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SOMETIMES A PICTURE (and one word) is worth a thousand words. Your April 23 cover is brilliant, and I can't stop looking at it. What a beautiful summary of the state of the American presidency, with cheeky puns as well. Covers do matter, and this one is profoundly meaningful.

Saskia E. Akyil,
FELDKIRCHEN,
GERMANY

I EAGERLY AWAITED YOUR coverage of the controversy surrounding Facebook and how you might visualize this issue on your cover. Instead, you treated your readers to yet another cover of Donald Trump, despite the issue's focus on this pivotal time for Silicon Valley. Your thought-provoking covers are an integral part of your publication. Please continue to illustrate all issues with the creative wit and bite that TIME covers are known for, and feature Trump only when it's absolutely necessary.

Mike Higham,
WELLINGTON,
NEW ZEALAND

REGIME CHANGE REDUX

RE "THE SYRIA GAMBLE" [April 23]: This article gives me a distinct feeling of déjà vu. Under the George W. Bush Administration it was imperative for Saddam

Hussein to fall; they invented weapons of mass destruction. Now it is Bashar Assad's head they want, alleging he used chemical weapons against his own people. The issues confronting the Middle East are complex and run historically and culturally deep. To prevent an escalation of the conflict on a larger scale, it would be wiser for Western nations and Russia to keep their distance and let the Middle East run its own course.

Margit Alm,
ELTHAM,
AUSTRALIA

PROGRESS AND PERIL

RE "THE MASTERS OF MIND Control" [April 23]: We are not technology's victim, and new technology and government are not our saviors. Addiction is as old as man. Individuals have to want to turn off their various and sundry screens, and no amount of anti-addiction technology or government regulation will change that. Does the problem really begin with Silicon Valley's unique business model of keeping us enthralled, or does it begin with giving our kids a phone, or downloading that app, or creating a Facebook account? The first step to any addict's recovery is admitting there is a problem; the second is wanting to change. I don't think many people want to change, and even if they do,

they don't want to take the steps to do so. I suspect that the war on technology addiction will be as infamous as the war on drugs. It's a noble thing to declare, but until people take responsibility for their choices, it's a war we are destined to lose.

Amber Wredberg,
RALEIGH, N.C.

WE HAVE MANY REASONS TO know that social media are far from wholly benign, but the worst problem may be what is so graphically shown in one of the photos in this article. These youngsters are in an art museum to learn about our culture, but they are all totally absorbed in their infernal machines. Life is passing them by, while their tiny screens replace the reality around them.

Michael Huber,
LINDFORD,
ENGLAND



ROOTS OF VIOLENCE

RE "LONDON'S MURDER Rate Spikes as Police Struggle With Declining Resources" [April 23]: Given the dramatic rise in killings in London, might one reasonably surmise that Britons are calling, vocally, for knife-control legislation in the same way that many in the U.S. are calling for gun-control legislation? No? Regardless whether the weapon chosen be a rock, a knife, or a gun, simply denying access to rocks or knives or guns seems to merely treat symptoms of the underlying disease: the unchecked urge to inflict violence upon one's fellows. Until the root cause of that impulse is addressed, there will always be a weapon of choice available to those unscrupulous enough to wish harm to others.

Paul A. Forslund,
MOUNDS VIEW, MINN.

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'I posted the video just for my safety.'

LOLADE SIYONBOLA, graduate student at Yale University, on why she chose to broadcast via Facebook Live an encounter with police officers that began when a white student reported Siyonbola, who is black, for napping in a common room

'IF THE U.S. IS TRYING TO DRIVE US INTO A CORNER TO FORCE OUR UNILATERAL NUCLEAR ABANDONMENT, WE WILL NO LONGER BE INTERESTED IN SUCH DIALOGUE.'

KIM KYE GWAN, North Korean first vice minister of foreign affairs, threatening to call off a planned summit with U.S. President Donald Trump, in a statement broadcast on state media on May 16

'IF YOU'RE NOT ASKING GUYS TO WEAR HEELS AND A DRESS, THEN YOU CAN'T ASK ME EITHER.'

