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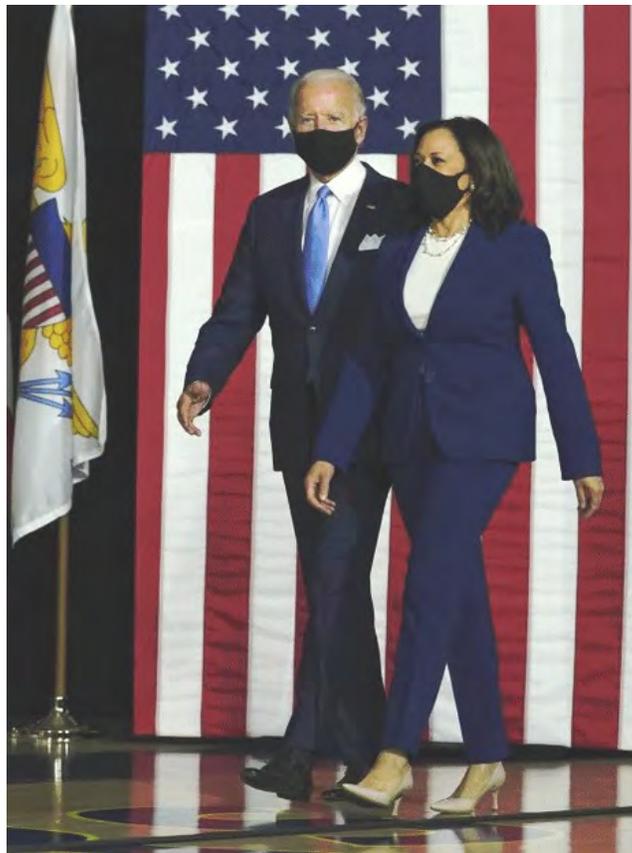
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President Elect Joe Biden and Vice President Elect Kamala Harris

My fellow Americans —
 The people of this nation have spoken.
 They have delivered us a clear victory. A convincing victory.
 A victory for “We the People.”
 I am humbled by the trust and confidence you have placed in me.
 I pledge to be a President who seeks not to divide, but to unify.
 Who doesn’t see Red and Blue states, but a United States.
 And who will work with all my heart to win the confidence of the whole people.
 For that is what America is about: The people.
 And that is what our Administration will be about.
 I sought this office to restore the soul of America.
 To rebuild the backbone of the nation — the middle class.
 To make America respected around the world again and to unite us here at home.
 It is the honor of my lifetime that so many millions of Americans have voted for this vision.
 And now the work of making this vision real is the task of our time. ...



And I hope it can provide some comfort and solace to the more than 230,000 families who have lost a loved one to this terrible virus this year. My heart goes out to each and every one of you. Hopefully this hymn gives you solace as well.

“And He will raise you up on eagle’s wings,
 Bear you on the breath of dawn,
 Make you to shine like the sun,
 And hold you in the palm of His Hand.”

And now, together — on eagle’s wings — we embark on the work that God and history have called upon us to do.

With full hearts and steady hands, with faith in America and in each other, with a love of country — and a thirst for justice — let us be the nation that we know we can be.

A nation united.
 A nation strengthened.
 A nation healed.
 The United States of America.
 God bless you.
 And may God protect our troops.

Joe Biden
 November 7, 2020

Text from the Joe Biden Acceptance Speech 11/7/20

(AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster)

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EDITORIAL

“Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.”

Star Spangled Banner

(Frances Scott Key)

Oh, say can you see
by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed
at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars
thru the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched
were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare,
the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night
that our flag was still there.
Oh, say does that
star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and
the home of the brave?

Night And Day

(Verse) Cole Porter

Like the beat, beat, beat of the tom,
tom when the jungle shadows fall
Like the tick, tick, tock of the stately
clock as it stands against the wall.
Like the drip, drip, drip of the
raindrops when the summer shower
is through.
So a voice within me keeps repeating
You, you, you.
Night and day ...

Psalm 30:5

New King James Version

For His anger is but for a moment,
His favor is for life;
Weeping may endure for a night,
But joy comes in the morning.

The assault by the orange, evil buffoon in the White House, the drip, drip, drip of vengeful retaliatory acts and blasphemous pardons, is attempting to beat us into submission as the clock tick, tick ticks to January 21st and the inauguration of President Biden.

A vivid memory from childhood was when my taunting brothers explained the effect of Chinese water torture, drip, drip, drip, on the forehead would lead to insanity.

Every day the buffoon and his minions proclaim more nefarious ways to retaliate and punish we, the people.

