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How the House of Trump Was Built

The New York Times, 28 December 2022

Carlos Lozada, Opinion

<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/12/28/opinion/trump-haberman-baker-glasser-draper.html>

-- When journalists write books on the presidency of Donald Trump they tend to choose one of three options. They write about personality, they write about paper, or they write about people. The personality stories appeal to the versions of history that place a singular individual at their center. The paper stories resonate for their clash of cultures and institutional heft. The people stories captivate for their steady supply of characters who, facing the unthinkable, decide to go ahead and think it, who, having experienced Trump's America, opt to live there full time.

How Trump can help Republicans avert a speakership crisis

The Hill, 28 December 2022

Paul Goldman and Mark J. Rozell

<https://thehill.com/opinion/campaign/3790403-how-trump-can-help-republicans-avert-a-speakership-crisis/>

-- Can the art of the deal save Rep. Kevin McCarthy's (R-Calif.) hopes of becoming speaker of the House? To do so may require that he swallows his pride and seek the help of none other than former President Trump. Richard Nixon faced such a moment in 1960 when he knew President Eisenhower privately favored a different GOP nominee to be his successor. Trump may be the only Republican that can bring the factions in the current speakership crisis together. Nixon would have been better off swallowing his pride and asking Ike for help. Will McCarthy?

Managing Andrew Johnson Natl. Cemetery For Future Generations

The Greeneville Sun, 28 December 2022

https://www.greenevillesun.com/living/managing-andrew-johnson-natl-cemetery-for-future-generations/article_e31b993e-7fe2-11ed-aa9a-a3a11b14d8e2.html

-- Andrew Johnson National Cemetery is one of 14 national cemeteries managed by the National Park Service. The cemetery was established in 1906, shortly after our 17th President's oldest surviving daughter – Martha Johnson Patterson, willed Signal Hill, where her parents were buried, to the War Department to be used as a resting place for veterans. The cemetery is one of over 423 parks in the National Park System.

Poll shows Indiana Republicans want Daniels, Braun and Trump representing them

TheStateHouseFile.com, 26 December 2022

Jack Sells

https://www.thestatehousefile.com/politics/poll-shows-indiana-republicans-want-daniels-braun-and-trump-representing-them/article_9333067e-8347-11ed-91b9-ab-fcc718c546.html

-- Trump received 39% of the vote, followed by Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis (28%) and Mike Pence (13%).

Presidential history: Presidents receive gifts not only at Christmas

The Virginia Gazette, 26 December 2022

Jonathan L Stolz

<https://www.dailypress.com/virginiagazette/va-vg-stolz-presidents-christmas-20221226-zukegzorszdd7ks4ywf3mzznli-story.html>

-- According to the National Archives, modern chief executives collect up to 15,000 presents annually from diplomats and ordinary Americans. This practice has occurred despite a clause in the U.S. Constitution banning all U.S. officials from personally Accepting such largesse from other countries' representatives. Gifts received from American citizens can be kept. The article references many unusual gifts, such as the Komodo dragon from the leader of Indonesia presented to President George H.W. Bush in 1990.

The Electoral College is hazardous to democracy, Raskin says

POLITICO, 25 December 2022

David Cohen

<https://www.politico.com/news/2022/12/25/jamie-raskin-electoral-college-danger-00075588>

-- Rep. Jamie Raskin (D-Md.) said it is about time Americans elect presidents the same way they elect other public officials. He said the Electoral College "has become a danger" to American democracy. Speaking on CBS "Face the Nation," further said, "I think that the Electoral College now, which has given us five popular vote losers as president in our history—twice in this century alone—has become a danger.

Popular Rule

The Nation, 24 December 2022

Sophia Rosenfeld

<https://www.thenation.com/article/society/jedediah-purdy-two-cheers-for-politics/>

-- Has the United States ever been a democracy? In the early years of the United States, almost no one called the country's highly unusual experiment in popular sovereignty a "democracy." Only around the start of Andrew Jackson's presidency in the late 1820s did the concept of democracy—redefined to mean a representative version of popular rule constrained by a constitution—catch on and begin its meteoric ascent. It took even longer to finally establish the particular form of representative democracy that we know today.

William Lambers: Our holiday tradition of feeding the world's hungry

The Sun (Westford, MA), 24 December 2022

Jacob Vitali

<https://www.lowellsun.com/2022/12/24/william-lambers-our-holiday-tradition-of-feeding-the-worlds-hungry/>

-- When President Harry Truman spoke at the White House Christmas Tree lighting in 1947 he reminded everyone "that the first Christmas was a homeless one." It was important to remember those who were homeless and hungry, especially during the Christmas season. The author discusses the families in the Democratic Republic of Congo who have been displaced from their homes due to fighting with the M23 rebels, and suggestions that donations to support the DRC are in the same spirit as historical efforts by Americans.