KRISTEN STEWART, actor, on why she protested a no-flats convention by walking barefoot on the red carpet at the 2018 Cannes Film Festival

'From one cantankerous senator to another, sending my prayers & best wishes to @SenatorReid as he recovers from a successful surgery.'

JOHN MCCAIN, U.S. Senator (R., Ariz.), who is being treated for brain cancer, tweeting well-wishes to Harry Reid, Nevada Democrat and former Senate majority leader, who recently underwent surgery for pancreatic cancer



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Value of *Le Marin*, a 1943 painting by Pablo Picasso, which was accidentally damaged at Christie's during preparation for a sale

Robo-callers
FCC fines Florida man \$120 million—its largest penalty ever—for spoofed robocalls



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NASA announces its plan to send a robotic mini-helicopter to explore Mars

'I no longer want to continue life, and I'm happy to have a chance tomorrow to end it.'

DAVID GOODALL, 104-year-old Australian scientist and right-to-die advocate, at a news conference a day before he ended his life in Basel, Switzerland, where assisted suicide is not illegal

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Year by which California will require almost all **new homes to be built with solar panels**



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President Trump
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this year to boost
Republican turnout



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POLITICS

Trump plans aggressive return to campaign trail

By Brian Bennett/Elkhart, Ind.

DONALD TRUMP WAS ABOUT HALFWAY through a campaign rally in Elkhart, Ind., on May 10 when he called Republican Senate nominee Mike Braun to the stage of the packed gymnasium. After the businessman praised the President, Trump lit into Braun's opponent, Democratic Senator Joe Donnelly, with characteristic ferocity. "Sleeping Joe and the Democrats," Trump said, would raise the crowd's taxes, destroy their jobs and erode U.S. borders. "You can send a really incredible swamp person back to the Senate like Joe Donnelly," he told them, "or you can send us Republicans like Mike Braun to drain the swamp."

It was a preview of what is shaping up to be a long, hot summer of fiery campaigning by Trump. As Republicans try to stave off a Democratic takeover of Congress, President Trump plans to throw himself into the fray, flying to rallies as often as twice a week by the end of the summer to slam Democratic candidates, according to two White House advisers. Aides believe the President will help raise the profile of local Republicans, and party strategists have set their sights on Senate and House races in 10 states that Trump won by large margins. Trump will target Democrats like Donnelly in Indiana and Senator Jon Tester in Montana, whom Trump has attacked for helping kill the nomination of White House physician Ronny Jackson to become Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The plan has produced mixed results so far. Trump's support for Roy Moore, a former judge who was accused of sexual misconduct with minors, didn't stop Moore from losing the Senate race in deep-red Alabama last December. Trump campaigned for Republican Rick Saccone during Pennsylvania's special congressional election earlier this year, but it wasn't enough to defeat Democrat Conor Lamb on March 13 in a district the President won in 2016 by 20 points. Some Republican strategists worry that sending Trump into local contests could backfire, further mobilizing Democratic voters in key races.

The odds are already stacked against the GOP in November. Democrats need to fix 24 seats to retake control of the House, and historically a President's party loses an average of 30 seats in the midterm, plus four Senate seats. The damage could be even greater

this year. Presidents with an approval rating below 50%—Trump's currently sits at around 43%—fare much worse than their peers, according to data from Gallup. But the Republican Party believes Trump can break the pattern. "There's no one better to turn out our Republican base than President Trump," says Cassie Smedile, a spokeswoman for the Republican National Committee.

DEPLOYING A COMMANDER IN CHIEF to the campaign trail is not exactly groundbreaking. But certain rules of decorum have traditionally applied, experts say. "Earlier Presidents have thought that is just part of presidential dignity," says Michael Beschloss, a presidential historian. "You don't get into the mud in a state or a district election." One notable exception was former President Richard Nixon. Hoping to boost the number of GOP seats in the Democrat-held Congress, Nixon campaigned aggressively during the 1970 midterms, giving a famously divisive law-and-order speech after protesters threw rocks at his motorcade in San Jose, Calif. The strategy didn't work: Republicans lost 12 seats in the House that year.