Children in cages, blatant racism, destruction of the climate/environment, extreme nepotism, bilking of taxpayers money, refusal to pay taxes, fraud, and on and on and on compiled with over 22,000 lies.

Screaming about the supposed election fraud, the evil buffoon has filed lawsuit after lawsuit, ordered recounts by the dozens, most of which have been thrown out of court, proven faulty (lacking facts). The latest report of recount in Wisconsin, awarded 132 more votes to President-Elect Biden and cost the buffoon 3,000,000 dollars.

One of the latest edicts added firing squads a method of capital punishment. The pardons, especially of twice-confessed to guilty Flynn, while certainly a miscarriage of justice and truth joins the multiple assaults on our Constitution and law. If the buffoon carries out his threatened refusal to vacate, he can and will be removed by force. “Like the beat, beat, beat of the tom, tom when the evil, buffoon's shadows fall.”

The Inauguration of President Joe Biden and Kamala Harris cannot come soon enough. The arduous work of repairing the damage perpetrated by the buffoon will take courage and time to repair, to restore the United States. Canada and our international friendly countries overseas have already signaled their eager renewal of friendship and comradery.

As the Psalmist promised, “Weeping may endure for a night,
But joy comes in the morning.”

“Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
Oh, say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?”

Rachel Baker Ford, editor

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ARTICLE

The Nightmare Rages

— Charles E. Ford, Jr.

Thank goodness Joe Biden is President-elect and Kamala Harris is the Vice President-elect. The nightmare isn't over — it rages. Trump and his administration are out for revenge. The number of frivolous lawsuits, 40 plus, fraudulent election accusations is just the tip of the iceberg. Most, but not all, have been dismissed by the courts. Recounts in Georgia and Wisconsin simply solidified Biden's victory. His army of "attorneys" continue their pathetic effort to discredit the November election until at least December 14, 2020, when Electors cast their ballots.

Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, a Trump appointee, is moving \$455 billion in unspent stimulus money into the Treasury's General Fund that the incoming Biden administration cannot deploy to fight COVID-19 without Congressional agreement. In June 2020, Government watchdogs warned members of Congress that Trump administration legal decisions could substantially block their ability to oversee more than \$1 trillion CARES ACT funding related to the coronavirus pandemic.

Trump has singled out states with Democratic governors and cities with Democratic mayors for restrictive measures. He is currently trying to deny groups such as the LGBTQ community. His lack of respect for people of color was so obvious when he came down the escalator proclaiming immigrants from south of our border were rapists and drug dealers and when during a campaign event he asked, "Where is my BLACK? Oh, there he is." Reduced benefits or privatization of Social Security and Medicare were on the agenda for January 2021.

The Supreme Court has yet to rule on the Affordable Care Act that Congress could not muster the votes to repeal or replace in more than 60 votes. The Arguments to declare that the ACA violates the constitution were presented by Trump/Barr flunkies. They don't have much of a record for being successful but if they succeed, 20 to 30 million Americans would instantly lose their health insurance.

Trump has exhibited absolutely no interest in trying to arrest the tsunami of COVID-19. Over 13 million Americans have tested positive and over 260,000 Americans have died. Waiting until Joe Biden is sworn in as President to activate the Federal response will cost thousands more Americans to die needlessly.

How many revengeful actions Trump will take between now and January 20, 2021 that are detrimental to Americans, our environment, our lifestyle, our Government, our health, our economy, immigration (including family separation and the incarcerated children), the world perception of America, our relationship with our allies and our enemies only Trump and his flunkies know. The scariest and needless act Trump could take as a lame duck president would be to use the Iranian, Saudi, and Israeli response to the assassination of another nuclear Iranian scientist to start another war in the middle east. One of his first actions as president was to threaten North Korea with nuclear annihilation hollow threats to which he received faux promises.

We cannot ignore the lies, speculation, guesswork, and trivia in the media. Write a letter to the editor of *The Dallas Morning News* and your local news media. Call and write letters to our pathetic senators, talk to relatives and friends, and join a group if one exists. Be a true patriot: always, always wear a mask, wash your hands frequently, and maintain a safe distance from others. Your life, the lives of others depend on these procedures. Be informed and take action, the power is within us all.

God, protect our first responders and our military. God bless America

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GUEST ARTICLE

Hope on the Horizon: COVID-19 Vaccine

— David T. Ford

This morning the Moderna Corporation filed for an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) from the FDA for its COVID-19 Vaccine candidate. They became the second company to do so, joining Pfizer, that I wrote about previously.