Barack Obama shares his favorite movies, books and music of 2022

CNN, 23 December 2022

Chandelis Duster

<https://www.cnn.com/2022/12/23/politics/barack-obama-favorite-books-movies-2022/index.html>

-- Among his favorite books: "The Light We Carry" by former first lady Michelle Obama; films: "Top Gun: Maverick"; music: songs from Beyonce' and Lizzo.

Democrats fret as Biden tries to bolster reelection case touting legislative wins

NBC News, 22 December 2022

Peter Nicholas and Carol E. Lee

<https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/white-house/democrats-fret-biden-tries-bolster-re-election-case-rcna61465>

-- Early in the new year Biden will deliver a State of the Union speech and roll out his agenda covering the second half of his term, building toward a campaign Announcement that could come as early as February, people familiar with his planning Say. For all the triumphalism brimming from Biden's speeches, he faces an unhappy Conundrum: leading a party that's grateful to him for ousting Donald Trump, but also ready for him to retire and cede the field to a younger generation.

I've discovered Joe Biden's fountain of youth

The Hill, 22 December 2022

Barbara A. Perry, Opinion Contributor

<https://thehill.com/opinion/white-house/3781498-ive-discovered-joe-bidens-fountain-of-youth/>

-- The author, who is the Presidential Studies director and Gerald L. Baliles Professor at the University of Virginia's Miller Center, describes an evening at the White House where after the formalities of the event, President Biden, stepped down and worked the room like the reincarnation of an Irish pol, such as Spencer Tracy did in the 1958 film, "The Last Hurrah." She compared him to Theodore Roosevelt, Franklin Roosevelt, and John Kennedy who appeared incandescent in front of enthusiastic throngs, and even Ronald Reagan in his first speech before a cheering Congress, after surviving a near-fatal gunshot wound less than one month earlier.

Ulysses C. Grant receives overdue promotion

The Daily Courier, 22 December 2022

David M. Shribman

https://www.dailycourier.com/ulysses-c-grant-receives-overdue-promotion/article_bd5f4aee-820b-11ed-85d1-b3ff65ef5603.html

-- The 18th president has been dead for 137 years, his presidency ended in 1877, and his Civil War heroics ended more than a century and a half ago. Congress passed a little-celebrated but vital defense authorization bill that had an unusual element: the promotion of Grant to the rank of general of the armies of the United States. As a result, with that honor, he will stand only with George Washington and World War I General John J. Pershing. The promotion came with bipartisan support, a triumph in its own right.

In Jimmy Carter's Plains, Georgia, Christmas tree tradition lives on

Chattanooga Times Free Press, 21 December 2022

Ernie Suggs/The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

-- Among other stories, this article reflects on the continuing traditions in Plains, Georgia surrounding the Christmas holidays, the former President's traditional lifestyle, and the Jimmy Carter National Historical Park celebrating its 35th anniversary.

Teddy Roosevelt's failed Bull Moose campaign may portend the future of the GOP and Donald Trump

The Conversation, 21 December 2022

<https://theconversation.com/teddy-roosevelts-failed-bull-moose-campaign-may-portend-the-future-of-the-gop-and-donald-trump-196267>

-- As Donald Trump launches his third run for the White House, it is useful to look back at another ex-president, Theodore Roosevelt, whose campaign to regain the office from his successor, William Howard Taft, divided the Republican Party and ensured the victory of Democrat Woodrow Wilson in the presidential election of 1912.

Is Donald Trump finished? Many – but not all – Republicans hope so.

The Christian Science Monitor, 20 December 2022

Linda Feldmann

<https://www.csmonitor.com/USA/Politics/2022/1220/Is-Donald-Trump-finished-Many-but-not-all-Republicans-hope-so>

-- Trump's "MAGA" base still love him, while mainstream Republicans see him as a millstone, holding the party back. "There's not an easy solution to this, short of Trump being indicted and convicted, says Doug Heye, former spokesperson for the Republican National Committee. For Trump defenders, Both the Jan. 6 referrals and tax return situation spark cries of "political witch hunt" from supporters. And certainly, the nine-lives quality to his first presidential run showed that he could recover from seemingly disastrous developments—such as the release of damaging audio—and still win.