Trump plans to emphasize immigration issues this summer and fall, both in Washington and on the campaign trail. He'll campaign for more deportation officers and detention beds, according to a senior Administration official, as well as funding for his promised border wall in the spending deal that Congress has to pass before Sept. 30. The White House believes a last-minute budget fight over border security—even at the risk of a government shutdown—will electrify GOP voters.

But the centerpiece of the strategy is simply to put Trump in front of voters and let him loose. The result will be familiar to those who remember 2016. In Elkhart, an RV-manufacturing town near the Michigan border, the President cycled through hot-button issues like a stand-up comic workshopping laugh lines. He touted his moves to ditch the Iran deal, open the U.S. embassy in Jerusalem and meet with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. "Joe Donnelly will do whatever Chuck Schumer and Nancy Pelosi tell him to do," the President said. In truth, Donnelly has voted with Trump more than half the time, unusual for a Democrat; he was among just three Democrats casting a ballot in favor of the President's immigration proposal, which failed. But that's Donnelly's case to make. "We have the worst immigration laws in the history of mankind. We're slowly getting them changed. We want to make it quick," Trump said, before pivoting to the point. "So give me some reinforcements, please." □

'There's no one better to turn out our Republican base than President Trump.'

CASSIE SMEDILE,
GOP spokeswoman





Activists on both sides of the abortion debate have held rallies in Ireland ahead of the May 25 vote

THE BULLETIN

Ireland weighs repealing abortion ban in a landmark referendum

ON MAY 25, THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND will vote in a landmark referendum on the eighth amendment of the country's constitution, which effectively outlaws abortion. Prime Minister Leo Varadkar, 39, announced the referendum three months after becoming the country's youngest leader in history. While Ireland has taken some socially progressive steps in recent years, including legalizing same-sex marriage in 2015, the abortion issue remains divisive in the predominantly Catholic country.

RESTRICTIVE REPUBLIC Ireland's abortion laws are among the world's most restrictive. The eighth amendment, passed in 1983, gives an unborn fetus a right to life equal to that of its pregnant mother. Women can face a 14-year prison sentence for having an abortion, even in cases of rape or nonviable pregnancies. From 2010 to 2015, 25,000 Irish women traveled to England and Wales to terminate pregnancies.

INCREMENTAL CHANGE A campaign to liberalize abortion laws gathered momentum

in 2012, when 31-year-old dentist Savita Halappanavar died in a Galway hospital after being refused an abortion during a miscarriage. In 2013, abortion became possible in cases where the mother's life is in immediate danger. Varadkar's government favors further liberalizing the law, and if the repeal passes, his government hopes to pass legislation legalizing abortion in the first 12 weeks of pregnancy. Some abortion-rights activists believe the law should go further, which Varadkar has said is unlikely.

CONTENTIOUS ISSUE Ireland only fully legalized divorce and contraception as recently as the 1990s, and the vote in May is set to be close. Rallies to repeal the ban have been held in cities across Europe, while a "Save the Eighth" demonstration in Dublin attracted tens of thousands of people in March. A recent poll found that 47% of voters are in favor of repealing the ban, while 28% would leave it in place; others are undecided or abstaining. Whatever the result, it is unlikely to signal the end of the debate—for either side.

—KATE SAMUELSON

NEWS TICKER

WHO urges the end of trans fats

The World Health Organization urged governments to **eliminate trans fats from global food supplies by 2023** and released a wide-ranging plan for how to get there. The agency estimates that the artificial fats—often found in baked and processed foods—lead to half a million deaths from heart disease every year.

