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TRUMP INSTALLED AS 45TH PRESIDENT, CALLS FOR UNITY

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK:

MY TWO CENTS

By Stuart Gorin

A highlight for me in watching Fox News – the only TV channel that is even remotely conservative leaning – was following Megyn Kelly’s climb to journalism stardom. Years ago, I even watched her on local newscasts in Washington, DC, where she was known as Megyn Kendall. But this month, everything changed, when it was announced that she was leaving Fox to work instead for leftist-leaning and Obama-loving NBC. So, arrivederci, Megyn.

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Last month, we reported on a Florida middle school student being turned over to the police for having a weapon in school – the weapon being a toddler’s “knife” used to cut a peach in her lunch box. Here’s radio talk show host **Rush Limbaugh**’s take on the “zero tolerance weapons policy” incident in his “The Limbaugh Letter”: “It’s clear: those who can, do; those who can’t, teach; and those who can’t teach, administrate. Those who can’t administrate...write district ‘weapons policies.’”

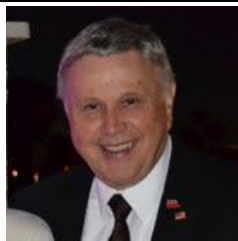
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With all the stories about fake news in the news, it didn’t take long for the comic pages to get in the act. Cartoon character Ziggy was sitting in his easy chair watching the TV, when it blared out: “Tonight’s fake news is brought to you by the following fake sponsors...”

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The new Frederick Douglass High School in Fayette County, Kentucky, was built on the site of a horse farm that was home to six Kentucky Derby winners. So, school district leaders announced the new mascot for the new school would be the Stallion. That lasted just one day, though, because the “politically correct” complained it was “too sexist.” Would they be happier with the Frederick Douglass Gelding?

More Two Cents Next Month.



Promising “to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States,” and placing his hand on the Bible, businessman **Donald Trump** on January 20 took the oath of office to become the 45th president of the United States.

Following the oath, which was administered on the steps of the U.S. Capitol by **Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts**, Trump delivered a 16-minute speech calling for unity. “Whether we are black or brown or white,” he said, “we all bleed the same red blood of patriots, we all enjoy the same glorious freedoms, and we all salute the same great American Flag.”

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He outlined his priorities as creating jobs, securing borders, and eliminating “radical Islamic terrorism” – a term which former President Barack Obama never spoke in eight years.



A few minutes before Trump took his oath of office, **Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas** administered the oath to **Vice President Mike Pence**.

Teenaged singing sensation **Jackie Evancho** delivered a stirring rendition of “The Star Spangled Banner” to close the inaugural ceremony. Originally, blind Italian tenor **Andrea Bocelli** was scheduled to perform as well, but he dropped out after receiving death threats from leftists who tried every trick in the book to disrupt the inauguration.

While they were unable to affect the actual ceremony at the Capitol Building or the crowds watching from the Washington Mall, leftist protesters did cause havoc in the city’s nearby business district, smashing cars and windows in buildings, setting trash cans and a limousine on fire, throwing rocks and bricks, and fighting with police. More than 200 of the trouble makers were arrested and charged with felonies.

Four living U.S. presidents – Barack Obama, **George W. Bush**, Bill Clinton and Jimmy Carter – and their spouses – watched the ceremony. The only one not there – **George H.W. Bush** – was hospitalized in Houston with pneumonia.

He sent Trump a written note explaining that due to ill health, he and his wife, Barbara, would not be able to attend. “But we will be with you and the country in spirit,” Bush wrote. “I want you to know that I wish you the very best as you begin this incredible journey of leading our great country.”

Following the outdoor ceremony, Trump and his wife, Melania, bid farewell to the Obamas, who boarded the presidential helicopter to take them to nearby Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland, for a vacation flight to California. They will be settling in Washington while their teen-aged daughters complete their schooling.



The Trumps then went inside the Capitol for a traditional luncheon with members of Congress from both political parties, and this was followed by another tradition – the inaugural parade from the Capitol to the White House, complete with marching bands. The Trumps disembarked from their limousine several times to walk and wave to the crowds lining Pennsylvania Avenue. One of the buildings they passed was the Old Post Office, which has been transformed into Trump International Hotel.

The first order of business for the Senate was to confirm two of Trump’s Cabinet nominations. Retired **U.S. Marine Corps General James Mattis** was confirmed as Secretary of Defense by a vote of 98-1, and Retired **U.S. Marine Corps General John Kelly** was confirmed as Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security by a vote of 88-11.

Trump’s first order of business was to sign several executive orders, including installing Mattis and Kelly to their positions, freezing new federal regulations, and giving federal agencies broad powers to unwind regulations created under Obamacare, which might include the enforcement of the penalty for people who fail to carry the health insurance that the law requires of most Americans.

In the evening, it was off to a series of three Presidential Inaugural Balls for the Trumps – the Liberty and Freedom Balls held at the Washington Convention Center, and the Salute To Our Armed Services Ball at the National Building Museum.

For the traditional first dance, the president arranged for the Frank Sinatra tune “My Way.” Knowing that this was in the works, CNN mentioned that Sinatra’s daughter, Nancy, was unhappy about the decision because she is “no fan” of Trump. That caused Nancy Sinatra to issue the following tweet: “That’s not true. I never said that. Why do you lie, CNN?” That tweet was retweeted thousands of time on social media.



Parties celebrating Trump's inauguration were held throughout the United States. In Brevard County, Florida, the Ronald Reagan Club and the Republican Liberty Caucus held a dinner-dance for 350 "Deplorable" supporters. In brief remarks to the joyous crowd, **Brevard County Sheriff Wayne Ivey** said the new president "understands how important law enforcement is to us," and believes that instead of "political correctness," PC really stands for "Protecting Citizens."