New book says Biden called Harris a 'work in progress'

Politico, 20 December 2022

Alex Thompson, Eli Stokols and Lauren Egan

<https://www.politico.com/newsletters/west-wing-playbook/2022/12/20/the-juicy-new-biden-book-00074849>

-- In the first months of his presidency, Joe Biden vented his frustration about Vice President Kamal Harris, telling a friend that she was "a work in progress." According to an upcoming book, "The Fight of His Life," word got back to Biden that second gentleman Douglass Emhoff had been complaining about Harris' policy portfolio—which her allies felt was hurting her politically. "Biden was annoyed," wrote author Chris Whipple, who obtained extensive access to Biden administration officials while writing the book. The new details of the tensions between the vice president and the president are among the many revelations in the book due out on January 17 that Traces the highs and lows of Biden's first two years.

US Names Kennedy scion to Northern Ireland role

DAWN, 20 December 2022

<https://www.dawn.com/news/1727255/us-names-kennedy-scion-to-northern-ireland-role>

-- President Joe Biden's administration on Monday named Joe Kennedy III, a scion Of the Irish American political dynasty, as an envoy on Northern Ireland. Kennedy was given a title of special envoy to Northern Ireland for economic affairs with a focus on promoting investment and development. Kennedy, the grandson of the late senator Ted Kennedy, served in the House of Representatives until unsuccessfully seeking the Democratic nomination for a Senate seat in 2020.

Will Trump Succeed?

Sabato's Crystal Ball (UVA), 20 December 2022

Gerald Pomper

<https://centerforpolitics.org/crystalball/articles/will-trump-succeed/>

-- Assessing his 2022 record and 2024 chances. Trump's bid for a third Republican presidential nomination opens the 2024 presidential election. The former president achieved only limited victories in the 2022 national and state elections. But the structure of the Republican party provides him with many institutional advantages in the nomination race.

After Biden's wife died in a crash 50 years ago, Richard Nixon called

The Washington Post, 17 December 2022

Michael E. Ruane

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/history/2022/12/17/nixon-biden-recording-wife-accident/>

-- A recording of Nixon's condolence call survives at the Nixon Presidential Library. Nixon called the day after the accident, which occurred on 18 December 1972. Nixon had just won a landslide victory to his second term in the White House. The article provides the text of the conversation.

How you can support Hoover Presidential Museum renovation

The Gazette (Cedar Rapids, IA), 16 December 2022

Hoover Museum Board of Trustees

<https://www.thegazette.com/guest-columnists/how-you-can-support-hoover-presidential-museum-renovation/>

-- The largest renovation of the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum's Exhibit space is underway. The last renovation was over 30 years ago. Changes are needed to reflect the expectations of a newer generation. Renovation will include more interactive, hands-on displays and in-depth storytelling that will take the viewer on an emotional roller coaster through the ups and downs in Hoover's life.

The Little-Known Story of the First Washington Monument

Smithsonian Magazine, 14 December 2022

Dorvall Bedford

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/the-little-known-story-of-the-first-washington-monument-180981268/>

-- A granite tower in western Maryland, the structure predates the obelisk on the National Mall by more than two decades. On the morning of July 4, 1827, residents of Boonsboro, Maryland, gathered in their town square before ascending nearby South Mountain. Their "patriotic purpose," wrote one William Bell for the local *Torch Light* Newspaper, was "erecting a monument to the memory" of a national hero: George Washington.

Opinion: The presidents who did – and didn't – comply with subpoenas

DeseretNews, 13 December 2022

Stephen W. Stathis, Contributor

<https://www.deseret.com/2022/12/13/23501682/presidents-who-didnt-comply-with-subpoenas>

-- The list includes: Trump, Truman, John Quincy Adams, John Tyler, and Theodore Roosevelt. The article also notes those presidents that voluntarily testified before committees (e.g., Truman, Taft, Hoover, Ford).

Woodrow Wilson led the U.S. into WWI. He also waged war on democracy at home

NPR, WAMU 88.5, 13 December 2022

Dave Davies

<https://www.npr.org/2022/12/13/1142474637/woodrow-wilson-led-the-u-s-into-wwi-he-also-waged-war-on-democracy-at-home>

-- Author Adam Hochschild says Wilson used the first World War as an excuse to spy on Americans, censor the press and plan for the mass deportation of immigrants. His new book is *American Midnight*.

Progressives Have Failed to Heed LBJ's Final Warning

Time, 12 December 2022

Mark K. Updegrove (President & CEO of the LBJ Foundation and author of *Incomparable Grace: JFK in the Presidency*)

<https://time.com/6240424/progressives-failed-to-heed-lbjs-final-warning/>

-- LBJ's last speech, shortly before his death from heart failure (angina), ended with a call to action – "we must not allow the visibility of a few to diminish the efforts to satisfy what is our real responsibility to the still unseen millions who are faced with that basic problem of being Black in a White society."