First Lady has kidney surgery

First Lady Melania Trump underwent kidney surgery on May 14 to treat what the White House called a **"benign kidney condition."** The procedure was successful, and there were no complications, according to her communications director.

China map causes trouble for the Gap

Clothing retailer the Gap apologized over a **T-shirt depicting a map of China that left out Taiwan** and other Chinese-claimed territories. Hundreds complained after an image of the shirt, on sale in Canada, was posted to the Chinese social-media network Weibo. The company said it respects China's "territorial integrity."

NEWS TICKER

Salmonella prompts mass egg recall

Nearly three dozen people in nine U.S. states have been sickened by a salmonella outbreak that led to a **recall of more than 200 million eggs in April**. The FDA found that the North Carolina facility responsible had failed to address a rodent infestation.

Burundi vote stokes violence

Violence escalated in Burundi ahead of a **controversial referendum on extending presidential terms**, which could allow President Pierre Nkurunziza, who has been in power since 2005, to rule until 2034. A crackdown on political opposition has led to widespread allegations of human-rights abuses.

Trans prisoner protections rolled back

The Bureau of Prisons on May 11 reversed Obama-era rules, aimed at curbing sexual abuse and assault within prisons, that had **allowed transgender inmates to use facilities that match their gender identity**. The agency will now use biological sex to make initial decisions about housing transgender prisoners.

POSTCARD

The world's oldest head of government takes center stage in Malaysia

AN AGING STRONGMAN. A CORRUPT protégé. An opposition leader jailed on trumped-up charges. Each of the central players in Malaysia's election on May 9 was making a return to the political theater, but recast allegiances made for an upset that few predicted. At almost 93 years old, Malaysia's former Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad handed the ruling coalition its first defeat since independence, and returned to his old job, this time as the world's oldest head of government.

For his political encore, Mahathir defected from the ruling coalition he helped build to unite a fractious opposition in its bid to unseat the scandal-dogged incumbent Najib Razak. "I tried to advise him," he told TIME in an interview on the campaign trail. "But it didn't work. So eventually I decided I would go against him."

A doctor by training, Mahathir spent his 22 years in power until 2003 bringing the former British colony to industrial modernization. At campaign stops across the country, in remote clearings ribbed by rice paddies and in urban parking lots, Mahathir was feted with chants of "Long live Tun," a historic honorific.



Mahathir has vowed to restore the rule of law, to rebuild institutions and to correct what he terms his "biggest mistake": installing Najib, whose alleged links to embezzled funds in a sovereign investment fund could see him face criminal charges. (He denies wrongdoing.)

On election night, Mahathir claimed victory with a warning to Najib not to frustrate the will of the people. Across the country, joyful Malaysians sang the national anthem and waved cell-phone flashlights. "Mahathir made Malaysia known around the world," said Debbie Ambok, a voter in Langkawi.

Mahathir is not free from controversy, after cracking down on political opponents and the judiciary when previously in power. In 1999, he saw his former deputy Anwar Ibrahim imprisoned on what many called politically motivated charges of corruption and sodomy. Having received a royal pardon on a second charge, Anwar has been lined up as Mahathir's successor—but the nonagenarian Prime Minister told TIME he foresees staying in office for at least two years and possibly three. "I don't want to stay very long, but in the initial stages we need to solve a lot of problems," he said. "The others do not have the experience."

At his first press conference back on the world stage, Mahathir acknowledged that some might still view him as a "dictator." "All those things are in the past," he said, "and we have work to do for the future of our country."

—LAIGNEE BARRON/LANGKAWI

ANIMALS

New species, old places

Scientists have discovered 15 previously unknown species of cuckoo bee lurking in museum collections and an old thesis paper. Here, other species hiding in plain sight. —Abigail Abrams

PENTACERATOPS

A researcher discovered *Pentaceratops aquilonius*, a cousin to the triceratops, in 2014, in a Canadian museum where it had been stored—but not properly identified—for more than 75 years.

