion efforts; Foreign policy, U.S. : Diplomatic security, strengthening efforts; Foreign policy, U.S. : Foreign Ambassadors, credentialing ceremony; Foreign policy, U.S. : Foreign diplomatic corps, White House reception; Forward.com; France : Ambassador to U.S.; France : Attempted shooting aboard Paris-bound train; France : CANAL+ATELE television network; France : Counterterrorism efforts, cooperation with U.S.; France : Crash of Germanwings Flight 4U9525 outside Digne-les-Bains; France : Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Development; France : OECD Development Centre in Issy-les-Moulineaux; France : Parc des Expositions in Le Bourget; France : Paris : Bataclan concert hall; France : Paris : L'Ambroisie restaurant; France : Paris : Terrorist attacks; France : Paris : U.S. Ambassador's residence; France : President; France : President Obama's visit; France : Relations with U.S.; France : Shooting aboard Paris-bound train; France : Syria, role; France : Terrorist attack in Saint-Quentin-Fallavier; France : Terrorist attacks in Paris; France : U.S. Embassy personnel, meeting with President; France iPresident; Gambia, the, U.S. Ambassador; General Services Administration; Georgia : Atlanta : Georgia Institute of Technology; Georgia : Atlanta : Hyatt Regency Atlanta hotel; Georgia : Atlanta : Manuel's Tavern; Georgia : Democratic Party event; Georgia : Disaster assistance; Georgia : President's visit; Georgia : WVEE in Atlanta; Georgia, Republic of : U.S.

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Ambassador; German : Chancellor; Germany : Chancellor; Germany : Former Chancellor, death; Germany : Former President, death; Germany : Krün City Hall in Krun; Germany : President; Germany : President Obama's visit; Germany : President Obama's visits; Germany : Ramstein Air Force Base; Germany : Schloss Elmau in Elmau; Ghana, U.S. Ambassador; Government organization and employees : Federal leave policies, modernization efforts; Great Lakes Fishery Commission; Greece : Economic reforms; Greece : Financial markets, unrest; Greece : Independence Day; Greece : Parliamentary elections; Greece : Prime Minister; Greece : Relations with U.S.; Greece : Sovereign debt assistance and economic reforms; Grenada, U.S. Ambassador; Guam, disaster assistance; Guinea, U.S. Ambassador; Haiti : International assistance; Haiti, U.S. Ambassador; Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation; Hawaii : Honouliuli National Monument; Hawaii : Island Snow in Kailua; Hawaii : President's visit; Hawaii : President's visits; Hawkins, Philip; Health and Human Services, Department of : Deputy Secretary; Health and Human Services, Department of : Food and Drugs Commissioner; Health and Human Services, Department of : Health, Assistant Secretary for; Health and Human Services, Department of : Medicare and Medicaid Services, Centers for; Health and Human Services, Department of : National Institutes of Health; Health and Human Services, Department of : Public Affairs, Assistant Secretary for; Health and Human Services, Department of : Secretary; Health and medical care : Exercise; Health and medical care : Health insurance exchanges; Health and medical care : Insurance coverage and access to providers; Health and medical care : Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; Historic Preservation, Advisory Council on; Holiday : Thanksgiving Day; Holidays and special observances : Cinco de Mayo; Holidays and special observances : Diwali; Holidays and special observances : Earth Day; Holidays and special observances : Easter; Holidays and special observances : Greek Independence Day; Holidays and special observances : Halloween; Holidays and special observances : Independence Day; Holidays and special observances : Martin Luther King, Jr., Day; Holidays and special observances : Memorial Day; Holidays and special observances : Mother's Day; Holidays and special observances : Passover; Holidays and special observances : Rosh Hashanah; Holidays and special observances : St. Patrick's Day; Holidays and special observances : Thanksgiving; Holidays and special observances iVeterans Day; Holocaust Memorial Council, U.S.; Holy See (Vatican City) : Pope; Homeland Security, Department of : Chief Medical Officer; Homeland Security, Department of : Emergency Management Agency, Federal; Homeland Security, Department of : Funding; Homeland Security, Department of : Health Affairs, Assistant Secretary for; Homeland Security, Department of : Legislative Affairs, Assistant Secretary for; Homeland Security, Department of : Operations Center, tour; Homeland Security, Department of : Secretary; Homeland Security, Department of : Transportation Security Administration; Housing : Discrimination, prevention efforts; Housing and Urban Development, Department of : Public Affairs, Assistant Secretary for; Huffington Post; Human Trafficking, U.S. Advisory Council on; Humanities, National Council on the; Idaho : Boise State University in Boise; Idaho : President's visit; Idaho, disaster assistance; Illinois : Chicago : McCormick Place conference center; Illinois : Chicago : PowerReviews headquarters; Illinois : Chicago : United Center; Illinois : Democratic Party events; Illinois : President's visit; Illinois : President's visits; Immigration and naturalization : Reform; India : Business leaders, meeting with President Obama; India : Congress Party leaders, meeting with President Obama; India : New Delhi : Hyderabad House; India : New Delhi : ITC Maurya, New Delhi hotel; India : New Delhi : Raj Ghat memorial to Mahatma Gandhi; India : New Delhi : Rajpath Saluting Base; India : New Delhi : Rashtrapati Bhavan Presidential palace; India : New Delhi : Siri Fort Auditorium; India : New Delhi : Taj Palace, New Delhi hotel; India : President; India : President Obama's visit; India : Prime Minister; India : Relations with U.S.; India : Republic Day; Indian Education, National Advisory Council on; Indiana : President's visits; Indonesia : President; Infrastructure Advisory Council, National; Intel Science Talent Search; Intellectual Disabilities, President's Committee for People with; Intelligence Advisory Board, President's; Intelligence, Office of the Director of National; Inter-American Foundation; Interior, Department of the : Browns Canyon National Monument, establishment; Interior, Department of the : Honouliuli National Monument, establishment; Interior, Department of the : Inspector General; Interior, Department of the : Park Service, National; Interior, Department of the : Policy, Management, and Budget, Assistant Secretary for; Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board; International Development, U.S. Agency for; International Religious Freedom, U.S. Commission on; Investment Disputes, Panel of Arbitrators of the International Centre for the Settlement of; Iowa : Disaster assistance; Iowa : President's visit; Iowa : State Library of Iowa in Des Moines; Iran : International diplomatic efforts; Iran : Nuclear program, Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action; Iran : Nuclear weapons development; Iran : U.S. citizen, detention; Iraq : Government accountability and transparency, strengthening efforts; Iraq : Iraqi military and security forces; Iraq : Islamic State of Iraq and

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Syria (ISIS) terrorist organization; Iraq : Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization; Iraq : Kurdistan Regional Government, President; Iraq : Political unrest and violence; Iraq : Prime Minister; Iraq : Reconciliation efforts; Iraq : Relations with Turkey; Ireland : Prime Minister; Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization; Israel : Channel 2 television network; Israel : Former Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, 20th anniversary of assassination; Israel : Haram Al-Sharif/Temple Mount in Jerusalem; Israel : President; Israel : Prime Minister; Israel : Relations with Palestinian Authority; Israel : Relations with U.S.; Israel : Security cooperation with U.S.; Italy : Counterterrorism efforts, cooperation with U.S.; Italy : Death of Italian aid worker in U.S. counterterrorism operation in Pakistan; Italy : Expo 2015 Milan in Milan; Raly : President; Raly : Prime Minister; Raly : Relations with U.S.; J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board; Jamaica : Kingston : Jamaica House; Jamaica : Kingston : Jamaica Pegasus hotel; Jamaica : Kingston : National Heroes' Park War Memorial; Jamaica : President Obama's visit; Jamaica : Prime Minister; Jamaica : U.S. Embassy staff, meeting with President Obama; Japan : Middle East, role; Japan : Prime Minister; Japan : Relations with U.S.; Japan : U.S. Ambassador; Japan : World War II reconciliation efforts; Jewish community leaders, meeting with President; Jewish leaders, meetings with President; Jordan : King; Jordan : Shootings at King Abdullah II Special Operations Training Center in Amman; Judiciary : Federal court nominations and confirmations; Judiciary : Supreme Court : Black v. Burwell; Judiciary : Supreme Court : Obergefell v. Hodges; Junior Achievement; Justice, Department of : Associate Attorney General; Justice, Department of : Attorney General; Justice, Department of : Bureau of Investigation, Federal; Justice, Department of : Bureau of Prisons, Federal; Justice, Department of : Deputy Attorney General; Justice, Department of : Tax Division, Assistant Attorney General for the; Justice, Department of : U.S. Attorneys; Justice, Department of : U.S. Solicitor General; Kansas : Fords Field Air National Guard Base in Topeka; Kansas : Lawrence : Anschutz Sports Pavilion; Kansas : Lawrence : Community Children's Center; Kansas : Lawrence : Holiday Inn; Kansas : President's visit; Kansas, disaster assistance; Kazakhstan : President; Kazakhstan : Relations with U.S.; Kazakhstan, President; Kentucky : Disaster assistance; Kentucky : Indatus ICIM Corp. in Louisville; Kentucky : President's visit; Kentucky, disaster assistance; Kenya : 1998 U.S. Embassy bombing survivors and families of victims, meeting with President Obama; Kenya : Nairobi : Villa Rosa Kempinski hotel; Kenya : Nairobi : Capital FM; Kenya : Nairobi : Kenyatta University; Kenya : Nairobi : Memorial Park; Kenya : Nairobi : Power Africa Innovation Fair; Kenya : Nairobi : Safaricom Indoor Arena; Kenya : Nairobi : State House; Kenya : Nairobi : United Nations Compound; Kenya : Nairobi : Villa Rosa Kempinski hotel; Kenya : President; Kenya : President Obama's visit; Kenya : President's visit; Kenya : Terrorist attack in Garissa; Kenya : Terrorist attacks; Kenya : U.S. Embassy staff, meeting with President Obama; Kiribati, President; Klamath River Compact Commission; Kosovo, U.S. Ambassador; Kuwait : Amir; Labor issues : Unions American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organization (AFL-CIO); Labor issues : Unions : United Auto Workers (UAW); Labor Relations Authority, Federal; Labor, Department of : Secretary; Labor, Department of : Veterans' Employment and Training, Assistant Secretary for; Law enforcement and crime : 21st-Century Policing, President's Task Force on; Law enforcement and crime : Criminal justice system, reform efforts; Law enforcement and crime : Formerly incarcerated individuals, meeting with President; Law enforcement and crime : Gun violence, prevention efforts; Law enforcement and crime : Law enforcement officers, service and dedication; Law enforcement and crime : Pardons and commutations; Law enforcement and crime : Parole and ex-convict reintegration programs, improvement efforts; Law enforcement and crime : State and community law enforcement agencies, Federal support; Legion, American : Girls Nation; Legion, American, Boys Nation; Legislation, enacted : Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2015; Legislation, enacted : Slain Officer Family Support Act of 2015; Liberia : President; Libya : Democracy efforts; Libya : Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization; Libya : Political unrest and violence; Libya : Reconciliation efforts; Libya : U.S. Ambassador; Libya : United Nations, role; Louisiana : Hurricane Katrina, damage and recovery efforts; Louisiana : New Orleans : Tremé neighborhood, tour and meeting with youth and residents; Louisiana : New Orleans : Willie Mae's Scotch House restaurant; Louisiana : President's visit; Louisiana : Shootings in Lafayette; Louisiana : WWL in New Orleans; Louisiana, disaster assistance; Luxembourg, U.S. Ambassador; Maine : Disaster assistance; Maine : WCSH in Portland; Malaysia : Kuala Lumpur : Ritz-Carlton, Kuala Lumpur hotel; Malaysia : Kuala Lumpur : Dignity for Children Foundation school and training center; Malaysia : Kuala Lumpur : Kuala Lumpur City Centre; Malaysia : Kuala Lumpur : Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre; Malaysia : Kuala Lumpur : Ritz-Carlton, Kuala Lumpur hotel; Malaysia : President Obama's visit; Malaysia : Taylor's University in Subang Jaya; Malaysia : U.S. Embassy staff, meeting with President Obama; Maldives, U.S. Ambassador; Mali : Terrorist attack in Bamako; Malta, U.S. Ambassador; Management and Budget, Office

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of; Marine Mammal Commission; Maritime Commission, Federal; Marshall Islands, President; Marshall Islands, U.S. Ambassador; Marshals Service, U.S.; Maryland : Baltimore : Civil unrest; Maryland : Bethesda : Mark O. Hatfield Clinical Research Center; Maryland : Bethesda : Walter Reed National Military Medical Center; Maryland : Fort Meade; Maryland : Governor; Maryland : Joint Base Andrews; Maryland : President's visit; Maryland : President's visits; Maryland : Running Brook Elementary School in Columbia; Maryland : Shooting at National Security Agency in Fort Meade; Maryland : Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda; Maryland : XFINITY Center in College Park; Massachusetts : Area Four restaurant in Cambridge; Massachusetts : Boston : Union Oyster House restaurant; Massachusetts : Democratic Party events; Massachusetts : Disaster assistance; Massachusetts : Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the U.S. Senate in Boston; Massachusetts : Farm Neck Golf Club in Oak Bluffs; Massachusetts : President's visit; Massachusetts : President's visits; Mediation Board, National; Merit Systems Protection Board; Mexico : Esperanza Azteca Youth Orchestra of Pueblo; Mexico : President; Mexico : Relations with U.S.; Mexico : U.S. Ambassador; Mibawa Suppliers Ltd.; Mic.com; Michigan : Ford Motor Co. Michigan Assembly Plant in Wayne; Michigan : Macomb Community College in Warren; Michigan : President's visit; Michigan : President's visits; Michigan : WXYZ in Detroit; Micronesia, disaster assistance; Micronesia, U.S. Ambassador; Middle East : Arab States of the Gulf, Cooperation Council for the (GCC) ; Middle East : Arab-Israeli conflict, peace process; Middle East : Gulf Cooperation Council; Middle East : Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC); Middle East : Gulf States, security cooperation with U.S.; Millennium Challenge Corporation; Mississippi River Commission; Mississippi, disaster assistance; Missouri : Disaster assistance; Missouri : Governor; Missouri : KMBC in Kansas City; Missouri : KMBZ in Kansas City; Missouri : Severe flooding, damage and recovery efforts; M-Kopa Solar; Mongolia, U.S. Ambassador; Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation; Mozambique, U.S. Ambassador; MSNBC, "Hardball With Chris Matthews" program; MSNBC, "Rundown With José Diaz-Balart" program; Museum and Library Services Board, National; Museum and Library Services, Institute of; Namibia : Independence, 25th anniversary; Namibia : President-elect; National Public Radio, "Marketplace" program; National Security Education Board; National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee, President's; Natural disasters : Hurricane Joaquin; Natural disasters : Micronesia, Typhoon Maysak; Natural disasters : Mid-Atlantic region, winter storm; Natural disasters : Nepal, earthquake; Natural disasters : Preparedness efforts; Natural disasters : Typhoon Dolphin; Natural disasters : Typhoon Soudelor; Natural disasters : Western States, wildfires; Natural disasters : Western States, wildfires; Navy, Department of : Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Assistant Secretary for; Navy, Department of the : U.S. Naval Observatory; Navy, Department of the : Under Secretary; NBC : "Nightly News With Lester Holt" program; NBC : "Running Wild With Bear Grylls" program; NBC : "Super Bowl XLIX Pre-Game Show"; NBC : "Today" program; Nepal : Earthquake, damage and recovery efforts; Nepal : Prime Minister; Nepal : U.S. assistance; Nepal, U.S. Ambassador; Netherlands, the : King; Netherlands, the : Queen; Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship; Nevada : Las Vegas : Westin Las Vegas Hotel, Casino, and Spa; Nevada : President's visit; New Hampshire, disaster assistance.; New Jersey : Camden : Law enforcement officers and youth, meeting with President; New Jersey : Disaster assistance; New Jersey : Integrity House in Newark; New Jersey : Newark : Integrity House; New Jersey : Newark : Rutgers University-Newark; New Jersey : President's visit; New Jersey : Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center in Camden; New York : Democratic party events; New York : Ed Sullivan Theater in New York City; New York : Former Governor, death; New York : Governor; New York : Humans of New York in New York City; New York : Mott Hall Bridges Academy in Brooklyn; New York : New York City : Gotham Hall; New York : New York City : Hilton Manhattan East hotel; New York : New York City : Lotte New York Palace hotel; New York : President's visit; New York : President's visits; New York Review of Books; New York Times; Nicaragua, U.S. Ambassador; Nigeria : Boko Haram terrorist organization; Nigeria : Political unrest and violence; Nigeria : President; Nigeria : President-elect; Nigeria : Presidential election; North Carolina : President's visits; North Dakota : WDAY in Fargo; Northern Border Regional Commission; Northern Mariana Islands, disaster assistance; Norway : Ambassador to the U.S.; Norway, U.S. Ambassador; NPR : "Marketplace" program; NPR, "Morning Edition"; NPR, "Morning Edition" program; Nuclear Regulatory Commission; Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board; Ohio : Cleveland State University in Cleveland; Ohio : Manufacturing Advocacy and Growth Network (MAGNET) in Cleveland; Ohio : President's visits; Ohio : WBNS in Columbus; Oklahoma : Disaster assistance; Oklahoma : Durant High School in Durant; Oklahoma : Federal Correctional Institution El Reno in El Reno; Oklahoma : Oklahoma City Downtown Hotel in Oklahoma City; Oklahoma : President's visit; Oklahoma : Severe storms, damage and recovery efforts; Oman : Sultan; Oman, Sultan; Oman, U.S. Ambassador; Oregon : Governor; Oregon : KGW

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in Portland; Oregon : President's visit; Oregon : Roseburg : Roseburg High School; Oregon : Roseburg : Shootings; Oregon : Roseburg : Umpqua Community College; Oregon: President's visit; Overseas Private Investment Corporation; Pacific Alliance; Pacific Halibut Commission, International; Pakistan : Counterterrorism efforts; Pakistan : Death of U.S. and Italian aid workers in U.S. counterterrorism operation; Pakistan : Prime Minister; Pakistan : Relations with Afghanistan; Pakistan : Relations with U.S.; Pakistan : U.S. Ambassador; Palestinian Authority and Palestinians : Relations with Israel; Panama : ATLAPA Convention Center in Panama City; Panama : Panama City : ATLAPA Convention Center; Panama : Panama City : Hotel Riu Plaza Panama ; Panama : Panama City : Miraflores Locks; Panama : Panama City : Panamá Viejo historic district; Panama : Panama City : Westin Playa Bonita Panama hotel; Panama : President Obama's visit; Panama : U.S. Embassy staff, meeting with President Obama; Papua New Guinea, Prime Minister; Papua New Guinea, U.S. Ambassador; Pennsylvania : Democratic Party event; Pennsylvania : President's visit; Pennsylvania : President's visits; Pennsylvania : Rittenhouse hotel in Philadelphia; Pennsylvania : WGAL in Harrisburg; Pennsylvania : WPVI in Philadelphia; Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation; Personnel Management, Office of; Peru iPresident; Pfoofy Power and Light Ltd.; Philippines : Manila : BRP Gregorio del Pilar, tour in Manila Harbor; Philippines : Manila : Philippine International Convention Center; Philippines : Manila : Sofitel Philippine Plaza Manila hotel; Philippines : President Obama's visit; Philippines : SM Mall of Asia Arena in Pasay; Philippines : U.S. Embassy staff and families, meeting with President Obama; Planned Parenthood; Poland : Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp, 70th anniversary of liberation; Poland : U.S. Ambassador; Potomac River Basin, Interstate Commission on the; Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, Commission for; Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, Commission for the; Presidency, U.S. : Former President Carter; Presidency, U.S. : State of the Union Address; President; President : Tunisia; Presidential Scholars, Commission on; Presidio Trust; Public Broadcasting, Corporation for; Public Diplomacy, U.S. Advisory Commission on; Public Interest Declassification Board; Public Radio, National; Qatar : Amir; Railroad Passenger Corporation, National (AMTRAK); Red River Compact Commission ; Religious leaders, meeting with President; Reserve System, Federal; Rhode Island : Disaster assistance; Rolling Stone magazine; Roman Catholic Church : Catholic Bishops, U.S. Conference of; Romania, U.S. Ambassador; Russia : Crash of Metrojet Flight 9268 over Egypt ; Russia : International and U.S. sanctions; Russia : International diplomatic efforts; Russia : International sanctions; Russia : President; Russia : Relations with Turkey; Russia : Relations with Ukraine; Russia : Turkey, downing of Russian military aircraft; Sabine River Compact Administration; Saint Lucia, Prime Minister; Salary Council, Federal; Saudi Arabia : Crown Prince; Saudi Arabia : Deputy Crown Prince; Saudi Arabia : Erga Palace in Wadi Hanifa; Saudi Arabia : King; Saudi Arabia : Minister of Defense; Saudi Arabia : Minister of Foreign Affairs; Saudi Arabia : President Obama's visit; Saudi Arabia : Relations with U.S.; Saudi Arabia : Riyadh King Khalid International Airport in Riyadh; Science and technology : White House Astronomy Night; Science and Technology, President's Council of Advisers on; Science Foundation, National; Science, President's Committee on the National Medal of; Securities and Exchange Commission, U.S.; Security Agency, National; Security Council, National; Serbia, U.S. Ambassador; Singapore : 50th National Day; Singapore : Elections; Singapore : Former Prime Minister, death; Singapore : Prime Minister; Singapore : Relations with U.S.; Slovakia, U.S. Ambassador; Small Business Administration; Smithsonian Institution : John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts; Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians, disaster assistance; Social Security Administration; Solar Sister; Solomon Islands, U.S. Ambassador; Somalia : Political unrest and violence; Somalia : U.S. Ambassador; South Africa : African Growth and Opportunity Act program, suspension of duty-free treatment of agricultural products; South Africa : President; South Carolina : Brookland Banquet and Conference Center in West Columbia; South Carolina : Charleston : Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston; South Carolina : Charleston : Shootings; South Carolina : Charleston : TD Arena at the College of Charleston; South Carolina : Disaster assistance; South Carolina : Governor; South Carolina : President's visit; South Carolina : Charleston : Shootings; South Dakota : KSFY in Sioux Falls; South Dakota : President's visit; South Dakota, disaster assistance; South Korea : Defense relationship with U.S.; South Korea : Former President, death; South Korea : MERs outbreak; South Korea : President; South Korea, U.S. Ambassador; Space program : Columbia Space Shuttle alumni, meeting with President; Space Station, International; Spain : King; Spain : Prime Minister; Spain : Queen; Special Counsel, Office of; Sports : Auto racing; Sports : Baseball; Sports : Basketball; Sports : FIFA World Cup; Sports : Football; Sports : Hockey; Sports : NCAA championship teams; Sports : Special Olympics World Games; Sports : Iditarod dog sledding; Sports : NCAA championship teams; Sports : Soccer; Sri Lanka : U.S. Ambassador; St. Kitts and Nevis, U.S. Ambassador; St. Lucia, U.S. Ambassador; St. Vincent and the

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Grenadines, U.S. Ambassador; State, Department of : Conflict and Stabilization Operations, Assistant Secretary for; State, Department of : Chemical Weapons, Organization for the Prohibition of; State, Department of : Energy Resources, Assistant Secretary for; State, Department of : Global Coalition To Counter ISIL, Special Presidential Envoy for the; State, Department of : Hostage Affairs, Special Presidential Envoy for; State, Department of : Political Affairs, Under Secretary for; State, Department of : Public Affairs, Assistant Secretary for; State, Department of : Secretary; State, Department of : Trafficking, Office to Monitor and Combat; StoryCorps; Subject : South Sudan : Political unrest and violence; Sudan : Minister of Foreign Affairs; Suriname, U.S. Ambassador; Swaziland, U.S. Ambassador; Sweden : Ambassador to the U.S.; Syria : Civil war and sectarian conflict; Syria : Civil war and sectarian violence; Syria : Democracy efforts; Syria : International diplomatic efforts; Syria : Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization; Syria : President; Syria : Refugees, humanitarian situation; Syria : U.S. and coalition airstrikes; Tajikistan, U.S. Ambassador; Tennessee : Disaster assistance; Tennessee : President's visit; Tennessee : President's visits; Tennessee : Shootings in Chattanooga; Tennessee : Techmer PM, LLC, in Clinton; Tennessee Valley Authority; Terrorism : Al Qaida terrorist group; Terrorism : Al Qaida terrorist organization; Terrorism : Counterterrorism efforts; Terrorism : Global threat; Terrorism : National Counterterrorism Center in McLean, VA; Terrorism : September 11, 2001, attacks; Texas : Disaster assistance; Texas : Flooding, damage and recovery efforts; Texas : Governor; Texas : KRLD in Dallas; Texas : KTVT in Dallas; Texas : KVIA in El Paso; Texas : President's visit; Texas : Shooting in Cypress; Texas : Shootings in Garland; Texas : Winter storms, damage and recovery efforts; Thailand, U.S. Ambassador; Togo, U.S. Ambassador; Trade Commission, Federal; Trade Policy and Negotiations, Advisory Committee for; Trans-Pacific Partnership; Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP); Transportation, Department of : Chief Financial Officer; Transportation, Department of : Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration; Transportation, Department of : Federal Railroad Administration; Transportation, Department of : Highway Administration, Federal; Transportation, Department of : Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration; Treasury : Secretary of the; Treasury, Department of the : Assistant Secretaries : Financial Institutions; Treasury, Department of the : Assistant Secretaries : Legislative Affairs; Treasury, Department of the : Assistant Secretaries : Public Affairs; Treasury, Department of the : Mint, Director; Treasury, Department of the : Secretary; Treasury, Department of the : Under Secretaries : Terrorism and Financial Crimes; Tunisia : Counterterrorism efforts, cooperation with U.S.; Tunisia : Democracy efforts; Tunisia : Economic growth and development; Tunisia : Elections; Tunisia : President; 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## **Obama's winter vacation reading list: Heavy on the dark fiction; Out of four books, three are novels.**

**BYLINE:** Juliet Eilperin

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HONOLULU -- President Obama is spending his winter vacation in sunny Hawaii. His reading list while he's there skews a bit darker.

Four books, three of them novels, have made the presidential reading list just before 2015 becomes history. They include *The Whites*, by Richard Price; *Purity*, by Jonathan Franzen (purchased a few weeks ago at D.C.'s [Upshur Street Books](#)); *The Three Body Problem*, by Liu Cixin and *The Wright Brothers*, by David McCullough.

Franzen is a long-time favorite of the president - his book "Freedom" made Obama's summer 2010 list during the First Family's vacation in Martha's Vineyard that year. And for a fan of "The Wire," it's not surprising that Obama selected noir writer Price's most recent work.

*The Three Body Problem* is a translation from the original Chinese science fiction novel that has won critical acclaim in the United States. Since it focuses on a young astrophysicist who suffers during the Chinese Revolution, it seems unlikely that this particular reading recommendation came up during Obama's discussions with President Xi Jinping during this fall's state visit. But it could make for an interesting conversation starter during Obama's visit to China next fall.

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## From beard oil to Marion Barry tributes, five homegrown D.C. gift ideas

**BYLINE:** Perry Stein

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It's the eleventh hour. Christmas is Friday. Your gift will likely arrive late anyway, so you need to make sure it's an extra good belated one.

Here are a few gift ideas for that friend or family member who loves D.C., but keeps putting off getting that D.C. flag tattoo for another year.

### 1) Marion Barry print

Why not give the gift of a print of Mayor-For-Life Marion Barry's iconic words when the FBI busted him smoking crack at a hotel in D.C.? It's got a bit of edge, while showing your commitment to civics and D.C. history.

You can honor the late Barry by purchasing this \$15 print at Craftgasm, a local D.C. crafts business that sells stationery, prints and more. Buy it on Etsy, or at artist Melissa Esposito's brick-and-mortar store, Analog, in Brookland.

### 2) D.C. beard oil

In 2015, D.C.'s legion of bearded men seemed to have multiplied. This could be the best year yet to gift some locally sourced beard oil and mustache wax. District Devil - selling "herbal-based" products "handmade in D.C." - has these products available for less than \$20.

District Devil Beard Oil, which has an "earthy, masculine scent" and supports the beard and the skin beneath it, costs \$17 for a 1-ounce bottle dropper or \$11 for a half-ounce bottle. The mustache wax, which can help "train and tame your 'stache," can be yours for \$10. Buy it online, or you can purchase it in person at Barber of Hell's Bottom, at the corner of Ninth and Rhode Island NW in Shaw.

### 3) Booze

Want to get tipsy at home while still feeling like you're supporting the local economy? Then D.C.-made alcohol is the item for you or your loved one.

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There are plenty of distilleries in city bounds, including One Eight Distilling, Green Hat gin and Don Ciccio & Figli. That's in addition to all the local beers brewed here in the District, including DC Brau Brewing Company, Atlas Brew Works and 3 Stars Brewing Company. You can pick up bottles at your local liquor store, or, for an educational outing, visit the breweries themselves.

#### 4) Coasters

If you put your booze in a cup, then you may need a coaster to go along with it. Typecase Industries, a D.C.-based design and letterpress print shop, sells sets of D.C.-themed coasters for \$5. They also sell similarly themed greetings cards. Purchase the items online [here](#).

#### 5) D.C. books and posters

If President Obama was able to find something to buy there, it seems a fitting enough place to purchase a thoughtful gift.

**Upshur Street Books**, an independent bookstore in Petworth, highlights the work of local authors past and present. You can purchase kid-friendly guides of D.C., intended for both locals and tourists, or go for one of the preeminent books on D.C. history, "Dream City," which follows the rise and fall - and rise again - of Barry. The store at 827 Upshur Street NW also sells posters of colorful street grids of D.C. neighborhoods made by Cherry Blossom Creative and screen prints by Anthony Dihle of recognizable D.C. streets, each for \$20.

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The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this Compilation.

January 1

In the morning, the President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Sasha and Malia traveled to Hanauma Bay, HI.

In the afternoon, the President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Sasha and Malia traveled to Kailua, HI, where at Island Snow, they purchased shave ice and greeted customers and staff. Later, they returned to their vacation residence.

In the evening, the President and , Mrs. Obama traveled to Honolulu, HI. Later, they returned to their vacation residence in Kailua.

Also in the evening, the President had a telephone conversation with Governor , Andrew M. Cuomo to extend his and the First Lady's condolences on the passing of the Governor's father, former Governor Mario M. Cuomo of New York.

January 2

In the morning, the President traveled Marine Corps Base Hawaii in Kaneohe Bay, HI. Then, he returned to his vacation residence in Kailua, HI. Later, he traveled to Marine Corps Base Hawaii in Kaneohe Bay.

Also in the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Senate Majority Leader Harry M. Reid to wish him a full and speedy recovery from injuries sustained while exercising.

In the afternoon, the President returned to his vacation residence in Kailua.

In the evening, the President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Sasha and Malia traveled to Honolulu, HI. Later, they returned to their vacation residence in Kailua.

The White House announced that the President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Sasha and Malia will return to Washington, DC, on January 3.

January 3

In the morning, the President traveled to Bellows Air Force Station in Waimanalo, HI.

In the afternoon, the President returned to his vacation residence in Kailua, HI. Later, he and his daughters Sasha and Malia traveled to the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu. Then, they stopped to visit the President's sister Maya Soetoro-Ng at her home. Later, they traveled to Kailua, where they visited musician Eddie Vedder and his family at their home. Then, they returned to their vacation residence.

In the evening, the President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Sasha and Malia returned to Washington, DC, arriving the following morning.

January 5

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

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In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Biden had lunch. Later, in the Roosevelt Room, he met with his senior advisers.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with President Giorgio Napolitano of Italy to thank him for his leadership and commitment to Italy-U.S. relations, commend him for his dedication to the European Union and U.S.-EU cooperation, and discuss the economic situation in Europe. He also had a telephone conversation with President Beji Caid Essebsi of Tunisia to congratulate him on his election victory under Tunisia's new constitution, commend Tunisians for their transition to democracy, reiterate U.S. commitment to assist Tunisian efforts to strengthen national security and increase economic opportunity, and invite President Caid Essebsi to the White House.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Wayne, MI, on January 7.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Phoenix, AZ, on January 7.

#### January 6

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Cabinet Room, the President had a working lunch with President Enrique Peña Nieto. Later, in the Oval Office, he and Vice President Joe Biden met with Secretary of Defense Charles T. Hagel.

The White House announced that the President, Vice President Joe Biden, and his wife Jill T. Biden will travel to Knoxville, TN, and Clinton, TN, on January 9.

The President announced his intention to nominate Allan R. Landon to be a Governor on the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

#### January 7

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. He also received a briefing on the attack carried out by two gunmen against the Charlie Hebdo newspaper staff in Paris.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Wayne, MI. While en route aboard Air Force One, the President had a telephone conversation with President François Hollande of France to offer his condolences for the loss of life, express solidarity with the French people, and offer assistance in the aftermath of the terrorist attack in Paris.

Upon arrival in Wayne, the President toured the Ford Motor Company Michigan Assembly Plant with Executive Chairman William C. Ford, Jr., Chief Executive Officer Mark Fields, Plant Manager Phillip Calhoun, and employee Mia Dew. He also greeted U.S. military veteran Ramone Davis, who served in Iraq and Afghanistan and works at the assembly plant. Later, he traveled to Phoenix, AZ, arriving in the evening.

In the evening, upon arrival in Phoenix, the President traveled to Pointe Hilton Squaw Peak Resort, where he remained overnight.

The White House announced that the President will welcome the 2014 National Basketball Association Champion San Antonio Spurs to the White House on January 12.

The President declared a major disaster in Mississippi and ordered Federal aid to supplement State, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and tornadoes on December 23, 2014.

#### January 8

In the morning, the President traveled to Nueva Villas at Beverly, a single-family housing development owned by the local nonprofit Chicanos Por La Causa, Inc., where he greeted residents. Then, he traveled to

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Central High School, where he met with former Rep. Gabrielle D. Giffords and her husband Mark E. Kelly to commemorate the fourth anniversary of the Tucson shootings.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had a telephone conversation with Sen. Barbara Boxer to discuss her decision not to seek reelection and thank her for years of service in both Chambers of Congress. He also had a teleconference call with his national security team to receive a briefing on terror threats and an update on the ongoing investigation into the terrorist attack against the Charlie Hebdo newspaper staff in Paris.

Then, he visited the French Embassy, where he signed a condolence book for the victims of the attack in Paris and observed a moment of silence with France's Ambassador to the U.S. Gerard Araud.

The President announced his intention to nominate Patricia Cahill to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

The President announced his intention to nominate Walter Hood and Diane Rodriguez to be members of the National Council on the Arts.

The President announced his intention to nominate Kristen Kulinowski to be a member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board.

The President announced his intention to nominate Kristen Sarri to be Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management, and Budget at the Department of the Interior.

The President announced his intention to appoint Brian E. Argrett as a member of the Community Development Advisory Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint Barbara B. Franklin and Edward F. Hartfield as members of the Federal Service Impasses Panel at the Federal Labor Relations Authority.

The President announced his intention to appoint William H. Leary as a member of the Public Interest Declassification Board.

#### January 9

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing. He also received an update on the ongoing investigation into the terrorist attack against the Charlie Hebdo newspaper staff in Paris. Later, he traveled to Knoxville, TN, arriving in the afternoon.

While en route aboard Air Force One, the President met with Sens. A. Lamar Alexander, Jr., and Robert P. Corker, Rep. John J. Duncan, Jr., Under Secretary of Education Theodore Mitchell, and Deputy Director of the Domestic Policy Council James Kvaal.

In the afternoon, the President and Vice President Joe Biden traveled to Clinton, TN, where they toured the Techmer PM, LLC, production facility with Chairman and Chief Executive Officer John R. Manuck. Later, he returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

During the day, the President had a conversation with Homeland Security and Counterterrorism Adviser Lisa O. Monaco to discuss the ongoing investigation into the terrorist attack against the Charlie Hebdo newspaper staff in Paris.

The President announced his intention to appoint David S. Cohen as Deputy Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

The President announced his intention to appoint John H. Hankinson as Federal Representative of the U.S. to the Sabine River Compact Administration.

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January 10

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister David Cameron of the United Kingdom on January 15 and 16.

January 12

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel to discuss the status of P-5-plus-1 negotiations aimed at preventing Iran's acquisition of a nuclear weapon and underscore U.S. commitment to Israel's security.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Cedar Falls, IA, on, January 14.

January 13

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had lunch. Later, he traveled to Arlington, VA. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

In the evening, the President had a telephone conversation with Head Coach Urban Meyer of the Ohio State University football team to congratulate him on his team's first-ever National Championship.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the Inauguration of Juan Evo Morales Ayma as President of Bolivia in La Paz, Bolivia on January 21: Tomasz P. Malinowski (head of delegation); Peter M. Brennan; and Alejandra Y. Castillo.

January 14

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organization (AFL-CIO) President Richard L. Trumka and United Auto Workers (UAW) President Dennis Williams. Later, he traveled to Cedar Falls, IA.

Later in the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

January 15

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President signed a memorandum on modernizing Federal leave policies for childbirth, adoption, and foster care. Later, he had a telephone conversation with Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany to discuss international financial assistance for Ukraine and the situation in eastern Ukraine.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Baltimore, MD. Later, he traveled to the Hilton Baltimore hotel, where he attended the Senate Democratic Issues Conference.

Later in the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

In the evening, in the Blue Room, the President had a working dinner with Prime Minister David Cameron of the United Kingdom.

January 16

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Later, also in the Oval Office, they had a meeting with Prime Minister David Cameron of the United Kingdom.

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In the afternoon, in the Family Theater, the President hosted a screening of the film "Selma" for cast and crewmembers.

January 17

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp in Oswięcim, Poland, on January 27: Jacob J. Lew (head of delegation); Stephen D. Mull; Crystal Nix-Hines; David Saperstein; Charles A. Kupchan; Nicholas Dean; Aviva Sufian; Israel Arbeiter; Irene Weiss; and David Harris.

January 18

The White House announce that the President will travel to Boise, ID, on January 21.

January 19

In the afternoon, at the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Washington, the President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughter Malia participated in a service project to promote voluntarism on Martin Luther King, Jr., Day. White House Senior Adviser Valerie B. Jarrett, Cabinet Secretary Broderick Johnson, and Corporation for National and Community Service Chief Executive Officer Wendy Spencer also attended.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Lawrence, KS, on January 21.

January 20

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with Denver, CO, resident Carolyn Reed, St. Anthony, MN, resident Rebekah Erler, Kansas City, MO, resident Victor L. Fugate, Jr., Woodland Hills, CA, resident Katrice Mubiru, who had written letters to the President and will join , Mrs. Obama and Jill T. Biden as guests for the State of the Union Address.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with President François Hollande of France to discuss the ongoing investigations into the January 7-8 terrorist attacks in Paris, the situation in eastern Ukraine and continued international sanctions against Russia, efforts to support elections in Nigeria and counter Boko Haram terrorist organization, ongoing negotiations to prevent Iran's acquisition of a nuclear weapon, and recent developments in Israeli-Palestinian relations.

January 21

In the morning, the President traveled to Boise, ID, arriving in the afternoon.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Boise State University, where he toured the facilities of the New Product Development Lab with College of Engineering Dean Amy J. Moll. Then, he met with Naghmeh Abedini, wife of Saeed Abedini, a U.S. pastor imprisoned by the Iranian Government, and their children Jacob and Rebekka. Later, he traveled to Topeka, KS, arriving in the evening.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with President Nursultan Nazarbayev of Kazakhstan to discuss their shared interest in seeking a resolution to the situation in eastern Ukraine and Kazakhstan-U.S. relations.

In the evening, the President traveled to the Holiday Inn in Lawrence, KS, where he remained overnight.

January 22

In the morning, the President traveled to the Community Children's Center, where he toured a classroom and

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visited with teachers, staff, and students. Then, he traveled to the Anschutz Sports Pavilion at the University of Kansas, where he met with Bill Self, head coach of the men's basketball team, and members of the team.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Topeka, KS, where prior to departure from Forbes Field Air National Guard Base, he visited with Lt. Col. Douglas Pratt, USAF, a retiring Chief Presidential Flight Support officer, and his children Brennan and Lindsay. Then, he returned to Washington, DC.

Later in the afternoon, in the East Room, the President participated in separate live interviews with YouTube hosts Hank Green, GloZell Green, and Bethany Mota.

During the day, the President received regular updates on the situation in Yemen and the security of U.S. Embassy and civilian staff there.

The President announced his intention to nominate Stan Meiburg to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

The President announced his intention to nominate Stuart F. Delery to be Associate Attorney General.

The President announced his intention to nominate Rich Julius to be a member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint Joseph P. Riley, Jr. as a member of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

The President announced his intention to appoint Tiffany Dena Loftin as a member of the President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for African Americans.

The President announced his intention to appoint Jim W. Balsiger as a U.S. Commissioner on the International Pacific Halibut Commission.

The President announced his intention to appoint Gordon "Jeff" Fassett as the Federal Commissioner on the Red River Compact Commission.

The President announced his intention to appoint Mark Scarano as an Alternate Federal Cochairperson of the Northern Border Regional Commission.

January 23

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

January 24

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and , Mrs. Obama traveled to Ramstein Air Base, Germany, arriving in the evening. En route aboard Air Force One, he had a telephone conversation with King Salman bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia to express his condolences for the death of King Abdallah bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud and discuss his plan to visit Saudi Arabia on January 27 and offer condolences on behalf of the United States.

In the evening, the President and , Mrs. Obama traveled to New Delhi, India, arriving the following morning.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, on January 27.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the Inauguration of Edgar Lungu as President of Zambia in Lusaka, Zambia, on January 25: Sarah Sewall (head the delegation); Eric T. Schultz; and Deborah L. Bix.

January 25

In the afternoon, the President traveled to the Rashtrapati Bhavan Presidential palace, where he participated in an official arrival ceremony with President Pranab Mukherjee of India. Then, he traveled to the Raj Ghat memorial to Mahatma Gandhi, where he participated in a wreath-laying ceremony and tree planting. Later, he traveled to the Hyderabad House, where he and Prime Minister Narendra Modi of India had a working lunch.

Later in the afternoon, also at the Hyderabad House, the President and Prime Minister Modi participated in a walk and talk and had tea. Then, also at the Hyderabad House, they had an expanded bilateral meeting.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Shinzo Abe to offer his condolences for the murder of Japanese citizen Haruna Yukawa by members of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant terrorist organization in Syria, convey his appreciation for Japan's contributions of humanitarian assistance to the Middle East region, and discuss Japan-U.S. relations.

In the evening, the President and , Mrs. Obama traveled to the Rashtrapati Bhavan Presidential palace, where they viewed a cultural performance. Later, they traveled to the ITC Maurya, New Delhi hotel, where they remained overnight.

#### January 26

In the morning, the President and , Mrs. Obama traveled to Rajpath Saluting Base, where they viewed a parade in commemoration of India's Republic Day. Also in the morning, he received a briefing on the winter storm heading into the Mid-Atlantic region of the U.S.

In the afternoon, the President and , Mrs. Obama returned to the ITC Maurya hotel. Later, at the ITC Maurya, New Delhi hotel, he met with Congress Party leaders.

Later in the afternoon, the President and , Mrs. Obama traveled to the Rashtrapati Bhavan Presidential palace, where, in the Mughal Gardens, they attended a reception hosted by President Pranab Mukherjee of India. Later, they returned to the ITC Maurya, New Delhi hotel. Later, he traveled to the Taj Palace, New Delhi hotel, where he participated in a roundtable discussion with chief executive officers of Indian and U.S. businesses and government leaders.

In the evening, the President returned to the ITC Maurya. New Delhi hotel.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Philadelphia, PA, to attend the House Democratic Issues Conference on January 29.

#### January 27

In the morning, the President traveled to the Siri Fort Auditorium, where he met with 2014 Nobel Prize winner Kailash Satyarthi, children's rights advocate and founder of Bachpan Bachao Andolan, and other social justice advocates. Later, he and , Mrs. Obama returned to the ITC Maurya hotel, arriving in the afternoon.

In the afternoon, the President taped an interview with Fareed Zakaria of CNN's "Fareed Zakaria GPS" program for later broadcast. Later, he and , Mrs. Obama traveled to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, where they were greeted at Riyadh King Khalid International Airport by King Salman bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia and other Saudi officials.

Later in the afternoon, the President and , Mrs. Obama traveled to the Erga Palace in Wadi Hanifa, where they had dinner with King Salman bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany to discuss the situation in eastern Ukraine, Russia's support for the separatists and failure to fulfill its commitment under the Minsk agreement, and the importance of continued international financial assistance for Ukraine.

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In the evening, the President and , Mrs. Obama traveled to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, where they were greeted at Riyadh King Khalid International Airport by Crown Prince Muqrin bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud, Deputy Crown Prince Muhammad bin Nayif bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud, and Governor of Riyadh Province Turki bin Abdallah Al Saud of Saudi Arabia. Then, they traveled to Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

Later in the evening, the President and , Mrs. Obama returned to Washington, DC, arriving the following morning.

The President announced the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to offer condolences to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia on the death of the King Abdallah bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, on January 27: , Barack Obama (head of delegation); Joseph W. Westphal; John F. Kerry; John S. McCain III; Mark R. Warner; Nancy Pelosi; Eliot L. Engel; Ami Bera; Joseph Crowley; Valerie B. Jarrett; Susan E. Rice; John D. Podesta; Anita Decker Breckenridge; Christina M. Tchen; Jennifer M. Palmieri; Benjamin J. Rhodes; Lisa O. Monaco; Joshua R. Earnest; Chase Cushman; Peter A. Selfridge; John O. Brennan; Melissa Winter; Lloyd J. Austin III; James A. Baker III; Condoleezza Rice; Brian Deese; Brent Scowcroft; Samuel R. "Sandy" Berger; Stephen J. Hadley; and Frances Fragos Townsend.

The President declared a major disaster for the Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians and ordered Federal aid to supplement the Tribe's efforts in the area affected by severe storms, flooding, and mudslides from December 4 through 6, 2014.

January 28

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, VA. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras of Greece to congratulate him on his recent election victory and discuss continued economic reforms in Greece and Greece-U.S. relations.

January 29

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Biden met with Secretary of State John F. Kerry. Later, he traveled to Philadelphia, PA, arriving in the evening.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The White House announced that the President will welcome the 2014 National Hockey League Champion Los Angeles Kings and the 2014 Major League Soccer Cup Champion LA Galaxy to honor the teams on February 2.

January 30

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with members of the Social and Behavioral Sciences Team of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

January 31

In the afternoon, at the home of Vernon E. Jordan, Jr., the President and White House Senior Adviser Valerie B. Jarrett attended the Alfalfa Club luncheon.

February 1

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In the afternoon, in the White House Kitchen, the President participated in a live interview with Savannah Guthrie for NBC's "Super Bowl XLIX Pre-Game Show" program. Then, in the Map Room, he taped a second interview with Ms. Guthrie for NBC's "Today" program for later broadcast.

February 2

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Later, at the Department of Homeland Security, he toured the Operations Center with Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh C. Johnson and Operations and Planning Director Richard M. Chávez, and greeted staff.

In the afternoon, the President returned to the White House. Then, in the Private Dining Room, he and Vice President Biden had lunch.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany on February 9.

February 3

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the evening, in the Oval Office, the President, Vice President Biden, and Secretary of State John F. Kerry met with King Abdullah II of Jordan to discuss the execution of Jordanian pilot Moaz al-Kasasbeh by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Indianapolis, IN, on February 6.

The President declared a major disaster in Vermont and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area affected by a severe winter storm from December 9 through 12, 2014.

February 4

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Roosevelt Room, the President met with 14 American Muslim leaders to discuss domestic, national security, and foreign policy issues.

In the evening, on the State Floor, the President hosted a reception for new Members of Congress.

The President announced that he has nominated Eileen Maura Decker to be U.S. attorney for the Central District of California.

The President announced that he has nominated John W. Huber to be U.S. attorney for the District of Utah.

The President announced that he has nominated Waverly D. Crenshaw, Jr., to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee.

The President announced that he has nominated Lawrence J. Vilardo to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the Western District of New York.

February 5

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President met with Nadia Lopez, principal, and Vidal Chastanet, student, of Mott Hall Bridges Academy, and photographer Brandon Stanton of Humans of New York. Then, also in the Oval Office, he had an intelligence briefing.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Head Coach William S. Belichick of the National Football League's New England Patriots to congratulate him on his team's victory in Super Bowl XLIX.

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The President announced his intention to appoint Tony Scott as Federal Chief Information Officer and Administrator of the Office of Electronic Government at the Office of Management and Budget.

The President announced his intention to appoint Ajay Banga as a member of the Advisory Committee for Trade Policy and Negotiations.

The President announced his intention to appoint Frankie M. Freeman and Ross Romero as members of the Commission on Presidential Scholars.

The President announced his intention to appoint Chrysten Lambert as Federal representative of the Klamath River Compact Commission.

The President announced his intention to appoint Earl W. Stafford as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

#### February 6

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Indianapolis, IN.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

#### February 9

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden met with Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany.

In the afternoon, in the Cabinet Room, the President and Vice President Biden had a working lunch with Chancellor Merkel.

The White House announced that the President will travel to San Francisco, CA, on February 12.

#### February 10

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Cabinet Room, the President and Vice President Biden met with members of the Congressional Black Caucus to discuss the national economy, criminal justice reform, and U.S. participation in international trade negotiations and agreements. Later, in the Map Room, he participated in an interview with Ben Smith of BuzzFeed News.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with President Petro Poroshenko of Ukraine to discuss the situation in eastern Ukraine and express his support for the recent cease-fire and peace negotiations. He also had a telephone conversation with President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin of Russia to discuss the situation in eastern Ukraine, reiterate U.S. support for Ukrainian sovereignty and territorial integrity, and emphasize the importance of President Putin seizing the opportunity presented by peace talks with France, Germany, and Ukraine. He also had a telephone conversation with President Xi Jinping of China to discuss China-U.S. relations.

The President announced his designation of John Emerson as a member of the Presidential delegation to attend the funeral services of former President Richard von Weizsacker of Germany in Berlin, Germany, on February 11.

#### February 11

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Roosevelt Room, he met with private sector and foundation leaders to thank them for their

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support in working to contain the Ebola epidemic in West Africa and emphasize the need to improve detection and prevention efforts going forward.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had lunch. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with Secretary of Defense, Charles T. Hagel.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Palm Springs, CA, on February 14.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the Inauguration of Kolinda Grabar-Kitarovic as President of Croatia in Zagreb, Croatia, on February 15: Elizabeth Sherwood-Randall (head of delegation); Kenneth H. Merten; Hoyt B. Yee; and Capricia Penavic Marshall.

The President announced his intention to nominate Sarah E. Mendelson to be U.S. Representative to the United Nations Economic and Social Council of the United Nations with the rank of Ambassador.

The President announced his intention to appoint Peter J. Beshar as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

The President announced his intention to appoint Kathryn Brinsfield as Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs and Chief Medical Officer at the Department of Homeland Security.

The President announced his intention to appoint Allen Croff as a member of the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint Todd McCracken as a member of the Advisory Committee for Trade Policy and Negotiations.

#### February 12

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to San Francisco, CA. Then, he traveled to the Fairmont San Francisco hotel, where he remained overnight.

During the day the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Mohammad Nawaz Sharif of Pakistan to commend Pakistan's counterterrorism activities and progress in improving relations with Afghanistan and discuss joint efforts to achieve stability in the region and Pakistan-U.S. relations.

#### February 13

In the morning, the President traveled to Stanford, CA.

In the afternoon, in the Memorial Auditorium at Stanford University, the President participated in a panel discussion with business leaders. Then, also in the Memorial

Auditorium, he participated in a roundtable discussion with Stanford students. Later, he traveled to San Francisco, CA.

In the evening, the President returned to the Fairmont San Francisco hotel, where he remained overnight.

#### February 14

In the morning, the President traveled to the Sunnylands Estate in Rancho Mirage, CA. En route aboard Air Force One, he had separate telephone conversations with Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany and President Petro Poroshenko of Ukraine to discuss the ongoing violence in eastern Ukraine, the cease-fire scheduled to begin at midnight, and the importance of implementing protocols of the Minsk agreement.

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In the evening, the President traveled to a private residence in Thunderbird Heights, where he remained overnight.

February 15

In the morning, the President traveled to Rancho Mirage, CA.

In the evening, the President returned to a private residence in Thunderbird Heights, where he remained overnight.

The White House announced that the President will return to Washington, DC, on February 16.

February 16

In the morning, the President traveled to the Porcupine Creek Golf Course.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Helle Thorning-Schmidt of Denmark to offer his condolences for the deaths of two Danish citizens and the injuries of several others in the February 14 terrorist attacks in Copenhagen, discuss the importance of confronting attacks on freedom of expression and acts of anti-Semitic violence, and welcome Denmark's participation in the upcoming White House Summit on Countering Violent Extremism.

February 17

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

During the day, in the Oval Office, the President met with Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Mathews Burwell to receive an update on enrollment in health insurance exchanges under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Later, also in the Oval Office, he visited with outgoing U.S. Agency for International Development Rajiv D. Shah and his family.

Also during the day, the President had a telephone conversation with President Sergio Mattarella of Italy to congratulate him on his recent election victory and discuss Italy-U.S. relations.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Chicago, IL, on February 19.

February 18

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with Senate Minority Leader Harry M. Reid. Later, also in the Oval Office, he met with Secretary of the Treasury Jacob J. Lew.

February 19

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President signed the proclamation establishing the Browns Canyon National Monument. Later, he traveled to Chicago, IL, arriving in the afternoon.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to his Hyde Park-Kenwood residence, where he received an update on the progress of the Obama Foundation's plans for library siting from board member Martin Nesbitt.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

February 20

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, at the Hyatt Regency,

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Washington on Capitol Hill hotel, he attended a Democratic National Committee roundtable fundraiser.

During the day, in the Diplomatic Reception Room, the President and , Mrs. Obama recorded a video to commemorate the fifth anniversary of the "Let's Move!" initiative. Later, in the Roosevelt Room, he taped an StoryCorps interview with Noah McQueen, a mentee in the White House "My Brother's Keeper" initiative.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Amir Tamim bin Hamad al Thani of Qatar on February 24.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf of Liberia on February 27.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prince Charles of Wales and Duchess Camilla of Cornwall on March 19.

#### February 23

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Biden had lunch. Later, in the Oval Office, he participated in a credentialing ceremony for newly appointed Ambassadors to the U.S.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Miami, FL, on February 25.

#### February 24

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Biden met with State and local law enforcement officials to discuss efforts to build trust in communities and strengthen public safety. Later, in the Cabinet Room, he and Vice President Biden met with Members of Congress to discuss criminal justice reform.

During the day, the President participated in a signing ceremony for the proclamation establishing the Honouliuli National Monument.

The President announced his intention to nominate Katherine Simonds Dhanani to be Ambassador to Somalia.

The President announced his intention to nominate Amias Gerety to be Assistant Secretary for Financial Institutions at the Department of the Treasury.

The President announced his intention to nominate Cono R. Namorato to be Assistant Attorney General for the Tax Division, Department of Justice.

The President announced his intention to nominate Anne E. Wall to be Deputy Under Secretary for Legislative Affairs at the Department of the Treasury, and upon appointment, to be designated Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs.

The President announced his intention to appoint Laura DeBonis and Solomon B. Watson IV as members of the Public Interest Declassification Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint John W. Keker as a member of the Board of Directors of the Presidio Trust.

The President announced his intention to appoint Joan E. Silber as a member of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad.

## February 25

In the morning, in the Roosevelt Room, the President met with immigration advocacy leaders to provide an update on the administration's executive actions to reform the U.S. immigration system.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Miami, FL. Upon arrival, he traveled to Florida International University, where in the Graham Center, he taped a "Five Things" segment with José Díaz-Balart of MSNBC's "Rundown With José Díaz-Balart" program for later broadcast. Later, he returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening. En route aboard Air Force One, he had a telephone conversation with C. Douglas McMillon, president and chief executive officer of Walmart, to commend him on increasing wages for Walmart's employees.

## February 26

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Then, in the Dwight D. Eisenhower Executive Office Building, he met with African American faith and civil rights leaders to discuss issues facing their communities, including criminal justice, education, health care, and economic development.

In the afternoon, in the Roosevelt Room, the President participated in separate "Live From the White House" interviews with local television anchors from Kerstin Kealy of WDAY in Fargo, ND, Kris Ketz of KMBC in Kansas City, MO, Laural Porter of KGW in Portland, OR, and Eric Johnson of KOMO in Seattle, WA, to discuss the importance of exports and trade to U.S. jobs.

The President announced that he has nominated Mary Barzee Flores to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida.

The President announced that he has nominated Julien X. Neals to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey.

## February 27

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Map Room, the President had lunch with participants in the "My Brother's Keeper" initiative's mentorship program.

In the evening, in the Oval Office, he met with Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh C. Johnson and Shaun L.S. Donovan, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and other senior advisers to discuss the impending deadline for funding the Department of Homeland Security. Then, he had separate telephone conversations with House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi and Senate Minority Leader Harry M. Reid to receive an update on efforts to ensure that the Department of Homeland Security does not shut down due to a lapse in funding.

The White House announced that the President will welcome European Council President Donald Tusk on March 9.

The White announced that the President will welcome President Ashraf Ghani Ahmadzai of Afghanistan on March 24.

## February 28

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the Inauguration of Tabaré Vázquez as President of Uruguay in Montevideo, Uruguay, on March 1: Krysta Harden (head of delegation); Bradley Freden; and Michele J. Sison.

## March 2

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In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Roosevelt Room, the President met with Technology CEO Council members Ursula M. Burns, Michael S. Dell, D. Mark Durcan, Steven M. Mollenkopf, Virginia M. Rometty, and Joseph M. Tucci.

### March 3

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Situation Room, he participated in a video conference with Prime Minister David Cameron of the United Kingdom, President François Hollande of France, Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany, Prime Minister Matteo Renzi of Italy, and European Council President Donald F. Tusk to discuss the situation in eastern Ukraine, Russia's support for the separatists, the need for greater cooperation with the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe and for strengthening its monitoring role, implementation and enforcement of the Minsk agreement, recent political reforms passed by Ukraine's Parliament, and the international commitment to financially assisting Ukraine. They also discussed the ongoing violence in Libya and how to counter ISIL's involvement and promote a political resolution to the conflict.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with his senior advisers.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Selma, AL, on March 7.

The President announced his intention to nominate John Conger to be Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller).

The President announced his intention to nominate Gregory T. Delawie to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kosovo.

The President announced his intention to nominate Peter Levine to be Deputy Chief Management Officer at the Department of Defense.

The President announced his intention to nominate Vanessa Allen Sutherland to be Chairperson and member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint Robert Teranishi as a member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences.

### March 4

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President met with White House Counsel W. Neil Eggleston to receive an update on the U.S. Supreme Court case *Black v. Burwell*.

In the afternoon, the President signed H.R. 240, the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2015.

In the evening, the President had a telephone conversation with U.S. Ambassador to South Korea Mark W. Lippert.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Enda Kenny of Ireland on March 17.

### March 5

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Biden had lunch. Later, in the Oval Office, he taped separate interviews with Thomas Joyner and Sybil Wilkes of the "Tom Joyner Morning

Show" and with Joseph E. Madison of the "Madison Show" for later broadcast.

March 6

In the morning, the President traveled to Columbia, SC, arriving in the afternoon.

In the afternoon, upon arrival, the President traveled to West Columbia, SC, where, at the Brookland Banquet and Conference Center, he greeted patrons. Then, he traveled to Columbia, SC.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Atlanta, GA, on March 10.

March 7

In the morning, the President, , Mrs. Obama, their daughters Sasha and Malia, and his mother-in-law Marian Robinson traveled to Selma, AL. While en route aboard Air Force One, he signed legislation to award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in "Bloody Sunday," "Turnaround Tuesday," or the final Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March in March of 1965.

In the afternoon, the President, , Mrs. Obama, their daughters Sasha and Malia, and former President George W. Bush and First Lady Laura Bush participated in a walk across the Edmund Pettus Bridge to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the "Bloody Sunday" civil rights march in Selma. Then, he, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Sasha and Malia toured the National Voting Rights Museum and Institute. Later, also at the Voting Rights Museum, he taped an interview with Bill Plante of CBS News for later broadcast. Later, he, , Mrs. Obama, their daughters Sasha and Malia, and his mother-in-law Marian Robinson returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

March 9

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

March 10

In the morning, the President traveled to Atlanta, GA, arriving in the afternoon.

In the afternoon, in the visitors' locker room of the McCamish Pavilion at the Georgia Institute of Technology, the President met with actor and comedian Tyler Perry. Then, also in the visitors' locker room, he met with Tara Lax, a special education teacher who had written him a letter about the rewards of working with children with special needs, and Georgia Tech student Tiffany Davis, who had written him a letter about her college loans. Later, he traveled to Manuel's Tavern, where he participated in a roundtable interview with high school and college students to discuss college affordability. Then, also at Manuel's Tavern, he participated in an interview with Shane Smith, cofounder of VICE News.

Later in the afternoon, the President traveled to the Hyatt Regency Atlanta hotel, where he attended a Democratic National Committee roundtable fundraiser.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Los Angeles, CA, on March 12.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Phoenix, AZ, on March 13.

The President announced his intention to nominate Edward L. Ayers to be a member of the National Council of the Humanities.

The President announced his intention to nominate David Hale to be Ambassador to Pakistan.

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The President announced his intention to nominate Kathryn Matthew to be Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

The President announced his intention to nominate Carol Fortine Ochoa to be Inspector General of the General Services Administration.

The President announced his intention to nominate Eric Satz to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

The President announced his intention to appoint Edward D. Dunson, Jr. as a member of the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts.

The President announced his intention to appoint Lisa Ling as a member of the President's Commission on White House Fellowships.

The President announced his intention to appoint Jose Rodriguez as a member of the Board of Directors of the Border Environment Cooperation Commission and the North American Development Bank.

The President announced his intention to appoint Eric D. Schwerin as a member of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad.

The President announced his intention to appoint Delia Haak as U.S. Commissioner of the Arkansas-Oklahoma Arkansas River Compact Commission.

The President announced his intention to appoint Joel West Williams as Alternate U.S. Commissioner of the Arkansas-Oklahoma Arkansas River Compact Commission.

#### March 11

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President joined a teleconference convened by Secretary of Education Arne Duncan with college newspaper editors to discuss the Student Aid Bill of Rights. Later, in the Grand Foyer, he met with 2015 Intel Science Talent Search student finalists.

The White House announced that the President will host a student film festival to showcase student ideas on the theme, "The Impact of Giving Back," on March 20.

#### March 12

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President met with Secretary of State John F. Kerry. Then, in the Situation Room, he had a video conference with President Ashraf Ahmadzai Ghani and Chief Executive Officer Abdullah Abdullah of Afghanistan to discuss the progress toward forming a national unity government, strengthening Afghan-U.S. relations, and improving security in Afghanistan.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Los Angeles, CA. Upon arrival, he traveled to Hollywood, CA, where, at ABC Studios, he taped an interview with Jimmy Kimmel of ABC's "Jimmy Kimmel Live" program.

In the evening, the President traveled to Santa Monica, CA, where, at a private residence, he attended a Democratic National Committee roundtable fundraiser. Later, he traveled to the InterContinental Los Angeles Century City hotel, where he remained overnight.

The President announced his intention to nominate Ian C. Kelly to be Ambassador to Republic of Georgia.

The President announced his intention to nominate Patricia M. Loui-Schmicker to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

The President announced his intention to appoint Brandon McBride as Administrator of the Rural Utilities

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Service at the Department of Agriculture.

The President announced his intention to appoint Loren Kieve and Princess Daazhraii Lucaj as members of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development.

The President declared a major disaster in Maine and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area affected by a severe winter storm, snowstorm, and flooding from January 26 through 28.

March 13

In the morning, the President traveled to Phoenix, AZ, where at the Carl T. Hayden Veterans Administration Medical Center, he participated in a roundtable discussion with Veterans Administration employees, veteran advocates and patients, and Members of Congress on the issues facing the Department of Veterans Affairs.

In the afternoon, at the Phoenix Veterans Administration Health Care System, the President met with Carl and Marsha Mueller, parents, and Eric Mueller, brother, of U.S. aid worker Kayla J. Mueller, who was killed by members of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization on February 6 in Syria. Then, he traveled to Gilbert, AZ. Later, he returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

March 14

In the evening, in the grand ballroom of the Renaissance Washington, DC Downtown Hotel, the President made remarks at the annual Gridiron Club dinner.

March 16

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President had a telephone conversation with Sen. Orrin G. Hatch to discuss legislation granting the President trade promotion authority. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with Boys and Girls Clubs of America President and Chief Executive Officer James L. Clark and organization members.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Cleveland, OH, on March 18.

March 17

In the afternoon, in the Rayburn Room at the U.S. Capitol, the President, Vice President Joe Biden, and Prime Minister Enda Kenny of Ireland attended the annual Friends of Ireland St. Patrick's Day luncheon. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with Secretary of Defense Ashton B. Carter.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Matteo Renzi of Italy to the White House on April 17.

The White House announced that the President will host the 2015 White House Science Fair on March 23.

March 18

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had a telephone conversation with Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany to discuss the situation in Ukraine and economic reforms in Greece. Then, he traveled to Cleveland, OH, arriving in the afternoon.

In the afternoon, at Cleveland State University, the President toured a Manufacturing Advocacy and Growth Network (MAGNET) innovation center with Vice President for Client Services and Marketing Ethan Karp and met with officials and employees of participating companies. Later, he returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

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The White House announced that the President will travel to Jamaica and Panama from April 8 through 11.

The President announced his intention to nominate Douglas J. Kramer to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

The President announced his intention to nominate David J. Shulkin to be Under Secretary for Health at the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The President announced his intention to nominate LaVerne Horton Council to be Assistant Secretary for Information and Technology at the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The President announced his intention to nominate Juan M. Garcia III to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower and Reserve Affairs at the Department of Defense.

The President announced his intention to nominate Andrew J. Read to be a member of the Marine Mammal Commission, and upon appointment, to designate him as Chairman.

The President announced his intention to nominate Stephen P. Welby to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering at the Department of Defense.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the National Commission on the Future of the Army: Larry R. Ellis; Kathleen H. Hicks; Thomas R. Lamont; and Jack C. Stultz.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Advisory Committee for Trade Policy and Negotiations: Chad Dickerson; Gary Hirshberg; and Dennis D. Williams.

#### March 19

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Then, also in the Oval Office, he signed an Executive order entitled "Planning for Federal Sustainability in the Next Decade." Later, at the Department of Energy, he toured a rooftop solar panel installation with Deputy Secretary of Energy Elizabeth Sherwood-Randall, Federal Environmental Executive Kate E. Brandt, and Energy Department Energy Manager Eric R. Haukdal.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with Charles, Prince of Wales, and his wife Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, of the United Kingdom. Vice President Biden also attended. Later, he had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel to congratulate him on his party's success in the recent parliamentary election and to discuss Israel-U.S. relations, the Arab-Israeli peace process, and ongoing diplomatic efforts to prevent Iran's development of nuclear weapons.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with President Beji Caid Essebsi of Tunisia to offer his condolences for the deaths and injuries caused by the March 18 terrorist attack at the National Bardo Museum in Tunis and to discuss Tunisia-U.S. counterterrorism and security cooperation.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to Namibia to attend the Inauguration of Hage Geingob as President and the commemoration of the 25th anniversary of Namibia's independence on March 21: Heather A. Higginbottom (head of delegation); Thomas F. Daughton; Karen R. Bass; Linda Thomas-Greenfield; and Deborah L. Bix.

#### March 20

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Later, also in the Oval Office, he had a telephone conversation with President François Hollande of France to discuss ongoing diplomatic efforts to prevent Iran's development of nuclear weapons and the situation in Ukraine.

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In the afternoon, in the Cabinet Room, the President participated in an interview with Sam Stein of the Huffington Post. Later, he attended a farewell party for White House Communications Director Jennifer M. Palmieri in her office.

March 21

In the morning, the President traveled to College Park, MD, where at the XFINITY Center, they attended a women's basketball game between Princeton University and University of Wisconsin-Green Bay with his brother-in-law Craig M. Robinson and other members of the Robinson family.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

March 23

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Later, on the State Floor, he viewed projects on exhibit for the White House Science Fair and visited with student participants.

In the afternoon, the President met with former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton.

In the evening, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong of Singapore to express his condolences on the death of founding Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew and discuss Singapore-U.S. relations.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Birmingham, AL, on March 26.

The White House announced that the annual White House Easter Egg Roll will take place on April 6.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi of Iraq on April 14.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Shinzo Abe of Japan on April 28.

March 24

In the morning, in the Cabinet Room, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an expanded bilateral meeting with President Ashraf Ghani Ahmadzai of Afghanistan. Chief Executive Officer Abdullah Abdullah and Minister of Foreign Affairs Salahuddin Rabbani of Afghanistan and National Security Adviser Susan E. Rice also attended. Later, in the Oval Office, he and Vice President Biden had a restricted bilateral meeting with President Ghani.

In the afternoon, in the Old Family Dining Room, the President and Vice President Biden had a working lunch with President Ghani. Later, in the Oval Office, he and Vice President Biden met with Secretary of State John F. Kerry.

During the day, the President had separate telephone conversations with Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany and Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy Brey of Spain to extend his condolences for the loss of life in the crash of Germanwings Flight 4U9525 in the French Alps and offer U.S. assistance in the crash investigation.

The President announced his intention to nominate Kathleen A. Doherty to be Ambassador to Cyprus.

The President announced his intention to nominate Hans G. Klemm to be Ambassador to Romania.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jeffrey Prieto to be General Counsel at the Department of Agriculture.

The President announced his intention to nominate Lucy Tamlyn to be Ambassador to Benin.

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The President announced his intention to appoint Wanda M. Austin as a member of the President's Council of Advisers on Science and Technology.

The President announced his intention to appoint Thomas O. Melius as a Commissioner of the U.S. Section of the Great Lakes Fishery Commission.

March 25

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Mathews Burwell.

During the day, in the Oval Office, the President met with members of the Boy Scouts of America.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Palm City, FL, on March 28.

The White House announced that the President and , Mrs. Obama will welcome His Holiness Pope Francis on September 23.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the state funeral service of former Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew of Singapore in Singapore on March 29: William J. Clinton (head of delegation); Kirk W.B. Wagar; Henry A. Kissinger; Steven Green; and Thomas E. Donilon.

The President declared a major disaster in New Hampshire and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area affected by the severe winter storm and snowstorm from January 26 through 28.

March 26

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Birmingham, AL. Later, he returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with President Recep Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey to discuss ongoing cooperation in combating the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant terrorist organization, common efforts to bring security and stability to Iraq and Syria, Turkey's humanitarian support of nearly 2 million refugees from Iraq and Syria, the situations in Yemen and Ukraine, and international diplomatic efforts to prevent Iran's development of a nuclear weapon.

Also during the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany to discuss the ongoing international diplomatic efforts to prevent Iran's development of a nuclear weapon.

The White House announced that the President, , Mrs. Obama, and Vice President Joe Biden will travel to Boston, MA, on March 30.

The President announced his intention to nominate Franklin R. Parker to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs.

The President announced his intention to nominate Atul Keshap to be Ambassador to Sri Lanka and Maldives.

The President announced his intention to nominate Julieta Valls Noyes to be Ambassador to Croatia.

The President announced his intention to nominate Alaina B. Teplitz to be Ambassador to Nepal.

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The President announced that he has nominated John M. Vazquez to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey.

The President announced that he has nominated Paula Xinis to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland.

March 27

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with Secretary of the Treasury Jacob J. Lew.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with King Salman bin Abdulaziz al-Saud of Saudi Arabia to discuss the situation in Yemen and Saudi Arabia-U.S. relations.

March 28

In the morning, the President traveled to the Floridian National Golf Club in Palm City, FL, arriving in the afternoon.

In the evening, at the Floridian National Golf Club, the President remained overnight in a guest cottage.

March 29

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

March 30

In the morning, the President and , Mrs. Obama traveled to Boston, MA, where, in rotating exhibit room 126 at the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate, they and Vice President Joe Biden met with members of the Kennedy family. The President and , Mrs. Obama also viewed a replica of the former Senator's office with his widow Victoria Reggie Kennedy. The President also greeted students in a replica of the Senate Chamber.

Also in the morning, the President was briefed on the shooting at the National Security Agency in Fort Meade, MD.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Cambridge, MA, where, at the Area Four restaurant in Kendall Square, the President attended a Democratic National Committee roundtable fundraiser. Then, he and , Mrs. Obama returned to Washington, DC.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Louisville, KY, on April 2.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Kenya in July.

March 31

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. He also received an update on the U.S. negotiating team's progress in Lausanne, Switzerland, as part of an international diplomatic effort to prevent Iran from developing a nuclear weapon.

Late in the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Biden met with Secretary of Defense Ashton B. Carter.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with President Joseph Kabila to discuss democratic elections in 2016, continued efforts to defeat the Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Rwanda insurgent group, and pending adoptions by U.S. families. He also had a telephone conversation with President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi of Egypt to discuss U.S. military assistance, the situations in Libya and

Yemen, and U.S. support for human rights in Egypt.

In the evening, the Situation Room, the President, Vice President Biden, and members of the President's national security team participated in a video conference with Secretary of State John F. Kerry, Secretary of Energy Ernest J. Moniz, and the U.S. negotiating team in Lausanne, Switzerland, to discuss international diplomatic efforts to prevent Iran from developing a nuclear weapon.

The President declared a major disaster in West Virginia and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area affected by a severe winter storm, flooding, landslides, and mudslides from March 3 through 6.

April 1

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Roosevelt Room, they met with senior advisers to discuss college affordability.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Biden had lunch.

During the day, the President signed H.R. 1527, the Slain Officer Family Support Act of 2015. He also met with White House Chief of Staff Denis R. McDonough and Director of Communications Jennifer R. Psaki.

Also during the day, the President had separate telephone conversations with President Goodluck Jonathan and President-elect Muhammadu Buhari of Nigeria to commend them for their leadership during the recent Presidential election and pledge continued U.S. support for efforts to defeat the Boko Haram terrorist organization.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Hill Air Force Base, UT, on April 2.

April 2

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Louisville, KY. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel to reaffirm U.S. commitment to Israel's security and discuss diplomatic efforts to prevent Iran's development of nuclear weapons. Upon arrival in Louisville, he traveled to the Indatus ICIM Corporation, where he toured the facilities with President Philip Hawkins and greeted employees.

Also in the afternoon, the President had a telephone conversation with Speaker of the House of Representatives John A. Boehner to discuss international diplomatic efforts to prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons.

During the day, in the Oval Office, the President met with Deputy National Security Adviser for Strategic Communications Benjamin J. Rhodes to prepare for his remarks on international diplomatic efforts to prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons.

Also during the day, the President had a telephone conversation with King Salman bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia to discuss the diplomatic efforts to prevent Iran from developing a nuclear weapon and reaffirm U.S. commitment to the security of its allies in the Persian Gulf region. He also had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister David Cameron of the United Kingdom, President François Hollande of France, and Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany to thank them for their cooperation and support of the diplomatic efforts to prevent Iran's development of nuclear weapons.

In the evening, the President traveled to Salt Lake City, UT. Upon arrival, he traveled to the Sheraton Salt Lake City Hotel, where he remained overnight. While en route in the Presidential limousine, he and Gov. Gary R. Herbert of Utah discussed extending State control over of federally managed public lands and other topics. Later, at the Sheraton Salt Lake City Hotel, in Room Wildcat, he met with Dieter F. Uchtdorf and

Henry B. Eyring, presidents of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and other church representatives to discuss immigration reform and the church's longstanding commitment to public service and relief work.

The President declared a major disaster in Tennessee and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area affected by a severe winter storm and flooding from February 15 through 22.

April 3

In the morning, the President traveled to Hill Air Force Base, UT, where he participated in a roundtable discussion on clean energy and toured an array of solar panels with Ronald E. Jolly, Sr., deputy commander of maintenance, Ogden Air Logistics Complex. Later, the President returned to Washington, DC, arriving late in the afternoon.

In the afternoon, while en route aboard Air Force One, he had a telephone conversation with President Uhuru Kenyatta of Kenya to offer his and , Mrs. Obama's condolences for the loss of life caused by the April 2 terrorist attack at Garissa University College in Garissa, Kenya.

Also aboard Air Force One, he had separate telephone conversations with King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa of Bahrain, Amir Sabah al-Ahmad al-Jabir al-Sabah of Kuwait, Amir Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani of Qatar, Crown Prince Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan of Abu Dhabi to discuss international diplomatic efforts to prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons and reaffirm U.S. commitment to the security of its allies in the Persian Gulf region.

In the evening, in the Old Family Dining Room, the President and , Mrs. Obama hosted a Seder to mark the beginning of Passover.

The White House announced that the President will welcome King Willem-Alexander and Queen Maxima of the Netherlands on June 1.

The President declared a major disaster in Rhode Island and ordered Federal aid to supplement State, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the area affected by a severe winter storm and snowstorm from January 26 through 28.

April 4

In the morning, in the Oval Office, President Obama participated in an interview with Thomas L. Friedman of the New York Times for later broadcast online.

April 5

In the morning, the President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Sasha and Malia attended an Easter Sunday service at the Alfred Street Baptist Church in Alexandria, VA.

In the afternoon, the President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters, Sasha and Malia returned to Washington, DC.

April 6

In the morning, on the South Lawn, the President and , Mrs. Obama participated in the annual White House Easter Egg Roll. Later, also on the South Lawn, he read "Where the Wild Things Are" to children participating in the Easter Egg Roll. Then, on the White House basketball and tennis courts, he played basketball with youth and players from the National Basketball League's Washington Wizards basketball team.

In the afternoon, the President taped an interview with Steve Inskeep of National Public Radio's "Morning Edition" program for later broadcast.

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During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Sultan Qaboos bin Said Al Said of Oman to discuss the parameters for a Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) regarding Iran's nuclear program and reaffirm U.S. support for regional and international efforts to prevent Iran's development of a nuclear weapon.

April 7

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had lunch. Later, at the Howard University College of Medicine, he taped an interview with Chief Medical Correspondent Sanjay Gupta for CNN's "New Day" program for later broadcast.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Head Coach Mike Krzyzewski of Duke University men's basketball team to congratulate him on his team's victory in the NCAA basketball championship.

The President announced his intention to nominate Gabriel Camarillo to be Assistant Secretary for Manpower and Reserve Affairs at the Department of the Air Force.

The President announced his intention to nominate Joyce Connery to be a member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, and upon appointment, to designate her as Chair.

The President announced his intention to nominate Bruce Hamilton to be a member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board.

The President announced his intention to nominate William A. Heidt to be Ambassador to Cambodia.

The President announced his intention to nominate David M. Robinson to be Assistant Secretary for Conflict and Stabilization Operations and Coordinator for Reconstruction and Stabilization at the Department of State.

The President announced his intention to appoint Kevin Griffis as Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs at the Department of Health and Human Services.

The President announced his designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the Smart Cities-Smart Growth Business Development Presidential Trade Mission in Beijing, China: Ernest J. Moniz (head of delegation); Penny S. Pritzker (head of delegation); and Max S. Baucus.

April 8

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden met with Secretary of State John F. Kerry.

In the afternoon, in the Situation Room, the President received an update from his international health and national security teams on efforts to contain the Ebola epidemic in West Africa and progress toward the goal of eliminating new Ebola cases in Sierra Leone and Guinea. He also had a telephone conversation with President Raúl Castro Ruz of Cuba to discuss Cuba-U.S. relations. Later, he traveled to Kingston, Jamaica. Upon arrival, he traveled to the Jamaica Pegasus hotel.

In the evening, at the Jamaica Pegasus hotel, the President visited with U.S. Embassy personnel and their families. Later, he traveled to the Bob Marley Museum, where he toured the house and museum exhibits with guide Natasha Clarke. Then, he returned to the Jamaica Pegasus hotel, where he remained overnight.

The President declared a major disaster in Connecticut and ordered Federal aid to supplement State, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the area affected by severe winter storm and snowstorms from January 26

through 28.

April 9

In the morning, the President traveled to Jamaica House, the official residence of the Prime Minister of Jamaica, where , in the lobby, he signed the guest book. .

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Mona, Jamaica, where at the Regional Headquarters Building of the University of the West Indies, Mona-Western Jamaica Campus. Later, in the lobby of the Headquarters' building, he participated in a group photo with leaders of the Caribbean Community and Common Market (CARICOM). Then, he returned to Kingston, where, at the National Heroes' Park War Memorial, he participated in a wreath-laying ceremony.

Later in the afternoon, the President traveled to Panama City, Panama, arriving in the evening.

In the evening, upon arrival in Panama City, the President traveled to the Westin Playa Bonita Panama hotel, where he visited with U.S. Embassy personnel and their families. Later, he traveled to a private residence, where he remained overnight.

April 10

In the morning, the President traveled to the Hotel Riu Plaza Panama. While en route, he stopped at the Miraflores Locks of the Panama Canal, where he toured the canal. Later, at the Hotel Riu Plaza Panama, he participated in a signing ceremony between the Boeing Company and Copa Airlines.

In the evening, the President traveled to the ATLAPA Convention Center, where he participated in arrival and inaugural ceremonies for the Summit of the Americas. Then, he traveled to Panamá Viejo, Panama City's historic district where he participated in an official photograph for Summit of the Americas leaders. Then, he attended a dinner and a cultural performance with Summit of the Americas leaders. Later, he returned to a private residence where he remained overnight.

April 11

In the morning, the President traveled to the the ATLAPA Convention Center where he participated in a Summit of the Americas leaders' retreat. Then, he met with Prime Minister Stephen J. Harper of Canada.

In the afternoon, at the ATLAPA Convention Center, the President participated a family photograph with Summit of the Americas leaders. Later, he participated in the second plenary session of the Summit of the Americas. Then, on the margins of the plenary session, he met with President Nicolas Maduro Moros of Venezuela.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

April 13

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with 4-H Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) students during their visit to the White House with Secretary of Agriculture Thomas J. Vilsack. Later, in the Roosevelt Room, he and National Security Adviser Susan E. Rice met with leaders of Jewish organizations to discuss international diplomatic efforts to prevent Iran from a developing nuclear weapon. Then, in the Diplomatic Reception Room, the President participated in separate "Live From the White House" television interviews with Jerry Revish of WBNS in Columbus, OH, Ron Martin of WGAL in Harrisburg, PA, John Stofflet of WMTV in Madison, WI, Cindy Williams of WCSH in Portland, ME, and Nancy Naeve of KSFY in Sioux Falls, SD, to discuss efforts to strengthen the national economy.

Later in the afternoon, in the Roosevelt Room, the President met with Jewish community leaders to discuss

international diplomatic efforts to prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Charlotte, NC, on April 15.

The President announced his intention to nominate Glyn Townsend Davies to be Ambassador to Thailand.

The President announced his intention to nominate Carol Waller Pope to be a member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, and upon appointment, to designate her as Chairman.

The President announced his intention to appoint Amanda Hesser as a member of the President's Commission on White House Fellowships.

The President declared a major disaster in Massachusetts and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the area affected by a severe winter storm, snowstorm, and flooding from January 26 through 28.

April 14

The White House announced that the President will welcome Crown Prince Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan of Abu Dhabi, Deputy Supreme Commander of the United Arab Emirates Armed Forces, to the White House on April 20.

April 15

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Charlotte, NC. Later, he was briefed on the landing of a gyrocopter on the West Front Lawn of the U.S. Capitol by Tampa, FL, resident Douglas M. Hughes.

Later, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The White House announced that the President will welcome the College Football Playoff National Champion Ohio State University football team to the White House on April 20.

The President announced that he has nominated Wilhelmina Marie Wright to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota.

April 16

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with Satya Nadella, chief executive officer, Microsoft Corporation. Later, in the East Room, he hosted a Greek Independence Day reception. Vice President Biden also attended.

The White House announced that the President will welcome 2014 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Champion Kevin Harvick and his Stewart-Haas Racing team members to the White House on April 21.

The White House announced that the President will welcome the 2015 Super Bowl Champion New England Patriots to the White House on April 23.

The President announced his intention to nominate Adam J. Szubin to be Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Crimes at the Department of the Treasury.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jeffrey J. Hawkins, Jr., to be Ambassador to the Central African Republic.

The President announced his intention to appoint Victoria Esser as Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs at the Department of the Treasury.

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April 17

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President met with Prime Minister Matteo Renzi of Italy. Vice President Joe Biden also attended.

In the afternoon, in the Cabinet Room, the President had a working lunch with Prime Minister Renzi.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with King Salman bin Abdulaziz al-Saud of Saudi Arabia to discuss the situation in Yemen and Saudi Arabia-U.S. relations.

The White House announced that the President will welcome leaders of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf to the White House on May 13 and to Camp David on May 14.

April 20

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Later, also in the Oval Office, they met with Secretary of State John F. Kerry.

Later in the morning, the President met with Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan of Abu Dhabi, Deputy Supreme Commander of the United Arab Emirates. Secretary of State John F. Kerry and National Security Adviser Susan E. Rice and Minister of Foreign Affairs Abdallah bin Zayid Al Nuhayyan, Deputy National Security Adviser Tahnoun Bin Zayed, and Ambassador to the U.S. Yusif bin Mani bin Said al-Utayba of the United Arab Emirates also attended.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Biden had a working lunch with Crown Prince Mohammed. Later, in the Oval office, he and Vice President Biden met with Secretary of the Treasury Jacob J. Lew.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Everglades National Park in Homestead, FL, to commemorate Earth Day on April 22.

The White House announced that President will welcome President Beji Caïd Essebsi of Tunisia on May 21.

The President declared a major disaster in Georgia and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area affected by a severe winter storm from February 15 through 17.

April 21

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Tyson's Corner, VA, where at the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, he taped a roundtable interview with Chris Matthews for MSNBC's "Hardball With Chris Matthews" program for later broadcast. Rep. Gerald E. Connolly, Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce President and Chief Executive Officer Jim Corcoran, Zansors, LLC, Chief Data Science Officer and Cofounder Abhijit Dasgupta, and Team Askin Technologies, Inc., President and Chief Executive Officer Debbie Askin also participated.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with Secretary of Defense Ashton B. Carter.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the Centennial Commemoration of the Events of 1915 in Armenia on April 24: Jacob J. Lew (head of delegation); Richard M. Mills, Jr.; Jackie "Kanchelian" Speier; Frank Pallone, Jr.; Anna G. Eshoo; and Dave Trott.

April 22

In the morning, the President traveled to Miami, FL, arriving in the afternoon.

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In the afternoon, the President traveled to Homestead, FL, where at Everglades National Park, he toured park grounds with South Florida Natural Resources Center Director Robert Johnson, Everglades Restoration Initiatives Director Shannon A. Estenoz, and park ranger Alan Scott. Then, on the Visitors Center Gazebo, he taped an interview for a White House Earth Day video series with William S. Nye, television personality and executive director of the Planetary Society, for later online broadcast. Later, he returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Elaine Weinstein, wife of U.S. aid worker Warren Weinstein, a hostage who was killed during a U.S. counterterrorism operation against an Al Qaida compound in Pakistan on January 15, to offer his condolences for the death of her husband. He also had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Matteo Renzi of Italy to discuss the death of Italian aid worker Giovanni Lo Porto, a hostage who was also killed during the January 15 operation, to offer his condolences for the death of Mr. Lo Porto.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Shinzo Abe of Japan on April 28.

April 23

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The President announced his intention to appoint Mauro Morales as Staff Director of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

The President announced his intention to appoint Daniel Weiss as a member of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council.

April 24

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Biden had lunch. Later, he traveled to McLean, VA. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

During the day, the President joined a conference call with Secretary of Labor Thomas E. Perez and journalists to discuss the Trans-Pacific Partnership negotiations and trade promotion authority legislation.

The White House announced the President will host a White House Tribal Youth Gathering on July 9.

April 27

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Cabinet Room, he participated in an interview with Gerald F. Seib.

In the afternoon, on the National Mall, the President and Prime Minister Shinzo Abe of Japan visited the Lincoln Memorial. Then, he returned to the White House. Later, in the Oval Office, he had a meeting with Attorney General, Loretta E. Lynch, to welcome her to his team. During the meeting, he received an update from Attorney General Lynch, on the ongoing situation in Baltimore, MD.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Mayor Stephanie C. Rawlings-Blake of Baltimore, MD, to discuss the situation in Baltimore.

In the evening, the President had a telephone conversation with Gov. Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr., of Maryland, to discuss the situation in Baltimore.

The White House announced that the President will honor the 2015 National and State Teachers of the Year on April 29.

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April 28

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden met with Prime Minister Shinzo Abe of Japan.

In the afternoon, the President taped in a telephone interview with radio host Steve Harvey of "The Steve Harvey Morning Show" for a later broadcast.

In the evening, on the North Portico, the President and , Mrs. Obama greeted Prime Minister Abe and his wife Akie Abe for a state dinner and reception. Then, on the Grand Staircase, they participated in a photographic opportunity with the Prime Minister and Mrs. Abe. Later, in the State Dining Room, he and , Mrs. Obama hosted a entertainment for Prime Minister Abe and Mrs. Abe.

The President announced his intention to nominate Peter V. Neffenger to be Assistant Secretary of the Transportation Security Administration at the Department of Homeland Security.

The President declared a disaster under the Compact of Free Association between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended, due to Typhoon Maysak during the period of March 29 through April 1.

April 29

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Sushil Koirala of Nepal to express his condolences for the loss of life in the April 25 earthquake in Nepal, discuss ongoing disaster response and recovery efforts, and pledge U.S. assistance. Later, also in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President and the 2015 National Teacher of the Year, Shanna Peebles, walked to nearby Teaism restaurant, where he purchased lunch and tea. Then, on their way back to the White House, he stopped outside the White House to talk to a group of young schoolchildren who were visiting. Later, in the Private Dining Room, he had lunch with House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi.

Later in the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President signed the 2015 Economic Report of the President. Then, he traveled to Bethesda, MD, where, at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, he visited with wounded U.S. servicemembers and their families. Later he returned to Washington, DC.

April 30

In the afternoon, in the Cabinet Room, the President met with members of the New Democrat Coalition.

The White House announced that the President will travel to New York City on May 4.

The President announced his intention to nominate Gayle E. Smith to be Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

The President announced that he has nominated Julie Helene Becker to be a judge on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

The President declared a major disaster in Kentucky and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area affected by severe winter storms, snowstorms, flooding, landslides, and mudslides from February 15 through 22.

May 1

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President participated in a video teleconference with mayors of Cities

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United to discuss the White House "My Brother's Keeper" initiative and the President's Task Force on 21st-Century Policing.

The President announced his intention to appoint W. James McNerney, Jr., and Ann Marie Wilkins as General Trustees on the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

The President announced his intention to appoint Russell F. Smith III as a U.S. Commissioner to the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas.

The President announced his intention to appoint Guy "Bud" Tribble as a member of the President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee.

The President announced his intention to nominate Elizabeth Ann Copeland to be a judge on the U.S. Tax Court.

The President declared a major disaster in Kentucky and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area affected by severe storms, tornadoes, flooding, landslides, and mudslides from April 2 through 17.

May 2

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Camp David, MD.

May 3

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Joint Base Andrews, MD, where he played a round of golf. Later, he returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

In the evening, the President was briefed on the shootings at the Curtis Culwell Center in Garland, TX.

May 4

In the morning, the President traveled to New York City.

In the afternoon, at the Ed Sullivan Theater in New York City, the President taped an interview with David Letterman of CBS's "Late Show With David Letterman" for later broadcast.

In the evening, at a private residence, the President attended a Democratic National Committee roundtable fundraiser. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

May 5

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Roosevelt Room, the President and Vice President Biden met with President Masoud Barzani of the Kurdistan Regional Government in Iraq to discuss ongoing efforts to combat the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization and reaffirm U.S. support for the Iraqi Kurdistan region and commitment to a united, federal, and democratic Iraq. Then, in the Oval Office, he met with Secretary of Defense Ashton B. Carter. Later, he met with members of the Esperanza Azteca Youth Orchestra of Los Angeles, CA, and Puebla, Mexico, prior to their performance at the White House Cinco de Mayo celebration.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Portland, OR, on May 7.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Watertown, SD, on May 8.

May 6

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

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In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Biden had lunch. Later, in the Oval Office, he made separate telephone calls to Stephanie Tarr of Coon Rapids, MN, Dawn Miller of Tucson, AZ, and Patricia Church of Ormond Beach, FL, who had written letters to the President, to wish them a happy Mother's Day.

The President announced his intention to nominate Karen DeSalvo to be Assistant Secretary for Health at the Department of Health and Human Services.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jennifer Zimdahl Galt to be Ambassador to Mongolia.

The President announced his intention to nominate David R. Gilmour to be Ambassador to Togo.

The President announced his intention to nominate James D. Melville, Jr., to be Ambassador to Estonia.

The President announced his intention to nominate Peter F. Mulrean to be Ambassador to Haiti.

The President announced his intention to nominate Edwin R. Nolan, Jr., to be Ambassador to Suriname.

May 7

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Roosevelt Room, he met with White House Fellows.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Portland, OR.

May 8

In the morning, the President traveled to Beaverton, OR, where, in the Jerry Rice Lobby at Nike World Headquarters, he taped an interview with Matt Bai of Yahoo News for later online broadcast. Later, he traveled to Watertown, SD, arriving in the afternoon.

In the afternoon, while en route to Watertown aboard Air Force One, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister David Cameron of the United Kingdom to congratulate him on his election victory and discuss United Kingdom-U.S. relations.

In the evening, on the tarmac of Watertown Regional Airport, the President met with 11-year-old Rebecca Kelley of Vermillion, SD, who had written a letter to the President asking him to visit South Dakota, and members of her family. Then, he returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to nominate Ann Calvaresi Barr to be Inspector General of the U.S. Agency for International Development.

The President announced his intention to nominate Julius Lloyd Horwich to be Assistant Secretary for Legislative and Congressional Affairs at the Department of Education.

The President announced his intention to nominate Gregory G. Nadeau to be Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration at the Department of Transportation.

The President announced his intention to appoint Elizabeth H. Blackburn as a member of the President's Committee on the National Medal of Science.

The President announced his intention to appoint Xavier de Souza Briggs as a member of the Community Development Advisory Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders: Jacob J. Fitisemanu, Jr.; Sanjita Pradhan; and Paul Y. Watanabe.

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The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities: Peter V. Berns; James T. Brett; Kenneth Capone; Zachary W. Holler; Deborah M. Spitalnik; and Elizabeth Weintraub.

May 11

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with King Salman bin Abd al-Aziz al-Saud of Saudi Arabia to discuss the King's regret at not being able to travel to Camp David to attend the Gulf Cooperation Council meetings and the attendance of Crown Prince Muhammad bin Nayif bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud and Deputy Crown Prince Muhammad bin Salman bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud in his place, the importance of reaching a comprehensive agreement between the P-5-plus-1 and Iran to ensure the peaceful nature of Iran's nuclear program, the situation in Yemen, and Saudi Arabia-U.S. relations.

May 12

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with Secretary of Defense Ashton B. Carter. Also, he met with a group of Senate Democrats to discuss trade promotion authority legislation and Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) negotiations.

The President declared a major disaster in Kentucky and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area affected by a severe winter storm, snowstorm, flooding, landslides, and mudslides from March 3 through 9.

May 13

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Biden had lunch. Later, on the South Lawn, he greeted leaders and delegations from the Gulf Cooperation Council.