The Moderna vaccine candidate has some of the same challenges as the Pfizer one – it requires two shots, hasn't been tested on children, etc. Unlike the Pfizer candidate, it does NOT require ultra cold storage. It only has to be stored at -20 C (-4 F), about what your home freezer does.

Moderna is a much smaller company than Pfizer, so they might not be able to ramp up production quite as fast. Distribution of their vaccine will be much easier when they do.

On its face, this is a really good thing. There are more than 50 vaccines in some stage of human trials right now. In the ideal world, every single one of them is found to be successful. Remember – we're trying to inoculate somewhere between 7 and 8 billion people. We need as many companies as we can get pumping out glass vials of effective vaccines.

I will again add a few words of caution. The FDA is expected to approve the EUAs for these two vaccines sometime in December. From that point, it will still likely be months before anyone reading this post has a needle in their arm and that will be just the first of two shots.

Even looking beyond the challenges of freezer space and vaccine resistance, we will hit challenges with availability of supplies (glass vials, syringes, etc.) needed for a mass vaccination campaign. There will be scheduling bottlenecks in the health care system as every available health care worker is redirected toward getting out the vaccine.

None of these vaccines has been tested on children under the age of 12. So, parents, please don't tell your children that these vaccines are going to get them back in school. That isn't coming for a long time.

Additional information:

CNN.COM

“Moderna to apply today for FDA authorization for its COVID-19 Vaccine”

Pharmaceutical company Moderna intends to apply Monday to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for authorization of its COVID-19 Vaccine.

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[editor: This article was written by our son, David T. Ford and posted on his personal FaceBook page 11/30/2020. David lives in Carmichael, California with his family. Currently, he is Vice President, Health Information Technology at the California Medical Association.]

There are three currencies in human communication: words, dollars and bullets in order of preference by peacemakers. 11/24/2020

Grade A Whole Milk

The economy is like a dairy barn: if you want the girls to give more milk you give them better hay not paint the barn! 11/24/2020

Bloody Donald

We know Bloody Donald marches to his own drummer, but ordinary Republicans surely cannot make the case that less than 22 percent of our citizens shouldn't tell the rest of us who our president should be. 11/23/2020

The Elements of Trumpism

How long Trumpism will be a factor is a function of how long his philosophy been touted in the media.

The Elements of Trumpism

They are:

- anti-unions,
- anti-government,
- anti-choice,
- anti-egalitarianism,
- anti-professionalism,
- anti-intellectualism/science,
- anti-democracy,
- and anti-minorities

Fueled by the anti-Communism hysteria, direct mail, talk radio, and think tanks funded by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, beginning 30 minutes after WWII ended marching under the banner of "conservative."

Trump is what you get after 75 years of conservative propaganda ...and will go away when people decide the past is not the direction a sustainable society can go!

11/09/2020

Do We Preserve the Republic?

The question is very simple: Do we want to preserve the republic? It was a question Lincoln had to decide.

The population was much more evenly divided in those days than now when only 74 million voters think Trump is above the law compared to 256 million who don't agree.

Lincoln took us to a bloody 'cousins' war. We 80 million, who voted for Biden, need to put on our big boy pants and do what is right for those 256 million that have been at the mercy of the Trump criminal enterprise.

Sending a former president to prison will answer again the question of what kind of government will we have, asked Franklin as the Constitutional Convention adjourned: "...a republic, if we can keep it."

A president, who can order others to commit crimes, for which they go to prison, is indeed above the law, if he is exempted from the consequences of violating the law.

11/22/2020

176 Million Americans Pay Taxes

So who are the 176 million that are not Republican or Democratic voters but pay taxes like everyone else...or not but still live here? We can start with minor children, disabled elderly, veterans in hospice, the profoundly disabled, rural residents living off the grid, migrant agricultural workers, undocumented immigrants, temporary citizens of other countries and felons. I'm sure there are other groups that don't come to mind, but the bottom line is that the Biden administration is not about us but about twice our number. It is for them that we must defend the Constitution from enemies foreign and especially domestic.

11/22/2020

Shame & Blame America

Blaming the government for everything is a national pastime. What escapes these super patriots and flag worshipers is that, the “republic” they take their pledge to, is composed of the people, who are the sovereigns —THE BOSSES — and the government that is their EMPLOYEES.

In no society: corporations do the bosses charge their employees with incompetence or corruption. It is just NOT done.

If the employees are incompetent, it is a reflection of the incompetence or negligence of the EMPLOYERS!