TRUMP INAUGURAL SPEECH TEXT



In his inaugural address on January 20, **President Donald Trump** pledged to the American people that "We, the citizens of America, are now joined in a great national effort to rebuild our country and to restore its promise for all of our people."

From this moment on, he said, "It's going to be America First. Every decision on trade, on taxes, on immigration, on foreign affairs, will be made to benefit American workers and American families. We must protect our borders from the ravages of other countries making our products, stealing our companies, and destroying our jobs. Protection will lead to great prosperity and strength."

Trump spoke for 16 minutes, adding, "We will seek friendship and goodwill with the nations of the world – but we do so with the understanding that it is the right of all nations to put their own interests first. We do not seek to impose our way of life

on anyone, but rather to let it shine as an example for everyone to follow."

Following is the text of Trump's inaugural address:
(begin text)

Chief Justice Roberts, President Carter, President Clinton, President Bush, President Obama, fellow Americans, and people of the world: thank you.

We, the citizens of America, are now joined in a great national effort to rebuild our country and to restore its promise for all of our people.

Together, we will determine the course of America and the world for years to come.

We will face challenges. We will confront hardships. But we will get the job done.

Every four years, we gather on these steps to carry out the orderly and peaceful transfer of power, and we are grateful to President Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama for their gracious aid throughout this transition. They have been magnificent.

Today's ceremony, however, has very special meaning. Because today we are not merely transferring power from one Administration to another, or from one party to another – but we are transferring power from Washington, D.C. and giving it back to you, the American People.

For too long, a small group in our nation's Capital has reaped the rewards of government while the people have borne the cost.

Washington flourished – but the people did not share in its wealth.

Politicians prospered – but the jobs left, and the factories closed.

The establishment protected itself, but not the citizens of our country.

Their victories have not been your victories; their triumphs have not been your triumphs; and while they celebrated in our nation's Capital, there was little to celebrate for struggling families all across our land.

That all changes – starting right here, and right now, because this moment is your moment: it belongs to you.

It belongs to everyone gathered here today and everyone watching all across America.

This is your day. This is your celebration.

And this, the United States of America, is your country.

What truly matters is not which party controls our government, but whether our government is controlled by the people.

January 20th, 2017 will be remembered as the day the people became the rulers of this nation again.

The forgotten men and women of our country will be forgotten no longer.

Everyone is listening to you now.

You came by the tens of millions to become part of a historic movement the likes of which the world has never seen before. At the center of this movement is a crucial conviction: that a nation exists to serve its citizens.

Americans want great schools for their children, safe neighborhoods for their families, and good jobs for themselves.

These are the just and reasonable demands of a righteous public.

But for too many of our citizens, a different reality exists: Mothers and children trapped in poverty in our inner cities; rusted-out factories scattered like tombstones across the landscape of our nation; an education system, flush with cash, but which leaves our young and beautiful students deprived of knowledge; and the crime and gangs and drugs that have stolen too many lives and robbed our country of so much unrealized potential.

This American carnage stops right here and stops right now. We are one nation – and their pain is our pain. Their dreams are our dreams; and their success will be our success. We share one heart, one home, and one glorious destiny.

The oath of office I take today is an oath of allegiance to all Americans.

For many decades, we've enriched foreign industry at the expense of American industry;

Subsidized the armies of other countries while allowing for the very sad depletion of our military;

We've defended other nation's borders while refusing to defend our own;

And spent trillions of dollars overseas while America's infrastructure has fallen into disrepair and decay.

We've made other countries rich while the wealth, strength, and confidence of our country has disappeared over the horizon.

One by one, the factories shuttered and left our shores, with not even a thought about the millions upon millions of American workers left behind.

The wealth of our middle class has been ripped from their homes and then redistributed across the entire world.

But that is the past. And now we are looking only to the future.

We assembled here today are issuing a new decree to be heard in every city, in every foreign capital, and in every hall of power.

From this day forward, a new vision will govern our land. From this moment on, it's going to be America First.

Every decision on trade, on taxes, on immigration, on foreign affairs, will be made to benefit American workers and American families.

We must protect our borders from the ravages of other countries making our products, stealing our companies, and destroying our jobs. Protection will lead to great prosperity and strength.

I will fight for you with every breath in my body – and I will never, ever let you down.

America will start winning again, winning like never before. We will bring back our jobs. We will bring back our borders. We will bring back our wealth. And we will bring back our dreams.

We will build new roads, and highways, and bridges, and airports, and tunnels, and railways all across our wonderful nation.

We will get our people off of welfare and back to work – rebuilding our country with American hands and American labor.

We will follow two simple rules: Buy American and Hire American.

We will seek friendship and goodwill with the nations of the world – but we do so with the understanding that it is the right of all nations to put their own interests first.

We do not seek to impose our way of life on anyone, but rather to let it shine as an example for everyone to follow.

We will reinforce old alliances and form new ones – and unite the civilized world against Radical Islamic Terrorism, which we will eradicate completely from the face of the Earth.

At the bedrock of our politics will be a total allegiance to the United States of America, and through our loyalty to our country, we will rediscover our loyalty to each other.

When you open your heart to patriotism, there is no room for prejudice.

The Bible tells us, “how good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity.”

We must speak our minds openly, debate our disagreements honestly, but always pursue solidarity.

When America is united, America is totally unstoppable.

There should be no fear – we are protected, and we will always be protected.

We will be protected by the great men and women of our military and law enforcement and, most importantly, we are protected by God.

Finally, we must think big and dream even bigger.

In America, we understand that a nation is only living as long as it is striving.

We will no longer accept politicians who are all talk and no action – constantly complaining but never doing anything about it.