In the evening, in the Blue Room, the President hosted a working dinner for leaders and delegations from the Gulf Cooperation Council. Vice President Biden also attended.

The President announced his intention to nominate Karl Brooks to be Assistant Administrator for Administration and Resources Management at the Environmental Protection Agency.

The President announced his intention to nominate Laura Farnsworth Dogu to be Ambassador to Nicaragua.

The President announced his intention to nominate Samuel D. Heins to be Ambassador to Norway.

The President announced his intention to nominate Thomas O. Melia to be Assistant Administrator for Europe and Eurasia at the U.S. Agency for International Development.

The President announced his intention to appoint Fran Ulmer as Chairperson of the Arctic Research Commission.

The President announced his intention to appoint James J. Zogby as a member of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom

May 14

In the morning, the President traveled to Camp David, MD, where in the conference room of the Laurel Cabin he greeted leaders and delegations from the Gulf Cooperation Council. Then, also in the Laurel Cabin, he participated in a working session.

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In the afternoon, in the Laurel Cabin, the President hosted a lunch for Gulf Cooperation Council leaders and delegations. Later, also in the Laurel Cabin, he participated in a working session with Gulf Cooperation Council leaders and delegations.

Later in the afternoon, the President participated in separate photographic opportunities with leaders and delegations from the Gulf Cooperation Council, followed by a group photograph. Then, he made remarks to members of the news media. Later, in the Laurel Cabin, he participated in a working session. Later, he returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

The White House announced that the President will present the Medal of Honor posthumously to Sgt. William Shemin, USA, and Private Henry Johnson, USA, for conspicuous gallantry during World War I.

The President declared a major disaster in West Virginia and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area affected by severe storms, flooding, landslides, and mudslides from April 3 through 5.

May 15

In the afternoon, in the Map Room, the President taped an interview with Nadiya Bilbassy-Charters of the Al-Arabiya News Channel for later broadcast.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Camden, NJ, on May 18.

May 17

The White House announced that the President will travel to New London, CT, on May 20.

May 18

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, also in the Oval Office, he participated in a credentialing ceremony for newly appointed Ambassadors. Also in the morning, in the Oval Office, he sent out his first tweet under the handle @POTUS, the official Twitter account of the President of the United States.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Camden, NJ, where at the Camden County Police Department headquarters, he toured the department's Real-Time Tactical Operations and Information Center and met with local law enforcement officers and youth. Later, at The Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center, he met with local youth and law enforcement officials. Then, he returned to Washington, DC.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Stamford, CT, on May 20.

The President announced the designation of a Presidential delegation to attend the Inauguration of Muhammadu Buhari as President of Nigeria in Abuja, Nigeria, on May 29: John F. Kerry (head of delegation).

The President declared a major disaster in West Virginia and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, flooding, landslides, and mudslides from April 8 through 11.

May 19

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Situation Room, he met with the National Security Council to discuss the situation in Iraq and the U.S. strategy to counter the threat posed by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) organization in Iraq and Syria.

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In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, he participated in an interview with Jeffrey Goldberg of the the Atlantic magazine. Then, in the Oval Office, he and Vice President Joe Biden met with Secretary of Defense Ashton B. Carter.

The White House announced that the President will make remarks at the Adas Israel Congregation on May 22.

May 20

In the morning, the President traveled to New London, CT.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Stamford, CT, where, at a private residence, he attended a Democratic National Committee fundraiser.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to nominate Stephen C. Hedger to be Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs at the Department of Defense.

The President announced his intention to nominate W. Thomas Reeder, Jr., to be Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jessica Rosenworcel to be a Commissioner of the Federal Communications Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate Luis A. Viada to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation.

The President announced his intention to nominate Akhil R.Amar and Robert P. Zimmerman to be members of the National Council on the Humanities.

The President announced his intention to appoint Ronald A. Klain as a member of the Council of the Administrative Conference of the U.S.

The President announced his intention to appoint Gerald S. McGowan as a member of the Board of Visitors to the U.S. Military Academy.

May 21

The President announced his intention to nominate Denise Turner Roth to be Administrator of the General Services Administration.

The President announced that he has nominated Edward L. Stanton III to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Tennessee.

The President announced that he has nominated Eric S. Miller to be U.S. attorney for the District of Vermont.

The President announced that he has nominated Michael McGowan to be U.S. marshal for the District of Delaware.

The President declared a major disaster in West Virginia and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by the severe storms, flooding, landslides, and mudslides from April 13 through 15.

May 22

In the morning, at the Adas Israel Congregation, the President visited a preschool classroom and greeted students and teachers.

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In the afternoon, in the East Room, the President and , Mrs. Obama hosted a reception for the foreign diplomatic corps.

May 25

In the morning, in the State Dining Room, the President hosted a Memorial Day breakfast. Then, he traveled to Arlington, VA, where, at Arlington National Cemetery, he participated in a wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Later, he returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the afternoon.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Miami, FL, on May 27 and 28.

May 26

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Also in the morning, he had a telephone conversation with Gov. Gregory W. Abbott of Texas to discuss the floods affecting Texas, express his condolences for the loss of life, and offer Federal assistance in the rescue and recovery efforts.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Biden greeted 97-year-old Vivian Bailey of Columbia, MD, and her guests, Principal Troy Todd and teacher Melissa Peyton of Running Brook Elementary School in Columbia. Ms. Bailey raises money for students at the school to take field trips. Then, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Biden had lunch. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Mathews Burwell.

The White House announced that the President will award the Medal of Honor posthumously to Sgt. William Shemin, USA, and Pvt. Henry Johnson, USA, on June 2.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Park Geun-hye of South Korea to the White House on June 16.

The President declared a major disaster in Oklahoma and ordered Federal aid to supplement State, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the area affected by severe storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds, and flooding from May 5 through 10.

May 27

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

Later, the President traveled to Miami, FL, where, at a private residence , he attended a Democratic National Committee roundtable fundraiser.

In the evening, the President traveled to the Hilton Miami Downtown hotel, where he remained overnight.

May 28

In the morning, at the Hilton Miami Downtown hotel in Miami, FL, the President met with Arthur and Shirley Sotloff, parents, and Lauren Sotloff, sister, of Steven J. Sotloff, a freelance journalist who was killed by members of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization in Syria on September 2, 2014. Later, he traveled to the National Hurricane Center, where he toured the facilities with Director Richard Knabb and met with staff members.

In the afternoon, at the National Hurricane Center, the President participated in a Twitter question-and-answer session on climate change. Then, he visited the Shrine of Our Lady of Charity in Miami, where he met with Rector Juan Rumin Dominguez, paid respects to the Cuban American community, and honored their contributions to the U.S. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

May 29

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In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Map Room, the President participated in a television interview with Ilana Dayan of Israel's Channel 2.

The President announced his intention to nominate Marie Therese Dominguez to be Administrator of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration at the Department of Transportation.

The President announced his intention to nominate Sarah Feinberg to be Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration at the Department of Transportation.

The President announced his intention to appoint Rebecca Richards-Kortum and Andrew J. Viterbi as members of the President's Committee on the National Medal of Science.

The President declared a major disaster in Texas and ordered Federal aid to supplement State, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the area affected by severe storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds, and flooding beginning on May 4 and continuing.

May 31

In the afternoon, at the U.S. Naval Observatory, the President and , Mrs. Obama visited with Vice President Joe Biden, his wife Jill T. Biden, and their family to offer their condolences for the death Joseph R. "Beau" Biden III, son of Vice President Biden.

The White House announced that the Ford's Theatre Reception had been canceled out of respect for the death of Joseph R. "Beau" Biden III.

June 1

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The President announced his intention to nominate Roberta S. Jacobson to be Ambassador to Mexico.

The President announced his intention to appoint Cary Fowler as a member of the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development.

The President announced his intention to appoint Marvin E. Johnson and David E. Walker as members of the Federal Service Impasses Panel for the Federal Labor Relations Authority.

The President declared a major disaster in Texas and ordered Federal aid to supplement State, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the area affected by severe storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds, and flooding beginning on May 4 and continuing.

June 2

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The White House announced that the President will welcome the World Series Champion San Francisco Giants on June 4.

June 3

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, also in the Oval Office, he taped an interview with Kai Ryssdal of National Public Radio's "Marketplace" program for later broadcast.

In the afternoon, in the Roosevelt Room, the President participated in separate "Live From the White House" interviews with Karen Borta of KTVT in Dallas, TX, Estela Casas of KVIA in El Paso, TX, Dennis Bounds of KING in Seattle, WA, Edie Lambert of KCRA in Sacramento, CA, and Barbara-Lee Edwards of KFMB in San

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Diego, CA. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with Secretary of the Treasury Jacob J. Lew.

June 4

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The White House announced that the President and , Mrs. Obama will travel to Wilmington, DE, on June 6.

The President announced his intention to nominate Scott Allen to be the U.S. Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

The President announced his intention to nominate Mary Kendall to be Inspector General at the Department of the Interior.

The President announced his intention to appoint Jim M. Ash as a member of the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development.

The President announced his intention to appoint Abba Cohen as a member of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad.

June 5

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with President Petro Poroshenko of Ukraine to discuss the situation in eastern Ukraine, the recent assault by Russian-separatist forces near Donetsk, the need for Russia to abide by the terms of the Minsk agreement, and the U.S. commitment to supporting a diplomatic resolution to the conflict.

The President declared a major disaster in Guam and ordered Federal aid to supplement Territory and local recovery efforts in the area affected by Typhoon Dolphin from May 13 through 16.

June 6

In the morning, the President, , Mrs. Obama, their daughters Sasha and Malia, and , Mrs. Obama's mother Marian Robinson, traveled to Wilmington, DE.

In the afternoon, they returned to Washington, DC. Later, he traveled to Munich, Germany, arriving the following morning.

June 7

In the morning, upon arrival at Munich Airport, the President signed a guest book and participated in an arrival ceremony. Then, he traveled to the Schloss Elmau resort in Elmau, Germany. Later, he traveled to Krün, Germany, where at the Krün City Hall, he was welcomed by Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany and signed the town guest book.

In the afternoon, the President toured the village with Chancellor Merkel and stopped for a pretzel and a beer with Chancellor Merkel and her husband Joachim Sauer. Then, he and Chancellor Merkel greeted local residents. Later, he returned to the Schloss Elmau resort in Elmau.

Later in the afternoon, in the Second Library of the Old Castle Building the President met with Chancellor Merkel. Then, in the entrance of the Old Castle Building, he participated in a welcoming ceremony for the Group of Seven (G-7) leaders with Chancellor Merkel and her husband Joachim Sauer. Later, in the Pavilion Room of the Retreat Building, he attended two G-7 working sessions on strengthening the world economy and trade. Later, he participated in a photographic opportunity with G-7 leaders.

In the evening, in the Concert Hall of the Old Castle Building, the President attended a reception and cultural

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performance with G-7 leaders, their spouses, and other guests. Later, in the Private Dining Room of the Old Castle Building, he participated in a working dinner with G-7 leaders to discuss foreign and security policy. He remained overnight at the Schloss Elmau.

June 8

In the morning, in the Pavilion Room of the Retreat Building, the President participated in a third working session with Group of Seven (G-7) leaders and outreach guests to discuss energy initiatives and climate change. Later, in the Wetterstein Room of the Old Castle Building, he met with President François Hollande of France. Then, in the Fidelio Room of the Old Castle Building, he attended a fourth working session with G-7 leaders and outreach guests.

In the afternoon, in the Inner Courtyard of the Schloss Elmau, the President participated in a photographic opportunity with G-7 leaders and outreach guests. Then, in the Fidelio Room of the Old Castle Building, he had a working lunch with G-7 leaders, outreach guests, and summit sherpas to discuss development issues. Later in the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

The President announced his intention to nominate Carolyn Patricia Alsop to be Ambassador to the Gambia.

The President announced his intention to nominate Paul Wayne Jones to be Ambassador to Poland.

The President announced his intention to nominate Daniel H. Rubinstein to be Ambassador to Tunisia.

The President announced that he has appointed Shannon Price Minter as a member of the President's Commission on White House Fellowships.

June 9

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with Office of Science and Technology Policy Director John P. Holdren and Sen. C. William Nelson and other alumni of the Columbia Space Shuttle missions to discuss developments in astronomy and space exploration.

June 10

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had lunch. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with Secretary of Defense Ashton B. Carter.

June 11

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Rose Garden, he taped an interview with Jerry Penacoli of Extra TV for later broadcast.

In the afternoon, at a private residence, the President attended a Democratic National Committee fundraiser.

In the evening, at Nationals Park, the President stopped by the 2015 Congressional Baseball Game for charity. Also in the evening, the President had a telephone conversation with President Park Geun-hye of South Korea to discuss the postponement of her planned June 6 visit to the U.S., express his condolences for the loss of lives due to the MERs outbreak, and offer any further U.S. assistance required.

The President announced the designation of the individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the Milan Expo 2015 in Milan, Italy, on June 17 and 18: Michelle Obama (head of delegation); John R. Phillips; Douglas T. Hickey; Risa J. Lavizzo-Mourey; Alonzo H. Mourning; Will Allen; Mario Batali; Carla Hall; and Nicolas Jammet.

The President announced that he has nominated Brian R. Martinotti to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey.

The President announced that he has nominated Robert F. Rossiter, Jr., to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the District of Nebraska.

June 12

In the morning, in the Cannon House Office Building, the President met with House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi and Rep. James E. Clyburn to discuss the upcoming votes on trade promotion authority and trade adjustment assistance legislation. Then, in the Gabriel Zimmerman Meeting Room of the Capitol Visitor Center, he dropped in on a meeting of members of the House Democratic Caucus to discuss his trade agenda.

In the afternoon, in the Situation Room, the President dropped by a video teleconference with Governors from six Western States to discuss ways to combat wildfires and drought.

The President announced his intention to nominate John Morton to be Vice President of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

The President announced his intention to appoint Nancy M. Schlichting as Chair of the President's Commission on Care for America's Returning Wounded Warriors.

The President announced his intention to appoint David W. Gorman and Joyce M. Johnson as members of the President's Commission on Care for America's Returning Wounded Warriors.

June 13

In the evening, the President and , Mrs. Obama hosted a private party featuring a musical performance by Prince.

June 15

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Speaker of the House of Representatives John A. Boehner to discuss trade promotion authority legislation.

June 16

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Biden had lunch. Later, in the Oval Office, they met with Secretary of Defense Ashton B. Carter.

The White House announced that the President will travel to the Los Angeles, CA, area on June 18.

June 17

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President had a telephone conversation with Head Coach Stephen D. Kerr of the National Basketball Association's Golden State Warriors to congratulate him on his team's victory in the 2015 NBA Finals. Later, also in the Oval Office, he met with the recipients of the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Mentoring. Then, he met separately with Democratic Members of the Senate and House of Representatives to thank them for their support of trade promotion authority and trade adjustment assistance legislation and reiterate his commitment to working with congressional leaders to pass the legislation.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Head Coach Joel Quenneville, Principal Owner and Chairman Rocky Wirtz, and team captain Jonathan Toews of the National Hockey League's

Chicago Blackhawks to congratulate them on their team's victory in the 2015 Stanley Cup Championship.

In the evening, the President was briefed on the shootings at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, SC.

The White House announced that the President will travel to San Francisco, CA, on June 19.

#### June 18

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Then, in the Map Room, he recorded a video message for the White House Summit on Climate Change and Health on June 23. Later, he had separate telephone conversations with Rep. James E. Clyburn, Mayor Joseph P. Riley, Jr., of Charleston, SC, and Minority Leader J. Todd Rutherford of the South Carolina House of Representatives to discuss the June 17 shootings in Charleston and offer his condolences.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Los Angeles, CA. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had separate telephone conversations with Gov. Nikki Randhawa Haley and Sens. Lindsey O. Graham and Timothy E. Scott of South Carolina to discuss the June 17 shootings in Charleston, SC, and offer his condolences. Upon arrival in Los Angeles, he traveled to a private residence, where he participated in a Democratic National Committee roundtable fundraiser.

The President announced his intention to nominate Julie Furuta-Toy to be Ambassador to Equatorial Guinea.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the National Cancer Advisory Board: Peter C. Adamson; Deborah Watkins Bruner; Yuan Chang; Timothy J. Ley; and Max S. Wicha.

#### June 19

In the morning, the President traveled to the residence of comedian Marc Maron, where he recorded an interview for the "WTF With Marc Maron" podcast to be released on June 22. Later, he traveled to San Francisco, CA, arriving in the afternoon.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to the Hilton San Francisco Union Square hotel, where he met with Gov. Edmund G. "Jerry" Brown, Jr., of California to discuss the Federal, State, and local response to the drought and wildfires affecting California and thank Gov. Brown for his leadership in international efforts to combat climate change. Later, at a private residence, he participated in a Democratic National Committee roundtable fundraiser.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Ethiopia in late July.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Palm Springs, CA, on June 20 and 21.

#### June 20

In the morning, the President traveled to Rancho Mirage, CA.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to a private residence in Thunderbird Heights, where he remained overnight.

#### June 21

In the morning, the President traveled to the Porcupine Creek Golf Course.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

#### June 22

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In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The White House announced that the President and Vice President Joe Biden will travel to Charleston, SC, on June 26.

June 23

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had lunch.

June 24

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Then, he had a telephone conversation with President François Hollande of to discuss U.S. electronic surveillance and intelligence-gathering programs and France-U.S. relations.

In the afternoon, in the Cabinet Room, the President met with Vice Premier Liu Yandong, Vice Premier Wang Yang, State Councilor Yang Jiechi, and other special representatives to the U.S.-China Strategic and Economic Dialogue and Consultation on People-to-People Exchange. Later, in the Blue Room, he visited with Jim Obergefell, plaintiff in the U.S. Supreme Court case Obergefell v. Hodges, who was attending the White House Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month Reception in the East Room.

The White House announced that the President, , Mrs. Obama, and Vice President Biden and his wife Jill T. Biden will travel to Charleston, SC, on June 26

June 25

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. During the briefing, also in the Oval Office, he was informed by Chief of Staff Denis R. McDonough, White House Counsel W. Neil Eggleston, and the Deputy Chief of Staff Kristie A. Canegallo of the Supreme Court's decision to uphold key provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Then, he had a telephone conversation with U.S. Solicitor General Donald B. Verrilli, Jr., to congratulate him on the Supreme Court's favorable rulings on the housing discrimination and Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act cases.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin of Russia to discuss efforts to counter the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization, ongoing international negotiations to prevent Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapon, and the situations in Ukraine and Syria.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Muhammadu Buhari of Nigeria on July 20.

The President declared a major disaster in Nebraska and ordered Federal aid to supplement State, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the area affected by severe storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds, and flooding from May 6 through June 17.

June 26

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had a telephone conversation with Jim Obergefell, plaintiff in the U.S. Supreme Court case Obergefell v. Hodges, to congratulate him on the Court's ruling in favor of marriage equality for same-sex couples. Then, he and , Mrs. Obama traveled to Charleston, SC, arriving in the afternoon.

In the afternoon, following the funeral service at the TD Arena of the College of Charleston, the President, , Mrs. Obama, and Vice President Biden and his wife Jill T. Biden met with families of the victims of the June 17 shootings at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston. Later, he and , Mrs. Obama

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returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

The President announced his intention to nominate Mark Cohen to be a member of the Merit Systems Protection Board and, upon appointment, to designate him Vice Chairman.

The President announced his intention to nominate G. Kathleen Hill to be Ambassador to Malta.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Board of Directors of the Presidio Trust: Lynne Benioff; Paula Robinson Collins; Nicola Miner; and Janet Reilly.

The President announced his intention to appoint Eric Ortner as a member of the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities.

The President announced his intention to appoint Shervin Pishevar as a member of the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint Steven Spinner as a member of the President's Commission on White House Fellowships.

The President declared a major disaster in Arkansas and ordered Federal aid to supplement State, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the area affected by severe storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds, and flooding from May 7 through June 15.

June 28

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany to discuss the fiscal situation in Greece and express his condolences for the deaths of the German citizens killed in a terrorist attack at a beach resort in Sousse, Tunisia, on June 26.

June 29

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President François Hollande of France to discuss the economic situation in Greece and express his condolences for loss of life and injuries due to the terrorist attack at the Air Products gas factory in Saint-Quentin-Fallavier near Lyon, France, on June 26. In the afternoon, the President had a telephone conversation with President Beji Caid Essebsi of Tunisia to offer his condolences for the loss of life resulting from the terrorist attack on a beach resort in Sousse, Tunisia, on June 26 and reaffirm U.S. cooperation on counterterrorism efforts and broader security issues. Later, on the National Mall, he joined President Dilma Rousseff of Brazil on a visit to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial.

In the evening, in the Blue Room, the President had a working dinner with President Rousseff. Vice President Joe Biden also attended.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister David Cameron of the United Kingdom to express his condolences for the loss of life due in the June 26 terrorist attack on a beach resort in Sousse, Tunisia, , offer his support in confronting global terrorism, and discuss the need for structural economic reforms in Greece.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Nashville, TN, on July 1.

The White House announced that the President will travel to La Crosse, WI, on July 2.

June 30

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden met with President Dilma Rousseff of Brazil.

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In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President participated in a teleconference call with elected officials and business and labor groups to discuss the reauthorization of the Export-Import Bank of the U.S. Later, also in the Oval Office, he and Vice President Biden met with Secretary of Defense Ashton B. Carter.

July 1

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Nashville, TN, accompanied by Medina, OH, resident and health care reform advocate Natoma A. Canfield. En route to Taylor Stratton Elementary School in Nashville, TN, he stopped by the residence of Kelly Bryant, a Nashville resident who had written him a letter on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, to pick her up for the event, where she later introduced him. Later, he returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Matteo Renzi of Italy to discuss the economic situation in Greece and the need for structural reforms.

Also during the day, the President participated in a Twitter question-and-answer session on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the U.S. National Day at Expo 2015 Milan in Milan, Italy, on July 4: Thomas J. Vilsack (head of delegation); John R. Phillips; Betty McCollum; Douglas T. Hickey; Eric Goldstein; Samuel Kass; Marianne Smith Edge; Angela Tagtow; and Susan Ungaro.

July 2

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Later, the President traveled to La Crosse, WI.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the 2015 Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) Women's World Cup final game in Vancouver, Canada, on July 5: Jill Biden (head of delegation); Joseph R. Biden, Jr.; Bruce Heyman; Evan Ryan; Cobi Jones; and Mia Hamm.

July 3

In the afternoon, the President traveled to the Columbia Country Club in Chevy Chase, MD. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Communist Party General Secretary Nguyen Phú Trọng of Vietnam on July 7.

July 4

The White House announced that the South Lawn Independence Day barbecue for military servicemembers and their families had been canceled due to weather conditions.

In the evening, on the South Lawn, the President and , Mrs. Obama hosted a Independence Day celebration for White House staff, guests, and military servicemembers and their families.

July 6

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President had a telephone conversation with President François Hollande of France to

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discuss the economic unrest in Greece and the need for reforms combined with growth and debt sustainability within the eurozone.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with the U.S. women's soccer team to congratulate them on winning the World Cup, applaud Coach Jill Ellis for her leadership, and commend Carli Lloyd's outstanding performance in the championship games.

July 7

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Chancellor Angela Merkel to discuss economic unrest in Greece and the need for reforms combined with growth and debt sustainability within the eurozone. Later, in the Oval Office, he Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Also in the morning, he also had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras of Greece to discuss the Prime Minister's ideas for a path forward between Greece and its creditors and the need for a mutually acceptable agreement.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with Secretary of Defense Ashton B. Carter.

In the evening, in the State Dining Room, the President met with members of the Senate Democratic Caucus.

The President announced his intention to nominate Brad R. Carson to be Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness.

The President announced his intention to nominate Peter W. Bodde to be Ambassador to Libya.

The President announced his intention to nominate Catherine Ebert-Gray to be Ambassador to Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands, and Vanuatu.

The President announced his intention to nominate Dennis B. Hankins to be Ambassador to Guinea.

The President announced his intention to nominate Elisabeth I. Millard to be Ambassador to Tajikistan.

The President declared a major disaster in Wyoming and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area affected by severe storms and flooding from May 24 through June 6.

July 8

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Biden had lunch. Later, in the Oval Office, they met with Secretary of the Treasury Jacob J. Lew. Also in the afternoon, in the Situation Room, he and his national security team had a secure video conference with Secretary of State John F. Kerry, Secretary of Energy Ernest J. Moniz, and members of the U.S. negotiating team in Vienna to discuss the progress of international diplomatic efforts to prevent Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapon.

The White House announced that the President will host and deliver remarks at the White House Conference on Aging on July 13.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the Srebrenica genocide in Bosnia and Herzegovina on July 11: William J. Clinton (head of delegation); Maureen E. Cormack; Roger F. Wicker; C. Jeanne Shaheen; Eliot L. Engel; Peter T. King; Madeleine K. Albright; Rosemary A. DiCarlo; Victoria Nuland; and Stephen J. Rapp.

July 9

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In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

Later, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Biden met with Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch.

The President announced that he has nominated Darlene M. Soltys to be a judge on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

The President announced his intention to nominate Mary K. Wakefield to be Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services.

The President announced his intention to nominate Anthony Coscia to be a Director on the AMTRAK Board of Directors.

The President announced his intention to nominate Matthew Rhett Jeppson to be Director of the Mint at the Department of the Treasury.

The President announced his intention to nominate Andy Slavitt to be Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services at the Department of Health and Human Services.

The President, Barack Obama announced his intention to nominate Derek Kan to be a Director on the AMTRAK Board of Directors.

July 10

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Philadelphia, PA, on July 14.

July 11

In the morning, the President traveled to the Caves Valley Golf Club in Owings Mills, MD, arriving in the afternoon.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

July 13

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President signed 46 commutations of the prison sentences of nonviolent drug offenders and released a video of the signing to publicize efforts to reform the U.S. criminal justice system. Later, in the Private Dining Room, he and Vice President Biden had lunch.

During the day, in the Oval Office, the President met White House Chief of Staff Denis R. McDonough, Senior Director for Iran, Iraq, Syria, and the Gulf States Jeffrey Prescott, National Security Adviser Susan E. Rice, Deputy National Security Adviser for Counterterrorism Avril D. Haines, and Deputy National Security Adviser for Strategic Communications Benjamin J. Rhodes to discuss the multilateral agreement reached in Vienna, Austria, to prevent Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapon. Then, he had a telephone conversation with Secretary of State John F. Kerry to thank him for his role in negotiating the agreement between the P-5-plus-1 and Iran to ensure the peaceful nature of Iran's nuclear program.

Also during the day, the President dropped by a meeting between Vice President Joe Biden and Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk of Ukraine.

In the evening, the President had separate telephone conversations with various Members of Congress to discuss the Iran nuclear agreement reached in Vienna. Also in the evening, he had a telephone conversation with former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton to discuss the international agreement to prevent Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapon.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Durant, OK, and Oklahoma City, OK, on July 15 and 16.

The President declared a major disaster in Louisiana and ordered Federal aid to supplement State, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the area affected by severe storms and flooding from May 18 through June 20.

July 14

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Philadelphia, PA. En route to the Philadelphia Convention Center, he had a telephone conversation with King Salman bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia to discuss the agreement among the P-5-plus-1, the European Union, and Iran on a Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action regarding Iran's nuclear program, security assurances covered in discussions with Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) members at Camp David in May, and the situation in Yemen. Then, at the Convention Center, he met with formerly incarcerated individuals to discuss reintegration following their release and work they are doing to help other formerly incarcerated individuals and at-risk youth through community service, mentorship, and education. Also in the afternoon, in the Cabinet Room, the President recorded an interview with Thomas L. Friedman of the New York Times for later broadcast online.

Later in the afternoon, at the Rittenhouse hotel, the President attended a Democratic National Committee roundtable fundraiser.

During the day, the President had separate telephone conversations with President François Hollande of France, Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany, Prime Minister David Cameron of the United Kingdom, and European Union High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Federica Mogherini to discuss the agreement among the P-5-plus-1, the European Union, and Iran on a Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) regarding Iran's nuclear program, thank the leaders for their important role in achieving the agreement, and reaffirm close coordination as the JCPOA is implemented. The President also welcomed the July 13 agreement between Greece and its creditors and urged a path toward growth and debt stability in Greece through continued economic reforms.

Also during the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel to discuss the multilateral agreement to prevent Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapon and underscore the strong U.S. commitment to Israel's security.

Also during the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Crown Prince Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan of Abu Dhabi, Deputy Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces of the United Arab Emirates to discuss the JCPOA agreement regarding Iran's nuclear program, security assurances covered in discussions with Gulf Cooperation Council members, and the situation in Yemen.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

July 15

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Denison, TX. En route aboard Air Force One, the President had a telephone conversation with President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin of Russia to discuss the agreement among the P-5-plus-1, the European Union, and Iran on a Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action regarding Iran's nuclear program, thank President Putin for his important role in achieving the agreement, and review the situation in Syria. Upon arrival in Denison, TX, he traveled to Durant, OK, where at Durant High School, he met with youth from the Choctaw, Cherokee, Muscogee (Creek), and Chickasaw Nations.

During the day, outside the West Wing, the President met with Vice President Joe Biden, Secretary of State John F. Kerry, National Security Adviser to the Vice President Colin Kahl, and National Security Adviser Susan E. Rice.

In the evening, the President traveled to Denison, TX. Then, he traveled to Oklahoma City, OK, where at the

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Sheraton Oklahoma City Downtown Hotel, he remained overnight.

The President announced his intention to nominate Susan Coppedge to be Director of the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking, with rank of Ambassador at Large, at the Department of State.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jessie Roberson to be a Commissioner of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate Marc J. Sievers to be Ambassador to Oman.

The President announced his intention to nominate Kenneth D. Ward for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons at the Department of State.

The President announced his intention to appoint Elizabeth C. Wesman as Chair of Presidential Emergency Board No. 248.

The President announced his intention to appoint Barbara Deinhardt and Ann Kenis as members of Presidential Emergency Board No. 248.

The President announced his intention to appoint Regina T. Jefferson as a member of the Advisory Committee to the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

July 16

In the morning, the President traveled to El Reno, OK, where at the Federal Correctional Institution El Reno, he had a roundtable discussion with inmates and toured the prison facility's Cell Block B with Federal Bureau of Prisons Director Charles E. Samuels, Jr., and correctional officer Ronald Warlick. Then, also at the El Reno correctional facility, he recorded an interview with Shane Smith of VICE News for later broadcast.

Also in the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with former President George H.W. Bush to wish him a speedy recovery after injuries resulting from a fall at his home in Kennebunkport, ME, and extend best wishes on behalf of himself and , Mrs. Obama.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

During the day, the President was briefed by Federal Bureau of Investigation Director James B. Comey, Jr., Homeland Security and Counterterrorism Adviser Lisa O. Monaco, and members his national security team on the shootings at the U.S. military facilities in Chattanooga, TN.

The White House announced that the President will travel to New York City on July 17 and 18.

The President announced that he has nominated Mark A. Young to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California, arriving in the evening.

The President declared a major disaster exists in Colorado and ordered Federal aid to supplement State, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the area affected by severe storms, tornadoes, flooding, landslides, and mudslides from May 4 through June 16.

July 17

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President met with Minister of Foreign Affairs Adil al-Ahmad al-Jubayr of Saudi Arabia.

In the afternoon, the President and his daughter Sasha traveled to New York City, arriving in the evening.

In the evening, the President traveled to a private residence, where he attended a Democratic National Committee roundtable fundraiser.

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Later in the evening, the President and his daughter Sasha traveled to the Hilton Manhattan East hotel, where they remained overnight.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Pittsburgh, PA, on July 21.

The White House announced that the President will travel to New York City on July 21.

July 18

In the morning, the President and his daughters Sasha and Malia visited Central Park, where, joined by the President's sister Maya Soetoro-Ng and her husband Konrad Ng, they took a short walk through the Park.

In the afternoon, at the Richard Rodgers Theatre, the President, his daughters Sasha and Malia, and his sister Maya and brother-in-law Konrad attended a performance of "Hamilton," a Broadway musical.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

July 20

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had lunch. Later, in the East Room, he dropped by a meeting of the American Legion's Boys Nation, where he greeted delegates and staff members.

In the evening, the President had a telephone conversation with President Xi Jinping of China to express his appreciation for the role China played in the nuclear deal achieved among the P-5-plus-1, the European Union, and Iran, and discuss China-U.S. relations ahead of President Xi's visit to the White House in September.

The President announced his intention to nominate Kathryn M. Dominguez to be a member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

The President declared a major disaster in Kansas and ordered Federal aid to supplement State, tribal, and local recovery effort in the area affected by severe storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds and flooding from May 4 through June 21.

July 21

In the morning, the President traveled to Pittsburgh, PA.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to New York City, where, at the Daily Show Studios, he recorded an interview with Jon Stewart of Comedy Central's "The Daily Show With Jon Stewart" for later broadcast.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced that he has nominated Leonard T. Strand to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Iowa.

July 22

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Situation Room, he had a video teleconference with President Ashraf Ghani Ahmadzai and Chief Executive Officer Abdullah Abdullah of Afghanistan to commend them for the progress made on efforts to curb corruption and improve the economy and discuss ways to strengthen the Afghan national security forces and encourage regional counterterrorism cooperation.

In the afternoon, the President had a telephone conversation with President Recep Tayyip Erdogan of

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Turkey to discuss strengthening cooperation in the fight against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant terrorist organization, review efforts to bring security and stability to the Middle East, and condemn the July 20 and July 22 terrorist attacks in Suruc and Ceylanpinar, Turkey.

The President declared a major disaster in New Jersey and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area affected by a severe storm on June 23.

July 23

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Roosevelt Room, the President recorded an interview with Jon Sopel of BBC News for later broadcast.

In the evening, the President traveled to Ramstein Air Base, Germany, arriving the following morning. While en route aboard Air Force One, he was briefed by Homeland Security and Counterterrorism Adviser, Lisa O. Monaco on the shootings at the Grand Theatre 16 in Lafayette, Louisiana

The President announced his intention to nominate Richard Howorth to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

The President announced his intention to nominate Harry K. Thomas, Jr. to be Ambassador to Zimbabwe.

The President announced his intention to nominate Victoria Wassmer to be Under Secretary for Management and Performance Energy at the Department of Energy.

The President announced his intention to appoint Sandra E. Black as a member of the Council of Economic Advisers.

The President announced his intention to appoint Raymond Cook as Chief Information Officer of the Intelligence Community at the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

The President announced his intention to appoint Brooke D. Anderson and Robert L. Stein as members of the President's Intelligence Advisory Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint Barbara K. Rimer as Chair and Owen N. Witte as a member of the President's Cancer Panel.

July 24

In the morning, the President traveled to Nairobi, Kenya, arriving in the evening. Upon arrival, he traveled to the Villa Rosa Kempinski hotel, where he had dinner with his sister Auma Obama, grandmother Sarah Onyango Obama, and other Kenyan relatives. He remained overnight at the Villa Rosa Kempinski hotel.

The President announced the designation the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the opening ceremony of the 2015 Special Olympics World Games in Los Angeles, CA, on July 25: Michelle Obama (head of delegation); Maxine Waters; Adam Schiff; Janice Hahn; and Alan Lowenthal.

July 25

In the morning, at the United Nations Compound in Nairobi, Kenya, the President toured the Power Africa Innovation Fair with U.S. Agency for International Development Acting Administrator Alfonso E. Lenhardt and Power Africa Coordinator Andrew M. Herscovitz. During the tour, he met with fair participants Sam Goldman, cofounder and chief customer officer, d.light; Katherine Lucey, founder and chief executive officer, Solar Sister; June Muli, head of customer care, M-Kopa Solar; Michael Wanyonyi, founder and chief executive officer, Mibawa Suppliers Ltd.; Amos Nguru, chief executive officer, Afrisol Energy Ltd.; and Charles Ogingo, cofounder and chairman, Pfoofy Power and Light Ltd.

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In the afternoon, the President traveled to the U.S. Embassy, where he visited with Embassy personnel and their families. Then, he traveled to Memorial Park, where he met with survivors and family members of the victims of the 1998 Embassy bombing, signed the guest book, and participated in a wreath-laying ceremony honoring the victims. Later, at the State House, he participated in a welcoming ceremony with President Uhuru Kenyatta of Kenya. Then, he traveled to the Villa Rosa Kempinski hotel.

In the evening, the President traveled to the State House. Later, he returned to the Villa Rosa Kempinski hotel, where he remained overnight.

July 26

In the morning, the President traveled to the Safaricom Indoor Arena in Nairobi, Kenya.

In the afternoon, at the Safaricom Indoor Arena, the President met with Kenyan opposition leaders Raila Amolo Odinga, leader of the Orange Democratic Movement party; Sen. Moses Masika Wetangula, leader of the Forum for Restoration of Democracy-Kenya party; Kalonzo Musyoka, leader of the Wiper Democratic Movement-Kenya party; and Martha Karua, leader of the National Rainbow Coalition-Kenya party. Later, he traveled to Kenyatta University in Nairobi, where, at the Young African Leaders Initiative Regional Leadership Center, he participated in a live radio interview with Olive Burrows of Capital FM in Nairobi. Later, he traveled to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

In the evening, upon arrival in Addis Ababa, the President traveled to the U.S. Embassy, where he visited with Embassy personnel and their families. Then, he traveled to the Sheraton Addis hotel, where he remained overnight.

July 27

In the morning, at the National Palace in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, the President participated in a welcoming ceremony with Prime Minister Hailemariam Desalegn of Ethiopia.

In the afternoon, at the National Palace, the President met with President Mulatu Teshome of Ethiopia. Later, he returned to the Sheraton Addis Hotel, where he met with Prime Minister Hailemariam, President Uhuru Kenyatta of Kenya, President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni of Uganda, Foreign Minister Ibrahim Ahmad 'Abd al-Aziz Ghandour of Sudan, and Chairperson Nkosazana Clarice Dlamini Zuma of the African Union Commission to discuss conflict resolution efforts in South Sudan, regional counterterrorism cooperation, and efforts to strengthen the Government of Somalia.

In the evening, the President traveled to the National Palace, where he viewed the fossil skeleton of the early human ancestor known as Lucy with Zeresenay "Zeray" Alemseged, senior curator of anthropology at the California Academy of Sciences, and Yonas Desta Tsegaye, director general of the National Museum of Ethiopia. The Australopithecus fossil was discovered in Ethiopia in 1974 and is permanently housed at the National Museum.

Later in the evening, the President returned to the Sheraton Addis Hotel.

The White House announced that the President will welcome King Felipe VI and Queen Letizia of Spain on September 15.

July 28

In the morning, at the Sheraton Addis Hotel, the President met with Ethiopian civil society activists.

In the afternoon, at African Union Headquarters in Addis Ababa, the President met with Chairperson Nkosazana Clarice Dlamini Zuma of the African Union Commission. Later, he traveled to Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany, arriving in the evening.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

July 29

In the afternoon, in the East Room, the President hosted a working reception for House Democrats to discuss his legislative priorities, including the agreement among the P-5-plus-1, the European Union, and Iran on a Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action regarding Iran's nuclear program. Vice President Joe Biden also attended.

During the day, in the Oval Office, the President met with Vice President Biden.

The President declared a major disaster in Vermont and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area affected by a severe storm and flooding on June 9.

July 30

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had lunch.

During the day, in the East Room, the President greeted American Legion's Girls Nation delegates and posed for a group photograph.

In the evening, in the Oval Office, the President participated in a conference call with grassroots supporters to discuss the agreement among the P-5-plus-1, the European Union, and Iran on a Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action regarding Iran's nuclear program.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert P. Jackson to be Ambassador to Ghana.

The President announced his intention to nominate Michael H. Michaud to be Assistant Secretary for Veterans' Employment and Training at the Department of Labor.

The President announced his intention to nominate John E. Sparks to be a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces.

The President announced his intention to nominate Eric D. Eberhard to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation.

The President announced that he has nominated Elizabeth J. Drake, Jennifer Choe Groves, and Gary S. Katzmman to be judges on the U.S. Court of International Trade.

The President announced that he has nominated Susan Paradise Baxter, Robert J. Colville, and Marilyn J. Horan to be judges on the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

The President announced that he has nominated Inga S. Bernstein to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts.

The President announced that he has nominated Gary R. Brown to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York.

The President announced that he has nominated Dax E. López to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia.

The President announced that he has nominated John M. Younge to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

The President declared a major disaster in South Dakota and ordered Federal aid to supplement State, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the area affected by severe storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds, and flooding from June 17 through 24.

July 31

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In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

During the day, in the East Room, the President greeted recipients of the 2013 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching and posed for a group photograph.

The President declared a major disaster in Iowa and ordered Federal aid to supplement State, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the area affected by severe storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds, and flooding from June 20 through 25.

August 1

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Camp David, MD.

August 2

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

August 3

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the evening, in the Oval Office, he participated in a credentialing ceremony for newly appointed Ambassadors to the U.S.

The White House announced that the President will deliver remarks at American University on August 5.

August 4

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Biden had lunch. Later, in the State Dining Room and Red Room, he viewed projects on exhibit for the White House Demo Day. Later, in the Cabinet Room, he met with U.S. Jewish community leaders to discuss the agreement among the P-5-plus-1, the European Union, and Iran on a Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action regarding Iran's nuclear program.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the 50th National Day celebration in Singapore on August 9: Ronald Kirk (head of delegation); and Kirk W.B. Wagar.

August 5

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Roosevelt Room, the President participated in a roundtable interview with foreign policy columnists to discuss the agreement among the P-5-plus-1, the European Union, and Iran on a Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action regarding Iran's nuclear program.

The President announced his intention to nominate Richard Buckius to be Deputy Director of the National Science Foundation.

The President announced his intention to nominate T.F. Scott Darling III to be Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration at the Department of Transportation.

The President announced his intention to nominate Linda Etim to be Assistant Administrator for the Bureau for Africa at the U.S. Agency for International Development.

The President announced his intention to nominate Laura S.H. Holgate to be U.S. Representative to the

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Vienna Office of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and U.S. Representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency, with the rank of Ambassador.

The President announced his intention to nominate Marcel Lettre to be Under Secretary for Intelligence at the Department of Defense.

The President announced his intention to nominate Patrick J. Murphy to be Under Secretary of the Army.

The President announced his intention to nominate Cherry A. Murray to be Director of the Office of Science at the Department of Energy.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert D. Reischauer to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Social Security trust funds.

The President announced his intention to nominate Charles P. Blahous III to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Social Security trust funds.

The President declared a major disaster in the Northern Mariana Islands and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area affected by Typhoon Soudelor from August 1 through 3. The declaration was announced by the Office of the Press Secretary on August 6.

#### August 6

In the afternoon, in the Map Room, the President recorded separate interviews with Fareed Zakaria of CNN's "Fareed Zakaria GPS" program and Jake Horowitz of Mic.com for later broadcast. Then, in the Cabinet Room, he recorded an interview with Steve Inskeep of NPR's "Morning Edition" program for later broadcast.

The White House announced that the President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Sasha and Malia will travel to Martha's Vineyard, MA, on August 7.

#### August 7

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Map Room, he recorded an interview with Thomas L. Friedman of the New York Times for later broadcast online.

In the afternoon, the President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughter Sasha traveled to Chilmark, MA, arriving in the evening. Upon arrival, they traveled to their vacation residence, where they remained overnight.

The President declared a major disaster exists in Missouri and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area affected by severe storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds, and flooding from May 15 through July 27.

#### August 8

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Oak Bluffs, MA.

In the evening, the President returned to his vacation residence in Chilmark, MA.

The President declared a major disaster in West Virginia and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area affected by severe storms, straight-line winds, flooding, landslides, and mudslides from July 10 through 14.

The President declared a major disaster for the Oglala Sioux Tribe of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and ordered Federal aid to supplement tribal recovery efforts in the area affected by severe storms, straight-line winds, and flooding from May 8 through 29.

#### August 9

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In the evening, the President and , Mrs. Obama traveled to West Tisbury, MA. Later, they returned to their vacation residence in Chilmark, MA.

August 10

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Oak Bluffs, MA . Later, he returned to his vacation residence in Chilmark, MA, arriving in the evening.

August 12

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Oak Bluffs, MA . Later, he returned to his vacation residence Chilmark, MA.

In the evening, the President and , Mrs. Obama traveled to Edgartown, MA. Later, they returned to their vacation residence in Chilmark. Also in the evening, he had a telephone conversation with former President James E. Carter, Jr., to extend his and , Mrs. Obama's best wishes following President Carter's recent announcement of his cancer diagnosis.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Park Geun-hye of South Korea on October 16.

The President declared a major disaster in Kentucky and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area affected by severe storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds, flooding, landslides, and mudslides from July 11 through 20.

August 13

In the morning, the President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Sasha and Malia traveled to Oak Bluffs, MA. Later, they returned to their vacation residence in Chilmark, MA.

August 14

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Oak Bluffs, MA. Later, he returned to his vacation residence in Chilmark, MA, arriving in the evening.

August 15

In the morning, the President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Sasha and Malia traveled to Edgartown, MA. Later, they returned to their vacation residence in Chilmark. Then, he traveled to Oak Bluffs, MA.

In the afternoon, at the Farm Neck Golf Club, the President played a round of golf with former President William J. Clinton, former U.S. Trade Representative Ronald Kirk, and civil rights leader Vernon E. Jordan, Jr. Later, he returned to his vacation residence in Chilmark, MA.

In the evening, the President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Sasha and Malia traveled to Oak Bluffs, MA, where, at the Farm Neck Golf Club, they attended a birthday party for Vernon E. Jordan, Jr. Later, they returned to their vacation residence in Chilmark.

August 17

In the morning, the President traveled to Edgartown, MA.

In the afternoon, the President returned to his vacation residence in Chilmark.

August 18

In the morning, the President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Sasha and Malia traveled to Edgartown, MA.

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In the afternoon, the President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Sasha and Malia returned to their vacation residence in Chilmark.

August 19

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Oak Bluffs, MA. Later, he returned to his vacation residence in Chilmark.

In the evening, the President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Sasha and Malia traveled to Tisbury, MA. Later, they returned to their vacation residence in Chilmark. During the evening, the President was briefed on the wildfires affecting Western States, including the deaths of three firefighters in Washington.

August 20

In the afternoon, the President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Sasha and Malia traveled to Aquinnah, MA, where they spent time at the beach with U.S. Ambassador to Japan Caroline B. Kennedy and her family. Later, they returned to their vacation residence in Chilmark.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Las Vegas, NV, on August 24.

August 21

In the morning, the President traveled to Oak Bluffs, MA.

In the afternoon, the President returned to his vacation residence in Chilmark.

In the evening, the President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Sasha and Malia traveled to Oak Bluffs, MA. Later, they returned to their vacation residence in Chilmark.

Also in the evening, the President was briefed on the shooting aboard a train traveling from Amsterdam to Paris, France, in which suspected gunman Ayoub El Khazzani was subdued and restrained by several passengers, including two U.S. servicemembers.

The White House announced that the President will welcome the 2014 Women's National Basketball Association Champion Phoenix Mercury on August 26.

The President declared an emergency in Washington and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts in the areas affected by wildfires beginning on August 13 and continuing.

August 22

In the morning, the President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Sasha and Malia traveled to Tisbury, MA.

In the afternoon, President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Sasha and Malia returned to their vacation residence in Chilmark, MA. Also in the afternoon, he had separate telephone conversations with A1C Spencer Stone, USAF, National Guard Spc. Aleksander Skarlatos, USA, and U.S. student Anthony Sadler to commend and congratulate them on their courageous actions aboard a Paris-bound train, which forestalled an attempted mass shooting on August 22, and wish Airman Stone a speedy recovery for injuries he sustained in restraining suspected gunman Ayoub El Khazzani.

During the day, the President was briefed on the security situation on the Korean Peninsula. He also had a telephone conversation with President François Hollande of France to discuss the August 22 attempted mass shooting on the Paris-bound high-speed train from Amsterdam, the brave actions of three U.S. citizens who helped to subdue the suspected gunman, and their joint commitment to combating terrorism.

In the evening, the President and , Mrs. Obama traveled to a private residence in Edgartown, MA. Later, they returned to their vacation residence in Chilmark, MA.

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The White House announced that the President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Sasha and Malia will return to Washington, DC, on August 23.

August 23

In the morning, the President traveled to Oak Bluffs, MA.

In the afternoon, the President returned to his vacation residence in Chilmark, MA. Later, he, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Sasha and Malia returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

August 24

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Biden had lunch. Later, he traveled to Las Vegas, NV. Then, he traveled to Henderson, NV, arriving in the evening.

In the evening, the President traveled to the Westin Las Vegas Hotel, Casino, and Spa in Las Vegas, NV, where he remained overnight.

The President made additional disaster assistance available to the Northern Mariana Islands by authorizing an increase in the level of Federal funding for the Commonwealth as a result of Typhoon Soudelor from August 1 through 3.

August 25

In the morning, the President returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the afternoon.

In the evening, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Shinzo Abe of Japan to commend the Prime Minister for his August 14 expression of remorse for the suffering caused by Japan during the World War II era, encourage further reconciliation efforts, and reaffirm key areas of Japan-U.S. cooperation.

The White House announced that the President will travel to New Orleans, LA, on August 27.

August 26

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President had a telephone conversation with Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany to discuss the situation in eastern Ukraine, international diplomatic efforts to reduce violence and tensions in Eastern Europe, the migration crisis in Europe, in particular the plight of Syrian refugees entering Europe. Later, in the Diplomatic Reception Room, he recorded separate "Live From the White House" television interviews with Carolyn Clifford of WXYZ in Detroit, MI, Sally-Ann Roberts of WWL in New Orleans, LA, Monica Malpass of WPVI in Philadelphia, PA, Steve Raible of KIRO in Seattle, WA, and Maureen Bunyan of WJLA in Washington, DC, for later broadcast.

The President announced his intention to appoint Jay C. Shambaugh as a member of the Council of Economic Advisers.

The President announced his intention to appoint M. Tia Johnson as Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs at the Department of Homeland Security.

The President announced his intention to appoint Doreen E. Brown and Aaron Payment as members of the National Advisory Council on Indian Education.

The President announced his intention to appoint Joan McDonald as a member of the National Infrastructure Advisory Council.

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The President announced his intention to appoint Lisa Funderburke Hoffman as a member of the National Museum and Library Services Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint Carmen A. Corrales as a member of the President's Commission on White House Fellowships.

August 27

In the morning, the President traveled to New Orleans, LA, arriving in the afternoon.

In the afternoon, the President participated in a walking tour of the Tremé neighborhood with Mayor Mitchell J. Landrieu of New Orleans and visited with local residents. Then, he traveled to Willie Mae's Scotch House restaurant, where he had lunch with Mayor Landrieu, Rep. Cedric L. Richmond, Cabinet Secretary Broderick D. Johnson, and Victor York-Carter, Garland Sipper, Caswick Naverro, and Denzel Shine, local youth and "My Brother's Keeper" initiative participants who have rebuilt their lives over the past 10 years since the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. Later, he returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

The White House announced that the President will welcome King Salman bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia on September 4.

August 28

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he participated in an interview with Jane Eisner, editor-in-chief of Forward.com.

In the afternoon, at the Fiola restaurant, the President attended a Democratic National Committee roundtable fundraiser.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Anchorage, AK, from August 31 through September 2.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Joachim Gauck of Germany on October 7.

The President announced his intention to appoint James O'Brien as Special Presidential Envoy for Hostage Affairs at the Department of State.

The President announced his intention to appoint Charles "Chip" Lyons as U.S. Representative to the Executive Board of the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF).

The President announced his intention to appoint Aaron Williams as U.S. Alternate Representative to the Executive Board of the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF).

The President announced his intention to appoint Esther Brimmer and Michael Guest as members of the National Security Education Board.

August 30

The White House announced that the President will travel to Dillingham and Kotzebue, AK, on September 2.

August 31

In the morning, the President traveled to Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, AK, arriving in the afternoon. He was joined on the flight by Gov. William M. Walker of Alaska. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had a telephone conversation with Kathleen Goforth, wife of Harris County Deputy Sheriff Darren Goforth, who was killed at a gas station in Cypress, TX, on August 28, to offer condolences on behalf of , Mrs. Obama and the Nation and restate his commitment to honoring the bravery and service of law enforcement personnel.

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In the afternoon, upon arrival in Anchorage, AK, the President traveled to Hotel Captain Cook. Later, he traveled to the Dena'ina Civic and Convention Center.

Later in the afternoon, the President traveled to the Hotel Captain Cook.

In the evening, the President traveled to the private residence of Alice Rogoff, publisher of the Alaska Dispatch News, where he had dinner. Later, he returned to the Hotel Captain Cook, where he remained overnight.

#### September 1

In the morning, while en route to Seward, AK, , the President stopped at Snow City Cafe in Anchorage, where he ordered breakfast and greeted patrons.

In the afternoon, upon arrival in Seward, the President hiked to Outlook Point at Exit Glacier in Kenai Fjords National Park. Later, he continued hiking in the park while recording an interview with Bear Grylls of NBC's "Running Wild With Bear Grylls" program for later broadcast.

In the afternoon, at the Sweet Darlings shop in Seward, the President purchased gelato for himself and the pool of travel reporters accompanying him. Later, he traveled to Seward Harbor, where he embarked on boat tour of the Kenai Fjords National Park and Resurrection Bay with Laura Sturtz, National Park Service Operations Supervisor for Interpretation, and viewed local wildlife and geographic features.

In the evening, the President returned to Hotel Captain Cook in Anchorage, where he remained overnight.

#### September 2

In the morning, the President traveled to Dillingham, AK.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Kanakanak Beach, where he met with local fishermen and their families and viewed a demonstration of local salmon preparation methods.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Dillingham Middle/High School, where he attended and participated in a student cultural performance featuring Yup'ik dancing. Then, at N&N Market, he met with patrons. Later, he traveled to Kotzebue, AK. While en route aboard Air Force One, he participated in a fly-over of the island village of Kivalina, an Alaska Native community of 400 people whose coastline has begun receding into the ocean as a result of rising sea levels.

In the evening, at Kotzebue Middle High School, the President participated in an interview and photographic shoot with Jeff Goodell of Rolling Stone magazine for later publication. Later, he traveled to the site of the Shore Avenue Erosion Project, where he viewed the city's beach reconstruction and erosion-prevention efforts. Then, at the sea wall overlooking the Kotzebue Sound, he continued his interview with Rolling Stone's Jeff Goodell. Also at the sea wall, he recorded a self-narrated video on the impact of climate change on Alaska's landscape and native cultures for later online broadcast.

Later in the evening, while en route to Anchorage, AK, the President stopped at the huskie kennel of John Baker, the 2011 Iditarod dog sledding champion, where he met with Mr. Baker and his family, was presented with a Team Baker hat and jacket, and held two of Mr. Baker's puppies. Then, he returned to Washington, DC, arriving the following morning.

#### September 3

The White House announced that the President will travel to Boston, MA, on September 7.

The White House announced that the President will award the 2014 National Medal of Arts and the National Humanities Medal on September 10.

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September 4

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Cabinet Room, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had a working lunch with King Salman bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia. Later, in the Oval Office, he and Vice President Biden met with Secretary of Defense Ashton B. Carter.

The White House announced that the President will welcome the 2015 NCAA Champion Duke University men's basketball team on September 8.

September 4

During the day, in the Oval Office, the President participated in departure photographs with Maurice Owens, outgoing Special Assistant to the White House Chief of Staff, and members of his family.

September 5

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Crown Prince Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan of Abu Dhabi, Deputy Supreme Commander of the United Arab Emirates Armed Forces, to offer his condolences for the deaths of 45 Emirati servicemembers fighting Houthi rebels in Sana'a, Yemen, on September 4.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

September 6

The White House announced that the President and Jill T. Biden, wife of Vice President Joe Biden, will travel to Warren, MI, on September 9.

September 7

In the morning, the President traveled to Boston, MA.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Union Oyster House restaurant, where he purchased clam chowder and visited with patrons. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

September 8

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Biden met with Secretary of the Treasury Jacob J. Lew.

The President announced that he has nominated Clare E. Connors to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the District of Hawaii.

The President announced that he has nominated Stephanie A. Gallagher to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland.

The President announced that he has nominated Mary S. McElroy to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island.

The President announced that he has nominated Edward L. Gilmore to be U.S. marshal for the Northern District of Illinois.

The President announced that he has appointed the following individuals as members of the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Access Board: Regina D. Blye; Christopher S. Hart; Mathew

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McCollough; Victor S. Pineda; and Karen M. Tamley.

September 9

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President and Jill T. Biden, wife of Vice President Biden, traveled to Warren, MI, where, at Macomb Community College, they toured the Michigan Technical Education Center with Engineering and Advanced Technology Workforce and Continuing Education Director Holger Ekanger and met with students. Then, at the college's Sports and Expo Center, they met with members of the College Promise Advisory Board. Later, they returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

The White House announced that the President and , Mrs. Obama will greet Pope Francis on his arrival in the U.S. at Joint Base Andrews, MD, on September 22.

September 10

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President held a conference call with over 500 rabbis in observance of Rosh Hashanah. During the call, he discussed the multilateral agreement to prevent Iran from developing a nuclear weapon, Israel's security, and Israel-U.S. relations.

The President announced his intention to nominate Barbara J. Lee, Christopher H. Smith, and Cassandra Q. Butts to be Representatives of the United States to the 70th Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

September 11

In the morning, on the South Lawn, the President and , Mrs. Obama participated in a moment of silence to mark the 14th anniversary of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Later, in the Oval Office, he had an intelligence briefing, followed by a meeting with Secretary of State John F. Kerry.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Fort Meade, MD, where, at the National Security Agency, he met with military and civilian intelligence personnel to thank them for their ongoing support in defense of the Nation. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Des Moines, IA, on September 14.

The White House announced that the President will welcome the 2015 NCAA Champion University of Connecticut women's basketball team to the White House on September 15.

September 14

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Des Moines, IA. Then, he traveled to the Ola Babcock Miller Building, where at the State Library of Iowa, he was greeted by State Librarian Michael Scott and participated in an interview with novelist Marilynne Robinson for the New York Review of Books. Later, he returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

September 15

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Later, also in the Oval Office, he met with Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Mathews Burwell.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Biden had lunch. Later, in the Diplomatic Reception Room, he and , Mrs. Obama greeted King Felipe VI and Queen Letizia of Spain.

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During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong of Singapore to congratulate him on his party's victory in recent elections and discuss U.S.-Singapore relations. He also had separate telephone conversations with outgoing Prime Minister Anthony J. Abbott and Prime Minister-elect Malcolm B. Turnbull of Australia to thank Prime Minister Abbott for his strong support of Australia-U.S. relations and wish him well in the future, congratulate Prime Minister-elect Turnbull on his selection as Prime Minister, and pledge to continue working with Australia on a range of issues of mutual interest.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Xi Jinping of China on September 25.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert M. Califf to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs at the Department of Health and Human Services.

The President announced his intention to nominate Eduardo Castell to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation.

The President announced his intention to nominate Deborah R. Malac to be Ambassador to Uganda.

The President announced his intention to nominate Lisa J. Peterson to be Ambassador to Swaziland.

The President announced his intention to nominate H. Dean Pittman to be Ambassador to Mozambique.

The President announced his intention to nominate Linda A. Puchala to be a member of the National Mediation Board.

The President announced his intention to nominate Eric S. Rubin to be Ambassador to Bulgaria.

The President announced his intention to nominate Kyle R. Scott to be Ambassador to Serbia.

The President announced his intention to appoint Octaviana Trujillo as a member of the Joint Public Advisory Committee of the Commission for Environmental Cooperation.

The President announced that he has nominated Rebecca Goodgame Ebinger to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Iowa.

September 16

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Bethesda, MD, where at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, he visited with wounded U.S. servicemembers and their families. Later, he traveled to Mark O. Hatfield Clinical Research Center, a facility of the National Institutes of Health, to visit with another wounded U.S. servicemember. Then, he returned to Washington, DC.

In the evening, the President had a telephone conversation with Gov. Edmund G. "Jerry" Brown, Jr., of California to receive an update on the recent wildfires, express his concern about the severe damage in California and its impact on citizens, offer his gratitude for the firefighters, local authorities, and emergency managers working to combat the fires and evacuate people out of harm's way, and reiterate his support for assisting California in building resilience toward climate change.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel on November 9.

September 17

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing. Then, also in the oval office, he

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had a telephone conversation with King Salman bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia to follow up on their September 4 meeting at the White House, discuss regional issues, including the humanitarian situation in Yemen and recent violence and tensions at the Haram Al-Sharif/Temple Mount in Jerusalem, Israel, and reaffirm Saudi Arabia-U.S. relations. Later, also in the Oval Office, he met with Secretary of State John F. Kerry.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President participated in a credentialing ceremony for newly appointed Ambassadors to the U.S. Then, also in the Oval Office, he met with Senate Minority Leader Harry M. Reid and House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi. Later, at the St. Regis Washington, D.C. hotel, he attended a Democratic National Committee roundtable fundraiser.

September 18

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Roosevelt Room, the President and Vice President Biden met with members of the President's Council of Advisers on Science and Technology. Later, he had a telephone conversation with President Raúl Castro Ruz of Cuba to discuss the normalization of Cuba-U.S. relations in advance of Pope Francis's upcoming visits to Cuba and the United States, commend the role that Pope Francis played in advancing Cuba-U.S. diplomatic ties, and note the cooperation between U.S. and Cuban medical professionals during the U.S. Naval Ship Comfort's recent humanitarian mission to Haiti.

The President announced his intention to nominate Ricardo A. Aguilera to be Assistant Secretary for Financial Management at the Department of the Air Force.

The President announced his intention to nominate Janine Davidson to be Under Secretary of the Navy.

The President announced his intention to nominate Lisa S. Disbrow to be Under Secretary of the Air Force.

The President announced his intention to nominate Eric K. Fanning to be Secretary of the Army.

The President announced his intention to nominate Shoshana Lew to be Chief Financial Officer at the Department of Transportation.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jennifer M. O'Connor to be General Counsel at the Department of Defense.

The President announced his intention to nominate Thomas A. Shannon to be Under Secretary for Political Affairs at the Department of State.

September 21

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President had a telephone conversation with Sultan Qaboos bin Said Al Said of Oman to him for his efforts to secure the release of Scott Darden and Sam Farran , U.S. citizens detained in Sanaa, Yemen, by Shiite Houthi rebels fighting Government forces and for his continued assistance in attending to the situation in Yemen.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo of Indonesia to the White House on October 26.

September 22

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President, , Mrs. Obama, and Vice President Joe Biden and his wife Jill T. Biden

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traveled to Joint Base Andrews, MD, where they greeted Pope Francis upon his arrival. Later, he and , Mrs. Obama returned to the White House.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany to discuss the refugee crisis in Europe and the need for EU countries to accept their fair share of refugees and reiterate the importance of Russia's adherence to the Minsk agreements in resolving the situation in eastern Ukraine.

The President announced a major disaster in California and ordered Federal aid to supplement State, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the area affected by the Valley Fire beginning on September 12 and continuing.

#### September 23

In the morning, in the Grand Foyer and Red Room, the President participated in a gift presentation with Pope Francis. Then, in the Oval Office, he met with the Pope.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had lunch. Later, in the Oval Office, he had a telephone conversation with President Enrique Peña Nieto of Mexico to discuss the status of Trans-Pacific Partnership negotiations, the importance of concluding the trade deal expediently, and Mexico-U.S. relations.

#### September 24

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister David Cameron of the United Kingdom to discuss the refugee crisis in Europe, the situation in Syria, their joint commitment to defeat the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization, and the importance of reaching a strong international agreement at the upcoming United Nations Climate Change Conference in Paris. He also had a telephone with Prime Minister Alexios Tsipras of Greece to congratulate him on his election victory and his party's success in the recent parliamentary elections, discuss the refugee crisis in Europe, and reaffirm Greek-U.S. relations.

Also during the day, the President has a telephone conversation with President Ollanta Moises Humala Tasso of Peru to discuss the Trans-Pacific Partnership negotiations and other economic issues.

In the evening, at the Blair House, the President had a working dinner for President Xi Jinping of China. Vice President Biden also attended.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the President's Advisory Council on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships: Carroll A. Baltimore; Preeta Bansal; David Beckmann; Kara Bobroff; Jennifer Butler; Steve Gutow; Aziza Hasan; Lanae Erickson Hatafsky; David Jeffrey; Jo Anne Lyon; Michael McBride; Nipun Mehta; Kevin Ryan; Gabriel A. Salguero; Stephen Schneck; Jasjit Singh; Alexie Torres-Fleming; and Deborah Weinstein.

#### September 25

In the morning in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Biden met with President Xi Jinping of China. Later, in the Cabinet Room, he had an expanded bilateral meeting with President Xi.

In the afternoon, the President had a telephone conversation with Speaker of the House of Representatives John A. Boehner to discuss his resignation from Congress. Later, he traveled to Arlington, VA. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

In the evening, on the North Portico, the President and , Mrs. Obama greeted President Xi of China and his wife Peng Liyuan. Then, on the Grand Staircase, they participated in a photographic opportunity with President Xi and Mrs. Peng.

The White House announced that the President will travel to New York City on September 27.

#### September 27

In the morning, the President traveled to New York City. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had a telephone conversation with President Michelle Bachelet Jeria of Chile to discuss Chile-U.S. economic relations, the Trans-Pacific Partnership negotiations, the upcoming U.N. General Assembly meetings, and the Our Ocean Conference to be hosted by Chile in October. President Obama also reiterated his condolences for the loss of life caused by the September 16 earthquake. Upon arrival in New York City, he traveled to the Lotte New York Palace hotel.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to United Nations Headquarters. Later, at the U.S. Mission to the United Nations, he met with Mission employees and their families. Then, he returned to the Lotte New York Palace hotel. Later, he traveled to Gotham Hall.

In the evening, the President returned to the Lotte New York Palace hotel.

#### September 28

In the morning, the President and , Mrs. Obama traveled to United Nations Headquarters in New York City.

In the afternoon, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber at U.N. Headquarters, the President participated in a family photograph for the Leaders' Summit on Peacekeeping. Later, in the Security Council Consultations Room, he met with President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin of Russia to discuss the situations in Ukraine and Syria.

In the evening, the President returned to the Lotte New York Palace hotel, where, in the Villard Ballroom, he and , Mrs. Obama hosted a reception for visiting heads of state and government attending the U.N. General Assembly.

#### September 29

In the morning, the President traveled to United Nations Headquarters, where, in Conference Room C, he met with President Raúl Castro Ruz of Cuba to discuss Cuba-U.S. relations, the recent visit of Pope Francis to both countries, U.S. regulatory changes regarding travel by U.S. citizens to Cuba, and human rights in Cuba. Later, following the Leaders' Summit on Countering ISIL and Violent Extremism, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, he met with Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi of Iraq.

In the afternoon, in Conference Room C, the President met with President Nursultan Nazarbayev of Kazakhstan. Later, he and , Mrs. Obama returned to Washington, DC.

#### September 30

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Also in the morning, he was briefed by Homeland Security and Counterterrorism Adviser Lisa O. Monaco on the Federal Government's preparations for Hurricane Joaquin.

In the afternoon, in the East Room, the President greeted wounded U.S. servicemembers and their families during a tour of the White House.

#### October 1

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Biden met with Secretary of the Treasury Jacob J. Lew.

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During the day, the President was briefed by Homeland Security and Counterterrorism Adviser Lisa O. Monaco on the Federal Government's preparations for Hurricane Joaquin. Also during the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Malcolm B. Turnbull of Australia to discuss Trans-Pacific Partnership negotiations, efforts to combat the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization, and the situation in Syria.

October 2

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President received a briefing Federal Emergency Management Agency Administrator W. Craig Fugate, Homeland Security and Counterterrorism Adviser Lisa O. Monaco, and other senior staff to discuss the Federal Government's preparations for Hurricane Joaquin. Later, in the Roosevelt Room, he recorded a video message to be broadcast to participants in the Our Ocean Conference in Chile on October 5.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Emmitsburg, MD, on October 4.

The President announced his intention to nominate Todd C. Chapman to be Ambassador to Ecuador.

The President announced his intention to nominate Steven M. Haro to be Assistant Secretary for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs at the Department of Commerce.

The President announced his intention to nominate John Kotek to be Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy at the Department of Energy.

The President announced his intention to nominate Carolyn N. Lerner to be Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel.

The President announced his intention to nominate Matthew J. Matthews for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as U.S. Senior Official for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum at the Department of State.

The President announced his intention to nominate Michael J. Missal to be Inspector General at the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The President announced his intention to appoint Pamela K. Anderson and Gebisa Ejeta as members of the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development.

The President announced his intention to appoint Ronald A. Cass, Jonathan Sallet, and Jane Sherburne as members of the Council of the Administrative Conference of the U.S.

The President announced his intention to appoint Bo Thao-Urabe as a member of the President's Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

October 3

During the day, the President was briefed on the U.S. military airstrike on a Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières hospital in Kunduz, Afghanistan, that killed and injured several patients and staff.

The President declared an emergency in South Carolina and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts in the areas affected by severe storms and flooding beginning on October 1 and continuing.

October 4

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In the morning, the President traveled to Emmitsburg, MD.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

October 5

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The President declared a major disaster in South Carolina and ordered Federal aid to supplement State, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the area affected by severe storms and flooding beginning on October 1 and continuing.

October 6

In the morning the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, at the Department of Agriculture, the President and Secretary of Agriculture Thomas J. Vilsack taped an interview with Tom Steever of Brownfield Ag News Radio for later broadcast. Also at the Department of Agriculture, he taped an interview with Kai Ryssdal of NPR's "Marketplace" program. Then, in the Private Dining Room, he and Vice President Biden had lunch. Later, in the Roosevelt Room, he taped an interview with Steve Kroft of CBS's "60 Minutes" program for later broadcast.

October 7

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Doctors Without Borders /Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) International President Joanne Liu to apologize and offer condolences for the loss of life and injury among patients and MSF staff as a result of the mistaken U.S. military airstrike on a hospital in Kunduz, Afghanistan, on October 3, offer assurances that the Department of Defense would conduct a thorough, objective, and transparent investigation into the incident, and pledge full cooperation with the joint investigations being conducted with NATO and the Afghan Government. Then, he had a telephone conversation with President Ashraf Ghani Ahmadzai of Afghanistan to commend the bravery of Afghan National Defense and Security Forces, offer his condolences for the deaths and injuries caused by the U.S. airstrike on the MSF hospital in Kunduz, and discuss Afghanistan-U.S. relations. Later, in the Oval Office, he and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Biden met with Secretary of State John F. Kerry.

The White House announced that the President will travel to the San Francisco, CA, area on October 9 and 10.

The White House announced that President will travel to the Los Angeles, CA, area on October 10.

The White House announced that President will travel to the San Diego, CA, area from October 10 through 12.

October 8

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Roseburg, OR, on October 9.

The President announced his intention to nominate Dana J. Boente to be U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert L. Capers to be U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of New York. The President announced his intention to nominate John P. Fishwick, Jr., to be U.S.

attorney for the Western District of Virginia.

The President announced his intention to nominate Channing D. Phillips to be U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia.

The President announced his intention to nominate Emily Gray Rice to be U.S. attorney for the District of New Hampshire.

The President announced his intention to nominate Randolph J. Seiler to be U.S. attorney for the District of South Dakota.

The President announced his intention to nominate Amos J. Hochstein to be Assistant Secretary for Energy Resources at the Department of State.

The President announced his intention to nominate David McKean to be Ambassador to Luxembourg.

The President announced his intention to appoint Raymond Dolan to be a member of the President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee.

#### October 9

In the morning, the President traveled to Roseburg, OR, arriving in the afternoon. Upon arrival at Roseburg Regional Airport, he was joined by Gov. Kate Brown of Oregon, who updated the President on the shootings at Umpqua Community College in Roseburg on October 1 and the State's ongoing efforts to provide support and resources to the families affected.

In the afternoon, the President and Gov. Brown traveled to Roseburg High School, where he met with families of the victims killed in the October 1 shootings at Umpqua Community College. Then, also at Roseburg High School, he met with first responders and college administrators to thank them for their admirable response to the October 1 shootings and express his condolences to the school community. Later, he traveled to Seattle, WA, where at the Westin Seattle hotel, he attended a Democratic National Committee roundtable fundraiser.

In the evening, the President traveled to San Francisco, where at a private residence, he attended a Democratic National Committee roundtable fundraiser. Later, he traveled to the Fairmont San Francisco hotel, where he remained overnight.

#### October 10

In the morning, the President traveled to Los Angeles, CA, arriving in the afternoon. In the afternoon, at a private residence, the President attended a Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee fundraiser.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with President Recep Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey to offer his condolences for the loss of life and injuries due to the terrorist attack at a peace rally in Ankara, Turkey, and reaffirm U.S. solidarity with Turkey in the effort combat terrorism.

In the evening, the President traveled to Rancho Santa Fe, CA, where at the Rancho Valencia Resort & Spa in, he remained overnight.

#### October 12

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

#### October 13

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch.

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October 14

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Biden had lunch. Then, in the Oval Office, they met with Secretary of State John F. Kerry.

The White House announced that the President will host a White House Astronomy Night event for students, teachers, scientists, astronauts, and others on October 19.

The White House announced that the President will award the Medal of Honor to Capt. Florent A. Groberg, USA, on November 12.

October 15

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President had a telephone conversation with Cheryl Reeve, head coach of the Women's National Basketball Association's Minnesota Lynx, to congratulate her on her team's victory in the WNBA Finals. Then, he had a telephone conversation with President Recep Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey to discuss strengthening Turkey-U.S. cooperation in the fight against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization, reiterate his condolences for the October 10 terrorist attack in Ankara, and stress the urgent need to stop the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) attacks in Turkey.

The President declared a major disaster in Washington and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area affected by the severe windstorm on August 29.

October 16

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Later, also in the Oval Office, they met with President Park Geun-hye of South Korea.

In the afternoon, in the Cabinet Room, the President and Vice President Biden had a working lunch with President Park.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Crown Prince Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan of Abu Dhabi, Deputy Supreme Commander of the United Arab Emirates Armed Forces, to discuss the importance of establishing conditions for a political transition in Syria and the urgency of expanding humanitarian assistance in Yemen.

The President declared a major disaster in Washington and ordered Federal aid to supplement State, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the area affected by a severe windstorm on August 29.

October 19

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President had a telephone conversation with National Aeronautics and Space Administration astronauts Scott J. Kelly and Kjell N. Lindgren aboard the International Space Station. Later, also in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden met with Secretary of the Treasury Jacob J. Lew.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Charleston, WV, on October 21.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Mohammad Nawaz Sharif of Pakistan on October 22.

The White House announced that the President will host the White House Tribal Nations Conference on

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November 5.

October 20

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing. Then, also in the Oval Office, he met with 2014 Enrico Fermi Award recipients Claudio Pellegrini and Charles V. Shank.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had lunch. Later, in the Oval Office, they met with Secretary of State John F. Kerry. Then, also in the Oval Office, the President met with Secretary of Defense Ashton B. Carter. Also in the afternoon, he had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister-designate Justin P.J. Trudeau of Canada to congratulate him on his party's victory in parliamentary elections and discuss Canada-U.S. relations, the Trans-Pacific Partnership, and the upcoming U.N. climate change conference in Paris, France.

The President announced his intention to nominate Hester M. Peirce and Lisa M. Fairfax to be Commissioners on the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate Linda Etim to be a member of the Board of Directors for the African Development Foundation.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jean E. Manes to be Ambassador to El Salvador.

The President announced his intention to nominate Scot A. Marciel to be Ambassador to Burma.

The President announced his intention to nominate Linda Swartz Taglialatela to be Ambassador to Barbados, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

The President declared a major disaster in Washington and ordered Federal aid to supplement State, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the area affected by wildfires and mudslides from August 9 through September 10.

October 21

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Later, also in the Oval Office, the President had a separate meeting with Vice President Biden. Then, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Stephen J. Harper of Canada to discuss Canada-U.S. relations and the Trans-Pacific Partnership and wish him well in his future endeavors.

In the afternoon, in the Rose Garden, the President attended Vice President Biden's announcement that he would not be a candidate in the 2016 Presidential election. Then, he traveled to Charleston, WV. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

In the evening, in the State Dining Room, the President hosted a working reception for House and Senate Democrats to discuss trade issues.

The White House announced that the President will host a panel discussion on criminal justice reform on October 22.

The White House announced that the President will welcome the U.S. Women's National Soccer Team on October 27 to congratulate them on their victory in the 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup.

October 22

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

October 23

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In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Map Room, the President recorded a video address for broadcast during the October 31 peace rally in Rabin Square in Tel Aviv, Israel, commemorating the 20th anniversary of the assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel. Then, also in the Map Room, he recorded a Facebook video post on the administration's call to reduce standardized testing in K-12 schools for online broadcast on October 24. Later, at the Grand Hyatt Washington hotel, he attended a Democratic National Committee roundtable fundraiser.

#### October 25

In the afternoon, the President had a telephone conversation with Crown Prince Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan of Abu Dhabi, Deputy Supreme Commander of the United Arab Emirates Armed Forces, to discuss international diplomatic efforts to address the situation in Syria, ongoing political unrest and violence in Yemen, the political situation in Libya, and efforts to combat Al Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula and other terrorist groups.

The White House announce that the President will travel to Chicago, IL, on October 27 and 28.

#### October 26

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, also in the Oval Office, the President met with teachers and representatives of States and school districts to discuss shared efforts to reduce the amount of time students spend on redundant or low-quality tests, while still ensuring that teachers and parents have the information they need on student progress. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan and Acting Secretary of Education John B. King, Jr., also attended.

In the afternoon, the President, White House Chief of Staff Denis R. McDonough, and Director of Legislative Affairs Katie Beirne Fallon walked to the Metropolitan Club, where the President attended a luncheon hosted by former Sens. Thomas A. Daschle and George J. Mitchell. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with Secretary of State John F. Kerry.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Turkey, the Philippines, and Malaysia from November 14 through 22.

#### October 27

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with King Salman bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia to discuss cooperative efforts to counter the shared threat posed by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant terrorist organization, international diplomatic efforts to achieve a political transition in Syria, the situation in Yemen, and Saudi Arabia-U.S. relations.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Chicago, IL, where in the North Service Hallway of the McCormick Place conference center, he met with spouses and children of law enforcement officers who were killed in the line of duty. Also at McCormick Place, in the East Service Corridor, he met with the families of bystander victims of gun violence in Chicago. Later, at the PowerReviews headquarters, he attended Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee roundtable fundraiser.

In the evening, at the United Center, the President attended a basketball game between the National Basketball Association's Chicago Bulls and Cleveland Cavaliers. Later, he traveled to his Hyde Park-Kenwood residence, where he remained overnight.

#### October 28

In the morning, the President returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the afternoon.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with outgoing Special Presidential Envoy for the Global

## Coalition To Counter ISIL John R. Allen.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Rep. Paul D. Ryan to congratulate him on his election as Speaker of the House of Representatives and wish him well as he assumes his new responsibilities.

## October 29

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Then, he had a telephone conversation with Amir Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani of Qatar to discuss the importance of achieving a successful political transition in Syria and international diplomatic efforts to facilitate a resolution to the conflict, underscore their support for the United Nations role in continued political negotiations in Libya, and review joint efforts to counter the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant terrorist organization and other extremist groups.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Biden had lunch. Later, in the Oval Office, they met with Secretary of Defense Ashton B. Carter.

In the evening, the President traveled to McLean, VA, where at a private residence, he attended a Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee roundtable fundraiser. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

## October 30

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Then, he had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Haidar al-Abadi of Iraq to discuss the political and security situation in Iraq, underscore U.S. support for Iraq in its fight against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant terrorist organization, note recent progress made by Iraqi security forces in Bayji and Ramadi, and commend the Prime Minister's efforts to combat corruption and implement governance reforms critical to promoting Iraq's political stability and economic prosperity.

In the afternoon, on the South Portico, the President and , Mrs. Obama greeted local schoolchildren and children of U.S. servicemembers trick-or-treating at the White House for Halloween.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Newark, NJ, on November 2.

The White House announced new details concerning the President's participation in the White House Tribal Nations Conference on November 5.

The President declared a major disaster in Alaska and ordered Federal aid to supplement State, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the area affected by a severe storm on August 27.

## November 1

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the Inauguration of Alassane Dramane Ouattara as President of Cote d'Ivoire in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire, on November 3: Thomas A. Shannon (head of delegation); Terence P. McCulley; and Linda Thomas-Greenfield.

## November 2

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Newark, NJ. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had a telephone conversation with Manager Edgar F. "Ned" Yost III of Major League Baseball's Kansas City Royals to congratulate him on his team's victory in the World Series Championship. Upon arrival in Newark, he traveled to Integrity House, a nonprofit substance abuse rehabilitation center, where he toured the facilities

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and met with Sen. Cory A Booker, Newark Mayor Ras J. Baraka, and center staff and residents. Then, in the Green Room of the Integrity House, he recorded an interview with Lester Holt of NBC's "Nightly News With Lester Holt" program for later broadcast.

Later in the afternoon,, the President traveled to the Rutgers University-Newark campus, where, in the Reading Gallery of the Center for Law and Justice building, he participated in a roundtable discussion on prisoner reentry and rehabilitation programs with Sen. Booker, Mayor Baraka, and a group of returning prisoners and family members. Later, in the New Jersey Reference Room, he recorded another interview with NBC host Lester Holt. Then, he traveled to New York City.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

#### November 3

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Later, he met with Sen. Barbara A. Mikulski and Rep. Nita M. Lowey to discuss the appropriations process and the Federal budget.

#### November 4

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President participated in a teleconference call with Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Mathews Burwell and Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act in-person assisters and volunteers to discuss open enrollment in the Federal health insurance exchange. Later, he traveled to Potomac, MD.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

#### November 5

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President recorded separate "Live From the White House" interviews with Mary Shedden of WUSF in Tampa, FL, Alice Rios of KRLD in Dallas, TX, E.J. Becker of KMBZ in Kansas City, MO, Dave Ross of KIRO in Seattle, WA, and Ryan Cameron of WVEE in Atlanta, GA, to discuss the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the importance of reducing the number of people without health insurance.

The President announced his intention to nominate Karen Brevard Stewart to be Ambassador to the Marshall Islands.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert Riley to be Ambassador to Micronesia.

The President announced his intention to appoint Jaime Castillo as Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs at the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The President announced his intention to nominate Vik Edwin Stoll to be a judge on the U.S. Tax Court.

#### November 6

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Biden had lunch.

The White House announced that the President will award the Medal of Honor to Capt. Florent A. Groberg, USA, on November 12.

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November 9

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President met with National Security Adviser Susan E. Rice and Secretary of State John F. Kerry prior to his meeting with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with Secretary of State Kerry. Vice President Joe Biden also attended. Then, also in the Oval office, he had separate telephone conversations with President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu of Turkey to congratulate the Turkish people on the November 1 elections and preview the upcoming Group of Twenty (G-20) summit in Antalya, Turkey. They also discussed the situation in Syria, efforts to combat the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization, and the need to prevent terrorist attacks in Turkey by the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) terrorist organization.

November 10

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Narendra Modi of India to discuss India-U.S. relations, the upcoming Group of Twenty (G-20) summit, East Asia Summit, and U.N. Climate Change Conference in Paris, and implementation of the Joint Strategic Vision for the Asia-Pacific and Indian Ocean Region. The President also noted that the conversation represented the first use of the new secure line between the two leaders and wished Prime Minister Modi a happy Diwali.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with 2015 Nobel Prize winners William C. Campbell, Angus Deaton, Paul Modrich, and Aziz Sancar, and Sweden's Ambassador to the U.S. Bjorn Lyrvall and Norway's Ambassador to the U.S. Kare Aas. Later, also in the Oval Office, he met with Secretary of Defense Ashton B. Carter.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Reuven Rivlin of Israel on December 9.

The President announced his intention to nominate Beth F. Cobert to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management.

November 11

In the morning, in the State Dining Room, the President hosted a Veterans Day breakfast for veterans and their families. Vice President Joe Biden also attended. Later, he and Vice President Biden traveled to Arlington, VA, where they participated in a wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC. Later, he had a telephone conversation with President Jacob Zuma of South Africa to discuss the upcoming U.N. Climate Change Conference in Paris, the situation in Burundi, and President Obama's November 5 notification to Congress regarding the African Growth and Opportunity Act. He also expressed his condolences for the death of a South African citizen in the November 9 shooting at the King Abdullah II Special Operations Training Center in Amman, Jordan.

In the evening, the President had separate telephone conversations with National League for Democracy Party Leader Aung San Suu Kyi and President Thein Sein of Burma to discuss the November 8 parliamentary elections. He congratulated Aung San Suu Kyi on her party's success in the elections and discussed with both leaders the importance for all parties to respect the official results once announced and work together to form an inclusive, representative Government. He also noted that the election and formation of a new Government could be an important step forward in Burma's democratic transition.

November 12

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Crown Prince Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan of Abu Dhabi, Deputy Supreme Commander of the United Arab Emirates Armed Forces, to discuss the situations in Syria and Yemen and the need to support the Iraqi Government's efforts to combat the

Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization.

In the afternoon, in the Cabinet Room, the President recorded an interview with George Stephanopoulos of ABC's "This Week" program for broadcast on November 15.

During the day, the President was briefed on a U.S. airstrike in Raqqa, Syria, targeting Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization member Mohammed Emwazi.

The President announced his intention to appoint Joshua M. Javitz as Chair of Presidential Emergency Board No. 249.

The President announced his intention to appoint Elizabeth Neumeier and Nancy E. Peace as members of Presidential Emergency Board No. 249.

#### November 13

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President François Hollande of France to discuss the upcoming U.N. Climate Change Conference in Paris and Group of Twenty (G-20) summit in Antalya, Turkey. Then, also in the Oval Office, he met with Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB); Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington, DC; and Monsignor Ronny Jenkins, General Secretary of the USCCB. Vice President Joe Biden also attended.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Biden had lunch. Later, in the Oval Office, he was briefed by Homeland Security and Counterterrorism Adviser Lisa O. Monaco on the terrorist attacks in Paris, France. National Security Adviser Susan E. Rice, White House Chief of Staff Denis R. McDonough, and White House Press Secretary Joshua R. Earnest also attended.

In the evening, the President had a telephone conversation with President François Hollande of France to express his condolences for the terrorist attacks in Paris, offer U.S. support in the investigation, and pledge continued France-U.S. counterterrorism cooperation.

#### November 14

In the afternoon, in the Situation Room, the President met with the National Security Council to review the latest intelligence concerning the terrorist attacks in Paris, France, on November 13, review the U.S. security posture in light of the attacks, reaffirm close coordination with French authorities investigating the attacks, and discuss diplomatic security measures at the U.S. Embassy in Paris. Then, he traveled to Antalya, Turkey, arriving the following morning.

#### November 15

In the morning, upon arrival in Antalya, Turkey, the President traveled to the Calista Luxury Resort. Later, he traveled to the Regnum Carya Golf and Spa Resort.

In the afternoon, at the Regnum Carya Resort, the President participate in a welcoming ceremony for Group of Twenty (G-20) leaders. Then, he participated in a family photograph with G-20 leaders, followed by a working lunch in the Leaders Dining Room. Later, also at the Regnum Carya Resort, in Plenary Hall, he attended a working session for G-20 leaders.

During the day, at the Regnum Carya Resort, the President met with President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin to discuss the situation in Syria, the November 13 terrorist attacks in Paris, France, the need for all nations to confront the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization, international diplomatic efforts to resolve the situation in Ukraine, and the loss of Russian life in the October 31 crash of Metrojet Flight 9268 over Egypt.

In the evening, in Villa 6300 of the Regnum Carya Golf and Spa Resort, the President met with King Salman

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bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia to discuss efforts to defeat ISIL, the horrific Paris attacks, the urgency of achieving a cease-fire and political transition in Syria, international diplomatic efforts to resolve the conflict there, the need to provide robust support to the moderate Syrian opposition, and methods to support the Iraqi Government's efforts to combat ISIL. Secretary of State John F. Kerry, National Security Adviser Susan E. Rice, Deputy National Security Adviser for International Economics Caroline M. Atkinson, National Security Council Coordinator for Middle East, North Africa, and the Gulf Region Robert Malley, and Special Envoy for the Global Coalition to Counter ISIL Brett H. McGurk also attended. Then, also at the Regnum Carya Resort, in the Leaders Dining Room, he had a working dinner with G-20 leaders. Later, he returned to the Calista Luxury Resort, where he remained overnight.

## November 16

In the morning, in Candor 2 of the Calista Luxury Resort, the President visited with U.S. Embassy personnel. Then, he traveled to the Regnum Carya Golf and Spa Resort, where in Plenary Hall, he met with Group of Twenty (G-20) leaders.

In the afternoon, in the Leaders Dining Room at the Regnum Carya Resort, the President had a working lunch for G-20 leaders. Later, in Villa 6300, he met with Prime Minister David Cameron of the United Kingdom, Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany, Prime Minister Matteo Renzi of Italy, and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Development Laurent Fabius of France to discuss the November 13 terrorist attacks in Paris, the urgency of continuing and enhancing multilateral action to counter the threat posed by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization, the international commitment to achieving a diplomatic resolution to the situation in Syria, efforts to mitigate the plight of those displaced by the Syrian conflict, and their agreement to maintain sanctions against Russia until full implementation of the Minsk agreements to resolve the situation in Ukraine is achieved. Secretary of State John F. Kerry and National Security Adviser Susan E. Rice also attended. Later, he traveled to the Hotel Riu Kaya Palazzo 5 resort in Belek, Turkey.

In the evening, the President traveled to Manila, Philippines, arriving the following morning.

The White House announced that the President will present the Medal of Freedom on November 24.

## November 17

In the morning, upon arrival in Manila, Philippines, the President traveled to the Sofitel Philippine Plaza Manila hotel.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Manila Harbor, where he toured the BRP Gregorio del Pilar, a former U.S. Coast Guard frigate now part of the Philippines Navy, with the ship's commanding officer, Capt. Vincent Sibala. Later, he traveled to the Sofitel Philippine Plaza Manila hotel, where he remained overnight.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President François Hollande of France on November 24.

## November 18

In the afternoon, at the Sofitel Philippine Plaza Manila hotel, in the garden ten, the President participated in a family photograph with the leaders of Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) countries. Later, he traveled to the Philippine International Convention Center, where he attended a Pacific Alliance meeting. Then, he returned to the Sofitel.

During the day, the President received a briefing on the law enforcement action taking place in St. Denis, France, as part of the ongoing investigation into the November 13 terrorist attacks in Paris.

In the evening, the President traveled to the SM Mall of Asia Arena in Pasay, Philippines, where he participated in a family photograph for Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) leaders. Then, he attended an APEC welcome dinner and cultural performance. Later, he returned to the Sofitel Philippine

Plaza Manila hotel in Manila, where he remained overnight.

November 19

In the morning, the President traveled to the Philippine International Convention Center, where he participated in a family photograph for Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) leaders. Then, also at the Philippine International Convention Center, in Meeting Room 1, he attended the opening session of the APEC retreat.

In the afternoon, the President returned to the Sofitel Philippine Plaza Manila hotel. Later, he traveled to the Philippine International Convention Center, where in Meeting Room 1, he attended the second session of the APEC retreat. Later, also in Meeting Room 1, he attended the closing session of the APEC retreat.

In the evening, the President returned to the Sofitel Philippine Plaza Manila hotel, where he remained overnight. Also in the evening, he had a telephone conversation with President François Hollande of France to discuss the latest developments in the investigation into the November 13 terrorist attacks in Paris, reiterate their joint commitment to counter the threat posed by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization, underscore the need to bring to an end the conflict in Syria, and continue the fight against global terrorism.

The President announced his intention to nominate Philip Cullom to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations, and Environment.

The President announced his intention to nominate Swati A. Dandekar to be a U.S. Executive Director of the Asian Development Bank, with the Rank of Ambassador.

The President announced his intention to nominate Harry R. Hoglander to be a member of the National Mediation Board.

The President announced his intention to nominate Daniel B. Maffei to be a Commissioner of the Federal Maritime Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate Georgette Mosbacher to be a member of the U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy.

The President announced his intention to nominate Patrick Pizzella to be a member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority.

The President announced his intention to appoint Dave Eggers as a member of the Advisory Committee on the Arts for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

The President announced his intention to appoint William H. Graham as a member of the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin.

The President announced his intention to appoint David C. Hill as a Commissioner of the Mississippi River Commission.

The President announced his intention to appoint Barry Jackson as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

The President announced that he has appointed Anthony M. Reardon as a member of the Federal Salary Council and member of the National Council on Federal Labor-Management Relations.

November 20

In the morning, at the Sofitel Philippine Plaza Manila hotel, in the garden tent, the President visited with U.S. Embassy personnel and their families. Later, he traveled to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, arriving in the

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afternoon.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Taylor's University in Subang Jaya, Malaysia.

During the day, the President received a briefing on the terrorist attack and hostage crisis at the Radisson Blu Bamako Hotel in Bamako, Mali, from National Security Adviser Susan E. Rice.

In the evening, the President traveled to the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre in Kuala Lumpur. Also in the evening, he had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Matteo Renzi of Italy to discuss counterterrorism cooperation, the campaign to counter the threat posed by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization, and the urgent need to end the conflict in Syria. Later, he traveled to the Ritz-Carlton, Kuala Lumpur hotel, where he remained overnight.

The White House announced that the President will pardon the National Thanksgiving Turkey in the Rose Garden on November 25.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the state commemoration service for former Chancellor Helmut Schmidt of Germany in Hamburg, Germany, on November 23: Henry A. Kissinger (head of delegation); and John B. Emerson.

#### November 21

In the morning, the President traveled to the Dignity for Children Foundation, where he toured the school and training center and met with some students.

In the evening, the President traveled to the Kuala Lumpur City Centre, where, in Conference Room 2, he participated in a group photograph with Ambassadors to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations. Then, in Exhibition Halls 1 and 2, he attended an East Asia Summit gala dinner. Later, he returned to the Ritz-Carlton, Kuala Lumpur hotel, where he remained overnight.

#### November 22

In the morning, at the Ritz-Carlton, Kuala Lumpur hotel, in the Banquet Hall, the President met with U.S. Embassy personnel and their families.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC, arriving the following morning.

#### November 24

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden met with President François Hollande of France.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with President Recep Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey to discuss Turkey's downing of a Russian aircraft, U.S.-NATO support of Turkey's right to defend its sovereignty, the importance of reducing tensions with Russia and reiterate their joint commitment to counter the threat posed by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization.

#### November 25

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with Crystal Sanchez and Kenneth Huertas from Lawndale, CA, Urbana Anam and Jannatul "Alifa" Rowshan from New York City, Rachel Gorgas from Encinitas, CA, and Joseph Fortuno from Hercules, CA, winners of youth entrepreneurship competitions sponsored by the Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship and Junior Achievement. Later, he had a telephone conversation with President-elect Mauricio Macri of Argentina to congratulate him on his election victory and discuss Argentina-U.S. relations. Then,, at St. Luke's Mission Center, he, , Mrs. Obama, and their

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daughters Sasha and Malia helped serve a Thanksgiving meal to individuals and families of the Friendship Place homeless center.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the state funeral service of former President Kim Young-sam of South Korea in Seoul, South Korea, on November 26: Mark W. Lippert (head of delegation); and Kathleen Stephens.

The President declared a major disaster in Texas and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area affected by severe storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds, and flooding from October 22 through 31.

