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Color Interior Pics’ Captions (for Photos Published on PP. 6-9):

Keegan McMorris and his Grandmother Trish Downs, LaX, St. Pat’s Parade, March 2015-2016.
Harlem Globetrotter Bull Bullard, LaX Ctr., 2010.
Devoted dad and children, LaX Public Library, ca. 2009, for LPLA.
Prize green car, LaX, Spring 2016.
President Obama speaking, photo taken off TV monitor in Arlington, VA, ca. 2010
Union Station shoe shines, DC, April 2010.
Two well-dressed ladies on Amtrak train, April 2010.
President Barack Obama speaking near security guards and crowd, UW-L, 7-2-15.
Man in gold panhandling and entertaining for fans, NYC, 4-9-11.
The Looker, NYC, 4-9-11.
Waiter, Danica Patrick event, National Press Club, DC, 2-21-12.
Homeless man, St. Patrick’s Church, DC, Feb. 2012.
I was getting directions from information man by taxi, DC, Feb. 2012.
Female Police Triumvirate, DC, Feb. 2012.
Little redhead have their ears, Harlem Globetrotters’ game, LaX Ctr., Spring 2010.
The Scurlock Family files collected by SI Archivist David Haberstich, SI NMAHAC, DC, April 2010.
Jimi Hendrix poster & Irish Yoga sign, DC or NYC, 2010 or 2011.
Man in blue by dad with child, DC, ca. 2010.
Woman wearing brown clothes posing under tree, DC, April 2010.
People crossing NYC street, 4-9-11.
Lady named Sam giving directions, DC, April 2010-2011.
NYC street scene, 4-9-11.
Women in Little Chapel That Stood, St. Paul’s, NYC, 4-9-11.
Art card dealers under orange umbrella, Eastern Market, DC, April 2010.
Night view – Of, By, and For the People in Wall-Carved Lincoln Address – DC, April 2010.
The colors of Thalia’s, NYC, 4-9-11.
People on stairway, M&M Store, NYC, 4-9-11.
Bashful store clerk, M&M Store, NYC, 4-9-11.
Times Square trio, NYC, 4-9-11.
Miss America Erika Harold, LaX Mall, 2003.
Star-Spangled Banner Display traffic, SI NMAH, DC, April 2010.
Julian Bradley, then La Crosse County Republican Chairman, is interviewed by WXOW-TV’s Kristen Barbaresi, at a campaign rally at local headquarters for the Mitt Romney/Paul Ryan ticket in October 2012.

BW Interior Pics’ Captions (for Photos Published on PP10-40):

(L-R) Randi, Noah, Leslie, Neighborhood City Church, LaX, 9-6-09.
Aasam and his two kids enjoying a laugh, Columbia, MO, ca. 1981.
Strikers marching on past Starbucks’ Coffee shop, NYC, 4-9-11.
Man riding scooter, LaX, 2016.
President Obama speaks, LaX, 10-1-08, for SI NMAHAC and NYTimes.
Two men of Neighborhood City Church, LaX, ca. 2009.
Young couple in love, LaX, ca. 2007.
A man and a woman on separate park benches, DC Mall of Monuments, ca. 2010.
DC Walking Triumvirate, ca. 2012.
Memorial Day Parade family portrait, LaX, ca. 2012.
Danny and friend, Neighborhood City Church, ca. 2010.
Mom with two little ones in stroller, Becker Plaza, ca. 2013.
Alice, a caregiver, Becker Plaza laundry room, ca. 2013.
Mom and son walking, LaX, Summer 2016.
Young man in Cameron Park, Summer 2016.
Young man and woman walking on 4th St., LaX, Summer 2016.
African nun hugs friend, Viterbo University, Summer 2016.
Curt Webley, CPA and PhD, Roosevelt University (Chicago), LaX, 7-1-16.
Elmer Petersen’s George Coleman Poage Memorial Statue, Poage Park, LaX, 8-22-16.
Zeke kisses Heather on cheek; Heather is a Stage IV Lung Cancer Survivor, LaX, Summer 2016.
Annie, a neighbor, LaX, Summer 2016.
Young man in Amtrak Station, LaX, April 2010.