OLINGUITO

Scientists found remains of this raccoon-like mammal in a Chicago museum and then confirmed it lives in South America. In 2013, it became the first new carnivore discovered in the Americas in 35 years.

ZEBRA RINGLET BUTTERFLY

This species from Peru was uncovered at London's Natural History Museum in 2011 by the institution's butterfly curator. The specimen had been donated to the museum in 1904.



MAHATHIR: ABDUL HAFIZ IZAM—EPA/ET/SHUTTERSTOCK; BEE: THOMAS ONUFRINO

Milestones

DIED

Actor **Margot Kidder**, who played Lois Lane in 1978's *Superman* and its sequels, on May 13 at 69. She appeared in more than 130 movies and TV shows.

> **Ernest Medina**, a key figure in the My Lai massacre during the Vietnam War, on May 8 at 81. He was charged with responsibility for the 1968 mass killing but was acquitted.

RELEASED

President Donald Trump's annual financial disclosure, by the government ethics office on May 16. The form showed Trump **reimbursed his lawyer Michael Cohen**—who earlier paid a settlement to adult-film star Stormy Daniels—for more than \$100,000.

SETTLED

Hundreds of lawsuits filed by **women and girls who said they were sexually assaulted by Larry Nassar**, by the sports doctor's former employer Michigan State University. The school said on May 16 that it will pay \$500 million.

SUMMITED

Mount Everest, by **Xia Boyu**, a Chinese climber who lost both feet trying to summit Everest in 1975 and both legs to cancer. He reached the top on May 14, becoming the second double amputee to do so.

REMOVED

Music by **R. Kelly from Spotify's curated playlists** as of May 10. Spotify made the move per its "hateful conduct" policy in light of sexual-abuse claims facing Kelly.



Wolfe, pictured in New York City in 2016, helped create the literary style of nonfiction known as the New Journalism

DIED

Tom Wolfe

A writer who made reality remarkable

By Scott Kelly

THE DAY I WALKED OUT OF A BOOKSTORE WITH TOM WOLFE'S *The Right Stuff*, I'd only meant to buy some gum. But there it was on the shelf, and it looked interesting, so I took my gum money and bought the book. As I lay on my unmade college dorm bed reading about the pilots who became the first U.S. astronauts, I discovered something I'd never had: an ambition. In his great works of fiction and nonfiction, Wolfe—who died at 88 on May 14—made you feel as if you were there in the moment. The characters in *The Bonfire of the Vanities* seemed like real people in New York City, and *The Right Stuff* made me want to be like those test pilots. About 18 years after that day at the store, I made my first spaceflight.

In 2016, I sent him a photo of myself holding *The Right Stuff* and floating in a module at the International Space Station, and he responded the same day, in very Tom Wolfe fashion, with made-up words and outrageous punctuation. "At last I can point with extravagant pride at what I have done for the USA," he wrote. After I got back to Earth, we had lunch at the Carlyle Hotel, in a corner booth. He showed up with his white three-piece suit and a cane with a wolf on top. I was starting to write a book myself, so I asked him how he did it. "What do you mean?" he said. "I use a pencil."

Kelly, a TIME 100 designee, is a retired NASA astronaut, former commander of the International Space Station and the author of *Endurance: A Year in Space, A Lifetime of Discovery*

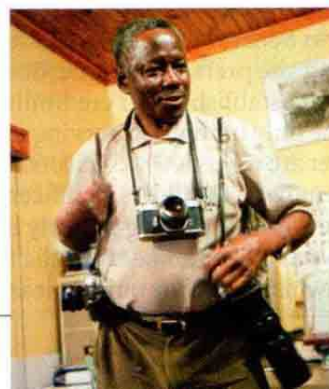
DIED

Sam Nzima *Photographer for freedom*

IT'S NOT OFTEN THAT A picture changes the world, but the image of a 13-year-old boy shot by police during the June 16, 1976, student uprising in Soweto, South Africa, did. In preserving a moment of naked horror, photographer Sam Nzima, who died at age 83 on May 12, produced a potent weapon in the fight against apartheid: evidence of its brutality.