#### November 26

In the morning, the President had separate telephone conversations with ten U.S. servicemembers from each branch of the Armed Forces to thank them for their service and to wish them a happy Thanksgiving.

#### November 27

In the evening, the President was notified about the shootings at the Planned Parenthood Colorado Springs-Westside center in Colorado Springs, CO, by Homeland Security and Counterterrorism Adviser Lisa O. Monaco.

#### November 28

In the afternoon, at [Upshur Street Books](#), the President and his daughters Malia and Sasha purchased books, visited with staff and patrons, and promoted Small Business Saturday.. Then, at Pleasant Pops, they purchased popsicles and visited with staff and patrons, also in recognition of Small Business Saturday. At both locations, they

#### November 29

In the morning, the President traveled to Paris, France, arriving in the evening. Then, he traveled to the Bataclan concert hall, arriving early the following morning.

#### November 30

In the morning, at the Bataclan concert hall in Paris, France, the President laid a rose at a memorial display for the victims of the November 13 terrorist attacks in Paris. He was joined by President François Hollande of France and Mayor Anne Hidalgo of Paris. Then, he traveled to the U.S. Ambassador's residence.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Le Bourget, France, where, in La Seine Plenary Hall at the Parc des Expositions, he participated in the opening ceremony of the U.N. Climate Change Conference. Then, at the Parc des Expositions, the President participated in a family photograph with leaders of countries participating in the U.N. Climate Change Conference.

In the afternoon, at the Parc des Expositions, he attended a lunch hosted by President François Hollande of France. Later, he returned to the U.S. Ambassador's residence in Paris.

During the day, at the Parc des Expositions, on the margins of the U.N. Climate Change Conference, the President met with President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin of Russia to discuss the situations in Syria and Ukraine. President Obama expressed his regret for the death of a crewmember in the downing of a Russian military aircraft by Turkey, reiterated U.S. support for the deescalation of tensions between Russia and Turkey, and stressed the need for President Bashar al-Asad of Syria to leave power and the imperative of focusing military efforts against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization. President Obama also emphasized the importance of working towards a diplomatic solution to the crisis in eastern Ukraine and noted that if the Minsk agreement is fully implemented, international and U.S. sanctions against Russia can be rolled back.

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In the evening, the President traveled to Paris, where, at L'Ambroisie restaurant, he attended a working dinner with President Hollande. Later, he returned to the U.S. Ambassador's residence, where he remained overnight.

The President announced that he has nominated Steven N. Berk and Elizabeth Carroll Wingo to be judges on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

#### December 1

In the morning, the President traveled to Issy-les-Moulineaux, France, where at the OECD Development Centre, he met with U.S. Embassy personnel and their families.

In the afternoon, at the OECD Development Centre, he participated in a family photograph with President Anote Tong of Kiribati, President Christopher Jorebon Loeak of the Marshall Islands, Prime Minister Peter Paire O'Neill of Papua New Guinea, Prime Minister Kenny Anthony of Saint Lucia, and Prime Minister Freundel Stuart of Barbados. Later, also at the OECD Development Centre, he participated in a television interview with Laurence Haïm of France's CANAL+/iTELE television network.

Later in the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

#### December 2

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Biden had lunch. Later, he was briefed by Homeland Security and Counterterrorism Adviser Lisa O. Monaco on the shootings at the Inland Regional Center in San Bernardino, CA. Then, in the Roosevelt and Cabinet Rooms, he participated in an interview with Norah O'Donnell of CBS News for later broadcast.

#### December 3

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Cabinet Room, he met with a bipartisan group of Senators and Representatives to discuss criminal justice reform legislation. Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch, Deputy Attorney General Sally Quillian Yates, Senior Adviser Valerie B. Jarrett, White House Counsel W. Neil Eggleston, Domestic Policy Council Director Cecilia Muñoz, and Cabinet Secretary Broderick D. Johnson also attended. Prior to the meeting, Federal Bureau of Investigation Director James B. Comey, Jr., briefed the group on the December 2 shootings at the Inland Regional Center in San Bernardino, CA.

Also in the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Mayor R. Carey Davis of San Bernardino, CA, to discuss the shootings in San Bernardino.

In the afternoon, in the East Room, the President met with departing White House interns and participated in a question-and-answer session.

The President announced his intention to nominate Marcela Escobari to be Assistant Administrator for Latin America and the Caribbean at the U.S. Agency for International Development.

The President announced his intention to nominate Charlotte Power Kessler and Esperanza Spalding to be members of the National Council on the Arts.

The President announced that he has appointed Tom A. Bernstein as Chairperson of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council.

The President announced that he has appointed Allan M. Holt as Vice Chairperson of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council.

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December 4

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Then, also in the Oval office, he had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister David W.D. Cameron of the United Kingdom to discuss the British Parliament's decision to authorize airstrikes against Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization targets in Syria and United Kingdom-U.S. counterterrorism cooperation. The President also accepted the Prime Minister's condolences for the loss of life in the December 2 shootings at the Inland Regional Center in San Bernardino, CA. Also in the morning, the President was briefed on the shootings in San Bernardino.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with former Rep. Gabrielle D. Giffords and her husband Mark E. Kelly to discuss ways to reduce gun violence. Senior Adviser Valerie B. Jarrett also attended.

December 5

In the morning, in the Situation Room, the President received an update from Federal Bureau of Investigation Director James B. Comey, Jr., Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch, Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh C. Johnson, and members of his national security team on the ongoing investigation into the December 2 shootings at the Inland Regional Center in San Bernardino, CA, potential evidence of radicalization on the part of suspected perpetrators Tashfeen Malik and Syed Rizwan Farook, and the FBI's efforts to coordinate with State and local law enforcement to pursue every angle of the inquiry. Vice President Joe Biden participated via video teleconference.

Also during the day, the President had a telephone conversation with President François Hollande of France to discuss the horrific shootings in San Bernardino, CA, accept President Hollande's condolences for the loss of life in the attack, update President Hollande on the latest details of the investigation, and pledge continued France-U.S. cooperation in the fight against terrorism. They also discussed negotiations underway at the U.N. Climate Conference in Paris, France.

The White House announced that the President will no longer attend the 2015 Kennedy Center Honors Gala at the Kennedy Center at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts on December 6.

The White House announced that the President will address the Nation on the shootings in San Bernardino, CA, operations to combat the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization, and ongoing efforts to counter terrorist threats at home and abroad on December 6.

The White House announced that the President will attend 2015 Kennedy Center Honors Gala at the Kennedy Center at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts following his Oval Office address to the Nation on December 6.

December 6

In the evening, at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, the President and , Mrs. Obama attended the 2015 Kennedy Center Honors Gala.

December 7

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing. Then, in the Cabinet Room, he met with the Ambassadors to the United Nations of the 15 current U.N. Security Council members along with those of the 5 countries whose 2-year elected terms on the Council begin in January 2016 to discuss efforts to promote peace and security of people around the world including strengthening human rights, reducing the impact of infectious diseases, and combating international terrorism. U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations Samantha Power and National Security Adviser Susan E. Rice also attended.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President had lunch with former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton. Later, he had a telephone conversation with President Dilma Vana Rousseff of Brazil to

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discuss ongoing progress in the U.N. Climate Change Conference in Paris, France, and their joint commitment to reach an ambitious climate change agreement.

In the evening, on the State Floor, the President and , Mrs. Obama hosted the Congressional Ball.

December 8

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Narendra Modi of India to discuss the ongoing U.N. Climate Change Conference in Paris, France, and emphasize their joint interest in securing a strong climate change agreement. The President accepted the Prime Minister's condolences for the loss of life in the December 2 terrorist attack San Bernardino, CA.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with Secretary of Defense Ashton B. Carter. Later, at the Jefferson, Washington, DC hotel, he attended a Democratic National Committee roundtable fundraiser.

December 9

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the Inauguration of Mauricio Macri as President of Argentina in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on December 10: Anthony R. Foxx (head of delegation); Noah Mamet; and Roberta S. Jacobson.

The White House announced that the President will deliver remarks and sign the Every Student Succeeds Act on December 10.

December 10

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President François Hollande of France to discuss the status of the ongoing negotiations at the U.N. Climate Change Conference in Paris, France, and underscore their firm commitment to reaching an ambitious and durable climate change agreement. President Obama also thanked President Hollande for deploying the aircraft carrier Charles de Gaulle to the Persian Gulf to undertake naval strike operations to counter the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization.

In the evening, the President had a telephone conversation with President Xi Jinping to discuss coordinated efforts at the ongoing U.N. Climate Change Conference in Paris, France, and their joint commitment to achieving an ambitious climate agreement.

The President announced his intention to nominate Andrew Mayock to be Deputy Director for Management at the Office of Management and Budget.

The President announced his intention to nominate Edith Ramirez to be a Commissioner and Chair of the Federal Trade Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate Alan J. Kreczko and James R. White to be members of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint John F. Kirby as Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs at the Department of State.

December 11

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Biden had lunch.

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The White House announced that the President will deliver remarks during a naturalization ceremony at the National Archives and Records Administration on December 15.

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Turkey : Kurdistan Worker's Party (PKK) terrorist organization; Turkey : President; Turkey : President Obama's visit; Turkey : Prime Minister; Turkey : Refugees from Iraq and Syria, influx; Turkey : Relations with Russia; Turkey : Relations with U.S.; Turkey : Russian military aircraft, downing ; Turkey : Russian military aircraft, downing; Turkey : Security cooperation with U.S.; Turkey : Terrorist attack in Ankara; Turkey : Terrorist attack in Ceylanpinar; Turkey : Terrorist attack in Suruc; Turkey : U.S. Embassy staff, meeting with President Obama; Twitter; Uganda : President; Uganda, U.S. Ambassador; Ukraine : Democracy efforts; Ukraine : International

assistance; Ukraine : International diplomatic efforts; Ukraine : Political unrest and violence; Ukraine : President; Ukraine : Prime Minister; Ukraine : Russia, role; Ukraine : U.S. assistance; United Arab Emirates : Abu Dhabi : Crown Prince; United Arab Emirates : Abu Dhabi, Crown Prince; United Arab Emirates : Abu Dhabi, Crown Prince ; United Arab Emirates : Ambassador to the U.S.; United Arab Emirates : Armed Forces Deputy Supreme Commander; United Arab Emirates : Armed Forces, Deputy Supreme Commander; United Arab Emirates : Deputy National Security Adviser; United Arab Emirates : Deputy Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces; United Arab Emirates : Military deaths in Yemen; United Arab Emirates : Minister of Foreign Affairs; United Kingdom : Counterterrorism efforts, cooperation with U.S.; United Kingdom : Duchess of Cornwall; United Kingdom : Prime Minister; United Kingdom : Prince of Wales; United Kingdom : Relations with U.S.; United Kingdom : Syria, role; United Nations : Framework Convention on Climate Change; United Nations : General Assembly; United Nations : Peacekeeping operations; United Nations : Security Council; United Nations : U.N. 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**FULL TEXT**

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The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this Compilation.

January 1

In the morning, the President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Sasha and Malia traveled to Hanauma Bay, HI.

In the afternoon, the President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Sasha and Malia traveled to Kailua, HI, where at Island Snow, they purchased shave ice and greeted customers and staff. Later, they returned to their vacation residence.

In the evening, the President and , Mrs. Obama traveled to Honolulu, HI. Later, they returned to their vacation residence in Kailua.

Also in the evening, the President had a telephone conversation with Governor , Andrew M. Cuomo to extend his and the First Lady's condolences on the passing of the Governor's father, former Governor Mario M. Cuomo of New York.

January 2

In the morning, the President traveled Marine Corps Base Hawaii in Kaneohe Bay, HI. Then, he returned to his vacation residence in Kailua, HI. Later, he traveled to Marine Corps Base Hawaii in Kaneohe Bay.

Also in the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Senate Majority Leader Harry M. Reid to wish him a full and speedy recovery from injuries sustained while exercising.

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The White House announced that the President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Sasha and Malia will return to Washington, DC, on January 3.

January 3

In the morning, the President traveled to Bellows Air Force Station in Waimanalo, HI.

In the afternoon, the President returned to his vacation residence in Kailua, HI. Later, he and his daughters Sasha and Malia traveled to the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu. Then, they stopped to visit the President's sister Maya Soetoro-Ng at her home. Later, they traveled to Kailua, where they visited musician Eddie Vedder and his family at their home. Then, they returned to their vacation residence.

In the evening, the President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Sasha and Malia returned to Washington, DC, arriving the following morning.

January 5

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Biden had lunch. Later, in the Roosevelt Room, he met with his senior advisers.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with President Giorgio Napolitano of Italy to thank him for his leadership and commitment to Italy-U.S. relations, commend him for his dedication to the European Union and U.S.-EU cooperation, and discuss the economic situation in Europe. He also had a telephone conversation with President Beji Caid Essebsi of Tunisia to congratulate him on his election victory under Tunisia's new constitution, commend Tunisians for their transition to democracy, reiterate U.S. commitment to assist Tunisian efforts to strengthen national security and increase economic opportunity, and invite President Caid Essebsi to the White House.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Wayne, MI, on January 7.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Phoenix, AZ, on January 7.

January 6

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Cabinet Room, the President had a working lunch with President Enrique Peña Nieto. Later, in the Oval Office, he and Vice President Joe Biden met with Secretary of Defense Charles T. Hagel.

The White House announced that the President, Vice President Joe Biden, and his wife Jill T. Biden will travel to Knoxville, TN, and Clinton, TN, on January 9.

The President announced his intention to nominate Allan R. Landon to be a Governor on the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

January 7

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. He also received a briefing on the attack carried out by two gunmen against the Charlie Hebdo newspaper staff in Paris.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Wayne, MI. While en route aboard Air Force One, the President had a telephone conversation with President François Hollande of France to offer his condolences for the loss of life, express solidarity with the French people, and offer assistance in the aftermath of the terrorist attack in Paris.

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Upon arrival in Wayne, the President toured the Ford Motor Company Michigan Assembly Plant with Executive Chairman William C. Ford, Jr., Chief Executive Officer Mark Fields, Plant Manager Phillip Calhoun, and employee Mia Dew. He also greeted U.S. military veteran Ramone Davis, who served in Iraq and Afghanistan and works at the assembly plant. Later, he traveled to Phoenix, AZ, arriving in the evening.

In the evening, upon arrival in Phoenix, the President traveled to Pointe Hilton Squaw Peak Resort, where he remained overnight.

The White House announced that the President will welcome the 2014 National Basketball Association Champion San Antonio Spurs to the White House on January 12.

The President declared a major disaster in Mississippi and ordered Federal aid to supplement State, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and tornadoes on December 23, 2014.

January 8

In the morning, the President traveled to Nueva Villas at Beverly, a single-family housing development owned by the local nonprofit Chicanos Por La Causa, Inc., where he greeted residents. Then, he traveled to Central High School, where he met with former Rep. Gabrielle D. Giffords and her husband Mark E. Kelly to commemorate the fourth anniversary of the Tucson shootings.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had a telephone conversation with Sen. Barbara Boxer to discuss her decision not to seek reelection and thank her for years of service in both Chambers of Congress. He also had a teleconference call with his national security team to receive a briefing on terror threats and an update on the ongoing investigation into the terrorist attack against the Charlie Hebdo newspaper staff in Paris.

Then, he visited the French Embassy, where he signed a condolence book for the victims of the attack in Paris and observed a moment of silence with France's Ambassador to the U.S. Gerard Araud.

The President announced his intention to nominate Patricia Cahill to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

The President announced his intention to nominate Walter Hood and Diane Rodriguez to be members of the National Council on the Arts.

The President announced his intention to nominate Kristen Kulinowski to be a member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board.

The President announced his intention to nominate Kristen Sarri to be Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management, and Budget at the Department of the Interior.

The President announced his intention to appoint Brian E. Argrett as a member of the Community Development Advisory Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint Barbara B. Franklin and Edward F. Hartfield as members of the Federal Service Impasses Panel at the Federal Labor Relations Authority.

The President announced his intention to appoint William H. Leary as a member of the Public Interest Declassification Board.

January 9

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing. He also received an update on the ongoing investigation into the terrorist attack against the Charlie Hebdo newspaper staff in Paris. Later, he traveled to Knoxville, TN, arriving in the afternoon.

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While en route aboard Air Force One, the President met with Sens. A. Lamar Alexander, Jr., and Robert P. Corker, Rep. John J. Duncan, Jr., Under Secretary of Education Theodore Mitchell, and Deputy Director of the Domestic Policy Council James Kvaal.

In the afternoon, the President and Vice President Joe Biden traveled to Clinton, TN, where they toured the Techmer PM, LLC, production facility with Chairman and Chief Executive Officer John R. Manuck. Later, he returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

During the day, the President had a conversation with Homeland Security and Counterterrorism Adviser Lisa O. Monaco to discuss the ongoing investigation into the terrorist attack against the Charlie Hebdo newspaper staff in Paris.

The President announced his intention to appoint David S. Cohen as Deputy Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

The President announced his intention to appoint John H. Hankinson as Federal Representative of the U.S. to the Sabine River Compact Administration.

#### January 10

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister David Cameron of the United Kingdom on January 15 and 16.

#### January 12

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel to discuss the status of P-5-plus-1 negotiations aimed at preventing Iran's acquisition of a nuclear weapon and underscore U.S. commitment to Israel's security.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Cedar Falls, IA, on, January 14.

#### January 13

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had lunch. Later, he traveled to Arlington, VA. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

In the evening, the President had a telephone conversation with Head Coach Urban Meyer of the Ohio State University football team to congratulate him on his team's first-ever National Championship.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the Inauguration of Juan Evo Morales Ayma as President of Bolivia in La Paz, Bolivia on January 21: Tomasz P. Malinowski (head of delegation); Peter M. Brennan; and Alejandra Y. Castillo.

#### January 14

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organization (AFL-CIO) President Richard L. Trumka and United Auto Workers (UAW) President Dennis Williams. Later, he traveled to Cedar Falls, IA.

Later in the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

#### January 15

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In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President signed a memorandum on modernizing Federal leave policies for childbirth, adoption, and foster care. Later, he had a telephone conversation with Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany to discuss international financial assistance for Ukraine and the situation in eastern Ukraine.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Baltimore, MD. Later, he traveled to the Hilton Baltimore hotel, where he attended the Senate Democratic Issues Conference.

Later in the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

In the evening, in the Blue Room, the President had a working dinner with Prime Minister David Cameron of the United Kingdom.

#### January 16

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Later, also in the Oval Office, they had a meeting with Prime Minister David Cameron of the United Kingdom.

In the afternoon, in the Family Theater, the President hosted a screening of the film "Selma" for cast and crewmembers.

#### January 17

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp in Oswięcim, Poland, on January 27: Jacob J. Lew (head of delegation); Stephen D. Mull; Crystal Nix-Hines; David Saperstein; Charles A. Kupchan; Nicholas Dean; Aviva Sufian; Israel Arbeiter; Irene Weiss; and David Harris.

#### January 18

The White House announce that the President will travel to Boise, ID, on January 21.

#### January 19

In the afternoon, at the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Washington, the President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughter Malia participated in a service project to promote voluntarism on Martin Luther King, Jr., Day. White House Senior Adviser Valerie B. Jarrett, Cabinet Secretary Broderick Johnson, and Corporation for National and Community Service Chief Executive Officer Wendy Spencer also attended.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Lawrence, KS, on January 21.

#### January 20

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with Denver, CO, resident Carolyn Reed, St. Anthony, MN, resident Rebekah Erler, Kansas City, MO, resident Victor L. Fugate, Jr., Woodland Hills, CA, resident Katrice Mubiru, who had written letters to the President and will join , Mrs. Obama and Jill T. Biden as guests for the State of the Union Address.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with President François Hollande of France to discuss the ongoing investigations into the January 7-8 terrorist attacks in Paris, the situation in eastern Ukraine and continued international sanctions against Russia, efforts to support elections in Nigeria and counter Boko Haram terrorist organization, ongoing negotiations to prevent Iran's acquisition of a nuclear weapon, and recent developments in Israeli-Palestinian relations.

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January 21

In the morning, the President traveled to Boise, ID, arriving in the afternoon.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Boise State University, where he toured the facilities of the New Product Development Lab with College of Engineering Dean Amy J. Moll. Then, he met with Naghmeh Abedini, wife of Saeed Abedini, a U.S. pastor imprisoned by the Iranian Government, and their children Jacob and Rebekka. Later, he traveled to Topeka, KS, arriving in the evening.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with President Nursultan Nazarbayev of Kazakhstan to discuss their shared interest in seeking a resolution to the situation in eastern Ukraine and Kazakhstan-U.S. relations.

In the evening, the President traveled to the Holiday Inn in Lawrence, KS, where he remained overnight.

January 22

In the morning, the President traveled to the Community Children's Center, where he toured a classroom and visited with teachers, staff, and students. Then, he traveled to the Anschutz Sports Pavilion at the University of Kansas, where he met with Bill Self, head coach of the men's basketball team, and members of the team.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Topeka, KS, where prior to departure from Forbes Field Air National Guard Base, he visited with Lt. Col. Douglas Pratt, USAF, a retiring Chief Presidential Flight Support officer, and his children Brennan and Lindsay. Then, he returned to Washington, DC.

Later in the afternoon, in the East Room, the President participated in separate live interviews with YouTube hosts Hank Green, GloZell Green, and Bethany Mota.

During the day, the President received regular updates on the situation in Yemen and the security of U.S. Embassy and civilian staff there.

The President announced his intention to nominate Stan Meiburg to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

The President announced his intention to nominate Stuart F. Delery to be Associate Attorney General.

The President announced his intention to nominate Rich Julius to be a member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint Joseph P. Riley, Jr. as a member of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

The President announced his intention to appoint Tiffany Dena Loftin as a member of the President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for African Americans.

The President announced his intention to appoint Jim W. Balsiger as a U.S. Commissioner on the International Pacific Halibut Commission.

The President announced his intention to appoint Gordon "Jeff" Fassett as the Federal Commissioner on the Red River Compact Commission.

The President announced his intention to appoint Mark Scarano as an Alternate Federal Cochairperson of the Northern Border Regional Commission.

January 23

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

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January 24

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and , Mrs. Obama traveled to Ramstein Air Base, Germany, arriving in the evening. En route aboard Air Force One, he had a telephone conversation with King Salman bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia to express his condolences for the death of King Abdallah bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud and discuss his plan to visit Saudi Arabia on January 27 and offer condolences on behalf of the United States.

In the evening, the President and , Mrs. Obama traveled to New Delhi, India, arriving the following morning.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, on January 27.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the Inauguration of Edgar Lungu as President of Zambia in Lusaka, Zambia, on January 25: Sarah Sewall (head the delegation); Eric T. Schultz; and Deborah L. Bix.

January 25

In the afternoon, the President traveled to the Rashtrapati Bhavan Presidential palace, where he participated in an official arrival ceremony with President Pranab Mukherjee of India. Then, he traveled to the Raj Ghat memorial to Mahatma Gandhi, where he participated in a wreath-laying ceremony and tree planting. Later, he traveled to the Hyderabad House, where he and Prime Minister Narendra Modi of India had a working lunch.

Later in the afternoon, also at the Hyderabad House, the President and Prime Minister Modi participated in a walk and talk and had tea. Then, also at the Hyderabad House, they had an expanded bilateral meeting.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Shinzo Abe to offer his condolences for the murder of Japanese citizen Haruna Yukawa by members of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant terrorist organization in Syria, convey his appreciation for Japan's contributions of humanitarian assistance to the Middle East region, and discuss Japan-U.S. relations.

In the evening, the President and , Mrs. Obama traveled to the Rashtrapati Bhavan Presidential palace, where they viewed a cultural performance. Later, they traveled to the ITC Maurya, New Delhi hotel, where they remained overnight.

January 26

In the morning, the President and , Mrs. Obama traveled to Rajpath Saluting Base, where they viewed a parade in commemoration of India's Republic Day. Also in the morning, he received a briefing on the winter storm heading into the Mid-Atlantic region of the U.S.

In the afternoon, the President and , Mrs. Obama returned to the ITC Maurya hotel. Later, at the ITC Maurya, New Delhi hotel, he met with Congress Party leaders.

Later in the afternoon, the President and , Mrs. Obama traveled to the Rashtrapati Bhavan Presidential palace, where, in the Mughal Gardens, they attended a reception hosted by President Pranab Mukherjee of India. Later, they returned to the ITC Maurya, New Delhi hotel. Later, he traveled to the Taj Palace, New Delhi hotel, where he participated in a roundtable discussion with chief executive officers of Indian and U.S. businesses and government leaders.

In the evening, the President returned to the ITC Maurya. New Delhi hotel.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Philadelphia, PA, to attend the House Democratic Issues Conference on January 29.

January 27

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In the morning, the President traveled to the Siri Fort Auditorium, where he met with 2014 Nobel Prize winner Kailash Satyarthi, children's rights advocate and founder of Bachpan Bachao Andolan, and other social justice advocates. Later, he and , Mrs. Obama returned to the ITC Maurya hotel, arriving in the afternoon.

In the afternoon, the President taped an interview with Fareed Zakaria of CNN's "Fareed Zakaria GPS" program for later broadcast. Later, he and , Mrs. Obama traveled to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, where they were greeted at Riyadh King Khalid International Airport by King Salman bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia and other Saudi officials.

Later in the afternoon, the President and , Mrs. Obama traveled to the Erga Palace in Wadi Hanifa, where they had dinner with King Salman bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany to discuss the situation in eastern Ukraine, Russia's support for the separatists and failure to fulfill its commitment under the Minsk agreement, and the importance of continued international financial assistance for Ukraine.

In the evening, the President and , Mrs. Obama traveled to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, where they were greeted at Riyadh King Khalid International Airport by Crown Prince Muqrin bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud, Deputy Crown Prince Muhammad bin Nayif bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud, and Governor of Riyadh Province Turki bin Abdallah Al Saud of Saudi Arabia. Then, they traveled to Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

Later in the evening, the President and , Mrs. Obama returned to Washington, DC, arriving the following morning.

The President announced the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to offer condolences to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia on the death of the King Abdallah bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, on January 27: , Barack Obama (head of delegation); Joseph W. Westphal; John F. Kerry; John S. McCain III; Mark R. Warner; Nancy Pelosi; Eliot L. Engel; Ami Bera; Joseph Crowley; Valerie B. Jarrett; Susan E. Rice; John D. Podesta; Anita Decker Breckenridge; Christina M. Tchen; Jennifer M. Palmieri; Benjamin J. Rhodes; Lisa O. Monaco; Joshua R. Earnest; Chase Cushman; Peter A. Selfridge; John O. Brennan; Melissa Winter; Lloyd J. Austin III; James A. Baker III; Condoleezza Rice; Brian Deese; Brent Scowcroft; Samuel R. "Sandy" Berger; Stephen J. Hadley; and Frances Fragos Townsend.

The President declared a major disaster for the Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians and ordered Federal aid to supplement the Tribe's efforts in the area affected by severe storms, flooding, and mudslides from December 4 through 6, 2014.

January 28

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, VA. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras of Greece to congratulate him on his recent election victory and discuss continued economic reforms in Greece and Greece-U.S. relations.

January 29

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Biden met with Secretary of State John F. Kerry. Later, he traveled to Philadelphia, PA, arriving in the evening.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

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The White House announced that the President will welcome the 2014 National Hockey League Champion Los Angeles Kings and the 2014 Major League Soccer Cup Champion LA Galaxy to honor the teams on February 2.

January 30

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with members of the Social and Behavioral Sciences Team of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

January 31

In the afternoon, at the home of Vernon E. Jordan, Jr., the President and White House Senior Adviser Valerie B. Jarrett attended the Alfalfa Club luncheon.

February 1

In the afternoon, in the White House Kitchen, the President participated in a live interview with Savannah Guthrie for NBC's "Super Bowl XLIX Pre-Game Show" program. Then, in the Map Room, he taped a second interview with Ms. Guthrie for NBC's "Today" program for later broadcast.

February 2

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Later, at the Department of Homeland Security, he toured the Operations Center with Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh C. Johnson and Operations and Planning Director Richard M. Chávez, and greeted staff.

In the afternoon, the President returned to the White House. Then, in the Private Dining Room, he and Vice President Biden had lunch.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany on February 9.

February 3

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the evening, in the Oval Office, the President, Vice President Biden, and Secretary of State John F. Kerry met with King Abdullah II of Jordan to discuss the execution of Jordanian pilot Moaz al-Kasasbeh by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Indianapolis, IN, on February 6.

The President declared a major disaster in Vermont and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area affected by a severe winter storm from December 9 through 12, 2014.

February 4

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Roosevelt Room, the President met with 14 American Muslim leaders to discuss domestic, national security, and foreign policy issues.

In the evening, on the State Floor, the President hosted a reception for new Members of Congress.

The President announced that he has nominated Eileen Maura Decker to be U.S. attorney for the Central District of California.

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The President announced that he has nominated John W. Huber to be U.S. attorney for the District of Utah.

The President announced that he has nominated Waverly D. Crenshaw, Jr., to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee.

The President announced that he has nominated Lawrence J. Vilardo to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the Western District of New York.

February 5

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President met with Nadia Lopez, principal, and Vidal Chastanet, student, of Mott Hall Bridges Academy, and photographer Brandon Stanton of Humans of New York. Then, also in the Oval Office, he had an intelligence briefing.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Head Coach William S. Belichick of the National Football League's New England Patriots to congratulate him on his team's victory in Super Bowl XLIX.

The President announced his intention to appoint Tony Scott as Federal Chief Information Officer and Administrator of the Office of Electronic Government at the Office of Management and Budget.

The President announced his intention to appoint Ajay Banga as a member of the Advisory Committee for Trade Policy and Negotiations.

The President announced his intention to appoint Frankie M. Freeman and Ross Romero as members of the Commission on Presidential Scholars.

The President announced his intention to appoint Chrysten Lambert as Federal representative of the Klamath River Compact Commission.

The President announced his intention to appoint Earl W. Stafford as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

February 6

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Indianapolis, IN.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

February 9

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden met with Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany.

In the afternoon, in the Cabinet Room, the President and Vice President Biden had a working lunch with Chancellor Merkel.

The White House announced that the President will travel to San Francisco, CA, on February 12.

February 10

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Cabinet Room, the President and Vice President Biden met with members of the Congressional Black Caucus to discuss the national economy, criminal justice reform, and U.S. participation in international trade negotiations and agreements. Later, in the Map Room, he participated in an interview

with Ben Smith of BuzzFeed News.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with President Petro Poroshenko of Ukraine to discuss the situation in eastern Ukraine and express his support for the recent cease-fire and peace negotiations. He also had a telephone conversation with President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin of Russia to discuss the situation in eastern Ukraine, reiterate U.S. support for Ukrainian sovereignty and territorial integrity, and emphasize the importance of President Putin seizing the opportunity presented by peace talks with France, Germany, and Ukraine. He also had a telephone conversation with President Xi Jinping of China to discuss China-U.S. relations.

The President announced his designation of John Emerson as a member of the Presidential delegation to attend the funeral services of former President Richard von Weizsacker of Germany in Berlin, Germany, on February 11.

#### February 11

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Roosevelt Room, he met with private sector and foundation leaders to thank them for their support in working to contain the Ebola epidemic in West Africa and emphasize the need to improve detection and prevention efforts going forward.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had lunch. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with Secretary of Defense, Charles T. Hagel.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Palm Springs, CA, on February 14.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the Inauguration of Kolinda Grabar-Kitarovic as President of Croatia in Zagreb, Croatia, on February 15: Elizabeth Sherwood-Randall (head of delegation); Kenneth H. Merten; Hoyt B. Yee; and Capricia Penavic Marshall.

The President announced his intention to nominate Sarah E. Mendelson to be U.S. Representative to the United Nations Economic and Social Council of the United Nations with the rank of Ambassador.

The President announced his intention to appoint Peter J. Beshar as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

The President announced his intention to appoint Kathryn Brinsfield as Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs and Chief Medical Officer at the Department of Homeland Security.

The President announced his intention to appoint Allen Croff as a member of the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint Todd McCracken as a member of the Advisory Committee for Trade Policy and Negotiations.

#### February 12

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to San Francisco, CA. Then, he traveled to the Fairmont San Francisco hotel, where he remained overnight.

During the day the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Mohammad Nawaz Sharif of Pakistan to commend Pakistan's counterterrorism activities and progress in improving relations with Afghanistan and discuss joint efforts to achieve stability in the region and Pakistan-U.S. relations.

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February 13

In the morning, the President traveled to Stanford, CA.

In the afternoon, in the Memorial Auditorium at Stanford University, the President participated in a panel discussion with business leaders. Then, also in the Memorial Auditorium, he participated in a roundtable discussion with Stanford students. Later, he traveled to San Francisco, CA.

In the evening, the President returned to the Fairmont San Francisco hotel, where he remained overnight.

February 14

In the morning, the President traveled to the Sunnylands Estate in Rancho Mirage, CA. En route aboard Air Force One, he had separate telephone conversations with Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany and President Petro Poroshenko of Ukraine to discuss the ongoing violence in eastern Ukraine, the cease-fire scheduled to begin at midnight, and the importance of implementing protocols of the Minsk agreement.

In the evening, the President traveled to a private residence in Thunderbird Heights, where he remained overnight.

February 15

In the morning, the President traveled to Rancho Mirage, CA.

In the evening, the President returned to a private residence in Thunderbird Heights, where he remained overnight.

The White House announced that the President will return to Washington, DC, on February 16.

February 16

In the morning, the President traveled to the Porcupine Creek Golf Course.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Helle Thorning-Schmidt of Denmark to offer his condolences for the deaths of two Danish citizens and the injuries of several others in the February 14 terrorist attacks in Copenhagen, discuss the importance of confronting attacks on freedom of expression and acts of anti-Semitic violence, and welcome Denmark's participation in the upcoming White House Summit on Countering Violent Extremism.

February 17

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

During the day, in the Oval Office, the President met with Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Mathews Burwell to receive an update on enrollment in health insurance exchanges under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Later, also in the Oval Office, he visited with outgoing U.S. Agency for International Development Rajiv D. Shah and his family.

Also during the day, the President had a telephone conversation with President Sergio Mattarella of Italy to congratulate him on his recent election victory and discuss Italy-U.S. relations.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Chicago, IL, on February 19.

February 18

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

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In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with Senate Minority Leader Harry M. Reid. Later, also in the Oval Office, he met with Secretary of the Treasury Jacob J. Lew.

February 19

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President signed the proclamation establishing the Browns Canyon National Monument. Later, he traveled to Chicago, IL, arriving in the afternoon.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to his Hyde Park-Kenwood residence, where he received an update on the progress of the Obama Foundation's plans for library siting from board member Martin Nesbitt.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

February 20

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, at the Hyatt Regency, Washington on Capitol Hill hotel, he attended a Democratic National Committee roundtable fundraiser.

During the day, in the Diplomatic Reception Room, the President and , Mrs. Obama recorded a video to commemorate the fifth anniversary of the "Let's Move!" initiative. Later, in the Roosevelt Room, he taped an StoryCorps interview with Noah McQueen, a mentee in the White House "My Brother's Keeper" initiative.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Amir Tamim bin Hamad al Thani of Qatar on February 24.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf of Liberia on February 27.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prince Charles of Wales and Duchess Camilla of Cornwall on March 19.

February 23

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Biden had lunch. Later, in the Oval Office, he participated in a credentialing ceremony for newly appointed Ambassadors to the U.S.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Miami, FL, on February 25.

February 24

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Biden met with State and local law enforcement officials to discuss efforts to build trust in communities and strengthen public safety. Later, in the Cabinet Room, he and Vice President Biden met with Members of Congress to discuss criminal justice reform.

During the day, the President participated in a signing ceremony for the proclamation establishing the Honouliuli National Monument.

The President announced his intention to nominate Katherine Simonds Dhanani to be Ambassador to Somalia.

The President announced his intention to nominate Amias Gerety to be Assistant Secretary for Financial Institutions at the Department of the Treasury.

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The President announced his intention to nominate Cono R. Namorato to be Assistant Attorney General for the Tax Division, Department of Justice.

The President announced his intention to nominate Anne E. Wall to be Deputy Under Secretary for Legislative Affairs at the Department of the Treasury, and upon appointment, to be designated Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs.

The President announced his intention to appoint Laura DeBonis and Solomon B. Watson IV as members of the Public Interest Declassification Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint John W. Keker as a member of the Board of Directors of the Presidio Trust.

The President announced his intention to appoint Joan E. Silber as a member of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad.

#### February 25

In the morning, in the Roosevelt Room, the President met with immigration advocacy leaders to provide an update on the administration's executive actions to reform the U.S. immigration system.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Miami, FL. Upon arrival, he traveled to Florida International University, where in the Graham Center, he taped a "Five Things" segment with José Díaz-Balart of MSNBC's "Rundown With José Díaz-Balart" program for later broadcast. Later, he returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening. En route aboard Air Force One, he had a telephone conversation with C. Douglas McMillon, president and chief executive officer of Walmart, to commend him on increasing wages for Walmart's employees.

#### February 26

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Then, in the Dwight D. Eisenhower Executive Office Building, he met with African American faith and civil rights leaders to discuss issues facing their communities, including criminal justice, education, health care, and economic development.

In the afternoon, in the Roosevelt Room, the President participated in separate "Live From the White House" interviews with local television anchors from Kerstin Kealy of WDAY in Fargo, ND, Kris Ketz of KMBC in Kansas City, MO, Laural Porter of KGW in Portland, OR, and Eric Johnson of KOMO in Seattle, WA, to discuss the importance of exports and trade to U.S. jobs.

The President announced that he has nominated Mary Barzee Flores to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida.

The President announced that he has nominated Julien X. Neals to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey.

#### February 27

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Map Room, the President had lunch with participants in the "My Brother's Keeper" initiative's mentorship program.

In the evening, in the Oval Office, he met with Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh C. Johnson and Shaun L.S. Donovan, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and other senior advisers to discuss the impending deadline for funding the Department of Homeland Security. Then, he had separate telephone conversations with House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi and Senate Minority Leader Harry M. Reid to

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receive an update on efforts to ensure that the Department of Homeland Security does not shut down due to a lapse in funding.

The White House announced that the President will welcome European Council President Donald Tusk on March 9.

The White announced that the President will welcome President Ashraf Ghani Ahmadzai of Afghanistan on March 24.

February 28

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the Inauguration of Tabaré Vázquez as President of Uruguay in Montevideo, Uruguay, on March 1: Krysta Harden (head of delegation); Bradley Freden; and Michele J. Sison.

March 2

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Roosevelt Room, the President met with Technology CEO Council members Ursula M. Burns, Michael S. Dell, D. Mark Durcan, Steven M. Mollenkopf, Virginia M. Rometty, and Joseph M. Tucci.

March 3

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Situation Room, he participated in a video conference with Prime Minister David Cameron of the United Kingdom, President François Hollande of France, Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany, Prime Minister Matteo Renzi of Italy, and European Council President Donald F. Tusk to discuss the situation in eastern Ukraine, Russia's support for the separatists, the need for greater cooperation with the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe and for strengthening its monitoring role, implementation and enforcement of the Minsk agreement, recent political reforms passed by Ukraine's Parliament, and the international commitment to financially assisting Ukraine. They also discussed the ongoing violence in Libya and how to counter ISIL's involvement and promote a political resolution to the conflict.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with his senior advisers.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Selma, AL, on March 7.

The President announced his intention to nominate John Conger to be Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller).

The President announced his intention to nominate Gregory T. Delawie to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kosovo.

The President announced his intention to nominate Peter Levine to be Deputy Chief Management Officer at the Department of Defense.

The President announced his intention to nominate Vanessa Allen Sutherland to be Chairperson and member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint Robert Teranishi as a member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences.

March 4

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President met with White House Counsel W. Neil Eggleston to receive

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an update on the U.S. Supreme Court case *Black v. Burwell*.

In the afternoon, the President signed H.R. 240, the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2015.

In the evening, the President had a telephone conversation with U.S. Ambassador to South Korea Mark W. Lippert.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Enda Kenny of Ireland on March 17.

#### March 5

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Biden had lunch. Later, in the Oval Office, he taped separate interviews with Thomas Joyner and Sybil Wilkes of the "Tom Joyner Morning Show" and with Joseph E. Madison of the "Madison Show" for later broadcast.

#### March 6

In the morning, the President traveled to Columbia, SC, arriving in the afternoon.

In the afternoon, upon arrival, the President traveled to West Columbia, SC, where, at the Brookland Banquet and Conference Center, he greeted patrons. Then, he traveled to Columbia, SC.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Atlanta, GA, on March 10.

#### March 7

In the morning, the President, , Mrs. Obama, their daughters Sasha and Malia, and his mother-in-law Marian Robinson traveled to Selma, AL. While en route aboard Air Force One, he signed legislation to award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in "Bloody Sunday," "Turnaround Tuesday," or the final Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March in March of 1965.

In the afternoon, the President, , Mrs. Obama, their daughters Sasha and Malia, and former President George W. Bush and First Lady Laura Bush participated in a walk across the Edmund Pettus Bridge to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the "Bloody Sunday" civil rights march in Selma. Then, he, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Sasha and Malia toured the National Voting Rights Museum and Institute. Later, also at the Voting Rights Museum, he taped an interview with Bill Plante of CBS News for later broadcast. Later, he, , Mrs. Obama, their daughters Sasha and Malia, and his mother-in-law Marian Robinson returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

#### March 9

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

#### March 10

In the morning, the President traveled to Atlanta, GA, arriving in the afternoon.

In the afternoon, in the visitors' locker room of the McCamish Pavilion at the Georgia Institute of Technology, the President met with actor and comedian Tyler Perry. Then, also in the visitors' locker room, he met with Tara Lax, a special education teacher who had written him a letter about the rewards of working with children with special needs, and Georgia Tech student Tiffany Davis, who had written him a letter about her college loans. Later, he traveled to Manuel's Tavern, where he participated in a roundtable interview with high school

and college students to discuss college affordability. Then, also at Manuel's Tavern, he participated in an interview with Shane Smith, cofounder of VICE News.

Later in the afternoon, the President traveled to the Hyatt Regency Atlanta hotel, where he attended a Democratic National Committee roundtable fundraiser.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Los Angeles, CA, on March 12.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Phoenix, AZ, on March 13.

The President announced his intention to nominate Edward L. Ayers to be a member of the National Council of the Humanities.

The President announced his intention to nominate David Hale to be Ambassador to Pakistan.

The President announced his intention to nominate Kathryn Matthew to be Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

The President announced his intention to nominate Carol Fortine Ochoa to be Inspector General of the General Services Administration.

The President announced his intention to nominate Eric Satz to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

The President announced his intention to appoint Edward D. Dunson, Jr. as a member of the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts.

The President announced his intention to appoint Lisa Ling as a member of the President's Commission on White House Fellowships.

The President announced his intention to appoint Jose Rodriguez as a member of the Board of Directors of the Border Environment Cooperation Commission and the North American Development Bank.

The President announced his intention to appoint Eric D. Schwerin as a member of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad.

The President announced his intention to appoint Delia Haak as U.S. Commissioner of the Arkansas-Oklahoma Arkansas River Compact Commission.

The President announced his intention to appoint Joel West Williams as Alternate U.S. Commissioner of the Arkansas-Oklahoma Arkansas River Compact Commission.

March 11

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President joined a teleconference convened by Secretary of Education Arne Duncan with college newspaper editors to discuss the Student Aid Bill of Rights. Later, in the Grand Foyer, he met with 2015 Intel Science Talent Search student finalists.

The White House announced that the President will host a student film festival to showcase student ideas on the theme, "The Impact of Giving Back," on March 20.

March 12

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President met with Secretary of State John F. Kerry. Then, in the

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Situation Room, he had a video conference with President Ashraf Ahmadzai Ghani and Chief Executive Officer Abdullah Abdullah of Afghanistan to discuss the progress toward forming a national unity government, strengthening Afghan-U.S. relations, and improving security in Afghanistan.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Los Angeles, CA. Upon arrival, he traveled to Hollywood, CA, where, at ABC Studios, he taped an interview with Jimmy Kimmel of ABC's "Jimmy Kimmel Live" program.

In the evening, the President traveled to Santa Monica, CA, where, at a private residence, he attended a Democratic National Committee roundtable fundraiser. Later, he traveled to the InterContinental Los Angeles Century City hotel, where he remained overnight.

The President announced his intention to nominate Ian C. Kelly to be Ambassador to Republic of Georgia.

The President announced his intention to nominate Patricia M. Loui-Schmicker to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

The President announced his intention to appoint Brandon McBride as Administrator of the Rural Utilities Service at the Department of Agriculture.

The President announced his intention to appoint Loren Kieve and Princess Daazhrai Lucaj as members of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development.

The President declared a major disaster in Maine and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area affected by a severe winter storm, snowstorm, and flooding from January 26 through 28.

#### March 13

In the morning, the President traveled to Phoenix, AZ, where at the Carl T. Hayden Veterans Administration Medical Center, he participated in a roundtable discussion with Veterans Administration employees, veteran advocates and patients, and Members of Congress on the issues facing the Department of Veterans Affairs.

In the afternoon, at the Phoenix Veterans Administration Health Care System, the President met with Carl and Marsha Mueller, parents, and Eric Mueller, brother, of U.S. aid worker Kayla J. Mueller, who was killed by members of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization on February 6 in Syria. Then, he traveled to Gilbert, AZ. Later, he returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

#### March 14

In the evening, in the grand ballroom of the Renaissance Washington, DC Downtown Hotel, the President made remarks at the annual Gridiron Club dinner.

#### March 16

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President had a telephone conversation with Sen. Orrin G. Hatch to discuss legislation granting the President trade promotion authority. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with Boys and Girls Clubs of America President and Chief Executive Officer James L. Clark and organization members.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Cleveland, OH, on March 18.

#### March 17

In the afternoon, in the Rayburn Room at the U.S. Capitol, the President, Vice President Joe Biden, and Prime Minister Enda Kenny of Ireland attended the annual Friends of Ireland St. Patrick's Day luncheon.

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Later, in the Oval Office, he met with Secretary of Defense Ashton B. Carter.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Matteo Renzi of Italy to the White House on April 17.

The White House announced that the President will host the 2015 White House Science Fair on March 23.

March 18

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had a telephone conversation with Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany to discuss the situation in Ukraine and economic reforms in Greece. Then, he traveled to Cleveland, OH, arriving in the afternoon.

In the afternoon, at Cleveland State University, the President toured a Manufacturing Advocacy and Growth Network (MAGNET) innovation center with Vice President for Client Services and Marketing Ethan Karp and met with officials and employees of participating companies. Later, he returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Jamaica and Panama from April 8 through 11.

The President announced his intention to nominate Douglas J. Kramer to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

The President announced his intention to nominate David J. Shulkin to be Under Secretary for Health at the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The President announced his intention to nominate LaVerne Horton Council to be Assistant Secretary for Information and Technology at the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The President announced his intention to nominate Juan M. Garcia III to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower and Reserve Affairs at the Department of Defense.

The President announced his intention to nominate Andrew J. Read to be a member of the Marine Mammal Commission, and upon appointment, to designate him as Chairman.

The President announced his intention to nominate Stephen P. Welby to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering at the Department of Defense.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the National Commission on the Future of the Army: Larry R. Ellis; Kathleen H. Hicks; Thomas R. Lamont; and Jack C. Stultz.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Advisory Committee for Trade Policy and Negotiations: Chad Dickerson; Gary Hirshberg; and Dennis D. Williams.

March 19

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Then, also in the Oval Office, he signed an Executive order entitled "Planning for Federal Sustainability in the Next Decade." Later, at the Department of Energy, he toured a rooftop solar panel installation with Deputy Secretary of Energy Elizabeth Sherwood-Randall, Federal Environmental Executive Kate E. Brandt, and Energy Department Energy Manager Eric R. Haukdal.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with Charles, Prince of Wales, and his wife Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, of the United Kingdom. Vice President Biden also attended. Later, he had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel to congratulate him on his party's success in the recent parliamentary election and to discuss Israel-U.S. relations, the Arab-Israeli peace process, and

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ongoing diplomatic efforts to prevent Iran's development of nuclear weapons.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with President Beji Caid Essebsi of Tunisia to offer his condolences for the deaths and injuries caused by the March 18 terrorist attack at the National Bardo Museum in Tunis and to discuss Tunisia-U.S. counterterrorism and security cooperation.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to Namibia to attend the Inauguration of Hage Geingob as President and the commemoration of the 25th anniversary of Namibia's independence on March 21: Heather A. Higginbottom (head of delegation); Thomas F. Daughton; Karen R. Bass; Linda Thomas-Greenfield; and Deborah L. Birx.

#### March 20

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Later, also in the Oval Office, he had a telephone conversation with President François Hollande of France to discuss ongoing diplomatic efforts to prevent Iran's development of nuclear weapons and the situation in Ukraine.

In the afternoon, in the Cabinet Room, the President participated in an interview with Sam Stein of the Huffington Post. Later, he attended a farewell party for White House Communications Director Jennifer M. Palmieri in her office.

#### March 21

In the morning, the President traveled to College Park, MD, where at the XFINITY Center, they attended a women's basketball game between Princeton University and University of Wisconsin-Green Bay with his brother-in-law Craig M. Robinson and other members of the Robinson family.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

#### March 23

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Later, on the State Floor, he viewed projects on exhibit for the White House Science Fair and visited with student participants.

In the afternoon, the President met with former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton.

In the evening, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong of Singapore to express his condolences on the death of founding Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew and discuss Singapore-U.S. relations.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Birmingham, AL, on March 26.

The White House announced that the annual White House Easter Egg Roll will take place on April 6.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Haider alAbadi of Iraq on April 14.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Shinzo Abe of Japan on April 28.

#### March 24

In the morning, in the Cabinet Room, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an expanded bilateral meeting with President Ashraf Ghani Ahmadzai of Afghanistan. Chief Executive Officer Abdullah Abdullah and Minister of Foreign Affairs Salahuddin Rabbani of Afghanistan and National Security Adviser Susan E.

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Rice also attended. Later, in the Oval Office, he and Vice President Biden had a restricted bilateral meeting with President Ghani.

In the afternoon, in the Old Family Dining Room, the President and Vice President Biden had a working lunch with President Ghani. Later, in the Oval Office, he and Vice President Biden met with Secretary of State John F. Kerry.

During the day, the President had separate telephone conversations with Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany and Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy Brey of Spain to extend his condolences for the loss of life in the crash of Germanwings Flight 4U9525 in the French Alps and offer U.S. assistance in the crash investigation.

The President announced his intention to nominate Kathleen A. Doherty to be Ambassador to Cyprus.

The President announced his intention to nominate Hans G. Klemm to be Ambassador to Romania.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jeffrey Prieto to be General Counsel at the Department of Agriculture.

The President announced his intention to nominate Lucy Tamlyn to be Ambassador to Benin.

The President announced his intention to appoint Wanda M. Austin as a member of the President's Council of Advisers on Science and Technology.

The President announced his intention to appoint Thomas O. Melius as a Commissioner of the U.S. Section of the Great Lakes Fishery Commission.

March 25

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Mathews Burwell.

During the day, in the Oval Office, the President met with members of the Boy Scouts of America.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Palm City, FL, on March 28.

The White House announced that the President and , Mrs. Obama will welcome His Holiness Pope Francis on September 23.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the state funeral service of former Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew of Singapore in Singapore on March 29: William J. Clinton (head of delegation); Kirk W.B. Wagar; Henry A. Kissinger; Steven Green; and Thomas E. Donilon.

The President declared a major disaster in New Hampshire and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area affected by the severe winter storm and snowstorm from January 26 through 28.

March 26

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Birmingham, AL. Later, he returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with President Recep Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey to discuss ongoing cooperation in combating the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant terrorist organization,

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common efforts to bring security and stability to Iraq and Syria, Turkey's humanitarian support of nearly 2 million refugees from Iraq and Syria, the situations in Yemen and Ukraine, and international diplomatic efforts to prevent Iran's development of a nuclear weapon.

Also during the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany to discuss the ongoing international diplomatic efforts to prevent Iran's development of a nuclear weapon.

The White House announced that the President, , Mrs. Obama, and Vice President Joe Biden will travel to Boston, MA, on March 30.

The President announced his intention to nominate Franklin R. Parker to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs.

The President announced his intention to nominate Atul Keshap to be Ambassador to Sri Lanka and Maldives.

The President announced his intention to nominate Julieta Valls Noyes to be Ambassador to Croatia.

The President announced his intention to nominate Alaina B. Teplitz to be Ambassador to Nepal.

The President announced that he has nominated John M. Vazquez to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey.

The President announced that he has nominated Paula Xinis to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland.

#### March 27

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with Secretary of the Treasury Jacob J. Lew.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with King Salman bin Abdulaziz al-Saud of Saudi Arabia to discuss the situation in Yemen and Saudi Arabia-U.S. relations.

#### March 28

In the morning, the President traveled to the Floridian National Golf Club in Palm City, FL, arriving in the afternoon.

In the evening, at the Floridian National Golf Club, the President remained overnight in a guest cottage.

#### March 29

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

#### March 30

In the morning, the President and , Mrs. Obama traveled to Boston, MA, where, in rotating exhibit room 126 at the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate, they and Vice President Joe Biden met with members of the Kennedy family. The President and , Mrs. Obama also viewed a replica of the former Senator's office with his widow Victoria Reggie Kennedy. The President also greeted students in a replica of the Senate Chamber.

Also in the morning, the President was briefed on the shooting at the National Security Agency in Fort Meade, MD.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Cambridge, MA, where, at the Area Four restaurant in Kendall

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Square, the President attended a Democratic National Committee roundtable fundraiser. Then, he and , Mrs. Obama returned to Washington, DC.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Louisville, KY, on April 2.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Kenya in July.

March 31

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. He also received an update on the U.S. negotiating team's progress in Lausanne, Switzerland, as part of an international diplomatic effort to prevent Iran from developing a nuclear weapon.

Late in the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Biden met with Secretary of Defense Ashton B. Carter.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with President Joseph Kabila to discuss democratic elections in 2016, continued efforts to defeat the Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Rwanda insurgent group, and pending adoptions by U.S. families. He also had a telephone conversation with President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi of Egypt to discuss U.S. military assistance, the situations in Libya and Yemen, and U.S. support for human rights in Egypt.

In the evening, the Situation Room, the President, Vice President Biden, and members of the President's national security team participated in a video conference with Secretary of State John F. Kerry, Secretary of Energy Ernest J. Moniz, and the U.S. negotiating team in Lausanne, Switzerland, to discuss international diplomatic efforts to prevent Iran from developing a nuclear weapon.

The President declared a major disaster in West Virginia and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area affected by a severe winter storm, flooding, landslides, and mudslides from March 3 through 6.

April 1

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Roosevelt Room, they met with senior advisers to discuss college affordability.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Biden had lunch.

During the day, the President signed H.R. 1527, the Slain Officer Family Support Act of 2015. He also met with White House Chief of Staff Denis R. McDonough and Director of Communications Jennifer R. Psaki.

Also during the day, the President had separate telephone conversations with President Goodluck Jonathan and President-elect Muhammadu Buhari of Nigeria to commend them for their leadership during the recent Presidential election and pledge continued U.S. support for efforts to defeat the Boko Haram terrorist organization.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Hill Air Force Base, UT, on April 2.

April 2

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Louisville, KY. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel to reaffirm U.S. commitment to Israel's security and discuss diplomatic efforts to prevent Iran's development of nuclear weapons. Upon arrival in Louisville, he traveled to the Indatus ICIM Corporation, where he toured the facilities with President Philip Hawkins and greeted employees.

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Also in the afternoon, the President had a telephone conversation with Speaker of the House of Representatives John A. Boehner to discuss international diplomatic efforts to prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons.

During the day, in the Oval Office, the President met with Deputy National Security Adviser for Strategic Communications Benjamin J. Rhodes to prepare for his remarks on international diplomatic efforts to prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons.

Also during the day, the President had a telephone conversation with King Salman bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia to discuss the diplomatic efforts to prevent Iran from developing a nuclear weapon and reaffirm U.S. commitment to the security of its allies in the Persian Gulf region. He also had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister David Cameron of the United Kingdom, President François Hollande of France, and Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany to thank them for their cooperation and support of the diplomatic efforts to prevent Iran's development of nuclear weapons.

In the evening, the President traveled to Salt Lake City, UT. Upon arrival, he traveled to the Sheraton Salt Lake City Hotel, where he remained overnight. While en route in the Presidential limousine, he and Gov. Gary R. Herbert of Utah discussed extending State control over of federally managed public lands and other topics. Later, at the Sheraton Salt Lake City Hotel, in Room Wildcat, he met with Dieter F. Uchtdorf and Henry B. Eyring, presidents of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and other church representatives to discuss immigration reform and the church's longstanding commitment to public service and relief work.

The President declared a major disaster in Tennessee and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area affected by a severe winter storm and flooding from February 15 through 22.

#### April 3

In the morning, the President traveled to Hill Air Force Base, UT, where he participated in a roundtable discussion on clean energy and toured an array of solar panels with Ronald E. Jolly, Sr., deputy commander of maintenance, Ogden Air Logistics Complex. Later, the President returned to Washington, DC, arriving late in the afternoon.

In the afternoon, while en route aboard Air Force One, he had a telephone conversation with President Uhuru Kenyatta of Kenya to offer his and , Mrs. Obama's condolences for the loss of life caused by the April 2 terrorist attack at Garissa University College in Garissa, Kenya.

Also aboard Air Force One, he had separate telephone conversations with King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa of Bahrain, Amir Sabah al-Ahmad al-Jabir al-Sabah of Kuwait, Amir Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani of Qatar, Crown Prince Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan of Abu Dhabi to discuss international diplomatic efforts to prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons and reaffirm U.S. commitment to the security of its allies in the Persian Gulf region.

In the evening, in the Old Family Dining Room, the President and , Mrs. Obama hosted a Seder to mark the beginning of Passover.

The White House announced that the President will welcome King Willem-Alexander and Queen Maxima of the Netherlands on June 1.

The President declared a major disaster in Rhode Island and ordered Federal aid to supplement State, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the area affected by a severe winter storm and snowstorm from January 26 through 28.

#### April 4

In the morning, in the Oval Office, President Obama participated in an interview with Thomas L. Friedman of

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the New York Times for later broadcast online.

April 5

In the morning, the President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Sasha and Malia attended an Easter Sunday service at the Alfred Street Baptist Church in Alexandria, VA.

In the afternoon, the President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters, Sasha and Malia returned to Washington, DC.

April 6

In the morning, on the South Lawn, the President and , Mrs. Obama participated in the annual White House Easter Egg Roll. Later, also on the South Lawn, he read "Where the Wild Things Are" to children participating in the Easter Egg Roll. Then, on the White House basketball and tennis courts, he played basketball with youth and players from the National Basketball League's Washington Wizards basketball team.

In the afternoon, the President taped an interview with Steve Inskeep of National Public Radio's "Morning Edition" program for later broadcast.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Sultan Qaboos bin Said Al Said of Oman to discuss the parameters for a Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) regarding Iran's nuclear program and reaffirm U.S. support for regional and international efforts to prevent Iran's development of a nuclear weapon.

April 7

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had lunch. Later, at the Howard University College of Medicine, he taped an interview with Chief Medical Correspondent Sanjay Gupta for CNN's "New Day" program for later broadcast.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Head Coach Mike Krzyzewski of Duke University men's basketball team to congratulate him on his team's victory in the NCAA basketball championship.

The President announced his intention to nominate Gabriel Camarillo to be Assistant Secretary for Manpower and Reserve Affairs at the Department of the Air Force.

The President announced his intention to nominate Joyce Connery to be a member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, and upon appointment, to designate her as Chair.

The President announced his intention to nominate Bruce Hamilton to be a member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board.

The President announced his intention to nominate William A. Heidt to be Ambassador to Cambodia.

The President announced his intention to nominate David M. Robinson to be Assistant Secretary for Conflict and Stabilization Operations and Coordinator for Reconstruction and Stabilization at the Department of State.

The President announced his intention to appoint Kevin Griffis as Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs at the Department of Health and Human Services.

The President announced his designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the Smart Cities-Smart Growth Business Development Presidential Trade Mission in

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Beijing, China: Ernest J. Moniz (head of delegation); Penny S. Pritzker (head of delegation); and Max S. Baucus.

April 8

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden met with Secretary of State John F. Kerry.

In the afternoon, in the Situation Room, the President received an update from his international health and national security teams on efforts to contain the Ebola epidemic in West Africa and progress toward the goal of eliminating new Ebola cases in Sierra Leone and Guinea. He also had a telephone conversation with President Raúl Castro Ruz of Cuba to discuss Cuba-U.S. relations. Later, he traveled to Kingston, Jamaica. Upon arrival, he traveled to the Jamaica Pegasus hotel.

In the evening, at the Jamaica Pegasus hotel, the President visited with U.S. Embassy personnel and their families. Later, he traveled to the Bob Marley Museum, where he toured the house and museum exhibits with guide Natasha Clarke. Then, he returned to the Jamaica Pegasus hotel, where he remained overnight.

The President declared a major disaster in Connecticut and ordered Federal aid to supplement State, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the area affected by severe winter storm and snowstorms from January 26 through 28.

April 9

In the morning, the President traveled to Jamaica House, the official residence of the Prime Minister of Jamaica, where , in the lobby, he signed the guest book. .

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Mona, Jamaica, where at the Regional Headquarters Building of the University of the West Indies, Mona-Western Jamaica Campus.

Later, in the lobby of the Headquarters' building, he participated in a group photo with leaders of the Caribbean Community and Common Market (CARICOM). Then, he returned to Kingston, where, at the National Heroes' Park War Memorial, he participated in a wreathlaying ceremony.

Later in the afternoon, the President traveled to Panama City, Panama, arriving in the evening.

In the evening, upon arrival in Panama City, the President traveled to the Westin Playa Bonita Panama hotel, where he visited with U.S. Embassy personnel and their families. Later, he traveled to a private residence, where he remained overnight.

April 10

In the morning, the President traveled to the Hotel Riu Plaza Panama. While en route, he stopped at the Miraflores Locks of the Panama Canal, where he toured the canal. Later, at the Hotel Riu Plaza Panama, he participated in a signing ceremony between the Boeing Company and Copa Airlines.

In the evening, the President traveled to the ATLAPA Convention Center, where he participated in arrival and inaugural ceremonies for the Summit of the Americas. Then, he traveled to Panamá Viejo, Panama City's historic district where he participated in an official photograph for Summit of the Americas leaders. Then, he attended a dinner and a cultural performance with Summit of the Americas leaders. Later, he returned to a private residence where he remained overnight.

April 11

In the morning, the President traveled to the the ATLAPA Convention Center where he participated in a Summit of the Americas leaders' retreat. Then, he met with Prime Minister Stephen J. Harper of Canada.

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In the afternoon, at the ATLAPA Convention Center, the President participated a family photograph with Summit of the Americas leaders. Later, he participated in the second plenary session of the Summit of the Americas. Then, on the margins of the plenary session, he met with President Nicolas Maduro Moros of Venezuela.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

April 13

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with 4-H Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) students during their visit to the White House with Secretary of Agriculture Thomas J. Vilsack. Later, in the Roosevelt Room, he and National Security Adviser Susan E. Rice met with leaders of Jewish organizations to discuss international diplomatic efforts to prevent Iran from a developing nuclear weapon. Then, in the Diplomatic Reception Room, the President participated in separate "Live From the White House" television interviews with Jerry Revish of WBNS in Columbus, OH, Ron Martin of WGAL in Harrisburg, PA, John Stofflet of WMTV in Madison, WI, Cindy Williams of WCSH in Portland, ME, and Nancy Naeve of KSFY in Sioux Falls, SD, to discuss efforts to strengthen the national economy.

Later in the afternoon, in the Roosevelt Room, the President met with Jewish community leaders to discuss international diplomatic efforts to prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Charlotte, NC, on April 15.

The President announced his intention to nominate Glyn Townsend Davies to be Ambassador to Thailand.

The President announced his intention to nominate Carol Waller Pope to be a member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, and upon appointment, to designate her as Chairman.

The President announced his intention to appoint Amanda Hesser as a member of the President's Commission on White House Fellowships.

The President declared a major disaster in Massachusetts and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the area affected by a severe winter storm, snowstorm, and flooding from January 26 through 28.

April 14

The White House announced that the President will welcome Crown Prince Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan of Abu Dhabi, Deputy Supreme Commander of the United Arab Emirates Armed Forces, to the White House on April 20.

April 15

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Charlotte, NC. Later, he was briefed on the landing of a gyrocopter on the West Front Lawn of the U.S. Capitol by Tampa, FL, resident Douglas M. Hughes.

Later, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The White House announced that the President will welcome the College Football Playoff National Champion Ohio State University football team to the White House on April 20.

The President announced that he has nominated Wilhelmina Marie Wright to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota.

April 16

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In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with Satya Nadella, chief executive officer, Microsoft Corporation. Later, in the East Room, he hosted a Greek Independence Day reception. Vice President Biden also attended.

The White House announced that the President will welcome 2014 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Champion Kevin Harvick and his Stewart-Haas Racing team members to the White House on April 21.

The White House announced that the President will welcome the 2015 Super Bowl Champion New England Patriots to the White House on April 23.

The President announced his intention to nominate Adam J. Szubin to be Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Crimes at the Department of the Treasury.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jeffrey J. Hawkins, Jr., to be Ambassador to the Central African Republic.

The President announced his intention to appoint Victoria Esser as Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs at the Department of the Treasury.

April 17

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President met with Prime Minister Matteo Renzi of Italy. Vice President Joe Biden also attended.

In the afternoon, in the Cabinet Room, the President had a working lunch with Prime Minister Renzi.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with King Salman bin Abdulaziz al-Saud of Saudi Arabia to discuss the situation in Yemen and Saudi Arabia-U.S. relations.

The White House announced that the President will welcome leaders of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf to the White House on May 13 and to Camp David on May 14.

April 20

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Later, also in the Oval Office, they met with Secretary of State John F. Kerry.

Later in the morning, the President met with Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan of Abu Dhabi, Deputy Supreme Commander of the United Arab Emirates. Secretary of State John F. Kerry and National Security Adviser Susan E. Rice and Minister of Foreign Affairs Abdallah bin Zayid Al Nuhayyan, Deputy National Security Adviser Tahnoun Bin Zayed, and Ambassador to the U.S. Yusif bin Mani bin Said al-Utayba of the United Arab Emirates also attended.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Biden had a working lunch with Crown Prince Mohammed. Later, in the Oval office, he and Vice President Biden met with Secretary of the Treasury Jacob J. Lew.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Everglades National Park in Homestead, FL, to commemorate Earth Day on April 22.

The White House announced that President will welcome President Beji Caïd Essebsi of Tunisia on May 21.

The President declared a major disaster in Georgia and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area affected by a severe winter storm from February 15 through 17.

April 21

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In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Tyson's Corner, VA, where at the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, he taped a roundtable interview with Chris Matthews for MSNBC's "Hardball With Chris Matthews" program for later broadcast. Rep. Gerald E. Connolly, Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce President and Chief Executive Officer Jim Corcoran, Zansors, LLC, Chief Data Science Officer and Cofounder Abhijit Dasgupta, and Team Askin Technologies, Inc., President and Chief Executive Officer Debbie Askin also participated.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with Secretary of Defense Ashton B. Carter.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the Centennial Commemoration of the Events of 1915 in Armenia on April 24: Jacob J. Lew (head of delegation); Richard M. Mills, Jr.; Jackie "Kanchelian" Speier; Frank Pallone, Jr.; Anna G. Eshoo; and Dave Trott.

April 22

In the morning, the President traveled to Miami, FL, arriving in the afternoon.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Homestead, FL, where at Everglades National Park, he toured park grounds with South Florida Natural Resources Center Director Robert Johnson, Everglades Restoration Initiatives Director Shannon A. Estenoz, and park ranger Alan Scott. Then, on the Visitors Center Gazebo, he taped an interview for a White House Earth Day video series with William S. Nye, television personality and executive director of the Planetary Society, for later online broadcast. Later, he returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Elaine Weinstein, wife of U.S. aid worker Warren Weinstein, a hostage who was killed during a U.S. counterterrorism operation against an Al Qaida compound in Pakistan on January 15, to offer his condolences for the death of her husband. He also had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Matteo Renzi of Italy to discuss the death of Italian aid worker Giovanni Lo Porto, a hostage who was also killed during the January 15 operation, to offer his condolences for the death of Mr. Lo Porto.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Shinzo Abe of Japan on April 28.

April 23

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The President announced his intention to appoint Mauro Morales as Staff Director of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

The President announced his intention to appoint Daniel Weiss as a member of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council.

April 24

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Biden had lunch. Later, he traveled to McLean, VA. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

During the day, the President joined a conference call with Secretary of Labor Thomas E. Perez and journalists to discuss the Trans-Pacific Partnership negotiations and trade promotion authority legislation.

The White House announced the President will host a White House Tribal Youth Gathering on July 9.

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April 27

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Cabinet Room, he participated in an interview with Gerald F. Seib.

In the afternoon, on the National Mall, the President and Prime Minister Shinzo Abe of Japan visited the Lincoln Memorial. Then, he returned to the White House. Later, in the Oval Office, he had a meeting with Attorney General, Loretta E. Lynch, to welcome her to his team. During the meeting, he received an update from Attorney General Lynch, on the ongoing situation in Baltimore, MD.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Mayor Stephanie C. Rawlings-Blake of Baltimore, MD, to discuss the situation in Baltimore.

In the evening, the President had a telephone conversation with Gov. Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr., of Maryland, to discuss the situation in Baltimore.

The White House announced that the President will honor the 2015 National and State Teachers of the Year on April 29.

April 28

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden met with Prime Minister Shinzo Abe of Japan.

In the afternoon, the President taped in a telephone interview with radio host Steve Harvey of "The Steve Harvey Morning Show" for a later broadcast.

In the evening, on the North Portico, the President and , Mrs. Obama greeted Prime Minister Abe and his wife Akie Abe for a state dinner and reception. Then, on the Grand Staircase, they participated in a photographic opportunity with the Prime Minister and Mrs. Abe. Later, in the State Dining Room, he and , Mrs. Obama hosted a entertainment for Prime Minister Abe and Mrs. Abe.

The President announced his intention to nominate Peter V. Neffenger to be Assistant Secretary of the Transportation Security Administration at the Department of Homeland Security.

The President declared a disaster under the Compact of Free Association between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended, due to Typhoon Maysak during the period of March 29 through April 1.

April 29

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Sushil Koirala of Nepal to express his condolences for the loss of life in the April 25 earthquake in Nepal, discuss ongoing disaster response and recovery efforts, and pledge U.S. assistance. Later, also in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President and the 2015 National Teacher of the Year, Shanna Peebles, walked to nearby Teatism restaurant, where he purchased lunch and tea. Then, on their way back to the White House, he stopped outside the White House to talk to a group of young schoolchildren who were visiting. Later, in the Private Dining Room, he had lunch with House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi.

Later in the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President signed the 2015 Economic Report of the President. Then, he traveled to Bethesda, MD, where, at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, he visited with wounded U.S. servicemembers and their families. Later he returned to Washington, DC.

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In the afternoon, in the Cabinet Room, the President met with members of the New Democrat Coalition.

The White House announced that the President will travel to New York City on May 4.

The President announced his intention to nominate Gayle E. Smith to be Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

The President announced that he has nominated Julie Helene Becker to be a judge on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

The President declared a major disaster in Kentucky and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area affected by severe winter storms, snowstorms, flooding, landslides, and mudslides from February 15 through 22.

May 1

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President participated in a video teleconference with mayors of Cities United to discuss the White House "My Brother's Keeper" initiative and the President's Task Force on 21st-Century Policing.

The President announced his intention to appoint W. James McNerney, Jr., and Ann Marie Wilkins as General Trustees on the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

The President announced his intention to appoint Russell F. Smith III as a U.S. Commissioner to the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas.

The President announced his intention to appoint Guy "Bud" Tribble as a member of the President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee.

The President announced his intention to nominate Elizabeth Ann Copeland to be a judge on the U.S. Tax Court.

The President declared a major disaster in Kentucky and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area affected by severe storms, tornadoes, flooding, landslides, and mudslides from April 2 through 17.

May 2

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Camp David, MD.

May 3

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Joint Base Andrews, MD, where he played a round of golf. Later, he returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

In the evening, the President was briefed on the shootings at the Curtis Culwell Center in Garland, TX.

May 4

In the morning, the President traveled to New York City.

In the afternoon, at the Ed Sullivan Theater in New York City, the President taped an interview with David Letterman of CBS's "Late Show With David Letterman" for later broadcast.

In the evening, at a private residence, the President attended a Democratic National Committee roundtable fundraiser. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

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May 5

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Roosevelt Room, the President and Vice President Biden met with President Masoud Barzani of the Kurdistan Regional Government in Iraq to discuss ongoing efforts to combat the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization and reaffirm U.S. support for the Iraqi Kurdistan region and commitment to a united, federal, and democratic Iraq. Then, in the Oval Office, he met with Secretary of Defense Ashton B. Carter. Later, he met with members of the Esperanza Azteca Youth Orchestra of Los Angeles, CA, and Puebla, Mexico, prior to their performance at the White House Cinco de Mayo celebration.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Portland, OR, on May 7.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Watertown, SD, on May 8.

May 6

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Biden had lunch. Later, in the Oval Office, he made separate telephone calls to Stephanie Tarr of Coon Rapids, MN, Dawn Miller of Tucson, AZ, and Patricia Church of Ormond Beach, FL, who had written letters to the President, to wish them a happy Mother's Day.

The President announced his intention to nominate Karen DeSalvo to be Assistant Secretary for Health at the Department of Health and Human Services.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jennifer Zimdahl Galt to be Ambassador to Mongolia.

The President announced his intention to nominate David R. Gilmour to be Ambassador to Togo.

The President announced his intention to nominate James D. Melville, Jr., to be Ambassador to Estonia.

The President announced his intention to nominate Peter F. Mulrean to be Ambassador to Haiti.

The President announced his intention to nominate Edwin R. Nolan, Jr., to be Ambassador to Suriname.

May 7

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Roosevelt Room, he met with White House Fellows.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Portland, OR.

May 8

In the morning, the President traveled to Beaverton, OR, where, in the Jerry Rice Lobby at Nike World Headquarters, he taped an interview with Matt Bai of Yahoo News for later online broadcast. Later, he traveled to Watertown, SD, arriving in the afternoon.

In the afternoon, while en route to Watertown aboard Air Force One, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister David Cameron of the United Kingdom to congratulate him on his election victory and discuss United Kingdom-U.S. relations.

In the evening, on the tarmac of Watertown Regional Airport, the President met with 11-year-old Rebecca Kelley of Vermillion, SD, who had written a letter to the President asking him to visit South Dakota, and members of her family. Then, he returned to Washington, DC.

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The President announced his intention to nominate Ann Calvaresi Barr to be Inspector General of the U.S. Agency for International Development.

The President announced his intention to nominate Julius Lloyd Horwich to be Assistant Secretary for Legislative and Congressional Affairs at the Department of Education.

The President announced his intention to nominate Gregory G. Nadeau to be Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration at the Department of Transportation.

The President announced his intention to appoint Elizabeth H. Blackburn as a member of the President's Committee on the National Medal of Science.

The President announced his intention to appoint Xavier de Souza Briggs as a member of the Community Development Advisory Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders: Jacob J. Fitisemanu, Jr.; Sanjita Pradhan; and Paul Y. Watanabe.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities: Peter V. Berns; James T. Brett; Kenneth Capone; Zachary W. Holler; Deborah M. Spitalnik; and Elizabeth Weintraub.

May 11

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with King Salman bin Abd alAziz al-Saud of Saudi Arabia to discuss the King's regret at not being able to travel to Camp David to attend the Gulf Cooperation Council meetings and the attendance of Crown Prince Muhammad bin Nayif bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud and Deputy Crown Prince Muhammad bin Salman bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud in his place, the importance of reaching a comprehensive agreement between the P-5-plus-1 and Iran to ensure the peaceful nature of Iran's nuclear program, the situation in Yemen, and Saudi Arabia-U.S. relations.

May 12

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with Secretary of Defense Ashton B. Carter. Also, he met with a group of Senate Democrats to discuss trade promotion authority legislation and Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) negotiations.

The President declared a major disaster in Kentucky and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area affected by a severe winter storm, snowstorm, flooding, landslides, and mudslides from March 3 through 9.

May 13

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Biden had lunch. Later, on the South Lawn, he greeted leaders and delegations from the Gulf Cooperation Council.

In the evening, in the Blue Room, the President hosted a working dinner for leaders and delegations from the Gulf Cooperation Council. Vice President Biden also attended.

The President announced his intention to nominate Karl Brooks to be Assistant Administrator for

Administration and Resources Management at the Environmental Protection Agency.

The President announced his intention to nominate Laura Farnsworth Dogu to be Ambassador to Nicaragua.

The President announced his intention to nominate Samuel D. Heins to be Ambassador to Norway.

The President announced his intention to nominate Thomas O. Melia to be Assistant Administrator for Europe and Eurasia at the U.S. Agency for International Development.

The President announced his intention to appoint Fran Ulmer as Chairperson of the Arctic Research Commission.

The President announced his intention to appoint James J. Zogby as a member of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom

May 14

In the morning, the President traveled to Camp David, MD, where in the conference room of the Laurel Cabin he greeted leaders and delegations from the Gulf Cooperation Council. Then, also in the Laurel Cabin, he participated in a working session.

In the afternoon, in the Laurel Cabin, the President hosted a lunch for Gulf Cooperation Council leaders and delegations. Later, also in the Laurel Cabin, he participated in a working session with Gulf Cooperation Council leaders and delegations.

Later in the afternoon, the President participated in separate photographic opportunities with leaders and delegations from the Gulf Cooperation Council, followed by a group photograph. Then, he made remarks to members of the news media. Later, in the Laurel Cabin, he participated in a working session. Later, he returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

The White House announced that the President will present the Medal of Honor posthumously to Sgt. William Shemin, USA, and Private Henry Johnson, USA, for conspicuous gallantry during World War I.

The President declared a major disaster in West Virginia and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area affected by severe storms, flooding, landslides, and mudslides from April 3 through 5.

May 15

In the afternoon, in the Map Room, the President taped an interview with Nadiya Bilbassy-Charters of the Al-Arabiya News Channel for later broadcast.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Camden, NJ, on May 18.

May 17

The White House announced that the President will travel to New London, CT, on May 20.

May 18

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, also in the Oval Office, he participated in a credentialing ceremony for newly appointed Ambassadors. Also in the morning, in the Oval Office, he sent out his first tweet under the handle @POTUS, the official Twitter account of the President of the United States.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Camden, NJ, where at the Camden County Police Department headquarters, he toured the department's Real-Time Tactical Operations and Information Center and met with local law enforcement officers and youth. Later, at The Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Corps

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Community Center, he met with local youth and law enforcement officials. Then, he returned to Washington, DC.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Stamford, CT, on May 20.

The President announced the designation of a Presidential delegation to attend the Inauguration of Muhammadu Buhari as President of Nigeria in Abuja, Nigeria, on May 29: John F. Kerry (head of delegation).

The President declared a major disaster in West Virginia and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, flooding, landslides, and mudslides from April 8 through 11.

May 19

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Situation Room, he met with the National Security Council to discuss the situation in Iraq and the U.S. strategy to counter the threat posed by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) organization in Iraq and Syria.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, he participated in an interview with Jeffrey Goldberg of the the Atlantic magazine. Then, in the Oval Office, he and Vice President Joe Biden met with Secretary of Defense Ashton B. Carter.

The White House announced that the President will make remarks at the Adas Israel Congregation on May 22.

May 20

In the morning, the President traveled to New London, CT.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Stamford, CT, where, at a private residence, he attended a Democratic National Committee fundraiser.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to nominate Stephen C. Hedger to be Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs at the Department of Defense.

The President announced his intention to nominate W. Thomas Reeder, Jr., to be Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jessica Rosenworcel to be a Commissioner of the Federal Communications Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate Luis A. Viada to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation.

The President announced his intention to nominate Akhil R.Amar and Robert P. Zimmerman to be members of the National Council on the Humanities.

The President announced his intention to appoint Ronald A. Klain as a member of the Council of the Administrative Conference of the U.S.

The President announced his intention to appoint Gerald S. McGowan as a member of the Board of Visitors to the U.S. Military Academy.

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The President announced his intention to nominate Denise Turner Roth to be Administrator of the General Services Administration.

The President announced that he has nominated Edward L. Stanton III to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Tennessee.

The President announced that he has nominated Eric S. Miller to be U.S. attorney for the District of Vermont.

The President announced that he has nominated Michael McGowan to be U.S. marshal for the District of Delaware.

The President declared a major disaster in West Virginia and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by the severe storms, flooding, landslides, and mudslides from April 13 through 15.

#### May 22

In the morning, at the Adas Israel Congregation, the President visited a preschool classroom and greeted students and teachers.

In the afternoon, in the East Room, the President and , Mrs. Obama hosted a reception for the foreign diplomatic corps.

#### May 25

In the morning, in the State Dining Room, the President hosted a Memorial Day breakfast. Then, he traveled to Arlington, VA, where, at Arlington National Cemetery, he participated in a wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Later, he returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the afternoon.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Miami, FL, on May 27 and 28.

#### May 26

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Also in the morning, he had a telephone conversation with Gov. Gregory W. Abbott of Texas to discuss the floods affecting Texas, express his condolences for the loss of life, and offer Federal assistance in the rescue and recovery efforts.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Biden greeted 97year-old Vivian Bailey of Columbia, MD, and her guests, Principal Troy Todd and teacher Melissa Peyton of Running Brook Elementary School in Columbia. Ms. Bailey raises money for students at the school to take field trips. Then, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Biden had lunch. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Mathews Burwell.

The White House announced that the President will award the Medal of Honor posthumously to Sgt. William Shemin, USA, and Pvt. Henry Johnson, USA, on June 2.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Park Geun-hye of South Korea to the White House on June 16.

The President declared a major disaster in Oklahoma and ordered Federal aid to supplement State, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the area affected by severe storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds, and flooding from May 5 through 10.

#### May 27

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

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Later, the President traveled to Miami, FL, where, at a private residence , he attended a Democratic National Committee roundtable fundraiser.

In the evening, the President traveled to the Hilton Miami Downtown hotel, where he remained overnight.

May 28

In the morning, at the Hilton Miami Downtown hotel in Miami, FL, the President met with Arthur and Shirley Sotloff, parents, and Lauren Sotloff, sister, of Steven J. Sotloff, a freelance journalist who was killed by members of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization in Syria on September 2, 2014. Later, he traveled to the National Hurricane Center, where he toured the facilities with Director Richard Knabb and met with staff members.

In the afternoon, at the National Hurricane Center, the President participated in a Twitter question-and-answer session on climate change. Then, he visited the Shrine of Our Lady of Charity in Miami, where he met with Rector Juan Rumin Dominguez, paid respects to the Cuban American community, and honored their contributions to the U.S. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

May 29

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Map Room, the President participated in a television interview with Ilana Dayan of Israel's Channel 2.

The President announced his intention to nominate Marie Therese Dominguez to be Administrator of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration at the Department of Transportation.

The President announced his intention to nominate Sarah Feinberg to be Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration at the Department of Transportation.

The President announced his intention to appoint Rebecca Richards-Kortum and Andrew J. Viterbi as members of the President's Committee on the National Medal of Science.

The President declared a major disaster in Texas and ordered Federal aid to supplement State, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the area affected by severe storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds, and flooding beginning on May 4 and continuing.

May 31

In the afternoon, at the U.S. Naval Observatory, the President and , Mrs. Obama visited with Vice President Joe Biden, his wife Jill T. Biden, and their family to offer their condolences for the death Joseph R. "Beau" Biden III, son of Vice President Biden.

The White House announced that the Ford's Theatre Reception had been canceled out of respect for the death of Joseph R. "Beau" Biden III.

June 1

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The President announced his intention to nominate Roberta S. Jacobson to be Ambassador to Mexico.

The President announced his intention to appoint Cary Fowler as a member of the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development.

The President announced his intention to appoint Marvin E. Johnson and David E. Walker as members of the Federal Service Impasses Panel for the Federal Labor Relations Authority.

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The President declared a major disaster in Texas and ordered Federal aid to supplement State, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the area affected by severe storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds, and flooding beginning on May 4 and continuing.

June 2

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The White House announced that the President will welcome the World Series Champion San Francisco Giants on June 4.

June 3

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, also in the Oval Office, he taped an interview with Kai Ryssdal of National Public Radio's "Marketplace" program for later broadcast.

In the afternoon, in the Roosevelt Room, the President participated in separate "Live From the White House" interviews with Karen Borta of KTVT in Dallas, TX, Estela Casas of KVIA in El Paso, TX, Dennis Bounds of KING in Seattle, WA, Edie Lambert of KCRA in Sacramento, CA, and Barbara-Lee Edwards of KFMB in San Diego, CA. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with Secretary of the Treasury Jacob J. Lew.

June 4

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The White House announced that the President and , Mrs. Obama will travel to Wilmington, DE, on June 6.

The President announced his intention to nominate Scott Allen to be the U.S. Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

The President announced his intention to nominate Mary Kendall to be Inspector General at the Department of the Interior.

The President announced his intention to appoint Jim M. Ash as a member of the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development.

The President announced his intention to appoint Abba Cohen as a member of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad.

June 5

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with President Petro Poroshenko of Ukraine to discuss the situation in eastern Ukraine, the recent assault by Russian-separatist forces near Donetsk, the need for Russia to abide by the terms of the Minsk agreement, and the U.S. commitment to supporting a diplomatic resolution to the conflict.

The President declared a major disaster in Guam and ordered Federal aid to supplement Territory and local recovery efforts in the area affected by Typhoon Dolphin from May 13 through 16.

June 6

In the morning, the President, , Mrs. Obama, their daughters Sasha and Malia, and , Mrs. Obama's mother Marian Robinson, traveled to Wilmington, DE.

In the afternoon, they returned to Washington, DC. Later, he traveled to Munich, Germany, arriving the following morning.

## June 7

In the morning, upon arrival at Munich Airport, the President signed a guest book and participated in an arrival ceremony. Then, he traveled to the Schloss Elmau resort in Elmau, Germany. Later, he traveled to Krün, Germany, where at the Krün City Hall, he was welcomed by Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany and signed the town guest book.

In the afternoon, the President toured the village with Chancellor Merkel and stopped for a pretzel and a beer with Chancellor Merkel and her husband Joachim Sauer. Then, he and Chancellor Merkel greeted local residents. Later, he returned to the Schloss Elmau resort in Elmau.

Later in the afternoon, in the Second Library of the Old Castle Building the President met with Chancellor Merkel. Then, in the entrance of the Old Castle Building, he participated in a welcoming ceremony for the Group of Seven (G-7) leaders with Chancellor Merkel and her husband Joachim Sauer. Later, in the Pavilion Room of the Retreat Building, he attended two G-7 working sessions on strengthening the world economy and trade. Later, he participated in a photographic opportunity with G-7 leaders.

In the evening, in the Concert Hall of the Old Castle Building, the President attended a reception and cultural performance with G-7 leaders, their spouses, and other guests. Later, in the Private Dining Room of the Old Castle Building, he participated in a working dinner with G-7 leaders to discuss foreign and security policy. He remained overnight at the Schloss Elmau.

## June 8

In the morning, in the Pavilion Room of the Retreat Building, the President participated in a third working session with Group of Seven (G-7) leaders and outreach guests to discuss energy initiatives and climate change. Later, in the Wetterstein Room of the Old Castle Building, he met with President François Hollande of France. Then, in the Fidelio Room of the Old Castle Building, he attended a fourth working session with G-7 leaders and outreach guests.

In the afternoon, in the Inner Courtyard of the Schloss Elmau, the President participated in a photographic opportunity with G-7 leaders and outreach guests. Then, in the Fidelio Room of the Old Castle Building, he had a working lunch with G-7 leaders, outreach guests, and summit sherpas to discuss development issues. Later in the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

The President announced his intention to nominate Carolyn Patricia Alsup to be Ambassador to the Gambia.

The President announced his intention to nominate Paul Wayne Jones to be Ambassador to Poland.

The President announced his intention to nominate Daniel H. Rubinstein to be Ambassador to Tunisia.

The President announced that he has appointed Shannon Price Minter as a member of the President's Commission on White House Fellowships.

## June 9

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with Office of Science and Technology Policy Director John P. Holdren and Sen. C. William Nelson and other alumni of the Columbia Space Shuttle missions to discuss developments in astronomy and space exploration.

## June 10

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had lunch. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with Secretary of Defense Ashton B. Carter.

## June 11

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In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Rose Garden, he taped an interview with Jerry Penacoli of Extra TV for later broadcast.

In the afternoon, at a private residence, the President attended a Democratic National Committee fundraiser.

In the evening, at Nationals Park, the President stopped by the 2015 Congressional Baseball Game for charity. Also in the evening, the President had a telephone conversation with President Park Geun-hye of South Korea to discuss the postponement of her planned June 6 visit to the U.S., express his condolences for the loss of lives due to the MERs outbreak, and offer any further U.S. assistance required.

The President announced the designation of the individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the Milan Expo 2015 in Milan, Italy, on June 17 and 18: Michelle Obama (head of delegation); John R. Phillips; Douglas T. Hickey; Risa J. Lavizzo-Mourey; Alonzo H. Mourning; Will Allen; Mario Batali; Carla Hall; and Nicolas Jammet.

The President announced that he has nominated Brian R. Martinotti to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey.

The President announced that he has nominated Robert F. Rossiter, Jr., to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the District of Nebraska.

#### June 12

In the morning, in the Cannon House Office Building, the President met with House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi and Rep. James E. Clyburn to discuss the upcoming votes on trade promotion authority and trade adjustment assistance legislation. Then, in the Gabriel Zimmerman Meeting Room of the Capitol Visitor Center, he dropped in on a meeting of members of the House Democratic Caucus to discuss his trade agenda.

In the afternoon, in the Situation Room, the President dropped by a video teleconference with Governors from six Western States to discuss ways to combat wildfires and drought.

The President announced his intention to nominate John Morton to be Vice President of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

The President announced his intention to appoint Nancy M. Schlichting as Chair of the President's Commission on Care for America's Returning Wounded Warriors.

The President announced his intention to appoint David W. Gorman and Joyce M. Johnson as members of the President's Commission on Care for America's Returning Wounded Warriors.

#### June 13

In the evening, the President and , Mrs. Obama hosted a private party featuring a musical performance by Prince.

#### June 15

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Speaker of the House of Representatives John A. Boehner to discuss trade promotion authority legislation.

#### June 16

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Biden had lunch. Later, in the

Oval Office, they met with Secretary of Defense Ashton B. Carter.

The White House announced that the President will travel to the Los Angeles, CA, area on June 18.

June 17

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President had a telephone conversation with Head Coach Stephen D. Kerr of the National Basketball Association's Golden State Warriors to congratulate him on his team's victory in the 2015 NBA Finals. Later, also in the Oval Office, he met with the recipients of the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Mentoring. Then, he met separately with Democratic Members of the Senate and House of Representatives to thank them for their support of trade promotion authority and trade adjustment assistance legislation and reiterate his commitment to working with congressional leaders to pass the legislation.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Head Coach Joel Quenneville, Principal Owner and Chairman Rocky Wirtz, and team captain Jonathan Toews of the National Hockey League's Chicago Blackhawks to congratulate them on their team's victory in the 2015 Stanley Cup Championship.

In the evening, the President was briefed on the shootings at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, SC.

The White House announced that the President will travel to San Francisco, CA, on June 19.

June 18

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Then, in the Map Room, he recorded a video message for the White House Summit on Climate Change and Health on June 23. Later, he had separate telephone conversations with Rep. James E. Clyburn, Mayor Joseph P. Riley, Jr., of Charleston, SC, and Minority Leader J. Todd Rutherford of the South Carolina House of Representatives to discuss the June 17 shootings in Charleston and offer his condolences.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Los Angeles, CA. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had separate telephone conversations with Gov. Nikki Randhawa Haley and Sens. Lindsey O. Graham and Timothy E. Scott of South Carolina to discuss the June 17 shootings in Charleston, SC, and offer his condolences. Upon arrival in Los Angeles, he traveled to a private residence, where he participated in a Democratic National Committee roundtable fundraiser.

The President announced his intention to nominate Julie Furuta-Toy to be Ambassador to Equatorial Guinea.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the National Cancer Advisory Board: Peter C. Adamson; Deborah Watkins Bruner; Yuan Chang; Timothy J. Ley; and Max S. Wicha.

June 19

In the morning, the President traveled to the residence of comedian Marc Maron, where he recorded an interview for the "WTF With Marc Maron" podcast to be released on June 22. Later, he traveled to San Francisco, CA, arriving in the afternoon.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to the Hilton San Francisco Union Square hotel, where he met with Gov. Edmund G. "Jerry" Brown, Jr., of California to discuss the Federal, State, and local response to the drought and wildfires affecting California and thank Gov. Brown for his leadership in international efforts to combat climate change. Later, at a private residence, he participated in a Democratic National Committee roundtable fundraiser.

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The White House announced that the President will travel to Ethiopia in late July.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Palm Springs, CA, on June 20 and 21.

June 20

In the morning, the President traveled to Rancho Mirage, CA.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to a private residence in Thunderbird Heights, where he remained overnight.

June 21

In the morning, the President traveled to the Porcupine Creek Golf Course.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

June 22

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The White House announced that the President and Vice President Joe Biden will travel to Charleston, SC, on June 26.

June 23

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had lunch.

June 24

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Then, he had a telephone conversation with President François Hollande of to discuss U.S. electronic surveillance and intelligence-gathering programs and France-U.S. relations.

In the afternoon, in the Cabinet Room, the President met with Vice Premier Liu Yandong, Vice Premier Wang Yang, State Councilor Yang Jiechi, and other special representatives to the U.S.-China Strategic and Economic Dialogue and Consultation on People-to-People Exchange. Later, in the Blue Room, he visited with Jim Obergefell, plaintiff in the U.S. Supreme Court case *Obergefell v. Hodges*, who was attending the White House Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month Reception in the East Room.

The White House announced that the President, , Mrs. Obama, and Vice President Biden and his wife Jill T. Biden will travel to Charleston, SC, on June 26

June 25

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. During the briefing, also in the Oval Office, he was informed by Chief of Staff Denis R. McDonough, White House Counsel W. Neil Eggleston, and the Deputy Chief of Staff Kristie A. Canegallo of the Supreme Court's decision to uphold key provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Then, he had a telephone conversation with U.S. Solicitor General Donald B. Verrilli, Jr., to congratulate him on the Supreme Court's favorable rulings on the housing discrimination and Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act cases.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin of Russia to discuss efforts to counter the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization, ongoing international negotiations to prevent Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapon, and the situations in Ukraine and Syria.

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The White House announced that the President will welcome President Muhammadu Buhari of Nigeria on July 20.

The President declared a major disaster in Nebraska and ordered Federal aid to supplement State, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the area affected by severe storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds, and flooding from May 6 through June 17.

June 26

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had a telephone conversation with Jim Obergefell, plaintiff in the U.S. Supreme Court case *Obergefell v. Hodges*, to congratulate him on the Court's ruling in favor of marriage equality for same-sex couples. Then, he and , Mrs. Obama traveled to Charleston, SC, arriving in the afternoon.