The Estimated Net Worth's Of Every Single US President

BuzzFeed, 11 December 2022

Madison McGee

<https://www.buzzfeed.com/madisonmcgee/presidential-net-worths>

-- According to the author of the article, many of the first 18 presidents acquired their wealth through land ownership, which was largely worked by enslaved people. Amounts were converted to 2022 values. Estimates included Washington (\$525 million), Jefferson (\$212 million), Jackson (\$119 million), Lincoln (\$1.36 million), Cleveland (\$28.7 million), Theodore Roosevelt (\$125 million), Hoover (\$75 million), Franklin Roosevelt (\$60 million), Eisenhower (\$8 million), Kennedy (\$1 billion), Lyndon Johnson (\$98 million), Nixon (\$15 million), Reagan (\$13 million), George H.W. Bush (\$26.6 million), Clinton (\$75 million), George W. Bush (\$40 million), Obama (\$135 million), Trump (\$3.2 billion), Biden (\$8 million).

The President Who Did It All in One Term – and what Biden Could Learn From Him

POLITICO, 2 December 2022

Joshua Zeitz

<https://www.politico.com/news/magazine/2022/12/02/biden-president-james-k-polk-reelection-00071709>

-- It was never James K. Polk's intention to run for president. A former Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, Polk had served a single two-year term as governor of Tennessee. But Polk would quickly emerge as "probably the most successful president the United States had ever had" to that date, according to historian Daniel Walker Howe. In presidential rankings, historians consistently rate Polk in the top two quartiles, despite his deliberate decision to serve just one term. As President Joe Biden deliberates on his own plans for 2024, it's worth revisiting the story of Polk, a man who was underestimated at every turn. History suggests that Biden could elect to serve one term with his legacy strongly intact.

Biden as oldest US president at age 80: Nation deserves a 'full neurological assessment' of him

Fox News, 27 November 2022

Shiv Sudhakar

<https://www.foxnews.com/health/biden-oldest-president-age-80-nation-full-neurological-assessment>

-- President Joe Biden turned 80 on November 20, 2022—and debate is ongoing, from a health perspective, about his advanced age and the capacity of individuals of that age to serve in the highest office in the land.

Newsom Told the White House He Won't Challenge Biden

Politico, 26 November 2022

Jonathan Martin

<https://www.politico.com/news/2022/11/26/gavin-newsom-wont-challenge-joe-biden-00070829>

-- Gov. Gavin Newsom has won three elections in five years in America's largest state, is apoplectic about his party's messaging defects and follows Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis and the right-wing media ecosystem with a zeal that would put some opposition researchers to shame. But Newsome wants the word to go forth: He's not going to challenge President Biden for the Democratic nomination in 2024.

Statement by President Joe Biden on Remembering the Holodomor

The White House, 23 November 2022

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/11/23/statement-by-president-joe-biden-on-remembering-the-holodomor/>

-- This November marks the anniversary of the Holodomor—"death by hunger". During his regime, Joseph Stalin imposed harsh and repressive policies on Ukraine, including creating a deliberate famine in 1932-33 that caused millions of innocent Ukrainian women, men, and children to perish. This month, we remember the victims. We reaffirm our steadfast commitment to Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity. And we honor the brave Ukrainian people who continue to courageously resist Russia's assault on their democracy.

We Live in an Age of Futile Impeachments

Lawfare, 21 November 2022

Brian C. Kalt

<https://www.lawfareblog.com/we-live-age-futile-impeachments>

-- During the Republic's first 41 presidencies (Washington through Bush I), there were only two presidential impeachment episodes, both of them weighty—Andrew Johnson and Richard Nixon. The four presidencies after that saw three impeachments, all of them futile—meaning that it was clear well before the final vote was taken in the Senate that the president would be acquitted. Is there a better way for Congress to go about this?

How James Madison's forensic science work could save American democracy, 200 years later

Salon, 20 November 2022

Matthew Rozsa

<https://www.salon.com/2022/11/20/how-james-madisons-forensic-science-work-could-save-american-democracy-200-years-later/>

-- A draft of the Constitution, whose inauthenticity was proved by James Madison, is the focus of a legal drama today.

It's White House wedding day – but the wildest one was Alice Roosevelt

The Washington Post, 19 November 2022

Ronald G. Shafer

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/history/2022/11/19/alice-roosevelt-white-house-wedding/>

-- The historic and wild wedding of Alice Lee Roosevelt, the lively daughter of Republican President Theodore Roosevelt, contrasted with the upcoming November 19 wedding of President Biden's eldest granddaughter, Naomi. The suggestion of the author is that high-spirited Alice and her wedding will be very hard to match by the Biden family. Alice lived until she was 96, and United Press International (UPI) noted that her wedding nearly seven decades before was "one of the prime social events of the century's first decade." [Ronald G. Shafer is the author of "Breaking News All Over Again," a collection of his Washington Post Retropolis columns.]