The time for empty talk is over.

Now arrives the hour of action.

Do not let anyone tell you it cannot be done. No challenge can match the heart and fight and spirit of America.

We will not fail. Our country will thrive and prosper again.

We stand at the birth of a new millennium, ready to unlock the mysteries of space, to free the Earth from the miseries of disease, and to harness the energies, industries and technologies of tomorrow.

A new national pride will stir our souls, lift our sights, and heal our divisions.

It is time to remember that old wisdom our soldiers will never forget: that whether we are black or brown or white, we all bleed the same red blood of patriots, we all enjoy the same glorious freedoms, and we all salute the same great American Flag.

And whether a child is born in the urban sprawl of Detroit or the windswept plains of Nebraska, they look up at the same night sky, they fill their heart with the same dreams, and they are infused with the breath of life by the same almighty Creator.

So to all Americans, in every city near and far, small and large, from mountain to mountain, and from ocean to ocean, hear these words:

You will never be ignored again.

Your voice, your hopes, and your dreams, will define our American destiny. And your courage and goodness and love will forever guide us along the way.

Together, We Will Make America Strong Again.

We Will Make America Wealthy Again.

We Will Make America Proud Again.

We Will Make America Safe Again.

And, Yes, Together, We Will Make America Great Again.
Thank you, God Bless You, And God Bless America.
(end text)

MORE TRUMP CABINET AND OTHER NOMINEES

Following are additions to last month's list of Trump Cabinet and other nominations:

Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs:
Current **Department of Veterans Affairs Undersecretary for Health Dr. David Shulkin**

Secretary of Agriculture:
Former **Georgia Governor Sonny Perdue**

Securities and Exchange Commission Chairman:
Attorney **Jay Clayton**

Director of National Intelligence:
Former **Indiana Senator Dan Coats**

U.S. Trade Representative:
Former **Deputy U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer**

Counselor to the President:
Trump campaign manager and pollster **Kellyanne Conway**

Assistant to the President for Homeland Security and Counterterrorism:
Former **Deputy Homeland Security Advisor Tom Bossert**

Director of the White House National Trade Council:
Economics Professor **Peter Navarro**

Other White House staff appointments:
Personnel security operations head **Keith Schiller**; former reality television personality **Omarosa Manigault**; former New Jersey gubernatorial aide **Bill Stepien**; former RNC deputy **Katie Walsh**; former Senate aide **Rick Dearborn**; and former Bush administration official **Joseph Hagin**.

Following allegations that portions of a book she wrote several years ago included examples of plagiarism, journalist and talk-show host **Monica Crowley** said she would not take the earlier-announced position of senior director of strategic communications with the National Security Council in the Trump administration.

DOLE, LOTT URGE SWIFT CABINET CONFIRMATIONS



After Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer announced that he and his Democrat colleagues would target Donald Trump's Cabinet nominees as part of an effort to stretch the confirmation hearings for months, two former Senate majority leaders – **Bob Dole of Kansas and Trent Lott of Mississippi** – wrote a joint opinion newspaper column calling it “a bad idea.” Dole and Lott wrote that stalling the confirmation en masse



“will be viewed, rightly, as just an extension of the petty politics that Americans are so strongly rejecting.”

Recognizing that a swift transition of power is in the best interests of our nation, they said, “senators of the opposing party have traditionally allowed new presidents to assemble their Cabinets as quickly as possible.” Occasionally an individual nomination has been blocked, they added, “but never in modern history has either party engaged in wholesale obstruction of a president’s slate of nominees simply for the sake of holding things up.”

Dole and Lott were both involved with confirming Cabinet appointments for former President Bill Clinton in the 1990s. They said that, “As much as we might have disagreed on matters of policy or philosophy with some of Clinton’s nominees, we and our colleagues never entertained the notion of willfully denying” him the opportunity to have his Cabinet in place.

Noting that they find Schumer’s statements worrisome, they said the apparent plan to impede the confirmation process “would trample constitutional precedent, tarnish America’s reputation, and potentially jeopardize the nation’s security.”

Dole and Lott closed their column with: “We urge our friend, Minority Leader Schumer, to put the interests of the nation first and speedily confirm Trump’s Cabinet.”

CLINTON 1995 IMMIGRATION REMARKS

When former President Bill Clinton delivered his 1995 State of the Union address, he sang a different tune on illegal immigration than what we heard during the Obama administration.

Here’s the excerpt from the speech, and it was one that received applause on both sides of the aisle:

“All Americans, not only in the States most heavily affected but in every place in this country, are rightly disturbed by the large numbers of illegal aliens entering our country.

“The jobs they hold might otherwise be held by citizens or legal immigrants. The public service they use impose burdens on our taxpayers. That’s why our administration has moved aggressively to secure our borders more by hiring a record number of new border guards, by deporting twice as many criminal aliens as ever before, by cracking down on illegal hiring, by barring welfare benefits to illegal aliens.

“In the budget I will present to you, we will try to do more to speed the deportation of illegal aliens who are arrested for crimes, to better identify illegal aliens in the workplace as recommended by the commission headed by former Congresswoman Barbara Jordan.

“We are a nation of immigrants. But we are also a nation of laws. It is wrong and ultimately self-defeating for a nation of immigrants to permit the kind of abuse of our immigration laws we have seen in recent years, and we must do more to stop it.”

THIS AND THAT

WHY TRUMP WON.