In the afternoon, following the funeral service at the TD Arena of the College of Charleston, the President, , Mrs. Obama, and Vice President Biden and his wife Jill T. Biden met with families of the victims of the June 17 shootings at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston. Later, he and , Mrs. Obama returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

The President announced his intention to nominate Mark Cohen to be a member of the Merit Systems Protection Board and, upon appointment, to designate him Vice Chairman.

The President announced his intention to nominate G. Kathleen Hill to be Ambassador to Malta.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Board of Directors of the Presidio Trust: Lynne Benioff; Paula Robinson Collins; Nicola Miner; and Janet Reilly.

The President announced his intention to appoint Eric Ortner as a member of the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities.

The President announced his intention to appoint Shervin Pishevar as a member of the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint Steven Spinner as a member of the President's Commission on White House Fellowships.

The President declared a major disaster in Arkansas and ordered Federal aid to supplement State, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the area affected by severe storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds, and flooding from May 7 through June 15.

June 28

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany to discuss the fiscal situation in Greece and express his condolences for the deaths of the German citizens killed in a terrorist attack at a beach resort in Sousse, Tunisia, on June 26.

June 29

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President François Hollande of France to discuss the economic situation in Greece and express his condolences for loss of life and injuries due to the terrorist attack at the Air Products gas factory in Saint-Quentin-Fallavier near Lyon, France, on June 26. In the afternoon, the President had a telephone conversation with President Beji Caid Essebsi of Tunisia to offer his condolences for the loss of life resulting from the terrorist attack on a beach resort in Sousse, Tunisia, on June 26 and reaffirm U.S. cooperation on counterterrorism efforts and broader security issues. Later, on the National Mall, he joined President Dilma Rousseff of Brazil on a visit to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial.

In the evening, in the Blue Room, the President had a working dinner with President Rousseff. Vice

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President Joe Biden also attended.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister David Cameron of the United Kingdom to express his condolences for the loss of life due in the June 26 terrorist attack on a beach resort in Sousse, Tunisia, , offer his support in confronting global terrorism, and discuss the need for structural economic reforms in Greece.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Nashville, TN, on July 1.

The White House announced that the President will travel to La Crosse, WI, on July 2.

June 30

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden met with President Dilma Rousseff of Brazil.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President participated in a teleconference call with elected officials and business and labor groups to discuss the reauthorization of the Export-Import Bank of the U.S. Later, also in the Oval Office, he and Vice President Biden met with Secretary of Defense Ashton B. Carter.

July 1

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Nashville, TN, accompanied by Medina, OH, resident and health care reform advocate Natoma A. Canfield. En route to Taylor Stratton Elementary School in Nashville, TN, he stopped by the residence of Kelly Bryant, a Nashville resident who had written him a letter on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, to pick her up for the event, where she later introduced him. Later, he returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Matteo Renzi of Italy to discuss the economic situation in Greece and the need for structural reforms.

Also during the day, the President participated in a Twitter question-and-answer session on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the U.S. National Day at Expo 2015 Milan in Milan, Italy, on July 4: Thomas J. Vilsack (head of delegation); John R. Phillips; Betty McCollum; Douglas T. Hickey; Eric Goldstein; Samuel Kass; Marianne Smith Edge; Angela Tagtow; and Susan Ungaro.

July 2

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Later, the President traveled to La Crosse, WI.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the 2015 Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) Women's World Cup final game in Vancouver, Canada, on July 5: Jill Biden (head of delegation); Joseph R. Biden, Jr.; Bruce Heyman; Evan Ryan; Cobi Jones; and Mia Hamm.

July 3

In the afternoon, the President traveled to the Columbia Country Club in Chevy Chase, MD. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

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The White House announced that the President will welcome Communist Party General Secretary Nguyen Phú Trọng of Vietnam on July 7.

July 4

The White House announced that the South Lawn Independence Day barbecue for military servicemembers and their families had been canceled due to weather conditions.

In the evening, on the South Lawn, the President and , Mrs. Obama hosted a Independence Day celebration for White House staff, guests, and military servicemembers and their families.

July 6

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President had a telephone conversation with President François Hollande of France to discuss the economic unrest in Greece and the need for reforms combined with growth and debt sustainability within the eurozone.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with the U.S. women's soccer team to congratulate them on winning the World Cup, applaud Coach Jill Ellis for her leadership, and commend Carli Lloyd's outstanding performance in the championship games.

July 7

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Chancellor Angela Merkel to discuss economic unrest in Greece and the need for reforms combined with growth and debt sustainability within the eurozone. Later, in the Oval Office, he Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Also in the morning, he also had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras of Greece to discuss the Prime Minister's ideas for a path forward between Greece and its creditors and the need for a mutually acceptable agreement.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with Secretary of Defense Ashton B. Carter.

In the evening, in the State Dining Room, the President met with members of the Senate Democratic Caucus.

The President announced his intention to nominate Brad R. Carson to be Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness.

The President announced his intention to nominate Peter W. Bodde to be Ambassador to Libya.

The President announced his intention to nominate Catherine Ebert-Gray to be Ambassador to Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands, and Vanuatu.

The President announced his intention to nominate Dennis B. Hankins to be Ambassador to Guinea.

The President announced his intention to nominate Elisabeth I. Millard to be Ambassador to Tajikistan.

The President declared a major disaster in Wyoming and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area affected by severe storms and flooding from May 24 through June 6.

July 8

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Biden had lunch. Later, in the Oval Office, they met with Secretary of the Treasury Jacob J. Lew. Also in the afternoon, in the Situation

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Room, he and his national security team had a secure video conference with Secretary of State John F. Kerry, Secretary of Energy Ernest J. Moniz, and members of the U.S. negotiating team in Vienna to discuss the progress of international diplomatic efforts to prevent Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapon.

The White House announced that the President will host and deliver remarks at the White House Conference on Aging on July 13.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the Srebrenica genocide in Bosnia and Herzegovina on July 11: William J. Clinton (head of delegation); Maureen E. Cormack; Roger F. Wicker; C. Jeanne Shaheen; Eliot L. Engel; Peter T. King; Madeleine K. Albright; Rosemary A. DiCarlo; Victoria Nuland; and Stephen J. Rapp.

July 9

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

Later, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Biden met with Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch.

The President announced that he has nominated Darlene M. Soltys to be a judge on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

The President announced his intention to nominate Mary K. Wakefield to be Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services.

The President announced his intention to nominate Anthony Coscia to be a Director on the AMTRAK Board of Directors.

The President announced his intention to nominate Matthew Rhett Jeppson to be Director of the Mint at the Department of the Treasury.

The President announced his intention to nominate Andy Slavitt to be Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services at the Department of Health and Human Services.

The President, Barack Obama announced his intention to nominate Derek Kan to be a Director on the AMTRAK Board of Directors.

July 10

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Philadelphia, PA, on July 14.

July 11

In the morning, the President traveled to the Caves Valley Golf Club in Owings Mills, MD, arriving in the afternoon.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

July 13

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President signed 46 commutations of the prison sentences of nonviolent drug offenders and released a video of the signing to publicize efforts to reform the U.S. criminal justice system. Later, in the Private Dining Room, he and Vice President Biden had lunch.

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During the day, in the Oval Office, the President met White House Chief of Staff Denis R. McDonough, Senior Director for Iran, Iraq, Syria, and the Gulf States Jeffrey Prescott, National Security Adviser Susan E. Rice, Deputy National Security Adviser for Counterterrorism Avril D. Haines, and Deputy National Security Adviser for Strategic Communications Benjamin J. Rhodes to discuss the multilateral agreement reached in Vienna, Austria, to prevent Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapon. Then, he had a telephone conversation with Secretary of State John F. Kerry to thank him for his role in negotiating the agreement between the P-5-plus-1 and Iran to ensure the peaceful nature of Iran's nuclear program.

Also during the day, the President dropped by a meeting between Vice President Joe Biden and Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk of Ukraine.

In the evening, the President had separate telephone conversations with various Members of Congress to discuss the Iran nuclear agreement reached in Vienna. Also in the evening, he had a telephone conversation with former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton to discuss the international agreement to prevent Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapon.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Durant, OK, and Oklahoma City, OK, on July 15 and 16.

The President declared a major disaster in Louisiana and ordered Federal aid to supplement State, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the area affected by severe storms and flooding from May 18 through June 20.

July 14

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Philadelphia, PA. En route to the Philadelphia Convention Center, he had a telephone conversation with King Salman bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia to discuss the agreement among the P-5-plus-1, the European Union, and Iran on a Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action regarding Iran's nuclear program, security assurances covered in discussions with Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) members at Camp David in May, and the situation in Yemen. Then, at the Convention Center, he met with formerly incarcerated individuals to discuss reintegration following their release and work they are doing to help other formerly incarcerated individuals and at-risk youth through community service, mentorship, and education. Also in the afternoon, in the Cabinet Room, the President recorded an interview with Thomas L. Friedman of the New York Times for later broadcast online.

Later in the afternoon, at the Rittenhouse hotel, the President attended a Democratic National Committee roundtable fundraiser.

During the day, the President had separate telephone conversations with President François Hollande of France, Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany, Prime Minister David Cameron of the United Kingdom, and European Union High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Federica Mogherini to discuss the agreement among the P-5-plus-1, the European Union, and Iran on a Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) regarding Iran's nuclear program, thank the leaders for their important role in achieving the agreement, and reaffirm close coordination as the JCPOA is implemented. The President also welcomed the July 13 agreement between Greece and its creditors and urged a path toward growth and debt stability in Greece through continued economic reforms.

Also during the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel to discuss the multilateral agreement to prevent Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapon and underscore the strong U.S. commitment to Israel's security.

Also during the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Crown Prince Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan of Abu Dhabi, Deputy Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces of the United Arab Emirates to discuss the JCPOA agreement regarding Iran's nuclear program, security assurances covered in discussions with Gulf Cooperation Council members, and the situation in Yemen.

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In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

July 15

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Denison, TX. En route aboard Air Force One, the President had a telephone conversation with President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin of Russia to discuss the agreement among the P-5-plus-1, the European Union, and Iran on a Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action regarding Iran's nuclear program, thank President Putin for his important role in achieving the agreement, and review the situation in Syria. Upon arrival in Denison, TX, he traveled to Durant, OK, where at Durant High School, he met with youth from the Choctaw, Cherokee, Muscogee (Creek), and Chickasaw Nations.

During the day, outside the West Wing, the President met with Vice President Joe Biden, Secretary of State John F. Kerry, National Security Adviser to the Vice President Colin Kahl, and National Security Adviser Susan E. Rice.

In the evening, the President traveled to Denison, TX. Then, he traveled to Oklahoma City, OK, where at the Sheraton Oklahoma City Downtown Hotel, he remained overnight.

The President announced his intention to nominate Susan Coppedge to be Director of the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking, with rank of Ambassador at Large, at the Department of State.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jessie Roberson to be a Commissioner of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate Marc J. Sievers to be Ambassador to Oman.

The President announced his intention to nominate Kenneth D. Ward for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons at the Department of State.

The President announced his intention to appoint Elizabeth C. Wesman as Chair of Presidential Emergency Board No. 248.

The President announced his intention to appoint Barbara Deinhardt and Ann Kenis as members of Presidential Emergency Board No. 248.

The President announced his intention to appoint Regina T. Jefferson as a member of the Advisory Committee to the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

July 16

In the morning, the President traveled to El Reno, OK, where at the Federal Correctional Institution El Reno, he had a roundtable discussion with inmates and toured the prison facility's Cell Block B with Federal Bureau of Prisons Director Charles E. Samuels, Jr., and correctional officer Ronald Warlick. Then, also at the El Reno correctional facility, he recorded an interview with Shane Smith of VICE News for later broadcast.

Also in the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with former President George H.W. Bush to wish him a speedy recovery after injuries resulting from a fall at his home in Kennebunkport, ME, and extend best wishes on behalf of himself and , Mrs. Obama.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

During the day, the President was briefed by Federal Bureau of Investigation Director James B. Comey, Jr., Homeland Security and Counterterrorism Adviser Lisa O. Monaco, and members his national security team on the shootings at the U.S. military facilities in Chattanooga, TN.

The White House announced that the President will travel to New York City on July 17 and 18.

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The President announced that he has nominated Mark A. Young to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California, arriving in the evening.

The President declared a major disaster exists in Colorado and ordered Federal aid to supplement State, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the area affected by severe storms, tornadoes, flooding, landslides, and mudslides from May 4 through June 16.

July 17

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President met with Minister of Foreign Affairs Adil al-Ahmad al-Jubayr of Saudi Arabia.

In the afternoon, the President and his daughter Sasha traveled to New York City, arriving in the evening.

In the evening, the President traveled to a private residence, where he attended a Democratic National Committee roundtable fundraiser.

Later in the evening, the President and his daughter Sasha traveled to the Hilton Manhattan East hotel, where they remained overnight.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Pittsburgh, PA, on July 21.

The White House announced that the President will travel to New York City on July 21. July 18

In the morning, the President and his daughters Sasha and Malia visited Central Park, where, joined by the President's sister Maya Soetoro-Ng and her husband Konrad Ng, they took a short walk through the Park.

In the afternoon, at the Richard Rodgers Theatre, the President, his daughters Sasha and Malia, and his sister Maya and brother-in-law Konrad attended a performance of "Hamilton," a Broadway musical.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

July 20

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had lunch. Later, in the East Room, he dropped by a meeting of the American Legion's Boys Nation, where he greeted delegates and staff members.

In the evening, the President had a telephone conversation with President Xi Jinping of China to express his appreciation for the role China played in the nuclear deal achieved among the P-5-plus-1, the European Union, and Iran, and discuss China-U.S. relations ahead of President Xi's visit to the White House in September.

The President announced his intention to nominate Kathryn M. Dominguez to be a member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

The President declared a major disaster in Kansas and ordered Federal aid to supplement State, tribal, and local recovery effort in the area affected by severe storms, tornadoes, straightline winds and flooding from May 4 through June 21.

July 21

In the morning, the President traveled to Pittsburgh, PA.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to New York City, where, at the Daily Show Studios, he recorded an interview with Jon Stewart of Comedy Central's "The Daily Show With Jon Stewart" for later broadcast.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced that he has nominated Leonard T. Strand to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Iowa.

July 22

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Situation Room, he had a video teleconference with President Ashraf Ghani Ahmadzai and Chief Executive Officer Abdullah Abdullah of Afghanistan to commend them for the progress made on efforts to curb corruption and improve the economy and discuss ways to strengthen the Afghan national security forces and encourage regional counterterrorism cooperation.

In the afternoon, the President had a telephone conversation with President Recep Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey to discuss strengthening cooperation in the fight against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant terrorist organization, review efforts to bring security and stability to the Middle East, and condemn the July 20 and July 22 terrorist attacks in Suruc and Ceylanpinar, Turkey.

The President declared a major disaster in New Jersey and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area affected by a severe storm on June 23.

July 23

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Roosevelt Room, the President recorded an interview with Jon Sopel of BBC News for later broadcast.

In the evening, the President traveled to Ramstein Air Base, Germany, arriving the following morning. While en route aboard Air Force One, he was briefed by Homeland Security and Counterterrorism Adviser, Lisa O. Monaco on the shootings at the Grand Theatre 16 in Lafayette, Louisiana.

The President announced his intention to nominate Richard Howorth to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

The President announced his intention to nominate Harry K. Thomas, Jr. to be Ambassador to Zimbabwe.

The President announced his intention to nominate Victoria Wassmer to be Under Secretary for Management and Performance Energy at the Department of Energy.

The President announced his intention to appoint Sandra E. Black as a member of the Council of Economic Advisers.

The President announced his intention to appoint Raymond Cook as Chief Information Officer of the Intelligence Community at the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

The President announced his intention to appoint Brooke D. Anderson and Robert L. Stein as members of the President's Intelligence Advisory Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint Barbara K. Rimer as Chair and Owen N. Witte as a member of the President's Cancer Panel.

July 24

In the morning, the President traveled to Nairobi, Kenya, arriving in the evening. Upon arrival, he traveled to the Villa Rosa Kempinski hotel, where he had dinner with his sister Auma Obama, grandmother Sarah Onyango Obama, and other Kenyan relatives. He remained overnight at the Villa Rosa Kempinski hotel.

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The President announced the designation the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the opening ceremony of the 2015 Special Olympics World Games in Los Angeles, CA, on July 25: Michelle Obama (head of delegation); Maxine Waters; Adam Schiff; Janice Hahn; and Alan Lowenthal.

July 25

In the morning, at the United Nations Compound in Nairobi, Kenya, the President toured the Power Africa Innovation Fair with U.S. Agency for International Development Acting Administrator Alfonso E. Lenhardt and Power Africa Coordinator Andrew M. Herscovitz. During the tour, he met with fair participants Sam Goldman, cofounder and chief customer officer, d.light; Katherine Lucey, founder and chief executive officer, Solar Sister; June Muli, head of customer care, M-Kopa Solar; Michael Wanyonyi, founder and chief executive officer, Mibawa Suppliers Ltd.; Amos Nguru, chief executive officer, Afrisol Energy Ltd.; and Charles Ogingo, cofounder and chairman, Pfoofy Power and Light Ltd.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to the U.S. Embassy, where he visited with Embassy personnel and their families. Then, he traveled to Memorial Park, where he met with survivors and family members of the victims of the 1998 Embassy bombing, signed the guest book, and participated in a wreath-laying ceremony honoring the victims. Later, at the State House, he participated in a welcoming ceremony with President Uhuru Kenyatta of Kenya. Then, he traveled to the Villa Rosa Kempinski hotel.

In the evening, the President traveled to the State House. Later, he returned to the Villa Rosa Kempinski hotel, where he remained overnight.

July 26

In the morning, the President traveled to the Safaricom Indoor Arena in Nairobi, Kenya.

In the afternoon, at the Safaricom Indoor Arena, the President met with Kenyan opposition leaders Raila Amolo Odinga, leader of the Orange Democratic Movement party; Sen. Moses Masika Wetangula, leader of the Forum for Restoration of Democracy-Kenya party; Kalonzo Musyoka, leader of the Wiper Democratic Movement-Kenya party; and Martha Karua, leader of the National Rainbow Coalition-Kenya party. Later, he traveled to Kenyatta University in Nairobi, where, at the Young African Leaders Initiative Regional Leadership Center, he participated in a live radio interview with Olive Burrows of Capital FM in Nairobi. Later, he traveled to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

In the evening, upon arrival in Addis Ababa, the President traveled to the U.S. Embassy, where he visited with Embassy personnel and their families. Then, he traveled to the Sheraton Addis hotel, where he remained overnight.

July 27

In the morning, at the National Palace in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, the President participated in a welcoming ceremony with Prime Minister Hailemariam Desalegn of Ethiopia.

In the afternoon, at the National Palace, the President met with President Mulatu Teshome of Ethiopia. Later, he returned to the Sheraton Addis Hotel, where he met with Prime Minister Hailemariam, President Uhuru Kenyatta of Kenya, President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni of Uganda, Foreign Minister Ibrahim Ahmad 'Abd al-Aziz Ghandour of Sudan, and Chairperson Nkosazana Clarice Dlamini Zuma of the African Union Commission to discuss conflict resolution efforts in South Sudan, regional counterterrorism cooperation, and efforts to strengthen the Government of Somalia.

In the evening, the President traveled to the National Palace, where he viewed the fossil skeleton of the early human ancestor known as Lucy with Zeresenay "Zeray" Alemseged, senior curator of anthropology at the California Academy of Sciences, and Yonas Desta Tsegaye, director general of the National Museum of Ethiopia. The Australopithecus fossil was discovered in Ethiopia in 1974 and is permanently housed at the National Museum.

Later in the evening, the President returned to the Sheraton Addis Hotel.

The White House announced that the President will welcome King Felipe VI and Queen Letizia of Spain on September 15.

July 28

In the morning, at the Sheraton Addis Hotel, the President met with Ethiopian civil society activists.

In the afternoon, at African Union Headquarters in Addis Ababa, the President met with Chairperson Nkosazana Clarice Dlamini Zuma of the African Union Commission. Later, he traveled to Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany, arriving in the evening.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

July 29

In the afternoon, in the East Room, the President hosted a working reception for House Democrats to discuss his legislative priorities, including the agreement among the P-5-plus-1, the European Union, and Iran on a Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action regarding Iran's nuclear program. Vice President Joe Biden also attended.

During the day, in the Oval Office, the President met with Vice President Biden.

The President declared a major disaster in Vermont and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area affected by a severe storm and flooding on June 9.

July 30

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had lunch.

During the day, in the East Room, the President greeted American Legion's Girls Nation delegates and posed for a group photograph.

In the evening, in the Oval Office, the President participated in a conference call with grassroots supporters to discuss the agreement among the P-5-plus-1, the European Union, and Iran on a Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action regarding Iran's nuclear program.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert P. Jackson to be Ambassador to Ghana.

The President announced his intention to nominate Michael H. Michaud to be Assistant Secretary for Veterans' Employment and Training at the Department of Labor.

The President announced his intention to nominate John E. Sparks to be a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces.

The President announced his intention to nominate Eric D. Eberhard to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation.

The President announced that he has nominated Elizabeth J. Drake, Jennifer Choe Groves, and Gary S. Katzmman to be judges on the U.S. Court of International Trade.

The President announced that he has nominated Susan Paradise Baxter, Robert J. Colville, and Marilyn J. Horan to be judges on the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

The President announced that he has nominated Inga S. Bernstein to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts.

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The President announced that he has nominated Gary R. Brown to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York.

The President announced that he has nominated Dax E. López to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia.

The President announced that he has nominated John M. Young to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

The President declared a major disaster in South Dakota and ordered Federal aid to supplement State, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the area affected by severe storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds, and flooding from June 17 through 24.

July 31

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

During the day, in the East Room, the President greeted recipients of the 2013 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching and posed for a group photograph.

The President declared a major disaster in Iowa and ordered Federal aid to supplement State, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the area affected by severe storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds, and flooding from June 20 through 25.

August 1

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Camp David, MD.

August 2

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

August 3

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the evening, in the Oval Office, he participated in a credentialing ceremony for newly appointed Ambassadors to the U.S.

The White House announced that the President will deliver remarks at American University on August 5.

August 4

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Biden had lunch. Later, in the State Dining Room and Red Room, he viewed projects on exhibit for the White House Demo Day. Later, in the Cabinet Room, he met with U.S. Jewish community leaders to discuss the agreement among the P-5-plus-1, the European Union, and Iran on a Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action regarding Iran's nuclear program.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the 50th National Day celebration in Singapore on August 9: Ronald Kirk (head of delegation); and Kirk W.B. Wagar.

August 5

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

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In the afternoon, in the Roosevelt Room, the President participated in a roundtable interview with foreign policy columnists to discuss the agreement among the P-5-plus-1, the European Union, and Iran on a Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action regarding Iran's nuclear program.

The President announced his intention to nominate Richard Buckius to be Deputy Director of the National Science Foundation.

The President announced his intention to nominate T.F. Scott Darling III to be Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration at the Department of Transportation.

The President announced his intention to nominate Linda Etim to be Assistant Administrator for the Bureau for Africa at the U.S. Agency for International Development.

The President announced his intention to nominate Laura S.H. Holgate to be U.S. Representative to the Vienna Office of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and U.S. Representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency, with the rank of Ambassador.

The President announced his intention to nominate Marcel Lettre to be Under Secretary for Intelligence at the Department of Defense.

The President announced his intention to nominate Patrick J. Murphy to be Under Secretary of the Army.

The President announced his intention to nominate Cherry A. Murray to be Director of the Office of Science at the Department of Energy.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert D. Reischauer to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Social Security trust funds.

The President announced his intention to nominate Charles P. Blahous III to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Social Security trust funds.

The President declared a major disaster in the Northern Mariana Islands and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area affected by Typhoon Soudelor from August 1 through 3. The declaration was announced by the Office of the Press Secretary on August 6.

#### August 6

In the afternoon, in the Map Room, the President recorded separate interviews with Fareed Zakaria of CNN's "Fareed Zakaria GPS" program and Jake Horowitz of Mic.com for later broadcast. Then, in the Cabinet Room, he recorded an interview with Steve Inskeep of NPR's "Morning Edition" program for later broadcast.

The White House announced that the President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Sasha and Malia will travel to Martha's Vineyard, MA, on August 7.

#### August 7

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Map Room, he recorded an interview with Thomas L. Friedman of the New York Times for later broadcast online.

In the afternoon, the President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughter Sasha traveled to Chilmark, MA, arriving in the evening. Upon arrival, they traveled to their vacation residence, where they remained overnight.

The President declared a major disaster exists in Missouri and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area affected by severe storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds, and flooding from May 15 through July 27.

August 8

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Oak Bluffs, MA.

In the evening, the President returned to his vacation residence in Chilmark, MA.

The President declared a major disaster in West Virginia and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area affected by severe storms, straight-line winds, flooding, landslides, and mudslides from July 10 through 14.

The President declared a major disaster for the Oglala Sioux Tribe of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and ordered Federal aid to supplement tribal recovery efforts in the area affected by severe storms, straight-line winds, and flooding from May 8 through 29.

August 9

In the evening, the President and , Mrs. Obama traveled to West Tisbury, MA. Later, they returned to their vacation residence in Chilmark, MA.

August 10

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Oak Bluffs, MA . Later, he returned to his vacation residence in Chilmark, MA, arriving in the evening.

August 12

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Oak Bluffs, MA . Later, he returned to his vacation residence Chilmark, MA.

In the evening, the President and , Mrs. Obama traveled to Edgartown, MA. Later, they returned to their vacation residence in Chilmark. Also in the evening, he had a telephone conversation with former President James E. Carter, Jr., to extend his and , Mrs. Obama's best wishes following President Carter's recent announcement of his cancer diagnosis.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Park Geun-hye of South Korea on October 16.

The President declared a major disaster in Kentucky and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area affected by severe storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds, flooding, landslides, and mudslides from July 11 through 20.

August 13

In the morning, the President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Sasha and Malia traveled to Oak Bluffs, MA. Later, they returned to their vacation residence in Chilmark, MA.

August 14

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Oak Bluffs, MA. Later, he returned to his vacation residence in Chilmark, MA, arriving in the evening.

August 15

In the morning, the President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Sasha and Malia traveled to Edgartown, MA. Later, they returned to their vacation residence in Chilmark. Then, he traveled to Oak Bluffs, MA.

In the afternoon, at the Farm Neck Golf Club, the President played a round of golf with former President William J. Clinton, former U.S. Trade Representative Ronald Kirk, and civil rights leader Vernon E. Jordan,

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Jr. Later, he returned to his vacation residence in Chilmark, MA.

In the evening, the President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Sasha and Malia traveled to Oak Bluffs, MA, where, at the Farm Neck Golf Club, they attended a birthday party for Vernon E. Jordan, Jr. Later, they returned to their vacation residence in Chilmark.

August 17

In the morning, the President traveled to Edgartown, MA.

In the afternoon, the President returned to his vacation residence in Chilmark.

August 18

In the morning, the President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Sasha and Malia traveled to Edgartown, MA.

In the afternoon, the President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Sasha and Malia returned to their vacation residence in Chilmark.

August 19

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Oak Bluffs, MA. Later, he returned to his vacation residence in Chilmark.

In the evening, the President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Sasha and Malia traveled to Tisbury, MA. Later, they returned to their vacation residence in Chilmark. During the evening, the President was briefed on the wildfires affecting Western States, including the deaths of three firefighters in Washington.

August 20

In the afternoon, the President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Sasha and Malia traveled to Aquinnah, MA, where they spent time at the beach with U.S. Ambassador to Japan Caroline B. Kennedy and her family. Later, they returned to their vacation residence in Chilmark.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Las Vegas, NV, on August 24.

August 21

In the morning, the President traveled to Oak Bluffs, MA.

In the afternoon, the President returned to his vacation residence in Chilmark.

In the evening, the President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Sasha and Malia traveled to Oak Bluffs, MA. Later, they returned to their vacation residence in Chilmark.

Also in the evening, the President was briefed on the shooting aboard a train traveling from Amsterdam to Paris, France, in which suspected gunman Ayoub El Khazzani was subdued and restrained by several passengers, including two U.S. servicemembers.

The White House announced that the President will welcome the 2014 Women's National Basketball Association Champion Phoenix Mercury on August 26.

The President declared an emergency in Washington and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts in the areas affected by wildfires beginning on August 13 and continuing.

August 22

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In the morning, the President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Sasha and Malia traveled to Tisbury, MA.

In the afternoon, President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Sasha and Malia returned to their vacation residence in Chilmark, MA. Also in the afternoon, he had separate telephone conversations with A1C Spencer Stone, USAF, National Guard Spc. Aleksander Skarlatos, USA, and U.S. student Anthony Sadler to commend and congratulate them on their courageous actions aboard a Paris-bound train, which forestalled an attempted mass shooting on August 22, and wish Airman Stone a speedy recovery for injuries he sustained in restraining suspected gunman Ayoub El Khazzani.

During the day, the President was briefed on the security situation on the Korean Peninsula. He also had a telephone conversation with President François Hollande of France to discuss the August 22 attempted mass shooting on the Paris-bound high-speed train from Amsterdam, the brave actions of three U.S. citizens who helped to subdue the suspected gunman, and their joint commitment to combating terrorism.

In the evening, the President and , Mrs. Obama traveled to a private residence in Edgartown, MA. Later, they returned to their vacation residence in Chilmark, MA.

The White House announced that the President, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Sasha and Malia will return to Washington, DC, on August 23.

#### August 23

In the morning, the President traveled to Oak Bluffs, MA.

In the afternoon, the President returned to his vacation residence in Chilmark, MA. Later, he, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Sasha and Malia returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

#### August 24

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Biden had lunch. Later, he traveled to Las Vegas, NV. Then, he traveled to Henderson, NV, arriving in the evening.

In the evening, the President traveled to the Westin Las Vegas Hotel, Casino, and Spa in Las Vegas, NV, where he remained overnight.

The President made additional disaster assistance available to the Northern Mariana Islands by authorizing an increase in the level of Federal funding for the Commonwealth as a result of Typhoon Soudelor from August 1 through 3.

#### August 25

In the morning, the President returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the afternoon.

In the evening, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Shinzo Abe of Japan to commend the Prime Minister for his August 14 expression of remorse for the suffering caused by Japan during the World War II era, encourage further reconciliation efforts, and reaffirm key areas of Japan-U.S. cooperation.

The White House announced that the President will travel to New Orleans, LA, on August 27.

#### August 26

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President had a telephone conversation with Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany to discuss the situation in eastern Ukraine, international diplomatic efforts to reduce violence and tensions in

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Eastern Europe, the migration crisis in Europe, in particular the plight of Syrian refugees entering Europe. Later, in the Diplomatic Reception Room, he recorded separate "Live From the White House" television interviews with Carolyn Clifford of WXYZ in Detroit, MI, Sally-Ann Roberts of WWL in New Orleans, LA, Monica Malpass of WPVI in Philadelphia, PA, Steve Raible of KIRO in Seattle, WA, and Maureen Bunyan of WJLA in Washington, DC, for later broadcast.

The President announced his intention to appoint Jay C. Shambaugh as a member of the Council of Economic Advisers.

The President announced his intention to appoint M. Tia Johnson as Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs at the Department of Homeland Security.

The President announced his intention to appoint Doreen E. Brown and Aaron Payment as members of the National Advisory Council on Indian Education.

The President announced his intention to appoint Joan McDonald as a member of the National Infrastructure Advisory Council.

The President announced his intention to appoint Lisa Funderburke Hoffman as a member of the National Museum and Library Services Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint Carmen A. Corrales as a member of the President's Commission on White House Fellowships.

#### August 27

In the morning, the President traveled to New Orleans, LA, arriving in the afternoon.

In the afternoon, the President participated in a walking tour of the Tremé neighborhood with Mayor Mitchell J. Landrieu of New Orleans and visited with local residents. Then, he traveled to Willie Mae's Scotch House restaurant, where he had lunch with Mayor Landrieu, Rep. Cedric L. Richmond, Cabinet Secretary Broderick D. Johnson, and Victor York-Carter, Garland Sipper, Caswick Naverro, and Denzel Shine, local youth and "My Brother's Keeper" initiative participants who have rebuilt their lives over the past 10 years since the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. Later, he returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

The White House announced that the President will welcome King Salman bin Abd alAziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia on September 4.

#### August 28

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he participated in an interview with Jane Eisner, editor-in-chief of Forward.com.

In the afternoon, at the Fiola restaurant, the President attended a Democratic National Committee roundtable fundraiser.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Anchorage, AK, from August 31 through September 2.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Joachim Gauck of Germany on October 7.

The President announced his intention to appoint James O'Brien as Special Presidential Envoy for Hostage Affairs at the Department of State.

The President announced his intention to appoint Charles "Chip" Lyons as U.S. Representative to the Executive Board of the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF).

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The President announced his intention to appoint Aaron Williams as U.S. Alternate Representative to the Executive Board of the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF).

The President announced his intention to appoint Esther Brimmer and Michael Guest as members of the National Security Education Board.

August 30

The White House announced that the President will travel to Dillingham and Kotzebue, AK, on September 2.

August 31

In the morning, the President traveled to Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, AK, arriving in the afternoon. He was joined on the flight by Gov. William M. Walker of Alaska. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had a telephone conversation with Kathleen Goforth, wife of Harris County Deputy Sheriff Darren Goforth, who was killed at a gas station in Cypress, TX, on August 28, to offer condolences on behalf of , Mrs. Obama and the Nation and restate his commitment to honoring the bravery and service of law enforcement personnel.

In the afternoon, upon arrival in Anchorage, AK, the President traveled to Hotel Captain Cook. Later, he traveled to the Dena'ina Civic and Convention Center.

Later in the afternoon, the President traveled to the Hotel Captain Cook.

In the evening, the President traveled to the private residence of Alice Rogoff, publisher of the Alaska Dispatch News, where he had dinner. Later, he returned to the Hotel Captain Cook, where he remained overnight.

September 1

In the morning, while en route to Seward, AK, , the President stopped at Snow City Cafe in Anchorage, where he ordered breakfast and greeted patrons.

In the afternoon, upon arrival in Seward, the President hiked to Outlook Point at Exit Glacier in Kenai Fjords National Park. Later, he continued hiking in the park while recording an interview with Bear Grylls of NBC's "Running Wild With Bear Grylls" program for later broadcast.

In the afternoon, at the Sweet Darlings shop in Seward, the President purchased gelato for himself and the pool of travel reporters accompanying him. Later, he traveled to Seward Harbor, where he embarked on boat tour of the Kenai Fjords National Park and Resurrection Bay with Laura Sturtz, National Park Service Operations Supervisor for Interpretation, and viewed local wildlife and geographic features.

In the evening, the President returned to Hotel Captain Cook in Anchorage, where he remained overnight.

September 2

In the morning, the President traveled to Dillingham, AK.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Kanakanak Beach, where he met with local fishermen and their families and viewed a demonstration of local salmon preparation methods.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Dillingham Middle/High School, where he attended and participated in a student cultural performance featuring Yup'ik dancing. Then, at N&N Market, he met with patrons. Later, he traveled to Kotzebue, AK. While en route aboard Air Force One, he participated in a fly-over of the island village of Kivalina, an Alaska Native community of 400 people whose coastline has begun receding into the ocean as a result of rising sea levels.

In the evening, at Kotzebue Middle High School, the President participated in an interview and photographic

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shoot with Jeff Goodell of Rolling Stone magazine for later publication. Later, he traveled to the site of the Shore Avenue Erosion Project, where he viewed the city's beach reconstruction and erosion-prevention efforts. Then, at the sea wall overlooking the Kotzebue Sound, he continued his interview with Rolling Stone's Jeff Goodell. Also at the sea wall, he recorded a self-narrated video on the impact of climate change on Alaska's landscape and native cultures for later online broadcast.

Later in the evening, while en route to Anchorage, AK, the President stopped at the huskie kennel of John Baker, the 2011 Iditarod dog sledding champion, where he met with Mr. Baker and his family, was presented with a Team Baker hat and jacket, and held two of Mr. Baker's puppies. Then, he returned to Washington, DC, arriving the following morning.

September 3

The White House announced that the President will travel to Boston, MA, on September 7.

The White House announced that the President will award the 2014 National Medal of Arts and the National Humanities Medal on September 10.

September 4

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Cabinet Room, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had a working lunch with King Salman bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia. Later, in the Oval Office, he and Vice President Biden met with Secretary of Defense Ashton B. Carter.

The White House announced that the President will welcome the 2015 NCAA Champion Duke University men's basketball team on September 8.

September 4

During the day, in the Oval Office, the President participated in departure photographs with Maurice Owens, outgoing Special Assistant to the White House Chief of Staff, and members of his family.

September 5

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Crown Prince Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan of Abu Dhabi, Deputy Supreme Commander of the United Arab Emirates Armed Forces, to offer his condolences for the deaths of 45 Emirati servicemembers fighting Houthi rebels in Sana'a, Yemen, on September 4.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

September 6

The White House announced that the President and Jill T. Biden, wife of Vice President Joe Biden, will travel to Warren, MI, on September 9.

September 7

In the morning, the President traveled to Boston, MA.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Union Oyster House restaurant, where he purchased clam chowder and visited with patrons. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

September 8

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

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In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Biden met with Secretary of the Treasury Jacob J. Lew.

The President announced that he has nominated Clare E. Connors to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the District of Hawaii.

The President announced that he has nominated Stephanie A. Gallagher to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland.

The President announced that he has nominated Mary S. McElroy to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island.

The President announced that he has nominated Edward L. Gilmore to be U.S. marshal for the Northern District of Illinois.

The President announced that he has appointed the following individuals as members of the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Access Board: Regina D. Blye; Christopher S. Hart; Mathew McCollough; Victor S. Pineda; and Karen M. Tamley.

#### September 9

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President and Jill T. Biden, wife of Vice President Biden, traveled to Warren, MI, where, at Macomb Community College, they toured the Michigan Technical Education Center with Engineering and Advanced Technology Workforce and Continuing Education Director Holger Ekanger and met with students. Then, at the college's Sports and Expo Center, they met with members of the College Promise Advisory Board. Later, they returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

The White House announced that the President and , Mrs. Obama will greet Pope Francis on his arrival in the U.S. at Joint Base Andrews, MD, on September 22.

#### September 10

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President held a conference call with over 500 rabbis in observance of Rosh Hashanah. During the call, he discussed the multilateral agreement to prevent Iran from developing a nuclear weapon, Israel's security, and Israel-U.S. relations.

The President announced his intention to nominate Barbara J. Lee, Christopher H. Smith, and Cassandra Q. Butts to be Representatives of the United States to the 70th Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

#### September 11

In the morning, on the South Lawn, the President and , Mrs. Obama participated in a moment of silence to mark the 14th anniversary of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Later, in the Oval Office, he had an intelligence briefing, followed by a meeting with Secretary of State John F. Kerry.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Fort Meade, MD, where, at the National Security Agency, he met with military and civilian intelligence personnel to thank them for their ongoing support in defense of the Nation. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Des Moines, IA, on September 14.

The White House announced that the President will welcome the 2015 NCAA Champion University of

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Connecticut women's basketball team to the White House on September 15.

September 14

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Des Moines, IA. Then, he traveled to the Ola Babcock Miller Building, where at the State Library of Iowa, he was greeted by State Librarian Michael Scott and participated in an interview with novelist Marilynne Robinson for the New York Review of Books. Later, he returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

September 15

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Later, also in the Oval Office, he met with Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Mathews Burwell.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Biden had lunch. Later, in the Diplomatic Reception Room, he and , Mrs. Obama greeted King Felipe VI and Queen Letizia of Spain.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong of Singapore to congratulate him on his party's victory in recent elections and discuss U.S.-Singapore relations. He also had separate telephone conversations with outgoing Prime Minister Anthony J. Abbott and Prime Minister-elect Malcolm B. Turnbull of Australia to thank Prime Minister Abbott for his strong support of Australia-U.S. relations and wish him well in the future, congratulate Prime Minister-elect Turnbull on his selection as Prime Minister, and pledge to continue working with Australia on a range of issues of mutual interest.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Xi Jinping of China on September 25.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert M. Califf to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs at the Department of Health and Human Services.

The President announced his intention to nominate Eduardo Castell to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation.

The President announced his intention to nominate Deborah R. Malac to be Ambassador to Uganda.

The President announced his intention to nominate Lisa J. Peterson to be Ambassador to Swaziland.

The President announced his intention to nominate H. Dean Pittman to be Ambassador to Mozambique.

The President announced his intention to nominate Linda A. Puchala to be a member of the National Mediation Board.

The President announced his intention to nominate Eric S. Rubin to be Ambassador to Bulgaria.

The President announced his intention to nominate Kyle R. Scott to be Ambassador to Serbia.

The President announced his intention to appoint Octaviana Trujillo as a member of the Joint Public Advisory Committee of the Commission for Environmental Cooperation.

The President announced that he has nominated Rebecca Goodgame Ebinger to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Iowa.

September 16

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

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In the afternoon, the President traveled to Bethesda, MD, where at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, he visited with wounded U.S. servicemembers and their families. Later, he traveled to Mark O. Hatfield Clinical Research Center, a facility of the National Institutes of Health, to visit with another wounded U.S. servicemember. Then, he returned to Washington, DC.

In the evening, the President had a telephone conversation with Gov. Edmund G. "Jerry" Brown, Jr., of California to receive an update on the recent wildfires, express his concern about the severe damage in California and its impact on citizens, offer his gratitude for the firefighters, local authorities, and emergency managers working to combat the fires and evacuate people out of harm's way, and reiterate his support for assisting California in building resilience toward climate change.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel on November 9.

#### September 17

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing. Then, also in the oval office, he had a telephone conversation with King Salman bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia to follow up on their September 4 meeting at the White House, discuss regional issues, including the humanitarian situation in Yemen and recent violence and tensions at the Haram Al-Sharif/Temple Mount in Jerusalem, Israel, and reaffirm Saudi Arabia-U.S. relations. Later, also in the Oval Office, he met with Secretary of State John F. Kerry.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President participated in a credentialing ceremony for newly appointed Ambassadors to the U.S. Then, also in the Oval Office, he met with Senate Minority Leader Harry M. Reid and House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi. Later, at the St. Regis Washington, D.C. hotel, he attended a Democratic National Committee roundtable fundraiser.

#### September 18

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Roosevelt Room, the President and Vice President Biden met with members of the President's Council of Advisers on Science and Technology. Later, he had a telephone conversation with President Raúl Castro Ruz of Cuba to discuss the normalization of Cuba-U.S. relations in advance of Pope Francis's upcoming visits to Cuba and the United States, commend the role that Pope Francis played in advancing Cuba-U.S. diplomatic ties, and note the cooperation between U.S. and Cuban medical professionals during the U.S. Naval Ship Comfort's recent humanitarian mission to Haiti.

The President announced his intention to nominate Ricardo A. Aguilera to be Assistant Secretary for Financial Management at the Department of the Air Force.

The President announced his intention to nominate Janine Davidson to be Under Secretary of the Navy.

The President announced his intention to nominate Lisa S. Disbrow to be Under Secretary of the Air Force.

The President announced his intention to nominate Eric K. Fanning to be Secretary of the Army.

The President announced his intention to nominate Shoshana Lew to be Chief Financial Officer at the Department of Transportation.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jennifer M. O'Connor to be General Counsel at the Department of Defense.

The President announced his intention to nominate Thomas A. Shannon to be Under Secretary for Political Affairs at the Department of State.

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September 21

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President had a telephone conversation with Sultan Qaboos bin Said Al Said of Oman to him for his efforts to secure the release of Scott Darden and Sam Farran , U.S. citizens detained in Sanaa, Yemen, by Shiite Houthi rebels fighting Government forces and for his continued assistance in attending to the situation in Yemen.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo of Indonesia to the White House on October 26.

September 22

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President, , Mrs. Obama, and Vice President Joe Biden and his wife Jill T. Biden traveled to Joint Base Andrews, MD, where they greeted Pope Francis upon his arrival. Later, he and , Mrs. Obama returned to the White House.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany to discuss the refugee crisis in Europe and the need for EU countries to accept their fair share of refugees and reiterate the importance of Russia's adherence to the Minsk agreements in resolving the situation in eastern Ukraine.

The President announced a major disaster in California and ordered Federal aid to supplement State, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the area affected by the Valley Fire beginning on September 12 and continuing.

September 23

In the morning, in the Grand Foyer and Red Room, the President participated in a gift presentation with Pope Francis. Then, in the Oval Office, he met with the Pope.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had lunch. Later, in the Oval Office, he had a telephone conversation with President Enrique Peña Nieto of Mexico to discuss the status of Trans-Pacific Partnership negotiations, the importance of concluding the trade deal expediently, and Mexico-U.S. relations.

September 24

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister David Cameron of the United Kingdom to discuss the refugee crisis in Europe, the situation in Syria, their joint commitment to defeat the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization, and the importance of reaching a strong international agreement at the upcoming United Nations Climate Change Conference in Paris. He also had a telephone with Prime Minister Alexios Tsipras of Greece to congratulate him on his election victory and his party's success in the recent parliamentary elections, discuss the refugee crisis in Europe, and reaffirm Greek-U.S. relations.

Also during the day, the President has a telephone conversation with President Ollanta Moises Humala Tasso of Peru to discuss the Trans-Pacific Partnership negotiations and other economic issues.

In the evening, at the Blair House, the President had a working dinner for President Xi Jinping of China. Vice President Biden also attended.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the President's

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Advisory Council on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships: Carroll A. Baltimore; Preeta Bansal; David Beckmann; Kara Bobroff; Jennifer Butler; Steve Gutow; Aziza Hasan; Lanae Erickson Hatafsky; David Jeffrey; Jo Anne Lyon; Michael McBride; Nipun Mehta; Kevin Ryan; Gabriel A. Salguero; Stephen Schneck; Jasjit Singh; Alexie TorresFleming; and Deborah Weinstein.

September 25

In the morning in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Biden met with President Xi Jinping of China. Later, in the Cabinet Room, he had an expanded bilateral meeting with President Xi.

In the afternoon, the President had a telephone conversation with Speaker of the House of Representatives John A. Boehner to discuss his resignation from Congress. Later, he traveled to Arlington, VA. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

In the evening, on the North Portico, the President and , Mrs. Obama greeted President Xi of China and his wife Peng Liyuan. Then, on the Grand Staircase, they participated in a photographic opportunity with President Xi and Mrs. Peng.

The White House announced that the President will travel to New York City on September 27.

September 27

In the morning, the President traveled to New York City. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had a telephone conversation with President Michelle Bachelet Jeria of Chile to discuss Chile-U.S. economic relations, the Trans-Pacific Partnership negotiations, the upcoming U.N. General Assembly meetings, and the Our Ocean Conference to be hosted by Chile in October. President Obama also reiterated his condolences for the loss of life caused by the September 16 earthquake. Upon arrival in New York City, he traveled to the Lotte New York Palace hotel.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to United Nations Headquarters. Later, at the U.S. Mission to the United Nations, he met with Mission employees and their families. Then, he returned to the Lotte New York Palace hotel. Later, he traveled to Gotham Hall.

In the evening, the President returned to the Lotte New York Palace hotel.

September 28

In the morning, the President and , Mrs. Obama traveled to United Nations Headquarters in New York City.

In the afternoon, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber at U.N. Headquarters, the President participated in a family photograph for the Leaders' Summit on Peacekeeping. Later, in the Security Council Consultations Room, he met with President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin of Russia to discuss the situations in Ukraine and Syria.

In the evening, the President returned to the Lotte New York Palace hotel, where, in the Villard Ballroom, he and , Mrs. Obama hosted a reception for visiting heads of state and government attending the U.N. General Assembly.

September 29

In the morning, the President traveled to United Nations Headquarters, where, in Conference Room C, he met with President Raúl Castro Ruz of Cuba to discuss Cuba-U.S. relations, the recent visit of Pope Francis to both countries, U.S. regulatory changes regarding travel by U.S. citizens to Cuba, and human rights in Cuba. Later, following the Leaders' Summit on Countering ISIL and Violent Extremism, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, he met with Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi of Iraq.

In the afternoon, in Conference Room C, the President met with President Nursultan Nazarbayev of

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Kazakhstan. Later, he and , Mrs. Obama returned to Washington, DC.

September 30

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Also in the morning, he was briefed by Homeland Security and Counterterrorism Adviser Lisa O. Monaco on the Federal Government's preparations for Hurricane Joaquin.

In the afternoon, in the East Room, the President greeted wounded U.S. servicemembers and their families during a tour of the White House.

October 1

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Biden met with Secretary of the Treasury Jacob J. Lew.

During the day, the President was briefed by Homeland Security and Counterterrorism Adviser Lisa O. Monaco on the Federal Government's preparations for Hurricane Joaquin. Also during the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Malcolm B. Turnbull of Australia to discuss Trans-Pacific Partnership negotiations, efforts to combat the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization, and the situation in Syria.

October 2

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President received a briefing Federal Emergency Management Agency Administrator W. Craig Fugate, Homeland Security and Counterterrorism Adviser Lisa O. Monaco, and other senior staff to discuss the Federal Government's preparations for Hurricane Joaquin. Later, in the Roosevelt Room, he recorded a video message to be broadcast to participants in the Our Ocean Conference in Chile on October 5.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Emmitsburg, MD, on October 4.

The President announced his intention to nominate Todd C. Chapman to be Ambassador to Ecuador.

The President announced his intention to nominate Steven M. Haro to be Assistant Secretary for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs at the Department of Commerce.

The President announced his intention to nominate John Kotek to be Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy at the Department of Energy.

The President announced his intention to nominate Carolyn N. Lerner to be Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel.

The President announced his intention to nominate Matthew J. Matthews for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as U.S. Senior Official for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum at the Department of State.

The President announced his intention to nominate Michael J. Missal to be Inspector General at the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The President announced his intention to appoint Pamela K. Anderson and Gebisa Ejeta as members of the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development.

The President announced his intention to appoint Ronald A. Cass, Jonathan Sallet, and Jane Sherburne as

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members of the Council of the Administrative Conference of the U.S.

The President announced his intention to appoint Bo Thao-Urabe as a member of the President's Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

October 3

During the day, the President was briefed on the U.S. military airstrike on a Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières hospital in Kunduz, Afghanistan, that killed and injured several patients and staff.

The President declared an emergency in South Carolina and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts in the areas affected by severe storms and flooding beginning on October 1 and continuing.

October 4

In the morning, the President traveled to Emmitsburg, MD.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

October 5

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The President declared a major disaster in South Carolina and ordered Federal aid to supplement State, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the area affected by severe storms and flooding beginning on October 1 and continuing.

October 6

In the morning the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, at the Department of Agriculture, the President and Secretary of Agriculture Thomas J. Vilsack taped an interview with Tom Steever of Brownfield Ag News Radio for later broadcast. Also at the Department of Agriculture, he taped an interview with Kai Ryssdal of NPR's "Marketplace" program. Then, in the Private Dining Room, he and Vice President Biden had lunch. Later, in the Roosevelt Room, he taped an interview with Steve Kroft of CBS's "60 Minutes" program for later broadcast.

October 7

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Doctors Without Borders /Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) International President Joanne Liu to apologize and offer condolences for the loss of life and injury among patients and MSF staff as a result of the mistaken U.S. military airstrike on a hospital in Kunduz, Afghanistan, on October 3, offer assurances that the Department of Defense would conduct a thorough, objective, and transparent investigation into the incident, and pledge full cooperation with the joint investigations being conducted with NATO and the Afghan Government. Then, he had a telephone conversation with President Ashraf Ghani Ahmadzai of Afghanistan to commend the bravery of Afghan National Defense and Security Forces, offer his condolences for the deaths and injuries caused by the U.S. airstrike on the MSF hospital in Kunduz, and discuss Afghanistan-U.S. relations. Later, in the Oval Office, he and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Biden met with Secretary of State John F. Kerry.

The White House announced that the President will travel to the San Francisco, CA, area on October 9 and 10.

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The White House announced that President will travel to the Los Angeles, CA, area on October 10.

The White House announced that President will travel to the San Diego, CA, area from October 10 through 12.

October 8

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Roseburg, OR, on October 9.

The President announced his intention to nominate Dana J. Boente to be U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert L. Capers to be U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of New York. The President announced his intention to nominate John P. Fishwick, Jr., to be U.S. attorney for the Western District of Virginia.

The President announced his intention to nominate Channing D. Phillips to be U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia.

The President announced his intention to nominate Emily Gray Rice to be U.S. attorney for the District of New Hampshire.

The President announced his intention to nominate Randolph J. Seiler to be U.S. attorney for the District of South Dakota.

The President announced his intention to nominate Amos J. Hochstein to be Assistant Secretary for Energy Resources at the Department of State.

The President announced his intention to nominate David McKean to be Ambassador to Luxembourg.

The President announced his intention to appoint Raymond Dolan to be a member of the President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee.

October 9

In the morning, the President traveled to Roseburg, OR, arriving in the afternoon. Upon arrival at Roseburg Regional Airport, he was joined by Gov. Kate Brown of Oregon, who updated the President on the shootings at Umpqua Community College in Roseburg on October 1 and the State's ongoing efforts to provide support and resources to the families affected.

In the afternoon, the President and Gov. Brown traveled to Roseburg High School, where he met with families of the victims killed in the October 1 shootings at Umpqua Community College. Then, also at Roseburg High School, he met with first responders and college administrators to thank them for their admirable response to the October 1 shootings and express his condolences to the school community. Later, he traveled to Seattle, WA, where at the Westin Seattle hotel, he attended a Democratic National Committee roundtable fundraiser.

In the evening, the President traveled to San Francisco, where at a private residence, he attended a Democratic National Committee roundtable fundraiser. Later, he traveled to the Fairmont San Francisco hotel, where he remained overnight.

October 10

In the morning, the President traveled to Los Angeles, CA, arriving in the afternoon. In the afternoon, at a private residence, the President attended a Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee fundraiser.

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During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with President Recep Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey to offer his condolences for the loss of life and injuries due to the terrorist attack at a peace rally in Ankara, Turkey, and reaffirm U.S. solidarity with Turkey in the effort combat terrorism.

In the evening, the President traveled to Rancho Santa Fe, CA, where at the Rancho Valencia Resort & Spa in, he remained overnight.

October 12

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

October 13

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch.

October 14

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Biden had lunch. Then, in the Oval Office, they met with Secretary of State John F. Kerry.

The White House announced that the President will host a White House Astronomy Night event for students, teachers, scientists, astronauts, and others on October 19.

The White House announced that the President will award the Medal of Honor to Capt. Florent A. Groberg, USA, on November 12.

October 15

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President had a telephone conversation with Cheryl Reeve, head coach of the Women's National Basketball Association's Minnesota Lynx, to congratulate her on her team's victory in the WNBA Finals. Then, he had a telephone conversation with President Recep Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey to discuss strengthening Turkey-U.S. cooperation in the fight against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization, reiterate his condolences for the October 10 terrorist attack in Ankara, and stress the urgent need to stop the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) attacks in Turkey.

The President declared a major disaster in Washington and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area affected by the severe windstorm on August 29.

October 16

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Later, also in the Oval Office, they met with President Park Geun-hye of South Korea.

In the afternoon, in the Cabinet Room, the President and Vice President Biden had a working lunch with President Park.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Crown Prince Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan of Abu Dhabi, Deputy Supreme Commander of the United Arab Emirates Armed Forces, to discuss the importance of establishing conditions for a political transition in Syria and the urgency of expanding humanitarian assistance in Yemen.

The President declared a major disaster in Washington and ordered Federal aid to supplement State, tribal,

and local recovery efforts in the area affected by a severe windstorm on August 29.

October 19

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President had a telephone conversation with National Aeronautics and Space Administration astronauts Scott J. Kelly and Kjell N. Lindgren aboard the International Space Station. Later, also in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden met with Secretary of the Treasury Jacob J. Lew.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Charleston, WV, on October 21.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Mohammad Nawaz Sharif of Pakistan on October 22.

The White House announced that the President will host the White House Tribal Nations Conference on November 5.

October 20

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing. Then, also in the Oval Office, he met with 2014 Enrico Fermi Award recipients Claudio Pellegrini and Charles V. Shank.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had lunch. Later, in the Oval Office, they met with Secretary of State John F. Kerry. Then, also in the Oval Office, the President met with Secretary of Defense Ashton B. Carter. Also in the afternoon, he had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister-designate Justin P.J. Trudeau of Canada to congratulate him on his party's victory in parliamentary elections and discuss Canada-U.S. relations, the Trans-Pacific Partnership, and the upcoming U.N. climate change conference in Paris, France.

The President announced his intention to nominate Hester M. Peirce and Lisa M. Fairfax to be Commissioners on the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate Linda Etim to be a member of the Board of Directors for the African Development Foundation.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jean E. Manes to be Ambassador to El Salvador.

The President announced his intention to nominate Scot A. Marciel to be Ambassador to Burma.

The President announced his intention to nominate Linda Swartz Taglialatela to be Ambassador to Barbados, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

The President declared a major disaster in Washington and ordered Federal aid to supplement State, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the area affected by wildfires and mudslides from August 9 through September 10.

October 21

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Later, also in the Oval Office, the President had a separate meeting with Vice President Biden. Then, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Stephen J. Harper of Canada to discuss Canada-U.S. relations and the Trans-Pacific Partnership and wish him well in his future endeavors.

In the afternoon, in the Rose Garden, the President attended Vice President Biden's announcement that he

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would not be a candidate in the 2016 Presidential election. Then, he traveled to Charleston, WV. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

In the evening, in the State Dining Room, the President hosted a working reception for House and Senate Democrats to discuss trade issues.

The White House announced that the President will host a panel discussion on criminal justice reform on October 22.

The White House announced that the President will welcome the U.S. Women's National Soccer Team on October 27 to congratulate them on their victory in the 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup.

#### October 22

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

#### October 23

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Map Room, the President recorded a video address for broadcast during the October 31 peace rally in Rabin Square in Tel Aviv, Israel, commemorating the 20th anniversary of the assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel. Then, also in the Map Room, he recorded a Facebook video post on the administration's call to reduce standardized testing in K-12 schools for online broadcast on October 24. Later, at the Grand Hyatt Washington hotel, he attended a Democratic National Committee roundtable fundraiser.

#### October 25

In the afternoon, the President had a telephone conversation with Crown Prince Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan of Abu Dhabi, Deputy Supreme Commander of the United Arab Emirates Armed Forces, to discuss international diplomatic efforts to address the situation in Syria, ongoing political unrest and violence in Yemen, the political situation in Libya, and efforts to combat Al Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula and other terrorist groups.

The White House announce that the President will travel to Chicago, IL, on October 27 and 28.

#### October 26

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, also in the Oval Office, the President met with teachers and representatives of States and school districts to discuss shared efforts to reduce the amount of time students spend on redundant or low-quality tests, while still ensuring that teachers and parents have the information they need on student progress. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan and Acting Secretary of Education John B. King, Jr., also attended.

In the afternoon, the President, White House Chief of Staff Denis R. McDonough, and Director of Legislative Affairs Katie Beirne Fallon walked to the Metropolitan Club, where the President attended a luncheon hosted by former Sens. Thomas A. Daschle and George J. Mitchell. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with Secretary of State John F. Kerry.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Turkey, the Philippines, and Malaysia from November 14 through 22.

#### October 27

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with King Salman bin Abd alAziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia to discuss cooperative efforts to counter the shared threat posed by the Islamic State of Iraq

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and the Levant terrorist organization, international diplomatic efforts to achieve a political transition in Syria, the situation in Yemen, and Saudi Arabia-U.S. relations.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Chicago, IL, where in the North Service Hallway of the McCormick Place conference center, he met with spouses and children of law enforcement officers who were killed in the line of duty. Also at McCormick Place, in the East Service Corridor, he met with the families of bystander victims of gun violence in Chicago. Later, at the PowerReviews headquarters, he attended Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee roundtable fundraiser.

In the evening, at the United Center, the President attended a basketball game between the National Basketball Association's Chicago Bulls and Cleveland Cavaliers. Later, he traveled to his Hyde Park-Kenwood residence, where he remained overnight.

#### October 28

In the morning, the President returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the afternoon.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with outgoing Special Presidential Envoy for the Global Coalition To Counter ISIL John R. Allen.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Rep. Paul D. Ryan to congratulate him on his election as Speaker of the House of Representatives and wish him well as he assumes his new responsibilities.

#### October 29

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Then, he had a telephone conversation with Amir Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani of Qatar to discuss the importance of achieving a successful political transition in Syria and international diplomatic efforts to facilitate a resolution to the conflict, underscore their support for the United Nations role in continued political negotiations in Libya, and review joint efforts to counter the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant terrorist organization and other extremist groups.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Biden had lunch. Later, in the Oval Office, they met with Secretary of Defense Ashton B. Carter.

In the evening, the President traveled to McLean, VA, where at a private residence, he attended a Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee roundtable fundraiser. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

#### October 30

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Then, he had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Haidar alAbadi of Iraq to discuss the political and security situation in Iraq, underscore U.S. support for Iraq in its fight against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant terrorist organization, note recent progress made by Iraqi security forces in Bayji and Ramadi, and commend the Prime Minister's efforts to combat corruption and implement governance reforms critical to promoting Iraq's political stability and economic prosperity.

In the afternoon, on the South Portico, the President and , Mrs. Obama greeted local schoolchildren and children of U.S. servicemembers trick-or-treating at the White House for Halloween.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Newark, NJ, on November 2.

The White House announced new details concerning the President's participation in the White House Tribal Nations Conference on November 5.

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The President declared a major disaster in Alaska and ordered Federal aid to supplement State, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the area affected by a severe storm on August 27.

November 1

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the Inauguration of Alassane Dramane Ouattara as President of Cote d'Ivoire in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire, on November 3: Thomas A. Shannon (head of delegation); Terence P. McCulley; and Linda Thomas-Greenfield.

November 2

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Newark, NJ. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had a telephone conversation with Manager Edgar F. "Ned" Yost III of Major League Baseball's Kansas City Royals to congratulate him on his team's victory in the World Series Championship. Upon arrival in Newark, he traveled to Integrity House, a nonprofit substance abuse rehabilitation center, where he toured the facilities and met with Sen. Cory A. Booker, Newark Mayor Ras J. Baraka, and center staff and residents. Then, in the Green Room of the Integrity House, he recorded an interview with Lester Holt of NBC's "Nightly News With Lester Holt" program for later broadcast.

Later in the afternoon, the President traveled to the Rutgers University-Newark campus, where, in the Reading Gallery of the Center for Law and Justice building, he participated in a roundtable discussion on prisoner reentry and rehabilitation programs with Sen. Booker, Mayor Baraka, and a group of returning prisoners and family members. Later, in the New Jersey Reference Room, he recorded another interview with NBC host Lester Holt. Then, he traveled to New York City.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

November 3

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Later, he met with Sen. Barbara A. Mikulski and Rep. Nita M. Lowey to discuss the appropriations process and the Federal budget.

November 4

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President participated in a teleconference call with Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Mathews Burwell and Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act in-person assisters and volunteers to discuss open enrollment in the Federal health insurance exchange. Later, he traveled to Potomac, MD.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

November 5

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President recorded separate "Live From the White House" interviews with Mary Shedden of WUSF in Tampa, FL, Alice Rios of KRLD in Dallas, TX, E.J. Becker of KMBZ in Kansas City, MO, Dave Ross of KIRO in Seattle, WA, and Ryan Cameron of WVEE in Atlanta, GA, to discuss the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the importance of reducing the number of people without health insurance.

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The President announced his intention to nominate Karen Brevard Stewart to be Ambassador to the Marshall Islands.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert Riley to be Ambassador to Micronesia.

The President announced his intention to appoint Jaime Castillo as Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs at the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The President announced his intention to nominate Vik Edwin Stoll to be a judge on the U.S. Tax Court.

#### November 6

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Biden had lunch.

The White House announced that the President will award the Medal of Honor to Capt. Florent A. Groberg, USA, on November 12.

#### November 9

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President met with National Security Adviser Susan E. Rice and Secretary of State John F. Kerry prior to his meeting with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with Secretary of State Kerry. Vice President Joe Biden also attended. Then, also in the Oval office, he had separate telephone conversations with President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu of Turkey to congratulate the Turkish people on the November 1 elections and preview the upcoming Group of Twenty (G-20) summit in Antalya, Turkey. They also discussed the situation in Syria, efforts to combat the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization, and the need to prevent terrorist attacks in Turkey by the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) terrorist organization.

#### November 10

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Narendra Modi of India to discuss IndiaU.S. relations, the upcoming Group of Twenty (G-20) summit, East Asia Summit, and U.N. Climate Change Conference in Paris, and implementation of the Joint Strategic Vision for the Asia-Pacific and Indian Ocean Region. The President also noted that the conversation represented the first use of the new secure line between the two leaders and wished Prime Minister Modi a happy Diwali.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with 2015 Nobel Prize winners William C. Campbell, Angus Deaton, Paul Modrich, and Aziz Sancar, and Sweden's Ambassador to the U.S. Bjorn Lyrvall and Norway's Ambassador to the U.S. Kare Aas. Later, also in the Oval Office, he met with Secretary of Defense Ashton B. Carter.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Reuven Rivlin of Israel on December 9.

The President announced his intention to nominate Beth F. Cobert to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management.

#### November 11

In the morning, in the State Dining Room, the President hosted a Veterans Day breakfast for veterans and their families. Vice President Joe Biden also attended. Later, he and Vice President Biden traveled to Arlington, VA, where they participated in a wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery.

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In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC. Later, he had a telephone conversation with President Jacob Zuma of South Africa to discuss the upcoming U.N. Climate Change Conference in Paris, the situation in Burundi, and President Obama's November 5 notification to Congress regarding the African Growth and Opportunity Act. He also expressed his condolences for the death of a South African citizen in the November 9 shooting at the King Abdullah II Special Operations Training Center in Amman, Jordan.

In the evening, the President had separate telephone conversations with National League for Democracy Party Leader Aung San Suu Kyi and President Thein Sein of Burma to discuss the November 8 parliamentary elections. He congratulated Aung San Suu Kyi on her party's success in the elections and discussed with both leaders the importance for all parties to respect the official results once announced and work together to form an inclusive, representative Government. He also noted that the election and formation of a new Government could be an important step forward in Burma's democratic transition.

#### November 12

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Crown Prince Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan of Abu Dhabi, Deputy Supreme Commander of the United Arab Emirates Armed Forces, to discuss the situations in Syria and Yemen and the need to support the Iraqi Government's efforts to combat the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization.

In the afternoon, in the Cabinet Room, the President recorded an interview with George Stephanopoulos of ABC's "This Week" program for broadcast on November 15.

During the day, the President was briefed on a U.S. airstrike in Raqqa, Syria, targeting Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization member Mohammed Emwazi.

The President announced his intention to appoint Joshua M. Javitz as Chair of Presidential Emergency Board No. 249.

The President announced his intention to appoint Elizabeth Neumeier and Nancy E. Peace as members of Presidential Emergency Board No. 249.

#### November 13

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President François Hollande of France to discuss the upcoming U.N. Climate Change Conference in Paris and Group of Twenty (G-20) summit in Antalya, Turkey. Then, also in the Oval Office, he met with Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB); Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington, DC; and Monsignor Ronny Jenkins, General Secretary of the USCCB. Vice President Joe Biden also attended.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Biden had lunch. Later, in the Oval Office, he was briefed by Homeland Security and Counterterrorism Adviser Lisa O. Monaco on the terrorist attacks in Paris, France. National Security Adviser Susan E. Rice, White House Chief of Staff Denis R. McDonough, and White House Press Secretary Joshua R. Earnest also attended.

In the evening, the President had a telephone conversation with President François Hollande of France to express his condolences for the terrorist attacks in Paris, offer U.S. support in the investigation, and pledge continued France-U.S. counterterrorism cooperation.

#### November 14

In the afternoon, in the Situation Room, the President met with the National Security Council to review the latest intelligence concerning the terrorist attacks in Paris, France, on November 13, review the U.S. security posture in light of the attacks, reaffirm close coordination with French authorities investigating the attacks, and discuss diplomatic security measures at the U.S. Embassy in Paris. Then, he traveled to Antalya, Turkey, arriving the following morning.

## November 15

In the morning, upon arrival in Antalya, Turkey, the President traveled to the Calista Luxury Resort. Later, he traveled to the Regnum Carya Golf and Spa Resort.

In the afternoon, at the Regnum Carya Resort, the President participate in a welcoming ceremony for Group of Twenty (G-20) leaders. Then, he participated in a family photograph with G-20 leaders, followed by a working lunch in the Leaders Dining Room. Later, also at the Regnum Carya Resort, in Plenary Hall, he attended a working session for G-20 leaders.

During the day, at the Regnum Carya Resort, the President met with President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin to discuss the situation in Syria, the November 13 terrorist attacks in Paris, France, the need for all nations to confront the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization, international diplomatic efforts to resolve the situation in Ukraine, and the loss of Russian life in the October 31 crash of Metrojet Flight 9268 over Egypt.

In the evening, in Villa 6300 of the Regnum Carya Golf and Spa Resort, the President met with King Salman bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia to discuss efforts to defeat ISIL, the horrific Paris attacks, the urgency of achieving a cease-fire and political transition in Syria, international diplomatic efforts to resolve the conflict there, the need to provide robust support to the moderate Syrian opposition, and methods to support the Iraqi Government's efforts to combat ISIL. Secretary of State John F. Kerry, National Security Adviser Susan E. Rice, Deputy National Security Adviser for International Economics Caroline M. Atkinson, National Security Council Coordinator for Middle East, North Africa, and the Gulf Region Robert Malley, and Special Envoy for the Global Coalition to Counter ISIL Brett H. McGurk also attended. Then, also at the Regnum Carya Resort, in the Leaders Dining Room, he had a working dinner with G-20 leaders. Later, he returned to the Calista Luxury Resort, where he remained overnight.

## November 16

In the morning, in Candor 2 of the Calista Luxury Resort, the President visited with U.S. Embassy personnel. Then, he traveled to the Regnum Carya Golf and Spa Resort, where in Plenary Hall, he met with Group of Twenty (G-20) leaders.

In the afternoon, in the Leaders Dining Room at the Regnum Carya Resort, the President had a working lunch for G-20 leaders. Later, in Villa 6300, he met with Prime Minister David Cameron of the United Kingdom, Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany, Prime Minister Matteo Renzi of Italy, and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Development Laurent Fabius of France to discuss the November 13 terrorist attacks in Paris, the urgency of continuing and enhancing multilateral action to counter the threat posed by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization, the international commitment to achieving a diplomatic resolution to the situation in Syria, efforts to mitigate the plight of those displaced by the Syrian conflict, and their agreement to maintain sanctions against Russia until full implementation of the Minsk agreements to resolve the situation in Ukraine is achieved. Secretary of State John F. Kerry and National Security Adviser Susan E. Rice also attended. Later, he traveled to the Hotel Riu Kaya Palazzo 5 resort in Belek, Turkey.

In the evening, the President traveled to Manila, Philippines, arriving the following morning.

The White House announced that the President will present the Medal of Freedom on November 24.

## November 17

In the morning, upon arrival in Manila, Philippines, the President traveled to the Sofitel Philippine Plaza Manila hotel.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Manila Harbor, where he toured the BRP Gregorio del Pilar, a former U.S. Coast Guard frigate now part of the Philippines Navy, with the ship's commanding officer, Capt. Vincent Sibala. Later, he traveled to the Sofitel Philippine Plaza Manila hotel, where he remained overnight.

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The White House announced that the President will welcome President François Hollande of France on November 24.

November 18

In the afternoon, at the Sofitel Philippine Plaza Manila hotel, in the garden ten, the President participated in a family photograph with the leaders of Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) countries. Later, he traveled to the Philippine International Convention Center, where he attended a Pacific Alliance meeting. Then, he returned to the Sofitel.

During the day, the President received a briefing on the law enforcement action taking place in St. Denis, France, as part of the ongoing investigation into the November 13 terrorist attacks in Paris.

In the evening, the President traveled to the SM Mall of Asia Arena in Pasay, Philippines, where he participated in a family photograph for Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) leaders. Then, he attended an APEC welcome dinner and cultural performance. Later, he returned to the Sofitel Philippine Plaza Manila hotel in Manila, where he remained overnight.

November 19

In the morning, the President traveled to the Philippine International Convention Center, where he participated in a family photograph for Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) leaders. Then, also at the Philippine International Convention Center, in Meeting Room 1, he attended the opening session of the APEC retreat.

In the afternoon, the President returned to the Sofitel Philippine Plaza Manila hotel. Later, he traveled to the Philippine International Convention Center, where in Meeting Room 1, he attended the second session of the APEC retreat. Later, also in Meeting Room 1, he attended the closing session of the APEC retreat.

In the evening, the President returned to the Sofitel Philippine Plaza Manila hotel, where he remained overnight. Also in the evening, he had a telephone conversation with President François Hollande of France to discuss the latest developments in the investigation into the November 13 terrorist attacks in Paris, reiterate their joint commitment to counter the threat posed by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization, underscore the need to bring to an end the conflict in Syria, and continue the fight against global terrorism.

The President announced his intention to nominate Philip Cullom to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations, and Environment.

The President announced his intention to nominate Swati A. Dandekar to be a U.S. Executive Director of the Asian Development Bank, with the Rank of Ambassador.

The President announced his intention to nominate Harry R. Hoglander to be a member of the National Mediation Board.

The President announced his intention to nominate Daniel B. Maffei to be a Commissioner of the Federal Maritime Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate Georgette Mosbacher to be a member of the U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy.

The President announced his intention to nominate Patrick Pizzella to be a member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority.

The President announced his intention to appoint Dave Eggers as a member of the Advisory Committee on the Arts for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

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The President announced his intention to appoint William H. Graham as a member of the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin.

The President announced his intention to appoint David C. Hill as a Commissioner of the Mississippi River Commission.

The President announced his intention to appoint Barry Jackson as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

The President announced that he has appointed Anthony M. Reardon as a member of the Federal Salary Council and member of the National Council on Federal Labor-Management Relations.

November 20

In the morning, at the Sofitel Philippine Plaza Manila hotel, in the garden tent, the President visited with U.S. Embassy personnel and their families. Later, he traveled to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, arriving in the afternoon.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Taylor's University in Subang Jaya, Malaysia.

During the day, the President received a briefing on the terrorist attack and hostage crisis at the Radisson Blu Bamako Hotel in Bamako, Mali, from National Security Adviser Susan E. Rice.

In the evening, the President traveled to the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre in Kuala Lumpur. Also in the evening, he had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Matteo Renzi of Italy to discuss counterterrorism cooperation, the campaign to counter the threat posed by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization, and the urgent need to end the conflict in Syria. Later, he traveled to the Ritz-Carlton, Kuala Lumpur hotel, where he remained overnight.

The White House announced that the President will pardon the National Thanksgiving Turkey in the Rose Garden on November 25.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the state commemoration service for former Chancellor Helmut Schmidt of Germany in Hamburg, Germany, on November 23: Henry A. Kissinger (head of delegation); and John B. Emerson.

November 21

In the morning, the President traveled to the Dignity for Children Foundation, where he toured the school and training center and met with some students.

In the evening, the President traveled to the Kuala Lumpur City Centre, where, in Conference Room 2, he participated in a group photograph with Ambassadors to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations. Then, in Exhibition Halls 1 and 2, he attended an East Asia Summit gala dinner. Later, he returned to the Ritz-Carlton, Kuala Lumpur hotel, where he remained overnight.

November 22

In the morning, at the Ritz-Carlton, Kuala Lumpur hotel, in the Banquet Hall, the President met with U.S. Embassy personnel and their families.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC, arriving the following morning.

November 24

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden met with President François Hollande of France.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with President Recep Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey to discuss Turkey's downing of a Russian aircraft, U.S.-NATO support of Turkey's right to defend its sovereignty, the importance of reducing tensions with Russia and reiterate their joint commitment to counter the threat posed by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization.

November 25

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with Crystal Sanchez and Kenneth Huertas from Lawndale, CA, Urbana Anam and Jannatul "Alifa" Rowshan from New York City, Rachel Gorgas from Encinitas, CA, and Joseph Fortuno from Hercules, CA, winners of youth entrepreneurship competitions sponsored by the Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship and Junior Achievement. Later, he had a telephone conversation with President-elect Mauricio Macri of Argentina to congratulate him on his election victory and discuss Argentina-U.S. relations. Then,, at St. Luke's Mission Center, he, , Mrs. Obama, and their daughters Sasha and Malia helped serve a Thanksgiving meal to individuals and families of the Friendship Place homeless center.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the state funeral service of former President Kim Young-sam of South Korea in Seoul, South Korea, on November 26: Mark W. Lippert (head of delegation); and Kathleen Stephens.

The President declared a major disaster in Texas and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area affected by severe storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds, and flooding from October 22 through 31.

November 26

In the morning, the President had separate telephone conversations with ten U.S. servicemembers from each branch of the Armed Forces to thank them for their service and to wish them a happy Thanksgiving.

November 27

In the evening, the President was notified about the shootings at the Planned Parenthood Colorado Springs-Westside center in Colorado Springs, CO, by Homeland Security and Counterterrorism Adviser Lisa O. Monaco.

November 28

In the afternoon, at [Upshur Street Books](#), the President and his daughters Malia and Sasha purchased books, visited with staff and patrons, and promoted Small Business Saturday.. Then, at Pleasant Pops, they purchased popsicles and visited with staff and patrons, also in recognition of Small Business Saturday. At both locations, they

November 29

In the morning, the President traveled to Paris, France, arriving in the evening. Then, he traveled to the Bataclan concert hall, arriving early the following morning.

November 30

In the morning, at the Bataclan concert hall in Paris, France, the President laid a rose at a memorial display for the victims of the November 13 terrorist attacks in Paris. He was joined by President François Hollande of France and Mayor Anne Hidalgo of Paris. Then, he traveled to the U.S. Ambassador's residence.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Le Bourget, France, where, in La Seine Plenary Hall at the Parc des Expositions, he participated in the opening ceremony of the U.N. Climate Change Conference.

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Then, at the Parc des Expositions, the President participated in a family photograph with leaders of countries participating in the U.N. Climate Change Conference.

In the afternoon, at the Parc des Expositions, he attended a lunch hosted by President François Hollande of France. Later, he returned to the U.S. Ambassador's residence in Paris.

During the day, at the Parc des Expositions, on the margins of the U.N. Climate Change Conference, the President met with President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin of Russia to discuss the situations in Syria and Ukraine. President Obama expressed his regret for the death of a crewmember in the downing of a Russian military aircraft by Turkey, reiterated U.S. support for the deescalation of tensions between Russia and Turkey, and stressed the need for President Bashar al-Asad of Syria to leave power and the imperative of focusing military efforts against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization. President Obama also emphasized the importance of working towards a diplomatic solution to the crisis in eastern Ukraine and noted that if the Minsk agreement is fully implemented, international and U.S. sanctions against Russia can be rolled back.

In the evening, the President traveled to Paris, where, at L'Ambroisie restaurant, he attended a working dinner with President Hollande. Later, he returned to the U.S. Ambassador's residence, where he remained overnight.

The President announced that he has nominated Steven N. Berk and Elizabeth Carroll Wingo to be judges on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

#### December 1

In the morning, the President traveled to Issy-les-Moulineaux, France, where at the OECD Development Centre, he met with U.S. Embassy personnel and their families.

In the afternoon, at the OECD Development Centre, he participated in a family photograph with President Anote Tong of Kiribati, President Christopher Jorebon Loeak of the Marshall Islands, Prime Minister Peter Paire O'Neill of Papua New Guinea, Prime Minister Kenny Anthony of Saint Lucia, and Prime Minister Freundel Stuart of Barbados. Later, also at the OECD Development Centre, he participated in a television interview with Laurence Haïm of France's CANAL+/iTELE television network.

Later in the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

#### December 2

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President and Vice President Biden had lunch. Later, he was briefed by Homeland Security and Counterterrorism Adviser Lisa O. Monaco on the shootings at the Inland Regional Center in San Bernardino, CA. Then, in the Roosevelt and Cabinet Rooms, he participated in an interview with Norah O'Donnell of CBS News for later broadcast.

#### December 3

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Cabinet Room, he met with a bipartisan group of Senators and Representatives to discuss criminal justice reform legislation. Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch, Deputy Attorney General Sally Quillian Yates, Senior Adviser Valerie B. Jarrett, White House Counsel W. Neil Eggleston, Domestic Policy Council Director Cecilia Muñoz, and Cabinet Secretary Broderick D. Johnson also attended. Prior to the meeting, Federal Bureau of Investigation Director James B. Comey, Jr., briefed the group on the December 2 shootings at the Inland Regional Center in San Bernardino, CA.

Also in the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Mayor R. Carey Davis of San Bernardino, CA, to discuss the shootings in San Bernardino.

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In the afternoon, in the East Room, the President met with departing White House interns and participated in a question-and-answer session.

The President announced his intention to nominate Marcela Escobari to be Assistant Administrator for Latin America and the Caribbean at the U.S. Agency for International Development.

The President announced his intention to nominate Charlotte Power Kessler and Esperanza Spalding to be members of the National Council on the Arts.

The President announced that he has appointed Tom A. Bernstein as Chairperson of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council.

The President announced that he has appointed Allan M. Holt as Vice Chairperson of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council.

#### December 4

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Vice President Joe Biden had an intelligence briefing. Then, also in the Oval office, he had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister David W.D. Cameron of the United Kingdom to discuss the British Parliament's decision to authorize airstrikes against Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization targets in Syria and United Kingdom-U.S. counterterrorism cooperation. The President also accepted the Prime Minister's condolences for the loss of life in the December 2 shootings at the Inland Regional Center in San Bernardino, CA. Also in the morning, the President was briefed on the shootings in San Bernardino.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with former Rep. Gabrielle D. Giffords and her husband Mark E. Kelly to discuss ways to reduce gun violence. Senior Adviser Valerie B. Jarrett also attended.

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Environment : Air quality, improvement efforts; Environment : Climate change; Environment : United Nations Climate Change Conference; Environmental Cooperation, Public Advisory Committee of the Commission for; Environmental Protection Agency; Equatorial Guinea, U.S. Ambassador; Estonia, U.S. Ambassador; Ethiopia : "Lucy" fossil, viewing by President Obama; Ethiopia : Addis Ababa : African Union Headquarters; Ethiopia : Addis Ababa : National Palace; Ethiopia : Addis Ababa : Sheraton Addis hotel; Ethiopia : President; Ethiopia : President Obama's visit; Ethiopia : President's visit; Ethiopia : Prime Minister; Ethiopia : U.S. Embassy staff, meeting with President Obama; Europe : Europe : Middle Eastern and North African refugees, humanitarian situation; Europe : European Union : European Council President; Europe : European Union : Relations with U.S.; Europe : Financial markets : Stabilization efforts; Europe : Financial markets, unrest; Europe : Migrants and political refugees, influx; Europe : Security and Co-operation in Europe, Organization; Europe : European Union : High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy; Everglades Restoration Initiatives; Export-Import Bank of the U.S.; Extra TV; Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, President's Advisory Council on; Federal Labor-Management Relations, National Council on; Fine Arts, U.S. Commission of; Florida : Democratic Party events; Florida : Everglades National Park in Homestead; Florida : Florida International University in Miami; Florida : Floridian National Golf Club in Palm City; Florida : Hilton Miami Downtown hotel in Miami; Florida : Miami : Hilton Miami Downtown hotel; Florida : Miami : National Hurricane Center; Florida : Miami : Shrine of Our Lady of Charity; Florida : President's visit; Florida : President's visits; Florida : WUSF in Tampa; Food and Agricultural Development, Board for International; Ford's Theatre; Foreign policy, U.S. : Civil and human rights, promotion efforts; Foreign policy, U.S. : Diplomatic security, strengthening efforts; Foreign policy, U.S. : Foreign Ambassadors, credentialing ceremony; Foreign policy, U.S. : Foreign diplomatic corps, White House reception; Forward.com; France : Ambassador to U.S.; France : Attempted shooting aboard Paris-bound train; France : CANAL+/iTELE television network; France : Counterterrorism efforts, cooperation with U.S.; France : Crash of Germanwings Flight 4U9525 outside Digne-les-Bains; France : Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Development; France : OECD Development Centre in Issy-les-Moulineaux; France : Parc des Expositions in Le Bourget; France : Paris : Bataclan concert hall; France : Paris : L'Ambroisie restaurant; France : Paris : Terrorist attacks; France : Paris : U.S. Ambassador's residence; France : President; France : President Obama's visit; France : Relations with U.S.; France : Shooting aboard Paris-bound train; France : Terrorist attack in Saint-Quentin-Fallavier; France : Terrorist attacks in Paris; France : U.S. Embassy personnel, meeting with President; Gambia, the, U.S. Ambassador; General Services Administration; Georgia : Atlanta : Georgia Institute of Technology; Georgia : Atlanta : Hyatt Regency Atlanta hotel; Georgia : Atlanta : Manuel's Tavern; Georgia : Democratic Party event; Georgia : Disaster assistance; Georgia : President's visit; Georgia : WVEE in Atlanta; Georgia, Republic of : U.S. Ambassador; German : Chancellor; Germany : Chancellor; Germany : Former Chancellor, death; Germany : Former President, death; Germany : Krün City Hall in Krun; Germany : President; Germany : President Obama's visit; Germany : President Obama's visits; Germany : Ramstein Air Force Base; Germany : Schloss Elmau in Elmau; Ghana, U.S. Ambassador; Government organization and employees : Federal leave policies, modernization efforts; Great Lakes Fishery Commission; Greece : Economic reforms; Greece : Financial markets, unrest; Greece : Independence Day; Greece : Parliamentary elections; Greece : Prime Minister; Greece : Relations with U.S.; Greece : Sovereign debt assistance and economic reforms; Grenada, U.S. Ambassador; Guam, disaster assistance; Guinea, U.S. Ambassador; Haiti : International assistance; Haiti, U.S. Ambassador; Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation; Hawaii : Honouliuli National Monument; Hawaii : Island Snow in Kailua; Hawaii : President's visits; Hawkins, Philip; Health and Human Services, Department of : Deputy Secretary; Health and Human Services, Department of : Food and Drugs Commissioner; Health and Human Services, Department of : Health, Assistant Secretary for; Health and Human Services, Department of : Medicare and Medicaid Services, Centers for; Health and

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Human Services, Department of : National Institutes of Health; Health and Human Services, Department of : Public Affairs, Assistant Secretary for; Health and Human Services, Department of : Secretary; Health and medical care : Exercise; Health and medical care : Health insurance exchanges; Health and medical care : Insurance coverage and access to providers; Health and medical care : Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; Historic Preservation, Advisory Council on; Holiday : Thanksgiving Day; Holidays and special observances : Cinco de Mayo; Holidays and special observances : Diwali; Holidays and special observances : Earth Day; Holidays and special observances : Easter; Holidays and special observances : Greek Independence Day; Holidays and special observances : Halloween; Holidays and special observances : Independence Day; Holidays and special observances : Martin Luther King, Jr., Day; Holidays and special observances : Memorial Day; Holidays and special observances : Mother's Day; Holidays and special observances : Passover; Holidays and special observances : Rosh Hashanah; Holidays and special observances : St. Patrick's Day; Holidays and special observances : Thanksgiving; Holidays and special observances : Veterans Day; Holocaust Memorial Council, U.S.; Holy See (Vatican City) : Pope; Homeland Security, Department of : Chief Medical Officer; Homeland Security, Department of : Emergency Management Agency, Federal; Homeland Security, Department of : Funding; Homeland Security, Department of : Health Affairs, Assistant Secretary for; Homeland Security, Department of : Legislative Affairs, Assistant Secretary for; Homeland Security, Department of : Operations Center, tour; Homeland Security, Department of : Secretary; Homeland Security, Department of : Transportation Security Administration; Housing : Discrimination, prevention efforts; Housing and Urban Development, Department of : Public Affairs, Assistant Secretary for; Huffington Post; Humanities, National Council on the; Idaho : Boise State University in Boise; Idaho : President's visit; Illinois : Chicago : McCormick Place conference center; Illinois : Chicago : PowerReviews headquarters; Illinois : Chicago : United Center; Illinois : Democratic Party events; Illinois : President's visit; Illinois : President's visits; Immigration and naturalization : Reform; India : Business leaders, meeting with President Obama; India : Congress Party leaders, meeting with President Obama; India : New Delhi : Hyderabad House; India : New Delhi : ITC Maurya, New Delhi hotel; India : New Delhi : Raj Ghat memorial to Mahatma Gandhi; India : New Delhi : Rajpath Saluting Base; India : New Delhi : Rashtrapati Bhavan Presidential palace; India : New Delhi : Siri Fort Auditorium; India : New Delhi : Taj Palace, New Delhi hotel; India : President; India : President Obama's visit; India : Prime Minister; India : Relations with U.S.; India : Republic Day; Indian Education, National Advisory Council on; Indiana : President's visits; Indonesia : President; Infrastructure Advisory Council, National; Intel Science Talent Search; Intellectual Disabilities, President's Committee for People with; Intelligence Advisory Board, President's; Intelligence, Office of the Director of National; Inter-American Foundation; Interior, Department of the : Browns Canyon National Monument, establishment; Interior, Department of the : Honouliuli National Monument, establishment; Interior, Department of the : Inspector General; Interior, Department of the : Park Service, National; Interior, Department of the : Policy, Management, and Budget, Assistant Secretary for; Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board; International Development, U.S. Agency for; International Religious Freedom, U.S. Commission on; Iowa : Disaster assistance; Iowa : President's visit; Iowa : State Library of Iowa in Des Moines; Iran : International diplomatic efforts; Iran : Nuclear program, Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action; Iran : Nuclear weapons development; Iran : U.S. citizen, detention; Iraq : Government accountability and transparency, strengthening efforts; Iraq : Iraqi military and security forces; Iraq : Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) terrorist organization; Iraq : Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization; Iraq : Kurdistan Regional Government, President; Iraq : Political unrest and violence; Iraq : Prime Minister; Iraq : Reconciliation efforts; Ireland : Prime Minister; Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization; Israel : Channel 2 television network; Israel : Former Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, 20th anniversary of assassination; Israel : Haram Al-Sharif/Temple Mount in Jerusalem; Israel : President; Israel : Prime Minister; Israel : Relations with Palestinian Authority; Israel : Relations with U.S.; Israel : Security cooperation with U.S.; Italy : Counterterrorism efforts, cooperation with U.S.; Italy : Death of Italian aid worker in U.S. counterterrorism operation in Pakistan; Italy : Expo 2015 Milan in Milan; Italy : President; Italy : Prime Minister; Italy : Relations with U.S.; J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board; Jamaica : Kingston : Jamaica House; Jamaica : Kingston : Jamaica Pegasus hotel; Jamaica : Kingston : National Heroes' Park War Memorial; Jamaica : President Obama's visit; Jamaica : Prime Minister; Jamaica : U.S. Embassy staff, meeting with President Obama; Japan : Middle East, role; Japan : Prime Minister; Japan : Relations with U.S.; Japan : U.S. Ambassador; Japan : World War II reconciliation efforts; Jewish community leaders, meeting with President; Jewish leaders, meetings with President; Jordan : King; Jordan : Shootings at King Abdullah II Special Operations Training Center in Amman; Judiciary : Federal court

nominations and confirmations; Judiciary : Supreme Court : Black v. Burwell; Judiciary : Supreme Court : Obergefell v. Hodges; Junior Achievement; Justice, Department of : Associate Attorney General; Justice, Department of : Attorney General; Justice, Department of : Bureau of Investigation, Federal; Justice, Department of : Bureau of Prisons, Federal; Justice, Department of : Deputy Attorney General; Justice, Department of : Tax Division, Assistant Attorney General for the; Justice, Department of : U.S. Attorneys; Justice, Department of : U.S. Solicitor General; Kansas : Fords Field Air National Guard Base in Topeka; Kansas : Lawrence : Anschutz Sports Pavilion; Kansas : Lawrence : Community Children's Center; Kansas : Lawrence : Holiday Inn; Kansas : President's visit; Kansas, disaster assistance; Kazakhstan : President; Kazakhstan : Relations with U.S.; Kazakhstan, President; Kentucky : Disaster assistance; Kentucky : Indatus ICIM Corp. in Louisville; Kentucky : President's visit; Kentucky, disaster assistance; Kenya : 1998 U.S. Embassy bombing survivors and families of victims, meeting with President Obama; Kenya : Nairobi : Villa Rosa Kempinski hotel; Kenya : Nairobi : Capital FM; Kenya : Nairobi : Kenyatta University; Kenya : Nairobi : Memorial Park; Kenya : Nairobi : Power Africa Innovation Fair; Kenya : Nairobi : Safaricom Indoor Arena; Kenya : Nairobi : State House; Kenya : Nairobi : United Nations Compound; Kenya : Nairobi : Villa Rosa Kempinski hotel; Kenya : President; Kenya : President Obama's visit; Kenya : President's visit; Kenya : Terrorist attack in Garissa; Kenya : Terrorist attacks; Kenya : U.S. Embassy staff, meeting with President Obama; Kiribati, President; Klamath River Compact Commission; Kosovo, U.S. Ambassador; Kuwait : Amir; Labor issues : Unions : American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organization (AFL-CIO); Labor issues : Unions : United Auto Workers (UAW); Labor Relations Authority, Federal; Labor, Department of : Secretary; Labor, Department of : Veterans' Employment and Training, Assistant Secretary for; Law enforcement and crime : 21st-Century Policing, President's Task Force on; Law enforcement and crime : Criminal justice system, reform efforts; Law enforcement and crime : Formerly incarcerated individuals, meeting with President; Law enforcement and crime : Gun violence, prevention efforts; Law enforcement and crime : Law enforcement officers, service and dedication; Law enforcement and crime : Pardons and commutations; Law enforcement and crime : Parole and ex-convict reintegration programs, improvement efforts; Law enforcement and crime : State and community law enforcement agencies, Federal support; Legion, American : Girls Nation; Legion, American, Boys Nation; Legislation, enacted : Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2015; Legislation, enacted : Slain Officer Family Support Act of 2015; Liberia : President; Libya : Democracy efforts; Libya : Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization; Libya : Political unrest and violence; Libya : Reconciliation efforts; Libya : U.S. Ambassador; Libya : United Nations, role; Louisiana : Hurricane Katrina, damage and recovery efforts; Louisiana : New Orleans : Tremé neighborhood, tour and meeting with youth and residents; Louisiana : New Orleans : Willie Mae's Scotch House restaurant; Louisiana : President's visit; Louisiana : Shootings in Lafayette; Louisiana : WWL in New Orleans; Louisiana, disaster assistance; Luxembourg, U.S. Ambassador; Maine : Disaster assistance; Maine : WCSH in Portland; Malaysia : Kuala Lumpur : Ritz-Carlton, Kuala Lumpur hotel; Malaysia : Kuala Lumpur : Dignity for Children Foundation school and training center; Malaysia : Kuala Lumpur : Kuala Lumpur City Centre; Malaysia : Kuala Lumpur : Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre; Malaysia : Kuala Lumpur : Ritz-Carlton, Kuala Lumpur hotel; Malaysia : President Obama's visit; Malaysia : Taylor's University in Subang Jaya; Malaysia : U.S. Embassy staff, meeting with President Obama; Maldives, U.S. Ambassador; Mali : Terrorist attack in Bamako; Malta, U.S. Ambassador; Management and Budget, Office of; Marine Mammal Commission; Maritime Commission, Federal; Marshall Islands, President; Marshall Islands, U.S. Ambassador; Marshals Service, U.S.; Maryland : Baltimore : Civil unrest; Maryland : Bethesda : Mark O. Hatfield Clinical Research Center; Maryland : Bethesda : Walter Reed National Military Medical Center; Maryland : Fort Meade; Maryland : Governor; Maryland : Joint Base Andrews; Maryland : President's visit; Maryland : President's visits; Maryland : Running Brook Elementary School in Columbia; Maryland : Shooting at National Security Agency in Fort Meade; Maryland : Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda; Maryland : XFINITY Center in College Park; Massachusetts : Area Four restaurant in Cambridge; Massachusetts : Boston : Union Oyster House restaurant; Massachusetts : Democratic Party events; Massachusetts : Disaster assistance; Massachusetts : Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the U.S. Senate in Boston; Massachusetts : Farm Neck Golf Club in Oak Bluffs; Massachusetts : President's visit; Massachusetts : President's visits; Mediation Board, National; Merit Systems Protection Board; Mexico : Esperanza Azteca Youth Orchestra of Pueblo; Mexico : President; Mexico : Relations with U.S.; Mexico : U.S. Ambassador; Mibawa Suppliers Ltd.; Mic.com; Michigan : Ford Motor Co. Michigan Assembly Plant in Wayne; Michigan : Macomb Community College in Warren; Michigan : President's visit; Michigan : President's visits; Michigan : WXYZ in Detroit; Micronesia, disaster assistance; Micronesia, U.S.