4 Ex-Presidents Who Ran Again—And What They Mean for Trump

Politico, 15 November 2022

Joshua Zeitz

<https://www.politico.com/news/magazine/2022/11/15/why-they-ran-again-00066579>

-- The article lists ex-presidents who ran again and lost, and Grover Cleveland who was reelected after a one term gap when Benjamin Harrison served four years.

50 years of hindsight shows Richard Nixon was right on a lot – opinion

The Jerusalem Post, 14 November 2022

Judah Waxelbaum

<https://www.jpost.com/opinion/article-722285>

-- Richard Nixon was right to give China access to capitalism, knew the ayatollahs should not be allowed to seize power in Iran, was acutely aware of the threat Russia posed to the world. This year marks the 50th anniversary of President Richard Nixon's historic trip to China.

Former US President George W. Bush to hold public conversation with Ukrainian President Zelensky next week

CNN Politics, 11 November 2022

Kylie Atwood

<https://www.cnn.com/2022/11/10/politics/bush-zelensky-public-conversation/index.html>

-- The aim of the meeting is to underscore the importance of the US continuing to support Ukraine's war effort against Russia. The even will take place in Dallas, Texas and will be open to the public. Bush has called Zelensky the "Winston Churchill of our time."

Voters sent Joe Biden a clear message on Tuesday. Can he just ignore it?

CNN Politics, 11 November 2022

Chris Cillizza

<https://www.cnn.com/2022/11/11/politics/biden-second-term-midterm-exit-polls/index.html>

-- Voters sent a variety of mixed signals in the 2022 midterm elections, but one thing came through quite clearly: they don't want President Joe Biden to run for a second Term. According to national exit polling, 67% of midterm voters don't want Biden to run for president in 2024, compared with 30% who want him to run.

Biden should not repeat Jimmy Carter's windfall profits tax mistake

The Hill, 10 November 2022

Scott A. Hodge

<https://thehill.com/opinion/finance/3729244-biden-should-not-repeat-jimmy-carters-windfall-profits-tax-mistake/>

-- It is surprising that Biden would embrace a so-called "windfall profits tax" on oil companies when it proved to be an utter failure the last time it was tried under President Jimmy Carter. It would be a mistake for Congress to bring life to this Proposal as the lame-duck session approaches. Not only did the Carter tax fall short of expectations, but it also increased our dependence on foreign oil, according to the Congressional Research Service.

Joe Biden indicates he'll run in 2024, following Democrat's midterms wins

The Guardian, 10 November 2022

Lauren Gambino

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2022/nov/10/joe-biden-2024-president-election>

-- A self-assured Biden, riding high from Democrats' history-defying showing in this year's midterm elections, said at a post-election press conference that he intends to seek another term, but that it was ultimately a "family decision."

Retiring GOP Sen. Rob Portman says he doesn't think Trump will run for reelection in 2024

Cincinnati Enquirer, 10 November 2022

<https://www.cincinnati.com/story/news/politics/elections/2022/11/11/2024-election-rob-portman-says-donald-trump-wont-run-for-president/69638042007/>

-- Portman argues Trump could pull back after seeing polls that don't reflect overwhelming support for him. "I think he's likely to look at polling data and say he doesn't want to lose."

Working For 5 Presidents, Wyoming's Connie Gerrard Had

Cowboy State Daily, 10 November 2022

<https://cowboystatedaily.com/2022/11/10/working-for-5-presidents-wyomings-connie-gerrard-had-front-row-seat-through-25-years-of-history/>

-- There are a handful of people from Wyoming who have worked in Washington, D.C., and made careers of navigating politics. But few have had a more intimate view of the office of the President of the United States than Connie Gerrard of Evanston, who as a young woman made the decision to leave behind her life in the West and make a go of it in the nation's capital. For 25 years, she said she sat "a stone's throw from the Oval Office" in the Press Office at the White House under five presidents – Johnson, Nixon, Ford, Carter and Reagan – ending her remarkable career just as President George H.W. Bush took office.

9 U.S. Presidents Who Testified Before Congress

Mental Floss, 7 November 2022

Ellen Gutoskey

<https://www.mentalfloss.com/posts/presidents-who-testified-before-congress>

-- The article explains the reasons for each of the nine presidents, which include: John Quincy Adams, John Tyler, Abraham Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt, William Howard Taft, Woodrow Wilson, Herbert Hoover, Harry S. Truman, and Gerald Ford.

