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Jimmy Carter quietly returns to his Georgia church after brain surgery

CNN Politics, 30 December 2019

Chandelis Duster

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/12/30/politics/jimmy-carter-returns-church-after-brain-surgery-hospital-stays/index.html>

-- The former president attended church with his wife, Rosalynn, at the Marantha Baptist Church in Plains, Georgia. He has undergone an operations to relieve pressure on the brain in November.

Trump Senate Impeachment Trial Finds Scant Precedent in History

Bloomberg, 26 December 2019

Mike Dorning

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2019-12-26/trump-senate-impeachment-trial-finds-scant-precedent-in-history>

-- Article contrasts the differences in Clinton's Impeachment Trial and the upcoming Trump trial.

Harry Truman Was The First President To Celebrate Hanukkah At The White House

South Florida Reporter, 22 December 2019

<https://southfloridareporter.com/harry-truman-was-the-first-president-to-celebrate-hanukkah-at-the-white-house/>

-- A list of facts about Hanukkah which include Truman's celebration in the White House.

What sets Trump apart from Nixon and Clinton

CNN.com, 21 December 2019

David Gergen, CNN

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/12/21/opinions/difference-between-trump-nixon-clinton/index.html>

-- Gergen states, "... Clinton and Nixon were contrite and accepted responsibility for their behavior." On the other hand, according to Gergen, "Trump has been belligerent and defiant throughout."

Profitable and Pleasant Reading: Books for a Winter Reading List

KentuckyToday, 21 December 2019

R. Albert Mohler, Jr.

<http://kentuckytoday.com/stories/profitable-and-pleasant-reading-books-for-a-winter-reading-list,23308>

-- Among the books on the list are, "The Fall of Richard Nixon" (Tom Brokaw) and "Great Society, A New History" (Amity Shlaes).

Trump impeached by House

MV Times, 19 December 2019

George Brennan

<https://www.mvtimes.com/2019/12/19/trump-impeached-house/>

-- The vote was 230-197 for the charge was abusing his power, and 229-198 for the charge of obstruction of Congress.

10 Facts You May Not Know About Congressional Cemetery

dcist.com, 18 December 2019

Morgan Voigt

<https://dcist.com/story/19/12/18/10-facts-you-may-not-know-about-congressional-cemetery/>

-- The article notes that the remains of President William Henry Harrison were laid in the Public Vault of the cemetery for three months "until the lingering winter in Ohio had passed, and it was a more appropriate time to send Harrison's remains home." He was buried in Mt. Nebo, Ohio in the family tomb on 7 July 1841.

Andrew Jackson to be described as slave owner in new plaques

abc News, 17 December 2019

<https://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/andrew-jackson-slave-owner-plaques-67774172>

-- Elected officials in Jackson County Missouri are adding plaques to statues of the Kansas City area's namesake noting that the former president Andrew Jackson was a slave owner.

'Heirs of an Honored Name' Review: The Adams Family in Decline

The Wall Street Journal, 17 December 2019.

Harold Holzer

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/heirs-of-an-honored-name-review-the-adams-family-in-decline-11576626325>

-- A review of "Heir of an Honored Name: The Decline of the Adams Family and the Rise of Modern America" by Douglas R. Egerton.

Analysis: Trump has weathered impeachment better than Clinton

CNN Politics, 15 December 2019

Harry Enten, CNN

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/12/15/politics/trump-clinton-impeachment/index.html>

-- Article notes that Trump's favorability ratings in polls after impeachment were better than Clinton's after impeachment. Clinton was not convicted.

George Washington is still a role model

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, 13 December 2019

The Rev. Gordon Strunk, Edgeworth

<https://www.post-gazette.com/opinion/letters/2019/12/09/George-Washington-is-still-a-role-model/stories/201912090011>

-- On the 220th anniversary of the death of George Washington, a recommendation that he be remembered for his good character and as model for all.

California library gains hundreds of presidential documents

The Telegraph, 12 December 2019

<https://www.thetelegraph.com/living/article/California-library-gains-hundreds-of-presidential-14903214.php>

-- The Huntington Library, Art Museum and Botanical Gardens in southern California announced that 340 artifacts focusing on presidential administrations from the 18th to 20th centuries are being donated from a private donor's personal collection. The papers include letters from John Adams, John Quincy Adams, Dolley Madison, and Abigail Adams.

This huge, valuable N.C. Wyeth painting of George Washington now belongs to a little-known New Jersey college

The Philadelphia Inquirer, 12 December 2019

Stephan Salisbury

<https://www.inquirer.com/arts/nc-wyeth-george-washington-thomas-edison-state-university-wells-fargo-20191212.html>

-- Wyeth's 17x12 foot mural, "Reception to Washington on April 21, 1789 at Trenton on his way to New York to Assume the Duties of the Presidency of the United States" has been given to Thomas Edison State University by Wells Fargo. The painting is valued at \$4 million.

Obama ranked better president than George Washington by most Democrats: Poll

The Washington Times, 10 December 2019

Andrew Blake

<https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2019/dec/10/barack-obama-ranked-better-president-than-george-w/>

-- A poll conducted by Monmouth University on from 4-8 December asked respondents who was the better president. Among all registered voters the result was Washington 58% and Obama 33%.

Barack & Michelle Obama Just Bought a \$11.75M, 7-Bedroom Martha's Vineyard Estate

People.Com, 6 December 2019

Sean Neumann

<https://people.com/home/barack-michelle-obama-buy-marthas-vineyard-mansion/>

-- The former president and family had visited the estate several times in the past. The deed lists a trustee, James F. Reynolds, a Chicago investment banker who has been friends with the Obama's and was a member of his finance committee during the 2008 presidential election.