New York attorney and “National Review” Online contributing columnist **Dan McLaughlin** said in a four-part report on why **Donald Trump** won the presidential election, that while the business entrepreneur had less than historical trends suggested were possible, he accomplished things Republicans had not done for a long time. McLaughlin said Trump “had the wind at his back.” He also pointed out that President Obama was leaving the White House “with no breathing room for anything to go wrong;” that Trump “flipped six battleground states to make the difference;” that a lower voter turnout adversely affected Democrat Hillary Clinton; and that there was ineptitude in the Clinton camp. But McLaughlin also pointed out that in numerous cases, down-ballot candidates won more votes than did Trump, and if he wants a second term in 2020, he will need to figure out how to win over urban, suburban, and Hispanic voters who favored other candidates in 2016. McLaughlin is the nephew of **Greta McLaughlin**, long-time former coordinator of the New Millennium Conservative Club in Florida’s Brevard County.



POLL. In an Economist/YouGov poll of adults taken last month, 69 percent of the Republicans in the survey believe Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction that were never found; 52 percent believe President Obama was born in Kenya; 52 percent believe that “millions of illegal votes” were cast in the November election; 27 percent believe Russia hacked into Democrat emails to help **Donald Trump** win the election; and 18 percent believe Russia tampered with vote tallies to help Trump.



ACT FOR AMERICA! Speaking to the Space Coast Chapter of ACT FOR AMERICA! on January 17, author and retired Miami Police Officer **Marshall Frank** discussed the dangers of militant Islam, calling it “ideology, not a religion.” He said only 12 percent of Muslims globally practice jihad, but that is still 12 percent of 1.5 billion. Noting that President Obama has been allowing tens of thousands of undocumented aliens into the United States – the great majority of them Muslims – Frank spoke of his support for **President-elect Donald Trump**, and said if Hillary Clinton had won the election, the migration into America “would be in the millions.” The stealth jihad aspect of Islam, Frank said, is meant “to take us over from within,” infiltrating banks, college campuses, and especially prisons, where he said conversion within the population “has exploded in recent years.” Much of this activity is spawned by the Muslim Brotherhood, which nearly everyone except the

Obama administration recognizes as a terrorist organization. Stealth jihad is a “serious, real danger,” and if many Americans are not aware of events, it can be blamed on the biased media, which he said is “blinded by liberalism.”



CARLOS LOPEZ-CANTERA. Named to the leadership team of the Republican Lieutenant Governors Association, Florida’s **Carlos Lopez-Cantera** will serve as co-chair for policy in 2017. Noting that “we are faced with an incredible opportunity to advance conservative values from coast to coast at every level of government,” Lopez-Cantera said

he is humbled to have been chosen by his peers to serve in such a critical and exciting year.

FRANK MONTELIONE.

Appearing on the syndicated Ed Dean Radio Show on January 11, **Space Coast Tusk Designer and Assistant Publisher Frank Montelione** joined Willie Lawson, host of the Fight Back Media Group, Independent Conservative Media, headquartered in Tampa, in discussing how much



more racially divided America is today than when President Obama took office. The reasons for the division, he said, are the rise of groups like Black Lives Matter, the failure of the Administration to address police related incidences even when Black Police Officer were involved in shootings, and the Justice Department’s focus on Law Enforcement instead of the source of the inner-city problems like in Chicago. “We tore apart the president’s remark that we have the lowest unemployment in decades, pointing out that the number doesn’t include the under employed or those who dropped out of the job market,” Montelione also said. “We discussed the attempt by anarchist groups to disrupt the inauguration by blocking traffic in and out of Washington, particularly from the south at the Virginia border,” he added and, “I pointed out that the anarchists have been very successful over the past few years by using social media, which doesn’t need big money to begin a movement.”

BETSY DEVOS. Following the confirmation hearing for Secretary of Education-nominee **Betsy DeVos** before the House Education Committee on January 17, **former Florida Governor Jeb Bush**, the president and chairman of the Foundation for Excellence in Education, issued a statement saying why she is a hero of the education reform movement. “She passionately articulated the case for school choice and parental control and expressed a deep commitment to children, especially at-risk students who are the biggest



victims of failing K-12 schools,” Bush said. “Betsy DeVos will take on the entrenched special interests in American education that have put the interests of adults ahead of school children for too long. Our experience in Florida proves that expanded school choice, coupled with strong accountability measures, delivers great results for kids. Betsy DeVos will work to shift power and money back to states and parents so innovation and reform can flourish in America.”

FLORIDA STATE SUPREME COURT. The newest justice on the Florida High Court is conservative **5th District Appellate Judge C. Alan Lawson**, who was selected by **Florida Governor Rick Scott** last month to replace retiring Justice James Perry. Lawson is now the third conservative vote on the seven-member state Supreme Court, that often split 5-2 on matters of public policy. **Justices Charles Canady** and **Ricky Polston** have been the court’s most reliable conservative voices.

ISRAEL. It was bad enough that in its waning days last month, the Obama administration orchestrated a U.N. Security Council resolution condemning Israel’s West Bank settlements, but then several days later at the State Department, Secretary “Scary” Kerry added fuel to the fire, defending the move by saying it was intended to preserve the possibility of a two-state solution for peace between Israel and the Palestinians. Fortunately for America’s once-strongest ally in the Middle East, incoming President **Donald Trump** criticized the administration’s action, and asserted that U.S. policy toward Israel will change back drastically. “This shameful episode in American foreign policy cannot end soon enough,” said **Florida Senator Marco Rubio**, who issued a statement that he will “work to ensure that if the United Nations wants to continue to promote anti-Semitism and anti-Israel views, it will do so without U.S. taxpayer funding.”