Young woman in Union Station (Amtrak), Chicago, April 2010.
Conductor on Amtrak train, April 2010.
Union Station male hospitality worker, DC, April 2010.
Two gals pose hugging, SI NMAH, April 2010.
Little girl with cotton candy, Japan Fest, DC, April 2010.
Fellow photographer, in profile, working Japanfest, DC, April 2010.
Woman sitting in Union Station, DC, April 2010.
President Barack Obama speaks, UW-L, 7-2-15.
Family trio, Pearl Street Books, LaX, Summer 2014.
Father and son view made-bird display, LaX Public Library, ca. 2009.
Two young women with toddler in stroller, Mileage Station, LaX, ca. 2010.
Horse-drawn carriage with family touring near Elite Café, LaX, ca. 2011.
Lady on cell-phone by Bolt poster, NYC, 4-9-11.
Men on phones, NYC, 4-9-11.
Chatting on a street corner, NYC, 4-9-11.
Man walking stroller, NYC, 4-9-11.
Lady walking on street corner in cap, NYC, 4-9-11.
Two boys in silhouette at St. Louis’s Lambert Airport viewing TWA plane, ca. 1981.
Ice cream for three boys, Elementary School, Columbia, MO, ca. 1980.
Bernard, a neighbor, without shirt, LaX, ca. 2008.
Packer Gilbert “Grave Digger” Brown with fans, Green Bay, WI, Summer 1998, for WHS.
Man carrying large Justice sign, DC, April 2000.
Mom and son on Amtrak train, April 2000.
Focused lady walking by, DC, Feb. 2012.
Martin Luther King Jr. Library, DC, Feb. 2012.
Street lawyer, Martin Luther King Jr. Library, DC, Feb. 2012.
Gal reading at left as family enters MLK Jr. Memorial area, DC, Feb. 2012.
MLK Jr. Memorial quotation about being a world citizen, DC, Feb. 2012.
MLK Jr. Memorial quotation about committing one’s self to Humanity, DC, Feb. 2012.
Mom and daughter pose inside Lincoln Memorial near main statue, DC, Feb. 2012.
Guard at Lincoln Memorial viewing Washington Memorial in the distance, DC, Feb. 2012.
Darshida and her children, Neighborhood City Church Block Party, LaX, 8-13-16.
Man looking up Metro track, DC, ca. April 2010.
Young lady of the Metro with posters around, DC, April 2010.
Jimmy Whitehead as distinctive member of Aquinas HS Boys' Basketball Team, Logan HS, LaX, ca. 2010.
Metro singers, DC, April 2010.
Immigrant lady praying on bench, Mall of Monuments, DC, April 2010.
Visitor by Vietnam Memorial with Washington Memorial in background, DC, April 2010.
View from inside Metro train, including window reflections, DC, April 2010.
Love sign and woman taking photo, DC Metro, April 2010.
Man carrying bag, DC, April 2010.
Man and lady (wearing cowgirl boots) walking together on sidewalk, DC, April 2010.
Easton Coach bus passes as large man sleeps on bench, DC, April 2010.
Newseum worker; his given name may be Marcus, DC, April 2010.
Will, a man along the street, DC, April 2010.
Young man on Pearl Drum set along street, DC, April 2010.
Smokers meet near sign for Gallery Place, DC, April 2010.
Two ladies chat on street corner, DC, April 2010.
Woman walking by, DC, April 2010.
Man on phone behind couple, DC, April 2010.
In honor of Green Bay Packer NFL Hall of Famer Willie Wood, near NPR HQ, DC, April 2010.
I believe this man's name is Eli, near NPR HQ, DC, April 2010.
Woman walking her dog by couple, near NPR HQ, DC, April 2010.
People passing Massachusetts Avenue address, near NPR HQ, DC, April 2010.
Man sitting with head down, NYC, 4-9-11.
People passing, NYC, 4-9-11.
Back and people composition, near NPR HQ, DC, April 2010.
Juan Williams writing notes while on phone, NPR HQ, DC, April 2010.
Juan Williams, a new grandfather, gets a hug from staff member, NPR HQ, DC, April 2010 (JW authored "Eyes on the Prize", etc.).