Carrier named after President Kennedy

Rome Sentinel, 6 December 2019

<https://romesentinel.com/stories/carrier-named-after-president-kennedy,87883>

-- John F. Kennedy's daughter Caroline will participate in the christening of the new aircraft carrier named after the 35th president. The ship is the second of the U.S. Navy's new Ford-Class carriers, which is designed to carry more aircraft with fewer sailors.

LBJ's Great Folly

Washington Examiner, 6 December 2019

Kyle Sammin

<https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/opinion/lbjs-great-folly>

-- A review of "Great Society: A New History" by Amity Shales, who is also the chairwoman of the board of trustees of the Calvin Coolidge Foundation.

A Christian and a Democrat: A Religious Biography of Franklin D. Roosevelt

The Presbyterian Outlook, 5 December 2019

Reviewed by Rick Nutt

<https://pres-outlook.org/2019/12/a-christian-and-a-democrat-a-religious-biography-of-franklin-d-roosevelt/>

-- A review of the new book by John F. Woolverton and James D. Bratt. Roosevelt was raised in a liberal Episcopal home and ideologically influenced while attending Groton School.

FDR site talk Dec. 10 examines Eleanor Roosevelt's role in civil rights movement

Daily Freeman, 5 December 2019

https://www.dailyfreeman.com/news/local-news/fdr-site-talk-dec-examines-eleanor-roosevelt-s-role-in/article_b47476ae-16e1-11ea-8b42-e77e704ec871.html

-- The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum will host a Human Rights Day presentation, "Eleanor Roosevelt and the Fight for Civil Rights," on December 10 2019 in the historic site's Henry A. Wallace Center.

Hillary Clinton Reveals George W. Bush’s Reaction to Trump’s Inaugural Speech

InsideHook, 5 September 2019

Lee Cutlip

https://www.insidehook.com/daily_brief/news-opinion/hillary-clinton-reveals-george-w-bushs-reaction-to-trumps-inaugural-speech

-- Clinton appearing on “The Howard Stern Show” stated she told Trump she wanted him to be a good president and she would do whatever she could to help him. She also said couldn’t believe Trump’s inaugural speech did not reach out to non-supporters. She said George W. Bush said to her after the speech, “Well, that was some weird shit.”

Isaac Herzog meets with former president George W. Bush

Jerusalem Post, 5 December 2019

<https://www.jpost.com/Israel-News/Isaac-Herzog-meets-with-former-President-George-W-Bush-610005>

-- Bush and Jewish Agency Chairman Herzog held held a meeting on 4 December in Dallas, Texas. They discussed the Iranian threat and other strategic issues in the region.

LBJ’s Great Folly

Washington Examiner, 5 December 2019

Kyle Sammin

<https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/opinion/lbjs-great-folly>

-- Amity Shales book, “Great Society: A New History” is discussed in terms of former president Lyndon Johnson’s mistakes during office.

Michelle Obama among People magazine’s ‘People of the Year’

New York Daily News, 5 December 2019

Karu F. Daniels

<https://www.nydailynews.com/snyde/ny-first-lady-michelle-obama-people-magazine-people-of-the-year-20191205-t4q5bnffuzdqtd56o57a5jd4oy-story.html>

-- The other three women selected were, Jennifer Lopez, Jennifer Anniston and Taylor Swift. People editor Dan Wakeford said that the issue “celebrates the stars who have made an impact on our culture”.

Searching for socialism in the Great Society

The Washington Post, 5 December 2019

Geoffrey Kabaservice

https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/searching-for-socialism-in-the-great-society/2019/12/05/d2304b86-0a35-11ea-bd9d-c628fd48b3a0_story.html

-- A review of Amity Shlaes’s new book, “Great Society: A New History”, on President Lyndon Johnson’s ambitious Great Society initiative.

Jimmy Carter Released From Hospital

The New York Times, 4 December 2019

Peter Baker

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/12/04/us/politics/jimmy-carter-hospital.html>

-- Former President Jimmy Carter, age 95, was released from Phoebe Sumter Medical Center in Americus, Georgia on 4 December. He was treated for a urinary tract infection. Carter served as the 39th president from 1977 to 1981.

Why Does Massachusetts Produce So Many Presidential Candidates?

TuftsNow, 4 December 2019

<https://now.tufts.edu/articles/why-does-massachusetts-produce-so-many-presidential-candidates>

-- Jeff Berry, the John Richard Skuse Professor of Political Science at Tufts, and co-author of “The Outrage Industry” suggests the reason so many from Massachusetts run for president has to do with their diet of lobster, baked beans and cranberries, and Sam Adams beer. He also suggests other reasons in the article.

Historic night: Nearly 2,000 fill Belcher to see Bush in Longview

Longview News-Journal, 3 December 2019

https://www.news-journal.com/news/local/historic-night-nearly-fill-belcher-to-see-bush-in-longview/article_3400c0ac-1611-11ea-8f0e-9f9d6a2f8a7e.html

-- Bush spoke at the East Texas Speaker’s Forum’s “An Evening with President George W. Bush”. Bush talked about 9/11 as being the turning point of his presidency, and how he was reluctant to give advice to his successors.