MEDIA GULLIBILITY. While staking out Trump Tower last month, looking to interview potential candidates for positions in the new administration, the media didn’t count on one visitor showing just how foolish they are. Long-time Trump friend **Barry Switzer**, the former coach of the Oklahoma Sooners and the Dallas Cowboys, entered the building and immediately was asked what he was doing there. Switzer said he was there to see the president-elect, “just like everyone else,” but then he simply went to the Starbucks in the building to drink coffee. According to “Politico,” when he came back to the lobby, the reporters clamored for details, and Switzer said he told them with a straight face, “I had a great visit, and that we were going to make the wishbone great again,” adding, “I was going to be Secretary of Offense and that Trump knew how to run the ball down the field.” The media bought it. Wonder if the Secretary of Offense will coordinate with the Secretary of Defense in the administration?

SKUL DAZE. Here’s another example of absurdity on the part of school officials, this one coming from Frederick County, Maryland. The social media coordinator for the county’s public schools, Katie Nash, saw on the school system’s social media accounts, that a student, concerned

about a pending snow forecast, tweeted on January 5 to ask if school would be cancelled “tammarow.” Aware of the school system’s efforts to better interact with students on social media, Nash tweeted back, “But then how would you learn how to spell ‘tomorrow?’:).” She thought other students would receive her message in a fun, light-hearted way. She thought wrong. Humorless school administrators apologized, deleted the comment, and fired Nash, who said she hopes the incident is “a learning opportunity for the school system.” Before being taken down, the tweet garnered more than 1,000 retweets and 1,000 likes.

SNOWFLAKE PARISHIONERS. The rector of All Saints Episcopal Church in Pasadena, California, has told his congregation that while they have been praying before for “Barack, our President,” from now on we will be praying for “our president, our president-elect, and all others in authority,” without mentioning anyone by name. Rector Mike Kinman said he was afraid that the mere mention of the name “**Donald Trump**” might trigger microaggressions among some members, and that could jeopardize the safety of others. We have to remember that lots of snowflakes reside in the People’s Republic of California.

EXPERTS’ EXCERPTS



Contributing editor **Andrew McCarthy**, writing on Attorney General-designate Jeff Sessions and the Justice Department in “National Review”:

“Of Washington’s many swamps, none is more in need of draining than the Department of Justice. In

choosing to nominate **Alabama Senator Jeff Sessions** as the next attorney general, **President-elect Trump** is off to a promising start. The institution in which I proudly spent nearly 20 years as a prosecutor is in crisis, no small thanks to the mockery made of the Justice Department by its last two leaders: Eric Holder, the first attorney general in American history to be held in contempt of Congress (for obstructing the oversight investigation of the ‘Fast and Furious’ fiasco), and his successor, Loretta Lynch, who began her term as this nation’s chief law enforcement officer by endorsing President Obama’s aversion to enforcing the immigration laws and is ending it with the farce of her shameful tete-a-tete with Bill Clinton on an Arizona tarmac, necessitating her all-but-formal recusal from the investigation of Hillary Clinton’s e-mail scandal – which Lynch’s subordinates managed nonetheless to whitewash. Of course, attorneys general take their cues from the president. Rarely in history has there been one as deeply involved in the Justice Department’s work as Barack Obama. Out Harvard Law School-educated president fancies himself an expert in constitutional law, and if undermining is a form of expertise, I suppose he fits the bill.... Perhaps the most outrageous of the Obama DOJ’s outrages has been its injection of racial discrimination into the enforcement of civil-rights laws, in blatant violation of the equal-protection

principles those laws are supposed to ensure....It will be difficult to weed the radical activists out of the department. Obama has deeply entrenched the lawyer Left throughout the civil-service ranks, not just in the relative handful of presidential appointments. Sessions will need strong subordinates to marginalize the activists.... In Jeff Sessions, Trump has chosen an experienced prosecutor and lawmaker who firmly grasps the Justice Department’s place in our federal system. His Alabama experience will reinforce Sessions’ respect for state sovereignty; the Justice Department will finally work to support state and local police, not federalize them. Having been a U.S. senator for 20 years, Sessions will appreciate the necessity of oversight by the people’s representatives to keep the Justice Department attuned and responsive to the concerns of Americans – crime, terrorism, border security, and threats to our liberties.”

Campaign for Working Families President Gary Bauer, writing on the year ahead in his End of Day Report:



“Many people like to turn a new page at the beginning of a new year. We all like to forget about unfortunate events in the past. We want to jettison our problems and focus on becoming better people. New Year’s resolutions are always positive, right? Many people may be inclined to think, ‘Well, we won and we can all work together now on positive changes for America.’ That would be nice. But it is unlikely to happen in a deeply divided America, especially if the left has anything to say about it. As I have reported, radical groups like Planned Parenthood, the ACLU, the Sierra Club and others have reported record fundraising since the election. They are not going to spend that money helping to ‘Make America Great Again.’ The left is determined to fight tooth and nail for every inch of ground it gained over the past eight years. Many on the left want bigger government and higher taxes, not smaller government and lower taxes. They want Israel thrown overboard. They think it is good that we are reaching out to enemies like Iran and Venezuela. They think religious liberty should surrender any time it comes into conflict with their radical social agenda. They want more abortions, not fewer. They will not go quietly into the night. Even though he is leaving office, Barack Obama remains the leader of the left. And unlike his predecessors he is remaining in Washington, D.C. But he is not done yet. Every day, step-by-step, he is working to corral Trump/Pence, to tie their hands and limit their options.... I’ll make a prediction: In the coming days, Trump/Pence appointees will be shocked at the little ‘time bombs’ they discover in the departments in which they are working. Perhaps the biggest time bomb was setup over the past eight years with the left’s takeover of the federal courts. Yes, the Supreme Court was spared from total left-wing domination. But you cannot take back the entire federal judiciary in six months. There are grave concerns that much of what the new administration tries to do will be challenged and struck down in courts dominated by left-wing Obama judges.... The 2016

election may be over, but the battle for the heart and soul of America is still raging as fiercely as ever. We are already looking to 2018 -- identifying Democrat senators who can be defeated so we can reach a filibuster-proof majority. All of which is to say that I look forward to continuing to serve you and our values throughout 2017. Your continued prayers and financial support are essential to our success.”



