

## TRIAL: New judge will hear case

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the case had no physical evidence of abuse and the social worker “was presented as an expert in treating sexual abuse victims with significant experience in spotting indications of suggestion or coaching.”

The court determined “the ends of justice and the gravity of the error” require a new trial.

Pergande has been back at the Umatilla County Jail, Pendleton, since July 2, 2015. Morrow County Circuit Court records show he has had several proceedings since the ruling came down, including a conference in May that failed to reach a plea deal.

Temple has been off the case since April, and Circuit Judge Dan Hill is presiding. He set Pergande’s trial for five days starting July 11. Oregon Department of Justice prosecutor Dan Wendel will return and work with Morrow County deputy prosecutor Richard Tovey to try the case. They handled the first trial together.

Pergande on May 18 sent Judge Hill a “notice of protest” promising to “remain silent to all court hearings, including a criminal trial” because of his defense attorney, Robert Klahn of Pendleton.

Pergande has tried to dump Klahn several times, but judges have kept Klahn on the case. Pergande in the document states he was dissatisfied with Klahn’s representation during his trial and does not want him this time around.

He also asserted Klahn has a conflict of interest because he represents Shaun Allen Dick, a jail inmate the state accused Pergande of assaulting. Court records show Pergande faces a misdemeanor trial in that case on July 13, and there is a motions hearing June 8 that could take up the protest and other matters.

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## BRIEFLY Idaho father takes pregnant teen to marry rapist

ST. ANTHONY, Idaho (AP) — An Idaho man will spend about four months in jail for taking his 14-year-old daughter to Missouri to marry a 24-year-old man who raped and impregnated her.

The father pleaded guilty to injury to a child last week, and a judge put him behind bars for 120 days and ordered four years of probation, the *Idaho State Journal* reported.

“While you sit in jail, you will sit and think about the 120 days your daughter was in a vile farce of a marriage to a rapist because of you,” Judge Gregory Moeller said at sentencing.

The Associated Press does not generally identify victims of sexual abuse and is withholding the name of the father and man involved in the marriage to avoid identifying the girl.

The father believed that a man should marry a girl he gets pregnant and picked a state where 14-year-olds can legally wed, according to court documents. He told the judge that he loved his daughter and would never intentionally harm her but acknowledged making a bad decision.

## Clinton scores endorsement from Gov. Jerry Brown

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Hillary Clinton landed a coveted endorsement from California Gov. Jerry Brown Tuesday, patching up a strained relationship between the two Democrats as she seeks to deliver a final blow to Bernie Sanders’ campaign.

Clinton heads into California and the other end-of-the-line primaries June 7 with the Democratic nomination virtually locked up — she needs just 71 delegates to reach the required threshold at the party’s summer convention in Philadelphia.

# Trump sends checks to vet groups as media persists

Associated Press

NEW YORK — More than a dozen big checks flowed out of New York last week, bound for veterans’ charities from Donald Trump. On Tuesday, he announced he had made good on his promise of last January to give the groups millions of dollars from a highly publicized fundraiser.

The announcement by the presumptive Republican presidential candidate came in the midst of a 40-minute rant against “dishonest” and “sleazy” reporters who have been pressing the issue.

The largest donation, a \$1 million check dated May 24 and drawn from Donald J. Trump’s personal account, was addressed to a small Tuckahoe, New York, group that provides scholarships to the children of fallen Marines.

Trump had been interviewed that same day by *The Washington Post*, which for weeks had been raising questions about where the promised money was, urging him to disclose recipients of the millions raised during a splashy telethon-style fundraiser he held in Iowa in January in place of a Fox debate he was boycotting.

At a news conference Tuesday, Trump released a list of 41 groups he said had received \$5.6 million.

“Most of the money went out quite a while ago,” Trump said. “Some of it went out more recently. But all of this has gone out.”

Throughout Tuesday’s confrontational event, Trump repeatedly slammed the media as “unbelievably dishonest” for its treatment of the issue and dismissed an ABC reporter as “a sleaze.” He said many times that he didn’t want credit for the

fundraising but seemed peeved that he wasn’t thanked for it.

“Instead of being like, ‘Thank you very much, Mr. Trump,’ or ‘Trump did a good job,’ everyone’s saying, ‘Who got it? Who got it? Who got it?’ And you make me look very bad,” Trump complained, taking on reporters in the room. “I have never received such bad publicity for doing such a good job.”

The Associated Press spoke or left messages with each of the organizations Trump named. Of the 30 groups that responded by Tuesday, about half said they had received checks from Trump just last week.

Several said the checks were dated May 24 — the same date as Trump’s interview with *The Post*, and shipped out overnight express.

Among them was the big check from Trump himself, written to the Marine Corps-Law Enforcement Foundation. Trump’s campaign had previously told the newspaper that his promised \$1 million personal donation had already been distributed.

Though the foundation had received a \$100,000 check from Trump’s charity in March, last week’s \$1 million donation came as something of a surprise.

“It is obviously a wonderful donation,” said Sue Boulhosa, the group’s executive director and sole employee. She said the group had “an inkling” that more might come but the amount was a happy surprise.

Trump has a longstanding relationship with the group, which Boulhosa said typically raises a total of between \$2 million and \$3 million a year. The foundation had presented Trump with an award at its 2015 gala held at a New York hotel.

Appearing on CNN Tuesday, Democratic presidential front-runner Hillary Clinton said she was glad that Trump had given out the promised money.

“The problem here is the difference between what Donald Trump says and what Donald Trump does,” Clinton said. “He’s bragged for months about raising \$6 million for vets and donating \$1 million himself, but it took a reporter to shame him into actually making the contribution.”