New Effort to Erect Reagan Statue at State Capitol Underway

WCBU.org, 3 December 2019

Tim Shelley

<https://www.peoriapublicradio.org/post/new-effort-erect-reagan-statue-state-capitol-underway#stream/0>

-- Eureka College is working with a state representative to erect a statue of Ronald Reagan, a native-born president and Eureka alumnus, at the state Capitol. Statues of former presidents Lincoln and Grant already stand at the statehouse.

Why America Needs To Hear From George W. Bush

Forbes, 3 December 2019

Michael Posner, Senior Contributor

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/michaelposner/2019/12/03/why-america-needs-to-hear-from-george-w-bush/#4d7fa64d274f>

-- Posner suggests that Bush should speak out on world events and problems—“his voice now is desperately needed”.

First Lady Melania Trump Unveils Christmas at the White House 2019

Whitehouse.gov, 2 December 2019

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefings-statements/first-lady-melania-trump-unveils-christmas-white-house-2019/>

-- The Christmas theme for the Trump's third holiday in the White House is "The Spirit of America". The press release describes the decorations throughout the many rooms in the building.

Hillary and Bill Clinton Visit Broadway's *Oklahoma!*

TheaterMania.com, 2 December 2019

David Gordon

https://www.theatermania.com/broadway/news/hillary-and-bill-clinton-visit-broadways-oklahoma_90238.html

-- The Clinton's attended the revival of Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Oklahoma* on 2 December at the Circle in the Square Theatre. The play, directed by Daniel Fish, is going on national tour in 2020 beginning in Oklahoma City.

Long Before Trump, Impeachment Loomed Over Multiple Presidents

The New York Times, 30 November 2019

Peter Baker

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/11/30/us/politics/impeachment-presidents.html>

-- While only three previous presidents faced serious threat of removal, one out of four confronted formal accusations in the House.

Construction expected to begin next year for park honoring John F. Kennedy at Parkland Hospital

Dallas News, 26 November 2019

LaVendrick Smith

<https://www.dallasnews.com/business/philanthropy/2019/11/27/construction-expected-to-begin-next-year-for-park-honoring-john-f-kennedy-at-parkland-hospital/>

-- The John F. Kennedy Park for Hope and Healing will celebrate the 35th president's life and provide a place of respite for patients at the hospital. Parkland was the hospital where Kennedy was pronounced dead after he was shot in 1963.

Photos: Inside the John F. Kennedy nuclear bunker

The Palm Beach Post, 26 November 2019

Photos by Lannis Waters/palmbeachpost.com

<https://www.palmbeachpost.com/photogallery/LK/20191126/PHOTOGALLERY/112609994/PH/1>

-- Several photos of the Cold War-era bunker on Peanut Island, which was a secret nuclear bomb shelter for President Kennedy in case of an attack while he was visiting the "winter White House" on Palm Beach.

President John Adams' birthplace to undergo restoration

SFGate, 25 November 2019

<https://www.sfgate.com/news/article/President-John-Adams-birthplace-to-undergo-14862555.php>

-- The birthplace of former president John Adams is having siding replaced. The home was built in 1722 by Adams' father, Deacon John Adamns, and is located in Quincy, Massachusetts.

A 230-year-old Mount Vernon tree, a witness to history, is no more

The Washington Post, 22 November 2019

Michael E. Ruane

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/history/2019/11/22/year-old-mount-vernion-tree-witness-history-is-no-more/>

-- The white oak, which had carvings from the Civil War, fell on a windless night just before midnight on 4 November.

Today Jeremy Corbyn compared himself to Franklin D. Roosevelt. Don't make me laugh

Independent, 21 November 2019

Tom Peck

<https://www.independent.co.uk/voices/jeremy-corbyn-labour-manifesto-launch-boris-johnson-general-election-a9212551.html>

-- The ways Corbyn and Roosevelt are somewhat different.

Sikorsky presidential helicopter selected as official White House Christmas ornament

Hartford Courant, 16 November 2019

Stephen Singer

<https://www.courant.com/business/hc-biz-white-house-christmas-sikorsky-20191116-cyhzrafqjbgcpfjxdagyuc4mi-story.html>

-- The White House ornament is a model of a Sikorsky Maine One helicopter. Sikorsky, a Connecticut company, has manufactured the helicopters that shuttle presidents since 1957.

A statue of former President George H.W. Bush's service dog will sit in the presidential library

CNN, 15 November 2019

Lauren M. Johnson

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/11/15/us/sully-the-dog-statue-trnd/index.html>

-- On December 6, Sully will get his own place at the George H.W. Bush Presidential Center. A bronze statue by artist Susan Bahary will sit in the Fidelity corridor as part of the memorial exhibit.

‘A fighter’: President Jimmy Carter’s neighbors know they’ll say goodbye one day, but not yet

USA Today, 15 November 2019

Jeffrey Schweers

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2019/11/15/jimmy-carter-georgia-neighbors/4200930002/>

-- Carter’s neighbors in Plains, Georgia discuss the former president, and their fondness for him and his wife Rosalynn.

The Sketchy Rehabilitation of George W. Bush

The American Prospect, 15 November 2019

Jonathan Guyer

<https://prospect.org/power/sketchy-rehabilitation-of-george-w-bush/>

-- “The Kennedy Center’s exhibition of paintings by the war-making president shows how quickly Washington can forget—and the big money that eases such forgetting.