Two ladies pass by, NYC, 4-9-11.
Man with two small children at McDonald's, NYC, 4-9-11.
Homeless lady dozing on street, NYC, 4-9-11.
Woman in Metro tunnel, DC, April 2010.
Young boy with feet up on touring bus, NYC, 4-9-11.
Lady on touring bus, NYC, 4-9-11.
Photographer Robert Frank's Beecker Street neighborhood, NYC, 4-9-11.
Street musicians, DC, April 2010.
Street Sense newspaper distribution man, DC, April 2010.
Worker watching me, NYC, 4-9-11.
Tom taking photo of Canon HQ across street while man sleeps on chair by street, NYC, 4-9-11.
Street hawker chatting with man, NYC, 4-9-11.
Bowling Green station and police our front, NYC, 4-9-11.
Group alongside DC bus, April 2010.
Woman in silhouette viewing Capitol Building from bus, DC, April 2010.
Young lady walking with ice cream cone, NYC National Museum of the American Indian, 4-9-11.
People in Metro train doorway, DC, ca. 2012.
Five people seen from bus, NYC, 4-9-11.
Black and white security personnel, Lincoln Memorial, April 2010.
Lombardi play passersby, NYC, 4-9-11.
Fifteen Seconds of Fame marquee, Times Square, NYC, 4-9-11.
Fellow photographer at work, Times Square, NYC, 4-9-11.
Photographing a photographer photographing three young women, DC, ca. April 2010.
Man wearing Muslim cap crosses street by White House/Black Market Store, Georgetown, 4-10-11.
Family and additional person approach US Holocaust Memorial Museum, DC, April 2010.
Coach store in background with man driving pickup truck looking like a coach, Georgetown, 4-10-11.
Geometric Georgetown – biker, taxi, walkers, 4-10-11.
Federal worker waiting for his train, DC Metro, ca. April 2010.
Memorial Day family along parade route, LaX, ca. 2012.
Gal friends, Neighborhood City Community Church Block Party, ca. 2011.
James Lacy, jazz musician, posing in his apartment with his saxophone, etc., LaX, 2007-2008.
Maurice with spina bifida and caregiver, LaX, ca. 2004.
Young lady wearing green derby hat, along St. Patrick’s Parade route, LaX, ca. 2015.
Separate but Equal headline in man’s hands, DC Metro, Feb. 2012.
Two ladies with small children in strollers, up the street from the SI National Portrait Gallery, DC, Feb. 2012.
Arrest of man up the street from the SI National Portrait Gallery, DC, Feb. 2012.
Hannibal man wearing suspenders and neat, old hat, etc., Hannibal, MO, Summer 1981.
Hannibal trio, Hannibal, MO, Summer 1981.
La Crosse Catbirds’ coach Flip Saunders(L) with his team, LaX Ctr., ca. 1992.
Rev. Andrew Young walking with his group at night, UM-Columbia, ca. 1980.
VIP migrant worker sitting in front of VIP HQ, St. Louis, ca. 1981.
Lambert Airport worker at work beneath mural of black astronaut, St. Louis, ca. 1981.
Tyrece Harris, a young man seated beneath banner, Lincoln Middle School, LaX, 2006-2009.
Mayor Tim Kabat (in suit and glasses) leans against wall in background as food workers serve crowd at Neighborhood City Community Church Block Party, LaX, 8-13-16.
Michelle Obama ends her speech in dramatic fashion with power salute, UW-L, 2-18-08.
Martin may have been homeless around this time, LaX, ca. 2008.
Press, President Barack Obama event, UW-L, 7-2-15.
Security, President Barack Obama event, UW-L, 7-2-15.
President Barack Obama speaks, UW-L, 7-2-15.
Times Square Wedding Party portrait, Times Square, NYC, 4-9-11.
Times Square Wedding Party leaps up as a group, Times Square, NYC, 4-9-11.
Cherisse Marcou feeds wedding cake to her new husband, Nathan Marcou, Rochester, MN, 2012, for WHS.
The DeQuis family trio near Mileage Station, LaX, 2016.
Two men chat under quilt-decorated areas, LaX Public Library, ca. 2009.
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