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RAPPIN' Tommy Wyatt

Democratic Governors are preparing to strike back over the wall funding!

Last week, President Trump signed a bill funding the government and also declared a national emergency to get the money needed to build a wall along the Southern Border. After he announced his plans, Governors that would be affected by the wall began preparing a lawsuit challenging President Trump's emergency declaration.

California Governor Gavin Newsom was one of those objecting to the emergency declaration. While the President says that this is the only way that we can stop illegal drugs from coming into the country, Newsom disagrees. "The drugs are coming through the ports of entry through traditional means-vehicles, tractor trailers, coming over through drones, airports, coming all up and down the coast of California in boats," he explained.

It did not take long before other Governors in the area join the protest and by week's end the list had grown to about 14 other states to join the protest.

Members of congress have also expressed an interest in court challenge, but a final determination has not been made. Let's hope that the action of the Governors will let them know that there is support for their court action.

Declaring a national emergency is very reckless on the part of the president. It also lets us know that he is determined to get his way at the expense of the rest of the country. It will be up to the congress to stop his illegal actions. We only have to ask, "What are they waiting for?"

Kaepernick TKOs NFL

By John Harris Jr. | VILLAGER Sports Columnist



FILE: This image shows former San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick walks off the field at Bank of America Stadium with his fist up in the air after a game against the Carolina Panthers in Charlotte during the 2016 season. Photo/Gerry Melendez for ESPN

(VILLAGER NEWS) - Make no mistake, Colin Kaepernick is the big winner. Forget what you may have heard about Kaepernick "selling out" when he settled his collusion case with Eric Reid against the NFL and reportedly received millions of dollars from the league.

Some call it "hush" money. As part of the agreement. Kaepernick and Reid are forbidden to speak or disclose anything about the case.

I say: Make that money, Colin. You earned it. Every. Bit. Of. It.

After bowing on one knee during the National Anthem before NFL games to protest the killing of unarmed black men by police, Kaepernick, in an ironic twist of events, made the NFL bow down to him.

How do we know? The NFL paid the man!

No way the NFL pays Kaepernick a dime, not after blackballing him out of the league for his non-violent protest. Not unless Kaepernick held something over the NFL's head that was so egregious and damaging that the league, even with all of its' high-priced attorneys in tow, couldn't afford to gamble on the case going to trial. That's a victory in itself.

Say what you will about Kaepernick not allowing his case to go to trial and possibly exposing damaging information that the NFL wants to remain a secret. It was his case, his life. Who are we to judge?

First understand that Kaepernick risked it all -

his NFL career and potential endorsements, not to mention enduring the wrath of large segments of the American population, led, of course, by the President.

Week after week, Kaepernick dug in and held his ground. Even after most of his NFL peers dropped their individual protests before games - bowing to public pressure or possibly pressure from their individual teams - Kaepernick refused to yield. He paid for it with his football career.

Sure, Nike came through with a sweetheart endorsement deal for Kaepernick that will keep him living comfortably even if he never throws another pass in the NFL. But that deal was made possible only after Nike executives and the athletic shoe company's bean counters saw how Kaepernick never wavered, never backed down, and, in the process, built a legion of followers, many of whom buy Nike gear, including Kaepernick's now famous No. 7 jersey.

Walk a mile in Kaepernick's shoes before telling him how to live his life. Would you risk your career the way that he did? Be honest. Most of us wouldn't, not with families to take care of and mouths to feed. Precious few professional athletes have the courage to risk it all at their top of their game, but that's exactly what Kaepernick did. He held his head high, and still got paid in the process. That's a lesson for us all.

Motown 60: A GRAMMY Celebration

By Naomi Richard | VILLAGER Entertainment Editor

(VILLAGER NEWS) - Just two days after Music's Biggest Night, the 61st Grammy Awards, the Recording Academy, AEG Ehrlich Ventures and CBS celebrated on of music's most historic record labels, Motown Records by presenting "Motown 60: A GRAMMY Celebration." The special will air April 21 on CBS.

The legendary Motown Records started out with humble beginnings in a two-story house, later called Hitsville U.S.A., in Detroit, Michigan on January 12, 1959. Since 1985, the house is now home to the Motown Mu-

seum.

Motown Records was founded by now 89-year-old Berry Gordy, Jr. as Tamla Records in 1959. It became Motown in 1960 combining Detroit's "motor" legacy and "town." It is now owned by the Universal Music Group.

According to the brand's history, "The label was a force of social and cultural change, Berry Gordy's legendary Motown made its mark not just on the music industry, but society at large, with a sound that has become one of the most significant musical accomplishments and

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Smokey Robinson honored at the 12th Annual MusiCares MAP Fund Benefit Concert held at The Novo by Microsoft. Photo by Naomi Richard.

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