The government is following the law, but sometimes the law is not clear and sometimes it is self-destructive. But that is not on the employees. The employees did not decide to build the Edsel, the employer did!

So, button it ... you critics of “the government.”

Until you walk in their shoes and deal with the incompetence of your fellow citizens, you have no standing! Good employers brag about their employees; they don't rag on them.

This is not “plantation America!” 11/22/2020

Corporations Are Not People

Nowhere in the Constitution is there mention of either Donald J. Trump or corporations. Those artificial persons, created by state legislatures have no constitutional standing except in the mind of those who value money more than people.

Corporations are created for man, not man for corporations.

11/21/2020

We Are A Nation of Laws

We cannot continue to claim to be a nation ruled by law if we continue to claim the people will become unhinged if our highest officials are given a pass in the face of criminal behavior. We have more at stake then how we might appear as an incompetent nation to the world; if we are too weak to punish our criminals, at the highest level, our allies have no reason to believe we will have their back.

11/25/2020

We Are The United States of America

Somebody used the phrase “opposition not enemies.” When people ask how we got to Trump, this is the explanation.

Beginning even before Reagan a portion of the Republicans establishment gave up on finding common ground with Democrats, because the people were on the Democratic side and they decided the only way to win elections - not the debate - was to demonize Democrats.

What started as a group of outsiders has become the core of the party that gave us someone who stands for nothing the GOP has stood for when it WAS the GOP!

11/25/2020

We Are The People

The front page of the Business section of today's *NY Times* is an article on the effect COVID-19 is having on Lombardy, Italy. It seems that this most wealthy section of the country is experiencing an infection/death rate greater than that of most places in the world. And why: Because years ago they decided to turn the public's health care over to profit-making corporations. The consequence is captured in this: “If you consider profits as the end game of health care instead of health, some people are going to be left out.”

The decision made by Lombardy is not unlike the one the American voters have made in sending people to Washington who believe that we will all be better off if we turned our future well being over to corporate America. What this ignores is that we cannot wait for a corporation to be formed to address our needs. A worldwide pandemic creates life and death choices no corporation can address. If there are no taxpayers taking care of each other, there is no care. Taxpayers taking care of taxpayers is not socialism; it is humanitarianism - the least we can do for our brothers and sisters.

Comments CH: I find myself wondering what is wrong with people who think the antics to undermine our democracy is ok. The people have spoken so it's time to move on. We have real problems to address and obstruction is unAmerican. Steve: CH: Might it be that they are unAmerican???

11/21/2020

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LOVE THOUGHTS - 3

Why Texas Lost the Latino Vote

Mon. Nov. 30, 2020 4:17 pm

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An exhaustive article on the GOP and Latino voters in this Sunday's, *New York Times Magazine* (11/29/2020) is worth reading. Following are the salient factoids.

The major players are:

1. Billionaire Charles Koch, funder, instigator, and brains behind the operation.
2. The Libre Initiative, which is the boots-on-the-ground for a person-to-person, 365-days-a-year cultivation of Latino voters to think like and be dependent on the charity of any rich man and not the productive labor of free men too proud to be the recipients of charity.
3. Daniel Garza, 52-year-old frontman and voice for and defender of the operation.
4. Evangelical and Catholic church members wedded to abortion as the binary lens through which all other issues are viewed.
5. A core conservative platform of "abortion, taxes, communism, socialism, free enterprise and family values" or the short version: "low taxes, small government, free markets."
6. The anarchist and anti-Keynesian economic market theory of Frederick von Hayek captured in the idea that the "We the people" of the Constitution are the enemy.

It is not hard to imagine that a billionaire wants low marginal tax rates, a government too impotent to tell him what he cannot do, and an economy solely based on who has the most money. Those are the thing rich men have always wanted. Sadly, all men are not rich. There is a name for a society where only what the rich want matters: plantation life.

What is disconcerting and disturbing is how that platform has been manipulated to seem to be in the best interest of working-class minority families. Avoiding too many mouths to feed is essential to avoiding poverty; low wages and job insecurity, not taxes, is the main threat to working-family budgets; sharing communal facilities is at the heart of urban, tribal and the monastic life; humanism is at the core of constitutional governments; low prices, not all-the-traffic-will-bear "free market" prices pinch family budgets; and elderly care, child care, affordable housing, public safety and access to good schools, higher education, banking, affordable medical care and nutritional food sources are the "family values" most working families must have if they are to break the chains of poverty.

All conditions few rich men know of and have no interest in seeing others enjoy, lest their meeting their needs would be at the price of themselves being brought down from their lofty perch atop a mountain of dollars.