Former President George W. Bush Hosts Annual 100K Ride for Injured Veterans

Bicycling, 13 November 2019

Gabrielle Hondorp

<https://www.bicycling.com/news/a29775396/george-bush-hosts-annual-ride-for-injured-veterans/>

-- The former president hosted the ninth annual mountain bike ride for wounded veterans on his ranch in Crawford, Texas.

Ronald Reagan’s policies helped bring down the Berlin Wall. Now he’s not even welcome there.

The Washington Post, 12 November 2019

Marc A. Thiessen

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2019/11/12/ronald-reagans-policies-helped-bring-down-berlin-wall-now-hes-not-even-welcome-there/>

-- A statue of former president Ronald Reagan was unveiled in November at the U.S. Embassy in Berlin. The author suggests that Reagan is not welcome in Germany because the government there would not agree to his statue being erected in a public square in Berlin.

What to Expect as the House Starts Impeachment Hearings

The New York Times, 12 November 2019

Nicholas Fandos

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/11/12/us/politics/what-to-expect-impeachment.html>

-- The House Democrats will convene open presidential impeachment hearings on Wednesday for only the third time in modern United States history.

Swept Up by History

The Nation, 11 November 2019

Kim Phillips-Fein

<https://www.thenation.com/article/did-new-deal-need-fdr-robert-dallek-book-review/>

-- A review of Robert Dallek's book, "Franklin D. Roosevelt: A Political Life.

Democrats Tried to Impeach Every Elected GOP President Since Eisenhower

Newsmax, 8 November 2019

Michael Dorstewitz

<https://www.newsmax.com/michaeldorstewitz/democrats-impeachment-nixon-reagan/2019/11/08/id/940786/>

-- An account of all presidents since Eisenhower, and the attempts by Democrats to impeach Republicans.

Listen: 2019 Governor's Lecture in The Humanities With David Eisenhower

netnebraska.org, 8 November 2018

Jack Williams-NET News

<http://netnebraska.org/article/news/1196335/listen-2019-governors-lecture-humanities-david-eisenhower>

-- Eisenhower's lecture provided in full with link from this article. David Eisenhower is the only grandson of former President Dwight Eisenhower. He is a professor at the University of Pennsylvania and eponym of the Presidential retreat, Camp David.

Presidential playground: For recreation or politicking, most presidents have come to Rhode Island

Providence Journal, 8 November 2019

Mark Reynolds

<https://www.providencejournal.com/news/20191108/presidential-playground-for-recreation-or-politicking-most-presidents-have-come-to-rhode-island>

-- 28 U.S. president's have visited Rhode Island while they were in office. These include Theodore Roosevelt, John Kennedy, George W. Bush, and Bill Clinton.

All presidents should follow George H.W. Bush's model of presidential diplomacy

The Washington Post, 7 November 2019

James A. Baker III

https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/all-presidents-should-follow-george-hw-bushs-model-of-presidential-diplomacy/2019/11/07/126fa2ce-f036-11e9-89eb-ec56cd414732_story.html

-- Baker was Secretary of State from 1989 to 1992. He underscores Bush's indispensable role in ending the Cold War.

How Ulysses S. Grant Helped Solidify the American Position in East Asia

The Diplomat, 7 November 2019

Robert Farley

<https://thediplomat.com/2019/11/how-ulysses-s-grant-helped-solidify-the-american-position-in-east-asia/>

-- Grant's world tour during his second term included visits to the Far East. Grant believed that the commercial future of the United States lay in East Asia.

Tippecanoe and a Sword Caper, Too

The New York Times, 3 November 2019

Liam Stack

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/11/03/us/william-henry-harrison-sword.html>

-- The original sword owned by President William Henry Harrison was stolen from the Cincinnati Historical Society in 1979. Police seized one that might be the stolen sword at a Connecticut auction in October.

How slavery warped Jefferson's vision for the University of Virginia

The Washington Post, 1 November 2019

Drew Faust

https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/how-slavery-warped-jeffersons-vision-for-the-university-of-virginia/2019/11/01/c86974f0-cb57-11e9-a1fe-ca46e8d573c0_story.html

-- A review of Alan Taylor's latest book, "Thomas Jefferson's Education".

President Harrison played it cool 130 years ago, masking Dakotas' statehood documents

Grand Forks Herald, 1 November 2019

<https://www.grandforksherald.com/community/history/4750890-President-Harrison-played-it-cool-130-years-ago-masking-Dakotas-statehood-documents>

-- President Harrison shuffled the documents admitting North and South Dakota to U.S. statehood, on 2 November 1889. While there is still some debate about the final order, North Dakota is now listed as the 39th state while South Dakota is the 40th.

Theater: John Quincy Adams is subject of a new play

Metrowest Daily News, 30 October 2019

Channing Gray/For the Providence Journal

<https://www.metrowestdailynews.com/entertainmentlife/20191030/theater-john-quincy-adams-is-subject-of-new-play>

-- Candice Brown plays John Quincy Adams and Jonathan Higginbotham is Frederick Douglass in "The Gamm Theatre" production of "JQA", which runs through November 17.

Did George Washington run businesses as president?

POLITIFACT, 30 October 2019

Louis Jacobson

<https://www.politifact.com/truth-o-meter/article/2019/oct/30/did-george-washington-run-businesses-president/>

-- The article discusses Washington's financial and property holdings while he was president, but does not clearly conclude one way or other that the former president was "running a business" during his tenure.

A Brief History of Presidential Autobiographies

BOOKRIOT, 29 October 2019

Anna Gooding-Call

<https://bookriot.com/2019/10/29/presidential-autobiographies/>

-- A summary of the various types of presidential autobiographies over a lengthy period of American history.

