**Literary events**

**Whao! Dave Barry to cross county line**

By Chauncey McKin

**Correspondence**

Any resemblance between Dave Barry and John Scalzi is purely coincidental.

Dave Barry’s adventures around the world have inspired a genre of adventures known as a “bromance.”

**The Soundtrack**

1. “The Soundtrack” by Brian Eno
2. “Gone Girl” by David Foster Wallace
3. “The Day; Thomas Jefferson ate goggles,” by Anthony Bridgeman
4. “Sugar Salt” by Shania Twain
5. “Gone Girl” by Gillian Flynn (Crimes, $20, Simon & Schuster, 199). A dramatized account of the trial of Scott P. Bell, a former soldier who, according to the trial, “made The Day; Thomas Jefferson ate goggles, and we know he was lying.”

**Meet the author**

**Break Point**

By Oliva Capell

To learn more about the author, visit her website at olivacapell.com.

**BOOK REVIEW**

When the local systems run amok

By Dr. Eugene C. Cook

C.J. Brit’s high standards have never been more evident than in the 1st novel in his series about cop Joe Mapp. Joe is a cop who blurts out things like “I’m not a cop, I’m a detective!” on a regular basis, and he doesn’t hesitate to call out individuals, like the local mayor, when they get in his way. Joe is an individual who, despite his flaws, is a cop who is not afraid to get his hands dirty.

**Bestsellers**

**Handover Fiction**

1. “Mean Cross, Run” by James Patterson (Little, Brown, $29.99). In this latest addition to the Alex Cross series, Alex is a detective on the hunt for serial killer in Washington, D.C.

2. “Trying to Get Married” by John Scalzi (Harper, $22.99). It’s been a long time since we’ve seen a marriage proposal that’s as funny and endearing as this one.


4. “The Death of John” by Gillian Flynn (Simon & Schuster, $22.99). Nick lodge is a man who is tired of his beautiful wife’s disappearances, but this can’t get bloody his life has been a series of losses and failures.


7. “Quality” by Jonathan Kallmann (Ballantine, $18.99). In this latest entry in the Alex Cross series, the psychopath who is a hypnotherapist tries to solve a series of horrifying events in an upstate Los Angeles neighborhood.

8. “Private” by James Patterson and Mark Sullivan (Little, Brown, $22.99). A former cop who is also the guitarist in a Kiss tribute band and a marriage counselor is about to make the first he can.


**Handover Nonfiction**


3. “Try Me Killing” by Billy Elf and Marilyn Dagard (Henry Holt, $28). A book about how to make your work as a writer as difficult as possible.

4. “The Easy Day” by Mark Meyer with Kevin Mazer (Penguin, $21.00). A former cop who is also the guitarist in a Kiss tribute band and a marriage counselor is about to make the first he can.

5. “Sly: The Man, the Myth, the Legend” by Joe Carr (Words! $39.9). The Texas pastor speaks on the Scriptures and his role in everyday life.


7. “Slim for Life” by Allan Michael (Harmony, $25.2). The biggest loser trainee and author of this book will change your life.

8. “The MELT Method” by Sue Hitzmann (Henry &Hess, $29.99). Hitzmann’s unique philosophy allows people to change their body shape and enjoy the results.

9. “The Soundtrack of My Life” by Clove Davis (Simon & Schuster, $30). Davis’ memoir of his early life and his 40-plus years working in the music industry.

For the week ended March 2, compiled from data from independent bookstores, booksellers and independent distributors nationwide.