Conservative blogger **Kimberly Ross**, writing on Planned Parenthood at www.redstate.com:

“Liberals are so predictable. The moment you touch their sacred Planned Parenthood, the screeching pro-abort hordes flail around and spread misinformation. It’s always quite a display. The Left wants you to think that defunding Planned Parenthood will actually kill women. The message is that women’s lives will literally end because the abortion giant will not receive \$500 million from the government. It’s all doom, gloom, and then more doom. Here on this side, we promote pro-life, pro-woman, and pro-baby. You can be all three. In fact, you can’t really, truly be one unless you also subscribe to the others.... Planned Parenthood Does Not Need Our Money. It is quite obvious that PP does just fine on their own. In fact, they’re so flush with cash that they spent nearly \$30 million during the 2016 election cycle in an effort to get Hillary, and other pro-abort candidates, elected. That didn’t work out too well. Remember, this is the organization which states they desperately need our money. Post-election, PP has received an enormous amount of donations. Further proof that they do just fine on their own. They received more than 50,000 donations, made by bitter woman, in Mike Pence’s name alone. Overall, donations to PP are at 40 times their regular rate. The ‘services’ PP provides are not cheap. According to their 2014-2015 annual report, there were 323,999 abortions performed in their clinics compared to only 2,024 adoption referrals. On their own website, they list the price of in-clinic abortions as costing up to \$1,500 in the first trimester. You do the math. Planned Parenthood and its minions preach that ‘women will die!’ if the federal government strips them of the \$500 million coming from taxpayers. This is demonstrably false. PP is ignored by the vast majority of women when they seek actual healthcare in the first place. Sadly, PP ends the lives of more than 320,000+ unborn per year while simultaneously making loads of cash. Planned Parenthood wants our money, but we’re saying no. Why? Because at the end of the day, their purse stays full while too many wombs do not.”

Syndicated columnist **Thomas Sowell**, reminiscing in his final column for Creators Syndicate:

“Even the best things come to an end. After enjoying a quarter of a century of writing this column for Creators Syndicate, I have decided to stop. Age 86 is well past the usual retirement age, so the question is not why I am quitting, but why I kept at it so long. It was very



fulfilling to be able to share my thoughts on the events unfolding around us, and to receive feedback from readers across the country – even if it was impossible to answer them all. Being old-fashioned, I liked to know what the facts were before writing. That required not only a lot of research, it also required keeping up with what was being said in the media. During a stay in Yosemite National Park last May, taking photos with a couple of my buddies, there were four consecutive days without seeing a newspaper or a television news program – and it felt wonderful. With the political news being so awful this year, it felt especially wonderful. This made me decide to spend less time following politics and more time on my photography, adding more pictures to my website (www.tsowell.com). Looking back over the years, as old-timers are apt to do, I see huge changes, both for the better and for the worse. In material things, there has been almost unbelievable progress. Most Americans did not have refrigerators back in 1930, when I was born. Television was little more than an experiment, and such things as air-conditioning or air travel were only for the very rich.... People whom the intelligentsia continue to call the ‘have-nots’ today have things that the ‘haves’ did not have, just a generation ago. In some other ways, however, there have been some serious retrogressions over the years. Politics, and especially citizens’ trust in their government, has gone way downhill.... Years of lying presidents – Democrat Lyndon Johnson and Republican Richard Nixon, especially – destroyed not only their own credibility, but the credibility which the office itself once conferred. The loss of that credibility was a loss to the country, not just to the people holding that office in later years.... We cannot return to the past, even if we wanted to, but let us hope that we can learn something from the past to make for a better present and future. Goodbye and good luck to all.”

THOUGHTS TO PONDER

“There is a whiff of apocalypse in the air. The election of **Donald Trump** has sent millions of progressives into a spiral of rage and pain that goes beyond any other post-election tantrum in modern American history.”

--“National Review” online staff writer **David French**

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“**President Donald Trump** gave a terrific inaugural address. His willingness to speak without apology about America’s special place in the world and national pride was a welcome departure from eight years of subtle (and often not so subtle) criticism and cynicism from the nation’s highest public office.

--**Heartland Institute President Joseph Bast**

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“Trump has been laughed at and ridiculed by a vast majority of elites, ignorant pundits and some in the media. It has been sickening to those of us who worked every day toward the defeat of the past regime, and its neglect of the true meaning of our Founding Fathers, the Bill of Rights, our very Constitution and the rule of law.”

--Brevard Republican Executive Committee member **Elaine Scott Bridgman**

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“As the spurious allegations of the intelligence community — including an unconfirmed litany of ridiculous claims of bizarre sexual goings-on — against President-elect Trump continue to fill headlines, they appear to say more about those making and repeating the allegations than they do about the man being so unceremoniously maligned. Many in the liberal mainstream media have taken the story and run with it as if it were verified fact, when in reality it has not been — and appears *impossible* of being — verified.”

--“The New American” writer **C. Mitchell Shaw**

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“For all the challenges a **President Trump** may present conservatives during his term, his populism need not be one of them. Far from contradictory, conservatism and populism complement each other in ways that can change history — as did the most successful populist in recent decades, **Ronald Reagan**.”

--Utah Senator **Mike Lee**

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“In spite of a thoroughly biased and corrupt news media and popular culture that worked their collective hearts out to rid the country and the world of what they viewed as an uncouth, dangerous egotistical businessman and reality TV star, a significant majority, as measured through our Constitutional system of the Electoral College, chose Trump over Hillary. Yes, Hillary won the popular vote, but that’s not how we elect our president.”