On that day, Nzima set out to cover what was supposed to be a peaceful protest. But when police opened fire, he captured the carnage with a singular image of a bloodied boy in the arms of a visibly distraught teenager, his sister wailing at his side. Few local papers ran the photo, for fear of angering authorities, but the next day it was splashed on front pages from New York to Moscow. Protesters, incensed by the death, rose up across South Africa and launched a new era of black activism.

Nzima paid a heavy price. Forced to resign from his newspaper job, he never took another photo—although in 1998, after a long legal battle, he finally received the rights to his own work. "That picture destroyed my future in journalism," Nzima told TIME in 2015. "[But] people are free in South Africa because of it." —ARYN BAKER



Hawaii's **Mazie Hirono** is the Senate's only immigrant and a thorn in the President's side

By Philip Elliott

ON A RAIN-SOAKED MORNING IN LATE APRIL, Mazie Hirono was walking from the U.S. Supreme Court back to her Senate office. She had just watched the nine Justices hear arguments on President Trump's ban on immigrants from six countries with Muslim majorities and North Korea, and as she listened to arguments over the rights of immigrants and religious minorities, she couldn't help but take the debate personally. Hirono, Hawaii's junior Senator, is an immigrant from Japan and the chamber's sole Buddhist. "Immigrants come here and leave everything that they know behind," she says. "We have a sense of the opportunities that this country provides. We do not take those for granted."

At age 70, Hirono has become one of the surprising avatars of what is known among liberals as the Resistance. She's not the loudest voice in the Senate or its most polished speaker. But the first-term Senator has become one of the most outspoken critics of Trump's behavior. "The President is very anti-immigrant. It's a very xenophobic, nationalistic attitude," she says. "Our country is made up of groups of immigrants who came here hoping for a better life. They created America. It's a sad thing to have so many people not remember that, including Trump. His people came from another country, not to mention that his wife is an immigrant."

These sharp rebukes have turned the soft-spoken Senator into a sudden star. "I'm one of the few members who calls him a liar. I don't sugarcoat it and say he stretches the truth. No, the man lies every day," she says. "To call the President a liar, that is not good. But it happens to be the truth."

In January, when the President hosted a freewheeling, bipartisan meeting on immigration, Hirono confronted Trump directly. She was one of only two nonwhite faces at the table—the other was Senator Robert Menendez of New Jersey—and she prefaced her question with a preamble that established her credibility on the subject: "As the only immigrant serving in the United States Senate right now ..." Hirono began. Early on in her tenure on Capitol Hill, officers sometimes stopped her from bypassing security lines, not recognizing her as a Senator because she didn't look like most lawmakers. They quickly learned her often smiling

HIRONO QUICK FACTS

A first, in a few ways

Hirono is the first Asian-American woman to serve in the Senate, the first Senator born in Japan and the first Senator from a Buddhist background.

Handling the volcano fallout

"These communities will require additional resources to recover," Hirono said, urging aid for the region's small businesses, following the new phase of the May 3 Kilauea volcano eruption.

Vietnam inspired her activism

She credits the antiwar movement with lighting her political interests.

face. "In our country, racism is never far below the surface," Hirono says, sipping a midafternoon coffee. "I think the Trump campaign exposed the fault lines in our country."

LATE ON ELECTION NIGHT 2016, Hirono was at home in Hawaii, trying to decide what to say to supporters after Hillary Clinton's surprise loss. Some of her advisers urged her to take a conciliatory tone, to pledge to work with the new President-elect, to give him the benefit of the doubt. That was the tack many of her colleagues would take in the numb days that followed. Not Hirono. "I didn't feel like making a 'Let's give the man a chance' speech," she recalls. "His entire campaign was so negative and antithetical to everything I believe."