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Ambassador; Middle East : Arab States of the Gulf, Cooperation Council for the (GCC) ; Middle East : Arab-Israeli conflict, peace process; Middle East : Gulf Cooperation Council; Middle East : Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC); Middle East : Gulf States, security cooperation with U.S.; Mississippi River Commission; Mississippi, disaster assistance; Missouri : Disaster assistance; Missouri : KMBC in Kansas City; Missouri : KMBZ in Kansas City; MKopa Solar; Mongolia, U.S. Ambassador; Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation; Mozambique, U.S. Ambassador; MSNBC, "Hardball With Chris Matthews" program; MSNBC, "Rundown With José Díaz-Balart" program; Museum and Library Services Board, National; Museum and Library Services, Institute of; Namibia : Independence, 25th anniversary; Namibia : President-elect; National Public Radio, "Marketplace" program; National Security Education Board; National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee, President's; Natural disasters : Hurricane Joaquin; Natural disasters : Micronesia, Typhoon Maysak; Natural disasters : Mid-Atlantic region, winter storm; Natural disasters : Nepal, earthquake; Natural disasters : Preparedness efforts; Natural disasters : Typhoon Dolphin; Natural disasters : Typhoon Soudelor; Natural disasters : Western States, wildfires; Natural disasters : Western States, wildfires; Navy, Department of : Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Assistant Secretary for; Navy, Department of the : U.S. Naval Observatory; Navy, Department of the : Under Secretary; NBC : "Nightly News With Lester Holt" program; NBC : "Running Wild With Bear Grylls" program; NBC : "Super Bowl XLIX Pre-Game Show"; NBC : "Today" program; Nepal : Earthquake, damage and recovery efforts; Nepal : Prime Minister; Nepal : U.S. assistance; Nepal, U.S. Ambassador; Netherlands, the : King; Netherlands, the : Queen; Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship; Nevada : Las Vegas : Westin Las Vegas Hotel, Casino, and Spa; Nevada : President's visit; New Hampshire, disaster assistance.; New Jersey : Camden : Law enforcement officers and youth, meeting with President; New Jersey : Disaster assistance; New Jersey : Integrity House in Newark; New Jersey : Newark : Integrity House; New Jersey : Newark : Rutgers University-Newark; New Jersey : President's visit; New Jersey : Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center in Camden; New York : Democratic party events; New York : Ed Sullivan Theater in New York City; New York : Former Governor, death; New York : Governor; New York : Humans of New York in New York City; New York : Mott Hall Bridges Academy in Brooklyn; New York : New York City : Gotham Hall; New York : New York City : Hilton Manhattan East hotel; New York : New York City : Lotte New York Palace hotel; New York : President's visit; New York : President's visits; New York Review of Books; New York Times; Nicaragua, U.S. Ambassador; Nigeria : Boko Haram terrorist organization; Nigeria : Political unrest and violence; Nigeria : President; Nigeria : Presidentelect; Nigeria : Presidential election; North Carolina : President's visits; North Dakota : WDAY in Fargo; Northern Border Regional Commission; Northern Mariana Islands, disaster assistance; Norway : Ambassador to the U.S.; Norway, U.S. Ambassador; NPR : "Marketplace" program; NPR, "Morning Edition"; Nuclear Regulatory Commission; Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board; Ohio : Cleveland State University in Cleveland; Ohio : Manufacturing Advocacy and Growth Network (MAGNET) in Cleveland; Ohio : President's visits; Ohio : WBNS in Columbus; Oklahoma : Disaster assistance; Oklahoma : Durant High School in Durant; Oklahoma : Federal Correctional Institution El Reno in El Reno; Oklahoma : Oklahoma City Downtown Hotel in Oklahoma City; Oklahoma : President's visit; Oman : Sultan; Oman, Sultan; Oman, U.S. Ambassador; Oregon : Governor; Oregon : KGW in Portland; Oregon : President's visit; Oregon : Roseburg : Roseburg High School; Oregon : Roseburg : Shootings; Oregon : Roseburg : Umpqua Community College; Oregon : President's visit; Overseas Private Investment Corporation; Pacific Alliance; Pacific Halibut Commission, International; Pakistan : Counterterrorism efforts; Pakistan : Death of U.S. and Italian aid workers in U.S. counterterrorism operation; Pakistan : Prime Minister; Pakistan : Relations with Afghanistan; Pakistan : Relations with U.S.; Pakistan : U.S. Ambassador; Palestinian Authority and Palestinians : Relations with Israel; Panama : ATLAPA Convention Center in Panama City; Panama : Panama City : ATLAPA Convention Center; Panama : Panama City : Hotel Riu Plaza Panama ; Panama : Panama City : Miraflores Locks; Panama : Panama City : Panamá Viejo historic district; Panama : Panama City : Westin Playa Bonita Panama hotel; Panama : President Obama's visit; Panama : U.S. Embassy staff, meeting with President Obama; Papua New Guinea, Prime Minister; Papua New Guinea, U.S. Ambassador; Pennsylvania : Democratic Party event; Pennsylvania : President's visit; Pennsylvania : President's visits; Pennsylvania : Rittenhouse hotel in Philadelphia; Pennsylvania : WGAL in Harrisburg; Pennsylvania : WPVI in Philadelphia; Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation; Personnel Management, Office of; Peru : President; Pfoofy Power and Light Ltd.; Philippines : Manila : BRP Gregorio del Pilar, tour in Manila Harbor; Philippines : Manila : Philippine International Convention Center; Philippines : Manila : Sofitel Philippine Plaza Manila hotel; Philippines : President Obama's visit; Philippines : SM Mall of Asia Arena in Pasay; Philippines : U.S.

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Embassy staff and families, meeting with President Obama; Planned Parenthood; Poland : Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp, 70th anniversary of liberation; Poland : U.S. Ambassador; Potomac River Basin, Interstate Commission on the; Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, Commission for; Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, Commission for the; Presidency, U.S. : Former President Carter; Presidency, U.S. : State of the Union Address; President; President : Tunisia; Presidential Scholars, Commission on; Presidio Trust; Public Broadcasting, Corporation for; Public Diplomacy, U.S. Advisory Commission on; Public Interest Declassification Board; Public Radio, National; Qatar : Amir; Railroad Passenger Corporation, National (AMTRAK); Red River Compact Commission ; Religious leaders, meeting with President; Reserve System, Federal; Rhode Island : Disaster assistance; Rolling Stone magazine; Roman Catholic Church : Catholic Bishops, U.S. Conference of; Romania, U.S. Ambassador; Russia : Crash of Metrojet Flight 9268 over Egypt ; Russia : International and U.S. sanctions; Russia : International diplomatic efforts; Russia : International sanctions; Russia : President; Russia : Relations with Turkey; Russia : Relations with Ukraine; Russia : Turkey, downing of Russian military aircraft; Sabine River Compact Administration; Saint Lucia, Prime Minister; Salary Council, Federal; Saudi Arabia : Crown Prince; Saudi Arabia : Deputy Crown Prince; Saudi Arabia : Erga Palace in Wadi Hanifa; Saudi Arabia : King; Saudi Arabia : Minister of Defense; Saudi Arabia : Minister of Foreign Affairs; Saudi Arabia : President Obama's visit; Saudi Arabia : Relations with U.S.; Saudi Arabia : Riyadh King Khalid International Airport in Riyadh; Science and technology : White House Astronomy Night; Science and Technology, President's Council of Advisers on; Science Foundation, National; Science, President's Committee on the National Medal of; Securities and Exchange Commission, U.S.; Security Agency, National; Security Council, National; Serbia, U.S. Ambassador; Singapore : 50th National Day; Singapore : Elections; Singapore : Former Prime Minister, death; Singapore : Prime Minister; Singapore : Relations with U.S.; Small Business Administration; Smithsonian Institution : John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts; Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians, disaster assistance; Social Security Administration; Solar Sister; Solomon Islands, U.S. Ambassador; Somalia : Political unrest and violence; Somalia : U.S. Ambassador; South Africa : African Growth and Opportunity Act program, suspension of duty-free treatment of agricultural products; South Africa : President; South Carolina : Brookland Banquet and Conference Center in West Columbia; South Carolina : Charleston : Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston; South Carolina : Charleston : Shootings; South Carolina : Charleston : TD Arena at the College of Charleston; South Carolina : Disaster assistance; South Carolina : Governor; South Carolina : President's visit; South Carolina : Charleston : Shootings; South Dakota : KSFY in Sioux Falls; South Dakota : President's visit; South Dakota, disaster assistance; South Korea : Defense relationship with U.S.; South Korea : Former President, death; South Korea : MERs outbreak; South Korea : President; South Korea, U.S. Ambassador; Space program : Columbia Space Shuttle alumni, meeting with President; Space Station, International; Spain : King; Spain : Prime Minister; Spain : Queen; Special Counsel, Office of; Sports : Auto racing; Sports : Baseball; Sports : Basketball; Sports : FIFA World Cup; Sports : Football; Sports : Hockey; Sports : NCAA championship teams; Sports : Special Olympics World Games; Sports : Iditarod dog sledding; Sports : NCAA championship teams; Sports : Soccer; Sri Lanka : U.S. Ambassador; St. Kitts and Nevis, U.S. Ambassador; St. Lucia, U.S. Ambassador; St. Vincent and the Grenadines, U.S. Ambassador; State, Department of : Conflict and Stabilization Operations, Assistant Secretary for; State, Department of : Chemical Weapons, Organization for the Prohibition of; State, Department of : Energy Resources, Assistant Secretary for; State, Department of : Global Coalition To Counter ISIL, Special Presidential Envoy for the; State, Department of : Hostage Affairs, Special Presidential Envoy for; State, Department of : Political Affairs, Under Secretary for; State, Department of : Secretary; State, Department of : Trafficking, Office to Monitor and Combat; StoryCorps; Subject : South Sudan : Political unrest and violence; Sudan : Minister of Foreign Affairs; Suriname, U.S. Ambassador; Swaziland, U.S. Ambassador; Sweden : Ambassador to the U.S.; Syria : Civil war and sectarian conflict; Syria : Civil war and sectarian violence; Syria : Democracy efforts; Syria : International diplomatic efforts; Syria : Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization; Syria : President; Syria : Refugees, humanitarian situation; Syria : U.S. and coalition airstrikes; Tajikistan, U.S. Ambassador; Tennessee : Disaster assistance; Tennessee : President's visit; Tennessee : President's visits; Tennessee : Shootings in Chattanooga; Tennessee : Techmer PM, LLC, in Clinton; Tennessee Valley Authority; Terrorism : Al Qaida terrorist group; Terrorism : Al Qaida terrorist organization; Terrorism : Counterterrorism efforts; Terrorism : Global threat; Terrorism : September 11, 2001, attacks; Texas : Disaster assistance; Texas : Flooding, damage and recovery efforts; Texas : Governor; Texas : KRLD in Dallas; Texas : KTVT in Dallas; Texas : KVIA in El Paso; Texas : President's visit; Texas : Shooting in Cypress; Texas : Shootings in

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Garland; Thailand, U.S. Ambassador; Togo, U.S. Ambassador; Trade Policy and Negotiations, Advisory Committee for; Trans-Pacific Partnership; Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP); Transportation, Department of : Chief Financial Officer; Transportation, Department of : Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration; Transportation, Department of : Federal Railroad Administration; Transportation, Department of : Highway Administration, Federal; Transportation, Department of : Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration; Treasury : Secretary of the; Treasury, Department of the : Assistant Secretaries : Financial Institutions; Treasury, Department of the : Assistant Secretaries : Legislative Affairs; Treasury, Department of the : Assistant Secretaries : Public Affairs; Treasury, Department of the : Mint, Director; Treasury, Department of the : Secretary; Treasury, Department of the : Under Secretaries : Terrorism and Financial Crimes; Tunisia : Counterterrorism efforts, cooperation with U.S.; Tunisia : Democracy efforts; Tunisia : Economic growth and development; Tunisia : Elections; Tunisia : President; Tunisia : Relations with U.S.; Tunisia : Security cooperation with U.S.; Tunisia : Terrorist attack at National Bardo Museum in Tunis; Tunisia : Terrorist attack in Sousse; Tunisia : Terrorist attack on beach in Sousse; Tunisia : U.S. Ambassador; Tunisia : U.S. assistance; Turkey : Antalya : Calista Luxury Resort; Turkey : Antalya : Regnum Carya Golf & Spa Resort; Turkey : Counterterrorism efforts, cooperation with U.S.; Turkey : Hotel Riu Kaya Palazzo 5 resort in Belek; Turkey : Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) terrorist organization; Turkey : Kurdistan Worker's Party (PKK) terrorist organization; Turkey : President; Turkey : President Obama's visit; Turkey : Prime Minister; Turkey : Refugees from Iraq and Syria, influx; Turkey : Relations with Russia; Turkey : Relations with U.S.; Turkey : Russian military aircraft, downing; Turkey : Russian military aircraft, downing; Turkey : Security cooperation with U.S.; Turkey : Terrorist attack in Ankara; Turkey : Terrorist attack in Ceylanpinar; Turkey : Terrorist attack in Suruc; Turkey : U.S. Embassy staff, meeting with President Obama; Twitter; Uganda : President; Uganda, U.S. Ambassador; Ukraine : Democracy efforts; Ukraine : International assistance; Ukraine : International diplomatic efforts; Ukraine : Political unrest and violence; Ukraine : President; Ukraine : Prime Minister; Ukraine : Russia, role; Ukraine : U.S. assistance; United Arab Emirates : Abu Dhabi : Crown Prince; United Arab Emirates : Abu Dhabi, Crown Prince; United Arab Emirates : Abu Dhabi, Crown Prince ; United Arab Emirates : Ambassador to the U.S.; United Arab Emirates : Armed Forces Deputy Supreme Commander; United Arab Emirates : Armed Forces, Deputy Supreme Commander; United Arab Emirates : Deputy National Security Adviser; United Arab Emirates : Deputy Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces; United Arab Emirates : Military deaths in Yemen; United Arab Emirates : Minister of Foreign Affairs; United Kingdom : Counterterrorism efforts, cooperation with U.S.; United Kingdom : Duchess of Cornwall; United Kingdom : Prime Minister; United Kingdom : Prince of Wales; United Kingdom : Relations with U.S.; United Kingdom : Syria, role; United Nations : Framework Convention on Climate Change; United Nations : General Assembly; United Nations : Peacekeeping operations; United Nations : U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF); United Nations : U.S. Mission to United Nations employees and families, meeting with President; United Nations : U.S. Representatives : Vienna Office; United Nations: U.N. Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC); Uruguay : President; Utah : Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Salt Lake City; Utah : Federally managed public lands; Utah : Governor; Utah : Hill Air Force Base; Utah : President's visit; Utah : Sheraton Salt Lake City Hotel in Salt Lake City; Vanuatu, U.S. Ambassador; Venezuela, President; Vermont, disaster assistance; Veterans : Access to health and medical care; Veterans : Service and dedication; Veterans Affairs, Department of : Assistant Secretaries : Information and Technology; Veterans Affairs, Department of : Inspector General; Veterans Affairs, Department of : Under Secretaries : Health; VICE News; Vietnam : Communist Party General Secretary; Violent Extremism, White House Summit on Countering; Virginia : Alfred Street Baptist Church in Alexandria; Virginia : Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington; Virginia : Democratic Party event; Virginia : Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce in Tyson's Corner; Virginia : Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall; Virginia : President's visit; Virginia : President's visits; Voluntarism; Walmart; Washington : Democratic Party events; Washington : Disaster assistance; Washington : KING in Seattle; Washington : KIRO in Seattle; Washington : KOMO in Seattle; Washington : President's visit; Washington : Westin Seattle hotel in Seattle; Washington : Wildfires, death of firefighters; West Virginia : Disaster assistance; West Virginia : President's visit; West Virginia, disaster assistance; Western Hemisphere : Caribbean Community and Common Market (CARICOM) organization; Western Hemisphere : Summit of the Americas; White House Conference on Aging; White House Demo Day; White House Easter Egg Roll; White House Fellowships, President's Commission on; White House Film Festival; White House Office : "My Brother's Keeper" initiative; White House Office : Assistants to the President : Homeland Security and Counterterrorism; White House Office : Assistants to the President : Special Assistant to the White House Chief of Staff; White House Office : Assistants to the President : Cabinet

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Secretary; White House Office : Assistants to the President : Chief of Staff; White House Office : Assistants to the President : Communications Director; White House Office : Assistants to the President : Counterterrorism, Deputy National Security Adviser for; White House Office : Assistants to the President : Deputy Chief of Staff; White House Office : Assistants to the President : Homeland Security and Counterterrorism; White House Office : Assistants to the President : International Economics, Deputy National Security Adviser for; White House Office : Assistants to the President : Iran, Iraq, Syria, and the Gulf States, Senior Director for; White House Office : Assistants to the President : Legislative Affairs, Director; White House Office : Assistants to the President : National Security Adviser; White House Office : Assistants to the President : National Security Adviser for Strategic Communications, Deputy; White House Office : Assistants to the President : Press Secretary; White House Office : Assistants to the President : Science and Technology Policy; White House Office : Assistants to the President : Senior Adviser; White House Office : Assistants to the President : Strategic Communications, Deputy National Security Adviser for; White House Office : Assistants to the President : Vice President, National Security Adviser to the; White House Office : Assistants to the President : White House Counsel; White House Office : Care, Commission on; White House Office : Domestic Policy Council; White House Office : Economic Advisers, Council of; White House Office : Environmental Quality, Council on; White House Office : Global Coalition To Counter ISIL, Special Presidential Envoy for the; White House Office : Interns; White House Office : Middle East, North Africa, and the Gulf Region, National Security Council Coordinator for the; White House Office : Science and Technology Policy, Office of; White House Office : Science and Technology, President's Council of Advisers on; White House Office : Science Fair; White House Office : Security Council, National; White House Office : Telecommunications Advisory Committee, National Security; White House Office : Vice President; White House Office : White House Fellows, meeting with President; White House Science Fair; Wisconsin : President's visit; Wisconsin : WMTV in Madison; Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars; Wyoming, disaster assistance; Yahoo News; Yemen : Detained U.S. citizens, release; Yemen : International assistance; Yemen : Political unrest and violence; Zambia, President; Zimbabwe, U.S. Ambassador.

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## Coloring Books Drive Big Holiday Sales at Independent Booksellers

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Although retail sales over the Thanksgiving weekend often receive a lot of attention, the fourth quarter as a whole continues to be vital for independent bookstores. Porter Square Books in Cambridge, Mass., for example, does as much as 40% of its sales for the year during that three-month period. Antigone Books in Tucson, Ariz., makes 60% of its sales in the final quarter. Still, the Thanksgiving weekend remains the unofficial start to the holiday shopping season, and with Small Business Saturday (the Saturday after Thanksgiving) gaining more traction among consumers, booksellers reported solid sales over the Thanksgiving weekend, according to *PW's* annual holiday survey of two dozen bookstores. Due in part to the still-strong sales of adult coloring books, many indies are expecting a strong finish to the holiday shopping season.

Heidi Lange, owner of the 10-year-old Sandman Book Company in Punta Gorda, Fla., gave her all-volunteer staff the day off on Black Friday, but an expansion over the summer meant their sales on Small Business Saturday this year were more than twice what they were 2014. Other stores also experienced a strong Small Business Saturday, with 35-year-old Old Firehouse Books in Fort Collins, Colo., seeing sales rise 20% over the event last year. The store has seen similar increases for October and November. "Overall we've done a lot to draw attention to ourselves throughout the year, through advertising and hosting more large-scale events," said events coordinator Kelsey Myers, adding that the store has also upped its use of social media.

Teresa Kirschbraun, owner of the three-year-old City Lit Books in Chicago, said that Small Business Saturday "is critical for launching the season. I think the promotions help people start focusing their holiday buying." Her sales were up 10% over this Thanksgiving weekend compared to the previous year, which has been consistent with the store's increases to date. But she prefers not to measure growth by sales alone, looking instead at other factors, such as inventory replenishment. Instead of filling in stock with two copies, she's begun ordering five or 10 and selling them through.

Five-year-old Dragonfly Books in Decorah, Iowa, has also experienced higher sales. "We have seen an increase in tourism, which has helped with our 10%-15% increase year to date," said owner Kate Rattenborg. She's "cautiously optimistic" about a strong holiday season this year and anticipates an increase over 2014.

Part of the reason for the optimism could be a sense that showrooming has peaked. "Now the people who come into independent bookstores are very aware of the importance of shopping locally," said Michael Herrmann, owner of Gibson's Bookstore in Concord, N.H., who marked the official start of the holidays at his store November 27 with his town's Midnight Merriment celebration.

It's not just events and e-book fatigue—which several booksellers cited as a reason for higher sales—that have customers coming back to indies. It's also having the right books—and in some cases, having the right markers and colored pencils. "coloring books, in general, are doing amazingly well," said Kate Randall, co-owner of Antigone, who has seen the full force of the coloring book craze. She's been doing especially well with *Enchanted Forest* by Johanna Basford, whose *Secret Garden* helped launch the trend.

Beside coloring books, a single big national book (or set of books) has yet to emerge. As Emily Crowe, manager of the Odyssey Bookshop in South Hadley, Mass., noted, "I don't see any front-runners in terms of big books this holiday season, no single book that will be the must-have book like last year's Anthony Doerr, or the Donna Tartt from the year before." At her store, top sellers include a mix of signed books such as Garth Risk Hallberg's *City on Fire* and Anthony Marra's *The Tsar of Love and Techno*, as well as a locally published book to raise money for Syrian refugees, *Soup for Syria*.

At Eso Won Books in Los Angeles, which has seen strong sales despite the construction on a subway station nearby, co-owner James Fugate said that Ta-Nehisi Coates's *Between the World and Me* is his store's top seller. He has sold 860 copies to date and just placed an order for another 48. That title is also one of the few big books of the summer to continue to sell well—both Harper Lee's *Go Set a Watchman* and Dr. Seuss's *What Pet Should I Get?* have dropped off at most stores that were contacted.

Jeff Kinney was high on a number of children's bestsellers lists this year, for the 10th book in his Diary of a Wimpy Kid series, *Old School*, as were Drew Daywalt and Oliver Jeffers's *The Day the Crayons Came Home* and *The Day the Crayons Quit*. For the first time in several years, middle grade and picture books are outselling YA, according to a number of booksellers, including Mary Magers, co-owner of Magers & Quinn Booksellers in Minneapolis. And one particular middle grade title is already becoming hard to get: *The Illustrated Harry Potter*.

Perhaps it's only to be expected that local bookstores would do best with local books and books that the store has made their own. Although President Obama's book list got a lot of attention when he stopped by the one-year-old **Upshur Street Books** in Washington, D.C., for Small Business Saturday, the store's bestsellers, according to manager Anna Thorn, are both local: *S Street Rising* and *District Comics*. "Our main bread and butter are the local authors," said Jean Cazort, owner of WordsWorth Books & Co. in Little Rock, Ark. She singled out local doctor Billy Lynn Trantum's *100 Years of Change* and Janne Siegel's *Mountain Tails*. Nonesuch Books & Cards, with two stores in Maine, is on track to sell 1,000 copies of the paperback edition of Fredrik Backman's *A Man Called Ove*, which it named as its 2015 book of the year. Michael DeSanto, owner of Phoenix Books with three stores in Vermont, said, "What I see is less of an emphasis on blockbuster sales from Thanksgiving to January 1. People are doing well within the community." That's certainly been the case for his three-and-a-half-year old Burlington store, which has so far been up 13% for the year, over 2014.

Although many bookstores have ceded online sales to Amazon, a number continue to offer books and gifts over the Internet, and some see a lift at the holidays in gift cards and in-store pickup. San Francisco's Green Apple Books has been experimenting with 99¢ shipping this year for items purchased online. According to co-owner Pete Mulvihill, online sales are usually six times higher in December than the rest of the year. Customers shop the store's website for gift cards, Green Apple shirts, and fiction subscriptions. At Minneapolis's Magers & Quinn, 23% of the store's sales are online, according to co-owner Mary Magers, who also sees an uptick online during the holidays.

Other indies, however, are not enthusiastic about online sales. Dragonfly owner Rattenborg described online sales at the store as "tepid." And though Sheila Daley, owner of 76-year-old Barrett Bookstore in Darien, Conn., has seen new customers as the result of the closing of a Barnes & Noble in nearby Norwalk late last year, it hasn't translated into online sales. "Frankly," Daley said, "I think if people go online, they go to Amazon." At Maria's Bookshop, the website pulls in less than 1% of overall sales.

Sandman, which began selling books online for four years before opening a physical store, continues to shift its balance from online to in-store sales. "We're actually at the point where the store supports itself," Lange said. Website sales have now dipped below 50% and fluctuate with Florida's tourist season. They can be

important during the slow months before the snowbirds arrive.

As for the holiday season as a whole, most stores are optimistic. As Rattenborg said, "We've had a very strong year so far and will end trending up even with a slightly weaker holiday season. However, we are planning for an outstanding one."

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## SHOP LOCAL

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### ABSTRACT

The great news is that D.C.'s independent stores are rocking it this season with amazing gift possibilities. The following pages are full of enticing gifts from local stores, makers, and artists. This holiday season vote with your dollars. If you're concerned about your budget, remember it doesn't have to be all or nothing. Shop local when you can, where you can. Every little bit helps. -Kaarin Vembar

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### FULL TEXT

#### THE CASE FOR BUYING CLOSE TO HOME THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Not so long ago, a small business would think of competition in terms of a new store that opened down the block. Now, competition can be summarized in one word: Amazon.

Think of this common scenario: You walk into a local store and find an interesting book. The small business is selling it at the list price. You think to yourself, "I bet I can get this cheaper." So, you take out your phone,

open the Amazon app, and find the book for \$5 less.

What do you do?

Logic (and y.our bank account) would dictate that you go for the lower price, right? But if you think in terms of spending dollars as a "vote" for a store, what is the Cost of voting for Amazon or a chain store versus something that's independent?

D.C. is already seeing the effects. Looking at a May 2014 list of "D.C.'s 3£5 Best Independent Boutiques" on the website Racked finds that nine of those stores have since closed. Local businesses are not only fighting online retailers, but are also sweating out rent increases and thinner margins. In the meantime, some larger chain stores-especially high end (Dior! Gucci! Hermes!)-have moved in, giving the illusion of a city bustling with retail.

But the bottom line is that your dollars go back into the local econo-my when spent at small businesses. A report from the American Independent Business Alliance is unequivocal: "Independent retailers return more than three times as much money per dollar of sales than chain competitors." That means you can have a direct impact on D.C., your neighbors, and even your block when you shop at non-chain stores.

The not-so-secret news is that shopping local means paying a little more. The local Mom & Pop Shop isn't buying in bulk. It has to cover the cost of a lease, insurance, products, product loss, employees, maintenance, technology, packaging, and postage. But they still decide to give it a go. They still decide to keep a store running in a market that is attempting, at many turns, to push them out.

Supporting an independent store means competition for big box chains. It means in-depth product knowledge and the possibility that someone will know your name when you walk through the door. It means money will stay in your community. It means that the District won't turn .into one giant shopping mall.

The great news is that D.C.'s independent stores are rocking it this season with amazing gift possibilities. The following pages are full of enticing gifts from localstores, makers, and artists. This holiday season vote with your dollars. If you're concerned about your budget, remember it doesn't have to be all or nothing. Shop local when you can, where you can. Every little bit helps. -Karin Vembar

## \$50 AND UNDER

### Don't Take That Tone With Me

Discover the history of fashion through vivid Pantone hues.

Pantone on Fashion: A Century of Color in Design, by Leatrice Eiseman and E.P. Cutler, \$35. Lou Lou. 1601 Connecticut Ave. NW. (202) 588-0027

#### 1. That's Handy

Keep your nails on point with this pretty and functional manicure set.

Manicure set, \$49. Lou Lou. 1601 Connecticut Ave. NW. (202) 588-0027.

#### 2. In High Spirits

A perfect bar tool for the friend who doesn't have extra counter space: This brass-plated gadget is a corkscrew, jigger, ice hammer, and bottle opener all in one.

4-in-1 bar tool, \$38. Salt & Sundry. Union Market, 1309 5th St. NE. (202) 556-1866

#### 3. A Wrinkle in Time

An ideal gift for someone who's all about that pug life.

Pug clock, \$50. Cheeky Puppy. 1709 Connecticut Ave. NW. (202) 621-8868.

#### 4. A Supreme Effort

Admit it: RBG is your favorite Supreme\* Read about Ginsburg's life and work in this bestselling book.

Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg, by Irin Carmon and Shana Knizhnik, \$19.99.  
**Upshur Street Books.** 827 Upshur St. NW. (202) 762-0380.

#### 5. Go Ask Alice

It looks like you're going to the library, but this book clutch will accompany you to cocktail parties all season long.

Book clutch, \$48. Vintage & Charmed Classic Clothing. Anacostia Arts Center, 1231 Good Hope Road SE. (202) 770-8303.

### ATHLETIC GIFTS

#### Hotline Bling

A mounted phone holder will keep a cell secure and protected from the elements.

Delta XL handlebar-mounted phone holder, \$26.99. The Bike Rack. 716 Monroe St. NE. (202) 832-2453.

#### Pop, Lock, and Drop It

For the friend who has had his or her bike swiped this year. This anti-theft system includes front and rear wheel locking skewers and a coded key.

Wheel lochs, \$64.99. The Bifee Rack. 716 Monroe St. NE. (202) 832-2453.

#### 6. Call of Booty

These camo leggings are made with an antibacterial fabric that wicks moisture. It means you can work up a sweat while looking fabulous.

Combat leggings, \$125. S3 Active. 1270 5th St. NE. (202) 215-8820

#### 7. Multi Flask

Give the gift of hydration to that (crazy) relative who is training for a marathon. This unisex belt is bounce-free and comes with four flasks.

Hydration belt, \$55. Pacers Running. 300 Tinge St. SE. (202) 554-1216.

#### You Confit Me

### LOCAL MAKER

Treat your furry friend to these artisanal dog biscuits made of oat, flour, roasted duck, cage-free eggs, and thyme.

Duck confit dog biscuits, \$10. Salt & Sundry. Union Market, 1309 5th St. NE. (202) 556-1866.

#### 8. Fleece Navidad

Dutchess REFUSES to be cold this winter? Make sure she stays warm on her walk with this cozy sweatfi

Dog sweater, \$45. Cheeky Puppy. 1709 Connecticut Ave. NW. (202) 621-8868.

#### 9. You Make My Heart 'Saur

This eco-friendly toy is for heavy chewers. As your dog plays, it naturally frays and works like doggie dental floss.

Large Brontosaurus chew toy, \$18. Cheeky Puppy. 1709 Connecticut Ave. NW (202) 621-8868.

#### 10.1 Shih Tzu Not

This gift may not be glam, but it's absolutely necessary for an urban dog owner.

Poop bag dispenser, \$4.99. Doggie Style. 1825 18th St. NW (202) 667-0595.

#### ThunderShirts Ho!

A ThunderShirt is designed to provide constant, gentle pressure on your pet's torso. The result is a calming effect that will soothe your scaredy cat during times of high anxiety.

ThunderShirt, \$45.49. Metro Mutts. 407 8th St. SE. (202) 546-7387.

#### CATS AND DOGS

#### 11. Back in a Flash

#### LOCAL MAKER

Artist Danamarie Hosier created a flash card game to help teach your little one the unusual creatures of the animal kingdom.

Under-Appreciated Animals flash cards, \$20. Analog. 716 Monroe St. NE, Studio #5.

#### 12. Writer's Blocks

Learning Mandarin becomes a game with these simplified Chinese character blocks.

Uncle Goose Chinese character blocks, \$46. Salt & Sundry. Union Market, 1309 5th St. NE. (202) 556-1866.

#### 13. Poker Face

Go all-in with this stylish Texas Hold'em set which includes 200 poker chips, two decks of 52 cards, and detailed instructions.

Texas Hold'em set, \$59. American Holiday. 1319 Wisconsin Ave. NW. (202) 684-2790.

#### Imagine Dragons

This strategy game gives kids eight and older the chance to imagine themselves in the mythical forest of Oragonwood where they encounter ogres, trolls, and (of course) dragons!

Dragonwood, \$14.99. Labyrinth 645 Pennsylvania Ave. SE. (202) 544-1059

#### 20th Century Fox

This family-friendly game lets players become a Manhattan real estate tycoon at the turn of the 20th century by building skyscrapers.

New York 1901, \$49.99 Labyrinth. 645 Pennsylvania Ave. SE. (202) 544-1059.

#### CROWN AND PARTY GAMES

##### 14. Katniss If You Can

Next time you kiki, bring out snacks and these cheese markers.

Arrow cheese markers, \$24. Hudson & Crane 1781 Florida Ave. NW (202) 436-1223

##### Slow Your Roe

Chef and restaurant luminary Jose Andres wants you to sample his caviar at your next holiday gathering. It's hand-collected by divers off of the Galician coast in Spain. ' .

Jose Andres sea urchin caviar, \$39.95. The Mediterranean Way Gourmet Market 1717 Connecticut Ave. NW. (202) 560 5716

##### 15. Basket Case

#### LOCAL MAKER

Bring a basket of goodies from Righteous Cheese and you'll be the belle of the house party, it features tasty edibles from local vendors in D.C., Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Virginia.

The Locavore, \$69.99. Righteous Cheese Union Market, 1309 5th St. NE. (202) 716-3320

##### The District Eats Tonight

Hill's Kitchen had napkins designed and produced specifically to delight D.C. locals.

D.C. napkins, \$4.99. Hill's Kitchen. 713 D St. SE. (202) 543-1997.

##### Get Your Serve On

Bring out refreshments on a beautiful floral tray. The vivid red hue of the amaryllis is perfect for the holiday season, but the tray can be displayed year-round.

Red amaryllis tray, \$85. Homebody/Forecast. 218 7th St. SE. (202) 544-8445.

##### Signature Piece

Want to remember your favorite soirees? Gift a Giving Plate. Guests sign and date it on the back, then it is passed on to someone else in your group to do the same.

Giving Plate, \$18. Gossip on 23rd. 570 23rd St., Arlington. (703) 920-1498

#### JEWELRY AT ANY PRICE

##### Pretty in Pink

#### LOCAL MAKER

Jeweller Rachel Pfeffer created a necklace that is less like an everyday accessory and more like a piece of wearable art.

Quartz with pink tourmaline and rose gold druzy necklace, \$124. Rachel Pfeffer Design Studio. 716 Monroe St. NE, Studio #13. (413) 522-2900.

## 16. Stone Cold Stunner

A dazzling statement necklace doesn't have to have a stunning price tag. This piece showcases the deep, mysterious color of winter turquoise.

Winter turquoise necklace, \$28. Bloom. 1719 Connecticut Ave. NW (202) 621-9049.

## 17. Fellowship of the Bling

## LOCAL MAKER

Alexander Calder was jeweler Dani Keith's inspiration for this elegant ring handcrafted in fine silver.

Calders ghost ring #3, \$65. (Dani Keith Designs). [danikeithdesigns.com](http://danikeithdesigns.com).

## Chew on This

Your teething child can gnaw on this babysafe bauble. It's also dishwasher safe.

Chewbeads, \$36.50. hunnybunny boutique. 311 8th St. NE. (202) 792-5209.

## 18. Pick Your Pocket

A pocket watch automatically ups a wearer's dapper factor This Omega Winding Pocket timepiece is the ideal gift for your most dashing associate.

Vintage pocket watch, \$228. Junction. 1510 U St. NW. (202) 483-0261.

## Oh My Goddess!

Getting dressed up is twice the fun with a doublebanded bracelet.

Double-banded goddess bracelet, \$15. Rosies and Rockers. 2001 13th St. NW. (202) 328-7625.

## 19. Wooden It be Nice?

This wooden ring hails from Tanzania. Its minimalist design means your outfit can change from day to night, but the ring can stay firmly on your finger.

Upogoupogo ring, \$30. Nubian Hueman. Anacostia Arts Center, 1231 Good'Hope Road SE. (202) 394-3386.

## LUXE GIFTS

## 20. Turn Down for What?

Elevate the luxury factor in any room with a 100-percent cowhide pillow that has a goose feather insert.

Saddle-leather pillow, \$262. Nomad Yard Collectiv. 411 New York Ave. NE. (929) 322-3397.

## 21. Force of Nature

Ceramic artist Jennifer McCurdy is inspired by perfect forms in nature.

Jennifer McCurdy vortex vessel, \$1199.99. Renwick Gallery. 1700 Pennsylvania Ave. NW. (202) 633-6856.

## Suit Up

Treat someone to the fantastic luxury of a custommade suit.

Custom-made suit, \$750. Blank Label. 1518 K St. NW., Suite 306. (781) 236-3559.

## 22. State of the Art

### LOCAL MAKER

D.C.-based artist John Brendan Guinan's "Dark Life" is part of his Art of Mourning series.

"Dark Life," by John Brendan Guinan, \$1150. Homme. Anacostia Arts Center, 1231 Good Hope Road SE. (202) 601-0885.

## LITTLE THINGS AND STOCKING STUFFERS

### Best Suds Forever

### LOCAL MAKER

hunnybunny boutique handcrafts bath and beauty products using all-natural ingredients. This lush soap is made with French rose clay and apricot kernel oil.

Rose clay soap, \$5. hunnybunny boutique. 311 8th St. NE. (202) 792-5209.

## 23. You Have to Be Kitten Me Right Meow

A line of captivating cats will make office work a little more adorable and appealing.

Cute cat clips, \$8. Analog. 716 Monroe St. NE, Studio #5.

### Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood

These candles represent neighborhoods in D.C., and each has its own alluring fragrance.

D C. neighborhood candles, \$34 (large) or \$18 (small). Hudson & Crane pop-up at The Shay. 1924 8th St. NW, Suite #135. (202) 436-1223.

### Wish You Were Hair

This leave-in product will moisturize and soften your bestie's beard.

Beard balm, \$28. Nomad Yard Collectiu 411 New York Ave. NE. (929) 322-3397.

### What a Hoot!

Everyone could use a pair of darling animal socks.

Owl socks, \$10. Willow. 843 Upshur St. NW. (202) 643-2323.

## 24. Light Bright

Clip this small light to a dog collar, running shoe, or backpack. One setting will keep the light burning bright while the other will create a strobe effect.

Strobe light, \$10. Pacers Running. 300Tingey St. SE. (202) 554-1216.

## 25. It's In Your Jeans

### LOCAL MAKER

A Crystal City-based inventor created these clever dips. Attach them to your cuffed jeans and it will keep pants tucked securely into boots (no more baggy knees!).

Stiruppz, \$18. Gossip on 23rd. 570 23rd St., Arlington. (703) 920-1498.

#### ROMANCE

##### 26. It's a Cinch

Lotus Blooms offers a dazzling selection of corsets from sizes XXS through 4X and larger. Make an appointment or just walk in, and staff members can help you find the best fit.

Silk road corset, \$209. Lotus Blooms. 2408 18th St. NW. (202) 836-4474.

##### 27. Better Chocolate Than Never

#### LOCAL MAKER

Enjoy a decadent treat by the D.C. area's first beanto-bar chocolate maker. The product is handcrafted in Woodbridge, Va., using exceptional ingredients.

Potomac chocolate, \$6.99. Glen's Garden Market. 2001 S St. NW (202) 588-5698.

##### 28. Wrap Sheet

The average person will spend a third of her life sleeping. Indulge in organic cotton sheets to ensure a comfortable night.

Sheet set, \$109 (queen). Euo Furniture. 301 Tingey St. SE. (202) 488-6298.

#### Kiss and Makeup

#### LOCAL MAKER

Before going out on the town, treat your loved one to a session with one of D.C.'s premier beauty gurus.

In-studio makeup application, \$125. Fyubi Makeup & Brow Studio. 1522 U St. NW. (202) 986-1000.

##### Two Can Play at This Game

Anyone can plan a sexy weekend, but 52 weeks of romance? That's something special. Wow your partner with an entire year's worth of flirty games.

A year of creative games for lovers, \$27. Secret Pleasures Boutique. 1510 U St. NW (202) 664-1476.

##### 29. You're Tutu Kind

#### LOCAL MAKER

The Washington Ballet presents a stunning version of the Nutcracker that evokes our nation's history with George Washington as the Nutcracker and King George III as the Rat King. The Washington Ballet's Nutcracker, ticket prices vary.

Performed at the Warner Theater. 513 13th St. NW. [urashingtonballet.org](http://urashingtonballet.org).

##### 30. Adora-Bowl

#### LOCAL MAKER

This hand-thrown bowl set was inspired by functionality and beautiful simplicity.

Bowl set, \$45. Kuzeh Pottery. 716 Monroe St. NE. Studio #18.

## THE ART OF GIVING

### All About that Vase

Artist Santodio Paz Juarez employs an ancient technique that uses a wooden paddle and a stone (instead of a potter's wheel) to create his stunning vases.

Curvas vase, \$85. Toro Mata. 2410 18th St. NW. (202) 232-3890.

### 31. Walk Up to the Club Like 'What Up, I'm a Peacock'

Artist Ben Ross started designing bowties when he needed groomsman's gifts for his wedding. The feathers are sustainably sourced in the U.S. and the bowties are handcrafted in South Carolina.

Peacock and pheasant bow tie, \$200. Renwick Gallery. 1700 Pennsylvania Ave. NW. (202) 633-6856.

### The Daily Grind

## LOCAL MAKER

Local artist and journalism veteran Kevin Cobb handmakes letterpress posters based on quotes overheard in D.C. newsrooms.

"Deadlines and coffee," \$12. Overheard in the Newsroom. [etsy.com/shop/OHnewsroom](http://etsy.com/shop/OHnewsroom).

### 32. Tech Support

## LOCAL MAKER

This handmade laptop bag will support your workaholic friend as he or she dashes to and from meetings in the District.

Felt and leather laptop sleeve, \$132 (13-inch) or \$142 (15-inch). Stitch & Rivet. 716 Monroe St. NE, Studio #3. (202) 340-3581.

### 33. This is Our Click

In one of the most brilliant moves in accessory history, this belt is one size fits all, making it an easy gift for anyone on your list. It doesn't have holes, but instead "clicks" into place

Slide belt, \$53. Avenue Jack. 1301 Connecticut Ave. NW (202) 887-5225.

### Gin and Bear It

Encourage the blossoming mixologist in your life with a homemade gin kit. The set includes the correct tools to ensure your friend's kitchen is the best gin joint in town.

Gin kit, \$52. Hudson & Crane. 1781 Florida Ave. NW. (202) 436-1223. , .

### 34. Tug of War

In this award-winning novel, Phil Klay explores the lives of soldiers fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan and the effects of PTSD on returning soldiers.

Redeployment, by Phil Klay. Kramerbooks. 1517 Connecticut Ave. NW. (202) 387-1400.

### Hanky Panky

A handkerchief is both classy and functional. Philadelphia's Forage Haberdashery handcrafts their kerchiefs in limited numbers using new, vintage, and deadstock fabrics.

Forage Haberdashery handkerchief \$32. Salt & Sundry. Union Market, 1309 5th St NE. (202) 556-1866.

### TANKER TAILOR, SOLDIER SPY

#### Nauti Buoy

Sailors originally wore the pea coat, and it remains a classic piece of apparel. This one was created with a wool-blend fabric and was designed in Britain.

Pea coat, \$149. Whiskey Ginger. 1603 U St. NW. (202) 791-0851.

### 35. License to Thrill

This Eisner Award-winning international espionage series will introduce you to field agent Tara Chase as she serves her queen and country.

Queen & Country: The Definitive Edition, Vol. 1, by Greg Rucka, \$19.99. Big Planet Comics. 1520 U St. NW (202) 342-1961.

### EXPERIENCE GIFTS

#### Per-SuedeYou to Take This

#### LOCAL MAKER

Business owner Katie Stack will teach your craftiest pal how to finish and dye a leather belt. She'll learn about edge beveling, burnishing, mixing dye colors, and applying finish.

Leather belt-making workshop (next class is Jan. 13), \$75. Stitch & Rivet. 716 Monroe St. NE, Studio #3. (202) 340-3581.

### 36. Free Failin'

Your partner swears jumping out of a plane is on her bucket list. Make that adrenaline-fueled dream come true with a tandem skydive.

Tandem skydive package, \$255. Skydive Orange. 11339 Bloomsbury Road, Orange, Va. (703) 759-3483.

#### Penne For Your Thoughts

#### LOCAL MAKER

Give the gift of pasta to that friend who's always wanted to open a restaurant. She'll learn how to make tortellini en brodo, cannelloni with fennel sausage, and braised veal cheeks Milanese.

Italian-style com/ort/ood class (next class is)an. 9), \$45. Urbana. 2121 P St. NW. (202) 956-6650.

#### Swing Both Ways

A trapeze class combines novelty, skill-based sport, core workout, and pure fun.

Flying trapeze class. Trapeze School New York (DjC. location), \$49-\$55. washing tondc. trapezeschool.com.

## KIDS

### 37. Winter of My Disco Tent

#### LOCAL MAKER

Alexandria-based artist Erica Deputy designs tents that encourage imagination and hours of play.

Play tent, tent frame from \$90; tent cover \$45. con/lictedpixie. com.

#### Snailed It!

If you were a '90s kid, you'll love this watch. Slap it on and it wraps around your wrist.

Snapwatch, \$12.99. Bloom. 1719 Connecticut Ave. NW. (202) 821-9049.

#### Elephantastic

Kids will delight in tracing and coloring eight different styles of elephants with Indian folk and tribal art traditions.

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## SHOP LOCAL

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### ABSTRACT

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### FULL TEXT

#### THE CASE FOR BUYING CLOSE TO HOME THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Not so long ago, a small business would think of competition in terms of a new store that opened down the block. Now, competition can be summarized in one word: Amazon.

Think of this common scenario: You walk into a local store and find an interesting book. The small business is selling it at the list price. You think to yourself, "I bet I can get this cheaper." So, you take out your phone,

open the Amazon app, and find the book for \$5 less.

What do you do?

Logic (and y.our bank account) would dictate that you go for the lower price, right? But if you think in terms of spending dollars as a "vote" for a store, what is the Cost of voting for Amazon or a chain store versus something that's independent?

D.C. is already seeing the effects. Looking at a May 2014 list of "D.C.'s 3£5 Best Independent Boutiques" on the website Racked finds that nine of those stores have since closed. Local businesses are not only fighting online retailers, but are also sweating out rent increases and thinner margins. In the meantime, some larger chain stores-especially high end (Dior! Gucci! Hermes!)-have moved in, giving the illusion of a city bustling with retail.

But the bottom line is that your dollars go back into the local econo-my when spent at small businesses. A report from the American Independent Business Alliance is unequivocal: "Independent retailers return more than three times as much money per dollar of sales than chain competitors." That means you can have a direct impact on D.C., your neighbors, and even your block when you shop at non-chain stores.

The not-so-secret news is that shopping local means paying a little more. The local Mom & Pop Shop isn't buying in bulk. It has to cover the cost of a lease, insurance, products, product loss, employees, maintenance, technology, packaging, and postage. But they still decide to give it a go. They still decide to keep a store running in a market that is attempting, at many turns, to push them out.

Supporting an independent store means competition for big box chains. It means in-depth product knowledge and the possibility that someone will know your name when you walk through the door. It means money will stay in your community. It means that the District won't turn .into one giant shopping mall.

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## \$50 AND UNDER

### Don't Take That Tone With Me

Discover the history of fashion through vivid Pantone hues.

Pantone on Fashion: A Century of Color in Design, by Leatrice Eiseman and E.P. Cutler, \$35. Lou Lou. 1601 Connecticut Ave. NW. (202) 588-0027

#### 1. That's Handy

Keep your nails on point with this pretty and functional manicure set.

Manicure set, \$49. Lou Lou. 1601 Connecticut Ave. NW. (202) 588-0027.

#### 2. In High Spirits

A perfect bar tool for the friend who doesn't have extra counter space: This brass-plated gadget is a corkscrew, jigger, ice hammer, and bottle opener all in one.

4-in-1 bar tool, \$38. Salt & Sundry. Union Market, 1309 5th St. NE. (202) 556-1866

#### 3. A Wrinkle in Time

An ideal gift for someone who's all about that pug life.

Pug clock, \$50. Cheeky Puppy. 1709 Connecticut Ave. NW. (202) 621-8868.

#### 4. A Supreme Effort

Admit it: RBG is your favorite Supreme\* Read about Ginsburg's life and work in this bestselling book.

Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg, by Irin Carmon and Shana Knizhnik, \$19.99.  
[Upshur Street Books](#). 827 Upshur St. NW. (202) 762-0380.

#### 5. Go Ask Alice

It looks like you're going to the library, but this book clutch will accompany you to cocktail parties all season long.

Book clutch, \$48. Vintage & Charmed Classic Clothing. Anacostia Arts Center, 1231 Good Hope Road SE. (202) 770-8303.

### ATHLETIC GIFTS

#### Hotline Bling

A mounted phone holder will keep a cell secure and protected from the elements.

Delta XL handlebar-mounted phone holder, \$26.99. The Bike Rack. 716 Monroe St. NE. (202) 832-2453.

#### Pop, Lock, and Drop It

For the friend who has had his or her bike swiped this year. This anti-theft system includes front and rear wheel locking skewers and a coded key.

Wheel lochs, \$64.99. The Bifee Rack. 716 Monroe St. NE. (202) 832-2453.

#### 6. Call of Booty

These camo leggings are made with an antibacterial fabric that wicks moisture. It means you can work up a sweat while looking fabulous.

Combat leggings, \$125. S3 Active. 1270 5th St. NE. (202) 215-8820

#### 7. Multi Flask

Give the gift of hydration to that (crazy) relative who is training for a marathon. This unisex belt is bounce-free and comes with four flasks.

Hydration belt, \$55. Pacers Running. 300 Tingley St. SE. (202) 554-1216.

#### You Confit Me

### LOCAL MAKER

Treat your furry friend to these artisanal dog biscuits made of oat, flour, roasted duck, cage-free eggs, and thyme.

Duck confit dog biscuits, \$10. Salt & Sundry. Union Market, 1309 5th St. NE. (202) 556-1866.

#### 8. Fleece Navidad

Dutchess REFUSES to be cold this winter? Make sure she stays warm on her walk with this cozy sweatfi

Dog sweater, \$45. Cheeky Puppy. 1709 Connecticut Ave. NW. (202) 621-8868.

#### 9. You Make My Heart 'Saur

This eco-friendly toy is for heavy chewers. As your dog plays, it naturally frays and works like doggie dental floss.

Large Brontosaurus chew toy, \$18. Cheeky Puppy. 1709 Connecticut Ave. NW (202) 621-8868.

#### 10.1 Shih Tzu Not

This gift may not be glam, but it's absolutely necessary for an urban dog owner.

Poop bag dispenser, \$4.99. Doggie Style. 1825 18th St. NW (202) 667-0595.

#### ThunderShirts Ho!

A ThunderShirt is designed to provide constant, gentle pressure on your pet's torso. The result is a calming effect that will soothe your scaredy cat during times of high anxiety.

ThunderShirt, \$45.49. Metro Mutts. 407 8th St. SE. (202) 546-7387.

#### CATS AND DOGS

#### 11. Back in a Flash

#### LOCAL MAKER

Artist Danamarie Hosier created a flash card game to help teach your little one the unusual creatures of the animal kingdom.

Under-Appreciated Animals flash cards, \$20. Analog. 716 Monroe St. NE, Studio #5.

#### 12. Writer's Blocks

Learning Mandarin becomes a game with these simplified Chinese character blocks.

Uncle Goose Chinese character blocks, \$46. Salt & Sundry. Union Market, 1309 5th St. NE. (202) 556-1866.

#### 13. Poker Face

Go all-in with this stylish Texas Hold'em set which includes 200 poker chips, two decks of 52 cards, and detailed instructions.

Texas Hold'em set, \$59. American Holiday. 1319 Wisconsin Ave. NW. (202) 684-2790.

#### Imagine Dragons

This strategy game gives kids eight and older the chance to imagine themselves in the mythical forest of Oragonwood where they encounter ogres, trolls, and (of course) dragons!

Dragonwood, \$14.99. Labyrinth 645 Pennsylvania Ave. SE. (202) 544-1059

#### 20th Century Fox

This family-friendly game lets players become a Manhattan real estate tycoon at the turn of the 20th century by building skyscrapers.

New York 1901, \$49.99 Labyrinth. 645 Pennsylvania Ave. SE. (202) 544-1059.

#### CROWN AND PARTY GAMES

##### 14. Katniss If You Can

Next time you kiki, bring out snacks and these cheese markers.

Arrow cheese markers, \$24. Hudson & Crane 1781 Florida Ave. NW (202) 436-1223

##### Slow Your Roe

Chef and restaurant luminary Jose Andres wants you to sample his caviar at your next holiday gathering. It's hand-collected by divers off of the Galician coast in Spain. ' .

Jose Andres sea urchin caviar, \$39.95. The Mediterranean Way Gourmet Market 1717 Connecticut Ave. NW. (202) 560 5716

##### 15. Basket Case

#### LOCAL MAKER

Bring a basket of goodies from Righteous Cheese and you'll be the belle of the house party, it features tasty edibles from local vendors in D.C., Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Virginia.

The Locavore, \$69.99. Righteous Cheese Union Market, 1309 5th St. NE. (202) 716-3320

##### The District Eats Tonight

Hill's Kitchen had napkins designed and produced specifically to delight D.C. locals.

D.C. napkins, \$4.99. Hill's Kitchen. 713 D St. SE. (202) 543-1997.

##### Get Your Serve On

Bring out refreshments on a beautiful floral tray. The vivid red hue of the amaryllis is perfect for the holiday season, but the tray can be displayed year-round.

Red amaryllis tray, \$85. Homebody/Forecast. 218 7th St. SE. (202) 544-8445.

##### Signature Piece

Want to remember your favorite soirees? Gift a Giving Plate. Guests sign and date it on the back, then it is passed on to someone else in your group to do the same.

Giving Plate, \$18. Gossip on 23rd. 570 23rd St., Arlington. (703) 920-1498

#### JEWELRY AT ANY PRICE

##### Pretty in Pink

#### LOCAL MAKER

Jeweller Rachel Pfeffer created a necklace that is less like an everyday accessory and more like a piece of wearable art.

Quartz with pink tourmaline and rose gold druzy necklace, \$124. Rachel Pfeffer Design Studio. 716 Monroe St. NE, Studio #13. (413) 522-2900.

## 16. Stone Cold Stunner

A dazzling statement necklace doesn't have to have a stunning price tag. This piece showcases the deep, mysterious color of winter turquoise.

Winter turquoise necklace, \$28. Bloom. 1719 Connecticut Ave. NW (202) 621-9049.

## 17. Fellowship of the Bling

## LOCAL MAKER

Alexander Calder was jeweler Dani Keith's inspiration for this elegant ring handcrafted in fine silver.

Calders ghost ring #3, \$65. (Dani Keith Designs). [danikeithdesigns.com](http://danikeithdesigns.com).

## Chew on This

Your teething child can gnaw on this babysafe bauble. It's also dishwasher safe.

Chewbeads, \$36.50. hunnybunny boutique. 311 8th St. NE. (202) 792-5209.

## 18. Pick Your Pocket

A pocket watch automatically ups a wearer's dapper factor This Omega Winding Pocket timepiece is the ideal gift for your most dashing associate.

Vintage pocket watch, \$228. Junction. 1510 U St. NW. (202) 483-0261.

## Oh My Goddess!

Getting dressed up is twice the fun with a doublebanded bracelet.

Double-banded goddess bracelet, \$15. Rosies and Rockers. 2001 13th St. NW. (202) 328-7625.

## 19. Wooden It be Nice?

This wooden ring hails from Tanzania. Its minimalist design means your outfit can change from day to night, but the ring can stay firmly on your finger.

Upogoupogo ring, \$30. Nubian Hueman. Anacostia Arts Center, 1231 Good'Hope Road SE. (202) 394-3386.

## LUXE GIFTS

## 20. Turn Down for What?

Elevate the luxury factor in any room with a 100-percent cowhide pillow that has a goose feather insert.

Saddle-leather pillow, \$262. Nomad Yard Collectiv. 411 New York Ave. NE. (929) 322-3397.

## 21. Force of Nature

Ceramic artist Jennifer McCurdy is inspired by perfect forms in nature.

Jennifer McCurdy vortex vessel, \$1199.99. Renwick Gallery. 1700 Pennsylvania Ave. NW. (202) 633-6856.

## Suit Up

Treat someone to the fantastic luxury of a custommade suit.

Custom-made suit, \$750. Blank Label. 1518 K St. NW., Suite 306. (781) 236-3559.

## 22. State of the Art

### LOCAL MAKER

D.C.-based artist John Brendan Guinan's "Dark Life" is part of his Art of Mourning series.

"Dark Life," by John Brendan Guinan, \$1150. Homme. Anacostia Arts Center, 1231 Good Hope Road SE. (202) 601-0885.

## LITTLE THINGS AND STOCKING STUFFERS

### Best Suds Forever

### LOCAL MAKER

hunnybunny boutique handcrafts bath and beauty products using all-natural ingredients. This lush soap is made with French rose clay and apricot kernel oil.

Rose clay soap, \$5. hunnybunny boutique. 311 8th St. NE. (202) 792-5209.

## 23. You Have to Be Kitten Me Right Meow

A line of captivating cats will make office work a little more adorable and appealing.

Cute cat clips, \$8. Analog. 716 Monroe St. NE, Studio #5.

### Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood

These candles represent neighborhoods in D.C., and each has its own alluring fragrance.

D C. neighborhood candles, \$34 (large) or \$18 (small). Hudson & Crane pop-up at The Shay. 1924 8th St. NW, Suite #135. (202) 436-1223.

### Wish You Were Hair

This leave-in product will moisturize and soften your bestie's beard.

Beard balm, \$28. Nomad Yard Collectiu 411 New York Ave. NE. (929) 322-3397.

### What a Hoot!

Everyone could use a pair of darling animal socks.

Owl socks, \$10. Willow. 843 Upshur St. NW. (202) 643-2323.

## 24. Light Bright

Clip this small light to a dog collar, running shoe, or backpack. One setting will keep the light burning bright while the other will create a strobe effect.

Strobe light, \$10. Pacers Running. 300Tingey St. SE. (202) 554-1216.

## 25. It's In Your Jeans

### LOCAL MAKER

A Crystal City-based inventor created these clever dips. Attach them to your cuffed jeans and it will keep pants tucked securely into boots (no more baggy knees!).

Stiruppz, \$18. Gossip on 23rd. 570 23rd St., Arlington. (703) 920-1498.

#### ROMANCE

##### 26. It's a Cinch

Lotus Blooms offers a dazzling selection of corsets from sizes XXS through 4X and larger. Make an appointment or just walk in, and staff members can help you find the best fit.

Silk road corset, \$209. Lotus Blooms. 2408 18th St. NW. (202) 836-4474.

##### 27. Better Chocolate Than Never

#### LOCAL MAKER

Enjoy a decadent treat by the D.C. area's first beanto-bar chocolate maker. The product is handcrafted in Woodbridge, Va., using exceptional ingredients.

Potomac chocolate, \$6.99. Glen's Garden Market. 2001 S St. NW (202) 588-5698.

##### 28. Wrap Sheet

The average person will spend a third of her life sleeping. Indulge in organic cotton sheets to ensure a comfortable night.

Sheet set, \$109 (queen). Euo Furniture. 301 Tingey St. SE. (202) 488-6298.

#### Kiss and Makeup

#### LOCAL MAKER

Before going out on the town, treat your loved one to a session with one of D.C.'s premier beauty gurus.

In-studio makeup application, \$125. Fyubi Makeup & Brow Studio. 1522 U St. NW. (202) 986-1000.

##### Two Can Play at This Game

Anyone can plan a sexy weekend, but 52 weeks of romance? That's something special. Wow your partner with an entire year's worth of flirty games.

A year of creative games for lovers, \$27. Secret Pleasures Boutique. 1510 U St. NW (202) 664-1476.

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Performed at the Warner Theater. 513 13th St. NW. [urashingtonballet.org](http://urashingtonballet.org).

##### 30. Adora-Bowl

#### LOCAL MAKER

This hand-thrown bowl set was inspired by functionality and beautiful simplicity.

Bowl set, \$45. Kuzeh Pottery. 716 Monroe St. NE. Studio #18.

## THE ART OF GIVING

### All About that Vase

Artist Santodio Paz Juarez employs an ancient technique that uses a wooden paddle and a stone (instead of a potter's wheel) to create his stunning vases.

Curvas vase, \$85. Toro Mata. 2410 18th St. NW. (202) 232-3890.

### 31. Walk Up to the Club Like 'What Up, I'm a Peacock'

Artist Ben Ross started designing bowties when he needed groomsman's gifts for his wedding. The feathers are sustainably sourced in the U.S. and the bowties are handcrafted in South Carolina.

Peacock and pheasant bow tie, \$200. Renwick Gallery. 1700 Pennsylvania Ave. NW. (202) 633-6856.

### The Daily Grind

## LOCAL MAKER

Local artist and journalism veteran Kevin Cobb handmakes letterpress posters based on quotes overheard in D.C. newsrooms.

"Deadlines and coffee," \$12. Overheard in the Newsroom. [etsy.com/shop/OHnewsroom](http://etsy.com/shop/OHnewsroom).

### 32. Tech Support

## LOCAL MAKER

This handmade laptop bag will support your workaholic friend as he or she dashes to and from meetings in the District.

Felt and leather laptop sleeve, \$132 (13-inch) or \$142 (15-inch). Stitch & Rivet. 716 Monroe St. NE, Studio #3. (202) 340-3581.

### 33. This is Our Click

In one of the most brilliant moves in accessory history, this belt is one size fits all, making it an easy gift for anyone on your list. It doesn't have holes, but instead "clicks" into place

Slide belt, \$53. Avenue Jack. 1301 Connecticut Ave. NW (202) 887-5225.

### Gin and Bear It

Encourage the blossoming mixologist in your life with a homemade gin kit. The set includes the correct tools to ensure your friend's kitchen is the best gin joint in town.

Gin kit, \$52. Hudson & Crane. 1781 Florida Ave. NW. (202) 436-1223. , .

### 34. Tug of War

In this award-winning novel, Phil Klay explores the lives of soldiers fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan and the effects of PTSD on returning soldiers.

Redeployment, by Phil Klay. Kramerbooks. 1517 Connecticut Ave. NW. (202) 387-1400.

### Hanky Panky

A handkerchief is both classy and functional. Philadelphia's Forage Haberdashery handcrafts their kerchiefs in limited numbers using new, vintage, and deadstock fabrics.

Forage Haberdashery handkerchief \$32. Salt & Sundry. Union Market, 1309 5th St NE. (202) 556-1866.

### TANKER TAILOR, SOLDIER SPY

#### Nauti Buoy

Sailors originally wore the pea coat, and it remains a classic piece of apparel. This one was created with a wool-blend fabric and was designed in Britain.

Pea coat, \$149. Whiskey Ginger. 1603 U St. NW. (202) 791-0851.

### 35. License to Thrill

This Eisner Award-winning international espionage series will introduce you to field agent Tara Chase as she serves her queen and country.

Queen & Country: The Definitive Edition, Vol. 1, by Greg Rucka, \$19.99. Big Planet Comics. 1520 U St. NW (202) 342-1961.

### EXPERIENCE GIFTS

#### Per-SuedeYou to Take This

#### LOCAL MAKER

Business owner Katie Stack will teach your craftiest pal how to finish and dye a leather belt. She'll learn about edge beveling, burnishing, mixing dye colors, and applying finish.

Leather belt-making workshop (next class is Jan. 13), \$75. Stitch & Rivet. 716 Monroe St. NE, Studio #3. (202) 340-3581.

### 36. Free Failin'

Your partner swears jumping out of a plane is on her bucket list. Make that adrenaline-fueled dream come true with a tandem skydive.

Tandem skydive package, \$255. Skydive Orange. 11339 Bloomsbury Road, Orange, Va. (703) 759-3483.

#### Penne For Your Thoughts

#### LOCAL MAKER

Give the gift of pasta to that friend who's always wanted to open a restaurant. She'll learn how to make tortellini en brodo, cannelloni with fennel sausage, and braised veal cheeks Milanese.

Italian-style com/ort/ood class (next class is)an. 9), \$45. Urbana. 2121 P St. NW. (202) 956-6650.

#### Swing Both Ways

A trapeze class combines novelty, skill-based sport, core workout, and pure fun.

Flying trapeze class. Trapeze School New York (DJC. location), \$49-\$55. washing tondc. trapezeschool.com.

## KIDS

### 37. Winter of My Disco Tent

#### LOCAL MAKER

Alexandria-based artist Erica Deputy designs tents that encourage imagination and hours of play.

Play tent, tent frame from \$90; tent cover \$45. [con/lictedpixie.com](http://con/lictedpixie.com).

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India's ban on The Satanic Verses in 1988 was "wrong", a former minister from Rajiv Gandhi's government has said, prompting Salman Rushdie to ask how long it will take for the "mistake" to be corrected.

Speaking at the Times literary festival in Delhi on Saturday, former finance minister P Chidambaram told an audience that "I have no hesitation in saying that the ban was wrong", the Times of India reported. The October 1988 ban from Rajiv Gandhi's government prevented the book from being imported to India, and is still in place. Chidambaram was minister of state for home when the ban occurred.

"This admission just took 27 years," tweeted Rushdie in response. "How many more before the 'mistake' is corrected?"

In a second high-profile vote of confidence for the writer, Barack Obama selected his latest novel, Two Years Eight Months and Twenty-Eight Nights, as one of his christmas choices in what has become a traditional, highly-scrutinised bookshop outing with his family.

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The two endorsements come at the end of a season in which Iran reaffirmed its hostility by withdrawing from the Frankfurt book fair in protest at the fact that Rushdie had been asked to give a keynote speech.

In his memoir, Joseph Anton, Rushdie writes that The Satanic Verses "was not examined by any properly authorised body, nor was there any semblance of judicial process", before the Indian ban was enacted, and that "the ban came, improbably enough, from the finance ministry, under section 11 of the Customs Act, which prevented the book from being imported."

"Weirdly," Rushdie added in the memoir, "the finance ministry stated that the ban 'did not detract from the literary and artistic merit' of his work. Thanks a lot, he thought."

Rushdie describes the ban as a "painful blow" in Joseph Anton, saying that "out of that pain" he wrote an open letter to Rajiv Gandhi. "This is no way, Mr Gandhi, for a free society to behave," he wrote. "What sort of India do you wish to govern? Is it to be an open or a repressive society? Your action in the matter of The Satanic Verses will be an important indicator for many people around the world."

In the memoir, which is written in the third person, Rushdie writes that he was "defending a thing he revered above most things, the art of literature, against a piece of blatant political opportunism". The letter ended: "You own the present, Mr Prime Minister; but the centuries belong to art."

The day after the letter was published, Rushdie's publishers, Viking, received their first death threat. In February 1989, Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini called for Rushdie's death as he issued a fatwa against him. In 2012, Rushdie was forced to pull out of attending a literary festival in Jaipur over threats of violence, and in 2013, his planned visit to Kolkata to promote the film of his novel Midnight's Children was cancelled, the author saying at the time that "the day before I was due to travel to Kolkata we were informed that the Kolkata police would refuse to allow me to enter the city. If I flew there, I was told, I would be put on the next plane back. I was also told that this was at the request of the chief minister."

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Rushdie reacted to news that Obama had had bought Two Years Eight Months and Twenty-Eight Nights, during his outing to independent bookshop [Upshur Street Books](#) in Washington DC, in robust form.

Responding to a Twitter comment that the purchase was Obama "thumb[ing] his nose at Ayatollah Khamene'i by very publicly buying @SalmanRushdie's latest", Rushdie asked : "Would it be wrong to think that there might be a reason for buying my book that is not related to Khomeini?"

The New York Times reported that the US president also took the opportunity of his Small Business Saturday outing to buy Jonathan Franzen's Purity, three young adult titles by Cynthia Voigt, and Jeff Kinney's eighth Wimpy Kid title, Hard Luck.

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### THE BIG IDEA:

The State Department posted 7,800 pages of Hillary Clinton's e-mails yesterday afternoon, the latest batch of the 55,000 pages that she sent and received while in office.

In this installment, 328 of the e-mails were withheld from public consumption because they are now deemed classified - the State Department says that brings the total number of messages partially withheld on that basis to 999. "All the messages designated as classified Monday were at the lowest tier, 'Confidential,' which is usually used for sensitive diplomatic communications," Politico's Josh Gerstein notes.

A few of the most interesting nuggets:

- Superstorm Sandy apparently knocked out the Clinton private server for two weeks in 2012, delaying her responses to several messages, including birthday greetings. Karen Tumulty recalls that it was this episode that led the Clintons to seek more IT help.

- One 2012 exchange underscores the belief within Clinton's high command that Hillary had erred in 2008 by not showing enough emotion on the campaign trail. Rosalind S. Helderman zeroes in on a note that Mark Penn, who was Clinton's 2008 chief strategist, sent after the Secretary of State testified before the Senate about the Benghazi attacks and famously asked: "... what difference, at this point, does it make?"

While Hillary's closest aides at Foggy Bottom were celebrating the hearing - they thought the boss crushed it - Penn warned that she had hurt herself. "I don't think the emotion in the hearing works to your advantage," he wrote. "Looks more like they rattled you on something no one outside the crazy right blamed you for anyway." Penn had prodded Clinton to come across as Thatchersque in her 2008 battle with Barack Obama.

- Exposing the battle lines from that battle, Clinton aide-de-camp Phillippe Reines forwarded it along: "Give. Me. A. Break.," he wrote to Clinton. "You did not look rattled. You looked real. There's a difference. A big one."

Deputy Secretary of State Jake Sullivan then replied to Clinton: "My problem with Mark's analysis is that it repeats the same flawed assumption that underpinned his 2008 advice; namely, that being yourself is risky," he said.

Hillary agreed, writing back: "BINGO!!"

- Bigger picture, Clinton stayed focused on politics even when she was officially out of it. "In March

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2011 ... Reines alerted Mrs. Clinton to her 65% approval rating in a recent poll. 'This is why we cooperate with so many profiles,' he wrote," the Wall Street Journal flags. "In 2009, a longtime supporter from New Hampshire, state Sen. Lou D'Allesandro, dropped by for a visit. In October 2012, her schedule showed a 15-minute phone call with megadonor George Soros."

- In another e-mail getting buzz, Clinton criticized the caucuses as "creatures of the parties' extremes": "If Mittens can't beat Grinch in Florida, there will be pressure on state Republican parties to reopen or liberalize ballot access especially in the caucuses, which as we know are creatures of the parties' extremes," she wrote in a 2012 email to Sid Blumenthal. (Mittens is Mitt Romney; Grinch is Newt Gingrich.) Will the Des Moines Register follow up?

- After Hillary suffered a concussion from fainting and hitting her head in late 2012, aides reached out to NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell and former Republican Sen. Bill Frist to help push back on conservative conspiracy theories. "Having a cracked head is no fun at all," Clinton joked in an email to Reines. "I reached out to both the Nfl commish [Goodell] (I remembered that his dad held your Senate seat) and Bill Frist," Reines told Clinton. "I enlisted their help in my ongoing efforts to undermine the John Boltons and Laura Ingraham's of the world who are belittling your health... just not letting these comments stand, no matter who says them." The Daily Beast notes that "Frist responded warmly, but there is no evidence that Goodell wrote back to Reines."

- In 2012, an aide sent Clinton a list of 94 countries she had not visited yet as Secretary of State. The subject line was "100 and counting ..." - an apparent reference to the nations she had visited. "With 7ish months left, plenty of time to run up the score on total countries," Reines wrote. "110 is a reasonable goal." (New York Times)

- Finally, the Secretary asked Reines what channel Showtime is on so that she could watch "Homeland."

Read the trove all for yourself: The State Department posted the full release here.

#### WHILE YOU WERE SLEEPING:

- Elizabeth Warren, still not ready for Hillary, is a glaring holdout. Thirteen of the 14 Democratic women in the Senate raised hands with Clinton at an event last night. But not the freshman from Massachusetts. "Her absence served as an awkward reminder of the frontrunner's enduring struggle to generate support and enthusiasm among an influential segment of her party's most liberal members," write Anne Gearan and Mike DeBonis. "It also illustrates the leverage that Warren holds in an election that Democrats are calculating will be waged on issues of economic advancement and fairness."

- Bernie Sanders is recovering at his Capitol Hill townhouse this morning after hernia surgery at George Washington University hospital yesterday. His campaign insists that he will vote in the Senate later today and be back on the hustings later this week. Sanders, 74, was campaigning as recently as Sunday night and often says he's blessed with good health. For what it's worth, I had outpatient hernia surgery three years ago, also at GWU hospital, and that's definitely not the kind of activity that my medical team permitted. My surgeon told me to stay off the campaign trail for two weeks during the summer of 2012, but then again I wasn't running for president...

The Vermont senator's first words after coming out of the recovery room were "Medicare for all," The Post's John Wagner reports.

- Coming attraction: Looking to force a veto confrontation before the end of the year, Senate Republicans will vote, as early as Thursday, on legislation that would repeal large parts of Obamacare and cut off funding for Planned Parenthood. "The strategy for leaders in both the House and the Senate has been to allow conservatives to vent their frustration with Obama through the reconciliation bill, which cannot be filibustered and requires only 51 votes for passage," Kelsey Snell reports. "The hope is that members will be satisfied with the vote and abandon any plans to try to defund Planned Parenthood or target Obamacare in the omnibus spending bill that must pass by Dec. 11."

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- Mystery in the Last Frontier: The newly elected mayor of Juneau, Alaska, was found dead in his home. Greg Fisk had just defeated an incumbent. A police spokesman said in a statement that the department "is aware of rumors" and "speculation" that an assault occurred in connection with the 70-year-old's death but said detectives are still "actively investigating," per Alaska Dispatch News. His body is being sent for an autopsy, and cops were spotted examining the area around his house with flashlights late into the evening.

#### THE LATEST FROM THE WAR ON ISIS:

A big escalation is possibly coming in Syria, as Obama mulls more boots on the ground: "The Pentagon will consider deploying more special operations troops to fight Islamic State militants if its pilot project in Syria shows signs of progress," a senior Defense official told USA Today last night in what appears to be a trial balloon. "The Pentagon last month announced that 50 commandos would be sent to northern Syria to advise forces battling the Islamic State. Sending that initial force amounts to 'breaking the seal' on inserting special operations forces in Syria and could lead to further deployments, said the official...The Pentagon will not comment on whether those commandos have arrived in Syria."

The White House named Robert Malley as its new anti-ISIS czar. He previously served as senior director at the National Security Council for the Middle East and Africa. Press Secretary Josh Earnest says Malley's role will be complementary to that of Brett McGurk, the State Department special envoy to the anti-ISIS coalition, per CNN.

U.K. Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn, after receiving what the BBC describes as a "thorough kicking" at yesterday's leadership meeting, granted his members a free vote on Syria, allowing them to back Conservative Prime Minister David Cameron's request for airstrikes and guaranteeing passage through Parliament on Wednesday. (Yesterday's 202 has the backstory.)

An "optimistic" Vladimir Putin said he and Obama discussed creating a list of groups in Syria considered terrorist organizations and a list of groups considered a part of the Syrian opposition. "French and U.S. officials said Russia's military operations have shifted slightly in a positive direction in recent days," per the Wall Street Journal.

Former top intelligence official criticizes U.S. invasion of Iraq and botched response to the rise of ISIS: "We were too dumb," retired Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn, who spent three decades in the Army before serving as director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, told the German newspaper Der Spiegel. "It was a huge error," he said of the decision to go into Iraq. "When 9/11 occurred, all the emotions took over, and our response was, 'Where did those bastards come from? Let's go kill them. Let's go get them. ... Then, we strategically marched in the wrong direction.'" Read the full Der Spiegel interview (in English) [here](#).

The U.S. embassy in Kabul warned American citizens that an "imminent attack" in the area is likely in the next two days, and urged those living in the Afghan capital to take extreme caution, according to AFP.

#### GET SMART FAST:

#### POWER PLAYERS IN THE NEWS:

#### THE LATEST FROM THE PARIS TALKS:

The president urges action. "Obama, who has staked his legacy on the fight against climate change, struck an ominous tone in describing the ravages of a warming planet, declaring that 'no nation large or small, wealthy or poor, is immune.' He urged leaders to take action even if the benefits were not evident for generations," Steven Mufson and Joby Warrick report.

"But there were also signs of discord as negotiators prepared to haggle over details of a complex treaty that requires all nations - even the poorest ones - to make a contribution to cutting greenhouse-gas pollution. ... Obama has already aligned most of the world's largest greenhouse gas emitters behind substantial cuts in greenhouse gas emissions, but over the next dozen days international climate negotiators must still nail down the details of an agreement that would strengthen existing commitments and introduce a way for

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countries to review and expand their commitments in the near future."

India may derail any deal. Negotiators for the world's 3rd-largest greenhouse gas polluter have, so far, publicly staked out an uncompromising position. The New York Times reports that Narendra Modi said climate change isn't India's fault during a speech yesterday, instead blaming "the prosperity and progress of an industrial age powered by fossil fuel." "During the climate change talks, India is expected to challenge the United States on three counts: To speed up emissions reductions by wealthy countries to compensate for emissions growth in poor countries; to pay more to poor countries to assist in mitigation plans; and to provide clean-energy technology to poor countries."

Meanwhile, as the politicians postured, heavy smog engulfed many parts of northern and eastern China on Monday. Here is a man riding his bicycle amid heavy haze in Fuyang:

#### WAPO HIGHLIGHTS:

- "Fear, faith and the rise of Ben Carson," by Stephanie McCrummen: "The rise of Carson toward the top of the polls in the Republican presidential primary race has baffled many political pundits, liberals and some within the GOP establishment, who find his positions short on details, and certain assertions ... But to see Carson from Mike and Toni Ledet's front porch, the reverse is true: To them, Carson is the only candidate who fully grasps what they see as the one reality that matters most - that America has fallen away from God. And while other Republican contenders express some version of that sentiment, Toni says it is Carson who seems both the closest to God and the furthest from Obama, who troubles her deeply ... In the life of Ben Carson, they see a man in tune with the will of God. 'A Christian attitude,' Mike says. 'A Christian-based physician,' Toni says."

- "Following U.S. indictments, Chinese military scaled back hacks on American industry," by Ellen Nakashima: "The Chinese military scaled back its cybertheft of U.S. commercial secrets in the wake of Justice Department indictments of five officers, and the surprising drawdown shows that the law enforcement action had a more significant impact than is commonly assumed, current and former U.S. officials said. The People's Liberation Army (PLA) has not substantially reengaged in commercial cyberespionage since then-Attorney General Eric H. Holder Jr. announced charges against the officers in May 2014, the officials said. It is still unclear, however, whether President Xi Jinping will be able to deliver on a September pledge to President Obama that China would not conduct economic spying in cyberspace to benefit its own companies."

#### THE 2016 NARRATIVE:

- Cruz v. Rubio battle continues to heat up. In the wake of the Paris attacks, the Florida senator attacked his Texas colleague for being weak on national security. Rubio was referring to Cruz's vote to limit government surveillance in the wake of the Edward Snowden revelations (and it's only fair to say, Cruz was one of 67 senators to support the USA Freedom Act's reforms). "There are Republicans, including Senator Cruz, that have voted to weaken those programs. That is just part of the record, it is nothing personal," Rubio said on "Fox News" yesterday. He repeated his comments after a Senate Intelligence Committee briefing.

Cruz fired back on the Hugh Hewitt show, taking aim at Rubio for his support of the 2013 Senate immigration bill. "I think the reason that Rubio's allies have resorted to false attack ads is they are very, very nervous about our surge in the polls, about the fact that conservatives are uniting behind our campaign, and they're even more nervous about all the scrutiny that people are focusing on Marco Rubio's longtime partnership with Barack Obama and Chuck Schumer pushing a massive amnesty plan," Cruz barbed. "And so I think they were looking to change the subject, and they believed that launching a false attack based on the USA Freedom Act was the way to do it."

Cruz defended his opposition to the government collecting metadata for national security reasons, saying "it is not necessary" to protect Americans by violating the "Constitutional rights of millions of law-abiding citizens. I don't believe the federal government needs to collect in bulk and maintain your and my phone records. That does not further national security. But the second thing the USA Freedom Act does is it

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strengthens the tools for going after the terrorists." Listen to Cruz's full comments on the subject here. And definitely look for more drama between the two senators in coming weeks.

- Ethanol could now emerge as a big issue in the run-up to the caucuses. In a move with political ramifications in Iowa, the Obama administration scaled back its requirement for how much corn-based ethanol must be mixed into gasoline in 2016. Already two years behind on issuing the quotas for the Renewable Fuel Standard, the EPA mandated that 18.11 billion gallons be mixed into the nation's gas supply next year - below the 22.25 gallon amount set by Congress in 2007. The move sparked an uproar in Iowa, where ethanol producers and Gov. Terry Branstad bashed it. "Today's announcement by the EPA was a gut punch for consumers and farmers," said Monte Shaw, executive director of the Iowa Renewable Fuels Association. Politico notes that the lower ethanol quota seems to have been influenced by an intense lobbying campaign by the oil industry.

- Trump met with African-American pastors, as opponents piled on. So after all the hubbub, The Donald did sit down with about two dozen at his Trump Tower in Manhattan, saying he saw "love in that room." But the planned press conference to roll out the endorsements of 100 black pastors never happened. Trump, though, talked to the press after the event (the number of endorsements wasn't offered). By his side was Omarosa Manigault, a contestant from "The Apprentice" and an ordained minister. And as the New York Times reported, some attendees were skeptical even before meeting with the real-estate mogul: "It appears as if he's a possible racist based upon some of the things he said about black America," said Brehon Hall, a preacher from Toledo, Ohio. (Video)

SOCIAL MEDIA SPEED READ curated by Elise Viebeck:

- SIGNAL VISUAL: In the Democratic race, Sanders was mentioned more than 2.8 million times across all media in November, compared with more than 2.2 million mentions for Hillary Clinton. What accounted for the difference in mentions? Our analytics partners at Signal Labs pass along some fascinating metrics. Some of the Sanders edge is attributable to a single Sanders-related Vine, posted by a Los Angeles radio station, which continues to dominate social media. It was shared more than 110,000 times of Twitter alone last month. Here's Sanders' word cloud for the month:

As for Hillary Clinton, the conservative Internet continues to mobilize against her, which makes mentions of her overwhelmingly more negative than positive on the Internet overall. Here is a word cloud tracking all mentions of Clinton during the month of November:

The race continues to look very different on TV than it does on social media. While Sanders received 57 percent of the Democratic chatter on Twitter, compared with 42 percent for Clinton, the former Secretary of State secured 54 percent of the month's television mentions among Democratic candidates. Sanders received 35 percent and Martin O'Malley received 11 percent - much higher than his 1 percent on Twitter. Here is a share of voice breakdown:

-Pictures of the day:

Speaker Paul Ryan debuted a new beard:

After Ryan's staff inquired, the House Archives said that Frederick Huntington Gillett was the last Speaker to sport a beard:

Gwyneth Paltrow praised this decision by the EPA:

Clinton supporters Zoey Verbese, 10, and Catherine Dooley, 9, wait for the start of last night's "Women for Hillary" event:

- Tweets of the day:

Bernie Sanders, who has in the past sided with labor union leaders over Latino activists when forced to choose (e.g. the 2007 immigration reform bill that he helped to kill), is trying to show that he gets it.

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The Donald jokingly mused about requiring CNN to donate \$5 million to veterans charities as a condition for him to participate in the next debate during a rally in Georgia last night. An NBC embed also shared this scene:

Rep. Charlie Rangel (D-N.Y.) marked a significant 65th anniversary:

Rep. Justin Amash (R-Mich.) attacked Rubio:

Sen. Mike Rounds (R-S.D.) pointed out that its snowing in Sioux Falls:

-Instagrams of the day:

Mike Huckabee was asked to sign Pez dispensers on the campaign trail, calling it "a first":

Sen. Steve Daines (R-Mont.) showed off the place he buys his boots in Bozeman:

Rep. Ryan Costello (R-Pa.) shared a photo of his son meeting Santa Claus:

#### GOOD READS FROM ELSEWHERE:

- New York Times, "Scope of national security inquiry is revealed," by Charlie Savage and Colin Moynihan: "National security letters, which empower federal investigators to seek certain customer records without court approval or oversight, were significantly expanded as part of the USA Patriot Act after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. In August, a judge ruled that the entrepreneur, Nicholas Merrill, could disclose what he had been asked to turn over if the government did not file an appeal within 90 days, and the deadline has now passed. Mr. Merrill revealed that the F.B.I. in 2004 ordered his company, Calyx Internet Access, to turn over all physical mail addresses, email addresses and Internet Protocol addresses associated with one customer's account, as well as telephone and billing records and anything else considered to be an 'electronic communications transactional record.' The order said the content of communications between the customer and others should not be handed over."

- New Republic, "Yes she can," by Michael Eric Dyson: "What can Hillary Clinton do for black people as president? She possesses neither her husband's performative charisma with black folk, nor Obama's undeniable blackness. She must instead wield the sort of power that politicians would, in a better world, solely rely on: public policy. If we were betrayed by Bill Clinton, and suffered dashed hopes under Obama, maybe, just maybe, we will get from Hillary Clinton what we most need and truly deserve: a set of political practices and policies that reinforce the truth that black lives must, and do, finally matter. On the campaign trail, Hillary Clinton has exhibited a greater sophistication about race, increased sensitivity about how blackness is lived in our country, and a deeper awareness of how the small brutalities of racism rend the fabric of the social compact after first spoiling the flesh of those at the bottom of society. If there were disturbing racial echoes in Hillary's first attempt to gain the White House, what's to guarantee we won't get blinkered in a fog of racial sensitivity now? Has Hillary Clinton changed? Have we?"

- Los Angeles Times, "There's no such thing as a 'male brain' or 'female brain,' and scientists have the scans to prove it," by Karen Kaplan: "Scientists examined detailed brain scans of more than 1,400 men and women. No matter which group of people they looked at, what type of scan was used or which part of the brain was examined, the researchers consistently failed to find patterns that set men and women apart. 'Although there are sex/gender differences in brain structure, brains do not fall into two classes, one typical of males and the other typical of females,' the team wrote in a study published Monday in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. 'Each brain is a unique mosaic of features, some of which may be more common in females compared with males, others may be more common in males compared with females, and still others may be common in both females and males.' ... Only 6% of the brains consistently ranked among the 'most male' or 'most female' in all 10 categories, the researchers found. On the other hand, 35% showed 'substantial variability,' with male traits in some regions and female traits in others."

- Motherboard, "Hacker obtained children's headshots and chatlogs from toymaker Vtech," by

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Lorenzo Franceschi-Bicchierai: "Hacked toymaker VTech also left thousands of pictures of parents and kids and a year's worth of chat logs stored online in a way easily accessible to hackers. ... Over the weekend, the hacker, who asked to remain anonymous, said that VTech left other sensitive data exposed on its servers, including kids' photos and chat logs between children and parents. This data is from the company's Kid Connect, a service that allows parents using a smartphone app to chat with their kids using a VTech tablet. In online tutorials, the company encourages parents and kids to take headshots and use them in their apps. ... While probing VTech servers, the hacker found tens of thousands of pictures of parents and kids. Some are blank, or duplicates, so it's hard to establish exactly how many are legitimate pictures. But the hacker said he was able to download more than 190GB worth of photos."

#### HOT ON THE LEFT

Nearly 15,000 people in Wisconsin have lost access to food stamps since Scott Walker required recipients to seek employment or job training in his budget this spring. The Wisconsin State Journal: "If you're an able-bodied adult without children living at home, you must work at least 80 hours a month or look for work to stay in the program. That rule went into effect in April, and between July and September, about 25 percent of the 60,000 recipients eligible to work were dropped from the program when the penalty took effect." "They will bankrupt our food banks," said Sherrie Tussler, executive director of the Milwaukee-based Hunger Task Force, a supplier of food pantries, soup kitchens and homeless shelters with emergency food.

#### HOT ON THE RIGHT

Alabama to pay Planned Parenthood's legal fees after trying to defund it. From the Montgomery Advertiser: "Alabama would pay just over \$51,000 in legal fees to settle a lawsuit brought by Planned Parenthood Southeast over Gov. Robert Bentley's attempt to cancel the organization's Medicaid contract, under an agreement filed in federal court Monday morning. The governor moved to cancel the organization's contract ... in August after videos surfaced alleging that Planned Parenthood sold fetuses and fetal tissue."

#### DAYBOOK:

- What's happening today on the campaign trail: Trump rallies supporters in Waterville Valley, N.H. Clinton speaks at an event marking the 60th anniversary of the Montgomery Bus Boycott in Montgomery, Ala. In Iowa, Jeb holds events in Dubuque, Waterloo and Newtown. John Kasich is in Nashville, where he'll speak to reporters. Marco Rubio visits Charleston, S.C., and Guntersville, Ala. Chris Christie stops in Londonderry, Manchester and Concord, N.H.

- On the Hill: The Senate meets at 10 a.m. and aims to begin consideration of the reconciliation bill as early as the afternoon. The House meets at 12 p.m. for legislative business.

- At the White House: President Obama is in Paris. Vice President Biden speaks at a charity-sponsored concert at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

#### QUOTE OF THE DAY:

Ted Cruz, asked about contraception at an Iowa town hall, said Republicans do not want to become "the condom police": "I have been a conservative my entire life. I have never met anybody, any conservative who wants to ban contraceptives. .... Heidi and I, we have two little girls. I'm very glad we don't have 17. And it's a great example when the war on women came up, Republicans would curl up in a ball, they'd say, 'Don't hurt me.' Jiminy Cricket! Last I checked we don't have a rubber shortage in America. When I was in college we had a machine in the bathroom, you put 50 cents in and voila! So, yes, anyone who wants contraceptives can access them, but it's an utterly made-up nonsense issue." (CNN)

#### NEWS YOU CAN USE IF YOU LIVE IN D.C.:

- "A constant cloud canopy maintains the gloomy sky situation today with intervals of rain," the Capital Weather Gang forecasts. "Temperatures creep up slightly warmer than yesterday with upper 40s and low 50s. Light breezes are variable in their direction. Rainfall totals today could range from 1/4 to 1/2 an inch

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throughout the area. Don't leave home without your umbrella. Raincoat and galoshes optional."

- Dissatisfaction among Metro riders increased from 67 percent to 82 percent in the first three quarters of 2015. (Robert Thomson)

- Gift ideas: We're late to this, but President Obama and his daughters went shopping for "Small Business Saturday" at [Upshur Street Books](#) in Petworth. The First Family purchased these nine books: "Purity: A Novel" by Jonathan Franzen; "Two Years Eight Months and Twenty-Eight Nights: A Novel" by Salman Rushdie; Cynthia Voigt's "Elske: A Novel of the Kingdom," "On Fortune's Wheel," and "Jackaroo: A Novel of the Kingdom"; "A Snicker of Magic" by Natalie Lloyd; "Stargirl" by Jerry Spinelli; "Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Hard Luck, Book 8" by Jeff Kinney; and "Dork Diaries 1: Tales from a Not-So-Fabulous Life" by Rachel Renée Russell.

#### VIDEOS OF THE DAY:

Funny Or Die imagined a trailer for a parody movie about Donald Trump:

Seth Meyers poked fun at Obama and Trump in his "favorite jokes" segment:

The twin pandas at the Toronto Zoo are growing fast:

Amazon released a video simulating its future drone delivery service (here are 8 details worth noting):

Here's a one-minute video of President Obama's motorcade rolling through the heart of Paris after dinner with Hollande:

Warner Bros. released a sneak peek at the trailer for its "Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice" movie. Watch here.

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## Barack Obama goes shopping during Small Business Saturday

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United States President Barack Obama buys books with his daughters, Malia (2L) and Sasha (2R) at **Upshur Street Books** in Northwest Washington, DC in support of Small Business Saturday, on November 28, 2015, in Washington, DC. Photo Credit: Aude Guerrucci/CNP/AdMedia Photo via Newscom

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## OBAMA FAMILY PATRONIZES SMALL BUSINESSES DURING HOLIDAY SHOPPING

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The following information was released by the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB):

#### President, Daughters Continue Holiday Tradition On Small Business Saturday

Small Business Saturday was popular with both the average US consumer and the First Family this year. The AP reported that President Obama and his daughters, Malia and Sasha, on Saturday visited local small businesses in Washington, DC, continuing the family's trend of shopping local for the holidays. The President and his daughters visited [Upshur Street Books](#) in Washington's Petworth neighborhood. While at the bookstore, the President purchased nine books. Following the bookstore visit, the President and his daughters visited Pleasant Pops market in the Adams Morgan neighborhood, which is "known for fresh fruit frozen pops." The Washington Post reported that the President had previously "patronized Politics and Prose" for the last three years, which is a "long established bookstore in upper Northwest Washington." The Post stated that it isn't clear what prompted a switch in the President's choice of bookstores, except that Upshur was "giving out baked goods, drinks and discounts, as well as hosting local authors, all day." Meanwhile, The Hill "Blog Briefing Room" blog provided a list of the purchases President Obama and his daughters made at Upshur, and indicated that the purpose of the visit is "to encourage consumers to shop at local and independent retailers during a weekend usually reserved for large, big-box retailers offering steep discounts."

#### What This Means For Small Businesses

Small Business Saturday offered local small businesses a chance to encourage customers to "shop small" by offering special promotions, discounts, and events. As the Post indicated, these types of events are popular with consumers at all levels, including the First Family. While the average consumer's purchases go unnoticed by the media, when a President shops at a local business, it can help draw positive press to both that establishment, and to small businesses as a whole by serving as a public reminder to "shop small" during the holiday season.

#### Additional Reading

The New York Times and Reuters also reported on the First Family's visits to local small businesses.

Note: this article is intended to keep small business owners up on the latest news. It does not necessarily represent the policy stances of NFIB.

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## Small Business Saturday attracts more shoppers

**BYLINE:** Sarah Halzack

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Small Business Saturday appeared to get a bit bigger this year.

Spending increased 14 percent to \$14.3 billion at independent retailers and restaurants on Saturday among people who were aware of the event, according to a survey conducted by the National Federation of Independent Business and American Express.