--Accuracy in Media editor **Roger Aronoff**

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“The Trump administration has a golden opportunity to reshape and redefine how the media cover the White House and to end a process that has confined front-line reporting to a handful of journalists with an agenda that is often not in line with those of most Americans. The balance of power is shifting, and the liberal media are just going to have to adapt to this new world press order.”

--Accuracy in Media chairman **Don Irvine**

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“The more Democrats obstruct **Donald Trump**, the more people will realize they do not need cradle to grave welfare, entitlements, and government nanny-state-ism. This is a good thing. Democrats are the party of government. If Democrats drive up public dislike of government because of its incompetence and inability to get anything done, that only helps the GOP and conservatism.”

--“The Resurgent” columnist **Erick Erickson**

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“I’m sure Ivanka wants her children to be as normal as possible. Undoubtedly, she wants to remain as normal as possible. I think it’s also safe to say she wants to be able to relate to the ‘little guy.’ None of that matters to the left. As long as there’s an ‘R’ after her dad’s name, liberals will find an excuse to despise her.”

--Christian Conservative and radio host **Carl Jackson**

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“It is almost undeniable that Barack Obama has destroyed the Democrat Party in the short term. Likewise, many of the celebrities who fall in line with him actually do little to advance the progressive agenda they tout.... This party is little more than the final performance of the dance band on the Titanic. They are playing off what they feel is a beautiful vessel that carried their hopes and dreams, despite the fact that it is sinking fast.”

--“Red State” contributing editor **Joe Cunningham**

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“What we know as ‘the media’ never imagined a Trump victory. It has become unhinged at the reality of a Trump presidency. No wonder the fading establishment is now distrusted by a majority of the public, according to Gallup — and becoming irrelevant even among progressives.”

--Author and columnist **Victor Davis Hanson**

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“There is no question humans have changed the climate on a regional scale....However, the evidence suggests human greenhouse-gas emissions are having only a very small impact on global climate, with virtually all the alarmists’ model predictions routinely failing to match reality. In fact, human CO2 emissions are more likely to benefit the environment than harm it.”

--Heartland Institute research fellow **Sterling Burnett**

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“Hillary Clinton didn’t lose the election because life is unfair. She lost it because she had more baggage than the carousel at a major airport.”

--“The Weekly Standard” contributing editor **Noemie Emery**

UPCOMING BREVARD COUNTY EVENTS

- February 2 – Heritage Isle Republican Club meeting, Viera, 10 am.
- February 2 – Brevard 9/12 meeting, Kol Mashiach Synagogue, Melbourne, 6 pm.
- February 6 – Republican Liberty Caucus of Central East Florida meeting, Memaw’s restaurant, Melbourne, 7 pm.
- February 8 – Brevard Republican Executive Committee meeting, Holiday Inn, Viera, 7 pm.
- February 13 – Brevard Federated Republican Women meeting, Duran Golf Club, Viera, 11 am.
- February 13 – The Space Coast Patriots meeting, Merritt Island Library, 6 pm.
- February 14 – ACT! For America Space Coast Chapter meeting, Government Complex Building C, Viera, 6:30 pm.
- February 16 – Republican Women’s Network of South Brevard meeting, Eau Gallie Yacht Club, 11 am.
- February 20 – New Millennium Conservative Club meeting, Suntime-Viera Library, 6:30 pm.

- February 21 – North Brevard Republican Club meeting, Blue Heron Restaurant, Great Outdoors, outside Titusville, 7 pm.
- February 22 – The Space Coast Republican Club meeting, Red Lobster, Merritt Island, 11 am
- February 23 – Ronald Reagan Clubs meeting, Frankie’s Wings & Things, Melbourne, 7 pm.

ABOUT THE NEWSLETTER

There are more than 1,300 people on our ever-increasing distribution list, and the newsletter goes to readers not only all over the country, but also across our borders and beyond. **Editor Stuart Gorin** and **Designer Frank Montelione** hope to see the numbers continue to grow as we pass on information. We continue to cover activities of the Brevard Republican Executive Committee, Republican clubs in the county, and conservative organizations, so both elected officials and the typical “man-in-the-street” are kept abreast of what is happening at the local, state and national levels. Since Republicans as well as Conservatives will never agree 100 percent on all issues – for example, differences between Tea Party members and establishment Republicans – we will not necessarily support any writer’s positions, but will present them so you, the reader, can make up your own mind – fair and balanced. There is a link to this issue at www.thetusk.org, and several recent back issues are available in the archives on the same website. To sign up for your free subscription (or to unsubscribe, if you are so inclined), or to send your comments, suggestions or information to share, email: spacecoasttusk@gmail.com.

COMICAL CLOSER

One sunny day in 2017, an old man approached the White House from Pennsylvania Avenue, where he had been sitting on a park bench.

He spoke to the Marine standing guard and said, “I would like to go in and meet with President Hillary Clinton.”

The Marine replied, “Sir, Mrs. Clinton is not the president and doesn’t reside here.”

The old man said, “Okay” and walked away.

The following day the same man approached the White House and said to the same Marine, “I would like to go in and meet with President Hillary Clinton.”

The Marine replied, “Sir, as I told you yesterday, Mrs. Clinton is not the president and does not reside here.”

The man thanked him and again walked away.

The third day, the same man approached the White House and spoke to the very same Marine, saying, “I would like to go in and meet with President Hillary Clinton.”