Medical Mystery: What made John Adams lose his temper?

The Philadelphia Inquirer, 25 October 2019

Allan B. Schwartz

<https://www.inquirer.com/health/medical-mystery-president-john-adams-20191011.html>

-- A detailed account of Adams various conditions which include a modern diagnosis that he may have been a bipolar II type who had no psychotherapy or, of course, modern medicines.

Jimmy Carter hospitalized after 2nd fall this month

Dayton Daily News, 22 October 2019

<https://www.daytondailynews.com/news/national/jimmy-carter-suffers-fall-georgia-home-carter-center-says/lo7bMkssUhZTAeUH7o31NI/>

<https://www.daytondailynews.com/news/national/jimmy-carter-suffers-fall-georgia-home-carter-center-says/lo7bMkssUhZTAeUH7o31NI/>

-- The former president suffered a minor pelvic fracture.

'Floating White House' on its way to Maine where it will be restored to its former glory

13WGME, 21 October 2019

Abigail Curtis

<https://wgme.com/news/local/floating-white-house-on-its-way-to-maine-where-it-will-be-restored-to-its-former-glory>

-- The USS Sequoia, first used by President Hoover, is being barged to Belfast, Maine for a complete restoration. It is privately owned.

Remembering Ike: How Eisenhower’s military career shaped his presidency

cbsnews.com, 21 October 2019

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/remembering-ike-a-visit-to-the-eisenhower-presidential-library-museum-and-boyhood-home-in-abilene-kansas/>

-- Discusses Eisenhower’s “hidden-hand presidency”, which refers to “how he effectively operated behind the scenes”.

The Herbert Hoover you didn’t know

CBS News, 20 October 2019

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/the-herbert-hoover-you-did-not-know/>

-- The remarkable life of Herbert Hoover, often overlooked by those who only blame him for the depression.

To all Catholic candidates for president: Thank Al Smith

America, 17 October 2019

Terry Golway

<https://www.americamagazine.org/politics-society/2019/10/17/all-catholic-candidates-president-thank-al-smith>

-- The four-term governor of New York, concluded that it was indeed possible to be a good Catholic and a faithful servant of the American people in all their diversity. He lost the 1928 presidential election to Republican Herbert Hoover.

Amid a Revival of Anti-Monopoly Sentiment, a New Book Traces Its History

National Review, 15 October 2019

Kyle Sammin

<https://www.nationalreview.com/2019/10/book-review-goliath-history-anti-monopoly-sentiment/>

-- Review of Matt Stoller’s “Goliath: The 100-Year War Between Monopoly Power and Populism”.

Abraham Lincoln, Washington Nationals Fan

The Washington Post, 10 October 2019

Sidney Blumenthal

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2019/10/10/abraham-lincoln-washington-nationals-fan/>

-- Accounts of Lincoln watching the Washington Nationals play baseball from his view in the White House, and having a friendship with the team’s first president, Edmund F. French, who was a clerk at the Treasury Department.

Hamilton Wouldn't Impeach Trump

Wall Street Journal, 9 October 2019

Alan M. Dershowitz

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/hamilton-wouldnt-impeach-trump-11570661260>

-- Dershowitz counters one congresswoman's suggestion that impeachment is "whatever Congress says it is—there is no law", by what the Framers wanted and agreed to in 1787, "treason, bribery, or other high crimes and misdemeanors."

New exhibit in Kansas City highlights Harry S. Truman's time as Commander in Chief

fox4kc.com, 4 October 2019

Karra Small and Pat McGonigle

<https://fox4kc.com/2019/10/04/new-exhibit-highlights-harry-s-trumans-time-as-commander-in-chief/>

-- The Truman Library in Independence is still closed, but in the meantime there's an exhibit at The Box Gallery inside the Commerce Bank in downtown Kansas City.

US Official lauds efforts for Theodore Roosevelt library

Houston Chronicle, 3 October 2019

<https://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/education/article/Interior-Secretary-lauds-state-efforts-for-14489474.php>

-- U.S. Interior Secretary David Bernhardt praised state fundraising efforts for a proposed Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library in North Dakota. Presidents who who served before Herbert Hoover must be built without federal money.

Flag Donated By President Truman Family Preparing For UCM Display

KSIS, 2 October 2019

Ryan Skaith

<https://ksisradio.com/flag-donated-by-president-truman-family-preparing-for-ucm-display/>

-- The flag was subject to a folding ceremony conducted by Army ROTC cadets at the University of Central Missouri and will be put on public display at the university's McClure Archives and Museum. The flag dates to 1877.

New Book: "The Strenuous Life: Theodore Roosevelt and the Making of the American Athlete"

Herald-Tribune, 1 October 2019

Leigh Giangreco, The Washington Post

<https://www.heraldtribune.com/entertainmentlife/20191001/new-book-the-strenuous-life-theodore-roosevelt-and-making-of-american-athlete>

-- Ryan Swanson's new book on Theodore Roosevelt details her personal physical fitness and dedication to athletics in America.

Alexander to be honored with Andrew Jackson Foundation award

Main Street-Nashville, 30 September 2019

https://www.mainstreet-nashville.com/news/alexander-to-be-honored-with-andrew-jackson-foundation-award/article_37de915a-e0c3-11e9-b4f4-2f7f2ff62c11.html

-- U.S. Senator Lamar Alexander will receive the Jackson Award which is presented to a person whose leadership enhances the lives of Tennesseans. Jackson was previously the governor of Tennessee.