'An American Christmas Story' at Reagan Library

KTLA 75, 6 November 2022

Gayle Anderson

<https://ktla.com/morning-news/an-american-christmas-story-exhibit-opens-at-reagan-library/>

-- The Reagan Library presents its brand-new holiday exhibition – *An American Christmas Story*. This 5,000-square-foot, never been seen before exhibit explores some of the fascinating holiday traditions and the unique expressions of the holidays from all 50 states and all of the American territories.

Bill Clinton stumps in Vegas, Henderson in support of Cortez Masto

Las Vegas Review-Journal, 6 November 2022

Brett Clarkson

<https://www.reviewjournal.com/news/politics-and-government/bill-clinton-stumps-in-vegas-henderson-in-support-of-cortez-masto-2671515/>

-- Former President Bill Clinton was in southern Nevada on Sunday in an effort to inflate U.S. Senator Catherine Cortez Masto's chances at the polls on Tuesday as her neck-and-neck battle with Adam Laxalt came down to its final hours.

Biden and Obama Reunite in a Last-Ditch Effort to Save Their Party

The New York Times, 5 November 2022

Peter Baker and Alan Rappeport

<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/11/05/us/elections/biden-obama-rally.html>

-- After weeks of never crossing paths on the trail, the two presidents finally met up on Saturday for their first joining campaign appearance since Mr. Biden took office. The two Democrats teamed up at a rally in Philadelphia, taking the stage to roaring applause and blaring music. Biden hailed the legacy of Mr. Obama, whom he called "a great president, a historic president—I'm proud to say, a dear friend."

Michael Reagan: The president's latest hate speech

Lima News, 5 November 2022

Michael Reagan

<https://www.limaohio.com/columns/2022/11/05/michael-reagan-the-presidents-latest-hate-speech/>

-- It was extra painful to watch the president (Joe Biden) give that terrible speech to the country on Wednesday night. It wasn't that he had to struggle to read the teleprompter and form the words. We've gotten used to that serial public embarrassment. It was that his primetime speech felt like you were listening to an Alzheimer's victim who was so out of touch with reality that he was living in another time – in their childhood or their college days, for example. Everyone in the Democrat Party knows their ship is sinking like the Titanic, and Biden is their demented captain.

Quincy Unveiling 7-Foot Statue of Abigale Adams on Saturday

95.9 WATD News & Talk Radio, South Shore Massachusetts, 4 November 2022

Lenny Rowe

<https://959watd.com/blog/2022/11/quincy-unveiling-7-foot-statue-of-abigail-adams-on-saturday/>

-- The city of Quincy is celebrating the unveiling of the Abigale Adams Statue. Adams was a defining voice of the Revolutionary Era, wife of the second President of the United States, John Adam, and mother of the sixth President, John Quincy Adams. She was a farmer, writer, and patriot.

Americans under 21 first voted 50 years ago. It didn't go as expected.

The Washington Post, 29 October 2022

Frederic J. Frommer

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/history/2022/10/29/nixon-mcGovern-1972-young-voters/>

-- Fifty years ago, when young Americans aged 18 to 20 got to vote in their first presidential election, Democrats were confident that it would be a bonanza for their candidate, George McGovern. But President Richard M. Nixon had other ideas. In the end, Nixon wound up getting nearly half of the vote of the young first-time voters – not that he needed them. In a historic landslide, he won 49 states and nearly 61 percent of the popular vote, losing just Massachusetts and the District of Columbia.

Obama, Biden, Harris all hit campaign trail as Election Day nears

The Washington Post, 28 October 2022

John Wagner and Mariana Alfaro

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2022/10/28/obama-georgia-biden-harris-pennsylvania/>

-- Democrats are dispatching a current and a former president to battleground states as Election Day rapidly approaches. Biden and Harris are scheduled to speak at a fundraiser in Pennsylvania to aid Senate hopeful John Fetterman and gubernatorial candidate Josh Shapiro. Obama plans to be in Georgia at a rally aiming to give a boost to Sen. Raphael G. Warnock (D-Ga.).

With his own midterm ‘shellacking’ in mind, Obama returns to campaign trail to boost Democrats

WDJT-Milwaukee, 28 October 2022

Jeff Zeleny and Dan Merica, CNN

<https://www.cbs58.com/news/with-his-own-midterm-shellacking-in-mind-obama-returns-to-campaign-trail-to-boost-democrats>

-- Midterm elections were never Barack Obama’s strong suit. The campaign seasons of 2010 and 2014 were among the lowest points of his presidency, as Democratic Control of first the House and then the Senate washed away in some of the most humbling defeats of his time in office. The Democrats lost 63 seats in the House in the middle of his first term.