The event, the online survey showed, didn't just draw more dollars, it also lured more people: Some 95 million people shopped small on Saturday, and 8 percent uptick over last year.

Small Business Saturday was first cooked up in 2010 by American Express as a way to help mom-and-pop stores lure customers during a holiday weekend when big-box retailers are offering eye-popping deals. Since then, it's built plenty of high-profile support, including from President Obama, who took his daughters to [Upshur Street Books](#) and popsicle shop Pleasant Pops in the District on Saturday.

Enjoyed stopping by [Upshur Street Books](#) today. Celebrate Small Business Saturday by supporting a business near you. [pic.twitter.com/udTclhxtOC](http://pic.twitter.com/udTclhxtOC)

The increase in traffic and spending is perhaps a sign that shoppers weren't deterred by American Express's decision this year to drop one of the perks of the day: In the past, it had offered shoppers a \$10 to \$30 credit on their statements for shopping with participating retailers.

According to the National Retail Federation, some 151 million people shopped online and in stores of all sizes between Thanksgiving and Sunday.

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## The Obamas browse a bookstore; Kirk Cousins sips coffee on Capitol Hill - Which D.C. VIP had the best weekend?

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D.C.'s A-listers celebrated Thanksgiving just like the rest of us - with family, friends, food and unfortunately, traveling. From a relaxing day of store hopping to a battle on the football field, let's see which D.C. heavyweight had the best holiday weekend.

POTUS took his daughters shopping on Saturday - they purchased nine books at Petworth's [Upshur Street Books](#), and then trekked to Adams Morgan for some frozen fruit treats at Pleasant Pops.

Enjoyed stopping by [Upshur Street Books](#) today. Celebrate Small Business Saturday by supporting a business near you. [pic.twitter.com/udTclhxtOC](http://pic.twitter.com/udTclhxtOC)

It's #SmallBizSaturday! @POTUS headed to @PleasantPops and @UpshurStBooks to #ShopSmall. <https://t.co/AsD6YNkHwN> [pic.twitter.com/zlJUXhNJkH](http://pic.twitter.com/zlJUXhNJkH)

Obama senior adviser Valerie Jarrett relaxed at an Ellicott City coffee shop.

Redskin Kirk Cousins snapped a shot at his new favorite D.C. joint.

Had to stop at @ebenezers on the way home from the game! A new favorite spot of ours in DC [pic.twitter.com/PqyKcRAvFH](http://pic.twitter.com/PqyKcRAvFH)

Former NFL player Daryl Johnston was seen at DCA on Sunday night.

SPOTTED - @DarylJohnston catching a flight out of DCA Washington Reagan this evening #DMV @dallascowboys #Moose

"Dancing with the Stars" judge Julianne Hough was also spotted arriving at DCA on Wednesday, to spend the Thanksgiving holiday with her fiancé - Caps player Brooks Laich.

NICE ONESIE - @juliannehough looking relaxed tonight as she arrived into DCA Washington Reagan #DMV #DWTS [pic.twitter.com/xqBf5rWB6y](http://pic.twitter.com/xqBf5rWB6y)

The cast of Broadway's "Cinderella" toured the monuments on Saturday while stopping in the nation's capital.

Former speaker of the House John Boehner and current House Speaker Paul D. Ryan tweeted out photos of their respective family Thanksgiving celebrations.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours. [pic.twitter.com/vOwWOdbDUr](http://pic.twitter.com/vOwWOdbDUr)

From our turkey fryer to yours, Happy Thanksgiving! <https://t.co/mCtgjhVICp>

Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-Fla.) snapped selfies with the crew on her flight back to D.C.

Back 2 #DC this week after lots of #family at home 4 #Thanksgiving!Gr8 @iflymia folks make leaving a fun experience! [pic.twitter.com/ASuCsHm7FS](http://pic.twitter.com/ASuCsHm7FS)

Which D.C. VIP got our vote for best weekend?

Hands down, Redskins player Chris Baker, who was more excited about the team's win against the Giants

The Obamas browse a bookstore; Kirk Cousins sips coffee on Capitol Hill - Which D.C. VIP had the best weekend? Washington Post Blogs November 30, 2015 Monday 7:36 PM EST

on Sunday at FedEx Field than anyone else.

Great team win. Check out Chris Baker with the dance moves to celebrate. #DancingWithTheStars #HTTR  
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## For Obama, a new shopping haunt

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President Barack Obama, a diligent Small Business Saturday shopper, patronized [Upshur Street Books](#) in the Petworth neighborhood for the first time Saturday afternoon.

The uber-local independent bookstore, which opened in Washington, D.C., just over a year ago, highlights the city's "past and present, and work from local authors from poets to politicians."

The window of shop said "Shop Local."

-- Washington Post

For the past three years, the president has patronized Politics and Prose, a long-established independent bookstore in upper Northwest Washington, on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. While it is not clear what accounts for the change of venue, it is worth noting that [Upshur Street Books](#) was giving out baked goods, drinks and discounts, as well as hosting local authors, all day.

The first family purchased nine books, according to White House officials. The list of adult and young adult titles included "Purity: A Novel" by Jonathan Franzen; "Two Years Eight Months and Twenty-Eight Nights: A Novel" by Salman Rushdie; Cynthia Voigt's "Elske: A Novel of the Kingdom," "On Fortune's Wheel," and "Jackaroo: A Novel of the Kingdom"; "A Snicker of Magic" by Natalie Lloyd; "Stargirl" by Jerry Spinelli; "Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Hard Luck, Book 8" by Jeff Kinney; and "Dork Diaries 1: Tales from a Not-So-Fabulous Life" by Rachel Renée Russell.

After the president emerged from the bookstore, carrying a brown bag and wearing a collarless, pullover shirt, athletic shoes and windbreaker, he and his daughters returned to the motorcade's SUV and journeyed

For Obama, a new shopping haunt Chicago Daily Herald November 29, 2015 Sunday

to Pleasant Pops Farmhouse Market and Cafe in Adams Morgan.

Obama chatted with the Pleasant Pops's manager, Benjamin Thoen, opting for a strawberry frozen treat and declaring the desserts "the highlight of Small Business Saturday." After Thoen mentioned there are two store locations, the president retorted that counts as a small business "franchise."

Extracting cash from a money clip of bills, the president paid the \$9 tab and waved to bystanders on the sidewalk as he returned to the SUV once more. "Happy holidays, everybody," he told them.

Obama-gifts

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**GRAPHIC:** Associated Press President Barack Obama, right, joined by his daughters Malia, second from left, and Sasha, second from right, talk with manager Anna Thorn, as they shop at [Upshur Street Books](#) on Small Business Saturday in Washington.

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## Girls about town! Sasha and Malia hit the shops with Dad as he buys 'Diary of Wimpy Kid', 'Dork Diaries' and novels by Jonathan Franzen and Salman Rushdie

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- Family bought nine books, including Jonathan Franzen's Purity: A Novel
- Trio moved to the Adams Morgan neighborhood for a stop at Pleasant Pops cafe and market, where the president treated his daughters to fresh-fruit popsicles
- They were taking part in Small Business Saturday, which encourages shoppers to spend their holiday dollars at small businesses
- For more of the latest on the Obama family visit <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/obama>

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In the tiny **Upshur Street Books** in northwest Washington, the casually dressed Obama and his daughters browsed for books with the help of the store manager, Anna Thorn.

The post-Thanksgiving book-browsing outing has become an annual tradition for the First Family.

On Saturday in the softly lit shop adorned with Christmas lights, excited employees mingled next to platters of colorful cupcakes. Outside, cheery store windows featured books of fairy tales and a green handwritten 'Shop Local' sign. The bookstore opened last November

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'That sounds just really fancy,' Obama said, shelling out \$9 for the goodies - 'a bargain', he said.

'This was the highlight of my Small Business Saturday,' he said, smiling.

Part of the American Thanksgiving tradition is shopping for holiday gifts, with big box stores and shopping malls offering massive sales on Black Friday.

Small Business Saturday was created in 2010 by credit card company American Express to encourage people to spend their holiday shopping dollars at small businesses.

On Facebook, **Upshur Street Books** wrote Saturday: 'The President and his daughters bought nine books - a mix of classics and new pubs. Very exciting to have him visit ☐#UpshurStreet☐ for ☐#SmallBusinessSaturday☐!'

First lady Michelle Obama earlier kicked off the holiday season at the White House by welcoming this year's Christmas tree.

On Friday, workers were busy putting up an array of Christmas trees inside the grounds, while the Blue Room centerpiece arrived via a horse-drawn carriage by two men wearing top hats.

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While the Marine Band played, the carriage pulled up to the driveway of the North Portico of the White House. The first lady, along with her dogs Bo and Sunny, could be seen as she welcomed this year's tree.

The tree, which stands at 18-and-a-half feet tall, is a Fraser fir from Bustard's Christmas Trees in Lansdale, Pennsylvania. It was presented by brothers Glenn and Jay Bustard.

'It's beautiful. It's going to work,' the first lady said.

Mrs Obama said this year's tree will honor the military. She also wished everyone happy holidays and said she was hoping there will be snow soon.

Two days after President Barack Obama pardoned 'Abe' and an alternate turkey named 'Honest,' the transition to Christmas was in full throttle Friday at the White House.

The White House Historical Association credits Lou Henry Hoover with establishing the custom of decorating an official tree in the building.

According to the White House, Members of the National Christmas Tree Association have presented the official White House Christmas tree for display in the Blue Room since 1966.

On Thursday, President Barack Obama will light the National Christmas tree for the 93rd annual National Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on the Ellipse at President's Park in Washington D.C.

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## Money In Brief

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Black Friday store sales fall as more Americans buy online

WASHINGTON - Black Friday shopping is shifting from hours spent in line to more time online.

Sales at retail stores on Black Friday fell 10 percent to \$10.4 billion this year, down from \$11.6 billion in 2014, according to research firm Shopper Trak. And sales on Thanksgiving dropped by the same percentage, to \$1.8 billion.

A big reason for the decline is increased online shopping, as Americans hunt down deals on their smartphones, tablets and computers. And many retailers are offering bargains long before Thanksgiving, limiting the impact of Black Friday specials.

#### S. CAROLINA SHOPPERS TO PAY TAXES ON AMAZON

COLUMBIA, S.C. - A sales-tax break the Legislature gave Amazon in 2011 expires Jan. 1, making South Carolina the last state to collect among those where officials cut similar deals with the online retail giant.

Taxing Amazon's in-state sales could add tens of millions of dollars to South Carolina's coffers in 2016, said Max Behlke, the National Conference of State Legislatures' manager of state and federal relations.

State Revenue Director Rick Reames declined to give estimates beyond saying, "We expect a significant increase in sales tax revenues."

#### BRAZIL TO SUE BHP, VALE FOR \$5.2B FOR BURST DAM

SAO PAULO - Federal and state governments in Brazil say they will sue iron ore miner Samarco and its co-owners BHP Billiton and Vale for \$ 5.2 billion for the damage caused when a dam burst earlier this month, creating an environmental disaster.

Officials say the wave of mud that spilled into the Doce River on Nov. 5 left an estimated nine tons of dead fish, polluted 850 kilometers (530 miles) of waterways and contaminated the source of drinking water for hundreds of thousands of people in Minas Gerais and Espirito Santo states. At least 13 people died in the incident.

Brazil's environment minister Izabella Teixeira said on Friday that the companies will be sued to deal with the consequences of the burst dam over the next 10 years. She said the price tag could still be increased.

"Whatever was lost there is lost forever, the biological chain won't be reconstructed," Teixeira said.

#### OBAMA SHOPS AT WASH.

#### BOOKSTORE, POPSICLE SHOP

WASHINGTON - President Barack Obama is keeping tradition to support small businesses.

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The president emerged from the store with a brown shopping bag full of books.

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## Obama shops on Small Business Saturday

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## Obama shops at Washington bookstore, popular frozen pop shop

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**DATELINE:** WASHINGTON

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## Did American Express dropping Small Business Saturday credit hurt sales?

**BYLINE:** Joe St. George

**SECTION:** LOCAL

**LENGTH:** 246 words

RICHMOND, Va. -- Millions of shoppers across the U.S. participated in Small Business Saturday, the annual shopping day in which the focus shifts from major corporations to locally owned shops.

Even President Obama got in on the action shopping at a local DC book store.

Enjoyed stopping by [Upshur Street Books](#) today. Celebrate Small Business Saturday by supporting a business near you. [pic.twitter.com/udTclhxtOC](http://pic.twitter.com/udTclhxtOC)

-- President Obama (@POTUS) November 28, 2015

READ NOW: The Obamas reveal 2015 Small Business Saturday book

"We live in the area and like to support our local retailers," Susan Robertson said.

Robertson told CBS 6 she came out to Monkees, a woman's clothing store, because of the promotion surrounding the day.

"I feel like it definitely attracts a lot of people," Ethan Moore, a sales associate, said.

Moore said Saturday sales were some of the highest the store had seen all year. However, not everyone was breaking records.

"I think we were down just a little bit," said Jim Compton, President of J. Emerson Fine Wines and Cheese.

Compton put the blame on American Express which is not offering a credit to customers like previous years. He attempted his own \$5 rebate program.

"Not the same effect that it would have had, had American Express had given a rebate," Compton said.

Compton said the day is a great to promote small businesses, which in the era of online sales, still thrive.

"You can't trade this experience for an online experience," Compton explained.

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## Obama, daughters purchase prose and ice pops on Small Business Saturday

**SECTION:** WORLD

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WASHINGTON: President Barack Obama took his teenage daughters Malia and Sasha shopping on Saturday (Nov 28) for books and a sweet treat to promote Small Business Saturday, an annual event designed to boost holiday shopping at mom-and-pop shops. In the tiny **Upshur Street Books** in northwest Washington, the casually dressed Obama and his daughters browsed for books with the help of the store manager Anna Thorn. The post-Thanksgiving book-browsing outing has become an annual tradition for the First Family.

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**BYLINE:** By Daniella Diaz, CNN

**LENGTH:** 211 words

**DATELINE:** (CNN)

(CNN) -- As has become a post-holiday tradition, the Obama family visited a local bookstore in Washington to celebrate Small Business Saturday, an American shopping holiday held the day after Black Friday to celebrate and support local businesses.

President Barack Obama visited [Upshur Street Books](#) Saturday afternoon with his daughters Malia and Sasha, picking up nine books.

On the list:

"Purity: A Novel" by Jonathan Franzen "Two Years Eight Months and Twenty-Eight Nights: A Novel" by Salman Rushdie "Elske: A Novel of the Kingdom" by Cynthia Voigt "On Fortune's Wheel" by Cynthia Voigt "Jackaroo: A Novel of the Kingdom" by Cynthia Voigt "A Snicker of Magic" by Natalie Lloyd "Stargirl" by Jerry Spinelli "Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Hard Luck, Book 8" by Jeff Kinney "Dork Diaries 1: Tales from a Not-So-Fabulous Life" by Rachel Renée Russell

After their book stop, they stopped for ice cream in a nearby D.C. neighborhood, visiting the popsicle shop Pleasant Pops.

This is the first time the Obamas have visited [Upshur Street Books](#) for their annual shopping trip. The last three years, the president and assorted family members have stopped by another D.C. bookstore, Politics and Prose.

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## The Obamas go shopping on Small Business Saturday

**BYLINE:** Daniel Chaitin, Daniel Chaitin, Political Correspondent

**SECTION:** WHITE HOUSE

**LENGTH:** 214 words

President Obama celebrated Small Business Saturday by buying books and ice cream.

Saturday afternoon, Obama and his daughters Malia and Sasha drove out from the White House to visit [Upshur Street Books](#) in northwest Washington, D.C., according to pool reports. Obama had visited Politics and Prose bookstore in each of the past three Small Business Saturdays.

All three Obamas walked out with books in tow, including the historical fiction/adventure Kingdom by Cynthia Voigt, Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Hard Luck, Book 8, by Jeff Kinney, Dork Diaries 1: Tales from a Not-So-Fabulous Life by Rachel Renee Russell. They also picked up Purity, a novel by Jonathan Franzen, which according to its Amazon product description is about "youthful idealism, extreme fidelity and murder," and focuses in part on a struggling young girl named Purity who is "saddled with \$130,000 in student debt" and works for an organization that "traffics in all the secrets of the world."

Obama and his daughter also visited Pleasant Pops Farmhouse Market and Cafe and ordered ice cream popsicles. The total bill was \$9, which Obama paid for in cash.

Obama called the ice cream "the highlight of Small Business Saturday."

Small Business Saturday was first observed in 2010, and sits between Black Friday and Cyber Monday.

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## Obama's Bookstore Haul: a Franzen, a Rushdie and a Wimpy Kid

**BYLINE:** PETER BAKER

**SECTION:** US; politics

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**HIGHLIGHT:** Among the books President Obama bought during his annual Small Business Saturday outing was a Jonathan Franzen novel that includes an Edward Snowden-like character.

It may say something about the era that even in his pleasure reading, President Obama cannot seem to get away from the dicey modern issues of security and liberty.

Among the books Mr. Obama picked up during his annual Small Business Saturday outing was "Purity," the Jonathan Franzen novel that includes a character reminiscent of Edward J. Snowden and Julian Assange.

Mr. Obama has enjoyed Mr. Franzen's work before - he purchased "Freedom" for beach reading in 2010.

Mr. Franzen does not aspire to make a protest of the president's surveillance power with his Snowdenesque character, Andreas Wolf, who is described by Colm Toibin in the New York Times Book Review as "self-obsessed, manipulative and concerned with fame and power." Indeed, in an interview published in T: The New York Times Style Magazine last month, Mr. Franzen positioned himself in the middle of the debate.

"Obama's position is that it's just metadata and a rather small amount of metadata and that intelligent, patriotic people have talked it over and there are safeguards in place," Mr. Franzen said. "I can see both sides."

Of course, it is also possible that Mr. Obama bought the novel as a Christmas gift. Many of the other books that Mr. Obama, who was accompanied by his daughters, Malia and Sasha, bought on Saturday seemed intended for other, younger readers.

Among them were three by the young adult author Cynthia Voigt, "Jackaroo," "On Fortune's Wheel," and "Elske," all part of her series called Tales of the Kingdom. Also in his bag were "Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Hard Luck," by Jeff Kinney; "Dork Diaries 1: Tales From a Not-So-Fabulous Life," by Rachel Renée Russell; "A Snicker of Magic," by Natalie Lloyd; and "Stargirl," by Jerry Spinelli.

The other more grown-up book he chose was "Two Years Eight Months and Twenty-Eight Nights," a novel by Salman Rushdie.

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Mr. Obama usually stops by Politics and Prose, the city's longstanding bookstore, but this year opted for [Upshur Street Books](#), an independent bookstore that opened last year in the Petworth neighborhood of Washington.

Afterward, he and his daughters stopped by Pleasant Pops Farmhouse Market and Café for popsicles. The president chose strawberry and paid \$9 in cash from a money clip.

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## Obama realiza compras en librer

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WASHINGTON - El presidente Barack Obama mantuvo su tradición de días festivos de apoyar a negocios pequeños.

Obama y sus hijas Malia y Sasha visitaron el sábado la librería [Upshur Street Books](#) en el barrio Petworth de Washington, donde compraron nueve libros.

Los Obama hojearon libros en la sección de ficción de la tenuemente iluminada librería de muros verdes. Luces navideñas en miniatura colgaban del techo y brillaban alrededor del ventanal de exhibición al frente de la tienda.

El presidente salió de la librería con una bolsa de color marrón llena con sus compras, que según la Casa Blanca incluyeron novelas para niños y adultos jóvenes como "Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Hard Luck, Book 8", "Dork Diaries 1: Tales from a Not-So-Fabulous Life", "A Snicker of Magic", "On Fortune's Wheel" y "Purity: A Novel".

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En la bolsa estaba también la nueva novela de Salman Rushdie, "Two Years Eight Months and Twenty-Eight Nights".

La familia se trasladó al barrio Adams Morgan para comprar congelados de frutas en la cafetería y heladería Pleasant Pops. Obama ordenó una paleta de limón con frambuesa y jengibre, Malia prefirió galletas con crema y Sasha una paleta congelada de manzana con arándano.

Cuando la cajera dijo a Obama que debía nueve dólares, el presidente respondió "¡qué ganga!", y agregó "éste es el punto culminante del Sábado de Negocios Pequeños de las chicas".

Obama ha comprado en otras librerías de Washington, incluidas Kramerbooks y Politics and Prose como parte de lo que vendedores minoristas promueven como el Sábado de Negocios Pequeños.

El sábado después del Día de Acción de Gracias está designado para atraer clientes a negocios pequeños entre las compras del Viernes Negro y del Lunes Cibernético.

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## **New York: 67 Booksellers Named 2016 Winter Institute Scholarship Winners**

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Albany: American Booksellers Association has issued the following news release:

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Here, the American Booksellers Association announces the winners of 67 scholarships to the January 2016 Winter Institute in Denver, Colorado. Fifty-eight of the scholarships have been awarded to booksellers by the Winter Institute's publisher sponsors. Booksellers at all ABA member stores that did not receive a scholarship in the last two years were eligible to win a Winter Institute scholarship. This year for the first time, in addition to dropping off a business card at the ABA booth at a regional trade show, booksellers were able to submit their names for scholarship consideration via an online application process.

"The Winter Institute would not be possible without the generous contributions of our publisher sponsors," said ABA Development Officer Mark Nichols. "By enabling a record number of scholarship recipients to attend the event in 2016, publishers confirm their commitment to independent bookselling and we encourage all of our members to join us in thanking them for their ongoing support."

Once again this year, five ABA members have been awarded scholarships by the Book Industry Charitable Foundation (Binc), a non-profit dedicated to providing financial assistance to booksellers since 1996.

In addition, three booksellers will be attending Winter Institute 11 on scholarships honoring former ABA CEO Avin Mark Domnitz, who died earlier this year. One scholarship was awarded by ABA to a bookseller at a store participating in this year's ABACUS Survey, and two new scholarships were created from memorial contributions to ABA following Domnitz's death.

Candlewick Press has also again this year awarded a scholarship to a bookseller active in the Candlewick Handselling Indie Recognition Program (CHIRP).

Winter Institute scholarships cover the conference fee, up to four nights plus tax at the Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel at the special ABA rate, and transportation costs up to \$400.

#### Winter Institute 2016 Publisher-Sponsored Scholarship Recipients

Abrams: Beth Brown, Fountain Bookstore, Richmond, VA

Akashic Books/Red Hed Press: Emily Hall, Main Street Books, St. Charles, MO

Algonquin Young Readers: Allison Mengarelli, The Book Bin, Northbrook, IL

Andrews McMeel: Rosie Lee, Readers' Books, Sonoma, CA

Biblioasis: Matt Keliher, SubText: A Bookstore, St. Paul, MN

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Bloomsbury: Ari Gersen, Longfellow Books, Portland, ME

Candlewick: Lauren O&rsquo;Niell, The Booksmith, San Francisco, CA

Capstone Publishing/Charlesbridge: Shoshana Smith, The Reading Bug, San Carlos, CA

Chronicle Books: Hilary Jeffris, Depot Bookstore and Caf&eacute;, Mill Valley, CA

Coffee House Press/Tin House Books: Amy Mercer, Prospective Bookseller, Charleston Chapters,  
Charleston, SC

Consortium: Elisa Rivera, Changing Hands Bookstore, Tempe, AZ

Diamond Book Distributors/Image Comics: Kari Meutsch, Phoenix Books, Essex, VT

Disney: Elisa Thomas, Cellar Door Books, Riverside, CA

Dzanc Books/Catapult: Tom Beans, Dudley&rsquo;s Bookshop Caf&eacute;, Bend, OR

ECW: Judith Kissner, Scout & Morgan Books, Cambridge, MN

Europa Editions/Seven Stories Press: Ashanti White-Wallace, WORD, Brooklyn, NY

Graywolf Press: Anna Thorn, [Upshur Street Books](#), Washington, DC

Grove/Atlantic: Ruth Love, Aaron&rsquo;s Books, Lititz, PA

Hachette Book Group 1: Dawn Rennert, Concord Bookshop, Concord, MA

Hachette Book Group 2: Billie Bloebaum, A Children&rsquo;s Place, Portland, OR

Harlequin 1: Connie Brooks, Battenkill Books, Cambridge, NY

Harlequin 2: Joanne Berg, Mystery to Me, Madison, WI

HarperCollins Adult 1: Carolyn Hutton, A Great Good Place for Books, Oakland, CA

HarperCollins Adult 2: Lexi Beach, Astoria Bookshop, Astoria, NY

HarperCollins Children&rsquo;s 1: Amy Dean, Blue Manatee Children&rsquo;s Bookstore, Cincinnati, OH

HarperCollins Children&rsquo;s 2: Joel Crockett, Four-Eyed Frog Books, Gualala, CA

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt 1: Lacy Simons, hello hello books, Rockland, ME

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt 2: Beth Albrecht, Magic Tree Bookstore, Oak Park, IL

House of Anansi Press: Kendra Peterson, King City Books, Mount Vernon, IL

Ingram: Kate Layte, Papercuts JP, Boston, MA

John F. Blair, Publisher/Quirk Books: Kasey Cox, From My Shelf Books & Gifts, Wellsboro, PA

Lerner: Rebekah Hendrian, The Book Nook and Java Shop, Montague, MI

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Lonely Planet: Amy Daniken, Back of Beyond Books, Moab, UT

Macmillan Adult 1: Miriam Chotiner-Gardner, Three Lives & Company, New York, NY

Macmillan Adult 2: Greg Feitt, Chaucer's Books, Santa Barbara, CA

Macmillan Children's Publishing: Deserea Russell, Imaginations Bookstore, Columbia, MD

Melville House: Janet Webster Jones, Source Booksellers, Detroit, MI

Midpoint Trade Books: Susan Shoaff, Sustenance Books, Murphys, CA

Milkweed Editions: Chelsea Bauer, Union Avenue Books, Knoxville, TN

New Directions: Naomi Baird, The Book Bin, Corvallis, OR

The New Press: Lauren Zimmerman, The Writer's Block Bookstore, Winter Park, FL

New York Review Books: Deanna Quinones, Short Stories Community Book Hub, Madison, NJ

Other Press: Meghan Oliver, Norwich Bookstore, Norwich, VT

Penguin Group Adult: Matt Stowe, Greenlight Bookstore, Brooklyn, NY

Penguin Young Readers Group: Cristin Stickles, McNally Jackson Books, New York, NY

Perseus Books Group/PGW: Andrea Griffith, Browsers Bookshop, Olympia, WA

Random House Adult: Sue Boucher, Cottage Book Shop, Glen Arbor, MI

Random House Children's: Kym Havens, An Unlikely Story Bookstore/Cafe, Plainville, MA

Scholastic: Brenda Weaver, Hearthside Books & Toys, Juneau, AK

Simon & Schuster Adult: Sarah Baline, Kramerbooks, Washington, DC

Simon & Schuster Children's 1: Caitlin Luce Baker, University Book Store, Seattle, WA

Simon & Schuster Children's 2: Candice Huber, Tubby & Co's Mid-City Book Shop, New Orleans, LA

Soho Press/Beacon Press: Rachel Bellavia, Read Between the Lynes, Woodstock, IL

Sourcebooks: Alice Meyer, Beaverdale Books, Des Moines, IA

Steerforth Press: Samantha Haskell, Blue Hill Books, Blue Hill, ME

Sterling Publishing: Robert Moore, Oregon Books & Games, Grants Pass, OR

W.W. Norton: Kim Hooyboer, Elliott Bay Book Company, Seattle, WA

Workman/Algonquin Adult: Joe Holland, Warwick's, La Jolla, CA

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ABA Avin Mark Domnitz/ABACUS Scholarship

Melissa Oates, Fiction Addiction, Greenville, SC

Avin Mark Domnitz Memorial Scholarships

Kim Knight, Between the Lines Bookstore, Baton Rouge, LA

Yooree Losordo, On the Dot Books, Dorchester, MA

Book Industry Charitable Foundation (BINC)

Andrea Jones, Galaxy Bookshop, Hardwick, VT

James Crossley, Island Books, Mercer Island, WA

David Bradley, Letters Bookshop, Durham, NC

Veronica Brooks-Sigler, Octavia Books, New Orleans, LA

Christopher Hsiang, Compass Books, San Francisco, CA

Candlewick Handselling Indie Recognition Program (CHIRP)

Jesica DeHart, BookPeople of Moscow, Moscow, ID

A Meet-and-Greet for scholarship recipients and their sponsors is planned for Saturday evening, January 23, at the Tattered Cover Colfax store prior to the Wi11 Welcome Reception.

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## President Obama Celebrates Small Business Saturday

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Aude Guerrucci-Pool/Getty Images(WASHINGTON) -- Following the chaos of Black Friday, shoppers headed to the local mom and pop stores on Saturday.

Between Black Friday and Cyber Monday comes Small Business Saturday, a day to raise awareness for local retailers, and a day for shoppers to buy gifts for the holidays.

President Obama and his two daughters, Sasha and Malia, spent some time shopping on Saturday, making stops at a small bookstore called [Upshur Street Books](#), and a popsicle shop called Pleasant Pops where a worker recommended the shop favorite, a Strawberry Ginger Lemonade popsicle.

The event was launched by American Express in 2010, and in 2014 shoppers spent about \$14.3 billion on the special day.

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## Budget-minded food writer riffs on shopping right, eating cheaply

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But if you have a box of pancake mix, you have the makings of pancakes. I find myself pushing against this idea that cooking is so hard, that it takes this particular expertise, or that our food and our pleasure is something that has to be in the hands of someone else, that we can't do it for ourselves. I think that absolutely anyone can. Q. Where do you point people who are trying to jump in? A. If I have access to the person, I ask, what are your favorite things to eat? Just start there. And think about how to master just three to four things that you can put on the table fairly quickly.

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More important is, you should buy only things that you have a lot of uses for. Yogurt is an incredible thing, but if you buy those little tubs of Key-lime-flavored yogurt, all you ever have is a little snack. That's all it can ever be. Q. If they're cooking from scratch more, how do you help people avoid food waste? A. One of the ways is to just make sure that you look in the fridge and see what you have before you go out and get a bunch of new stuff. I want people to have that experience, which is very empowering, of just coming home and not looking up a recipe, but saying: "What do we have? We've got wilted spinach and half a tomato and

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Even though theirs is the real experience! I wouldn't be bothered by them if we also heard stories about people actually living with hunger or people using brilliant, creative ways to deal with it. **DECONSTRUCTED CABBAGE ROLLS** 8 to 10 servings This play on Eastern European cabbage rolls turns them into an easy casserole of rice, lentils, cabbage and tomato sauce. The original recipe includes a little fresh sausage for flavor; this adaptation uses vegan sausage - which you can omit, as you like.

**Ingredients** 1 tablespoon olive oil, plus more for the casserole dish and for drizzling One 3-to-4-ounce link spicy vegan sausage, such as Field Roast Mexican Chipotle brand, chopped (optional) 1 medium onion, chopped 4 cloves garlic, finely chopped 1 teaspoon Spanish smoked paprika (pimenton, sweet or hot; optional) 1 small or 1-2 large green cabbage (about 11-4 pounds), cored and chopped (about 6 cups) 1-2 teaspoon fine sea salt, plus more as needed 1-2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper, plus more as needed 3 cups cooked white rice 4 cups cooked green or brown lentils, drained 1 tablespoon za'atar (may substitute your favorite savory spice blend; see headnote) 31-2 cups canned no-salt added tomatoes, pureed (from a 28-ounce can; may substitute your favorite homemade tomato sauce) 1-2 cup plain dried bread crumbs (optional) Parsley or microgreens, for garnish (optional) **Steps** Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Lightly grease a large, deep-sided casserole dish with oil. Pour the tablespoon of oil into a large skillet over medium heat.

Once the oil shimmers, add the vegan sausage, if using, and cook for a minute or two, stirring, until browned. Use a slotted spoon to transfer the sausage to a large bowl. Add the onion and the garlic to the skillet and cook, stirring occasionally, until the onion turns translucent, about 3 minutes.

Sprinkle in the paprika, if using, and cook for another minute.

Add the cabbage and cook, stirring occasionally, until it is tender enough to be easily pierced with a fork, 5 minutes. Add the 1-2 teaspoon each of salt and pepper, and remove from the heat.

While the cabbage cooks, mix the rice and lentils with the sausage, if using, and the za'atar, plus a pinch each of salt and pepper.

Make sure to taste as you go; if the cabbage and the rice-lentil mixture are tasty, the combination will be, too. Spread half of the lentil-rice mixture in an even layer in the casserole dish. Spread half of the cabbage mixture on top. As evenly as possible, spoon half of the pureed tomatoes over everything.

Repeat the layers and sprinkle with more salt, pepper and/or za'atar, if desired. Sprinkle the bread crumbs on top, if using, and drizzle with a little oil. Bake until the casserole is hot and bubbly, about 30 minutes.

Garnish each portion with parsley or microgreens, if desired. Serve warm.

**Notes:** Za'atar is a Middle Eastern spice blend available from good spice shops and from Kalustyans.com and Penzeys.com. The rice and lentils can be cooked and refrigerated for up to 1 week before assembling the casserole. The casserole can be refrigerated for up to 3 days before baking.

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## delicious food on \$4 a day.

**BYLINE:** Joe Yonan

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When Leanne Brown decided to create a cookbook as her thesis project for her master's degree in food studies at New York University, she had no idea that she was about to become a publishing phenomenon. Brown, 30, who wrote the book to help food-stamp recipients learn how to cook delicious meals on their allotted \$4 a day, posted it as a free PDF on her Web site in spring 2014. The thing went viral, with 100,000 downloads in the first few weeks and a cool half-million in the first six months. She raised almost \$150,000 via Kickstarter to print the book and to fund her "buy one, give one" campaign, in which each copy sold would also pay for another to be donated to a low-income recipient who needed it.

A second edition of "Good and Cheap: Eat Well on \$4 a Day" was released in the summer by Workman Publishing (which is continuing the charitable endeavor), with 30 new recipes, and Brown is traveling the country to spread the gospel of cooking and share her stories of working with cooks who are trying to work within extremely limited means. I interviewed her recently in front of a packed house at [Upshur Street Books](#) in Petworth; this is an edited excerpt from our conversation.

You've said the main obstacle to getting good food on your table doesn't have to be money. What do you mean by that?

Food in its most raw and basic stage is very inexpensive, but you have to know how to deal with it. People see the term "cooking from scratch," and they think, "Oh, God, hours in the kitchen, and I can't do that," but food in its most raw state also has the most potential to be all kinds of other things. If you have a few basic items - if you have rice, a can of tomatoes, some beans, some eggs - you have the makings of 500 meals. It's extraordinary. But if you have a box of pancake mix, you have the makings of - pancakes. I find myself pushing against this idea that cooking is so hard, that it takes this particular expertise, or that our food and our pleasure is something that has to be in the hands of someone else, that we can't do it for ourselves. I think that absolutely anyone can. People will say, "Oh, I'm a terrible cook," but I don't believe that.

What do you think that's about?

Usually what's at the heart of it is fear, some primal experience, often that has nothing to do with your ability to cook. I was talking to a woman the other day, and she said, "Oh, well, I almost poisoned someone one time." I said, "Tell me more," and she eventually let it be known that it was actually that this person just hadn't let her know about a food allergy. I said, "That doesn't mean you're a bad cook; it's just an unfortunate situation." But we carry these sorts of things around with us.

So where do you point people who are trying to jump in?

If I have access to the person, I ask, what are your favorite things to eat? Just start there. And think about how to master just three to four things that you can put on the table fairly quickly. Start with something that you really love, and try to have success with something, because I think we're all motivated by success. You need to let yourself have a good time.

I feel like people overstate how little time they have to cook, when often it's about prioritizing.

Yeah, for sure. I think the bigger barrier, even bigger than time spent in the kitchen, is time spent getting and maintaining a pantry. You have to have stuff so you can create meals easily when you are hungry, and it takes time to go and get all those things and then to plan. We want to go to the grocery store and get things that take less time, but so many things are rip-offs, not only in terms of how much they cost but how much time they supposedly save.

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Pasta sauce makes me crazy. There are these products that claim, "We're the fastest ever." A can of tomatoes with a little bit of garlic - and I like to add chili flakes - will be done by the time your water is boiled for your pasta, so why are you buying that jar of sauce that is twice as expensive and tastes horrible because it has sugar and random garbage in it?

What other tips can help people save money? What about buying in bulk?

It depends on how many people you're feeding, how much storage space you have, that kind of thing. Also, how perishable is the item? Plus, you need to compare the unit price. Sometimes the bulk stuff actually isn't a better deal. More important is, you should buy only things that you have a lot of uses for. Yogurt is an incredible thing, but if you buy those little tubs of Key-lime-flavored yogurt, all you ever have is a little snack. That's all it can ever be. A tub of plain yogurt? You can squeeze out some of the water to have Greek yogurt, or go a little longer and have cheese. You can make raita [the cooling Indian side dish] out of it, add veggies to it and have a wonderful sauce. You can sweeten it. Of course, you can make your own Key-lime-flavored one. You can add a dollop of jam. You can add blueberries, or whatever. You can freeze it and have frozen yogurt! Just give yourself options.

If they're cooking from scratch more, how do you help people avoid food waste?

One of the ways is to just make sure that you look in the fridge and see what you have before you go out and get a bunch of new stuff. There are many things in my book that, once you know how to make the thing, you can put whatever you want in it. I want people to have that experience, which is very empowering and very wonderful, of just coming home and not looking up a recipe, but saying: "What do we have? We've got wilted spinach and half a tomato and that weird broccoli with spicy sauce from earlier in the week. I think these can all go in this egg dish."

What do you think about these food-stamp challenges that celebrities like Gwyneth Paltrow and Cory Booker have done?

At their best, they can bring tremendous awareness to the subject and often raise a lot of money. At their worst, they can be insulting and seem like the celebrity is playing at being poor, and that is offensive and, I think, very upsetting to a lot of people I've spoken to. I wouldn't be bothered by the challenges if they weren't the only time we talked about living on a food-stamps budget. Why are we talking about Gwyneth's experience and Cory Booker's and not all these other people's? We're saying they're important and that 46 million Americans, 15 percent of the population, their experience doesn't matter. Even though theirs is the real experience! I wouldn't be bothered by them if we also heard stories about people actually living with hunger or people using brilliant, creative ways to deal with it.

Who's someone whose story has really stuck with you?

My favorite story is about Brenda, a wonderful woman who wrote to me last summer during the Kickstarter campaign. She is a grandmother. She lives in a small town in Texas and is the sole caretaker for her two grandchildren, and all of them live on her retirement income.

When she first wrote to me, she said she was getting my book. She said: "Almost every month, I have to go to the food pantry. In this town of 800 people, the food pantry doesn't have a heck of a lot. The options are really sugary, really highly processed foods. It's just not the kind of stuff I want to feed to my 8- and 10-year-old grandchildren, but I have to."

She got back in touch with me this past Easter and gave me an update on their lives. It was really amazing. She said: "We haven't been to the food pantry in five months. I've lost over 40 pounds. I'm off my diabetes medication and my heart medication." I didn't even know she was trying to do that! She said, "We're happier and we're healthier." I'd love people to know more about Brenda than about Gwyneth when they think about this kind of thing.

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## In NW, an i n d ie bookstore with a twist

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In August 2014 , D.C. businessman Paul Ruppert launched a Kickstarter campaign to help fund his latest project: an independent bookstore.

He already had two businesses right across the street from each other on Upshur Street NW: a bar, Petworth Citizen, and a restaurant, Crane & Turtle.

By September, with help from 369 Kickstarter backers, the bookstore got the remaining \$20,000 it needed to move forward. (In total, it cost about \$200,000 to get the store going. In addition to Kickstarter, Ruppert used his own funds and a grant from the Great Streets program, the District's commercial revitalization effort.)

When [Upshur Street Books](#) (827 Upshur St. NW) opened on Nov. 1, 2014, a line of customers was waiting outside. Since then the one-room store has been working to establish itself among Washington's independent bookstores.

"A bookstore, for me, is a place where there can be a cultural conversation," says Ruppert, who saw a need for "a neighborhood-focused bookstore that would attract people from beyond the neighborhood."

Upshur prides itself on trying to offer the unexpected. And if you're looking for book readings with a twist, this

store is worth checking out.

It has held cupcake tastings; yoga classes with studios Sadie Leigh Dance and Yoga, Yoga Heights and Lighthouse Yoga; a mixology lesson from Jacob Grier, author of "Cocktails on Tap: The Art of Mixing Spirits and Beer"; and a 33-hour marathon reading of James Joyce's "Ulysses."

The "Ulysses" reading was held at Petworth Citizen, which has more space, including its own 3,000-book reading room. [Upshur Street Books](#) has also held documentary screenings and readings with the poetry organization Split This Rock.

General manager Anna Thorn, who once worked at the well-known Politics and Prose bookstore, says Upshur's programming is "not just someone talking at you from behind the podium, and we want to expand on that."

For example, this fall (Oct. 19) the store is set to host cartooning classes for adults with area artist Adam Dwight.

It also offers children's programming, including singalongs and Spanish-language arts and crafts workshops and story hours.

"We're able to support a lot of emerging authors, especially local authors, so it's definitely the right audience," Thorn says of the community. She lives about three blocks from the store.

Ruppert says he wanted "a place where people can come and they don't have to buy anything."

"I can remember being a young college graduate and not having very much money and going to Olsson's or Kramer's [bookstores] and hanging out for a couple of hours on a Friday night and reading, so that was definitely part of it."

After nearly a year, Ruppert says, "Anna and I and the rest of the crew feel like we're finally getting our feet underneath us."

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**ARMENIAN FOOD FESTIVAL:** 67th annual event celebrating Armenian food and culture. Thursday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and 5-9 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sunday, noon-4 p.m. Free; food and drinks available to purchase. St. Mary Armenian Church, 4125 Fessenden St. NW. 202-363-1923. [www.stmaryaac.org](http://www.stmaryaac.org).

**CHEFS TAKE A STAND:** Event to raise awareness about domestic violence, featuring food, cocktails and a silent auction. VIP option also available. 7-9:30 p.m. \$125. Carnegie Library, 801 K St. NW. [nnev.org/ctas](http://nnev.org/ctas).

**ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:** Busboys and Poets celebrates 10 years with music, dancing, poetry, food, drinks and more. Early reception tickets also available. 8 p.m.-midnight. \$45. Busboys and Poets (Brookland), 625 Monroe St. NE. 202-636-7230. [www.busboysandpoets.com](http://www.busboysandpoets.com).

**BARBECUE PIG ROAST:** Fundraiser dinner benefiting the Claude Moore Colonial Farm, with live music, 18th-century dance, a silent auction and a beer tasting. 6-9 p.m. Adults \$35, farm volunteers \$25, children younger than 6 free. Claude Moore Colonial Farm at Turkey Run (6310 Colonial Farm Rd.), 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean. 703-442-7557. [www.1771.org/fundraiser](http://www.1771.org/fundraiser).

**OKTOBERFEST:** Bavarian-style celebration featuring drink specials, traditional foods, German music and more. Friday to Sunday. Free admission; beer and food available to purchase. Döner Bistro, 1654 Columbia Rd. 202-462-8355. [www.doener-usa.com](http://www.doener-usa.com).

**TASTE OF GEORGETOWN:** More than 35 restaurants provide food and drink samples. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Free admission; \$5 per food tasting and \$4 per drink tasting. Online pre-sale specials also available. Georgetown Waterfront Park, Water Street from 31st Street NW to Key Bridge. [dyoung@georgetowndc.com](mailto:dyoung@georgetowndc.com) [www.tasteofgeorgetown.com](http://www.tasteofgeorgetown.com).

**TEA CLASS:** A discussion and tasting of single-origin black teas. 1-3 p.m. \$30. Colvin Run Mill, 10017 Colvin Run Rd., Great Falls. 703-759-2771. [greatfallsteagarden.com](http://greatfallsteagarden.com).

**COOKBOOK TALK:** Cook and scholar Leanne Brown discusses her new cookbook, "Good and Cheap: Eat Well on \$4 a Day," with The Post's Joe Yonan. 7 p.m. Free. **Upshur Street Books**, 827 Upshur St. NW. [on.fb.me/1FfUzFj](https://www.facebook.com/1FfUzFj).

**PRESERVING WITH MRS. WHEELBARROW:** Cathy Barrow, author of "Mrs. Wheelbarrow's Practical Pantry," leads a class on preserving peppers. 6:45-8:45 p.m. General admission \$60, members \$50. S. Dillon Ripley Center, 1100 Jefferson Dr. SW. 202-633-3030. [www.smithsonianassociates.org](http://www.smithsonianassociates.org).

**WINE DINNER:** Special menu paired with Foxen wines. 6:30 p.m. \$89.95, including tax and gratuity. Russia House Restaurant, 724 Pine St., Herndon. 703-787-8880. [www.russiahouserestaurant.com](http://www.russiahouserestaurant.com).

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**EMBASSY NIGHT 2015:** A reception and dinner seeking to bring together business leaders,

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executives and embassy representatives. 4:30-8:30 p.m. \$175 for members, \$225 for non-members. Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave. NW.  
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Submit event listings at [www.washingtonpost.com/gog/talk-to-us.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/gog/talk-to-us.html) at least 14 days in advance.

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Local Artist Holds Book Signing Northern Virginia based author, activist, and scholar Eric Lotke will host a book talk about his newest release, "Making Manna," with a signing and question and answer session. "Making Manna" is an uplifting tale of triumph over economic and criminal injustice. It explores the depths of betrayal, and the human capacity to love, forgive, and flourish in the face of heartbreaking odds. The event will take place at [Upshur Street Books](#), 827 Upshur St NW, on Sept. 15 from 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. The event is free of charge and copies of Lotke's novel will be available for purchase. Lotke's books include "Making Manna," "The Real War on Crime," and "2044: The Problem isn't Big Brother, it's Big Brother, Inc."

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Vocal Arts Concert

For Vocal Arts DCs 25th Anniversary Season, the concert series will present a concert on Sept. 12 at 7 p.m. at the Kennedy Center Terrace Theater, 2700 F St NW, featuring mezzo-soprano Susan Graham, accompanied at the piano by composer Jake Heggie. The two will perform the world premiere of a song

cycle. Iconic Legacies: First Ladies at the Smithsonian. The program will also include Robert Schumann's song cycle *Frauenliebe und -Leben* (Woman's Love & Life), the cycle *Les nuits d'été* (Summer Nights) of Hector Berlioz and a selection of songs by Ned Rorem. Tickets cost \$50 at the Kennedy Center Box Office, by phone at 202-467-4600, or online at [kennedy-center.org](http://kennedy-center.org). Subscribers for Vocal Arts DC 2015/2016 25th Anniversary season can save up to 18 percent less per recital over the cost of single tickets. For more information, visit [vocalartsdc.org](http://vocalartsdc.org), or call 202-669-1463.

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#### CHAW Stage Play

The Capitol Hill Arts Workshop (CHAW) will present Taffety Punk Theatre Company's stage play *Inheritance Canyon* on Wednesdays and Saturdays from Sept. 18 - Oct. 1 at 7:30 p.m. at the black box theatre at the Capitol Hill Arts Workshop, 545 7th St. SE. Matinees will be held on Oct. 3 & Oct. 10 at 3 p.m. The play was written by Liz Maestri; directed by Lise Bruneau; music and sound by Kathy Cashel. The play is about celebrating women's voices through a theatre festival. In the play survivors of a mysterious disaster face their greatest enemies - themselves - as they struggle for meaning within the restrictions of their new lives as government guinea pigs. The play features Dan Crane and Esther Williamson, with guest artists Teresa Castracane, James Flanagan, Gwen Grastorf, and Morgan Sendek. Tickets are \$15. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit [chaw.org](http://chaw.org) or [taffetypunk.com/shows/shows.html](http://taffetypunk.com/shows/shows.html), or call CHAW at 202-547-6839.

#### Urban Kids Fishing Derby

Urban American Outdoors TV (UAOTV) and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife, the National Parks Service, Healthy Parks and Healthy People and the U.S. Forest Service will host the Urban Kids Fishing Derby. The fishing experience and celebration will be held on Sept. 19 at the Constitution Gardens located at 1850 Constitution Ave. NW. The event is free. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the derby kicks off soon after and ends at noon. For more information contact Candice Price, executive producer of Urban American Outdoors TV at [uaotv@aol.com](mailto:uaotv@aol.com) or by telephone at 913-3345177.

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Georgetown Business Improvement District issued the following news release:

Joshua Hermias, the economic development director for the Georgetown Business Improvement District (BID), has accepted a new position as the chief operating officer of Paul Ruppert's growing Washington, D.C. restaurant and retail group, which includes Crane & Turtle, Petworth Citizen, Room 11, [Upshur Street Books](#), and the forthcoming Slim's Diner. In addition to managing the business operations of the group, he will oversee culinary operations and concept strategy. His last day at the BID is August 21.

Hermias has worked in the Georgetown community for the past four years, first as a senior analyst in the office of the COO at Georgetown University and then with the BID, joining in February 2013. He created the BID's economic development program; helped lead the Georgetown 2028 planning process; created the State of Georgetown report (read the latest report [here](#)); and managed many of the BID's public space improvement and public art initiatives.

Hermias will continue to work with the BID on a consulting basis, publishing the annual State of Georgetown report and advising on special projects. "Josh has been a tremendous asset to the Georgetown BID team," said Joe Sternlieb, CEO. "We're very pleased that Josh will be able to maintain a relationship with the BID while pursuing his passion and talent for the restaurant industry."

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**LEDROIT ARC****BYLINE:** Murchison, Natalie**SECTION:** BOOKS SPEED READS; Pg. 33 Vol. 35 No. 26**LENGTH:** 717 words**ABSTRACT**

Music also marks the passage of time. We start with James Brown and end with Jimi Hendrix, with shout-outs to hip-hop and sexy nightclub numbers in between. "Music's always contained secrets that could get you killed," postulates one stunning passage. A spiritual can tell you the location of a camp meeting and time of a runaway's departure; a love ballad could lead you to court the wrong person. The final story in *Flying Home*, "Saving Jimi Hendrix," is the most expository-I read it as an essay. [David Nicholson] describes the power of Hendrix as a black artist who "offered the possibility of a way that was neither black nor white but both. " It's a fitting final piece for a book that inspires hope without sappiness, that captures pain but celebrates love.

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LEDROIT ARC *Flying Home: Seven Stories of the Secret City* By David Nicholson Paycock Press, 160 pps.

Shaw before condos, Bloomingdale before group houses-the "secret city" in *Flying Home*'s subtitle refers to the D.C. of yore, forever a city that's more than monuments. Think Chocolate City, U Street music halls of yesteryear, and aging Washington Grays, ballplayers. Picture tough guys who loiter with little red wagons and steal peaches, men at the barbershop gossiping into the evening. Imagine the Lincoln Theatre in its movie-reel prime. In *Flying Home*, seven stories anchored around LeDroit Park, referred to as the Street, dip and dive across decades and seasons.

Characters in *Flying Home* weave through the entire volume; read closely to catch a glimpse of one story's main character appearing in another, 40 years later. People make sacrifices to adapt to their changing circumstances and choose sides for the sake of being loved. A young boy, homesick for the Caribbean, yearns to understand his new environment. A middle-aged man drives with his teenage daughter from their upper Northwest home back to the Street, where he's from, slipping into his old vernacular from the comfort of his BMW. In *Flying Home*, Vienna's David Nicholson, a former editor of the Washington Post's Book World, conjures myriad ways a person can be in two places at once while occupying neither.

The Street is a changing climate, and in broad strokes, Nicholson employs shifting attitudes toward race and class to shape his characters' lives. Take the evolution of employment: In one early story, a man who's worked at a shop for 17 years is given three days' termination notice. A decade or so later, we meet a black woman who does housekeeping work for a white couple in Cleveland Park-she is dignified and autonomous, but she still suffers pinpricks of inequality. Closer to the present, the BMW driver who now lives in upper Northwest encounters a former acquaintance on the Street. "Shee-it," she says when she recognizes him. "Probably got some white folks working for you. Now I know you doing good. " This old friend, she's not doing good. Opportunities for the Street's black residents improve over the years, but racial injustices persist, and individual lives splinter into different directions. The characters strive to connect across the divides.

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get you killed," postulates one stunning passage. A spiritual can tell you the location of a camp meeting and time of a runaway's departure; a love ballad could lead you to court the wrong person. The final story in Flying Home, "Saving Jimi Hendrix," is the most expository-I read it as an essay. Nicholson describes the power of Hendrix as a black artist who "offered the possibility of a way that was neither black nor white but both. " It's a fitting final piece for a book that inspires hope without sappiness, that captures pain but celebrates love.

Flying Home will be a swift and gratifying read for anyone who takes pride in calling this mystifying city her home. When I finished, I went for a walk up Florida Avenue in Bloomingdale, blocks I've walked countless times before. With these brand-new secret stories reflecting back at me from the Street, their character and history broke through anew.

-Natalie Murchison

Nicholson will read at [Upshur Street Books](#) on June 28.

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## **Bambi Frazier Book Signing and Free Cupcakes**

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Washington, DC, May 15, 2015 --(PR.com)-- Bambi Frazier, author of the hit cookbook "Better Bites" will be doing a book signing this weekend at [Upshur Street Books](#) in Washington, DC. Frazier's cookbook is the first in the "Better Bites" series and will be followed by two more cookbooks to complete the set.

"This first book is a testament to what I learned in the early years of my cooking and baking career and then how I put my own little spin on it," she explains. "I'm all about ease. I don't want to come home on a weeknight with a house full of hungry kids and spend all night in the kitchen. There's a way to get it done, get it done well and still have time to chill out at the end of the evening. That's what this book is all about."

She says the second book, which is currently in the works, puts a bit of a healthier spin on the meals, which correlates with how she cooks and bakes today.

"I'm all about balance. I really try to make an effort to eat well. I don't do it all the time, but most of the time, I try to keep myself in check."

She continues, "That's what book #2 is all about keeping it clean, for the most part. I'm not saying you won't find some delicious desserts in there, but, you know, it'll be healthier, sort of," Frazier followed with a subtle laugh.

Both cookbooks have short stories accompanying each recipe, some she describes as funny, some as heartwarming. Frazier first started baking as a young child with her mother and grandmother. She baked throughout her childhood, college and even for co-workers as she embarked on a career as a television news anchor in her home state of West Virginia and then in Savannah, Georgia. Before that though, she landed an internship at the nationally televised show, "America's Most Wanted." She eventually left her television career to be a stay at home mom and during that time, opened the wholesale cupcake company Savannah Cupcake in Washington, DC.

The book signing is slated for this Saturday at 3pm. [Upshur Street Books](#) is located at 827 Upshur Street in NW DC. Frazier will also be giving away free cupcakes at the book signing, specifically, her best sellers red velvet, triple chocolate and more. For more information, go to [www.upshurstreetbooks.com](http://www.upshurstreetbooks.com) or call 202-726-0380.

For more information on Bambi Frazier and Savannah Cupcake, go to [www.savannahcupcake.com](http://www.savannahcupcake.com) or call 202-780-9555.

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26 SUNDAY | 11 A.M.-4 P.M. Authors including Martin Goldsmith , Oleg Danilovich Kalugin and Jonathan Bardzik will read from their works at the Day of the Book Festival at Kensington Row Bookshop, 3786 Howard Ave., Kensington. 301-949-9416.

11 A.M. Nora Poullion , the founder of the District's Restaurant Nora, will discuss her memoir "My Organic Life" at the Dupont Circle FreshFarm Market, 20th Street NW between Massachusetts and Connecticut avenues. 202-362-8889.

1 P.M. Dan Fagin , a longtime Newsday environmental reporter who currently teaches at New York University, will discuss his Pulitzer Prize-winning book, "Toms River: A Story of Science and Salvation," at Politics and Prose, 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW. 202-364-1919.

4 P.M. Christopher McDougall , the best-selling author of "Born to Run," will discuss his book "Natural Born Heroes: How a Daring Band of Misfits Mastered the Lost Secrets of Strength and Endurance" at Sidwell Friends School, 3825 Wisconsin Ave. NW. Free, registration required. 202-537-8100.

27 MONDAY | 7 P.M. Marc Peyser , a journalist and former Newsweek deputy editor, and Timothy Dwyer , head of School Choice International, will discuss their book "Hissing Cousins: The Untold Story of Eleanor Roosevelt and Alice Roosevelt Longworth" at Politics and Prose.

28 TUESDAY | 7 P.M. Terrance Hayes , who received the National Book Award for his poetry collection "Lighthouse," will discuss his collection "How to Be Drawn" at Politics and Prose.

29 WEDNESDAY | 7 P.M. Don Share , the editor of Poetry magazine, will read from his work at [Upshur Street Books](#), 827 Upshur St. NW. 202-726-0380.

7 P.M. J.M. Berger , a contributor to Foreign Policy magazine, will discuss his book "ISIS: The State of Terror," co-written with Jessica Stern, at Politics and Prose.

30 THURSDAY | 7 P.M. Bryan Burroughs , the best-selling author of "Public Enemies," will discuss his book "Days of Rage: America's Radical Underground, the FBI, and the Forgotten Age of Revolutionary Violence" at Politics and Prose.

7 P.M. Charles Wright will conclude his tenure as the 20th poet laureate of the United States by participating in a conversation with former poet laureate Charles Simic at the Library of Congress, Jefferson Building, ground floor, 10 First St. SE. 202-707-4604.

1 FRIDAY | 7 P.M. Mary Costello will read from her novel "Academy Street," about an Irish woman who moves to New York and becomes a single mother, at Politics and Prose.

2 SATURDAY | 11 A.M.-9 P.M. Authors including Susan Coll and Pamela Palmer will discuss how they work and how they got published at the Great Falls Book Festival , Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. 703-757-8560.

3 SUNDAY | 2 P.M. Richard Flanagan will read from his Booker Prize-winning novel, "The Narrow Road to the Deep North," about Australian prisoners of war on the Thai-Burma Death Railway, at Politics and Prose.

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**Essay: A Dessert Desert**

**Refrigerated puddings, pulverized pies-why have restaurants started serving such dreary sweets?**

By Todd Kliman

My friend stared down at the little bowl the waiter had set down in front of him. A single, stinting scoop of ice cream. No sauce, no cookie, not even a prettifying sprig of mint.

"Is this the palate cleanser?" he asked.

I had to keep from laughing at his expectation that something more substantive and exciting was still to come, a touching bit of naïveté that spoke to an age that now feels long past.

Not a simpler age-a grander, more exuberant one, when good restaurants understood that they needed to dazzle you at the finish and send you home smiling.

No longer. In our supposed golden age of Washington dining, the end of the meal is marked by \$9 dishes

that look like something you could whip up yourself-without a cookbook.

It's confounding. Meals of elaborate technical excellence and imaginative daring now peter out in a procession of puddings, custards, and creams (or, increasingly, *crèmeux*-which I guess is supposed to make the price feel less extortionary). You can begin a night out, as I did recently, with sweetbreads and Pinot Noir and end it with cookies and milk. Imagine someone changing the channel on you from Truffaut to Disney.

Perhaps my friend should have been grateful even to get that dollop of ice cream. Some restaurants, including the new Ocopa on H Street, Northeast, have done away with dessert altogether-a one-bite cookie comes gratis with your check.

Places that regard something sweet as the final act of the play still find ways to ruin a perfectly good meal. Witness the recent practice of turning pie into a cerebral deconstruction: the filling turned into a chilled slab of gel, the crust reduced to a dusty heap, dabs of cream all around. Or pulling the "for two" scam, in which a soul-satisfying item-the fruit crumble at Gypsy Soul, say, or the baked Alaska at DBGB-is sized a little larger than normal and given an inflated price.

What's going on? If a nice dinner out is a three-act play, why are so many theaters content to mount a production that goes out with a whimper?

The answer is more economic than gastronomic.

In the post-crash economy, pastry chefs are no longer seen as essential employees but as pricey appendages.

"It's not just saving the salary," one restaurant owner told me. "It's saving the space, too. To have a good pastry program, you need a designated area of the kitchen, you need a place to store the ingredients. The 10,000-square-foot restaurant has become the 7,000-square-foot restaurant. Everything's smaller now. There isn't the space."

More and more, the task falls to chefs and line cooks who, lacking any background in baking, have contrived to fill their menus with simple, quick-fix solutions. Puddings, custards, panna cotta (an Italian term for what is essentially Jell-O made with cream) don't require a lot of effort or expense; all can be made in the morning and stashed in the walk-in refrigerator.

Some restaurants have given up entirely. "More restaurants than you would think" are outsourcing their sweets to independent bakers, says Mark Bucher, who owns Medium Rare, with locations in Cleveland Park and Barracks Row. Bucher's is among them. "You give them your recipes and they'll make them for you. That way you can still say that they're your desserts."

He makes no apologies for outsourcing most of his sweets, pointing out the difficulty of delivering a streamlined meal of steak, fries, salad, and dessert-the only meal his restaurants serve-for \$19.75. "The economics of the business-and I mean all of the business, not just dessert-are brutal right now," Bucher says, adding that "most restaurateurs aren't out consciously to gouge you. They're trying to make the numbers work."

The problem is that restaurateurs are unwilling to charge more than \$30 an entrée. That number has held steady for years, the Maginot Line of the industry. Forced to look elsewhere, they've sought to recoup their escalating expenses by aggressively targeting the start of the meal, upping the prices of appetizers and "snacks," cocktails, and glasses of wine. At some places, you'll pay nearly as much for a six-ounce pour of Chardonnay as you would for a plate of chicken.

The question is why so many restaurateurs have opted not to jack up the prices of dessert, too.

"It's just not worth it," a successful owner told me, noting that the prices of dairy have gone up by as much as 150 percent in little more than a year. High-fat butter, a necessity for gourmet baking, sells for more

than \$4 a pound, double what it was in the summer of 2013. "A cocktail brings in twice as much money as a dessert, and it doesn't hold up a table at the end of the meal. You have to turn the tables."

There are holdouts, and the amateurishness and asceticism of the scene have only made them seem more glorious. Alex Levin at Osteria Morini, Naomi Gallego at Blue Duck Tavern, Tom Wellings at Fiola, Fiola Mare, and Casa Luca—all stage a rousing final act. A fitting one, too, reinforcing the level of detail and the lusty abundance of everything that has come before.

The king of the scene, Central Michel Richard, still produces ten desserts of extraordinary imagination and technical excellence, including its tour de force, Celebration Cake—a Trojan horse of a chocolate shell concealing sponge cake, fresh fruit, and whipped cream, capped off with a candle that blazes like a roadside flare.

Why is Central the anomaly and not the norm?

The average food cost for most restaurant desserts is 12 to 15 percent. At Central, according to one of the restaurant's investors, the average is 30 to 35 percent. He told me that scaling back on desserts was never under consideration. Chef Richard began as a pastry chef, and sweets have long been his signature. To scale back at the finish would be to betray the restaurant's identity.

Most nights, when making my rounds as a critic, I order dessert more out of a sense of duty than with an expectation of getting something exciting. Often, I'm tempted to do what my friend did when he discovered that his palate cleanser turned out to be his ice cream and go get a second dessert someplace else. That night, it was Georgetown's Baked & Wired, the best of a burgeoning crop of bakeries in the city.

Baking, it turns out, is alive and well—just not in restaurant kitchens.

The biscuit company Mason Dixie recently found a home at Union Market; Frenchie's is producing terrific breakfast pastries at the H Street, Northeast, farmers market and other outlets; District Doughnut has given DC a third gourmet doughnut shop; and the boutique bakery Rare Sweets just opened in CityCenterDC. And cupcakes continue to be baked by the thousands across the area at the many high-end "cupcakeries."

"I keep hearing about the death of pastry, but pastry chefs are flourishing," says Tiffany MacIsaac, who recently left the Neighborhood Restaurant Group to open her own project, Buttercream Bakery, a full-service sweet shop she hopes to launch next fall. Like Dominique Ansel, who left chef Daniel Boulud and birthed the Cronut, and Sherry Yard, who after nearly two decades with Wolfgang Puck ventured out on her own to make both sweets and savorys for a national chain of restaurants and movie theaters (see review of City Perch, page 126), MacIsaac is gunning to become "a star and not the punctuation to the meal."

Another breakaway act is New York-based Christina Tosi, whose hotly awaited Milk Bar opens this year at CityCenterDC. Tosi didn't break from her partner, chef David Chang—Milk Bar will be adjacent to his forthcoming restaurant and will prepare all of his menu's desserts. But it will be a standalone venture, with its own staff and its own entrances and exits. If you're hankering for a slice of her vaunted Crack Pie, you won't have to sit down to a meal next door to have it. All you'll have to do is walk up to the counter.

You might run into me in line, en route home from dinner cut short someplace else.

## **Reviews: Duck, Meet Yuba**

### **Daring flavor combinations make Crane & Turtle one of DC's most interesting places to eat**

By Todd Kliman

Washington is often, and mistakenly, presumed to lack natives, but even so, you don't find many people like Paul Ruppert. His roots in the city go deeper than just about anyone you'll meet. The space that

until early this year housed the Passenger cocktail bar was once a hardware store, and the Ruppert family has owned the property since the 1890s. Ruppert's father's family arrived from Germany in the 1850s. His mother's goes back even farther-Ruppert's great-great-grandfather was Colonel Jehiel Brooks, a War of 1812 veteran whose name graced the now-shuttered Colonel Brooks' Tavern, an institution in Brookland (also named for him).

All of which makes Ruppert the antithesis of the carpetbagging celebrity chefs who in recent years have set up shop with their soulless outlets of empire. The real-estate mogul/restaurantier has had an explosion of activity after years of lying low-opening, in recent years, a succession of superlative cocktail bars (the Passenger, Columbia Room, and Hogo) along with the small, quirky restaurants Room 11 and Petworth Citizen, which quickly became beloved fixtures in their neighborhoods. (He even launched a bookstore, [Upshur Street Books](#), in November.)

His new place, Crane & Turtle, looks modest, offers just 25 seats, and occupies a stretch of Upshur Street, in Petworth, that the *New York Times*-with its predictable assumptions of what constitutes legitimacy-recently described as "scrubby." Walking in, you might well conclude that what we have here is yet another cool, unassuming neighborhood joint that isn't up to anything much at all.

The short, slyly funny cocktail menu, with its "white Negroni" and "black Manhattan," provides the first indication that in fact it's up to quite a bit. The chef, Makoto Hamamura, is fresh from a seven-year stint at Eric Ziebold's recently closed CityZen, most recently as sous chef, and his cooking is an attempt to marry his tradition, Japanese, with his training, French. Hamamura's precise and elegant presentations wouldn't be out of place at a four-star hotel, but they don't do what you expect them to. An order of tuna *tataki* brings slices of hay-smoked fish shingled atop a thick, pale-orange smear of what looks like Sriracha mayo. Only it's not mayo-it's tuna sauce. Which means that what appears to be a straightforward and modern Japanese dish is actually a winking play on the Italian classic *vitello tonnato*. *Tonno tonnato*?

Another *tataki*, this time with hamachi, is an even more daring bait and switch. Expecting the mild delicacy of uncooked yellowtail, I was jolted to discover that this fish, too, had been smoked over hay. The kitchen crew amplified the strong taste.

This isn't comfort food. You're never made to settle into it. You take a bite and think about that, then take another bite and change your mind.

Most chefs would look to balance the richness of duck breast with something sweet or tangy or both. Hamamura opts for a bit of Middle Eastern bitterness, pairing the rich, rosy meat with tahini. The crisp skin of the duck finds its chewy counterpoint in a substance known as yuba, which results from heating soymilk until it produces thin, pale sheets.

It took me three visits to figure out that the best way to understand this chef is to think of him as a jazz pianist who, though he can play melodically-as in a sublimely simple interpretation of bouillabaisse or a preparation of sweet, seared scallops with chorizo-stuffed dumplings-would just as often prefer to experiment with atonality and dissonance.

Early on, he inexplicably set a light, crunchy skate wing down in a pool of grapefruit juice, which, just as inexplicably, he had studded with logs of yuzu-marinated, peeled cucumber. That dish has been axed, but Hamamura still sometimes seems more interested in discomforting diners rather than comforting them. Pan-roasted monkfish arrives on a purée of flageolet beans, a study of taupe on taupe; the other half of the plate is black, with smoked squid and shiitake mushrooms submerged in squid ink.

"Interesting," my friend said after pausing to come up with the right word. Pointedly, it wasn't "delicious."

By night's end, she decided she admired Crane & Turtle more than she liked it. Fair enough-it's not for everyone. Which, I think, is precisely the appeal to those of us who both like and admire it. That stubborn quirkiness. The sense that in eating here you're in at the start of something interesting and cultish, like that indie band you discovered years ago. You can watch it grow and develop and become, you hope, even less like everyone else and even more like itself.

**Crane & Turtle \*\*1/2**

828 Upshur St., NW; 202-723-2543

Open Tuesday through Sunday

for dinner.

**Neighborhood:** Petworth.

**Dress:** The crowd has become more and more dressed up as word has gotten out, but this is still very much a come-as-you-are spot.

**Noise level:** Surprisingly, for a small, minimalist hipster place, you can actually hear the person next to you.

**Best dishes:** Hamachi *tataki*; tuna *tataki*; sea-trout carpaccio; double-cooked beef; sautéed scallops; "bouillabaisse," an interpretation of the Provençal classic with pan-roasted cobia in a saffron broth; pan-roasted monk-fish with flageolet beans, squid, and squid ink; duck Sze-chuan-style with braised yuba and tahini; apple ragoon; Mount Fuji, chocolate cake with a warm, soft chocolate center.

**Price range:** Starters \$8 to \$14, entrées \$19 to \$28.

What the stars mean: \*\*\*\* exceptional; \*\*\* excellent; \*\* very good; \* good

**Reviews:** Sweet Relief

**It's all about breads and sugary treats-rather than many of the savory dishes that come in between-at North Bethesda's City Perch**

By Ann Limpert

White Flint, once a thriving suburban shopping mall, is now a fossil holding shuttered Borders and Pottery Barn stores. But across the street, the new Pike & Rose project is betting that there's still retail life in and around Rockville by positioning itself as a more modern suburban destination, a mixed-use development where slicked-up apartments sit atop olive-oil shops. Eleven restaurants and cafes are set to debut there this year-including a beer garden by the Neighborhood Restaurant Group, the folks who brought Birch & Barley to Logan Circle-but for now the centerpiece is City Perch, a sprawling, amber-lit dining room next to a posh movie theater.

The marquee name attached to the restaurant and its sister theater, iPic (where your \$22 reclining seat includes waiter service) is an unexpected one: Sherry Yard, a James Beard Award-winning pastry chef who for nearly 20 years created the desserts at Wolfgang Puck's Beverly Hills flagship, Spago.

The board that lists local purveyors might come off as a desperate ploy to create a sense of community in a new development, the reclaimed-wood-lined place looks as if it could be the lobby dining room of a Marriott, and the whole outfit is owned by a Florida chain, but here's another surprise: The restaurant makes a real effort to procure good and interesting local ingredients. New Frontier bison and Trickling Springs butter (happily) show up on lots of menus these days, but how many high-volume places are also pouring a rosé and a Pinot Noir from Maryland? Or stirring cocktails with an obscure Pennsylvania vodka? Or serving pork from two Virginia farms?

As you might expect from Yard's résumé, breads and desserts are sure bets. A quartet of breads and butters arrayed on a round slab of tree trunk proves worthy of its \$10 charge. I could eat the perfectly flaky orange-sage biscuit for breakfast every morning, and the Chinese buns, sheened with butter, are nearly as hard to step away from.

Yard's almost comically large desserts pull off a tough balancing act, mixing technical precision with a kid-like glee. Witness the banana/chocolate-chip soufflé-she was known for a raspberry version at Spago-with its beautifully crisp edges, fluffy interior, and spill of chocolate sauce in the center. Her cream puff, presented in a cage of golden spun sugar, is filled with a decadent orange-scented custard. And baked-Alaska pie, with its crunchy gingerbread crust and a layer of pumpkin gelato, is finished with a van Gogh-like swirl of meringue.

What comes in between those flourishes is shakier. There are mustardy deviled eggs with shards of fried chicken skin and a fine deconstructed wedge salad. But for all of its gobs of melty Gruyère and bits of short rib, the broth of the French onion soup tasted underdeveloped and dull. A sheath of crisped brioche couldn't improve the flavorless crabmeat hiding inside miniature crabcakes. An appetizer of waffles draped with smoked salmon and crème fraîche and sprinkled with trendy everything-bagel seasoning fared better, but the Cheesecake Factory-worthy portion-it could feed four-seemed out of step with everything else on the table.

When you get into the entrée section, prices veer into fine-dining territory. Meats and fish dishes are judiciously portioned and come bare on a plate-there are family-style sides for an extra \$7 to \$12. Suddenly, those two tiny filets of bland sea bass with listless fennel fronds seem like a \$36 insult. A small \$26 cut of cedar-smoked salmon was a lush medium-rare but doused in too much oil.

If there's one main dish to focus your meal around, it's a platter of rotisserie duck for two. The bird is a thing of beauty, all lacquered skin and luscious meat, and its accompaniments-sprigs of cilantro, Mason jars of pickled radish, and those fabulously buttery Chinese buns-turned it into one of the most memorable sandwiches I've had in a long time.

With more dishes like that duck, City Perch could actually become a destination in a neighborhood that's starved for ambitious dining. But for now, I'd choose to survive mostly on bread-and dessert-alone.

### **City Perch \*1/2**

11830 Grand Park Ave., North Bethesda; 301-231-2310

Open Monday through Friday for lunch and dinner, Saturday and Sunday for brunch and dinner.

**Neighborhood:** Pike & Rose.

**Dress:** Most everyone is in jeans-whatever you'd wear to the movies, you can wear here.

**Noise level:** A sedate conversational din.

**Best dishes:** Deviled eggs; wedge salad; everything waffle with salmon; bread board; grilled bison rib eye; roasted duck for two; orange cream puff; baked-Alaska pie; banana/chocolate-chip soufflé; Montgomery Blues cocktail, with blueberries, tonic, and gin.

**Price range:** Starters \$9 to \$18, entrées \$16 to \$38.

### **Reviews: The Kale-and-Cocktail Diet**

**Dr. Andrew Weil's Fairfax cafe cooks up health-minded fare for those who love food as much as they care about their waistlines**

By Anna Spiegel

Health-focused restaurants are notoriously hard to pull off, even more so when the wellness topic at hand is as clinical-sounding as Dr. Andrew Weil's "anti-inflammatory food pyramid," meant to prevent chronic inflammation and myriad resulting ailments. The philosophy-practiced at Weil's True Food Kitchen, in Fairfax-lacks the rugged connotation of Paleo and the glamour of South Beach but is in fact more

forgiving than either of those trendy diets, especially to food lovers. There's an emphasis on organic produce, mushrooms, seafood, and spices, plus allowances for red wine and dark chocolate.

Weil's approach is appealing. At the 220-seat eatery in Merrifield's Mosaic district (the second outpost on the East Coast and the tenth location in the country), a crew of upbeat, T-shirted servers were quick to recommend turkey lasagna and garlicky kale salad for their flavor rather than for health reasons, a nice reminder that this was a restaurant dinner, not a nutritionist appointment. The eco-friendly decor is less subtle, meant to evoke nature with verdant banquettes and a wall of birch trunks. An open kitchen spans the length of the dining room; you'll want to ask for a table with chairs—which are fashioned out of plastic soda bottles, naturally—near the front to avoid the din of cooks at work.

The varied menu circumnavigates the globe, frequently touching down in Asia or spinning comfort items like burgers and tacos into healthier forms. Starters prove the most uneven—edamame dumplings arrive in a tepid mushroom-dashi broth—or ho-hum healthy (hummus, crudités). A better way to begin is at the bar, where fresh juices create a refreshing pomegranate limeade or a boozier Thai-basil/grapefruit martini. Salads also shine, thanks to unusual textures and flavors, such as sweet roasted vegetables with pomegranate seeds and horseradish vinaigrette or green papaya perked up with a bounty of herbs, roasted cashews, and chilies.

Small caloric splurges are worth taking. Crunchy, thin-crust pizzas arrive with a scant amount of cheese but flavorful toppings like chicken sausage and baked fennel; a bison burger packs plenty of flavor thanks to shiitakes, caramelized onions, and roasted-garlic "umami" sauce. More virtuous options like grilled salmon with smoky quinoa and cilantro/pumpkin-seed salad or crisp-skinned roast chicken over lentils and curry yogurt also hit the mark. Not all the dishes that lean toward restraint are satisfying—some could be saucier, punchier, less spa-like. But in a dining landscape bloated with pork belly and mac and cheese, Dr. Weil's concept can feel like a true escape.

#### **True Food Kitchen \*\***

2910 District Ave., Fairfax; 571-326-1616

Open Monday through Friday for lunch and dinner; Saturday and Sunday for brunch and dinner.

**Neighborhood:** Merrifield.

**Dress:** Casual—show up in yoga pants if you want.

**Noise level:** Chatty but not overwhelming.

**Best dishes:** Albacore-tuna *tataki*; Autumn Ingredient salad, with squash, Brussels sprouts, pomegranate, and horseradish vinaigrette; green-papaya salad with kelp noodles, mint, and avocado; chicken-sausage-and-fennel pizza; bison burger; tandoori chicken; grilled salmon with smoked-onion quinoa.

**Price range:** Appetizers \$4 to \$13, entrées \$11 to \$26.

**Valentine's Day: No Plans?**

**Whether you're into old-school romance or patty melts à deux, we've got dinner ideas for every taste**

By Ann Limpert

#### **Dine like it's 1959**

For some, bowing waiters, bursting bouquets, and veal Oscar can seem fusty. For others, haute cuisine formality feels as luxurious as a day at the spa. If you fall into the latter camp, get yourself to **L'Auberge Chez François** (332 Springvale Rd., Great Falls; 703-759-3800), where you can begin dinner with foie

gras and Sauternes, move on to duck with Grand Marnier, and wind things down over baked Alaska. At the Jefferson hotel's **Plume** (1200 16th St., NW; 202-448-3227), you'll find the same level of pampering—women will even get a teensy stool for their purses—but the luxe dishes (white-truffle-strewn risotto with a languidly cooked egg, lobster gratin bearing a whiff of blood orange) are more in step with the 21st century. Head to the hotel's swank cocktail lounge, **Quill**, for a nightcap to the tune of a live pianist.

### Binge on oysters

Yes, the whole oyster-as-aphrodisiac thing is a cliché. But here's the thing: Slurping through a few dozen Kumamotos, Kusshis, and Olde Salts is just plain fun. At **Hank's Oyster Bar** (633 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, 202-733-1971; 1624 Q St., NW, 202-462-4265; 1026 King St., Alexandria, 703-739-4265), spiff up the meal with a bottle of sparkling Chenin Blanc and a buttered lobster roll. At **Eat the Rich** (1839 Seventh St., NW; 202-316-9396), down those suckers to the tune of Guns n' Roses. Aphrodisiac? Who knows? But there's something to a dinner that doesn't leave you feeling leaden and lazy for the rest of the night.

### Get outta town

Valentine's Day falls on a Saturday this year, broadening your options into daytime. Stroll the snow-globe-cute main drag in downtown Frederick and stop into **Ayse Meze Lounge** (6 N. East St.; 240-651-5155) for a late lunch of Turkish dips and flatbreads. Though the Eastern Shore can be blustery this time of year, the jewel-toned **Bartlett Pear Inn** (28 S. Harrison St., Easton; 410-770-3300) is a nice place to stave off the chill. We'd hit the folksy nearby **BBQ Joint** (216 E. Dover St., Easton; 410-690-3641) for a low-key dinner, then relax over the inn's excellent breakfast the next morning.

### Go low-maintenance

A relaxed, budget-friendly dinner can feel special or it can feel sloppily planned—it's all about the place. If you choose the right spot, your night is guaranteed to be way more fun than sitting in a somber dining room and shelling out ten times more for the tab. We'd hit the **Satellite Room** (2047 Ninth St., NW; 202-506-2496) for gooey patty melts and bourbon-spiked Vincent Vega shakes. (Bonus points if you book tickets for SpeakeasyDC's Valentine's-inspired storytelling fest at the 9:30 Club next door.) Or head to Victor Albisu's **Taco Bamba** (2190 Pimmit Dr., Fairfax; 703-639-0505) for rounds of guac and wondrously crispy fried-beef-and-tongue-filled El Beso tacos. And unless you like slapped-together salads and cooked-to-death salmon, just say no to any place hawking a too-good-to-be-true-sounding prix fixe menu . . . or any place attached to a drive-through (but you knew that).

### Stay in the kitchen

Provided you've got a big-enough stock pot and a non-squeamish cook, there may be no easier special-occasion dinner than steamed lobsters with drawn butter. We like the crustaceans from Maine at **BlackSalt** (4883 MacArthur Blvd., NW; 202-342-9101) and **Lobster Maine-ia** (4280 Henninger Ct., Chantilly; 703-439-9750)—just make sure you order them the day before. There's also *cacio e pepe*, the ultra-simple, gloriously rich Roman pasta dish, which you can throw together using just four ingredients: butter, black pepper, pecorino cheese, and long strands of pasta. Make it with the hearty bucatini Dan O'Brien sells at his Shaw market, **Seasonal Pantry** (1314½ Ninth St., NW; 202-713-9866).

### Order takeout

For a killer restaurant meal without the crowds, the **Postmates** app is your best friend. For a \$5-to-\$20 surcharge, a courier will deliver an order (in DC, Bethesda, and Arlington) from anywhere that does takeout. That means you can have Rasika's lamb *rogan josh*, Le Diplomate's cheeseburger, or Sushiko's butterfish *tataki*—all items that travel exceptionally well—while nestled on your couch.

### Share the love

There's something inherently romantic about tearing into one shared centerpiece dish—whether the rustic

roast pork blanketed with thick, coconutty red curry at the cozy Thai joint **Rabieng** (5892 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church; 703-671-4222), an herb-stuffed whole branzino filleted tableside at **Lupo Verde** (1401 T St., NW; 202-827-4752), or an over-the-top seafood platter piled with chilled lobster, clams, and shrimp at **Brasserie Beck** (1101 K St., NW, 202-408-1717; 311 Kentlands Blvd., Gaithersburg, 301-569-4247). And it's far easier than haggling over which small plates to order.

## **Valentine's Day: In the Mood for Love . . .and Burgers**

### **A food writer grapples with what to do for Valentine's dinner**

By Ann Limpert

"What should we do for Valentine's Day?" It's a question I get every year. And it's a question that-more than the one about birthdays or New Year's Eve-always stumps me. Because romance is different than mere celebration. One couple's gifts of Godivas and roses is another's cause for eye rolling. While one pair might relish the ceremonial trappings-freshly ironed tablecloths, dramatically decanted wine-of a place like Restaurant Eve in Old Town, I just want to go to Shake Shack. That's right: All I want for Valentine's Day is a \$5 burger. And not just because going to fancy three-hour dinners is part of my job.

You've surely heard the term "amateur night" every time V Day rolls around-the idea that cooks know they're churning out dishes for restaurant rookies (those fabled, poorly tipping folks who would wrinkle their noses at the idea of eating sea urchin, or even monkfish) and are thus going through the motions, sending tables molten cakes and filets mignons that nobody, not least they themselves, are all that psyched about. That's true at many places-like the neighborhood joint that all of a sudden is putting out a three-course set menu for 75 bucks. They're just capitalizing. It's less so for the highest echelon of restaurants (think Minibar and Fiola), which routinely stage a grand show for couples every night. They tend to keep doing what they always do.

But it's not just about amateur night. And it's not really about the food, either. For me, the things that kill, or at least dampen, the thrill of romance are the elements that constitute the old-school notion of a romantic restaurant. The stiffly suited servers who are perpetually hovering within earshot. The church-like quiet, so oppressive that you're worried you'll laugh a little too loudly. The awkward pomp. (I once spent a good six minutes watching a trembly young waiter peel an orange and cut it into segments for a tableside dessert.) When I look around at these places, I see far more couples who seem as if they're more tensely worrying about having a good time than actually having a good time. And that's got to make the bill, inevitably \$200 and upward, sting even more.

There was a time when Washington's restaurant scene was dominated by these sorts of dining rooms. When showing you cared directly translated to shelling out lots of cash. Nowadays, the investment you can expect to make is time. Leaving work an hour early to wait in line for one of the 28 stools at Dupont Circle's Little Serow. (The reward: getting giddily drunk on Riesling while sharing seven searing Thai courses.) Having the foresight to book one of the prime banquettes at Le Diplomate a month ahead. Sleuthing out which wine shop carries the exact bottle of Falanghina you shared on your first date.

But if you're a Valentine's avoider like me, there's always Shake Shack. It's no bastion of romance, but it allows for spontaneity (something tells me the holiday won't be its busiest night, so you can go whenever); the salty, diner-style ShackBurgers are fantastic; and actually, it serves a pretty good Sauvignon Blanc.

### **Ask the Critic: Todd's Picks**

#### **Where to find the tastiest Chinese noodle dishes and dumplings (hint: nowhere near Chinatown)**

Restaurant critic Todd Kliman takes your questions Tuesdays at 11 am at Washingtonian.com.

Where's the best Chinese food these days?

I'm not going to say it's the best Chinese meal around, but the best Chinese meal I've had in the past few months has been at **China Bistro** (755 Hungerford Dr., Rockville; 301-294-0808). Wonderful house-made dumplings-my two current favorite fillings are pork-and-celery and shrimp-and-chives. I also love the cold sesame noodles and the garlic cucumbers. A great cheap, light meal.

**Sichuan Jin River** (410 Hungerford Dr., Rockville; 240-403-7351) has been up and down in my two recent experiences-a really good meal followed by a really disappointing one. But when it's on, I love the braised fish with sour cabbage and the *mapo*tofu. **Hong Kong Palace** (6387 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church; 703-532-0940) is very good and, of late, more consistent than Sichuan Jin River. I'd go for the cumin lamb and the *mapo*tofu.

I always avoid ordering specials, figuring they're made with food the restaurant wants to get rid of. Am I wrong?

It depends on where you go. At a good sushi restaurant, the specials list is absolutely the first thing you should consult. I was at **Sushi Sono** (10215 Wincopin Cir., Columbia; 410-997-6131) not long ago and ordered at least half my meal from the specials board. In this case, specials meant what we always hope it means: that the restaurant had gotten in some great product that day, product it doesn't ordinarily get.

If a waiter tells you about something the restaurant doesn't typically get in but has that day-go ahead and order it. It might be wonderful.

But in general, one reason not to be tempted by specials is that in many cases these are dishes the kitchen hasn't really had time to perfect-to make sure every dish comes out just like the last one.

I'm taking a trip to Richmond-where should I eat?

I love **Edo's Squid** (411 N. Harrison St.; 804-864-5488), which many Richmond foodies have come to take for granted as other, hipper spots open. It's a terrific place and hard to get into at prime time. Order the oyster stew and the braised fennel, and ask your server what daily specials are fantastic. When I was there not long ago, it was fried sugar toads-wonderful.

**Dinamo** (821 W. Cary St.; 804-678-9706), which has one of the same owners, is also terrific. The menu is part Jewish deli and part Italian. Don't miss the seafood salad and the sausage, polenta, and white beans. Both are dishes I could eat every week.

**Perly's** (111 E. Grace St.; 804-332-6434) used to be a luncheonette-a place to go for a simple, no-fuss breakfast or a quick sandwich. The new owners have renovated it (smartly) and taken it back to its long-ago roots as a Jewish deli. It puts out good, well-made food in abundance (as a deli should), with joy and love. There's a terrific whitefish platter and a lovingly overstuffed sandwich called the Jewish Sailor (pastrami, sausage, chopped liver, and pickled red cabbage). Even a simple bagel and lox is pretty memorable.

Finally, **Stella's** (1012 Lafayette St.; 804-358-2011) for a warm, inimitable atmosphere and hearty, heartfelt preparations of Greek standbys, including the best moussaka I've ever eaten.

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Osteria Morini is one of a shrinking group of restaurants that send diners off with memorable sweets. Pastry chef Alex Levin's desserts include caramelized banana mascarpone with chocolate crema.

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Former Neighborhood Restaurant Group chef Tiffany MacIsaac plans to open her own bakery.

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Go fish: hay-smoked tuna tataki served atop tuna sauce.

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Before he arrived at Petworth's Crane & Turtle, chef Makoto Hamamura (far right) was sous chef at the acclaimed CityZen.

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A riff on bouillabaisse with cobia and piquillo peppers.

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Suburban renewal: The new City Perch sits near Rockville's defunct White Flint Mall.

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Sherry Yard's bountiful breadboard holds popovers and biscuits.

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True Food Kitchen chef Michael Obermeier sends out dumplings, pizzas, and other eats approved by Dr. Andrew Weil.

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One of our favorite salads at True Food Kitchen (top left) mixes Brussels sprouts and squash with horseradish vinaigrette. Above, bartender Judy Elahi finishes a cocktail.

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Table for two, please

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Garlicky cucumbers, sesame noodles, and house-made dumplings at Rockville's China Bistro.

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## Mourning Bill Washington and his many dimensions

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Bill Washington was not one to be boxed in. The company he founded in the early 1970s was called Dimensions Unlimited, even though, at the time, he wasn't sure exactly what Dimensions Unlimited would do. Parking lot management, maybe. (He knew he paid a lot to park downtown, so there had to be money there.) Or security. (Wouldn't that always be in demand in the capital?)

In the end, Washington became one of the area's leading concert promoters.

Washington died Dec. 19 at age 72. His passing is a time to remember the concert scene as it once was, when a handful of locally based promoters would pony up to bring big acts to town.

Washington grew up in Clarksville, Va., where, he said, "if you weren't a teacher, preacher or owned a funeral home, you were a farmer." He was none of those things, choosing instead to study physics at Virginia State College before moving to the District in the 1960s and working as a mechanical engineer. It was while organizing fundraising concerts for a local political candidate that he realized he had a knack for music promotion.

The first show he promoted - Donny Hathaway and Les McCann at DAR Constitution Hall on March 18, 1972 - was a sellout. "Everything just seemed to fall together right and we made money the first shot, which is unusual," he later said.

By the following year, Washington was the hottest promoter in town. His Dimensions Unlimited Freedom Festival in June 1973 drew 55,000 to RFK Stadium to see Mandrill, Buddy Miles, Rare Earth, Funkadelic and other acts. A "black Woodstock," some called it.

Over time, the music business changed, making it harder for independent promoters such as Washington to compete, said his daughter, Michelle D. Askew. Her father didn't much care for new music - too angry, she said - and he didn't like the mercenary attitude of many of the artists, who demanded huge upfront payments.

"People coming out to have a good time: For me, that's what my dad was all about," Askew said. "He kind of got pushed out of the business when it all became about money."

Washington closed Dimensions in 2010, which was a year after he started to show signs of dementia, his daughter said. Toward the end, he didn't recognize her - except when she put on the music he loved: Maze featuring Frankie Beverly, and the Chi-lites.

"It was the only thing I could calm my daddy with," she said. "I'd turn the music on, and I could have a full conversation with my father."

(Askew is compiling a book of memories from those who knew her father. You can e-mail her at [billwashington1709@gmail.com](mailto:billwashington1709@gmail.com).)

## **Variety show**

I doubt that Bill Washington ever met Robert Bruce Dotson, but I think they would have appreciated each other. Both were originally from the South - Dotson was from Kentucky - and both were entrepreneurs, although they chose to make their money in vastly different ways.

Dotson, who passed away Dec. 14 at 95, employed his middle name when he opened Bruce Variety, a five-and-dime store on Arlington Road in Bethesda. That was in 1953. After serving in Europe and the Aleutians during World War II, Dotson had trained with the J.J. Newberry Co. department store. His ideas didn't seem to be appreciated there, so he employed them himself. Bruce Variety had a little bit of a lot of things, from school supplies to crochet hooks to Hula Hoops.

Dotson sold the store in 1985. I interviewed him last year, when the store relocated to Woodmont Avenue. As he reminisced, he was most proud of the fact that he had funded a pension plan for his employees, a notion that seems downright antique these days.

I asked him why he was successful.

"I built a good organization," he said. "The girl behind the counter creates the impression of the store. Customers don't care who owns the store."

I'm not sure that's true.

### **Family ties**

While I'm saying goodbye to people, let me say goodbye to a place. Since 1890, the Ruppert family has worked on Seventh Street NW near New York Avenue, first with a hardware store, then a real estate office, and more recently with the wildly eclectic Warehouse Theater and some hip bars and restaurants, including the Passenger.

Well, the family sold its buildings and over the New Year's holiday pulled up stakes. The 125-year-old Ruppert empire has moved to Petworth, where Paul Ruppert oversees the Crane & Turtle restaurant, Petworth Citizen bar and [Upshur Street Books](#). His mom, Molly Ruppert, is my father's first cousin, and she and the family have been an important part of the city's cultural (and culinary) landscape.

Good luck, cuzzes. Can you get me a table at Crane & Turtle?

### **Helping Hand**

This is the final week in The Washington Post Helping Hand, our campaign to raise money for three local charities that help families who have fallen into homelessness. Your donation to Community of Hope, Homestretch or Sasha Bruce Youthwork will provide much-needed support at a time when family homelessness is on the rise. To read about these groups, visit [www.posthelpinghand.com](http://www.posthelpinghand.com). Then click where it says "Donate." Thank you.

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Enough with the 2014 memories - we're now squarely in 2015 and ready to look ahead. What's awaiting us? We asked those in the know about foodie trends, the 2016 presidential race, D.C.'s interminable transit woes, the big Redskins QB question, and more. Think you know better than the experts? Take our 2015 predictions survey and prove it.

Who will be the presidential nominees for 2016? Larry Sabato, director of the University of Virginia Center for Politics, edits the Crystal Ball website, which analyzes upcoming elections across the country. Sabato predicts Hillary Rodham Clinton will face off against Jeb Bush in 2016. "Some people say the public is concerned that U.S. politics is turning even more dynastic. But I'll bet many Americans welcome the trend. Dynasty reduces their workload as citizens; they only have to keep up with two families, the Bushes and the Clintons." ... and in 2024? Following the same school of thought: "The logical match-up will be George P. Bush vs. Chelsea Clinton - both of whom will be in their 40s, well above the age-35 threshold," Sabato says. S.D.

What will be the region's big food trend in 2015? As the co-founder of Union Kitchen, a food incubator in Northeast D.C., Jonas Singer vets local producers who want access to its shared kitchen. That puts him at the forefront of the local food scene, which he predicts will be dominated by a certain Canadian delicacy in 2015. "I've seen a lot of poutine around town." There could certainly be worse things than french fries covered with gravy and cheese becoming a trend. ... and in 2025? "There will be an emergence of African cuisine beyond Ethiopian," predicts Union Kitchen's other co-founder, Cullen Gilchrist. "I'm thinking Nigerian food, Moroccan and Egyptian." H.S.

In 2015, what shoes will every woman want to sport? Good news for avid walkers and bunion-sufferers: Marlene Hu Aldaba, owner of the upscale Hu's Wear and Hu's Shoes in Georgetown, predicts a gradual slope toward comfortable footwear. "Rather than four-inch pumps, we're going to see more mid- to low-heel heights," Hu Aldaba says. ... and in 2025? "Everyone from Valentino to Vince is offering a sneaker right now. It's a trend with a youthful, urban vibe that's going to get stronger over the years. It's fun to see someone older wearing a python slip-on from Chloe." H.S.