Unexpected finds at historic properties – President Wilson’s Wine Cellar

The Washington Post, 30 September 2019

Kathy Orton, Bill O’Leary

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2019/09/30/unexpected-finds-historic-properties/?arc404=true>

-- About Wilson’s wine cellar at his final home on S Street, NW in Washington DC. It was used after his death by his wife, Edith, who entertained until her death in December 1961.

Cooper: What Richard Nixon almost did

Chattanooga Times Free Press, 29 September 2019

Clint Cooper

<https://www.timesfreepress.com/news/opinion/freepress/story/2019/sep/29/cooper-whrichard-nixalmost-did/504572/>

-- How Richard Nixon proposed the elimination of the Electoral College in 1969 with both the U.S. House and the Senate Judiciary Committee, but never came to a final vote, mostly due to Southern Senate Democrats filibustering.

Historically Speaking: President’s feuds with press date back to George Washington

The Morning Call, 28 September 2019

Christopher Brooks

<https://www.mcall.com/opinion/mc-opi-trump-battles-media-20190928-7rjqqsbd5dxjfvjv5hwj4m-story.html>

-- The author notes that all presidents have had difficulties with the press, including Washington, FDR, Clinton and Trump.

American President Film and Literary Festival

Toledo City Paper, 24 September 2019

Ashley Martin

<https://toledocitypaper.com/online/american-president-film-and-literary-festival/>

-- The 2nd annual festival takes place 4-6 October 2019 at the Rutherford B. Hayes home in Fremont, Ohio.

In Pictures: Bill and Hillary Clinton Make the Most of Marrakech

mwn (Morocco World News), 20 September 2019

Juliette Owen-Jones

<https://www.moroccoworldnews.com/2019/09/283079/clintons-jemaa-el-fna/>

-- The Clintons are in town for the birthday party of Marc Lasry, a billionaire born in Marrakech.

Jimmy Carter Invokes Idea of ‘Age Limit’ for Presidential Candidates

The New York Times, 19 September 2019

Sandra E. Garcia

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/09/19/us/politics/jimmy-carter-trump-president-age.html>

-- Carter believes a president has to “be very flexible with your mind...and able to go from one subject to another and concentrate on each one adequately...”. He also said if her were just 80 years old he doesn’t believe he could perform the duties he experienced when he was president. The article notes that five candidates currently seeking the office are over 70 years old.

Washington to Lincoln to Trump: Presidents like cold, hard cash

New York Post, 19 September 2019

Nikki Schwab and Tamar Lapin

<https://nypost.com/2019/09/19/washington-to-lincoln-to-trump-presidents-like-cold-hard-cash/>

-- Stories about the personal habits of various presidents and what cash and credit cards they carried when president.

The Musical Life of Jimmy Carter

GPB (npr), 18 September 2019

Stephen Fowler

<https://www.gpbnews.org/post/musical-life-jimmy-carter>

-- A story about Carter’s love of music and his many times on stage with the likes of Dizzie Gillespie, Max Roach, the Allman Brothers, Herbie Hancock and others.

The Ronald Reagan Presidential Library is Getting An F-117 Nighthawk Stealth Jet

The Drive, 18 September 2019

Joseph Trevithick

<https://www.thedrive.com/the-war-zone/29902/the-ronald-reagan-presidential-library-is-getting-an-f-117-nighthawk-stealth-jet>

-- The stealth attack plane will join other aircraft at the museum, and is on permanent loan from the U.S. Air Force. Reagan was a major proponent of the F-117 program.

The Story behind Robert Caro's epic biography of LBJ

Financial Review, 18 September 2019

Stephen Loosley

<https://www.afr.com/life-and-luxury/arts-and-culture/the-story-behind-robert-caro-s-epic-biography-of-lbj-20190917-p52s3e>

-- Caro who is 83-years-old is 400 pages into what he anticipates will be an 1100-page, and fifth and final volume of *The Years of Lyndon Johnson*.

A look at the Washington Monument

The Washington Post, 17 September 2019

Aaron Steckelberg

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/2019/09/17/washington-monument/?arc404=true>

-- The renovated monument is opening 19 September 2019 with a modernized elevator and improved exterior lighting. It was designed to look like an Egyptian obelisk when built in 1884. It is 555 feet high.

Calvin Coolidge Appearance Celebrates Monadnock Center's 117th Annual Meeting

SentinelSource.com, 17 September 2019

https://www.sentinelsource.com/hub/news/community_news/calvin-coolidge-appearance-celebrates-monadnock-center-s-th-annual-meeting/article_e14ee0-7d4b-5fe2-857b-0aeae1d30c50.html

-- Living history interpreter Tracy Messer will appear as 30th President of the United States, Calvin Coolidge, at the Monadnock Center for History and Culture on Thursday, Sept. 19 at 7 pm.. in celebration of Monadnock's Center's 117th Annual Meeting. Coolidge passed through the region on his way to his summer White House in Swampscott, Mass, nearly a century earlier.

9 Myths About Theodore Roosevelt

Mental Floss, 13 September 2019

Austin Thompson

<https://www.mentalfloss.com/article/597092/theodore-roosevelt-myths>

-- Myths are related to such events as Roosevelt riding a moose, curing his asthma with exercise, becoming a conservationist, and and saving college football.