Trump’s campaign manager Corey Lewandowski had originally told the *Post* that the event had raised about \$4.5 million — less than the \$6 million originally announced by Trump — because some who’d pledged had backed out. Lewandowski also said all the money had been given out.

Trump had claimed during the fundraiser that he’d raised \$6 million through a combination of pledges from wealthy friends, the public and \$1 million from himself.

But the campaign refused for months to disclose which charities had received the money, leading to questions about whether the money raised was less than he had said.

“It was very unfair that the press treated us so badly,” Trump complained Tuesday.

He suggested he had hoped to keep the donations private. However, Trump hadn’t appeared shy about giving away poster-sized checks at campaign events in the weeks after the fundraiser.

On Jan. 30, just before the campaign’s leadoff caucuses in Iowa, he gave a \$100,000 check to the Puppy Jake Foundation, which provides service dogs to wounded

## Documents show sales tactics at Trump University

**SAN DIEGO (AP) — Trump University instructed employees on how to play on people’s emotions to get them to buy more expensive seminars for succeeding in real estate, according to nearly 400 pages of court documents unsealed Tuesday.**

**The “playbooks” for the now-defunct business owned by Donald Trump, the presumptive Republican nominee for president, offer detailed sales scripts and tell employees how to overcome obstacles such as potential customers who have reached their credit card limits or want to check with a spouse before buying.**

**The 6-year-old case in San Diego is scheduled to go to trial shortly after the November presidential election.**

veterans. Representatives from the foundation, accompanied by several service dogs, accepted the check at the Adler Theater in Davenport, Iowa, where Trump was being interviewed on stage by Jerry Falwell Jr.

The next day, in Council Bluffs, Trump presented another check, also for \$100,000, to Partners for Patriots, which also provides service dogs to disabled veterans.

The public presentations trickled off within days, though some of the groups contacted by AP did report receiving checks in February, March and April.

# Police investigate parents of boy rescued from gorilla

By DAN SEWELL  
Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Police said Tuesday they are investigating the parents of the 3-year-old boy who fell into a gorilla enclosure at the Cincinnati Zoo and had to be rescued by a team that shot the 400-pound animal to death.

Authorities said the investigation will look at the parents’ actions leading up to the incident — not the operation of the zoo, which is overseen by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Police will then confer with prosecutors over whether charges should be filed, Hamilton County Prosecutor Joe Deters said.

The incident has triggered a furor online, with some saying the boy’s mother should be charged with child endangering, while others want the zoo held responsible for the animal’s death.

Separately, USDA said it will investigate Saturday’s incident for any violations of the Animal Welfare Act.

Zoo authorities said the unidentified boy climbed over a 3-foot-high railing, walked through bushes and plunged about 15 feet into a shallow moat. The zoo’s dangerous-animal response team killed the gorilla as it dragged the boy through the water, authorities said. The boy had only minor scrapes on his head and knee, according to police.

Ohio State University criminal law professor Ric Simmons said he doubts a charge of child endangering could be proved in this



AP Photo/John Minchillo

**A boy brings flowers to put beside a statue of a gorilla outside the shuttered Gorilla World exhibit at the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden on Monday in Cincinnati. A gorilla named Harambe was killed by a special zoo response team on Saturday after a 4-year-old boy slipped into an exhibit and it was concluded his life was in danger.**

instance, since the offense typically involves leaving a youngster unattended for an extended time, not a case of a child momentarily wandering off.

“The mother was standing next to a zoo exhibit and lost track of her child for perhaps a minute or so,” Simons said in an email. “That has happened to almost every parent in the world in a public place.”

The boy’s family said he is “doing just fine” at home, and it had no further comment.

A federal inspection by USDA less than two months ago found no problems with the Gorilla World exhibit, but earlier zoo inspections detailed an incident in March

in which polar bears escaped through an open den door into a behind-the-scenes hallway. No one was hurt, but an inspector warned that the public could have been “at great risk for injury, harm or death.”

Zoo director Thane Maynard said that using

tranquilizers on the gorilla would not have knocked the animal out right away, leaving the boy in danger. Maynard said 17-year-old Harambe was agitated by the commotion from the crowd and was extremely powerful, capable of crushing a coconut in one hand.

He said the zoo remains safe for its 1.6 million annual visitors, but a review is underway to determine whether any improvements can be made.

Donald Trump weighed in Tuesday, saying the zoo had little choice but to kill the gorilla. Trump said it was “a very tough call,” but the child’s life was at stake.

The executive director of a Cincinnati-based animal rights organization is calling on the USDA to fine the zoo.

“The barrier obviously isn’t sufficient to keep the public out,” said Michael Budkie of Stop Animal Exploitation NOW. “Otherwise, Harambe wouldn’t be dead.”

Jack Hanna, host of “Jack Hanna’s Into the Wild,” said the zoo made the right call by shooting the gorilla, telling WBNS-TV: “I’ll bet my life on this, that child would not be here today.”

In an interview with Boston TV station WFXT, conservationist and television host Jeff Corwin suggested that the boy’s family should shoulder some of the blame, saying: “Zoo’s aren’t your baby sitter.”

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

**Juana Martinez**  
Boardman Riverside High School

*Juana Martinez is an outstanding student leader who has taken great pride in being the first in her family to graduate from high school and go on to college. She is the daughter of Martin Martinez and Maria Vazquez and has two younger siblings following in her footsteps. Over her four years at Riverside Juana has maintained a 4.0 GPA, earning her the title of Valedictorian. Juana has also earned 57 college credits towards her AAOT degree through BMCC. In her spare time Juana enjoys spending time with friends and family and participating in various clubs and community service activities. In the fall Juana plans to attend BMCC before transferring to the Oregon Institute of Technology to earn a degree in nursing.*

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