With Majority in Sight, Republicans Hush Talk of Impeaching Biden

The New York Times, 28 October 2022

Annie Karni

<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/10/28/us/politics/house-republicans-impeachment-biden.html>

-- Since the day President Biden took office, Republicans have publicly called for his impeachment, introducing more than a dozen resolutions accusing him and his top officials of high crimes and misdemeanors and running campaign ads and fund-raising appeals vowing to remove the president from office at the first opportunity. Should Representative Kevin McCarthy, Republican of California and minority leader, become House speaker, he would be under immense pressure from the hard-right members of his rank and file – to impeach.

Lucianne Goldberg, who leaked tapes at center of Clinton impeachment, dies at 87

The Washington Post, 27 October 2022

Brian Murphy

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/obituaries/2022/10/27/lucianne-goldberg-clinton-tripp-dies/>

-- Ms. Goldberg, a literary agent, urged former White House aide Linda Tripp to secretly tape her friend Monica Lewinsky, who had an affair with the president. As a younger woman, she co-wrote an anti-feminist manifesto called “Purr, Baby, Purr”, and said she had been a spy for President Richard M. Nixon’s campaign in his 1972 reelection bid against then Democratic nominee George S. McGovern.

Remarks by President Biden in Meeting with DoD Leaders

The White House, 26 October 2022

South Court Auditorium, Eisenhower Executive Office Building

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/speeches-remarks/2022/10/26/remarks-by-president-biden-in-meeting-with-department-of-defense-leaders/>

-- Biden honored the memory of 25th Secretary of Defense Ash Carter who suddenly passed away on Monday night. He also honored Admiral Linda Fagan, the first woman to serve as a four-star in the Coast Guard, as well as General Langley, the first Black four-star in the 246-year history of the Marine Corps.

Why the midterms are going to be great for Donald Trump

CNN, 26 October 2022

Chris Cillizza, CNN Editor-at-large

<https://www.cnn.com/2022/10/26/politics/red-wave-trump-political-benefit/index.html>

-- With less than two weeks left before the November midterm elections, all signs are pointing to a strong Republican showing that would result in a switch of party control in the House and possibly the Senate. If things go well for Republicans in 13 days, the former President will be at the front of the line to take credit.

President Bush to join President Daniels for final Purdue Presidential Lecture Series event

Purdue University, 20 October 2022

<https://www.purdue.edu/newsroom/releases/2022/Q4/president-bush-to-join-president-daniels-for-final-purdue-presidential-lecture-series-event.html>

-- Bush will share the stage with University President Mitch Daniels, who served in the White House as Bush's first budget director. "A Conversation with George W. Bush," will feature a discussion of leadership in challenging times and the responsibilities of an informed citizenship. Previously, Former First Lady Laura Bush and twin daughters Barbara Pierce Bush and Jenna Bush Hager spoke at Purdue in October 2018 in connection with the series.

Gerald Ford's media relations calm compared with others

Spartan News Room (Michigan State University School of Journalism), 14 October 2022

Eric Freedman

<https://news.jrn.msu.edu/2022/10/gerald-fords-media-relations-calm-compared-with-others/>

-- Ford's first official act as president was to pardon Richard Nixon, a decision that political analysts say doomed his chances of winning the presidency in his own right in 1976. After that Ford's tenure in the White House was unspectacular, and he endured no crises that rose to the level of creating major conflict with journalists and news organizations, unlike what the nation witnessed with Presidents Trump, Nixon and several others. The author references Jon Marshall's new book, "Clash: Presidents and the Press in Times of Crisis" (Potomac Books).

Biden says ‘slight recession’ possible, but ‘I can beat Donald Trump again’

New York Post, 12 October 2022

Steven Nelson

<https://nypost.com/2022/10/12/biden-says-he-can-beat-donald-trump-again-speaks-on-possible-slight-recession/>

-- Biden denied the economy is in the midst of a recession — despite it meeting the standard definition of two consecutive quarters of contraction — but acknowledged in an interview on CNN that a downturn could happen.

George HW Bush snubbed Trump at airport by hiding behind a newspaper: Report

Washington Examiner, 12 October 2022

Ryan King

<https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/news/george-hw-bush-snubbed-trump-hiding-newspaper-reporter>

-- Bush was just out of office when he stumbled upon Trump at an airport in the 1990's, *New York Times* correspondent Maggie Haberman recounted in an anecdote that didn't make it in her new book, *Confidence Man: The Making of Donald Trump and the Breaking of America*. "I don't like him. I don't know much about him, but I know he's a blowhard. And I'm not too excited about him being a leader," Bush was quoted as saying about Trump, per CNN.

How did we avoid a Cuban Missile ‘Armageddon’? Strategic empathy.