George W. Bush painted portrait of John Boehner

CNN politics, 13 September 2019

Chandelis Duster

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/09/13/politics/george-bush-portrait-john-boehner/index.html>

-- Former House Speaker asked former President Bush to paint his portrait when he was leaving Congress in 2015. Bush has been painting since he left office in 2009 and was inspired by British Prime Minister Winston Churchill.

Legacy of slavery a talking point at Pineville presidential historic site

The Charlotte Post, 12 September 2019

Herbert L. White

<http://www.thecharlottepost.com/news/2019/09/12/local-state/legacy-of-slavery-a-talking-point-at-pineville-presidential-historic-site/>

-- The President James K. Polk State Historic Site in Pineville is part of the Sept. 13-14 Slave Dwelling Project's "Inalienable Rights: Living History Through the Eyes of the Enslaved."

Pres. Lincoln to visit Carnegie Library this week

The Dispatch (Clay Center, Kansas), 10 September 2019

http://www.ccenterdispatch.com/news/article_944e3b04-d400-11e9-9899-178573d298bd.html

-- Kevin Wood, will portray the Civil War president and will give a presentation titled, "A New Birth of Freedom", at the Clay Center Carnegie Library on 12 September.

America's long, long history of dirty presidential campaigns

Independent, 8 September 2019

Andrew Buncombe

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/2020-us-presidential-race-trump-biden-pelosi-fake-news-campaign-dirty-politics-a9095346.html>

-- Smears and criticism of presidents and candidates is nothing new in America. For example, Jefferson fought accusations he fathered children with one of his slaves; Rumors about John Mc Cain's "illegitimate" child were false, and may have prevented him from gaining the presidency in 2000. And George H.W. Bush's campaign leveraged the Willie Horton case to reverse the lead of opponent Michael Dukakis.

Granting meaning to a street

Post-Gazette, 8 September 2019

Charles McColleston

<https://www.post-gazette.com/opinion/Op-Ed/2019/09/08/Ulysses-S-Grant-Pittsburgh-commemorate-visit-Charles-McColleston-Next-Page/stories/201909080008>

-- Grant supported the 15th Amendment to the constitution that provided the basis for the 1965 Voting Rights Act, and the U.S. Department of Justice was established in 1870 by Grant specifically to defend African American suffrage rights. The author encourages the city of Pittsburgh to commemorate Grant, 150 years after he visited the city and change the designation of Grant Street to honor him, rather than James Grant.

How Lincoln Triumphed in an Era Even More Toxic Than Ours

Daily Beast, 8 September 2019

Allen Barra

<https://www.thedailybeast.com/how-lincoln-triumphed-in-an-era-even-more-toxic-than-ours>

-- Discussion of Sidney Blumenthal's "All the Powers of Earth: The Political Life of Abraham Lincoln, Volume III, 1856-1860".

The End of the Wilsonian Century?

The National Interest, 8 September 2019

Colin Dueck

<https://nationalinterest.org/feature/end-wilsonian-century-78426>

-- Contrasting Wilson's efforts to lead America into the League of Nations with the resurgence of American nationalism under the Trump administration.

'What politics is': Sidney Blumenthal on Lincoln and his own Washington life

The Guardian, 8 September 2019

Martin Pengelly

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2019/sep/08/sidney-blumenthal-lincoln-politics-trump-republicans>

-- Blumenthal is three volumes into a monumental biography of the 16th president, and the former Clinton aide is still part of the scene.

What We Are Reading Today: Lincoln's Spies by Douglas C. Waller

Arab News, 8 September 2019

<https://www.arabnews.com/node/1551236/books>

-- Douglas Waller's new book tells the stories of four secret agents for the North who operated throughout the civil war.

Durango Arts Center to host Eleanor Roosevelt presentation

The Durango Herald, 6 September 2019

<https://durangoherald.com/articles/292831>

-- The Durango Arts Center will host a living history presentation of former first lady Eleanor Roosevelt. Susan Marie Frontczak will portray Roosevelt at a free Chautauqua performance.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Bill Clinton recall 'very easy' first conversation

abc News, 3 September 2019

Devin Dwyer

<https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/ruth-bader-ginsburg-bill-clinton-recall-easy-conversation/story?id=65370897>

-- Ginsburg and Clinton spoke at the Clinton Presidential Center. Clinton recalled the first conversation was an interview for her to be on the Supreme Court, but "I was just a guy talking to somebody I really liked and that I hoped would be part of our future."

Why Jimmy Carter was actually one of the most consequential presidents in modern history

AlterNet, 2 September 2019

Richard Moe/History News Network

<https://www.alternet.org/2019/09/why-jimmy-carter-was-actually-one-of-the-most-consequential-presidents-in-modern-history/>

-- An assessment of Carter's presidency as he reaches his 95th birthday on 1 October. He is also America's longest living former president. Moe served from 1977 to 1981 as chief of staff to Vice President Mondale and as an assistant to President Carter.

Jackie was offered \$1m not to divorce JFK before presidential election

IrishCentral, 31 August 2019

<https://www.irishcentral.com/roots/jackie-offered-1m-divorce-jfk>

-- Jackie Kennedy was offered this payment by JFK's father, Joseph Kennedy, according to Danforth Prince and Darwin Porter in their biography, *Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis: A Life Beyond Her Wildest Dreams*.

George Washington gave a shout-out to Boston in this 1778 letter; now it's up for auction

Boston Globe, 30 August 2019

Emily Sweeney

<https://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2019/08/30/george-washington-gave-shout-out-boston-this-letter-its-for-auction/AivLs1KfR47mqXU9bzef2M/story.html>

- Reference the 241-year-old document signed by Washington regarding the HMS Somerset, a British war ship that ran aground off the coast of Provincetown in 1778.