What will make trendy Washingtonians sweat in 2015? You've heard of indoor cycling. Take that concept, but swap in running, says Deanna Jefferson, Nike trainer and owner of Fab Body Factory in Upper Marlboro, Md. Treadmill-based group classes let you run "with" friends of different abilities and get constant coaching. "The instructor can tell you to go to this incline, or add a side shuffle," Jefferson says. ... and in 2025? "A lot of people are doing high-impact exercise now, but not taking care of their bodies," Jefferson says. In a decade, she imagines, people will be complaining about their bad knees and backs and only want to do slow and controlled movements at the gym. And foam rollers will be absolutely everywhere. V.H.

Who will be the Redskins' starting quarterback in 2015? The Robert Griffin III rollercoaster will continue for a fourth season, predicts Washington Post columnist Dan Steinberg: "There are so many problems with this team in so many places, it's almost like, just forget about the quarterback for now and try to fix something else." Going forward with Griffin might not be a total disaster. The QB did develop some chemistry with the team's No.1 playmaker, DeSean Jackson. On passes to Jackson, Griffin posted a 108.3 passer rating, according to Neil Greenberg of Washington Post blog Fancy Stats. ... and in 2025? Impossible

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to say. The only member of the Redskins' current organization - players, coaches or front-office executives - still here in 10 years will be owner Dan Snyder, Steinberg predicts. "It makes money and it seems like something he enjoys," he says. "I can't imagine him not being the owner." J.T.

In the four major professional sports (NFL, MLB, NBA, NHL), Washington hasn't won a championship since the Redskins' Super Bowl victory on Jan. 26, 1992. Will the city's title drought end in 2015? According to Greenberg, the Capitals will make the playoffs this year, but their chances of winning the Stanley Cup are remote. The Wizards are on the upswing, but they are currently the fifth-best team in the Eastern Conference according to the Simple Rating System, with just 1.4 points per game better than the average NBA team. The Nationals, however, have a chance. The oddsmakers in Vegas give them an implied probability of 11.8 percent to win the 2015 World Series. That could also improve if they fill the hole at second base. ... how about by 2025? "A D.C. sports team will win a title by 2025," Steinberg boldly predicts. "You have 40 chances and you have three teams that seem set to make the playoffs a bunch of times in a row, including the Capitals. It defies the odds that it's been this long, and to say it's going to defy the odds for another 10 years - that would seem to me unlikely." J.T.

Will the Redskins change their name in 2015? The simple answer is no. ... how about by 2025? "My guess would be no," says Steinberg, who points out that Snyder has been adamant about "never" changing the name. "The only caveat I would have is if somehow there's going to be a new stadium in D.C. under the condition that they have to change the name." J.T.

What transportation issue will Washingtonians be griping about in 2015? David Alpert, founder of Greater Greater Washington, a popular blog chronicling urban issues, is confident that as soon as streetcar service begins on H Street - any day now - folks will be grouching about the "long and awkward walk" between the end of the line and Union Station. That's because the tunnel and elevator connection hasn't been built yet. They may also be annoyed that the streetcars don't go downtown or have a dedicated lane anywhere along the route, although those features are in the works. ... and in 2025? Self-driving cars will hit the roads, giving cabbies stiff competition. "There will be on-demand taxis anytime, anywhere that are cheap," Alpert predicts. But because the vehicles are designed to stop for pedestrians and obey speed limits, humans who are still behind the wheel may not be pleased they have to go slower, too. V.H

What will be the next 14th Street? When Michael Benson opened Cafe Saint-Ex on 14th Street in 2002, friends feared for his safety, he says. Flash forward 12 years, and he's got one of the hottest addresses in D.C. In 2015, Benson predicts that the new 14th Street will be - wait for it - 14th Street. "The action is going to continue up the street, into northern Columbia Heights," where the Red Derby and the Pinch have already put down roots. ... and in 2025? Anacostia. "You've got the growth of Nats Park, and it has some beautiful views of the city. At some point, people are going to get wise and head that way," Benson predicts. H.S.

What D.C. musician will make it big in 2015? If you haven't heard of Kali Uchis, Alexandria's answer to Amy Winehouse, you probably will soon, predicts Ally Schweitzer, editor of WAMU 88.5's Bandwidth music site. "She's crazy creative and sounds better and better on every track she puts out," Schweitzer says. ... and in 2025? The musicians who will be a big deal in 10 years are in elementary school right now. They're probably also in the suburbs, Schweitzer says. "We've already seen Prince George's County emerge as the hip-hop capital of the D.C. area, and we'll probably see more music coming out of Northern Virginia, too." S.D.

How will Congress mess with D.C. in 2015? Congress's attempt to keep D.C. from legalizing marijuana is just the latest in a long history of meddling in District affairs, says D.C. Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton (D). But in 2015, she predicts, we needn't be overly concerned about the incoming majority-Republican Congress - D.C. isn't their priority. "The District would seem to be small potatoes when you consider how long it has been since they have had both the House and the Senate." ... and in 2025? "The District and its residents are going to step up the drive for statehood for the District of Columbia to get the Congress out of our business altogether," she predicts. S.D.

What's the next suffix that will define our world? It's pretty rare for the world to actually end, but we

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like to pretend it does; that's why writer Paul Dickson says the next "-gate" is going to be "-mageddon." "I see it creeping up," says Dickson, whose latest book, "Authorisms: Words Wrought by Writers," came out in 2014. "There was a big [newspaper] article about the crisis in student loans and they called it 'loanmageddon.' There was an article in one of the Houston papers about the proliferation of fire ants and they called it 'antmageddon.'" Calling down apocalyptic imagery adds drama, Dickson says. "Instead of saying it's a crisis you've got to bring in the Biblical concept of the end of the world." He even has a Rapture-based knock-knock joke handy; transcribing the whole thing would be silly, but the punchline is "Armageddon tired of all this end of the world nonsense." K.P.K

What book will take D.C. by storm? Anna Thorn, manager of [Upshur Street Books](#), had a tough time with this one. "D.C. has a real diversity of taste," she says. For nonfiction, she says to look for Ian Millhiser's "Injustices" to dominate. "It's about the Supreme Court, and it's rather critical," she says. In terms of nonfiction, brace yourself: Winter is coming. Eventually. George R.R. Martin's sixth "A Song of Ice and Fire" book, "Winds of Winters," is due in 2015. Maybe. "He refuses to give final release dates," says Thorn. "He says 'I'm not going to stop working because I have a deadline. It's going to come out when it's done.'" K.P.K.

Think you know what D.C. will be buzzing about this year? Take our survey here and we'll publish the results when the ball drops in 2016.

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## Washingtonian Magazine's 100 Very Best Restaurants

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**HIGHLIGHT:** "Fine dining." The term seems as starchy as, well, a white tablecloth. Just take a look at our top ten restaurants of the year (we ranked all 100 of them)-there's a luxe seafood destination on the Georgetown waterfront, yes, but also an Annapolis pizza place and a dining room on a 40-acre Virginia farm. So what makes them special? The most thrilling cooking in the area, at a time when the competition has never been stronger. They might not all be fine dining in the traditional sense, but we guarantee they're fantastic.

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What's Expensive? Based on the price of a dinner for two plus tax and a 20-percent tip: Very expensive: \$200 or more, Expensive: \$121 to \$199, Moderate: \$61 to \$120, Inexpensive: \$60 or less.

## 1 Komi

1509 17th St., NW; 202-332-9200

How does a restaurant snag the top ranking in our annual survey of the area's dining scene? Let us count the ways.

The room, simple but serene, establishes the tone-you don't come here to be dazzled by decor. Or to do business. The reason you book a table at Komi is to escape the noise and hustle of the outside world, settling in for the sort of soul-warming experience that's all too rare in the world of fine dining.

The staff is deeply knowledgeable-doting but sincere, and with an enthusiasm for the restaurant that transcends the job-and the parade of dishes is not at all the egotistical exercise you might expect from a place that has dispensed with menus. You feel the earnestness and enthusiasm of chef Johnny Monis in every exquisitely crafted bite.

Monis has experimented a good bit with his set list over the past year, further nudging Komi from its roots as a Greek restaurant. It's more Mediterranean these days, with an increasingly global reach that reflects the chef's continuing and exciting evolution. Some standards remain, including the small miracle of a roasted date stuffed with mascarpone, salted and coated in olive oil: No single bite in all of Washington excites us more.

For all his freewheeling play throughout, it tells you a lot that the final course is served family style and revels in its hearty abundance. Our most recent meal concluded with a gorgeous, crisp-skinned lamb neck; on the side, pita and condiments. Gyros, basically-though there's nothing basic about it. You're going to break bread, quite literally, you're going to eat with your hands, you're going to dig in and not "dine."

**Open:** Tuesday through Saturday for dinner. **Don't miss:** The 12-to-16-course set menu doesn't offer choices, but recent hits have included bay scallops with Meyer lemon; pasta rounds with squash, black truffle, and lamb tongue; cured foie gras with honey; gnocchi with milk-roasted rabbit; mackerel jaw with za'atar; sweetbreads with gribiche; roasted goat or suckling pig with pita and condiments; Greek doughnuts with sour cherries and gelato made from Brillat-Savarin. **Very expensive.**

## 2 Minibar

855 E St., NW; 202-393-0812

José Andrés wants to blow your mind. Not with the fact that you'll be eating 25 courses (many of them bite-size) or that you'll pay dearly for the privilege (\$250 per person, just for food). This is the ultimate ride through a culinary funhouse.

Twelve seats at a cool, white bar face the open kitchen, and the brigade of tweezer-wielding cooks-led by drolly charming executive sous chef Johnny Spero-are there to chat, explain, and direct. (You'll be told, say, to eat your canapés in a certain order, starting not with the mildest flavor but with the most "time-sensitive.") The menu is dotted with winking allusions, such as a paper plate with a translucent piece of pizza. "Jumbo slice," one of the cooks says. Translation: edible potato-starch "paper" baked with Parmesan and finished with freeze-dried tomato powder, *burrata*, and walnut oil.

If there's a dinner that's more brilliantly creative, interactive, and downright fun, we haven't found it. Consider our minds blown.

**Open:** Tuesday through Saturday for dinner. **Don't miss:** Pineapple "shortbread" (freeze-dried pineapple powder with shaved butter); Vietnamese pig ear; ice-cream doughnuts. **Very expensive.**

### 3 Rose's Luxury

717 Eighth St., SE; 202-580-8889

Here's why it's worth waiting an hour (or more) for one of the no-reservations tables: because Rose's makes you feel good. That's not as simple as it sounds. How often do you walk out of a place feeling loads better than when you walked in? Chef/owner Aaron Silverman hasn't just lucked out in hiring good people; he has treated his servers well financially and given them great support on the floor. The result? A staff so sincere, so engaging, and so concerned you enjoy yourself that the vibe becomes infectious.

Silverman could probably send out grilled cheese and make everyone happy, but he mines the seam between satisfying his ego and pleasing a crowd as few chefs do. Consider an English-pea cake with edible flowers. Looks like an appetizer, answers to "dessert," and fuzzes the boundaries between sweet and savory so well that you simply submit to it, trusting that the chef knows better than you what you're going to love. Silverman can do simple, too-his veal parmigiana might resemble everyone else's, but it tastes like no one's. Most dishes fall somewhere between those extremes, such as a beef *crudo*, which arrives on a grandmotherly saucer, looking like something the kitchen put together on the fly. Yeah, sure. It has a depth and intensity that most steaks never approach. This is Silverman's MO-to lull you into thinking he and his crew are just a group of kids having fun, then wowing you when you least expect it.

**Open:** Monday through Saturday for dinner. **Don't miss:** Pork-and-lychee salad; cacio e pepe; capricci amatriciana; rigatoni with Parmesan cream; smoked brisket with white bread and slaw; pear napoleon. **Expensive.**

### 4 Fiola Mare

3050 K St., NW; 202-628-0065

The real achievement here is that chef Fabio Trabocchi has made the waterfront location-with its commanding view of the Potomac-feel almost secondary. You'd have to take a trip to Eric Ripert's Le Bernardin, a paean to the piscatory in Midtown Manhattan, to see fish and seafood treated with as much care and skill. Or to see a non-meat meal (there's but a single meat dish on the dinner menu) ushered into such a rarefied realm of luxury and indulgence.

The special-occasion restaurant has largely disappeared from the scene, as neighborhood spots and high-minded bistros have cropped up by the dozens. This is one to book for that anniversary or birthday, especially if you snag a table overlooking the river. Even just swinging by for lunch (the three-course, \$28 prix fixe is a legitimate deal) feels grand and indulgent.

**Open:** Monday for dinner, Tuesday through Friday for lunch and dinner, Saturday and Sunday for brunch and dinner. **Don't miss:** Hamachi or bluefin toro crudo; olive-oil-poached black bass or cod with Prosecco zabaglione; wild turbot with smoked potatoes and charred spring onions; lobster ravioli; spaghetti with clams; Under the Sea (a stew of langoustines, scallops, turbot, prawns, and foie gras); mint-chocolate tart; spumoni; bomboloni (Italian doughnuts). **Very expensive.**

### 5 Rasika

633 D St., NW, 202-637-1222; 1190 New Hampshire Ave., NW, 202-466-2500

In May, Rasika's Vikram Sunderam won the James Beard Award for best chef in the Mid-Atlantic. It was richly deserved then, and there's been no laurel-resting since-this duo of mod-Indian dining rooms is better than ever. The menus-whether at the jewel-toned Penn Quarter original or the ice-blue-accented West End location-are made for grazing. There are terrific barbecue meats and *chaats* (who knew avocado and bananas made such a great pair?) and curries with intricately layered spices that seem made for the

soft *naan* and *roti*. Plenty of dishes will feel familiar—chicken *tikka masala*, lamb *korma*—and while the kitchen's renditions are excellent, this is a place where you'll be rewarded for trying something new. If there's a weak spot, it's the overly sweet and sculptural desserts.

**Open:** Monday through Friday for lunch and dinner, Saturday for dinner. **Don't miss:** Fried-cauliflower *bezule*; palak chaat (crispy spinach); lobster with mango and malt vinegar; duck breast with candied orange; tandoori lamb chops; eggplant with peanuts and jalapeños; goat-cheese kulcha (a wheat bread). **expensive.**

## 6 Little Serow

1511 17th St., NW; no phone; [littleserow.com](http://littleserow.com)

"Okay, who's been here before?" the bespectacled server asks when she hears there's a newbie at the table. "What I mean is: Who's going to be the chili sherpa?"

Yes, a little handholding helps if you're unfamiliar with the ferociously spicy northern and northeastern Thai flavors chef/owner Johnny Monis celebrates here. The menu changes weekly, but there are some dishes that we're glad to see pop up again and again—a sublime tofu salad, blessedly mild pork ribs.

Some sherpa tips: The key to finding bliss in the lagoon-blue dining room is to pace yourself—which isn't easy considering that the family-style seven-course menu contains as much pleasure as pain—and to make good use of the sticky rice, herbs, and cucumbers that come gratis. (Also, never has a good Vouvray or dry Riesling been so soothing.) Finally, get in line before the place opens—it doesn't take reservations, and the 28 seats fill up in a flash.

**Open:** Tuesday through Saturday for dinner. **Don't miss:** Recent highlights from the set menu have included snakehead dumplings in galangal broth; morning glory stir-fried with egg; and crispy pork skin with anchovies, tamarind, and chilies. **expensive.**

## 7 The Red Hen

1822 First St., NW; 202-525-3021

This is the ultimate gestalt restaurant, a place that stands out not for doing any one thing particularly well but for doing them all particularly well. From setting to service to food, there may not be a more seamless experience, at this price level, in all of Washington.

The welcome is warm and genuine, the room comfortable (if only every restaurant had chairs and tables as handsome as these pieces, fashioned from Nicaraguan wood), the wines inexpensive and interesting, the cocktails beautifully mixed. And that's all before you've put a fork to your plate.

To call the cooking "regional Italian" is fitting but limiting—it doesn't tell you how unfussy chef Michael Friedman's plates are, how focused, how satisfying. Friedman shops well, and he looks to showcase his bounty as simply as possible, whether crostini slathered with a silken chicken liver or a plate of bucatini draped with a sauce of Parmesan and black pepper.

**Open:** Daily for dinner. **Don't miss:** Beet salad with feta and pistachios; grilled octopus; ricotta cavatelli; rigatoni with fennel-sausage ragu; saffron zucca (a shell of pasta) with butternut-squash purée and mushrooms; scallops with kale, bacon, and polenta; tomato-braised short rib; maple custard; autumn ice-cream sundae; apple crumb cake. **Moderate.**

## 8 Fiola

601 Pennsylvania Ave., NW; 202-628-2888

Fiola may be Italian, but it's the Grace Kelly of Washington dining rooms, possessing an effortless cool, a

beauty that's steely without being off-putting.

Chef/owner Fabio Trabocchi grew up in Italy's coastal Le Marche region, and he has a special affinity for fish (which he also shows off at Georgetown's Fiola Mare). In the sea of tuna carpaccios, his stands out-the top-quality ahi is precisely cut and spooned with a vivid mix of yuzu, tomato confit, and olives. A filet of branzino is elevated with a froth of Prosecco zabaglione and pearls of paddlefish roe. And his superlative house-made spaghetti is enriched with sparkingly fresh sea urchin, mussels, and Nantucket bay scallops. The desserts from pastry chefs Tom Wellings and Kendra Grieco are fitting sendoffs-their candied apple, a blown-sugar fruit filled with snowy apple foam, is one of the most stunning sweets we've had all year.

**Open:** Monday through Friday for lunch and dinner, Saturday for dinner. **Don't miss:** Burrata with baby artichokes and pesto; Parmesan risotto with Alba white truffles; ricotta cavatelli with amatriciana sauce; lobster ravioli with ginger; roasted duck with butternut-squash relish; labneh sorbet with chia seeds; ricotta doughnuts; ensaimada (a cream-filled brioche). **Very expensive.**

## 9 The Restaurant at Patowmack Farm

42461 Lovettsville Rd., Lovettsville; 540-822-9017

Some of the most exciting cooking we've encountered isn't in downtown DC-it's happening an hour away, up a steep gravel driveway in Loudoun County's Lovettsville. Here, chef Tarver King plays scientist, forager, and farmer, creating avant-garde dishes from locally grown ingredients, many gathered on the restaurant's 40-acre property.

The greenhouse-like dining room is more pleasant before dark, when vistas of the surrounding hills outshine the drab decor. Still, there's no shortage of distractions from the kitchen-even the butter, earthy and aged for a month, is a knockout. Smoking plays a large role in King's repertoire (he cites the area's Native American cooking traditions as inspiration), both in delicate dishes like a woodsy mix of crab, whipped ham, and black walnuts served on cedar and in a strapping beef rib eye. Note that menus change daily, as does the menu format: Thursdays are à la carte, Friday and Saturday feature a multi-course tasting (\$88 a person), and there's a family-style Sunday supper once a month.

**Open:** Thursday and Friday for dinner, Saturday for brunch and dinner, Sunday for brunch and monthly dinner. **Don't miss:** Liverwurst with onion sablé cookies; crab crackers; chicken boudin blanc with crispy skin and fermented mustard; smoked pork shoulder with peanuts and jasmine rice; apple pie; Appalachian cheese fritters with honey. **Very expensive.**

## 10 Vin 909 Winecafé

909 Bay Ridge Ave., Annapolis; 410-990-1846

Some folks are probably wondering how on earth a bungalow that made its reputation on pizzas could snag a spot so high on this list.

Well, that bungalow is one of the most inviting getaways you're going to find that doesn't also cost a small fortune, the mood even on a weekday night has a feel-great buzz, and those brick-oven pizzas are spectacular-the region's best.

But this isn't just a pizzeria and wine bar. The chef, Justin Moore, is a big-time talent, albeit a self-effacing one-one reason you might not know his name. He has a terrific palate and an unerring sense of what goes together, which is why his simple food, such as a warm ball of hand-pulled mozzarella, is so much more satisfying than nearly everyone else's and why his more involved dishes are never fussy.

**Open:** Tuesday, Saturday, and Sunday for dinner, Wednesday through Friday for lunch and dinner. **Don't miss:** Warm olives; clam-and-pumpkin curry; tuna tartare; pizzas, including the Spotted Pig (soppresatta and boar meatballs) and the San Daniele (prosciutto and pickled peppers); butterscotch pudding.

**Moderate.****11 Seasonal Pantry**

1314½ Ninth St., NW; 202-713-9866

Alternative dining experiences-pop-ups, secret destinations, guest-chef dinners-may be the trend of the moment, but chef Dan O'Brien's three-year-old Shaw supper club has proven its staying power.

A dozen guests gather among shelves of his house-made jams, pickles, and dried pasta Wednesday through Saturday night, feasting on a multi-course meal that has the warm feel of a dinner party, with carafes of wine passed freely. Ambitious yet soulful, offerings can range from an egg slow-cooked with truffles in a Mason jar to seared halibut atop an intense bouillabaisse sauce. What O'Brien accomplishes on two portable induction burners and a pancake griddle bests many of the formal kitchens in Washington.

**Open:** Wednesday through Saturday for dinner. **Don't miss:** The menu changes every few weeks-recent standouts have included fried olives stuffed with pork confit; orecchiette with duck confit; lamb with house-made sausage; and mint bar with chocolate sorbet. **Very expensive.**

**12 Del Campo**

777 I St., NW; 202-289-7377

Victor Albisu sets fire to just about everything he can at his cowhide-lined Latin steakhouse. Order a Negroni and it'll arrive with a pile of smoldering cinnamon shavings. The warm, crusty rolls that precede dinner come with a tiny box of smoked salt. Even the carrot cake takes a turn on the grill.

The taupe, chandeliered dining room is Washington's best steakhouse, and there are the requisite big-spender cuts of beef (including an excellent dry-aged rib eye). But don't overlook the more peasantry meats-a gorgeously crisp Berkshire pork shank, a robust hanger steak with *chimichurri*, and both varieties of house-made chorizo-all presented on wooden platters. And definitely don't skip out on the fluffy *dulce de leche* crepe soufflé for dessert.

**Open:** Monday through Friday for lunch and dinner, Saturday for dinner, Sunday for brunch and dinner. **don't miss:** Grilled-octopus causa (with potato purée and crab); burnt-beet salad; Peruvian chicken; grilled prawns; grilled short ribs; ricotta gnocchi; chili-braised lentils with a fried egg; s'mores; pumpkin old fashioned and Gin Joint cocktails. **Very expensive.**

**13 Casa Luca**

1099 New York Ave., NW; 202-628-1099

The most casual operation in chef Fabio Trabocchi's portfolio, this orange-toned trattoria exudes a masterly assurance. The staff is crisp and knowledgeable, the soundtrack old-school and adult, the mood soothing and sophisticated. And the cooking? Think of it as Trabocchi at his most crowd-pleasing and approachable.

Rusticated fine dining is all the rage right now, but rarely has it felt so thought-through or tasted so delicious. From the opening nibbles to the pastas (go for ravioli stuffed with greens and ricotta and treated to a sauce of butter, toasted almonds, and nepitella, a wild mint) to the exquisite desserts, there's no weak link on the menu. And you can relax and let the meal unspool with choreographed seamlessness.

**Open:** Monday through Friday for lunch and dinner, Saturday and Sunday for dinner. **Don't miss:** Grilled flatbread with 'nduja (spreadable sausage); tortellini in broth; bucatini with prawns; branzino with roasted tomatoes; fusilli cacio e pepe; lamb shoulder with gremolata; zuppa Inglese (an Italian trifle);

quince crostada; cookie plate. **expensive.**

#### 14 Le Diplomate

1601 14th St., NW; 202-332-3333

Stephen Starr's smoky-mirrored Francophile fantasy of a corner brasserie was last year's buzziest debut. And while it's easier to nab one of the crimson leather banquettes these days (especially for walk-ins), the kitchen still churns out hits in Taylor Swift-like fashion. It handles bistro standards—a strapping cassoulet, mussels in an addictively creamy broth—with ease, sprinkling in the occasional elegant surprise, such as a gorgeous salad of plump shrimp with beurre blanc, avocado, and roasted tomato.

Starr's biggest talent is making sure no part of the experience lags, whether it's the top-notch desserts, excellent breadbasket, well-made cocktails, or efficient but warm service. Oh—and the area's best burger, a riff on a Big Mac that one of our food critics cops to eating once a week. It all adds up to one of our favorite hangouts, as suited for brunch with the kids as it is for an anniversary dinner.

**Open:** Monday through Friday for dinner, Saturday and Sunday for brunch and dinner. **Don't miss:** Seafood plateau; onion soup; foie gras parfait; mushroom tart; steak frites; duck sarladaise over crisp potatoes (at brunch); crème brûlée; milk-chocolate pot de crème. **expensive.**

#### 15 Central Michel Richard

1001 Pennsylvania Ave., NW; 202-626-0015

Sightings of chef Michel Richard are rare these days, but just as Rubens had a studio and his acolytes churned out a slew of cherubic figures indistinguishable from the boss's own, so too, can you dine in Richard's dazzling workshop and not feel anything is missing.

David Deshaies—who previously quarterbacked the intricate offense at Citronelle—presides over the kitchen here, and his plates have all the Richard hallmarks: immaculate precision, whimsical reinvention, love of textural contrast, depth of flavor.

The list of bests is long. Best fried chicken in the city. Best non-beef burger. Best napoleon. And in an age when pastry chefs are going the way of the dodo bird, dessert here feels like an exuberant celebration.

**Open:** Monday through Friday for lunch and dinner, Saturday for dinner, Sunday for brunch and dinner. **Don't miss:** Gougères; bacon tart; goat-cheese Caesar salad; lobster burger; tuna burger; Celebration Cake (whipped cream, fruit, and cake inside a chocolate shell); Lemon Eggceptional (a twist on lemon meringue pie); chocolate mousse. **expensive.**

#### 16 Ananda

7421 Maple Lawn Blvd., Fulton, Md.; 301-725-4800

Nobody is opening restaurants like this anymore. To step into this palatial space in Howard County is to be spirited away to another continent, another time. The veranda is like the owner's box at a cricket match, complete with matching fireplaces. The library, with its floor-to-ceiling bookcases, is sumptuously handsome. Either room is where you'll want to be for your next special occasion. Of course, even an ordinary dinner at Ananda feels special, because the cooking is so assured. The brother owners, Keir and Binda Singh, operate their own farm, and they've brought a contemporary approach to the Indian kitchen, cutting back on the yogurt and butter that weigh down so much Indian cooking. The simple stuff, like *dal* and *raita*, is without peer, while some of the more elaborate preparations, such as a plate of almond-crusted lamb chops, are so good you might think about returning even before you've left.

**Open:** Tuesday through Sunday for lunch and dinner. **Don't miss:** Watermelon salad; squash soup; reshmi chicken kebab; eggplant with tomatoes, yogurt, and mint; lamb saag; jingha karari (a shrimp

curry); shrimp bhuna (a shrimp stir-fry); creamy spinach with paneer; chana (chickpea-and-onion stew); seasonal-fruit crumble. **Moderate.**

### 17 Mintwood Place

1813 Columbia Rd., NW; 202-234-6732

The origins of Cedric Maupillier's whimsical, winking style can easily be traced—he learned his craft under Michel Richard, a chef as fun-loving as he is detail-obsessed. At this loud, warmly lit Adams Morgan bistro, Maupillier does his former teacher proud as he skillfully straddles the line between French and American sensibilities, sometimes marrying the two (the escargot hushpuppies are fabulous), other times letting soulful dishes like roast chicken or cassoulet shine in their simplicity. Big-hearted service, a cozy dining room with a barn's worth of reclaimed wood, and portions fit for a Midwestern diner make the place even easier to love.

**Open:** Tuesday through Friday for dinner, Saturday and Sunday for brunch and dinner. **Don't miss:** Beet-and-goat-cheese pie; burrata with tamarind and kale; calf's-heart salad; bacon-and-onion tart; pork chop with spaetzle carbonara; bacon cheeseburger; tagliatelle Bolognese; brownie sundae; crème brûlée. **expensive.**

### 18 Plume

1200 16th St., NW; 202-448-3227

Many restaurants eschew pampering in favor of edginess or just plain accessibility. Not so at this elegant tasting room in the Jefferson hotel, where the Old World ambience—crystal chandeliers, silk wallpaper, a crackling hearth—exudes luxury. Thanks to a team of obliging servers and sommelier Jennifer Knowles, who's eager to guide guests through her leather-bound tome, the place manages to avoid feeling stiff.

Chef Ralf Schlegel's tasting menus suit the surroundings. There's foie gras and truffles, yes, but also seared Wagyu beef alongside a lush bowl of salsify velouté and wild salmon slow-poached in a blanket of beeswax (sounds strange, but it gives the fish silkiness). Whether you opt for deftly crafted desserts or a sampling from the cheese cart is up to you, but even fans of the latter shouldn't forgo a plate of artful chocolates, bestowed on each departing table.

**Open:** Tuesday through Saturday for dinner. **Don't miss:** Diver scallops with brown butter; lobster gratin; deer saddle with a chestnut steamed bun; "everything chocolate" tasting. **Very expensive.**

### 19 Izakaya Seki

1117 V St., NW; 202-588-5841

At many sushi restaurants, the cooked is given short shrift in favor of the raw. At local *izakayas*, it's often the reverse, with an emphasis on skewers and snacks and a perfunctory array of nigiri. Father/daughter team Hiroshi and Cizuka Seki satisfy both ends of the spectrum at their spare, bilevel place. (Look for the glowing red lantern hanging out front.)

Stationed behind the downstairs counter, Hiroshi assembles beautifully cut sashimi—if you're lucky, the evening's assortment will include luscious *toro* or a sparkingly fresh Kumamoto oyster. Meanwhile, his cooks know their way around a fryer, turning out popcorn-light, crunchy bites of chicken and lacy shrimp-and-vegetable fritters. And the shiso-strewn fried rice with garlic chips is as warming and satisfying as comfort food gets.

**Open:** Wednesday through Monday for dinner. **Don't miss:** Tuna tataki; scallop carpaccio; uni (sea urchin) with a quail egg; barbecue short ribs; grilled mero (sea bass) with sweet miso; vinegar-cured mackerel; burdock-and-lotus-root salad. **Moderate.**

## 20 Marcel's

2401 Pennsylvania Ave.,NW; 202-296-1166

Here's why you want to book a table for your next birthday at Robert Wiedmaier's flagship. Not because the cooking is great, though it is; but these days you can find terrific food in a strip mall. What's in short supply is the kind of cossetting this blast from the past specializes in.

It doesn't matter that you're not among the regulars. The staff will work hard to make you feel like one, even if you're there for the pre-theater menu. The food is the epitome of Old World extravagance-labor-intensive and richly sauced, perhaps nowhere as fully realized as in the signature dish, the boudin blanc. In other words, exactly the sort of cooking you think about when you want to be spoiled.

**Open:** Daily for dinner. **Don't miss:** Salmon carpaccio; porcini-mushroom soup; butter-poached sablefish; squash agnolotti; roasted poussin; duck with peppercorn sauce; chocolate mousse; hot-chocolate cake. **Very expensive.**

## 21 Woodberry Kitchen

2010 Clipper Park Rd.,Baltimore; 410-464-8000

Spike Gjerde's locavore destination, our favorite reason to head to Baltimore, reveals its charms from the moment you arrive. No need to worry about parking-there's a free valet. Once you're inside, the soaring former mill and its craggy brick walls somehow manage to radiate warmth. (The chatty bartenders and their beautifully balanced cocktails help.)

Gjerde not only is fixated on finding, say, the best beef in Maryland; he has developed an obsession with the culinary traditions of the Chesapeake. That means you'll find the expected stuff-a worthy crabcake, rockfish cooked in the wood-burning oven-but also hot sauce made with fish peppers (a Baltimore-grown chili) and papaw ice cream. Desserts, especially a marshmallow-rippled sundae, are some of the strongest finishes around. **Open:** Monday through Friday for dinner, Saturday and Sunday for brunch and dinner.

**Don't miss:** Deviled eggs; crab dip; lambchetta (a riff on porchetta); clams and egg noodles; salted-caramel ice cream; butterscotch pudding; Snake Charmer (rum, verjus, and cider) and Leafrit (mezcal, kiwi-berry syrup, and tonic) cocktails. **Expensive.**

## 22 The Inn at Little Washington

309 Middle St., Washington, Va.; 540-675-3800

How in the world has our number-one-ranked restaurant for the past two years fallen so far so fast? We'll get to that, but first we want to point out that one thing hasn't changed, and that's that there's simply no experience like this in the region. No staff is more prepared to please you (if you show up with the sniffles, they'll bring over a pot of ginger-honey tea in no time). Chef/owner Patrick O'Connell has long understood the importance of the little things, which is why he employs two full-time florists (yes, really) and insists that the ornate rooms be dusted twice a day.

So what's not to like? Start with the recent shift to a tasting-menu format, which strips away a lot of what made the restaurant so memorable: its too-muchness. If any dish captured the over-the-top indulgence of dining here, it was a thick, peppered steak of tuna (flown in that morning from Hawaii) capped with an outsize lobe of foie gras. In its shrunken state, it loses its grandiosity and excitement. A new vegetarian menu is great in theory; in practice, it looks stinting, particularly when you compare the constituent parts-half a beet, a slice of cauliflower-with the luxury ingredients on the other menus. The new format is largely to blame, but not only to blame; recent meals exposed flaws that seemed out of character: an oversalted foie gras torchon, a gritty scallop.

**Open:** Wednesday through Monday for dinner. **Don't miss:** Lamb carpaccio with Caesar-salad ice cream;

bourbon-glazed sweetbreads with pappardelle; butter-pecan ice-cream sandwich. **Very expensive.**

### 23 Estadio

1520 14th St., NW; 202-319-1404

Pork belly has been maligned and mishandled over the last decade-how many bites of pure fat can a person take? At this Spanish-inflected Logan Circle hot spot, Haidar Karoum not only redeems it; he turns it into one of our favorite sandwiches in the region-caramelizing the edges, giving it a slathering of aioli, and cutting the unctuousness with pickled shishito peppers. Karoum's skill is not in turning the familiar on its head but in giving the usual tapas-house dishes tiny tweaks that key up their flavors in big ways. Soft béchamel *croquetas* are threaded with meaty mushrooms, *plancha*-grilled squid gets amped up with a major hit of lemon, and tender grilled chicken is fragrant with sambal. The cocktail list-with its orange-and-thyme gin-and-tonics and seasonal slushies-is one of the city's best.

**Open:** Monday through Thursday for dinner, Friday for lunch and dinner, Saturday and Sunday for brunch and dinner. **Don't miss:** Cheese and charcuterie boards; open-faced sandwich with heirloom tomatoes and goat cheese; chorizo and roasted-lamb-shoulder bocadillos (mini-sandwiches); ham croquetas; hanger steak with mojo verde; roasted corn with aioli; Manchego cheesecake. **Moderate.**

### 24 Kapnos

2201 14th St., NW; 202-234-5000

Mike Isabella channels the spirit of a Greek Easter feast at his small-plates taverna, where whole animals bronze on spits in the open kitchen and diners knock back lemonades spiked with vodka and *mastiha*, a licorice-flavored liqueur.

Those roasted meats-baby goat, lemon-marinated lamb, suckling pig-are superlative, slowly crisped and infused with smokiness, and they deserve to be the centerpiece of a meal here. So too the stone-baked flatbread and array of dips, which lean toward the traditional but often get a smart update. (Isabella's secret to making the *taramasalata* so incredibly smooth? Puréed cauliflower.) At night, the purple-draped room booms with a constant crowd. Brunch is quieter, and the menu is just as enticing-spit-roasted chicken, served with lemony potatoes at dinner, also makes a terrific mate to fluffy, honey-drizzled waffles.

**Open:** Monday through Friday for dinner, Saturday and Sunday for brunch and dinner. **Don't miss:** Tzatziki; revithosalata, a hummus-like spread; Greek fries; roasted-duck pie; mushroom pie with honey yogurt; roasted cauliflower with golden raisins. **Moderate.**

### 25 Thai Taste by Kob

11315 Fern St., Wheaton; 301-942-0288

Kob is the nickname of chef Phak Duangchandr-and trust us, the woman has earned the right to emblazon her name out front. This is Thai food for Thais, and if you're accustomed to a sweeter, more Americanized brand, the effect will be as bracing as downing a shot of grappa on an empty stomach. You can expect the flavors to be more pungent than you're probably used to, almost certainly sharper and more defined, and Kob isn't afraid to bring the heat.

Part of the pleasure of eating here is customizing your dishes with the terrific condiment tray, which includes, among other treats, wonderful chili vinegars. Another, greater part of the pleasure: the realization that for \$35 for two, you can have more thrills than with some three-digit tasting menus.

**Open:** Daily for lunch and dinner. **Don't miss:** Chicken himmapan (a stir-fry with cashews and chilies); glazed pork skewers; spicy basil fried rice; crispy whole fish with fried basil sauce; jungle curry. **Inexpensive.**

## 26 Sushi Capitol

325 Pennsylvania Ave., SE; 202-627-0325

For nearly two decades, Minoru Ogawa oversaw sushi operations at every Mandarin Oriental property on the East Coast. When he decided to open a place of his own in 2013, he already knew the important buyers and suppliers in the country. The high quality of the fish is what makes this small Capitol Hill spot such an unexpected find.

That and the fact that Ogawa keeps things simple. The menu is small, which means prices are lower than at most places in its tier—the *omakase*, or tasting menu, is a relative steal (about 15 small courses for \$50)—and the chef eschews flashy rolls, noodle bowls, and the charcoal-grilled items that have become de rigueur in recent years as *izakayas* have gone mainstream. All he's interested in is showcasing terrific fish, which at its best (unfortunately, the place is prone to the occasional off night) can be described with a very un-sushi-like word: juicy.

**Open:** Monday through Friday for lunch and dinner, Saturday for dinner. **Don't miss:** Grilled yellowtail jaw; yellowtail with scallion hand roll; tuna hand roll; Florida roll, with blowtorched salmon, avocado, and green onion; sawagani (crunchy whole crabs from Japan); sushi and sashimi, including sea urchin, chu toro and o-toro (varieties of fatty tuna), scallop, yellowtail, salmon, madai, and flounder. **Moderate.**

## 27 Jaleo

480 Seventh St., NW, 202-628-7949; 7271 Woodmont Ave., Bethesda, 301-913-0003; 2250-A Crystal Dr., Arlington, 703-413-8181

It's now common to get Thai, Indian, or even Serbian food in small-plates form, but Washington's tapas trend didn't exist before José Andrés opened this restaurant barely more than 20 years ago. His trio of color-drenched spots are about as well oiled as restaurant machines get, churning out hits at an astonishingly consistent clip. Every meal here should start with the brittle, tomato-topped Cristal bread. We like to mix up the old-school tapas-house fare (béchamel *croquetas*, garlicky shrimp) with dishes that carry the influence of Andrés's futurist mentor, Ferran Adrià (a deconstructed gin-and-tonic dessert). The DC location has the best cocktail list and more of the forward-thinking plates, while Crystal City offers a well-curated wine shop.

**Open:** Monday through Friday for lunch and dinner, Saturday and Sunday for brunch and dinner. **Don't miss:** 48-month-cured Ibérico de Bellota ham; garrotxa cheese with apricot jam; bacon-wrapped dates; rabbit confit with apricot purée; Ibérico pork mini-burgers; flan. **Moderate.**

## 28 Obelisk

2029 P St., NW; 202-872-1180

Peter Pastan's 28-year-old temple of regional Italian cuisine is still very much a player on the local dining scene. There's a certain asceticism to his vision—no music, no outlandish trends, not even a sign out front. Just beautifully sourced ingredients served by a Mensa-level waitstaff inside a rowhouse dining room. Antipasti and pastas are the stars of the \$75 five-course menu (\$85 on weekends)—the only dining option. Perfectly fried *arancini* and the creamiest *burrata* are testimony to the kitchen's purist tendencies, and gnocchi with pesto is a reminder of how many lesser versions of this dish are out there. The wine list hews toward Italian bottles, and the three cocktails fit in nicely with the Mediterranean vibe (we like the Negroni Sbagliato, with Campari, red vermouth, and Prosecco).

**Open:** Tuesday through Saturday for dinner. **Don't miss:** Pinenut-studded meatballs; suckling-pig agnolotti with sage; amaretti-stuffed pear. **Very expensive.**

## 29 Table

903 N St., NW; 202-588-5200

The closing of his Penn Quarter restaurant, Menu MBK, was a disappointment for chef Frederik de Pue, but the consolidation of staff would appear to be a blessing for his other restaurant, Table. Our most recent meal was the best we've eaten here since the contemporary French bistro opened, with thoughtful, subtly rendered dishes that didn't merely speak to the potential of the place; they shouted, loudly and clearly, that the restaurant had arrived in the big time. De Pue has always shown a gift for seafood, and one of the best reasons to visit is a remarkable mussel salad, with sea urchin and a creamy, saltwatery flan. Another great reason: pastry chef Cassie Holcomb. Her chocolate *crèmeux* is excellent, and she also bakes the light, crusty bread for the charcuterie boards.

**Open:** Monday through Saturday for dinner, Sunday for brunch and dinner. **Don't miss:** Corn velouté with smoked salmon belly; foie gras mille-feuille; rack of lamb with sorrel ricotta; duck with apple risotto; salmon with lentils and bacon; peanut-butter panna cotta; ricotta beignets. **Expensive.**

### 30 DGS Delicatessen

1317 Connecticut Ave., NW; 202-293-4400

Maybe it's time to stop thinking of this deli as just a deli and start thinking of it as one of the best in a crop of ambitious, midlevel restaurants to hit Washington in recent years. It would be hard to name more than a handful of places where you can eat or drink so well, and at such decent-for-DC prices. (If only there were a little more juice in the too quiet dining room.)

Which isn't to say don't go for the luscious pastrami (sliced in the manner of Montreal's smoked meat, as opposed to the thinner cut favored by New York delis) or the finest chopped chicken liver around—just that you can settle in and make a night of it (manager Brian Zipin mixes a great cocktail). If you want, you can skip the canonical dishes entirely and tuck into a strapping plate of chicken schnitzel with whipped potatoes and braised red cabbage. Save room for the finish: doughnuts drizzled with honey and showered with toasted almonds.

**Open:** Monday through Friday for lunch and dinner, Saturday and Sunday for brunch and dinner. **Don't miss:** Matzo-ball soup; tongue gyro; Benedictberg, a smoked-salmon twist on eggs Benedict (brunch only); chocolate-babka bread pudding. **Moderate.**

### 31 2 Amys

3715 Macomb St., NW; 202-885-5700

A plate of roasted red and yellow peppers striped with anchovies and dashed with olive oil. A simple dish—one you think you could whip up at home. Except, of course, you can't. Not with this pop of flavor, this depth. That's the magic of Peter Pastan's pizzeria, whose list of small plates makes it the best workaday Italian restaurant in Washington.

Pastan is fanatical when it comes to ingredients, which he gets from top suppliers (or makes himself, in the case of his red-wine vinegar), and devoted to the Italian ideal of simplicity. What that means is that nearly every dish is interesting or rewarding or addictive, sometimes all three.

**Open:** Monday for dinner, Tuesday through Sunday for lunch and dinner. **Don't miss:** Deviled eggs; meatballs; salt-cured sardines; smoked swordfish with fennel; anchovies with bread and butter; escarole with hard-boiled eggs and anchovies; Margherita Extra, Abruzzese, and Norcia pizzas; cannoli; vanilla ice cream. **Moderate.**

### 32 Crane & Turtle

828 Upshur St., NW; 202-723-2543

Paul Ruppert is the name behind the late, lamented Ruppert's as well as the soon-to-close Passenger, one of the city's premier cocktail bars. Makoto Hamamura cooked in the now-shuttered CityZen kitchen under chef Eric Ziebold for seven years. The fortuitous pairing of Ruppert and Hamamura has produced the most delightfully idiosyncratic restaurant to debut in the last year, a charming, cozy 25-seater across from Ruppert's new **Upshur Street Books**. As a cook, Hamamura is even more exacting than he is creative, giving his French-Japanese synthesis a welcome clarity and focus. When conception and execution are equal, as in the chef's twist on bouillabaisse, or a riff on tuna *tataki*, you might think you were in one of those hushed spaces where foodies go to worship. Happily, you're in a real neighborhood-and crammed next to someone else who's also probably swooning.

**Open:** Tuesday through Sunday for dinner. **Don't miss:** Hamachi tataki; grilled quail with mission figs; bánh xèo (Vietnamese stuffed crepe); seared scallops with chorizo-tapioca dumplings; Szechuan-style duck with pea shoots; apple ragoon with crème fraîche ice cream; molten chocolate cake with salted caramel. **Expensive.**

### 33 Osteria Morini

301 Water St., SE; 202-484-0660

Washington has become well-trod territory for out-of-town chefs looking to expand their empires, and Michael White—who opened this offshoot of his SoHo osteria last year—was relatively late to the game. Still, he made a pioneer move when he chose to build his Emilia Romagna-inspired restaurant in Southeast DC's Navy Yard, a neighborhood that doesn't yet have much in the way of foot traffic.

White's terra-cotta-hued dining room deserves a crowd. Among the most compelling reasons: juicy, well-grilled meats; house-made pastas with ruddy, deeply flavored ragus; and some of the loveliest sweets we've had this year, courtesy of pastry chef Alex Levin. We like the convivial bar, where you can sample the daily happy-hour snacks or graze on a pasta or two.

**Open:** Monday through Friday for lunch and dinner, Saturday and Sunday for brunch and dinner. **Don't miss:** Duck-liver mousse; Parmesan "gelato"; beef crudo; bucatini with crab and sea urchin; lasagna verde; mixed grill of lamb chop, pancetta, and skirt steak; lemon meringue tart; rice pudding with grape sorbet. **Expensive.**

### 34 Zaytinya

701 Ninth St., NW; 202-638-0800

More than ten years on, the space—a soaring vision in white—has a little nick and wear, but José Andrés's mezzeteria continues to come up with fresh, compelling interpretations of Greek, Turkish, and Lebanese dishes. Also, and more impressively, to spin new dishes from time-honored Mediterranean combinations. Andrés's protégé, Michael Costa, reimagines *bakaliaros*, a Palm Sunday staple for some Greeks, with an ouzo-battered blue catfish, which he fries to a light, golden crisp and sets atop *skordalia*, a zingy purée of potatoes, garlic, and olive oil. Kale is matched with a rich fava-bean purée, smoked olives, and pistachios for a salad of rare distinction. There might be no more versatile restaurant in all of Washington: You can come for a light meal before or after a game or for a quick or leisurely lunch, or settle in for a tasting-menu blowout or a great brunch.

**Open:** Monday through Friday for lunch and dinner, Saturday and Sunday for brunch, lunch, and dinner. **Don't miss:** Chilled cucumber soup; red-pepper-and-feta spread; taramasalata; imam bayildi (stuffed eggplant); Arctic char with tahini; shish taouk (grilled chicken thigh with sumac); kibbeh nayeh (beef tartare); Turkish-coffee/chocolate cake; Greek yogurt and apricots; Turkish-delight sundae. **Moderate.**

### 35 Gypsy Soul

8296 Glass Alley, Fairfax; 703-992-0933

The glorified shopping mall that is the Mosaic district is slick, the space is slick, and the patrons, well, they can be pretty slick, too. But lordy, the plates coming out of RJ Cooper's gleaming open kitchen-fronted by leather Harley-style seats-are as soulful as any roadside diner's. Only infinitely more care is shown in the shopping, and there is more precision on the plate. The cooking isn't Southern exactly; no Southerner would dare put bone marrow and squid ink on the plate. The South is an inspiration, and Cooper sets about bridging old and new into something that feels familiar . . . until it doesn't. And, just as often (and much more interestingly), taking the unfamiliar and making it comforting. Bryan Tetorakis whips up the cocktails and is one of the masters of the form. He can wow you with a standard or a newfangled concoction and can even make you lust after one of his nonalcoholic drinks. **Open:** Monday through Friday for lunch and dinner, Saturday and Sunday for brunch and dinner. **Don't miss:** Fried chicken skins; deviled eggs; pimiento cheese with crackers; swordfish with tasso ham and crawfish; oyster stew; shrimp 'n' grits; chicken-fried quail with grits; crabcakes; creamed corn; chocolate/peanut-butter mousse. **Expensive.**

### 36 Baby Wale

1124 Ninth St., NW; 202-450-3311

The pairing is delightful, completely unexpected, oddly enthralling. No, not a wine and a main course. And not a combination on the plate, either. We're talking about the mix-and-match of Chuck Brown-the Godfather of Go-Go, DC's homegrown funk-on the sound system, and Tom Power, the classically trained chef, in the kitchen. This is fusion we can believe in. Come for a full meal if you must, but it's best to think of this coolly sophisticated spot as a place for pre- or post-show noshing. Either way, you'll want to spend time with one of Power's gorgeous soups, luxuriate in his conscientious shopping (in warmer months, a perfect heirloom-tomato plate), and linger with a good glass of wine (the man's a Burgundy hound) over his faux rib eye-the best steak you'll find in the area for less than \$30.

**Open:** Monday through Saturday for dinner. **Don't miss:** Filipino-style spring rolls; mushroom pizza; New Jersey hot dog; roast chicken for two; chocolate WhistlePig custard; cookie dim sum. **Moderate.**

### 37 The Bombay Club

815 Connecticut Ave., NW; 202-659-3727

Loungey piano trills give Ashok Bajaj's sophisticated Indian restaurant a supper-club vibe. But even without the tunes, the striped silk banquettes and mahogany furniture evoke the era of the British raj.

Despite the retro feel, chef Nilesh Singhvi's kitchen is forward-looking. The spinach *chaat* of the past has morphed into a crispy kale version that may be even better than the original. Crab *masala* with lovely lumps of gently spiced seafood complements the crunch of the kale so exquisitely that it should be a required pairing. Cocktails and wines are taken seriously-the martinis are as stiff as you'll find at any piano bar.

**Open:** Monday through Friday for lunch and dinner, Saturday for dinner, Sunday for brunch and dinner. **Don't miss:** Fava-bean-and-pea samosa; tandoori trout; duck kebabs; mango shrimp; khubani duck with apricots; Brussels sprouts with ginger; truffled naan; chocolate sticky-toffee pudding. **Expensive.**

### 38 Daikaya

705 Sixth St., NW; 202-589-1600

The ramen craze of the last decade has dovetailed with the pro kitchen's obsession with everything pig. So you'll usually find Japanese noodle soups enriched with plenty of porky fat and flavor. Those meaty broths are here, too, in the downstairs ramen shop-and they're good-but it's a feat that the kitchen's vegetarian version, topped with Brussels sprouts, braised mushrooms, and charred bean sprouts, bests them all.

The woodsy upstairs room has less of a quick-serve feel and is dedicated to a more varied menu of skewers, fried snacks, and small plates. There, chef Katsuya Fukushima, who came up under José Andrés, pushes the boundaries of the *izakaya* form with dishes like *burrata* with dashi gelée, grilled avocado with ponzu, and an *umami* bomb of a *chawanmushi* (Japanese egg custard) done up with Parmesan and enoki mushrooms.

**Open:** Ramen shop, daily for lunch and dinner; *izakaya*, Monday through Friday for lunch and dinner, Saturday for dinner, Sunday for brunch and dinner. **Don't miss:** Shio (salt) and shoyu (soy) ramen; pork-belly rice bowl; crab croquettes; rice balls stuffed with miso pork; spaghetti with cod roe and cream sauce. **Moderate.**

### 39 Corduroy

1122 Ninth St., NW; 202-589-0699

In a neighborhood bustling with newcomers-including this rowhouse restaurant's more casual sibling, Baby Wale-chef Tom Power's stately original is a welcome anomaly. Minimal din allows for soft jazz and easy conversation, crisp linens dress the tables, and black-suited servers deftly cater to the clientele. Still, the two-story dining room never feels dated, thanks in part to Power's dedication to consistency and seasonality.

The menu rarely gets any kind of overhaul, but tucking into a bowl of beautifully earthy cauliflower-Parmesan soup or the signature seared tuna with sushi rice-on the menu for 14 years-feels as satisfying as hanging out with an old friend. One worthy nod to the neighborhood's younger demographic: a \$30 three-course menu in the upstairs bar.

**Open:** Monday through Saturday for dinner. **Don't miss:** Crab blintz with chayote slaw; confit guinea hen; chocolate tart with banana; ice creams. **Expensive.**

### 40 Bangkok Golden

6395 Seven Corners Center, Falls Church; 703-533-9480

Remember this name: Seng Luangrath. You'll be hearing a lot about the refugee turned restaurateur, now that her second, more ambitious restaurant, Thip Khao, has opened. This is the scruffy original, the place that taught us all about the pungent, pinging flavors of Laotian food-which, at least in Luangrath's skilled hands, has a vividness too often missing in Americanized preparations of Thai cooking.

If you've never been here, the dish to open your eyes is the crispy-rice salad; you'll be shocked that puffed rice and ham could produce such fireworks. But really, you can't go wrong roaming across her multi-page menu: *Koi* is a kind of Laotian ceviche, and wonderful. The pork-neck skewers are more luscious than most satays. And a filet of tilapia, tucked in a banana leaf with curry paste, will take you to a warm, distant land on a cold, wintry night.

**Open:** Wednesday through Monday for lunch and dinner. **Don't miss:** Spicy cucumbers; larb moo (ground pork with lime and chilies); pickled sausage. **Inexpensive.**

### 41 Graffiato

707 Sixth St., NW; 202-289-3600

The two-level dining room is nearly as loud as a show at the 9:30 Club, and you'll likely be hustled in and out in less than an hour (especially if there's a game across the street at the Verizon Center). Those are prices we're willing to pay for Mike Isabella's electric brand of Italian-American cooking.

The pepperoni sauce that won the hearts of *Top Chef* judges is still around, jazzing up juicy chicken thighs or a puffy flatbread. Pizzas arrive with just-thin-enough crusts and inventive accessories like kabocha

squash, pumpkin seeds, and feta. And pastas are hearty but surprisingly unsloppy-Isabella's silky corn agnolotti, which comes back every summer, is down-right elegant.

**Open:** Monday through Friday for lunch and dinner, Saturday and Sunday for brunch and dinner. **Don't miss:** Roasted cauliflower with pecorino and mint; Brussels sprouts with yogurt and maple; Caesar salad; mustard-barbecue ribs; spaghetti with cherry tomatoes and Thai basil; Jersey Shore (fried calamari), White House (Taleggio and ricotta with honey), and Pineapple Express (pineapple and ham) pizzas. **Moderate.**

## 42 Bistro Bis

15 E St., NW; 202-661-2700

One expects that the Gallic classics will be handled well at chef Jeffrey Buben's venerable Hill dining room, where servers in black vests stride among tables of well-heeled senators and staffers. Still, the menu boasts more delicious surprises than the stiff suits and French onion soup would have you think. Escargots, bistro workhorses typically drowned in garlicky butter, are perked up with roasted-garlic confit, saffron beurre blanc, and chanterelles, while salmon seared to a perfect medium arrives with silky pumpkin hollandaise, toasted seeds, and tender black rice. If there's a place to go traditional, it's desserts-the baked-to-order apple tart steals the show.

**Open:** Monday through Friday for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, Saturday and Sunday for breakfast, brunch, and dinner. **Don't miss:** Roasted-carrot salad with cumin-yogurt vinaigrette; beet salad with oranges and goat cheese; mussels with Pernod; steak tartare with porcini jam; braised rabbit with poached pears and sage-mustard sabayon; flourless chocolate cake; selections from the cheese cart. **Very expensive.**

## 43 Green Pig Bistro

1025 N. Fillmore St., Arlington; 703-888-1920

Owner Scot Harlan and chef de cuisine Pierre Saussy may have come together under renowned New York chef David Bouley, but there's nothing formal about their Clarendon restaurant, where most of the beer arrives in cans, chatty servers sport black T-shirts, and Wet-Naps accompany a hulking stack of buffalo ribs. The meat-actually pork ribs slicked with fiery Buffalo sauce and blue-cheese dressing-is one of the many reasons to venture here and get your hands messy. Another: the eclectic menu, a mash-up of French (a soulful bouillabaisse), Southern (crisp-fried pork shanks with grits), and "other" (tostadas or Kung Pao sweetbreads, anyone?). Dishes tend toward the rich, but don't skip dessert. Harlan, a pastry chef by training, makes a terrific peanut-butter-brownie sundae.

**Open:** Monday and Wednesday through Friday for dinner, Saturday and Sunday for brunch and dinner. **Don't miss:** Snails and mushrooms on toast; steak tartare with potato chips; bacon-cheeseburger; cornbread with maple butter; carrot cake. **Moderate.**

## 44 Sushi Sono

10215 Wincopin Cir., Columbia; 410-997-6131

Yes, we know it might be a long drive up I-95, and yes, the lines can be long, but there's a difference between workaday sushi-even good workaday sushi-and the sushi at this lakeside gem in Columbia.

Exhibit A: a plate of butterfish, already flayed. On one side, the slender cuts of fish are perched atop pads of vinegared rice; on the other, the cuts are presented unadorned, as sashimi. When you're done, the waitress will remove the plate, returning ten minutes later with the fried carcass. Sprinkle it with salt and chomp the soft, crunchy bones like Cheetos.

Focus most of your attention on the specials, scrawled on a dry-erase board, and supplement your order

with the rolls, which are unrivaled anywhere in the area in their rococo creativity.

**Open:** Monday through Saturday for lunch and dinner. **Don't miss:** Sunomono (cucumber salad); agedofu (deep-fried tofu); fried soft-shell crabs; Dragon Roll, with lobster, tempura shrimp, and avocado; Bridal Veil Roll, with spicy lobster salad, tempura flakes, and tuna; sashimi and nigiri, including live scallop, yellowtail, sweet shrimp, fatty tuna, and salmon. **Expensive.**

#### 45 Cashion's Eat Place

1819 Columbia Rd., NW; 202-797-1819

One of the biggest pitfalls of taking the small-plates route is the "dishes will come out as they're ready" system. (Translation: Your plate-juggling dinner will be about as stress-free as Target on Christmas Eve.) So we were skeptical when we heard that this Adams Morgan institution—which is approaching its 20th anniversary—had decided to shrink its dishes. Turns out the trepidation was unfounded: Your server will ask how you want your food to come out, then oblige. Even better, John Manolatos's cooking is as good as ever. He'll serve up a Super Bowl-worthy Texas chili one minute, a fluffy salt-cod brandade the next. His menu, which also leans Greek and Italian and features a strapping burger, might lead to a strange trip of a meal, but it'll be satisfying at most every turn.

**Open:** Tuesday through Friday for dinner, Saturday and Sunday for brunch and dinner. **Don't miss:** Tzatziki; carrots with honey and feta; braised cabbage with bacon; butter-lettuce salad with trumpet mushrooms; Asian-pear clafoutis; loukamades (Greek doughnuts). **Moderate.**

#### 46 Sushi Taro

1503 17th St., NW; 202-462-8999

The second-floor dining room is as hushed as a day spa—only the tinkling fountains, the scentless candles, and the New Age music are missing. The staff, on the other hand, plays its part perfectly, with an ethereal quietness that makes you feel bad for speaking above a whisper.

The best meals are to be had by ordering heavily, if not exclusively, from the daily list of fish specials. Or opt for one of chef Nobu Yamazaki's *kaiseki*, or tasting, menus, which embody the time-honored virtues of Japanese cooking—harmony, balance, color, delicacy, and pacing. And, not least, deliciousness.

**Open:** Monday through Friday for lunch and dinner, Saturday for dinner. **Don't miss:** Hot or cold soba noodles with tempura or tororo (a sticky yam); bara chirashi (an assortment of fish and vegetables over rice); tonkatsu ramen (lunch only); sushi and sashimi, including cured gizzard shad, premium yellowtail, live abalone, bay scallop, fatty tuna, and king salmon. **Very expensive.**

#### 47 Rice Paper

6775 Wilson Blvd., Falls Church; 703-538-3888

The big news is that the service has improved—the genial proprietor, Mai Lam, has bolstered the staff on the floor, which means less frenetic servers and, even better, more opportunities for them to interact at the table, essential for a restaurant like this where first-timers need to be shown, for instance, how to bundle their grilled meats into wraps.

The high level of cooking hasn't changed, and that's great news, too—the modishly industrial Eden Center cafe is still cranking out more than a hundred different dishes a night, and with the same level of detail and consistency it had when it opened three years ago. This remains Washington's quintessential Vietnamese restaurant, good for both novices and the more experienced, who will likely rejoice in the encyclopedic array of options from northern, southern, and central Vietnam as well as in the many lightly modernized preparations—which, as in a glorious thrice-cooked chicken, thankfully go light on the self-congratulatory reinvention.

**Open:** Daily for lunch and dinner. **Don't miss:** Snails in coconut cream sauce; bun cha (lemongrass-and-chili-marinated meatballs and grilled pork with vermicelli); grilled stuffed grape leaves; roast quail; caramel clay-pot pork ribs or fish; hot pot; Vietnamese coffee; lime soda. **Inexpensive.**

#### 48 Etto

1541 14th St., NW; 202-232-0920

Among the first things you'll notice when you walk into this tiny, no-reservations dining room is a blackboard scrawled with specials and a gleaming wooden bar arrayed with bowls of veggies and meats. And although pizza might seem like it should be the centerpiece of your table-2 Amys proprietor Peter Pastan is a co-owner-those are the two areas you'll want to focus on when cobbling together a grazer's feast. (The pies tend to be over-charred.) The daily specials might include cocktail nibbles (a cracker with creamy rabbit-liver mousse), vividly dressed salads (roasted leeks with Gorgonzola), and terrific ice creams. But don't ignore the paper menu entirely-it offers excellent *salumi* and some of the richest *burrata* we've found.

**Open:** Monday through Friday for dinner, Saturday and Sunday for lunch and dinner. **Don't miss:** Celery salad with walnuts and pecorino; grilled eggplant; cotechino-sausage pizza with a runny egg; prosciutto ice cream; Negroni cocktail. **Moderate.**

#### 49 Ruan Thai

11407 Amherst Ave., Wheaton; 301-942-0075

Everybody's got a favorite neighborhood Thai joint. So what exactly makes this one worth singling out? For one thing, the quality of frying. (We could just as easily have chosen to delve into the wonderful sense of balance in chef Krisana Suchotinunt's cooking, but let's start there, with frying.)

The Yum Watercress salad, a glorious tangle of fried shrimp, squid, and onions-in addition to the titular ingredient-is the kind of dish you have to try to believe. How could something that touched oil be this light, crunchy, and, well-not oily? Lots of places do a crispy duck, but how many of those give off such an irresistible perfume of basil? The most expensive item is also a justifiable showstopper-a whole fried fish served with red curry. Whether you're on a date or with a group, this is the dish to construct a meal around.

**Open:** Monday through Saturday for lunch and dinner, Sunday for dinner. **Don't miss:** Sliced duck with chili paste and lime; larb (minced chicken with cilantro, onion, and roasted rice powder); pork Panang curry; glazed pork skewers. **Inexpensive.**

#### 50 Iron Gate

1734 N St., NW; 202-524-5202

Michael Babin-the restaurateur behind places like Birch & Barley and Evening Star Cafe-revived the shuttered Iron Gate Inn in 2013 and transformed it into one of the prettiest indoor/outdoor spaces in Washington. There's a year-round patio (with heat lamps and blankets when the temperature drops) plus a lofty carriage way with a long bar, where a small-plates menu is served. Inside the candlelit dining room, four-to-six-course tasting menus are the only option. Either way, you'll find lusty takes on Mediterranean ingredients. Oysters turned into "spanakopita," with shreds of phyllo and creamy spinach, wowed us on the à la carte lineup, while shellfish stew with gigante beans was one of the draws on the set menu.

**Open:** Monday for dinner, Tuesday through Friday for lunch and dinner, Saturday and Sunday for brunch and dinner. **Don't miss:** Burrata with vin cotto; grilled lamb with charred lemon; kohlrabi tzatziki with fennel-seed crackers; Nicolaki cocktail, with vodka, Greek yogurt, and honey. **Moderate (à la carte menu) to expensive (tasting menu).**

## 51 Passage to India

4931 Cordell Ave., Bethesda; 301-656-3373

Twangy sitar music and exotic aromas add to the allure of this refined salon of a dining room. Which isn't to say the cooking is timid or Westernized. Chef/owner Sudhir Seth offers one of the most diverse Indian menus in the area, with nods to many of the country's regional cooking styles, including the lesser-seen curries and vegetarian stews of the west and the tangy, spicy flavors of the south.

Samosa *chaat* plays the crispness of the fried pastry against the cool, sweet flavors of yogurt and tamarind; the effect is stunning. Those inclined to go for searing heat can find a pleasurable burn with stews such as goat curry and a simmering of eggplant with peanut gravy and whole jalapeños. But there are gentler forays too, such as homey chicken saag, not on the roster but there for the asking.

**Open:** Daily for lunch and dinner. **Don't miss:** Karwari prawn curry; lamb stew with apricots; plantain dumplings; spinach with buttermilk and black salt; dill-flecked chickpea roti. **Moderate.**

## 52 Ocopa

1324 H St., NE; 202-396-1814

The unlikeliest hit of the year was this Peruvian newcomer, a 24-seater on a street known more for drinking than for dining, and with a relatively untested 24-year-old, Carlos Delgado, commanding the open galley kitchen. But from the start, Ocopa oozed assurance, and that confidence hasn't waned since it set up shop over the summer.

The rum and pisco cocktails are good and strong, the plates bright and colorful, and the young staff determined to please. If you think of it as a place to graze rather than to hunker down with an entrée, you're likely to come away happy. Particularly if you load up on fish (preferably raw or lightly cooked, as in the various ceviches and *tiraditos*, all excellent) and potatoes—Delgado is a whiz at turning the humble spud into culinary art.

**Open:** Monday for lunch, Tuesday through Friday for lunch and dinner, Saturday for dinner. **Don't miss:** Tiradito clásico; ceviche mixto; papa a la huancaína (potatoes with queso fresco and aji amarillo); causa cangrejo (potato topped with crab and avocado); anticuchos (beef hearts); soy-flavored slices of tuna with daikon; papa rellena (lamb-stuffed fried potato); pisco sour. **Moderate.**

## 53 Pearl Dive Oyster Palace

1612 14th St., NW; 202-319-1612

Jeff and Barbara Black's most laid-back dining room (they own six other restaurants in DC and Maryland) also thrums with the most vibrant energy, in both the kitchen and the mermaid-muraled dining room.

The Blacks love their oysters, and you can down a wide variety here, including sweet Kumamotos from the Pacific and big, briny Old Black Salts, their own custom-grown bivalves from Virginia. But beyond those icy platters, this is a place to forget about your Fitbit. There are good overstuffed po' boys, bowls of tangy barbecue shrimp with garlic bread, and supremely rich pork cheeks over grits. Don't overlook the bookends of the meal: bracing cocktails, a breadbasket with corn muffins and glossy Addie's Rolls, and a fabulous pecan pie, more bourbony than sticky-sweet.

**Open:** Monday through Thursday for dinner, Friday through Sunday for brunch and dinner. **Don't miss:** Seafood with tomato-serrano salsa; seafood and braised-duck-and-oyster gumbos; fried chicken (available in to-go buckets); Fleur 75 cocktail, with sparkling wine, crème de violette, gin, and thyme. **Moderate.**

## 54 Water & Wall

3811 N. Fairfax Dr., Arlington; 703-294-4949

It's a sad fact: Most restaurants don't improve, and this bistro-the more serious sister to the quirkily lovable Maple Ave Restaurant-stumbled when it opened a little more than a year ago. Chef/owner Tim Ma appeared to be groping after an identity. But Water & Wall has since proven to be that rare and wonderful thing: the place that gets better as it goes.

The space lacks the character of his first place, but the softening touches in the room, which occupies the ground floor of an office building, help. It helps more that Ma has found his purpose in the kitchen, blending his classical French training, love of Asian flavors, and fascination with Southern culture into an appealing mix.

On a recent visit, the chef's opening act-a plate of seared scallops with yuzu and dashi broth, and a soothingly rich oyster stew-was dazzling. The bigger surprise was that dessert, an afterthought for many chefs, was its equal, thanks to a stunning chocolate/peanut-butter tart. The wine list features a number of good Virginia bottles-don't miss a supple red blend from Rappahannock Cellars.

**Open:** Monday through Friday for lunch and dinner, Saturday and Sunday for brunch and dinner. **Don't miss:** Chicken-liver-mousse crostini; fried calamari with sudachi (a Japanese citrus) aioli; duck confit with maple gastrique; lamb shank with mint chutney; steelhead trout with white-bean purée; chocolate bread pudding. **Expensive.**

## 55 Aggio

5335 Wisconsin Ave., NW; 202-803-8020

Even if this restaurant within a restaurant didn't have a killer cocktail called King of Cool (rye, absinthe, aperol, bitters), it would make an impression. Tucked into a previously unloved corner of Bryan Voltaggio's sprawling Range, in Chevy Chase Pavilion, Aggio is the chef/owner's foray into Italian cooking. Unlike its boisterous parent, the intimate space is romantically lit and a tad more serious.

This is Italian cuisine done the Voltaggio way, which means not like Mamma made it. The kitchen turns out muscular pastas such as calamari Bolognese, a variation in which squid ink flavors the noodles and briny bits of squid stand in for beef. Shrimp *fra diavolo*, another Italian standard, gets a bed of buckwheat polenta. Service is precise without being fussy, and sommelier Kathy Morgan's wine pairings are novel and delicious.

**Open:** Wednesday through Sunday for dinner. **Don't miss:** Mortadella whip with focaccia; Caesar salad with oyster croutons and smoked scallops; meatballs and chitarra, a spaghetti-like pasta; olive-oil cake with pistachio cream and orange sorbet. **Very expensive.**

## 56 Ripple

3417 Connecticut Ave., NW; 202-244-7995

Some restaurants you go to once a year; others are "rotation" restaurants, those places you pop by once a month or even once a week-whenver you don't feel like cooking or you need a lift or you just need to be around some folks you know. If there's anyplace in the area we can imagine dropping by several times a week, it's this cozy, gently trendy Cleveland Park spot.

Treat it as a glorified wine bar (and let Fred Uku, the charismatic and witty bartender, take care of you), a stop for grazing before a movie at the Uptown across the street (get a load of the extensive cheese selection on view up front), or an ambitious American bistro where you can eat lightly or go all out. Marjorie Meek-Bradley's seasonal, local cooking is creative, light, and playful, though not so much of any of these things as to put her needs above yours.

**Open:** Monday through Saturday for dinner, Sunday for brunch and dinner. **Don't miss:** Fluke crudo

with smoked egg and pickled mushrooms; spaghetti with Nantucket bay scallops and sea urchin; dorade with spinach and curried cauliflower; ricotta cavatelli with broccoli-rabe pesto and Italian sausage; rabbit cassoulet; mascarpone cheesecake; butterscotch pot de crème; baked-to-order chocolate-chip cookies with milk. **Expensive.**

### 57 Lupo Verde

1401 T St., NW; 202-827-4752

On the restaurant menus of the last decade, charcuterie and cheese boards have become nearly as ubiquitous as beet salad and butternut-squash soup. But how many places have whole rooms devoted to the stuff? Here, a glassed-in nook puts forth lavish spreads of Italian imports and house-cured prosciutto, and also does take-home orders of meats and cheese.

The narrow, brick-lined downstairs barroom is a charming place to laze away a few hours over snacks, but stick around for dinner and you'll be rewarded with excellent cocktails (they lean toward the bitter), simple but decadent pastas like a gooey *cacio e pepe*, and surprisingly refined desserts.

**Open:** Daily for dinner. **Don't miss:** Fried artichoke; salt-baked branzino; vanilla mille-feuille; crepe with cappuccino cream; Peruviana cocktail, with pisco, prickly pear, and Aperol. **Expensive.**

### 58 Brasserie Beck

1101 K St., NW, 202-408-1717; 311 Kentlands Blvd., Gaithersburg, 301-569-4247

Belgian-born chef Robert Wiedmaier returns to his roots at these lively brasseries with prodigious beer lists and menus covering miles of culinary territory. Besides plump mussels in various guises-the Mediterranean with chorizo and fennel is the sleeper hit-there are well-crafted Flemish classics such as carbonnade (beef braised in dark beer) and skate wing with brown butter.

Beer is the ideal mate for food this robust (we like the heady Westmalle Trappist Dubbel). And if chocolate is your thing, mousse gâteau, that often underwhelming sweet, is deeply satisfying here-Belgium is known for its chocolate too, after all.

**Open:** Monday through Friday for lunch and dinner, Saturday and Sunday for brunch and dinner. **Don't miss:** Split-pea soup with veal meatballs; endive salad; croque monsieur; duck lasagna; goulash with egg noodles. **Expensive.**

### 59 G by Mike Isabella

2201 14th St., NW; 202-234-5015

Unless you have a *nonna* who wants nothing more than to stuff you with cheesy, saucy delicacies, this is where you want to be on a Sunday night, when the candle-dripped Chianti bottles come out and old-school Italian reigns.

Mike Isabella returns to his Joisey roots with his \$40 prix fixe menu, which on Sunday includes lick-the-bowl pastas and a massive bowl of "gravy"-a red sauce chock-full of sausage, pork shoulder, and meatballs. It'd be great if every day here were as much fun as Sunday, but the lineup the rest of the week isn't shabby. By day, Isabella's crew churns out brawny subs (go for the Italian hero); other nights, it's a more refined Italian menu-our experiences have been uneven, but the antipasto board is one of the glories of the dining scene.

**Open:** Sandwich shop, daily 11 to 5; tasting menu, Wednesday through Sunday ("Sunday Gravy" menu) 6 to 10. **Don't miss:** From the sandwich shop, spring lamb on pita; E Street Special, with chili-braised brisket and fontina. From the tasting menu, *cacio e pepe*; duck-and-chestnut pappardelle; pork belly with cranberry beans; doughnuts. **Inexpensive (sandwich shop) to expensive (tasting menu).**

## 60 Ethiopic

401 H St., NE; 202-675-2066

There's no end, it seems, to the number of restaurants in the area dishing up *doro wat*, *kitfo*, and other specialties of the Ethiopian kitchen. What, then, separates this bistro from the rest?

Shopping, mostly. Owners Samuel Ergete and Meseret Bekele source better-quality meats than the competition, and it shows up and down the line, but particularly in the various preparations of *tibs*, an Ethiopian stir-fry of lamb or beef that calls to mind fajitas.

There's more care taken at the stove, too—notice the sprigs of rosemary in the *lega tibbs*, lending an unmistakable perfume to a sizzling skillet of sliced lamb and jalapeños. Spring for the *kitfo*, a fantastic mound of lightly spiced raw, chopped beef. If you're squeamish, just think of it as the French do: as steak tartare.

**Open:** Tuesday through Thursday for dinner, Friday through Sunday for lunch and dinner. **Don't miss:** Timatim (salad of tomatoes, onions, and jalapeños); azifa (lentil salad); doro key wat (a chicken stew); yebeg alitcha wat (lamb in turmeric sauce); awaze tibbs (prime beef in berbere sauce); mesir wat (split lentils). **Inexpensive.**

## 61 Poste

555 Eighth St., NW; 202-783-6060

With the arrival of Kyoo Eom, who joins the kitchen after a long stint at 2941, this modish Kimpton hotel restaurant undertakes yet another reinvention. The previous chef went for Southern flavors; his predecessor was an advocate of local, seasonal American cooking. Eom is a Francophile, with a love of the laborious, old-school preparations that should never go out of fashion (though, sadly, they have).

Putting vol-au-vent, a delicate puff pastry laden with butter-rich sauce, on the menu in summer was a mistake, but the fact that Eom is attempting the dish at all speaks to his dedication to classical virtues (and we'd be remiss not to point out that the vol-au-vent itself was pretty terrific). Even in this charcuterie-laden age, you seldom find a chef taking on the painstaking task of producing a ballotine of pheasant.

It's still early in his tenure, but so far the thing to do is to front-load your meal with these and other starters. (Main courses have been up and down.) The pastry chef, Casto Unson, is new, too, and a talent; his texturally intricate pumpkin profiterole is as delicious as it is ingenious.

**Open:** Monday through Friday for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, Saturday and Sunday for brunch and dinner. **Don't miss:** Crispy duck ravioli; lamb tarte flambé; salmon with ginger beurre blanc; roasted duck breast with barley, farro, and quinoa; truffle frites. **Expensive.**

## 62 Doi Moi

1800 14th St., NW; 202-733-5131

For its first few months, this white-on-white dining room felt like a play stuck in the previews phase. But finally, the place's expression of the bright, bold flavors of northern Thailand and Vietnam has become fully realized.

The kitchen, led by Haidar Karoum—also behind Estadio and Proof—takes a grandmotherly approach to cooking, carefully grinding spices and chilies and refusing to dumb down the cuisines' traditional, often fiery flavors. The ground-duck salad, fragrant with kaffir lime, has a singeing intensity. Curries, such as a halibut version with green peppercorns and galangal, are more assertive than you'll usually find. Even the cocktail cashews leave a pleasant burn. Balance these with the soothing crab fried rice and Adam

Bernbach's excellent drinks.

**Open:** Daily for dinner. **Don't miss:** Sour Isaan-style sausage; marinated beef with Sriracha; pork-and-shrimp spring rolls; fried-pork dumplings; spicy tofu salad with soy-lime dressing; crispy duck confit with chilies; stir-fried pineapple with ginger; miniature soft-serve cones. **Moderate.**

### 63 Kogiya

4220-A Annandale Rd., Annandale; 703-942-6995

Virginia's Koreatown boasts no shortage of barbecue, but this hip, industrial-style eatery stands out from the competition. At inferior places, marinades can be used to mask lesser-quality cuts; here they accentuate the rich flavor of the well-marbled meats, charred on fiery tabletop grills.

Young T-shirt-clad servers snip soy/garlic short ribs with scissors and bring an endless parade of complimentary kimchee, scallion salad, pickled radishes, and other *panchan* (small side dishes) to the long metal tables. It's tempting to go for one of the all-you-can-eat grill packages, but non-barbecue standouts such as crispy seafood pancakes and chilled noodles in brisket broth are worth a small act of restraint.

**Open:** Daily for lunch and dinner. **Don't miss:** Mandu (dumplings); spicy pork belly; pork ribs; marinated duck. **Inexpensive.**

### 64 The Majestic

911 King St., Alexandria; 703-837-9117

There's a reason you don't see more high-end diners. It's a tricky genre to make work. Upscale the cooking too much and you risk losing the unassuming feel of a diner. Don't upscale it enough and people are likely to wonder what they're paying for.

Cathal Armstrong strikes the proper balance. At his retro-style Old Town restaurant, he and chef Shannon Overmiller whip up a deft brand of comfort food for their audience of big-city sophisticates while being mindful that the fare should have heft and soul. If you've grown weary of dishes that promise to dazzle but rarely deliver, the superlative Caesar (prepared tableside) and perfect fried chicken will come as a welcome relief.

The Majestic doesn't claim to be fine dining, but the cocktail list is first-rate and the staff as well drilled as they come.

**Open:** Daily for lunch and dinner. **Don't miss:** Chicken-liver mousse; country pâté; meatloaf; Chesapeake seafood stew; grilled whole fish; coconut cake; banana-pudding cake; churros with Mexican chocolate. **Expensive.**

### 65 La Limeña

765-B Rockville Pike, Rockville; 301-424-8066

A resort hotel with a view of the water can be transporting, sure. But let's face it, an adventurous soul can find transport in a lot of places. Even, yes, in a strip mall off Rockville Pike. Spend a couple of hours in the company of Emma Perez's colorful and carefully prepared Peruvian food and see if your senses aren't restored.

The kitchen here manages to avoid heaviness even in its heartiest preparations of lamb and beef. The lamb shank is excellent; ditto the *lomo saltado*. But the emphasis is on the piscatory, and not to get at least one of the various preparations—whether nearly raw, as in the gorgeous treatments of *tiradito*, or fried, such as a crispy whole trout—is like going to hear Tony Bennett and then walking out on the ballads.

**Open:** Monday through Saturday for lunch and dinner, Sunday for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. **Don't miss:** Papa a la huancaína (potatoes with a cheese-and-yellow-pepper sauce); ceviche; aji gallina, a shredded-chicken stew with garlic and olives; alfajores (shortbread cookies with dulce de leche). **Inexpensive.**

### 66 Toki Underground

1234 H St., NE; 202-388-3086

Even in its third year, Erik Bruner-Yang's ramen spot attracts hour-plus waits for the 27 seats. Fortunately, turnover in the treehouse-like space is quick, thanks to wall-facing stools that encourage a slurp-and-go policy.

The rich stock, toothsome noodles, and custardy *sous-vide* egg gracing nearly every bowl are reason enough to come, but the rest of the menu offers worthy distractions: *bao* buns with fried chicken and pickles, or *tsukemen* (noodles dipped in a side of pork-fat-laced broth). Cocktails including the bourbon-based Toki Monster are expertly crafted, while drinks from the Pug-the divey bar downstairs that's perfect for killing wait time-are also welcome.

**Open:** Monday through Saturday for lunch and dinner. **Don't miss:** Pan-fried chicken and pork dumplings; Toki Classic or kimchee ramen; chocolate-chip cookies with red-miso buttercream. **Moderate.**

### 67 L'Auberge Chez François and Jacques' Brasserie

332 Springvale Rd., Great Falls; 703-759-3800

This gingerbread-like cottage isn't for everyone: Lovers of minimalism and restraint might blanch at the French-country accoutrements. (Doilies. So many doilies.) But submit to the flowery aesthetic and you'll be rewarded with doting service and the kind of culinary workmanship you don't see much anymore, unless you're thumbing through an old Escoffier cookbook.

Even the menu style recalls the restaurants of a half century ago (Chez François, now run by Jacques Haeringer, was started by his father in 1958): The entrée prices, which hover around \$80, include a complete meal with appetizer, salad, palate-cleansing sorbet, and dessert. Haeringer's roots are in Alsace, and meats, sausages, and game are handled particularly well. In the brasserie, you'll find less foie gras, more calves' liver, along with a walk-in-friendly informality.

**Open:** Tuesday through Sunday for lunch and dinner. **Don't miss:** Apple-and-Roquefort tart; salad with Roquefort; diver scallops with garlic and herb butter; poached lobster with crab, citrus, and Sauternes; Châteaubriand; choucroute garni; chocolate and Grand Marnier soufflés; baked Alaska. **Moderate to very expensive.**

### 68 Nostos

8100 Boone Blvd., Vienna; 703-760-0690

This Tysons dining room bypasses Greek-restaurant tropes-ropes of garlic, blue-and-white everything-in favor of a soothing gray palette accented with bare-wood branches. The cooking is mostly traditional, but the artful plating makes it feel fresh and modern.

*Taramasalata*, the salty cod-roe dip, and pan-fried feta crusted with sesame seeds and drizzled with honey pair beautifully with the licorice-infused national drink, ouzo. You could make a meal of small plates, though it would be a shame to miss the beautifully grilled whole dorade slicked with olive oil and the elegant moussaka with the airiest of béchamels. Don't overlook the wine list, which boasts an impressive lineup of Greek vintages.

**Open:** Monday through Friday for lunch and dinner, Saturday for dinner. **Don't miss:** Fava-bean purée;

grape leaves; branzino with olive oil and lemon; shredded phyllo with walnuts and honey (have it with vanilla ice cream). **Moderate.**

### 69 Saba

3900 Pickett Rd., Fairfax; 703-425-1130

We know you've probably eaten a lot of rice in your lifetime. But we daresay you've never had rice like the rice at this Yemeni hole in the wall. Rice this rich, this aromatic, this perfectly cooked. Rice so good you swear you need eat nothing more. Chef/owner Tahia Alhoraivi makes five kinds daily, none more wonderful than the rice that goes into the dish called *haneeth*, though nominally a lamb dish (and the meat is delicious), it's the grains that make it—each is distinct, and you can taste the flavors of the lamb in every bite. Alhoraivi bakes bread daily, too, just for his *masoob*, a glorious sweet-and-savory bread pudding. Don't skip it.

The cooking of Yemen can look, at times, like the cooking of Lebanon, Egypt, or Morocco. The emphasis is on developing flavors slowly, and the spice box is liberally, exuberantly employed. In Alhoraivi's hands, it won't matter that you're new to the cuisine. It'll taste like comfort food all the same.

**Open:** Daily for lunch and dinner. **Don't miss:** Shafout (injera in cilantro-mint yogurt); fahsa (a beef stew); lentil soup; basbousa (semolina cake soaked in syrup). **Inexpensive.**

### 70 The Partisan

709 D St., NW; 202-524-5322

The lighting is soft, the music low, the vibe sophisticated—but make no mistake: This Penn Quarter haunt is about dude food.

What, you ask, is dude food? Food by dudes (in this case, veteran chefs Nathan Anda and Ed Witt) and for dudes. That's not to say you have to be a dude to come here; just don't go looking for satisfaction in salads and other light, refreshing fare (and don't go looking for prettified plating, either). You're here to gorge on charcuterie, served up in a dizzying variety of ways, including virtuosic and almost comically abundant butcher's boards, and to let Anda and Witt show you how a simple, robust thing like a pasta Bolognese can be made much less simple and infinitely more robust, thanks to no dainty amount of beef heart and *guanciale*.

Because this is an outpost of the Neighborhood Restaurant Group, you can count on drinking wonderfully well, whether one of Jeff Faile's deftly made cocktails or a half glass, glass, or bottle from the good and varied wine list.

**Open:** Daily for dinner. **Don't miss:** Cotechino (ground pork with pork-skin patty); mortadella; seared foie gras with maple-cider gastrique; rabbit pot pie; cocoa-and-coffee-spiced quail; meatball with polenta; whiskey-braised lamb ribs; walnut-bourbon pie; Snickers terrine. **Expensive.**

### 71 PassionFish

11960 Democracy Dr., Reston; 703-230-3474

A complimentary bowl of smoky whitefish spread greets diners at Jeff Tunks's seafood dining room, a promise of good things to come. The large menu ranges from sushi to shrimp 'n' grits but doesn't suffer from too broad a scope—the focus of nearly every dish remains top-quality fish. Americanized sushi rolls such as tuna-tempura *maki* with creamy "dynamite sauce" deliver as much comfort as cioppino or a char-grilled catch of the day simply seasoned with salt, lemon, and olive oil. Save room for the airy doughnut holes, served with coffee-spiked Bavarian cream.

**Open:** Monday through Friday for lunch and dinner, Saturday and Sunday for dinner. **Don't miss:**

Oysters on the half shell; fried clams and pickles; shrimp 'n' grits; char-grilled trout with salsa verde; red Thai curry lobster. **Expensive.**

## 72 Equinox

818 Connecticut Ave., NW; 202-331-8118

Chef/owner Todd Gray, a fixture on Washington's culinary scene for two decades, has seen many a trend. And while he's no stranger to enthusiasms of the moment—rosemary *gougères*, truffled risotto frittlers—he's also a locavore committed to letting ingredients speak for themselves.

Gray's culinary empire has grown to include the Salamander resort and Market Salamander in Middleburg, but he's still a presence at this earth-toned flagship. He has a way with noodles: delicate egg-yolk pappardelle is swirled over a luxuriant Bolognese, and an agnolotti of ricotta and chestnuts is just as refined—and just as wonderful.

The sturdier fare is successful, too. Seafood bouillabaisse is anchored by a flavorful lobster-anise broth, and balsamic-glazed short ribs have a meatiness that comes only from slow cooking—in this case for 36 hours.

**Open:** Monday through Friday for lunch and dinner, Saturday for dinner, Sunday for brunch and dinner.

**Don't miss:** Vegan parsnip velouté; truffled mac and cheese; chestnut brandy semifreddo; heirloom-carrot cake. **Very expensive.**

## 73 Proof

775 G St., NW; 202-737-7663

These days, it's not much of a surprise to find a menu listing both Vietnamese Wagyu-beef carpaccio and *nonna*-inspired chicken meatballs draped in tomato sauce. What is a revelation is finding a kitchen that can nail a repertoire of dishes from an atlas's worth of places. For the most part, Haidar Karoum's team can.

The amber-lit room is part wine bar, part cocktail lounge, part restaurant and is as well suited for a post-Portrait Gallery cheese plate as it is for a lingering date night. If there's one area to ignore, it's the dessert section—the uninspired sweets feel stuck in the '90s.

**Open:** Tuesday through Friday for lunch and dinner, Saturday through Monday for dinner. **Don't miss:** Butter-lettuce salad with avocado and grapefruit; goat cheese with honey; duck confit with cornbread; miso-glazed sablefish; lamb chops with apricots. **Expensive.**

## 74 Mokomandy

20789 Great Falls Plaza, Sterling; 571-313-0505

Fusion mash-ups rarely end well. But owner Thaddeus Kim and chef Dan Wilcox Stevens have put a lot of thought into this minimalist Korean-meets-Cajun dining room. Mokomandy stands for Modern Korean by Mandy (Mandy is Kim's mom) but at times seems to be an homage to the inventive Asian cuisine of another Virginia native, Momofuku's David Chang.

There are melting foie gras dumplings; pot-roast sliders with kimchee-marinated apples; and an engaging rice bowl with braised wild boar, chili sauce, and a fried egg. Stevens wisely doesn't attempt to marry the two cuisines but deals with each in turn. He takes more chances with the Cajun dishes—shrimp *étouffée* is rich with butter, and jambalaya with house-made sausage has a stew-like consistency—but both pack Louisiana-style heat.

**Open:** Monday through Friday for dinner, Saturday and Sunday for brunch and dinner. **Don't miss:**

Spicy fava nuts; country meat board with foie gras butter and roast bone marrow; beignets. **Expensive.**

### 75 Restaurant Eve

110 S. Pitt St., Alexandria; 703-706-0450

Cathal and Meshelle Armstrong's plush dining room marries the farm-to-table ethos with the gilded age of fine dining. Few places pamper diners like this one, which employs an armada of gracious servers who lie in wait to sweep up every crumb and explain the intricacies of the à la carte or six-course tasting menu. And few chefs care about the origins of their ingredients like Cathal Armstrong. He procures humanely raised Virginia meats and butchers them in-house, grows herbs out back, and takes the time to make bread, charcuterie, even yogurt. The dishes that result from all that care tend to be low on fireworks, but at their best—a Basque-style seafood stew, a foie gras terrine—they're deeply satisfying.

**Open:** Monday through Friday for lunch and dinner, Saturday for dinner. **Don't miss:** Filipino barbecue pork belly; lobster bisque; sweetbreads with rutabaga; cheese plate. **Very expensive.**

### 76 Trapezaria

11 N. Washington St., Rockville; 301-339-8962

So many restaurants style themselves as throwbacks, as if to make you nostalgic for an age you probably don't even remember. This one does it unself-consciously, without the overt appeals in either decor or menu. On a Saturday night, when the guitarist is playing in the corner and the generations of families are spilling over from their lazy-Susan tables, you might think you were in Baltimore's Greektown circa 1975. (On a midweek night, however, the ambience is comparable to that of a food court.)

The food is unapologetically hearty, but the level of detail in the dishes will surprise you. As will the lightness—the fried cod and *skordalia* is downright refined, and we can't remember the last time we had moussaka that didn't leave us groaningly full. If the main courses don't make you want to burst, dessert will—but it's also one of the best reasons to visit, full of loving renditions of Greek sweets such as baklava and a phyllo-custard confection called *galaktobouriko*.

**Open:** Daily for lunch and dinner. **Don't miss:** Fava-bean purée; avgolemono soup; imam bayildi, roast eggplant with tomatoes, garlic, and cinnamon; roast leg of lamb with potatoes; Greek yogurt with honey and walnuts. **Moderate.**

### 77 Bar Pilar

1833 14th St., NW; 202-265-1751

Lest you think this oft-crowded spot is just for cocktails and craft beer, let us introduce you to the fried-chicken slider, a soft, sweet bun holding a few bites of crunchy, golden-brown thigh meat. Not only is it an example of exceptional frying; it's evidence of the kitchen's commitment to good shopping—the birds come from Lancaster County's Green Circle Organics, where they might just eat better than you do. (Each is raised on scraps from four-star New York restaurants like Per Se.)

Chef Jesse Miller, who took charge last year, likes to pull dishes from both the American South and Southeast Asia, and he's especially adept at using off-cuts of meat, whether for a Sriracha-spiked chicken-liver pâté or gently cooked balls of duck boudin with a sharp mustard sauce. At the excellent-for-eating happy hour, he's not above making a mean French-bread pizza.

**Open:** Monday through Friday for dinner, Saturday and Sunday for brunch and dinner. **Don't miss:** Duck prosciutto and duck egg on toast; roasted carrots with cilantro and citrus; rabbit cacciatore; lamb-belly Bolognese with gnocchi; buttermilk pie; It's All Columbus's Fault cocktail, with coconut milk and cachaça. **Moderate.**

**78 Birch & Barley**

1337 14th St., NW; 202-567-2576

It wasn't so long ago that when you were deciding what to eat with a beer, you'd think about the straightforward stuff: burgers, pizza, wings. Basically, drunk food. At this warmly lit, wood-lined dining room, chef Kyle Bailey shows how far we've come. His cooking proves that sophisticated doesn't have to mean fussy-if Jay Gatsby ordered up a PB&J, it might taste something like Bailey's foie gras torchon, paired with crunchy toasted peanuts and quince purée.

Beer director Greg Engert has put together the city's most varied, comprehensive draft list, and the smart servers and helpful beer menu (which lists not only flavor profiles and provenances but also proper glassware and temperature) makes the selection easier to explore. And if you are in the mood for wings? Head upstairs to ChurchKey, the laid-back sister bar that also slings half-smokes and disco fries.

**Open:** Tuesday through Saturday for dinner, Sunday for brunch and dinner. **Don't miss:** Striped-bass tartare with brioche; fig-and-prosciutto flatbread; brat burger; honey-glazed duck breast; chicken and waffles (brunch only); caramel icebox cake. **Expensive.**

**79 Ghibellina**

1610 14th St., NW; 202-803-2389

During the great restaurant boom of 2013-when 20-plus restaurants opened on 14th Street alone-this Italian joint tended to get overlooked. No more. The Neapolitan-style pizzas, snipped with scissors at the table, are some of the area's best, with thin, pliable crusts that never turn soupy. We could just as easily spend the evening snacking on antipasti, which include a glossy bulb of *burrata*, feather-light *fritto misto*, and robust chicken-liver crostini. Given the neighborhood, the place is often packed and always noisy with a Prosecco-happy crowd. Affable partner Ralph Lee makes sure it all runs smoothly-he's at the host stand nearly every night.

**Open:** Monday through Friday for dinner, Saturday and Sunday for brunch and dinner. **Don't miss:** Arugula salad with avocado and tomato confit; gnocchi with sweet potato and maitake mushrooms; chicken cooked under a brick; lamb blade chops; white clam, sausage-chili-and-provolone, and fennel-and-salami pizzas. **Moderate.**

**80 Tico**

1926 14th St., NW; 202-319-1400

A graffiti-scrawled pan-Latin dining room is not the first place we'd have expected to find one of the best all-American cookie plates we've eaten (oh, that peanut-butter-sandwich cookie!). Then again, Boston chef Michael Schlow doesn't play by many rules at his first DC restaurant.

The sprawling small-plates menu, which swings all over South and Central America, and even through Spain, can be tricky to navigate. Our advice? Load up on veggie dishes-especially the salsa-verde-sauced cabbage salad and the roasted cauliflower with fava beans. Ceviches show an uncommon knack for creating layers of texture, and the excellent scallop version is by turns crunchy (thanks to crispy brown rice) and creamy (a smooth avocado purée). Finish with a round of tacos-and don't forget that cookie plate.