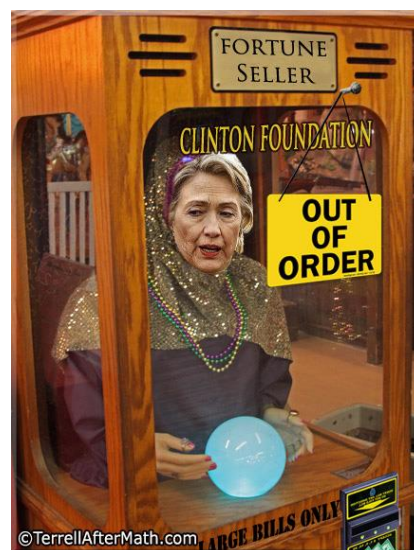
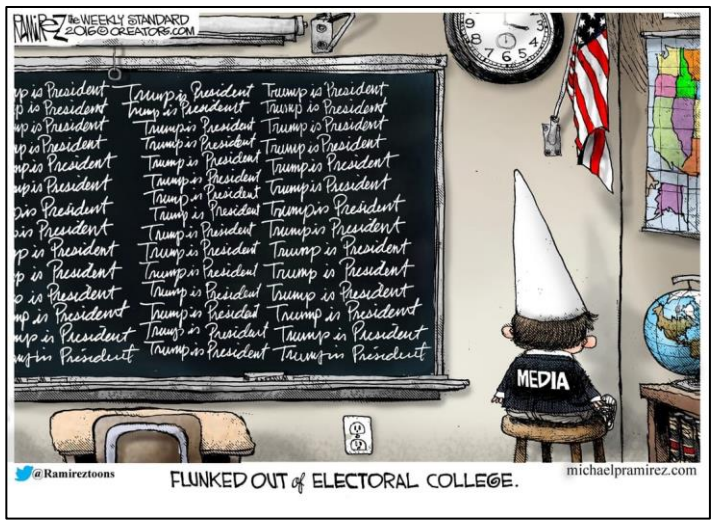
The Marine, understandably agitated at this point said, “Sir, this is the third day in a row that you have asked to speak with Mrs. Clinton, and I have told you each time that Mrs. Clinton is not the president and does not reside here, don’t you understand?”

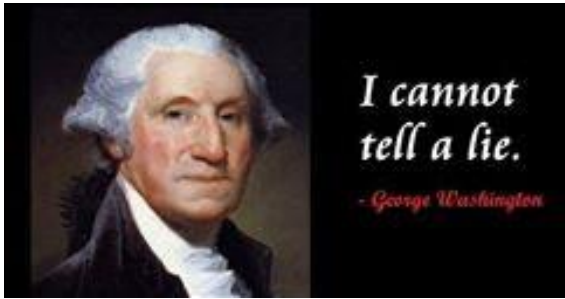
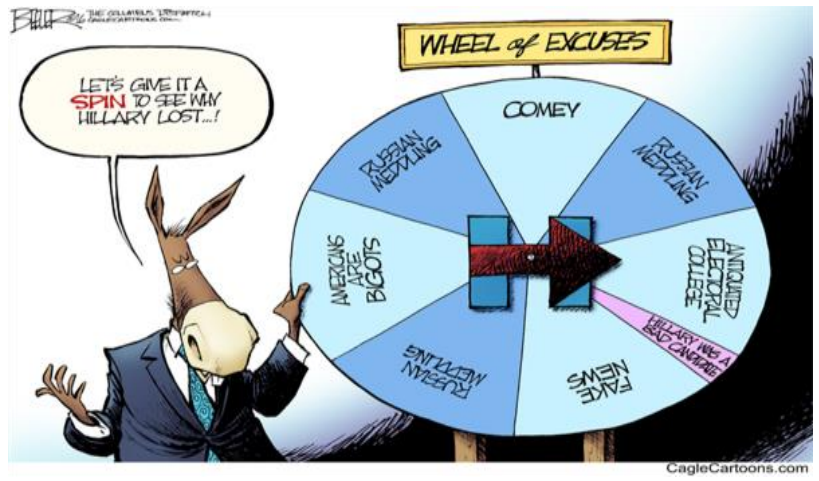
The old man said, “Oh, I understand you just fine. I just love hearing you say it.”

With that the Marine snapped to attention, saluted, and said, “See you tomorrow, Sir.”

SEVERAL PAGES OF PERTINENT POLITICAL CARTOONS AND PHOTOS FOLLOW







I lived through
OBAMA
You'll live through
TRUMP

William Layne



SEXIST RACIST DONALD TRUMP



**APPOINTS MORE RICH WHITE GUYS
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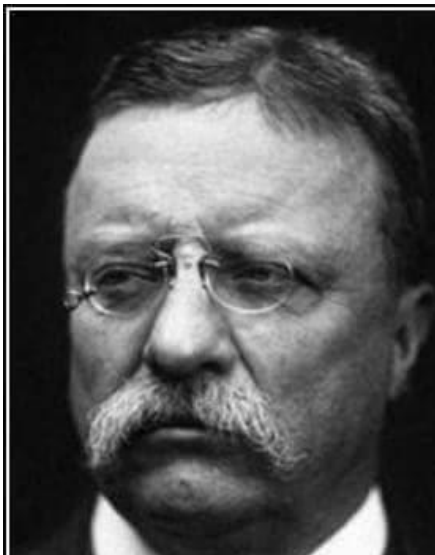
AND TORCHED AMERICAN FLAGS?

ME NEITHER.

**MAYBE ISIS WILL STOP BEHEADING
PEOPLE IF WE EXPLAIN TO THEM
HOW THEY REALLY SHOULD BE
FOCUSING ON
CLIMATE CHANGE.**

-@IMAO-

ENEMIES OF LIBERALISM



To anger a conservative, lie to him.
To anger a liberal, tell him the truth.

— Theodore Roosevelt —