For "a couple of months," Hirono went into a self-imposed television blackout. She couldn't handle what she saw as the President's daily attacks on immigrants, women, democratic institutions and people who didn't share his Christian faith. "There's not a day that goes by that there isn't a fresh assault on the body politic," she says, leaning back in her chair in her seventh-floor corner office on Capitol Hill. "There's hardly a day that goes by that my head doesn't explode because, my goodness!"

A savvy legislator, Hirono spent 13 years in the Hawaii statehouse, eight years as the state's lieutenant governor and six years in the U.S. House before winning her U.S. Senate race in 2012. At the Capitol, she kept her head down and focused on helping immigrants, veterans and the environment. She didn't rush into battle just to hear the noise. But Trump has changed her approach to the office. Slowly, Hirono started saying in public what she was telling colleagues in private. Never one to run for the microphones or book TV appearances at all hours, she started saying yes to interview requests. Her elevated profile helped her avoid a once expected primary challenge.

Hirono has done all this while battling Stage 4 cancer, diagnosed in May 2017. In July she offered an emotional plea to protect President Obama's health care law from a Republican-led appeal. "It's hard for me to talk about this. I think you can tell. Give me a moment," Hirono said in a speech from the Senate floor, delivered without prepared remarks. As her colleagues watched in silence, Hirono described being born at home in rural Japan, her sister's death from pneumonia because the family didn't have access to hospitals and a childhood spent living paycheck to paycheck. She then turned to the present. "I am fighting kidney cancer," she said. "And I'm just so grateful that I had health insurance so that I could concentrate

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Shared sorrow

Kiwanda Robinson is comforted during a solidarity march for her son Keeven Robinson in Jefferson Parish, La., on May 14. That day, a coroner in the New Orleans suburb announced that the 22-year-old, who died a week earlier while being arrested, had asphyxiated; the report noted evidence of "significant traumatic injuries to the neck." The four narcotics deputies who chased Robinson have since been reassigned to desk duty, and an investigation continues into whether they used excessive force.

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NEXT GENERATION LEADERS

10 young stars who are reshaping music,
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Ariana Grande

RAISING HER VOICE

By Sam Lansky

ARIANA GRANDE IS HAPPY, AND IT'S IMPORTANT to her that people know that. Still, it would be hard to miss her happiness on this sunny spring day at a ramshackle house in Beverly Hills. It beams out of her as she sprawls on the lawn, murmuring in baby talk to Toulouse, her rescue beagle-chihuahua, and it suffuses the way she vogues out of the house into the yard, spinning and twirling in a frilly gray tulle dress.

She has a lot of reasons to be happy. At 24, Grande is one of the biggest pop stars in the world, and she's coming out with new music two years after her last album, the blockbuster *Dangerous Woman*. Her latest single is called "No Tears Left to Cry." Going off the title, you'd expect a big torch ballad—she's run out of tears! Instead, it's a triumphant, '90s-house-inflected pop confection, part breathy vocals and part spunky, spoken-word playfulness. She chose it carefully: "The intro is slow, and then it picks up," she says. "And it's *about* picking things up."

Grande made a song about resilience because she has had to be resilient, in ways that are difficult to imagine, after a terrorist detonated a bomb outside her May 22, 2017, concert in Manchester, England, killing 22 people and leaving more than 500 injured. What happened is part of the song, but the song is not about what happened. Instead of being elegiac, it's joyful and lush, and Grande is proud of it, and of herself. "When I started to take care of myself more, then came balance, and freedom, and joy," she says. "It poured out into the music." In the video for the song, she's upside-down, the way life used to feel. "We've messed with the idea of not being able to find the ground again," she says, "because I feel like I'm finally landing back on my feet now."

GRANDE IS PETITE, with Kewpie-doll eyes and a wide, easy smile. She often wears her hair in a big ponytail, but today it is pulled back into an elaborate topknot, with little wisps of hair coming down behind her ears like a halo. When she talks, she is earnest and enthusiastic—you can hear her theater-kid roots.

Grande grew up in South Florida; her mom was the CEO of a communications company and her father a successful graphic designer. As