**Open:** Monday through Friday for dinner, Saturday and Sunday for brunch and dinner. **Don't miss:** Mac and cheese; beets with spiced yogurt; pressed chicken; duck, edamame, and two-texture beef tacos; caju caipirinha. **Moderate.**

**81 Rogue 24**

922 N St., NW (rear); 202-408-9724

You don't come here to dine; you come for the same reason you go to a play. For the theater of it. To watch RJ Cooper and his front-and-center crew (the tables are massed around the kitchen) reinvent the bourgeois restaurant meal, turning smoke into an ingredient, tweezers into cooking tools, savories into sweets, sweets into savories.

The addition of an à la carte menu was a smart move, enabling diners to enjoy the ride without having to indulge in a 24-course tasting menu.

Not everything works (bone marrow with ink toast and sea urchin custard was as improbable as it reads), but like that album you settle into, letting it take you on a strange and winding journey, you accept the what-the-hell-was-thats as stylistic tone-setters and luxuriate over the glories, such as a sublime preparation of grilled squab with foie gras.

**Open:** Tuesday through Sunday for dinner. **Don't miss:** Corn agnolotti with preserved truffle; liver mousse with bourbon gelée; foie gras with porcini dumplings; 100-day dried hanger steak. **Very expensive.**

### 82 DBGB Kitchen and Bar

931 H St., NW; 202-695-7660

The long-awaited arrival of New York chef Daniel Boulud has proven something less than most of us had hoped. Boulud himself is mostly a non-presence in the kitchen, the CityCenterDC space is stiffly casual, and the cooking in the early going has had its ups and downs.

But there are signs that the place is rounding into form, and the ups here are more up than at most places: a killer coq au vin, with a wine reduction that lingers on the palate like a sustained note on the piano; a pancetta-wrapped trout that tastes like some new species of meat; and a baked Alaska that reminds you why some things are considered classics.

**Open:** Monday through Friday for lunch and dinner, Saturday and Sunday for brunch and dinner. **Don't miss:** Country pâté; charcuterie platter; Beaujolaise sausage; tuna crudo; fluke Grenobloise. **Expensive.**

### 83 Johnny's Half Shell

400 N. Capitol St., NW; 202-737-0400

In a just world, Ann Cashion's ode to the cooking of the Chesapeake and Gulf Coast wouldn't just be busy every night. It would be beloved.

What Johnny's has, in abundance, is hard to quantify, though we all know it when we see it. Soul. Character. Identity. Things that matter more than we make time to talk about, and that are hard to find in a city of transients and trends.

Add in a terrific crabcake, a great bowl of gumbo, and a half dozen other sure-fire staples and you have a restaurant you can depend on to deliver when you need to please out-of-towners, traditionalists, or palates jaded by faddishness.

**Open:** Monday through Friday for lunch and dinner, Saturday for dinner. **Don't miss:** Chesapeake bouillabaisse; crab imperial; Trotter Tots (pork croquettes); wood-grilled wings; chocolate angel-food cake; lemon chess pie. **Expensive.**

### 84 Rappahannock Oyster Bar

1309 Fifth St., NE; 202-544-4702

Picture it: a late afternoon, too early for dinner, too late for most lunches. You snag a stool, settling in for a tray of oysters on the half shell from Virginia, briny and tender. You chase each bracing bite with a crisp, cool Sauvignon Blanc or a nutty sherry. Perfect, no?

Then again, sitting down at this glorified stall in Union Market for oysters and wine makes any time pretty perfect. And it's more than just a raw bar. Lambs and clams is a brilliant, Spanish-inspired riff on surf and turf, worth coming for all by itself, and the lump-filled crabcake shames those put out by larger, more well-appointed operations.

**Open:** Tuesday through Sunday for lunch and dinner (closes Tuesday through Saturday at 9, Sunday at 8). **Don't miss:** Barcat-oyster chowder; steamed clams with blood sausage; peel-and-eat shrimp. **Moderate.**

### 85 Sushiko

5455 Wisconsin Ave., Chevy Chase; 301-961-1644

This longtimer-the first sushi bar in Washington when it originally opened in Glover Park in 1976-is more of a neighborhood spot these days than a destination. Opt for a table and you can count on a nice, tasty meal.

Snag a seat at the long, curved sushi bar, however, and suddenly you're in line for a very good one. You won't wait, sitting here, for the sometimes slow-moving staff to deliver a hand roll (thereby preserving its delicate crunch), and the sushi chefs will tell you what came in that day that's especially good. If they show you the glistening belly of either a slab of tuna or yellowtail, strike quickly.

**Open:** Daily for lunch and dinner. **Don't miss:** Hamachi crudo; butterfish tataki; chicken gyoza dumplings; soft-shell-crab roll; sushi and sashimi, including salmon, fatty tuna, wild scallop, and eel. **Moderate.**

### 86 Liberty Tavern

3195 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-465-9360

This Clarendon bistro was at the forefront of the upscaled-downscale movement when it opened in 2007. It wore its sophistication lightly, presenting itself as a low-key place that just happened to put out food of surprising refinement. Now every other place that opens seems to have copped that formula and Liberty Tavern no longer feels as quietly daring. But ultimately we don't care how unique a place is-we care how good it is. And Liberty remains a rewarding experience, from the expertly mixed cocktails to the strong French-press coffee.

You can eat simply and lightly (the wood-fired pizzas are as good as ever; go for the Vermont, with cheddar and prosciutto) or settle in and explore Matt Hill's menu of lusty, Italian-accented comfort food-the gnocchi are worth a visit all by themselves.

**Open:** Monday through Friday for lunch and dinner, Saturday and Sunday for brunch and dinner. **Don't miss:** Smoked lamb ribs; charred octopus with black-garlic aioli; fritto misto; roasted scallops with chanterelles; apple dumplings; cookies-and-confections plate. **Moderate.**

### 87 Republic

6939 Laurel Ave., Takoma Park; 301-270-3000

Jeff and Barbara Black, the restaurateurs behind such hits as Pearl Dive Oyster Palace and BlackSalt, have a knack for creating restaurants with a strong sense of place. In left-leaning Takoma Park, they've fashioned a bar and dining room from odd bits (vintage Victorian sofas, jet-engine parts), peppered the menu with vegan options, booked blues bands, and kept the place open late (till 1:30 am Friday and

Saturday). The result is an easy-to-like spot with clever cocktails (the Fascist Killer, a potent mix of rye, Chartreuse, and amaro) and food that doesn't take itself too seriously.

Will it be oysters on the half shell from the raw bar or wood-grilled ones (a Pearl Dive specialty) from the kitchen, helmed by chef/owner Danny Wells? Both are good bets, and the grill yields other pleasures such as nicely charred sardines and crisp-skinned chicken under a brick. Even non-vegans will appreciate Wells's ancient-grain salad with shallots, pomegranate seeds, and a trifecta of farro, quinoa, and wild rice.

**Open:** Monday through Friday for lunch and dinner, Saturday and Sunday for brunch and dinner. **Don't miss:** Addie's mussels; rockfish with Parmesan polenta; burger with mustard-ale cheddar; carrot-parsnip cake. **Moderate.**

## 88 Petit Louis Bistro

10215 Wincopin Cir., Columbia; 410-964-9999

The southernmost satellite in the six-outpost empire of Baltimore restaurateurs Cindy Wolf and Tony Foreman is long on charm—a lakefront vista, a roaring fireplace, a bar that's missing only the beautifully drunk denizens of the Lost Generation. It all adds up to the most texturally perfect recreation of a Parisian bistro this side of Le Diplomate, and on a blustery night there are few restaurants we'd rather be inside.

The cooking is sometimes sublime—the foie gras terrine, for instance, one of the most silken preparations you'll find—but mostly is content to deliver well-prepared bistro fare (frisée-and-lardons salad; a rosy duck breast).

Desserts read better than they taste. If you're going to splurge, splurge on wine—Foreman, a Bordeaux fanatic, has an eye for exceptional reds at not-exorbitant prices.

**Open:** Tuesday through Friday for lunch and dinner, Saturday and Sunday for brunch and dinner. **Don't miss:** Asparagus soup; shrimp beignets; pork belly with favas; grilled salmon with asparagus; croque monsieur; steamed mussels; crème brûlée; cheese cart. **Expensive.**

## 89 Cava Mezze

9713 Traville Gateway Dr., Rockville, 301-309-9090; 527 Eighth St., SE, 202-543-9090; 2940 Clarendon Blvd., Arlington, 703-276-9090

Much has changed in the eight years since founders Ike Grigoropoulos and Ted Xenohristos and chef Dimitri Moshovitis built their original Rockville restaurant while living with family to afford the cost. The mezzeteria's beloved dips now line Whole Foods' shelves, while fast-casual spinoff Cava Mezze Grill has expanded to eight Washington locations and counting.

Still, the lively, dark-wood restaurants—also in Clarendon and on Capitol Hill—maintain the warm feel of neighborhood joints, while the kitchen sends out rustic Greek hits. Freshly rolled grape leaves, those typically underwhelming staples of Mediterranean cuisine, come stuffed with bright herbs; miniature lamb gyros pack more flavor than many larger cousins; and shrimp sautéed with tomatoes, feta, and plenty of garlic are a reminder not to dismiss simplicity. The inspired cocktails are worth a try, especially a refreshing gin concoction with cucumber and grapefruit juices.

**Open:** Rockville, Monday through Friday for lunch and dinner, Saturday and Sunday for dinner; DC and Arlington, Monday for dinner, Tuesday through Friday for lunch and dinner, Saturday and Sunday for brunch and dinner. **Don't miss:** Taramasalata; Brussels sprouts with olive bread crumbs; grilled-haloumi salad; lollipop chicken; lamb meatballs. **Moderate.**

## 90 Et Voila!

5120 MacArthur Blvd., NW; 202-237-2300

There are more imaginative restaurants than this storefront charmer in the Palisades. But few are more consistent or more dependably satisfying. That's not damning with faint praise-it's exactly what you want from a classic French-Belgian bistro.

You want to know that the greens will be dressed tartly but lightly, that the bread will be crusty, that the duck confit will come apart easily, that the chocolate mousse and crème brûlée will taste just like they do in Paris. Every so often, chef/owner Claudio Pirolo springs a surprise on you, such as a delicately rendered sea-bass tartare that would be the envy of every trendy bistro downtown. Not that plates like this portend a new direction for the chef or his cafe-no, not even the teensiest embrace of trends. That's just the way you want it, too.

**Open:** Monday for dinner, Tuesday through Friday for lunch and dinner, Saturday and Sunday for brunch and dinner. **Don't miss:** Country pâté; gravlax; mussel burger; steamed mussels with cream and endives; beef carbonnade; floating island; waffle with blueberry compote; profiteroles. **Moderate.**

## 91 Ris

2275 L St., NW; 202-730-2500

Ris Lacoste eschews the hallmarks of the 21st-century restaurant interior-there's no exposed brick, no Modest Mouse soundtrack-in favor of bouquets of flowers and a room in which you can actually hear. Her menu resists change, too, and we appreciate that she's got the confidence to not mess with proven hits just for innovation's sake.

Lacoste excels with bistro classics-Julia Child was a friend, and you can sense her influence. We gladly return for the textbook onion soup, pot of mussels, and freshly ground cheeseburger. So, too, anything with a New England bent, whether fried scallops with slaw or an Italian grinder with pickled peppers, among the many worthy specials at the bar.

**Open:** Monday through Friday for lunch and dinner, Saturday for dinner, Sunday for brunch, lunch, and dinner. **Don't miss:** Scallop "margarita"; Portuguese seafood stew; braised lamb shank with pomegranate seeds and yogurt; portobello Reuben sandwich. **Expensive.**

## 92 Béarnaise

315 Pennsylvania Ave., SE; 202-450-4800

Spike Mendelsohn's ode to the Parisian bistro lies on the same Capitol Hill block as his two fast-food spots, Good Stuff Eatery and We, the Pizza. Much of the first floor is devoted to a gorgeously evocative marble bar that makes us crave a pastis. Upstairs-decked out with checkerboard floors and orange banquettes-is where most of the dining goes on.

Interpreted by chef de cuisine Brad Race, whom Mendelsohn met when they worked at New York's Le Cirque, the dishes are happily authentic with an occasional tweak. Smooth chicken-liver pâté gets a flavor boost with caramelized onions. And the *frites* that come with that deftly seared flatiron steak are tossed with sea salt, cracked pepper, and tarragon.

**Open:** Tuesday through Friday for lunch and dinner, Saturday for brunch and dinner, Sunday for brunch. **Don't miss:** Rib eye; mussels marinière; duck confit; Brussels sprouts with béarnaise sauce; burger with a fried egg; crispy pig's-feet hash (at brunch); profiteroles. **Expensive.**

## 93 Kaz Sushi Bistro

1915 I St., NW; 202-530-5500

Chef Kaz Okochi's Foggy Bottom sushi spot has been around since 1999, and he's still drawing plenty of customers with precise slices of high-quality fish. Okochi paired salmon nigiri with mango purée long before the onslaught of Japanese fusion, and his signature combinations such as sake-poached scallops or torch-charred salmon belly are still exceptional. Small plates—such as *umami*-packed slices of calamari, *uni*, quail egg, and truffle-soy sauce—go beyond the typical lineup of gyoza and tempura.

One caveat: A patchwork meal of these slight bites can add up quickly. More wallet-friendly options can be found at lunch, where a business crowd packs tables for generous bento boxes. Dessert tends to be skippable at many Japanese spots, but it's worth browsing the playful roster of sweets.

**Open:** Monday through Friday for lunch and dinner, Saturday for dinner. **Don't miss:** Creamy seaweed salad; Brussels sprouts with mint and ginger; seared tuna with chili and daikon; bonito with garlic chips; bay-scallop ceviche; seared baby octopus; ginger-ice-cream sandwich; green-tea tiramisu. **Expensive.**

#### 94 Montmartre

327 Seventh St., SE; 202-544-1244

This Eastern Market bistro has made our list so many years consecutively you'd think it had a lock or something. But no—no lock. (Nobody has a lock.) It earns its way on by being cozy and hospitable and turning out solidly if unspectacularly prepared food at prices that are more in line with 2001, when it opened, than 2015.

If that doesn't sound like much, summon the image of a wintry night when you've had a hard day and don't feel like cooking. That's when Montmartre shows its real value. You settle into your seat amid the warmth and happy clatter of the dining room for a country *pâté* with crusty bread, followed perhaps by a plate of tender duck confit, and send yourself home fortified and refreshed, with a glass of port and a creamy floating island.

**Open:** Tuesday through Friday for lunch and dinner, Saturday and Sunday for brunch and dinner. **Don't miss:** Octopus with white beans; fish soup; veal loin with sage/red-wine sauce; braised rabbit over linguini; cod with potato gnocchi. **Moderate.**

#### 95 Rus Uz

1000 N. Randolph St., Arlington; 571-312-4086

The name only sounds as if it were invented by the writer/fantasist Karel Capek. It actually stands for Russian Uzbek. Though properly speaking, the menu tilts much more Uz than Rus, with a special emphasis on all the wondrous things that cooks in that wintry part of the world do with dough.

Working from scratch every day, chef/owner Bakhitiyor Rakhmatulleev produces terrific meat pies (at least one *samsa*, *pirozhki*, and *chebureki* should be on the table at every meal) and stuffed dumplings, including the centerpiece dish called *mant*—small, bulging pillows filled with peppery lamb and doused with yogurt.

Service is sometimes more gruff than gracious, and atmosphere is nonexistent unless the tables are full. But the cooking oozes soul, and every meal is a generous feast.

**Open:** Daily for lunch and dinner. **Don't miss:** Smoked-fish tray; "fish under coat" (a layering of herring, carrots, and beets); borscht; pelmeni (ground-beef dumplings); chicken Kiev; rice pilaf with lamb, raisins, and carrots. **Inexpensive.**

#### 96 Westend Bistro

1190 22nd St., NW; 202-974-5566

Salmon cooked to a tender medium. Plump mussels. Fish seared so perfectly the skin crackles. These are

a few things seafood lovers seek out-and it's surprisingly hard for many kitchens to get them right. Not so at this Ritz-Carlton restaurant, which has maintained a steady affiliation with the sea even after chef Eric Ripert of Le Bernardin fame ended his relationship with the place.

Chef Adam Barnett has kept two worthy Ripert signatures on the menu-the fish burger and the tuna carpaccio dressed in olive oil and lemon-but it's his seasonal creations (curry-crusting skate, buttery tagliatelle tossed with shrimp and crab) that really shine. And meat lovers can eat just as well with bistro dishes such as a thick pork chop roasted with smoked-honey *jus*.

**Open:** Monday through Friday for lunch and dinner, Saturday and Sunday for dinner. **Don't miss:** Mussels with grilled celery and herb butter; seared scallops with pickled mushrooms; seared salmon with beet sauce and crème fraîche; beer-and-cherry sorbet. **Expensive.**

### 97 The Fainting Goat

1330 U St., NW; 202-735-0344

While gastropubs are no longer the hot dining trend, this warm neighborhood tavern embodies what popularized the movement: unfussy, creative food, a generous list of brews, and familiar service, even to new faces. A young, dapper crowd sits around candlelit tables sipping punch to the tune of the Black Keys, but what sets the scene apart from any other on the block is Nathan Beauchamp's cooking. The former 1789 chef returned from six years of organic farming in Minnesota to helm the pub's kitchen, and his talent for using the season's bounty shows. Charred carrots come in an earthy toss of farro and aged goat cheese, while lemongrass-steamed mussels are studded with pumpkin. The eponymous goat pops up on the menu occasionally-well worth trying with gnocchi in a hearty Bolognese.

**Open:** Monday through Friday for dinner, Saturday and Sunday for brunch and dinner. **Don't miss:** Arancini; cauliflower with currants; pork chop with peaches; charred octopus. **Moderate.**

### 98 Compass Rose

1346 T St., NW; 202-506-4765

This restaurant, which celebrates street food from places as varied as Malaysia and Peru, is all about the adventure of eating widely and well. Owner Rose Previte is a die-hard globetrotter, so much of what's served in her industrial-chic rowhouse dining room (she and her husband, NPR's David Greene, live upstairs) is very personal.

The signature cocktail, the Compass Rose (a mix of Georgian sparkling wine, pomegranate liqueur, and rose water) and one of the menu showstoppers, *khachapuri*, an oval of cheese-filled bread with a poached egg, are testimony to Previte's affection for Georgia, a country she explored when her husband was posted in Russia. Spain gets a shout-out with a marvelous heap of fried baby fish (often smelts) to swipe with citrus aioli. Despite all the venturing abroad, the home country earns a nod, too-a corn dog is turned into a delicious little morsel with sweet Italian sausage, an airy sheath of cornmeal batter, and house-made mustard.

**Open:** Daily for dinner. **Don't miss:** Korean-style pork ribs; skewered duck hearts; balik ekmek, a Turkish sub with mackerel, harissa, and lemon mayonnaise; lamb kofta. **Moderate.**

### 99 BlackSalt

4883 MacArthur Blvd., NW; 202-342-9101

Things don't change much at this narrow seafood dining room in the leafy Palisades-and that's just fine with its many regulars, who have been ordering the same bouillabaisse and bacon-studded clam chowder for years. Appetizers remain the strongest parts of a meal, and grazing tends to be a better strategy than a traditional three courses. Tartares-whether bigeye tuna or smooth Skuna Bay salmon-are

accessorized with just enough sweet ponzu sauce. And plump sardines arrive with a welcome whiff of smoke from the wood grill. Up front, there's a gold-standard fish counter that offers mostly wild catches plus top-notch peel-and-eat shrimp and crabcakes to take home.

**Open:** Monday through Saturday for lunch and dinner, Sunday for brunch and dinner. **Don't miss:** Fried Ipswich clams with curry aioli; butterfish with mango gastrique; butterscotch pot de crème. **Expensive.**

### 100 Bourbon Steak Lounge

2800 Pennsylvania Ave., NW; 202-944-2026

Michael Mina's big-ticket dining room in the Four Seasons Hotel has had a place on this list for the last six years. But of late, we've had too many overcooked \$59 steaks and lackluster appetizers to recommend it. What we can still get behind: the cocktails and snacks in the less buttoned-down lounge.

You'll have to wade through a passel of socialites to get to the bar, but the rewards are many, thanks to Duane Sylvestre, who is as sure-handed with vintage fizzes as he is with creations like the Chameleon, a coupe holding gin, chamomile honey, and egg whites. On the haute junk-food menu, there are addictive skinny fries and some of DC's best burgers. If there's a crossover hit from the dining room roster (which you can still order from), it's the crab hushpuppies with jalapeño.

**Open:** Monday through Friday for lunch and dinner, Saturday and Sunday for dinner. **Don't miss:** Prime-beef and lamb burgers; tuna tartare; gin and tonic. **Moderate.w**

### SIDEBAR:

#### How Did We Choose?

We embarked on this project last February, not long after finishing our 2014 roundup of Washington's top restaurants. From an initial roster of 300 places, we began fanning out across the area, eating, drinking, and taking reams of notes. There were no set-asides. Each restaurant, no matter how established or celebrated, had to earn its way on. We asked ourselves a simple question: Who makes us want to come back tomorrow? Who sends us home with memories? The result is a snapshot of the scene as it looks to us at the moment. Not six months ago and not six months hence. Now. You might find it implausible that a Korean barbecue spot could rank higher than a kitchen/lab devoted to molecular cooking, or that a pizza place could come in above a plush redoubt of Old World refinement. Not us. Good is good. And after all, we went looking for memories.

### SIDEBAR:

#### Behind the scenes

##### Joe Ambrose

Cofounder, Favourite Ice

How you know him: Ambrose, a bartender at the W Hotel's POV lounge, is also responsible for that stunningly clear, slow-melting cube in your glass at places like Bourbon Steak, Barmini, and Range.

**Breaking in:** The two-year-old artisanal-ice business, the first of its kind in Washington, began when Ambrose and cofounder Owen Thomson worked at Jaleo. "They were cutting ice under the restaurant with chain saws, and we knew how to do it more efficiently," Ambrose says.

**The other ice man:** Employee Caleb "the Eskimo" Marindin is the guy who actually hews the massive 300-pound blocks of clarified ice into the smaller 25-pound chunks transported to bars.

##### Amber Kendrick

Owner, Cloud Terre

How you know her: Kendrick's Arlington studio crafts minimalist-cool ceramic tableware specially designed for restaurants like Patowmack Farm and Fiola.

On her own table: The organic bowl from the Ashby Inn line (available at cloudterre.com). "You can put anything in and it just sings."

Up next: Working with former Ashby Inn & Restaurant manager Neal Wavra on a new farm-to-table restaurant in Marshall, Virginia. Kendrick is collaborating on everything from architectural design to lighting and plates.

### **Ben Eisendrath**

President, Grillworks

How you know him: Ever wonder why the Red Hen in DC's Bloomingdale smells so deliciously smoky? The reason is Eisendrath's wood-fired grills, custom-made for each restaurant and considered the Ferraris of their kind by a national range of chefs.

Why wood? "Charcoal doesn't provide much of its own flavor," says Eisendrath. "If you use whole pieces of wood, there's moisture that tastes like the type you're using."

Top of the DC line: A \$20,000 contraption for the downtown DC steakhouse Rural Society-it boasts three grills, rotisseries, and catch pans for trapping all the meat's juices.

### **Travis and Ryan Croxton**

Cofounders, Rappahannock Oyster Co.

How you know them: Travis and cousin Ryan established their Virginia oyster farm 12 years ago, and now their Olde Salts and Stingrays are served all over town-including at Le Diplomate, Hank's Oyster Bar, and their own Rappahannock Oyster Bar in Union Market. They also ship 150,000 a week to restaurants around the world.

Mission accomplished: "Ten years ago, it was a struggle to find a Chesapeake oyster on a menu, even in DC," says Travis, whose original goal was to put the long-forgotten Bay bivalve back on the map. "Now menus celebrate it."

Consider the clam: There's a growing interest in the company's clams (it sells 20,000 a week), and the attention is deserved: the briny, meaty Olde Salts are among the best we've tasted. Get them to go at Rappahannock Oyster Bar.

### **Kelly Towles**

Painter

How you know him: Towles's engaging murals line the walls at such spots as Right Proper Brewing Company and Graffiato-where he depicted a pack of "food bandits" coming in to loot the restaurant-and he has designed bottles for DC Brau.

Lost art: One of Towles's favorite restaurant projects, a mural for Toki Underground, is mostly covered up by the bar. (You can see patches of the painting peeking through.) Still, he says the effect was intentional: "The design was inspired by love for old graffiti in alleys and on walls-the layers."

Pretty plates: Towles particularly loves the artful plating at Izakaya Seki. "All the food has a very simple elegance, which is not easy to do. There's a veggie dish with bonito flakes that just dances."

**SIDEBAR:**

**What's Different From Last Year?**

**Incoming**

Aggio

Ananda

Bar Pilar

Béarnaise

Bistro Bis

Bourbon Steak Lounge

Brasserie Beck

Compass Rose

Crane & Turtle

DBGB

Equinox

The Fainting Goat

Fiola Mare

Ghibellina

The Green Pig

Gypsy Soul

Iron Gate

Lupo Verde

Mokomandy

Ocopa

Osteria Morini

The Partisan

Petit Louis Bistro

Plume

Poste

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Saba

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Sushi Capitol

Sushiko

Thai Taste by Kob

Tico

Trapezaria

Water & Wall

**Outgoing**

Alegria\*

Ardeo & Bardeo

Ayse Meze Lounge

Bartlett Pear Inn

Bastille

Black's Bar & Kitchen

BLT Steak

Blue Duck Tavern

Bonchon

Boqueria

Bourbon Steak

Brabo by Robert Wiedmaier

CityZen\*

Cork

8407 Kitchen Bar

Food Wine & Co.

Hank's Oyster Bar

La Table Provencale

Lyon Hall

Makoto

Maple Ave Restaurant

Nava Thai

Nopa Kitchen & Bar

The Oval Room

Palena/Palena Cafe\*

Ray's the Steaks

Ray's to the Third

1789

The Source

2941

Vermilion

Vidalia

Woodward Table

\*Restaurant has closed.

## **SIDEBAR:**

### **Restaurateurs of the Year**

**Fabio and Maria Trabocchi have created one of the country's top seafood destinations and put Georgetown back on diners' radars-and that was just in 2014**

Power dining has existed in Washington since politicians first started consorting in taverns, but few embrace its modern incarnation better than Fabio and Maria Trabocchi. Their trio of restaurants-Fiola, Casa Luca, and Fiola Mare-are favorite stops for both serious food lovers and Hill and Hollywood elite. Still, the couple say another category-"FTDs," or first-time diners-is equally important. Each day, the restaurants' management teams identify a few fresh faces among their customers and give them VIP treatment: a glass of Champagne, an extra course, or the "dessert bomb," a final blitz of sweets.

That level of care and attention-seen in smart sommeliers, gracious servers, and welcoming hosts-extends through all three restaurants, each of which has a place in our top 15 this year. What keeps us wowed, though, is Fabio's luxurious Italian cooking, whether we're eating soulful tortellini in hen consommé at the more casual Casa Luca or dining on some of the country's finest seafood at Fiola Mare, which put Georgetown back on the culinary map.

The Trabocchis' first restaurant, Fiola, is approaching its fourth anniversary-and is where the couple met 20 years ago in the sceney downtown space then called Bice. Fabio, who was raised along Italy's Adriatic coast, had just taken his first kitchen job in America at age 21; Maria was managing the books after finishing college away from her native Spain. The young cook's profile rose quickly-he went on to become executive chef at the opulent Maestro in Tysons and then took over the stoves at Fiamma in New York (where he garnered a Michelin star).

When Fiamma shuttered during the recent recession, the Trabocchis returned to DC. That the lofty Bice space was available when they decided to open their first restaurant in 2011 was serendipitous, but it also reaffirmed that Washington was home. They've since brought their young children-Aliche, 13, and Luca, 11-into the hospitality fold-Luca has been cooking in the eateries since he was eight. "There's not an on-and-off button," Maria says. "We're all in it together."

What's next? The Trabocchis say there will be another venture-they've opened a new spot every year and a half so far-but that the expansion will be deliberate so their restaurants can grow together as a

"family." Bring on another round of dessert bombs.

#### **SIDEBAR:**

#### **Our (possibly) definitive guide to 2015's food trends**

##### **In**

Indian lime pickle

Ranch-dressing seasoning

Happy-hour fried chicken skins

Vegetable "marrow"

Togarashi spice

Free filtered water

Tallow

White-chocolate desserts

Gimlets

Barnacles

Haute scrambled eggs

Meticulously crafted piña coladas

Sipping broths

Custom murals

Amaro "programs"

Doughnut holes

Gummy bears

Filipino skewers

Crowd-funding your dream restaurant

Coravin. A contraption that extracts wine without uncorking the bottle.

##### **Out**

Pickled watermelon rind

Everything-bagel seasoning

Happy-hour tater tots

Cauliflower "steaks"

Pink peppercorns

\$8 bottles of Pellegrino

Duck fat

Beet and chocolate desserts

Aviations

Whelks

63-degree eggs

Dogging on piña coladas

Sipping vinegars

Living walls of herbs

Barrel-aging programs

Fancified candy bars

Marshmallows

Scandinavian twigs

Starting a food truck

Wine on tap

## **SIDEBAR:**

### **Falling Stars**

**These high-profile places didn't make the list this year—here's why**

#### **1789 Restaurant**

1226 36th St., NW; 202-965-1789

Talented chef Anthony Lombardo recently moved on from this Georgetown institution and 1789's kitchen is suffering from the change. Prices have escalated (entrées hover around \$40), while the level of consistency and execution have declined. One exception: the well-crafted desserts.

#### **The Source**

575 Pennsylvania Ave., NW; 202-637-6100

Four years ago, the easygoing brilliance of this pan-Asian Wolfgang Puck restaurant earned it the number-three ranking on this list. Those days seem long gone. The cooking on a recent visit was tired and sometimes careless, and the service was alternatively disengaged and negligent.

#### **Vidalia**

1990 M St., NW; 202-659-1990

The staff exudes charm and the bread basket is still a winner at Jeffrey Buben's Southern dining room. That's the good news. The bad: Our meal began with too-sugary cocktails, moved on to entrées that were

either bland or oversalted (but always heavy), and ended with cloyingly sweet pies.

### **Blue Duck Tavern**

1201 24th St., NW; 202-419-6755

Sebastien Archambault, an enormous talent, exited the kitchen last January, and his replacement, former Eola chef Daniel Singhofen, has since gone, too. The new arrival at this Park Hyatt property is Ryan La Roche, and while there were bright spots on our most recent check-in, the lingering impression was that of generic hotel dining-overpriced and only intermittently exciting.

### **SIDEBAR:**

#### **On the Horizon**

#### **Nine openings to watch for in 2015**

#### **District**

##### **Centrolina**

Chef Amy Brandwein, formerly of Alba Osteria, is bringing an Italian market/osteria to CityCenterDC. Her 52-seat restaurant will serve wood-roasted meats and fresh pastas, while the shop will supply cheeses and charcuterie. 974 Palmer Alley, NW. Projected opening: spring.

##### **Convivial**

After the success of Mintwood Place, chef Cedric Maupillier and restaurateur Saied Azali are on to their next venture: a casual French-American place with all-day, cafe-style dining in Shaw. 801 O St., NW. Projected opening: summer.

##### **The Dabney**

Chef Jeremiah Langhorne-formerly of the landmark McCrady's in Charleston, South Carolina-will debut in Shaw with a Mid-Atlantic-inspired restaurant centered around a ten-foot wood-burning hearth. 1222 Ninth St., NW. Projected opening: summer.

##### **Unnamed Momofuku Restaurant**

After years of speculation, restaurateur David Chang confirmed plans to open a 4,500-square-foot restaurant in his native Washington's CityCenterDC. Also look for a branch of business partner Christina Tosi's award-winning bakery, Momofuku Milk Bar, with sweets such as "crack pie" and "compost cookies." 11th and I sts., NW. Projected opening: 2015.

### **Maryland**

#### **PassionFish Bethesda**

After six years in Reston, PassionFish chef/owner Jeff Tunks is opening a sister seafood restaurant in downtown Bethesda. Expect an international array of fish dishes, including a longtime PassionFish staple: lobster with red Thai curry. 7187 Woodmont Ave., Bethesda. Projected opening: spring.

#### **Peter Chang Cafe**

Rockville's Chinese-food scene is poised to get even tastier when former Chinese Embassy chef Peter Chang shows up bearing wontons in chili oil and other fiery Szechuan dishes. 20-A Maryland Ave., Rockville. Projected opening: February.

## Virginia

### Brine

Rappahannock Oyster Co. co-owner Travis Croxton will unveil a 5,000-square-foot eatery in the Mosaic district. A raw bar is a given, but diners can also look forward to wood-grilled seafood and Prosecco on tap. 2985 District Ave., Fairfax. Projected opening: March.

### Clarity

Chefs Jonathan Krinn and Jason Maddens met at Fairfax restaurant 2941. Now, they have transformed a deli into a dining room, communal bar table, and chef's counter. The menu will change frequently, with pastas plus steaks and game. 442 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Projected opening: February.

### Yona

Ballston is getting a ramen shop, thanks to former Pabu Izakaya chef Jonah Kim. The menu will nod to his Korean heritage and his Japanese training, with pork-rich noodle soups and small plates such as steamed duck buns and gochujang-and-bourbon-glazed chicken wings. 4000 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Projected opening: spring.

### SIDEBAR:

Restaurant / Address / Phone	Rank	Cuisine	Price
Aggio, 5335 Wisconsin Ave., NW; 202-803-8020	55	Italian	\$\$\$
Ananda, 7421 Maple Lawn Blvd., Fulton, Md.; 301-725-4800	16	Indian	\$
Baby Wale, 1124 Ninth St., NW; 202-450-3311	36	American	\$
Bangkok Golden, 6395 Seven Corners Center, Falls Church; 703-533-9480	40	Thai/Laotian	¢
Bar Pilar, 1833 14th St., NW; 202-265-1751	77	American	\$
Béarnaise, 315 Pennsylvania Ave., SE; 202-450-4800	92	French	\$\$
Birch & Barley, 1337 14th St., NW; 202-567-2576	78	Modern American	\$\$
Bistro Bis, Hotel George, 15 E St., NW; 202-661-2700	42	French	\$\$\$
BlackSalt, 4883 MacArthur Blvd., NW; 202-342-9101	99	American/sea-food	\$\$
The Bombay Club, 815 Connecticut Ave., NW; 202-659-3727	37	Indian	\$\$
Bourbon Steak Lounge, Four Seasons Hotel, 2800 Pennsylvania Ave., NW; 202-944-2026	10	American	\$
Brasserie Beck, 1101 K St., NW, 202-408-1717; 311 Kentlands Blvd., Gaithersburg, 301-569-4247	58	French/Belgian	\$\$
Casa Luca, 1099 New York Ave., NW; 202-628-1099	13	Italian	\$\$
Cashon's Eat Place, 1819 Columbia Rd., NW; 202-797-1819	45	AMERICAN	\$\$
Cava Mezze, Rockville, 301-309-9090; Capitol Hill, 202-543-9090; Clarendon, 703-276-9090	89	Greek	\$
Central Michel Richard, 1001 Pennsylvania Ave., NW; 202-626-0015	15	American/French	\$\$
Compass Rose, 1346 T St., NW; 202-506-4765	98	International	\$
Corduroy, 1122 Ninth St., NW; 202-589-0699	39	American	\$\$

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Crane & Turtle, 828 Upshur St., NW; 202-723-2543	32	Modern American	\$\$
Daikaya, 705 Sixth St., NW; 202-589-1600	38	Japanese/Ramen	\$
DBGB Kitchen and Bar, 931 H St., NW; 202-695-7660	82	American/French	\$\$
Del Campo, 777 I St., NW; 202-289-7377	12	South American/ Steak	\$\$\$
DGS Delicatessen, 1317 Connecticut Ave., NW; 202-293-4400	30	Jewish Deli	\$
Doi Moi, 1800 14th St., NW; 202-733-5131	62	Thai/Vietnamese	\$
Equinox, 818 Connecticut Ave., NW; 202-331-8118	72	Modern American	\$\$\$
Estadio, 1520 14th St., NW; 202-319-1404	23	Spanish	\$
Ethiopic, 401 H St., NE; 202-675-2066	60	Ethiopian	¢
Etto, 1541 14th St., NW; 202-232-0920	48	Italian/pizza	\$
Et Voila!, 5120 MacArthur Blvd., NW; 202-237-2300	90	French/Belgian	\$
The Fainting Goat, 1330 U St., NW; 202-735-0344	97	American	\$
Fiola, 601 Pennsylvania Ave., NW (entrance at 678 Indiana Ave.); 202-628-2888	8	Italian	\$\$\$
Fiola Mare, 3050 K St., NW; 202-628-0065	4	Italian/Seafood	\$\$\$
G by Mike Isabella, 2201 14th St., NW; 202-234-5015	59	Italian/ Sandwiches	¢-\$\$
Ghibellina, 1610 14th St., NW; 202-803-2389	79	Italian/pizza	\$
Graffiato, 707 Sixth St., NW; 202-289-3600	41	Italian/pizza	\$
Green Pig Bistro, 1025 N. Fillmore St., Arlington; 703-888-1920	43	American	\$
Gypsy Soul, 8296 Glass Alley, Fairfax; 703-992-0933	35	American/South- ern	\$\$
The Inn at Little Washington, 309 Middle St., Washington, Va.; 540-675-3800	22	Modern American	\$\$\$
Iron Gate, 1734 N St., NW; 202-524-5202	50	Mediterranean	\$-\$\$
Izakaya Seki, 1117 V St., NW; 202-588-5841	19	Japanese/sushi	\$
Jaleo, Penn Quarter, 202-628-7949; Bethesda, 301-913-0003; Crystal City, 703-413-8181	27	Spanish	\$
Johnny's Half Shell, 400 N. Capitol St., NW; 202-737-0400	83	American	\$\$
Kapnos, 2201 14th St., NW; 202-234-5000	24	Greek	\$
Kaz Sushi Bistro, 1915 I St., NW; 202-530-5500	93	Japanese/sushi	\$\$
Kogiya, 4220-A Annandale Rd., Annandale; 703-942-6995	63	Korean	¢
Komi, 1509 17th St., NW; 202-332-9200	1	Modern American	\$\$\$
La Limeña, 765-B Rockville Pike, Rockville; 301-424-8066	65	Peruvian	¢
L'Auberge Chez François/Jacques' Brasserie, 332 Springvale Rd., Great Falls; 703-759-3800	67	French	\$-\$\$\$
Le Diplomate, 1601 14th St., NW; 202-332-3333	14	French	\$\$
Liberty Tavern, 3195 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-465-9360	86	American	\$
Little Serow, 1511 17th St., NW; no phone; littleserow.com	6	Thai	\$\$
Lupo Verde, 1401 T St., NW; 202-827-4752	57	Italian	\$\$
The Majestic, 911 King St., Alexandria; 703-837-9117	64	American	\$\$
Marcel's, 2401 Pennsylvania Ave., NW; 202-296-1166	20	French	\$\$\$

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Minibar, 855 E St., NW; 202-393-0812	2	Modern American	\$\$\$
Mintwood Place, 1813 Columbia Rd., NW; 202-234-6732	17	American/French	\$\$
Mokomandy, 20789 Great Falls Plaza, Sterling; 571-313-0505	74	Korean/Cajun	\$\$
Montmartre, 327 Seventh St., SE; 202-544-1244	94	French	\$
Nostos, 8100 Boone Blvd., Vienna; 703-760-0690	68	Greek	\$
Obelisk, 2029 P St., NW; 202-872-1180	28	Italian	\$\$\$
Ocopa, 1324 H St., NE; 202-396-1814	52	Peruvian	\$
Osteria Morini, 301 Water St., SE; 202-484-0660	33	Italian	\$\$
The Partisan, 709 D St., NW; 202-524-5322	70	American	\$\$
Passage to India, 4931 Cordell Ave., Bethesda; 301-656-3373	51	Indian	\$
PassionFish, 11960 Democracy Dr., Reston; 703-230-3474	71	American/sea-food	\$\$
Pearl Dive Oyster Palace, 1612 14th St., NW; 202-319-1612	53	American/Southern	\$
Petit Louis Bistro, 10215 Wincopin Cir., Columbia; 410-964-9999	88	French	\$\$
Plume, The Jefferson hotel, 1200 16th St., NW; 202-448-3227	18	Modern American	\$\$\$
Poste, Hotel Monaco, 555 Eighth St., NW; 202-783-6060	61	American/French	\$\$
Proof, 775 G St., NW; 202-737-7663	73	Modern American	\$\$
Rappahannock Oyster Bar, Union Market, 1309 Fifth St., NE; 202-544-4702	84	American/sea-food	\$
Rasika, Penn Quarter, 202-637-1222; West End, 202-466-2500	5	Indian	\$\$
The Red Hen, 1822 First St., NW; 202-525-3021	7	Italian	\$
Republic, 6939 Laurel Ave., Takoma Park; 301-270-3000	87	American	\$
Restaurant Eve, 110 S. Pitt St., Alexandria; 703-706-0450	75	Modern American	\$\$\$
The Restaurant at Patowmack Farm, 42461 Lovettsville Rd., Lovettsville; 540-822-9017	9	Modern American	\$\$\$
Rice Paper, 6775 Wilson Blvd., Falls Church; 703-538-3888	47	Vietnamese	¢
Ripple, 3417 Connecticut Ave., NW; 202-244-7995	56	Modern American	\$\$
Ris, 2275 L St., NW; 202-730-2500	91	American	\$\$
Rogue 24, 922 N St., NW (rear); 202-408-9724	81	Modern American	\$\$\$
Rose's Luxury, 717 Eighth St., SE; 202-580-8889	3	American	\$\$
Ruan Thai, 11407 Amherst Ave., Wheaton; 301-942-0075	49	Thai	¢
Rus Uz, 1000 N. Randolph St., Arlington; 571-312-4086	95	Russian/Uzbek	¢
Saba, 3900 Pickett Rd., Fairfax; 703-425-1130	69	Yemeni	¢
Seasonal Pantry, 1314½ Ninth St., NW; 202-713-9866	11	Modern American	\$\$\$
Sushi Capitol, 325 Pennsylvania Ave., SE; 202-627-0325	26	Japanese/sushi	\$
Sushiko, 5455 Wisconsin Ave., Chevy Chase; 301-961-1644	85	Japanese/sushi	\$
Sushi Sono, 10215 Wincopin Cir., Columbia; 410-997-6131	44	Japanese/sushi	\$\$
Sushi Taro, 1503 17th St., NW; 202-462-8999	46	Japanese/sushi	\$\$\$
Table, 903 N St., NW; 202-588-5200	29	Modern American	\$\$
Thai Taste by Kob, 11315 Fern St., Wheaton; 301-942-0288	25	Thai	¢
Tico, 1926 14th St., NW; 202-319-1400	80	South American	\$

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Toki Underground, 1234 H St., NE; 202-388-3086	66	Taiwanese/ramen	\$
Trapezaria, 11 N. Washington St., Rockville; 301-339-8962	76	Greek	\$
2 Amys, 3715 Macomb St., NW; 202-885-5700	31	Italian/pizza	\$
Vin 909 Winecafé, 909 Bay Ridge Ave., Annapolis; 410-990-1846	10	American/pizza	\$
Water & Wall, 3811 N. Fairfax Dr., Arlington; 703-294-4949	54	Modern American	\$\$
Westend Bistro, Ritz-Carlton Washington D.C., 1190 22nd St., NW; 202-974-5566	96	American	\$\$
Woodberry Kitchen, 2010 Clipper Park Rd., Baltimore; 410-464-8000	21	American	\$\$
Zaytinya, 701 Ninth St., NW; 202-638-0800	34	Greek/Lebanese/Turkish	\$

Price: \$\$\$ Very Expensive / \$\$ Expensive / \$ Moderate / ¢ Inexpensive

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Oyster leaves accent striped horse mackerel at Komi.

An array of shareable plates at Rose's Luxury.

Rasika's chili-battered, fried cauliflower.

Checking out the day's catches at Fiola Mare.

Grilled octopus with white beans at the Red Hen.

Patowmack Farm chef Tarver King.

The communal table at Seasonal Pantry.

Del Campo's rolled Wagyu skirt steak.

Casa Luca's bone-in strip loin for two.

Dining on French standards at Le Diplomate.

Brothers Binda and Keir Singh own Ananda.

Picking up plates from Mintwood Place's open kitchen.

A sashimi platter at Izakaya Seki.

Patrick O'Connell (center) mans the kitchen at the Inn at Little Washington.

Kapnos's roasted cauliflower with pistachios.

Roasted pork with egg noodles at Thai Taste by Kob.

Szechuan-style duck at Crane & Turtle.

Gathering a big group? Baby Wale is a good bet.

Apple tart is the star dessert at Bistro Bis.

Greek-style doughnuts at Cashion's Eat Place.

Fabio and Maria Trabocchi in Fiola Mare's dining room.

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## Close encounter with a bald eagle in Petworth

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There are plenty of reasons to visit Petworth these days, i.e., [Upshur Street Books](#), a gleaming new 24 hour Safeway, fried chicken at the Hitching Post. Dead squirrel doesn't usually make the list.

But Monday morning, a dead or injured squirrel appears to be what drew a bald eagle to a stretch of New Hampshire Avenue, just south of the Petworth Metro Station.

The sighting of the once-endangered raptor was first reported on PoPville, which also posted some incredible photos taken by a driver of the eagle in flight over a speed camera. (Insert speed camera ticket joke here.)

The driver, named Amanda, told Popville she was driving down New Hampshire when "this beautiful eagle dive bombed into my car trying to collect an injured (dead?) squirrel from the road."

A bald eagle in the city is not that unusual, said Alicia Demay of City Wildlife, which rehabilitates wild animals found in urban areas and took care of the snowy owl that was later found dead in Minnesota in August after surviving an alleged collision with a Metro bus in D.C. (I say alleged because, while not quite at the level of a Grassy Knoll theory, not all birders buy that story.) In fact, POPville reported a sighting at the McMillan Reservoir in November.

The D.C. snowy owl was part of the Snowy Owl Invasion of 2013. Snowy owls and bald eagles are both raptors. Is there something besides a desire for shorter commutes and better restaurants driving these wild animals into dense urban centers?

No, said Ellen Paul, executive director of the Washington-based Ornithological Council.

The forces driving bald eagles into the city are completely different from the ones that drew snowy owls from the Arctic Circle to as far south as Bermuda starting during the winter of 2011-2012. They were mostly young owls, Paul said, which has lead ornithologists to hypothesize that something - perhaps a bumper crop of rodents, a staple of their diet - lead to a surge in the snowy owl population that ended up outstripping the food supply, causing young owls to head south for grub. By contrast, the bald eagle spotted along New Hampshire Avenue most likely lives in the area.

The DMV has plenty of suitable habitats for bald eagles, which reside by bodies of water in order to partake of a ready supply of fish, Paul said. Marylanders have reported eagle sightings in Columbia, Frederick, and Bowie. Virginians have spotted them in Manassas, Purcellville, and along the Dulles Greenway.

The iconic birds have become a more common sight as the population has rebounded nationwide. The bald eagle was one of the first species to receive federal protection more than 40 years ago, but was removed from the Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants list in 2007.

Paul said despite their reputation for being leery of humans, the bald eagles she has seen around the Beltway don't appear to be that squeamish. She has seen eagles feasting on dead deer carcasses along

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I-270, and there is a pair that have lived in Potomac for years, along with all the other empty nesters.

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D.C.'s always been a well-read city, and our preeminent independent bookstore. Politics & Prose, regularly winds up on lists of the best in the nation. But in 2014, the supply of bookstores in D.C. grew rapidly. As part of the Monroe Street Market complex in Brookland, Barnes & Noble and Catholic University celebrated the opening of a new two-story shop in late July.

### FULL TEXT

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## **Everybody - including President Obama - was buying books this weekend**

**BYLINE:** Ron Charles

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More than a dozen authors had something special to be extra thankful for over the Thanksgiving weekend: President Obama bought their books at Politics and Prose Bookstore in Washington during a shopping trip on Saturday.

The Associated Press reports that Obama and his daughters, Malia and Sasha, purchased 17 books, including "Age of Ambition: Chasing Fortune, Truth and Faith in the New China," by Evan Osnos; "Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End," by Atul Gawande; and "All the Light We Cannot See," a

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historical novel by Anthony Doerr.

This was the second year in a row that Obama has come to Politics and Prose on what's dubbed "Small Business Saturday."

Virginia thriller writer David Baldacci and Washington scholar Azar Nafisi were also at Politics and Prose over the weekend - but not in their usual role as guest speakers. Along with several other well-known writers, they were working in the store as celebrity clerks - part of the Indies First program sponsored by the American Booksellers Association. Not surprisingly, their books were among the hottest sellers at the store this weekend:

· "All the Light We Cannot See," by Anthony Doerr (Washington Post notable fiction of 2014). · "The Narrow Road to the Deep North," by Richard Flanagan (Washington Post top 10 book of 2014). · "Being Mortal," by Atul Gawande (Washington Post top 10 book of 2014) · "The Escape," by David Baldacci. · "Empire of Sin," by Gary Krist (Washington Post top 10 book of 2014). · "The Stranger," by Chuck Todd. · "Let Me Be Frank With You," by Richard Ford. · "The Georgetown Set," by Gregg Herken. · "The Republic of Imagination," by Azar Nafisi.

No matter what political struggles Obama may be enduring this season, the reader in chief is clearly in sync with the capital's literary tastes. Doerr's novel set during WWII and Gawande's book about end-of-life medical care are on a winning streak across Washington. Kramerbooks in Dupont Circle reports that "All the Light We Cannot See" and "Being Mortal" were the bestselling fiction and nonfiction titles there, too. Other strong sellers at Kramer's this weekend included "Redeployment," a debut collection of stories by Iraq war veteran Phil Klay, which won a National Book Award last month, and "Suspended Sentences," by recent Nobel Laureate Patrick Modiano. (Look for Michael Dirda's review of three novellas by Modiano this Thursday.) Amy Poehler's comic memoir, "Yes Please," and Roxane Gay's new collection of essays, "Bad Feminist," sold briskly, also.

The managers of One More Page Books in Arlington sent this delightfully eclectic list of bestsellers in their store over the weekend:

· "Everything I Need to Know I Learned from a Little Golden Book," by Diane Muldrow. · "Lila," by Marilynne Robinson (Washington Post notable fiction of 2014). · "Unbroken: An Olympian's Journey from Airman to Castaway to Captive," by Laura Hillenbrand (the YA adaptation). · "Diary of a Wimpy Kid #9: The Long Haul," by Jeff Kinney. · "Gone Girl," by Gillian Flynn. · "All the Light We Cannot See," by Anthony Doerr. · "Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption," the original adult version by Laura Hillenbrand. · "Tabula Rasa," by Kristen Lippert-Martin, a YA author who will be at the store for a panel discussion on Thursday. · "Slip of the Keyboard: Collected Nonfiction," by Terry Pratchett. · "Minecraft: Combat Handbook." One More Page owner Eileen McGerver says, "All Minecraft books have been selling like crazy this fall."

At Washington's new indie [Upshur Street Books](#), the top-selling titles this weekend were:

· "Yes Please," by Amy Poehler. · "Bleeding Edge," by Thomas Pynchon. · "Colorless Tsukuru Tazaki and His Years of Pilgrimage," by Haruki Murakami. · And, of course, "All the Light We Cannot See," by Anthony Doerr, who is having a very happy holiday indeed.

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## The Hatchet's 2014 Holiday Gift Guide

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Struggling with what to get your friends or significant other for the holidays? We've broken down the people in your life - the athlete, artist, chef, techie - to guide you toward the best gift at every price level. No last-minute gift cards or generic scarves needed.

Riley Londres | Hatchet Reporter

Here are gifts for the friend or family member who loves 8 a.m. jogs or blocks out time in his or her planner to go to Soul Cycle.

PDO Sporteer Classic Armband for iPhone 6  
\$24.99, CitySports

With the recent introduction of the iPhone 6, chances are your loved one is in need of a new armband to keep his or her tunes in place while working out. This armband is simple with a moisture barrier to keep devices dry and a pocket to hold keys, credit cards and cash, so you won't need to shove them in your shoes or strategically stick them in your sports bra. It comes in two different sizes: small/medium and medium/large.

CitySports, 1111 19th St. NW

Women's UA Storm Brave The Run Gloves  
Men's UA ColdGear Infrared Storm Strive Run Gloves  
\$34.99, Under Armour Brand House

The cold weather hit us fast and early this year, and it seems like it's here to stay. But don't let the chill cause you or a friend to forgo your favorite activities, like running or biking outdoors. Under Armour Brand House's gloves for men and women are warm, repel water and have touch-screen fingertips, so the cold is no longer an excuse to skip a run. Plus, snowball fights and ice skating can remain on the winter to-do list.

Fitbit Tracker  
\$59.95 to \$249.95, CitySports

Fitbit is a new product that is rapidly gaining popularity: Just clip or wear this device on your wrist to keep track of daily activity. It can calculate how many steps you've taken, number of calories burned and distance traveled, and even monitors how well you slept by recording your hours snoozing and movements made while asleep. All of these specs are then uploaded to your computer or iPhone, letting you know where you stand in your fitness goals. Each Fitbit comes in a different color that can be swapped out. This is an ideal gift for anyone who is looking to accomplish a fitness goal or simply wants to keep track of regular workouts.

CitySports, 1111 19th St. NW

**NikeiD**

\$115 to \$200, Niketown

Shoes can be the most important part of an outfit, for both men and women, and sometimes finding the perfect pair of shoes to give to someone seems impossible. NikeiD shoes let you, or your loved one, customize the exact pair of shoes he or she wants, from casual to athletic, either in stores or online.

Niketown, 3040 M St. NW

Rachael Paul | Hatchet Reporter

Got a friend obsessed with the kitchen? You know who I mean - the one who insists on spicing up ramen with fresh veggies, raves about the latest deal at Trader Joe's and dedicates an hour to grocery shopping every week. Give them the gift of cuisine.

**Spices and tea**

\$3 to \$25, The Spice and Tea Exchange

The Spice and Tea Exchange is a goldmine when shopping for the novice chef who wants to liven up plates like a pro. Every inch of this store is filled with shelves of jars containing delectable blends of hand-mixed meat rubs, exotic loose-leaf teas and specialty salts. Spices are sold individually in one-to-four-ounce bags or two-to-three-ounce grinders, with prices varying by item. If you're having a rough time choosing one item over another, you can purchase a combination of three one-ounce bags for about \$14. If you are completely overwhelmed and don't mind paying a little extra (\$30 to \$50), The Spice and Tea Exchange offers pre-assembled holiday gift arrangements.

The Spice and Tea Exchange, 1069 Wisconsin Ave. NW and 320 King St., Alexandria, Va., Suite 112

**Cooking class**

\$45 to \$50, Hill's Kitchen

Kitchenware supply store Hill's Kitchen offers cooking 101 classes like "Basic Knife Skills" (\$50), which covers everything from techniques to storage. Others teach how to make dishes like Pumpkin Spice Cheesecake and Hawaiian Pineapple with Sabionne and Chocolate Drizzle (\$45) or Bruschetta and Salmon Mousse hors d'oeuvres (\$50). A newly added vegetarian index is featured on the store's website to specify which classes are vegetarian, vegetarian friendly or not vegetarian.

Hill's Kitchen, 713 D St. SE

**Foodie Dice**

\$24, Foodie Dice

Similar to an author, a chef will experience "cook's block" at some point in his or her career. For inspiration, Foodie Dice has cooking methods, grain selections, herb choices, vegetable components and bonus ingredients engraved on wooden cubes. Simply roll the dice and challenge yourself to whatever meal fate decides - the perfect gift for an aspiring chef who doesn't know where to begin or who's looking for a fun way to create new dishes.

Mariya Tikhonova | Hatchet Reporter

From studio time to DIY projects, we've got your shopping list for artsy, paint-loving and aesthetically-oriented friends and family.

**Poppies Flower Kit**

\$18, Paper Source

Artistic pragmatists will enjoy this small, decorative novelty. Kits come with pre-cut flower shapes, floral wire and floral tape to make 12 brightly colored poppies. Assembly is quick and simple, and the final product is adorable, making it the perfect gift for a friend who loves flowers but can't keep them alive. They can be used

as decorations to liven up a dull space or as dainty additions to art projects.

Paper Source, 3019 M St. NW

Jamming Paint + Drink Package  
\$33 to \$42 per lesson, Artjamz D.C.

Practice makes perfect - aspiring artists will only appreciate and benefit from a chance to work on their trade. Those painters 21 or older can swap out the traditional studio session for one with drinks at ArtJamz. Each lesson is an hour and a half long and comes with your choice of a beer, a glass of wine, a cocktail or a non-alcoholic beverage. Prices begin at \$33 and increase with canvas size. Sessions are centered on famous artists or type of alcohol (e.g. a Banksy session or a Pinot Noir session). They offer an array of other lessons, catering to all ages, skill levels and alcohol preferences. You can even bring a date for a "Paint and Sip Night."

Artjamz D.C., 1742 Connecticut Ave. NW.

Let's Travel Coloring Mural  
\$48, Anthropologie

Anthropologie has no shortage of beautiful decorative pieces for any home. One such piece is the "Let's Travel Coloring Mural." This 36-by-60-inch canvas is a large map of the world, with continent borders lightly sketched in black over a broad expanse of white. From there, it can be filled in, drawn or painted on and doodled all over. Let your artsy friend go crazy painting the world in a unique light, documenting travels or planning future trips.

Anthropologie, 3222 M St. NW

"Contemporary Street Arts in Europe: Aesthetics and Politics" by Susan C. Haedicke  
\$83.95, Barnes & Noble

For the artsy and informed, "Contemporary Street Art in Europe" is a good off-the-beaten-path gift. Artists and political junkies alike can enjoy exploring European politics through the world of street theatre and street art. Visuals in this book are accompanied by passages that describe social and political changes in Europe, and the implications of street art and street theatre in those countries. Plus, Barnes & Noble has a handy marketplace where you can buy a used copy of the book for \$52.89.

Barnes & Noble, 555 12th St. NW

Everly Jazi | Hatchet Staff Writer

You may have never seen the columns at the National Arboretum or gone hiking in Rock Creek Park, but your outdoorsy friends are sure to have explored the abundant natural beauties of the D.C. area. Help them find their niche amid the bustling city streets with these gifts for the nature lover.

"Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail" by Cheryl Strayed  
\$9.62, Barnes & Noble

You've probably seen the trailer for the upcoming film, "Wild," starring Reese Witherspoon or heard about the book from Oprah's Book Club 2.0. "Wild" is the memoir of a boundary-pushing woman determined to make meaning of hard times by backpacking through desert and snowy mountains on the Pacific Crest Trail. Author Cheryl Strayed's honest, funny and tough story will make your nature-hungry friends book a ticket to the Mojave as soon as they read the last word. What better way to spend a backpacking trip than laughing at Strayed's anecdotes while in a cozy tent, listening to the critters?

Go with the paperback edition so your friend can tear the book and discard finished pages while backpacking to decrease the weight he or she carries, just like Strayed did on her trip.

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Barnes & Noble, 555 12th St. NW.

Hammock

\$22.95, Byer Traveller Lite Hammock at REI

If you are lucky, on a spring day in University Yard you'll see someone reading a textbook in a hammock. Your friends are always saying they wish they could do the same when it's warm and sunny. Make that wish come true with a quality hammock. While they wait for spring, your friends can try it out in their dorms.

REI, 3509 Carlin Springs Road, Falls Church, Va.

DMV Camping Trip

About \$150

It's easy to pick your comforter over the Shenandoah woods or horseback riding in Patapsco Valley as the temperatures begin to drop. But if you have a best friend that constantly asks if you want to go hiking or sleeps in a 20-degree sleeping bag for fun, give the gift of nature. Plan your friend's dream vacation within reach, and simplify the process by renting gear from GW TRAiLS.

DMV Parks:

Shenandoah National Park, Va.

Chesapeake Bay, D.C.

Patapsco Valley State Park, Md.

C&O Canal National Historic Park, D.C.

Prince William Forest Park, Va.

GW TRAiLS, Center for Student Engagement at the Marvin Center, Suite 505.

Jeanine Marie | Hatchet Staff Writer

Thrift shopping is not as easy as adding presents to a virtual shopping cart, but don't let the hours of dedicated searching or the idea of wrapping up something "old" turn you off. Knick knacks, cool gems and interesting finds are a fun way to get personal with your presents this year.

Smash! Records

At Smash! you'll find the perfect gift for the alt rock oddball in your life. This store is a speciality shop with an extensive selection, so be prepared to sift through a diverse punk, indie and alt rock record collection and dig around for a few reasonably priced, vintage band tees. Smash! has been a staple in Adams Morgan since 1984, but they've made some of their vinyls available online. Check out the records, which average between \$15 and \$40, before you hit the shop.

2314 18th St. NW., second Floor, open seven days a week, hours vary.

Junction Vintage

Junction is vintage-lite: shoppers will not see the loose threads, sweat stains or inconsistent sizes they may expect at the average second-hand shop. Instead, you can expect racks of mostly 80s and 90s vintage organized by color and size, carefully curated by Shannan Fales.

Fales became the sole owner of the store in 2005, and has since doubled Junction's selection without losing its sleek aesthetic. A vintage sweater or pair of jeans will set you back \$20 to \$50. Be sure to check out the shop's large collection of authentic leather cowboy boots for the Western soul, which are about \$100 a pair.

1510 U St. NW, closed Monday and Tuesday, hours vary.

Mom N' Pop Antiques

The aisles of unique antiques at Mom N' Pop ensure you'll find an odd or an end for everyone on your list. The \$1,350 King Tenor saxophone or the pink, 19th-century velvet sofa listed on the website may not be

what you're looking for, but in store, Mom N' Pop has almost too much to wade through, with prices starting at just 50 cents. Colorful pottery, vintage desk lamps, record players and new, quirky items make the store worth the trek to Park View.

3534 Georgia Ave. NW., open Thursday through Monday, noon to 6 p.m.

Tatiana Cirisano | Contributing Culture Editor

Holiday shopping for the significant other in your life can be stressful, especially when your relationship status isn't black and white. But whether you're high school sweethearts, just starting to get serious, long-distance lovers or just met on Tinder, we've got the gift for your you-know-who.

For the crush: Upgrade Dinner-And-A-Movie at Angelika

If you're not quite in the gift-giving stage but still want to do something special for your crush, head to Angelika pop-up theatre at Union Market for a twist on the classic dinner-and-a-movie date. The indie film hub offers a selection of independent films (\$11 per ticket, \$8 matinee) that you can watch while noshing on shareable snacks named after films. Order up a "Tropic Thunder" (prosecco, Route 11 BBQ chips and pineapple cotton candy) or "Where the Wild Things Are" (Wild Thing Zinfandel, espresso chocolate chip cookies and a Chuau Chocolatier Firecracker bar), both \$27.

For the new girlfriend or boyfriend: MIANSAL bracelet

Looking for the first piece of jewelry to gift your significant someone? Miami-based brand MIANSAL offers handmade accessories for guys and girls in a variety of customizable styles. Order one of the company's popular wraparound bracelets, where you choose the hardware (hook or anchor closing), finish (silver plated, sterling silver, rose gold, gold plated, etc.) and strap (leather, rope or even shark skin). Prices range from \$55 to \$160, depending on customized options. Not only does the bracelet go with everything, but it looks great on guys and girls alike, so you can go ahead and buy a matching one for yourself, too.

For the long-term relationship: Take a mini-vacation

Instead of buying an item for your long-term love, offer a thoughtful experience instead. Sign up for a car2go (\$84.99 per day maximum) or hop on a train from Union Station and take a break from Foggy Bottom with a day trip to a nearby destination. Charlottesville, Va. is just a two-and-a-half-hour drive away, and you can sip vintage wines at Barboursville Vineyards or tour the stunning house and gardens at Monticello.

For the long-distance relationship: Customized photobook

If you can't visit your long-distance girlfriend or boyfriend this holiday season, don't panic. With Mixbook, you can customize an entire photo album online to be delivered straight to your significant other's doorstep. You choose the style, upload the photos and add your own captions to customize each page - you even get to choose the paper. Photobooks start at \$19.99 for an 8.5-inch square book.

Bonus: The website offers a holiday discount (up to 40 percent off) with the code HLDY14.

Jeanine Marie | Hatchet Staff Writer

Tech gifts like hi-def headphones, fancy cameras or a premium Spotify subscription are reliable safeties. But hunting for the little literary things you won't find at Staples is the best way to get personal with your presents this year.

Check out these local bookshops for notebooks, funny cards, stationery and books before you head back to your hometown:

Idle Time Books

Adams Morgan's local fixture, Idle Time, advertises as a "current, used and out of print" bookshop, but the little store with a green facade holds much more.

The bookstore recently acquired copies of "The Evergreen Review." The counterculture mag's first edition in 1957 contained an essay by Jean-Paul Sartre and an interview with jazz legend Baby Dodds. The editions,

which feature authors like Burroughs and artists like Dali, cost \$15.

Gifts for the less literary folks in your life could include records, CDs or rare comic books.

Idle Time is also notorious for its greeting card selection at the front of the store. There are humorous birthday cards and inappropriate holiday greetings to scandalize your most politically correct relatives before they unwrap their gifts.

The yellowed newspaper clippings and "no cellphone" reminders hanging on the walls remind shoppers that Idle Time opened its doors in 1981, and it's not going to change anytime soon.

On your way out, remember to snag a book from the sidewalk cart for just \$1.

2467 18th St. NW, open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day.

### **Upshur Street Books**

Since its opening Nov. 1, this fledgling bookshop has already made a name for the literary selection between its bright green walls.

For the writer on your list, there are handmade journals bound by local artists, as well as colorful Moleskine notebooks. Journals are about \$15 each, but prices vary considerably.

Designs by local artists are featured on greeting cards sold for \$3 to \$5 near checkout. And for those with a little more time to dig around, Upshur has a collection of modern zines.

For little witch or wizard fans (OK, or yourself) head to the Hogwarts Library Collection, which includes "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them," "Quidditch Through the Ages" and "The Tales of Beedle the Bard."

827 Upshur St. NW, closed Mondays, hours vary.

### **Second Story Books**

When you walk into Second Story, the first thing you notice won't be books. It will be a large, gold Buddha bust sitting on top of a bookshelf. On the walls, there are dozens of framed photographs and art.

The best part? It's all for sale.

Your roommate will love Second Story's vintage-aesthetic posters, which are stacked on top of a dozens of coffee table books just waiting to be wrapped. There's an art and antiques gallery with gems like a Titanic poster for \$100 and original black-and-white photographs of actors like Edward Everett Horton and Dorothy Gish.

For the holiday season, the store even has a small section of reasonably-priced vinyl records. It also offers book repairs and rebinding.

2000 P St. NW, open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

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## The year in literary news

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Deleted Jan. 8 item entirely. Jan. 27 - Kate DiCamillo wins the Newbery Medal for her children's novel "Flora and Ulysses." It is the second time she's won the award.

Feb. 19 - Bestselling author James Patterson announces a \$1 million grant program for independent bookstores. The Children's Bookstore of Baltimore is among the recipients.

Feb. 26 - E.L. James's erotica series, "Fifty Shades of Grey," passes 100 million copies sold worldwide.

March 13 - Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie wins a National Book Critics Circle Award for her novel "Americanah."

April 6 - The Folger Shakespeare Library throws a party in celebration of William Shakespeare's 450th birthday.

April 14 - Donna Tartt wins the Pulitzer Prize for fiction for "The Goldfinch."

April 17 - Gabriel Garcia Marquez, whose works include "Love in the Time of Cholera" and "One Hundred Years of Solitude," dies at 87.

May 22 - Houghton Mifflin Harcourt releases J.R.R. Tolkien's never-before-published translation of "Beowulf," the Old English epic poem, which influenced his Lord of the Rings trilogy.

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## **Adding color to D.C. art scene**

**BYLINE:** Maura Judkis

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The stereotypical contemporary art gallery is a white cube. Just as white: The art on its walls. A recent analysis of 2012 Census Bureau data revealed that a disproportionate amount of working artists in America - 83 percent - are white. This isn't due to lack of talent or interest, but rather, money: An art education is expensive. As Wonkblog's Roberto Ferdman pointed out in a recent story, white households have a net worth 17.5 times that of black households. The high cost of art school may help explain why more than 80 percent of art students are white.

A new pop-up gallery is trying to change those statistics for Washington. Quota, a project of filmmaker Dawne Langford and photographer Avi Gupta, pledges to showcase the work of artists of color - especially those who aren't primarily focused on identity or otherness, themes that are all too often associated with this demographic.

"Generally, when you see minority representation of artists, they're in shows all together, and those shows seem to be about their identity, specifically," Langford said. "So we want to get away from that. Even though

we are showcasing artists of color, we want the subject matter to expand beyond just our reflection of how we are perceived in society."

Langford and Gupta want their artists to have the freedom to explore any facet of culture, whether it pertains to race or not. Their gallery does not feature minority artists, but simply artists, full stop.

"We were looking for artists who were making good work," Gupta says, "and who, at the same time, weren't necessarily dealing with their own identity in a kind of trivial way, or a way that just helps push the norms of what culturally exists already."

Featuring the work of nine artists, the inaugural exhibition is set in a raw, first-floor space in Petworth's Murrell Building, where the crumbling walls will soon contain Slim's Diner, a restaurant from entrepreneur Paul Ruppert (whose Crane and Turtle, Petworth Citizen and **Upshur Street Books** are nearby). The works examine diverse topics - some racial, some less so. Sculptor Nara Park's stacks of plastic boxes, resembling stones, explore the tension between the natural and the man-made. Adrienne Gaither's abstract paintings, part hieroglyph and part Tetris cube, utilize the visual language of typography. And in Mazin Abdelhameid's photographic series "Cause of Death," the artist juxtaposes Christian funerary statues with phrases related to American consumer culture. A statue of the Holy Family, for instance, stands before a label that reads "Value Family Pack."

Still, the show doesn't entirely ignore questions of identity. On opening night, performance artist Kunj Patel presented "Loaded" in the makeshift gallery's Georgia Avenue storefront window. Wearing a workingman's stiff white button-down shirt, the artist ate fistfuls of rice, which he said was a symbol of his Indian heritage: "Rice was grown by my ancestors, and I can just walk into a store and buy it, so it's [about] accessibility and abundance of materials and almost relating to gentrification as well." The window, he said, encouraged him to think about "people of color being on display."

Although Patel says that his art transcends questions of identity, he acknowledges that the theme is inseparable from his work as a performance artist. "Obviously, I'm using myself in it, so there's no escaping identity when you're doing performance art," he said. "It's just the way that I figure things out."

Beyond Quota's focus on artists of color, Gupta said that the organization has a second, parallel goal. For the last few years, as District galleries have closed, he has lamented the fact that some of the remaining art venues in the city seem more focused on renting out their chic spaces for parties than on supporting artists.

"I don't feel like an art show is necessarily something that I pose in front of for my Facebook photos," Gupta says. Langford adds that those spaces - which smooth the path for neighborhood gentrification, often fostering inequality - can indirectly contribute to the art world's diversity problem.

"It's sort of paving the way for making neighborhoods seem more culturally viable and then commercializing those particular spaces," she said. "Art should be not about making something more commercially viable."

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### **Quota's inaugural exhibition**

Through Nov. 28 at the Murrell Building, 4201 Georgia Ave. NW. [www.quota-art.com](http://www.quota-art.com).

On Nov. 24, the exhibition will be open to the public from 6 to 9 p.m. Otherwise, viewings are by appointment. To schedule a viewing, e-mail [info@quota-art.com](mailto:info@quota-art.com) Free.

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**2014: A good year for book lovers****BYLINE:** Timothy R. Smith**LENGTH:** 1110 words

For anybody concerned about the health of literary culture, 2014 offered encouraging signs of vigor. It was a year of surprises - including conflicts defused and alarming trends reversed.

The retailer Amazon, whose CEO Jeffrey P. Bezos owns The Washington Post, and the publisher -Hachette finally reached a truce in November in their battle over pricing. And after a decade of fretting about the very survival of literature, it's starting to feel reasonable to imagine a future in which bound books and their electronic brethren exist in harmony, each -according to his ability, to each according to his need.

Which reminds me of this year's most unlikely bestseller: Thomas Piketty's "Capital in the Twenty-First Century," a 700-page work of -economic history that proved Americans can still be seduced by challenging books - even from France.

That wasn't the only sign of international bibliophilia. The Brits kindly opened their -country's Man Booker Prize to anyone writing in English, and they put a couple of Yanks on the shortlist. (The winning author, though, was an Australian.)

Here in Washington, book lovers bracing for the worst enjoyed their own happy reversals. We trudged to the National Book Festival, furious about being thrown off the Mall, only to discover that the Washington Convention Center made the event more accessible and convenient for everyone. And after years of watching bookstores wither, we got a new indie on Upshur Street, and Politics and Prose announced plans to create satellite stores in Busboys and Poets restaurants all over the metropolitan area.

Of course, none of this good news would matter if we didn't have such an abundance of great books to read. Which brings us to our survey of the titles we loved in 2014. The conventions of this annual accounting demand that we limit ourselves to small, round numbers. (Oh, for a Top 178!) We offer these lists humbly, painfully aware of the many fine books we couldn't squeeze in. So let this be the beginning - not the end - of your own vigorous search. - Ron Charles

Jan. 27 - Kate DiCamillo wins the Newbery Medal for her children's novel "Flora and Ulysses." It is the

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second time she's won the award.

Feb. 19 - Bestselling author James Patterson announces a \$1 million grant program for independent bookstores. The Children's Bookstore of Baltimore is among the recipients.

Feb. 26 - E.L. James's erotica series, "Fifty Shades of Grey," passes 100 million copies sold worldwide.

March 13 - Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie wins a National Book Critics Circle Award for her novel "Americanah."

April 6 - The Folger Shakespeare Library throws a party in celebration of William Shakespeare's 450th birthday.

April 14 - Donna Tartt wins the Pulitzer Prize for fiction for "The Goldfinch."

April 17 - Gabriel Garcia Marquez, whose works include "Love in the Time of Cholera" and "One Hundred Years of Solitude," dies at 87.

May 22 - Houghton Mifflin Harcourt releases J.R.R. Tolkien's never-before-published translation of "Beowulf," the Old English epic poem, which influenced his Lord of the Rings trilogy.

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This is turning into an exciting month for booksellers - and their customers - in the nation's capital.

On Thursday, Politics and Prose announced plans to stock and manage the retail book sections of five Busboys and Poets restaurants. That innovative arrangement will greatly expand the reach of the venerable Chevy Chase bookstore.

And an all-new spot for book buyers just sprouted up, too. [Upshur Street Books](#) in Northwest Washington has completed its first week of business.

The 800-square-foot store is the latest labor of love from Paul Ruppert. The native Washingtonian owns two restaurants facing each other on opposite sides of Upshur Street: Petworth Citizen and Crane & Turtle. When a nearby storefront became available, he decided to take his first jump into retail.

"I've never worked in a bookstore," Ruppert says, "but I've always loved them. I've always thought of them as the focus of the cultural life in Washington and other cities."

But Ruppert knew that a bookstore would be a different enterprise with its own challenges. He spent a year working on the concept, a process that included assembling an ad hoc committee of local writers, bibliophiles and former bookstore employees. Then he put up \$100,000 of his own money and turned to the community for additional support. His project won a Great Streets Small Business Capital Improvement grant for \$80,000 in May. In September, he raised \$20,000 on Kickstarter by promising "the first new independent bookstore to open in Washington, DC in 10 years."

On opening day, Nov. 1, customers showed their enthusiasm by lining up in front of the store. "We had 40 percent higher sales than we had expected," Ruppert says. "We had customers all day long."

Anna Thorn, the general manager of [Upshur Street Books](#), was formerly the programs manager at Politics and Prose. She describes the store as a general bookstore with about 3,300 titles that offers a little of everything. "The goal of the stock is to have the best of the big titles - the books that people are coming in for - next to lesser-known but worthy titles that you might not find elsewhere."

One of the store's central aims is to serve as a community gathering space. "We're having a great time planning all sorts of events," Thorn says. "Some of the likely candidates are traditional author events and

local author panels, writing workshops and classes, book groups, kids' sing-alongs and storytimes, and some different kinds of programs like play readings, bookmaking, trivia nights and movie nights - 'Book v. Movie.' "

Everyone's invited to the grand opening party on Nov. 15. During the day, the store will offer live music, yoga and a sing-along for children. That night, the celebration will move to the Warehouse Theater, which Ruppert also founded, for readings by George Pelecanos, Alice McDermott, Ethelbert Miller and Washington Post book critic Michael Dirda. Tickets (\$25) can be purchased on the store's Facebook page.

"It is always wonderful to see a new independent bookstore open," McDermott says. "Especially great when the bookstore is in a neighborhood like Petworth with lots of youthful energy, not to mention youthful readers."

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## Bookselling Roundup, Week Ending November 7, 2014

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Washington, D.C., is on its way to becoming an even stronger bookstore town. It got its first new bookstore in a decade this week, **Upshur Street Books**. And Politics & Prose announced that in December it will add the first of five satellite locations in Busboys and Poets restaurants.

Several stores are marking big anniversaries: Anderson's Bookshops is celebrating 50 years at its Naperville, Ill. location; Lake Forest Bookstore in Lake Forest, Ill., is marking its 65th; and Talk Story Books in Hawai'i turns ten.

### *Events*

50th Anniversary of Anderson's Bookshops: The *PW* Bookstore of the Year may be 140 years old, but this weekend it is celebrating its first half century at its current location in Naperville, Ill., with discounts and goodies.

Pop-up Bookstore in Kew Gardens: Deborah Emin, founder of e-publisher Sullivan Street Press, in the Kew Gardens section of Queens, is the force behind the neighborhood's first pop-up bookstore for an event on November 13.

### *Openings & Closings*

**Upshur Street Books** Open: The much-anticipated bookstore, the first new bookstore in Washington, D.C., in a decade, opened last weekend in the Petworth neighborhood after a successful Kickstarter campaign for over \$20,000.

Politics & Prose to Open in Busboys and Poets: The iconic D.C. bookstore is joining forces with local restaurateur Andy Shallal to open satellite locations in five Busboys and Poets locations beginning next month.

Rabbit & Butterfly to Open in Lancaster, Pa.: Seven partners inspired by the literary group The Inklings, whose members included C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien, are opening a coffee shop and bookstore next month.

Parable Group Closes e-Bookstore: The chain of bricks-and-mortar Christian store, which began selling digital books two years ago on [parable.com](http://parable.com), has exited the e-book business.

### *Closings & Reprieves at B&N*

The country's largest bricks-and-mortar bookstore chain has a number of leases in play at year's end. It is closing its Twin Cities store, but will keep its Harrisonburg, Va., store open after all. Customers in Queens have begun a petition to save their store.

Books 'N More Closes its Storefront: The Wilmington, Ohio, bookstore is closing after 18 years, but owners Dan and Marla Stewart plan to continue to sell books to schools and at author events.

### *Other News*

B&N Adds Toys & Games Science Center: Select stores nationwide and BN.com are adding educational toys and games for grades K-8.

New Owner for Browsers' Book Shop: A popular used bookstore in downtown Olympia, Wash., changed hands for the fourth time in its 79-year history.

Lake Forest Bookstore Turns 65: Founded in 1949, the Lake Forest, Ill., bookstore is marking its "sky blue anniversary."

Top 20 Bay Area Indies: From Aardvark to Valhalla Books, an eclectic list of the best bookstores in San Francisco.

Talk Story Turns 10: The bookstore in Hanapepe has gone through a number of changes, including serving Indian food and adding a coffee shop. It not only reached its tenth birthday, but was recently named the 37th fastest growing business in Hawai'i.

Grolier Poetry Bookshop Nominated for the Indie Award: Fans of the country's oldest poetry bookstore, located in Cambridge, Mass., are encouraged to vote early and often for it to be named the Independent Small Business of the Year.

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## Around Indies

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American Booksellers Association has issued the following press release:

### Politics & Prose to Open Satellites at Busboys and Poets

Politics & Prose Bookstore will open five satellite locations in Busboys and Poets restaurants in the Washington, D.C., area, the Washington Post reported on Thursday.

P&P will stock and manage retail book sections in all but one of the current and planned Busboys and Poets locations, owned by entrepreneur-artist-activist Anas "Andy" Shallal.

The satellite stores will be staffed by P&P employees and customers will be able to get quick deliveries from the main store on Connecticut Avenue, place special orders, and enjoy all their usual P&P membership discounts, the paper noted. Stock at each will be curated to reflect the interests of the local community.

The arrangement with P&P co-owners Lissa Muscatine and Bradley Graham will allow Shallal's restaurants to offer more books and a broader range of events.

"This was a great opportunity that doesn't include a huge amount of risk on their part and has an upside for us," Shallal said.

The partnership will begin at the new Busboys and Poets set to open next month in Northeast Washington's Brookland neighborhood. The nonprofit group Teaching for Change will continue to operate the bookstore in

Busboys and Poets at 14th and V streets NW.

"Our goal is to make these really wonderful, thoughtful, intentional book spaces," Muscatine said, "with a focus connected to that community."

### **Upshur Street Books** Opens in D.C.

**Upshur Street Books** opened in the Petworth neighborhood of Washington, D.C., last Saturday, November 1. Located on one floor of what used to be a hair salon, the store, owned by local restaurateur Paul Ruppert, is about an eight-minute walk north from the Georgia Avenue Metro stop on the Green and Yellow lines, the GW Hatchet reported.

Browsing is encouraged by a large front window that allows light to stream inside, light wood floors and bright green walls, and contoured bookshelves, whose bottom three shelves gradually tilt out for easy reading of book spines.

"This is a bookstore for the locals: It has the feel of a highly-organized home bookshelf in the best possible way," the Hatchet said. "The selections feel familiar, like the books you've always seen sitting on your parent's shelves, though all the copies are brand new. Meanwhile, the open space around the shelves and tables makes the store feel like home -- not overbearing, not crowded."

### **Short Stories Community Hub Opens in New Jersey**

When Madison, New Jersey's Sages Pages closed in January following a flood, Barb Short decided to fill the gap left by the closure. With a Kickstarter campaign that raised more than \$18,000, Short began work on Short Stories Community Hub on the town's Main Street, the Daily Record reported.

"I just had one of those moments where I thought about what was most important to me," said Short, who previously worked in publishing at Duke University Press. "This bookstore has become my third child and I want others in the community to see it as their space too."

Short welcomes artists and musicians to perform at the bookstore and is willing to rent out the space, which is decorated with whimsical paintings in bright colors, for birthday parties, memorials, readings, or a coffee house night. A room in the back is available to patrons for tutoring sessions or small study groups. "I have a real weakness for brilliant writers and we want to cultivate that," Short said. "We want to take the stigma out of learning and provide a unique place to do that."

Short Stories Community Book Hub will be celebrating a pre-grand opening from November 6 to 9 with music, artwork, readings, and book signings.

### **Penguin Bookshop Turns 85**

Penguin Bookshop in Sewickley, Pennsylvania, celebrated its 85th birthday on October 29 with balloons, cupcakes, penguins wearing birthday hats, and a champagne toast.

Since its founding in 1929, the store has had six owners and been located in four different storefronts in the village of Sewickley, just 12 miles downriver from Pittsburgh. Penguin's current owner, Susan O'Connor, reopened the bookstore in February 2014 after moving it to a newly renovated space just across the street from its former location.

"The Penguin has been kept alive through the loyalty of its customers and the passion of its booksellers," Kate Madison, the store's social media and marketing coordinator, said in an e-mail. "It remains one of the community's greatest treasures."

### **Anderson's Bookshops Celebrates 50th Anniversary**

Anderson's Bookshops, whose history in Naperville, Illinois, dates back nearly 140 years, is celebrating its

50th anniversary this week.

The store, which is co-owned by former ABA President Becky Anderson, is a sixth-generation family bookstore that traces its roots back to the founding of W.W. Wickel Pharmacy (now Oswald's Pharmacy), which sold books and other items. In 1964, the bookstore was launched as a separate business.

Anniversary celebrations begin Thursday, November 6, and culminate in a public party on Sunday evening, November 9. Throughout the weekend, shoppers will receive discounts (25 percent off for Anderson's members and 10 percent off for non-members), and purchases of more than \$100 will qualify for a free commemorative tote bag. Raffle prizes, donated by some of the store's biggest book and toy vendors, will be drawn daily. There will also be treats and balloons each day.

Watermark Books Sports New Outdoor Mural

Earth, a mural by artist Thomas Murillo, was unveiled last Saturday at Watermark Books & Café in Wichita, Kansas. The artwork is the fourth in a series of murals commissioned for the Douglas Design District with funds provided by the Kansas Creative Arts Industries Commission through the Kansas Department of Commerce.

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## **Bookselling Roundup, Week Ending August 29, 2014**

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In the countdown to Labor Day and the unofficial end of summer, bookstores were busy: from Politics and Prose, which will handle book sales for this year's Library of Congress National Book Festival in the nation's capital this weekend, to Books-A-Million, which held a ribbon cutting for its newest store in West Virginia.

Several independent booksellers were honored this week. Books & Books owner Mitchell Kaplan was asked to reveal this year's National Book Award finalists on NPR's *Morning Edition* later this fall. And The Magic Tree Bookstore received a proclamation from its town after it received a James Patterson grant.

### *Openings*

**2014 Library of Congress National Book Festival:** The 14th annual book festival will take place at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, D.C., with an independent bookstore handling book sales for the first time, Politics and Prose.

**BAM Ribbon Cutting in Beckley:** The West Virginia bookstore in the Cranberry Creek Shopping Center is officially open for business.

### *Transitions*

**Lyon Books in Chico for Sale:** After 11 years, founder Heather Lyon wants to take a break from retail.

**Internationalist Bookstore on the Move:** The nonprofit bookstore and community center will move from Chapel Hill to Carrboro, N.C., at the end of September.

**Prairie Books in Mount Horeb to Close:** Owner John Stowe, who is nearing 70, will close the Wisconsin store if he can't find a buyer by the fall.

**Brand Bookshop Closing in Glendale, Calif.:** The 29-year-old used bookstore is closing because of the health of 86-year-old owner Jerome Joseph.

### *Kudos*

**Magic Tree Bookstore Receives Proclamation:** The town of Oak Park, Ill., honored the indie bookseller for hosting children's authors and illustrators after it received a grant from author James Patterson.

**Books & Books Owner to Announce National Book Award Finalists:** Mitchell Kaplan, who received a National Book Foundation Lifetime Achievement Award in 2011, will make the announcement on NPR's *Morning Edition*.

**Indies Thrive in North Carolina's Triangle:** New bookstores continue to open in Raleigh-Durham like 300 sq. ft. So & So Books, while older stores like 30-year-old Quail Ridge successfully change hands.

### *Hitting the Books*

**Recent Grad Starts Canadian Book Swap Website:** Gabrielle Jacques put her courses in management at Concordia University to use with the launch of SwapMyBooks.ca.

**Tax-free Textbooks Boost Sales at NCSU Bookstore:** By creating its own tax-free holiday and paying the tax on textbooks during the month of July, the North Carolina bookstore saw sales rise.

**Paying in Bitcoins:** Simon Fraser University bookstore in Metro Vancouver will begin accepting payment in Bitcoins for textbooks and other items this fall.

### *Crowdfunding*

**Laurel Book Store Launches Indiegogo Campaign:** To help pay for its upcoming move to a larger space, Laurel Book Store in Oakland, Calif., hopes to raise \$50,000.

**Upshur Street Books in DC:** Paul Rupert, who is behind several Washington businesses, including this new bookstore slated to open in the fall, turned to Kickstarter for \$17,000.

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### **District Taco coming to Alexandria; all-vegan restaurant to Connecticut Avenue**

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District Taco, the growing taco chain that started from a single taco cart, will next tackle Alexandria.

The restaurant has signed a lease at 701 S. Washington St., formerly home to Chicken Out. Founder Osiris Hoil announced the new store on Facebook with a photo of him holding up the keys.

The location will be District Taco's fifth. After breaking into D.C. a couple of years ago, the chain's growth has recently focused on Northern Virginia. Hoil told me last month - after deciding to shut down his beloved taco carts- that he is also looking for space in Crystal City and Rosslyn.

Why those neighborhoods? Because ideally, he'd like to open restaurants near where he would commonly park his two "toritos," the affectionate name for his former taco carts.

Other new restaurants:

- **Native Foods Cafe:** All-vegan restaurant Native Foods Cafe has signed a lease for 5,000 square feet at 1150 Connecticut Ave. NW. The location will be the West Coast restaurant chain's local flagship, according to a press release from the landlord, Blake Real Estate Inc. The restaurant will be split between the ground floor and lower level with additional seating on the 18th Street sidewalk. Native Foods has several stores planned for D.C., including one in Penn Quarter and one at 18th and M streets NW.

- **Crane & Turtle:** The latest spot from restaurateur Paul Ruppert opens this week, combining Japanese and French cuisines. Named for a Japanese fable, the small restaurant at 828 Upshur St. NW seats 25 inside and 14 outside. The seafood-heavy menu from chef Makoto Hamamura includes big-eye tuna tataki and

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softshell crab tempura for appetizers and halibut meuniere and Szechuan style duck for entrees. Ruppert has been busy along Upshur Street in recent months; he also has Petworth Citizen across the street and plans to open **Upshur Street Books** next door in the coming months.

· Protein Bar: Another location of the health-conscious Protein Bar chain opens in D.C. June 25. The location at 925 17th St. NW will be the Chicago-based fast-casual chain's fourth in the region. Protein Bar serves quino-centric "bar-ritos" as well as salads, bowls and breakfast items. The location is just two blocks from another Protein Bar at 19th and K streets NW.

· Shake Shack: Speaking of chains, burger joint Shake Shack opened another D.C. store Monday, this one in Union Station. In addition to its standby Shack burgers and fries, the location will have two desserts specific to Union Station. The first, dubbed the Busy Bee, features vanilla custard, strawberry puree and Baked & Wired's bee sting bar. The second is called the Beaux Arts Banana and has vanilla custard, caramel sauce, bananas and graham crackers from Polylstyle.

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## **Permit bonanza: Gould's 600 Mass, West Elm, Watergate Hotel, Logan Circle condos**

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There were so many big deal-type permits issued Monday, I was having a hard time decided what to lead with. Let's get straight to it.

- 2650 Virginia Ave. NW: Euro Capital Properties Inc., owner of the Watergate Hotel, has finally acquired its permit to renovate the iconic property. The 251-guestroom property will get another 91 rooms, while the meeting spaces, ballroom, spa, pool, restaurant, bar, kitchen, roof bar and sports facilities will all get the upgrade treatment. The project's architect is BBGM. Euro acquired the hotel in 2010 for \$45 million.
- 600 Massachusetts Ave. NW: New construction of an 11-story office/retail building with one basement level and three levels of underground parking (203 spaces). Totalling 400,000 square feet, the Gould Property Co. project, will feature a 10-story glass facade and "forward-thinking amenities and green spaces that blue the lines between traditional indoor and outdoor environments," according to the project's website.
- 400 Atlantic St. SE: Permit issued to the D.C. Housing Authority for construction of a new, 24-unit multifamily building featuring geothermal heating and cooling.
- 1101 Rhode Island Ave. NW: Sheeting and shoring and foundation-to-grade permits issued for a new, four-story mixed-use building in Logan Circle consisting of 35 luxury condominiums, retail and residential parking. The developer is CAS Riegler, and the architect Hickok Cole Architects Inc.
- 1728 14th St. NW: West Elm, incoming. The tenant layout permit was issued Monday.
- 1508 14th St. NW: Tenant layout of a second floor tenant space for a nail salon.
- 815 Connecticut Ave. NW: Interior alteration to an existing vacant, previously demolished office tenant space on the seventh floor for a new tenant, which appears to be Cubist Pharmaceuticals. Cubist is headquartered in Lexington, Massachusetts, but it currently operates in D.C. out of a satellite office at 1050 K St. NW.
- 400 E St. SW: Foundation-to-grade permit for a new hotel building, a Hyatt Place, with two levels of underground parking. Ground was broken on the project in December.
- 1725 Poplar Lane NW: New, two-story single family home.
- 1099 14th St. NW: Three more showrooms for the relocated Washington Design Center, Pindler and Pindler, Century Furniture and Cowtan & Tout.
- 827 Upshur St. NW: Convert existing beauty shop into a new book store. Work will include interior demolition, minor electrical, mechanical and plumbing upgrades and a new ADA-compliant bathroom. My colleague Rebecca Cooper wrote just last week about [Upshur Street Books](#) from Paul Ruppert, of Room 11 and the Petworth Citizen.
- 1704 Benning Road NE: Existing used tire and auto parts sales lot will add used car sales.
- 1357 Good Hope Road SE: Interior build out of 2,800 square feet for a new dental office, the Washington Oral Surgery Center.
- 608 Fifth St. NE: An existing two-story, single family rowhouse will be converted into a two-family flat. The work will include interior renovations to the basement, first and second floors and a new entry to the basement in public space.

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## D.C. restaurateur to open another risky business: a bookstore

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The tiny margins and horrible hours of the restaurant business must have made Paul Ruppert of Room 11, Petworth Citizen and the forthcoming Crane & Turtle a glutton for punishment.

Why do I say that? Because his next venture is - get this - an independent bookstore.

That's right, in the modern times of e-readers, digital media consumption, and seemingly ever-shuttering big box book retailers, Ruppert plans to open [Upshur Street Books](#) at 827 Upshur St. NW later this year, next door to Petworth Citizen.

"Bookstores are something I've always loved, and I think they are a neighborhood anchor," Ruppert said.

The project will be funded in part through Ruppert's own investment, some pending crowdfunding and a \$25,000 grant from the D.C. Great Streets program. He declined to disclose his own investment, but he has begun a "Founder's Circle" campaign and will be launching an Indiegogo campaign in June.

[Upshur Street Books](#) and Petworth Citizen won't be physically connected, but their missions will intersect. The bar and restaurant has a reading room where it hosts literary events and a free book library that is open to all patrons.

The 800-square-foot bookstore will concentrate its offerings in four areas: literary fiction, poetry, art books and children's books, "because we think there's a demand for those in the neighborhood," Ruppert said. "Other than the museums, there isn't a good alternative for art books here in Washington right now."

He's seen the success of other small, independent bookstores in D.C. and elsewhere, which is why Ruppert decided to go for it.

"We think that by creating a neighborhood space that has lots of events with a really curated selection of books that we can be really successful," he said.

This will be Ruppert's first retail business - before opening Room 11, he was part of the team that ran the Warehouse arts complex on 7th Street NW - and so he sought out the advice of one of the country's most prominent bookstore consultants, Paz & Associates.

Kristina Bilonick, who will be the store's general manager, recently attended a "bookstore bootcamp" of sorts put on by the Georgia-based company in order to get more familiar with the business.

Ruppert hopes to begin buildout within the next few weeks and open the store this fall, in time for the holiday shopping season. In the meantime, he'll be busy opening Crane & Turtle, the Japanese restaurant across

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from Petworth Citizen that is expected to open next month.

"We're really trying to contribute to what's happening here on Upshur Street, which is a great neighborhood with a lot of great businesses that have been here for awhile," Ruppert said.

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