Responsible Statecraft, 12 October 2022

Katrina vanden Heuvel and James Carden

<https://responsiblestatecraft.org/2022/10/12/what-the-cuban-missile-crisis-can-teach-us-about-the-war-in-ukraine/>

-- The ability of both Kennedy and Khrushchev to understand each other in October 1962 is a lesson for the US and Russia in 2022. Events surrounding Cuba, Turkey, the downing of the U2, all led to a workable relationship and strategic empathy by Kennedy and Khrushchev that paved the way for a peaceful resolution of the most dangerous crisis of the Cold War.

New evidence to show Trump was warned of violence on Jan. 6

The Washington Post, 12 October 2022

Carol D. Leonnig and Jacqueline Alemany

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2022/10/12/new-evidence-show-trump-was-warned-violence-jan-6/>

-- The probably final public hearing of the House committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol is expected to highlight newly obtained Secret Service records showing how President Donald Trump was repeatedly alerted to brewing violence that day, and he still sought to stoke the conflict, according to three people briefed on the records.

Biden, Storyteller in Chief, Spins Yarns That Often Unravel

The New York Times, 11 October 2022

Michael D. Shear and Linda Qiu

<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/10/10/us/politics/biden-exaggeration-falsehood.html>

-- President Biden has embraced storytelling as a way of connecting with his audience, but his folksiness can veer into a personal folklore. The article gives as an example, his exaggeration in the past about his house burning down with his wife inside, when in fact it was a small fire that was contained to the kitchen and took the fire department 20 minutes to bring under control.

Stuart Varney: President Biden is prepared to bend the truth when it suits him

Fox Business, 11 October 2022

By Fox Business Staff

<https://www.foxbusiness.com/politics/stuart-varney-president-biden-prepared-bend-truth-suits-him>

-- Varney recounts several stories to make his point: 35 years ago when he claimed three undergraduate degrees and a full scholarship to law school where he finished in the top half of his class; when he copied a speech given by Neil Kinnock, lifting whole passages and had to withdraw from the campaign in 1987; and last week when he claimed that a fire 15 years ago, had destroyed 'an awful lot' of his house, which was also not true.

The 10 Best Books on President George H. W. Bush

Brooksy, An Enlightened Society, 8 October 2022

Nick Dunehew

<https://brooksysociety.com/2022/10/08/the-10-best-books-on-president-george-h-w-bush/>

-- The list includes, *Destiny and Power* by John Meacham; *41: A Portrait of My Father* by George W. Bush; *The Quiet Man* by John Sununu; *When the World Seemed New* by Jeffrey A. Engel; *The Man I Knew* by Jean Becker; *All the Best, George Bush: My Life in Letters and Other Writings* by George H.W. Bush; *I Call Him "Mr. President"* by Ken Raynor; *Texas Titans* by Charles Denyer; *A World Transformed* by George H.W. Bush and Brent Scowcroft; *Being Poppy* by Richard Ben Cramer; and *George and Barbara Bush* by Ellie LeBlond Sosa;

How Black troops lost out in bid to sever Army post's Confederate ties

The Washington Post, 7 October 2022

Alex Horton

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/2022/10/07/fort-gordon-confederate-eisenhower-augusta-national/>

-- In the effort to rename Fort Gordon, community leaders in Augusta, Georgia, declined an opportunity to elevate a person of color. They picked their own finalist: Dwight Eisenhower. Fort Gordon is home to about 17,000 military personnel. It was named for Gordon, a trusted commander under Robert E. Lee who later served as a senator and governor of Georgia. He opposed Reconstruction after the war.

Monica Crowley Reflects on Her “Greatest Adventure”—Working with President Nixon

Richard Nixon Foundation, 6 October 2022

<https://www.nixonfoundation.org/2022/10/monica-crowley-reflects-greatest-adventure%E2%B8%BAworking-president-nixon/>

-- On Wednesday, October 5, the Nixon Foundation hosted Dr. Monica Crowley as a featured speaker in their educational America civics programming. Crowley wrote two bestsellers about her experiences working with President Nixon, *Nixon in Winter* and *Nixon Off the Record*. Dr. Crowley also worked for President Trump and offered a candid comparison and contrast between the two leaders backed by her unique personal experience.

Truman Library to exhibit paintings from former President George W. Bush

KMBC News 9/ABC, 5 October 2022

Alan Shope

<https://www.kmbc.com/article/truman-library-paintings-president-george-w-bush/41534975#>

-- The 66 works are a tribute from the former president to the sacrifice of military service members.

Jimmy Carter Sets New Record for Longest-Living President as He Turns 98 Years Old

People, 1 October 2022

Kyler Alvord

<https://people.com/politics/jimmy-carter-sets-new-record-longest-living-president/>

-- President Carter, who left the White house more than four decades ago, has held the record of oldest living president since Bush Sr.'s death at the age of 94.

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