Garzas says, "I have to accept inequality in order to preserve freedom." Freedom for whom? For the rich man? For the poor man...for the life of the ill-fed, ill-clothed, ill-housed, ill-educated and ill-cared for? Is that the "blessings of liberty" the Framers wrote of in our Constitution?

With friends like Koch and Garza, Latinos do not need enemies.

Stephen L. Love, Master of Theology

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[editor: This post from Steve, our trusted, learned contributor, arrived as we are finishing the current edition of the Garland Democratic Voice Volume 7, Number 11].

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GEORGIA ON OUR MINDS



Rachel Maddow & Lawrence O'Donnell on MSNBC 11/30/2020
"It all depends on what happens in Georgia."

Elect John Ossoff and Raphael Warnock

Moscow Mitch has strangled the Senate and Congress since he had to swallow a bitter defeat when the Affordable Care Act passed in the Senate. The people of Kentucky re-elected Moscow Mitch on November 3, 2020. Both Georgia Senate positions were on the ballot on the same date. None of the candidates in Georgia received at least 51 percent of the vote to be declared the winner. Both positions are on the ballot for the runoff. Mail-in ballots are already being mailed out and the final day to vote will be January 5, 2021. Democrats need to win both positions to take control of the Senate from Moscow Mitch. There would be 50 Republican Senators and 50 Democratic Senators but the tie breaking vote will be Vice President Kamala Harris.

The Democrat Raphael Warnock will face Republican Kelly Loeffler and Democrat Jon Ossoff will oppose Republican David Perdue.

Jon Ossoff, Democrat

Policy statement from his website:

I am fighting for great health care for every American with a strong Public Option and strengthened Affordable Care Act, to defend Medicare and Social Security, for historic investment in clean energy and infrastructure, to lower taxes for working families and small businesses, to defend Roe v. Wade and the privacy of women's health care, to enact major criminal justice reform, to get dark money out of politics and end Citizens United.

Raphael Warnock, Democrat

Policy statement from his website:

Reverend Warnock believes his impact does not stop at the church door, and has been an advocate to expand health care coverage and to ensure hardworking Georgians can make a living wage. As Senator, Reverend Warnock will bring to Washington the concerns of struggling Georgia families who wonder why no one is looking out for them. He will focus on fighting for quality, affordable health care, for the dignity of working people who are paid too little as our government works more for Wall Street, and to make sure every voice is heard.

Vote for Democrat Raphael Warnock and Democrat Jon Ossoff in the runoff election and end the stranglehold of Moscow Mitch and his minions.

Voting by mail has already started. Give financial support if you can. Help President Biden by taking control of the Senate from Moscow Mitch so President Biden's efforts will not be blockaded by Moscow Mitch. Vote Democratic...Total victory!

How To Help Georgia Senate Runoff Races & Flip The Senate Blue

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"It's time to put away the harsh rhetoric, lower the temperature, and listen to each other again. To make progress, we must stop treating our opponents as our enemy.
We are not enemies. We are Americans."
- JOE BIDEN



Rosalynn joins me in congratulating our friends President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris. We are proud of their well-run campaign and look forward to seeing the positive change they bring to our nation.
- PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER

Dan Rather @DanRather
It's tempting to use the analogy of rats fleeing a sinking ship to describe the growing number of Republican elected officials starting to speak out against Donald Trump. But that's really not fair to rats, who tend not to be complicit in driving ships to the bottom of the sea.

So then he asked for a recount in every state...
We get to watch him lose....TWICE!



@JustL.ReneeR
Joe and Jill went up the hill to start to heal the nation trump went down, that evil clown to face incarceration
8:58 AM · 10 Nov 20 · Twitter Web App



Rosa sat so Ruby could walk, so Kamala could run.

"Every single GOP member of Congress who will not confront Trump's rantings, delusions and non stop lies in a public manner and demand it stop is simply unfit and unworthy of service under the dome of the Capitol of the United States. They disgrace themselves and our nation."
- Steve Schmidt

Steve Schmidt @SteveSchmidtSES

"Patriotism means to stand by the country, it does not mean to stand by the President." Theodore Roosevelt, 26th President of the United States.

It was all just a bad dream...



Rocker Feller, the little owl rescued has recovered and been release at home in Upstate NY!

No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.
- Aesop



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From the editor: For the last several years, I have collected images from Facebook to put on postcards for a dear friend who is in care. I send one to her everyday, trusting they will bring smiles and memories. I share these with you today, on this Giving Celebration day to bring each of you thoughts and memories. Rachel Baker Ford, editor

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