Looking back at VP Pence's visit to Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site

mynbc5.com, 30 August 2019

Matt Leighton

<https://www.mynbc5.com/article/looking-back-at-vp-pences-visit-to-calvin-coolidge-state-historic-site/28849289>

-- Pence visited Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site in Plymouth, VT in 2018. It is believed Pence is a big fan of Coolidge.

Abraham Lincoln donated money to Ireland during the Great Famine

The Irish Post, 29 August 2019

Harry Brent

<https://www.irishpost.com/life-style/abraham-lincoln-donated-money-ireland-great-famine-170674>

-- Christine Kinealy, a Professor at Drew University in Madison, NJ identified Lincoln as one of the 15,000 individuals worldwide who sent money to Ireland in 1847 during the famine which killed over a million people.

McConnell to host public events on Christianity, Abraham Lincoln

ABC 13 WBKO, 29 August 2019

<https://www.wbko.com/content/news/McConnell-to-host-t-558663171.html>

-- The McConnell Center at the University of Louisville will host documentary producer Kent Masterson Brown on 29 August 2019. Brown will present his latest film about Kentucky native, Abraham Lincoln.

Mattis breaks silence: 'I had no choice but to leave' George Washington is my model

American Military News, 29 August 2019

Laura Widener

<https://americanmilitarynews.com/2019/08/mattis-breaks-silence-i-had-no-choice-but-to-leave-george-washington-is-my-model/>

-- During an interview with The Atlantic, the former Secretary of Defense explained his rationale for submitting his resignation in December 2018. He stated in his interview that his leadership style is modeled on George Washington.

Grover Cleveland and the Democrats Who Saved Conservatism

The American Conservative, 28 August 2019

Daniel Bring

<https://www.theamericanconservative.com/articles/grover-cleveland-and-the-democrats-who-saved-conservatism/>

-- How the Democratic Party once represented the most conservative elements of American politics. Cleveland was the only Democrat to serve as president between 1861-1913, but was a staunch conservative.

Overhaul of aircraft carrier USS George Washington hits halfway point

UPI, Defense News, 28 August 2019

Ed Adamczyk

<https://www.upi.com/Defense-News/2019/08/28/Overhaul-of-aircraft-carrier-USS-George-Washington-hits-halfway-point/9481567017163/>

-- Undergoing a four year overhaul in Newport News, VA, the Nimitz-class ship, commissioned in 1992, is half way finished.

200 years ago, John Adams promoted a Jewish state in the Holy Land

The Times of Israel, 27 August 2019

Matt Lebovic

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/200-years-ago-john-adams-promoted-a-jewish-state-in-the-holy-land/>

-- Reference Mordechai Manuel Noah's travel memoir, which he sent to Adams in 1819. Adams responded "Noah could be 'at the head of a hundred thousand Israelites... & marching with them into Judea & making a conquest of that country & restoring your nation to the dominion of it. For I really wish the Jews again in Judea an independent nation.'"

Artist Mary Lee Abbott of Southampton Dies August 23

27east.com, 27 August 2019 (Published in The Southampton Press, 26 August 20)
<http://www.27east.com/news/article.cfm/General-Interest-Southampton/606522/Artist-Mary-Lee-Abbott-Of-Southampton-Dies-August-23>

-- Abbott's father was Henry Livermore Abbott, a member of the Roosevelt's war cabinet during WWII. Her great-great-great grandfather was President John Adams.

Civil War Roundtable hosts discussion on Grant's generalship Sept. 9

The Mountaineer, 27 August 2019

https://www.themountaineer.com/life/civil-war-roundtable-hosts-discussion-on-grant-s-generalship-sept/article_a156bd16-c5ce-11e9-be37-e3ecdde54cea.html

-- The Western North Carolina Civil War Roundtable will host a free presentation and open discussion on General Ulysses. S. Grant, Monday Sept. 9, at the Waynesville Inn Golf Resort and Spa.

Giant set of presidential busts get second life as an attraction, still await permanent future

Daily Press, 27 August 2019

Josh Reyes

<https://www.dailypress.com/news/dp-nw-president-heads-williamsburg-new-life-20190827-jwpoigj6nze7vcfoenibvg4q6a-story.html>

-- Standing 16-20-feet tall, 43 aging busts of former Presidents stand on an industrial lot in Croaker, Virginia. Their future is in doubt.

The new Kennedys? Obamas buying \$14.85M Martha's Vineyard estate from Boston Celtics owner

Washington Examiner, 23 August 2019

Caitlin Yilek

<https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/news/obamas-buying-marthas-vineyard-estate-from-boston-celtics-owner>

-- The property in Edgartown, Massachusetts is a 7,000 square-foot house on 29 acres of private land.

Trump's idea of buying Greenland is far from absurd

The Washington Post, 22 August 2019

Marc A. Thiessen

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2019/08/22/trumps-idea-buying-greenland-is-far-absurd/>

-- The article notes that in 1946 President Harry Truman also tried to purchase Greenland, but Danish officials turned him down.

Alice Walker Defends George Washington Murals

The New York Times, 21 August 2019

Carol Pogash

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/08/21/arts/design/alice-walker-defends-george-washington-murals.html>

-- Walker, a Pulitzer Prize winning author for “The Color Purple” favors preserving historical murals, “even if they cast Native Americans and African-Americans in a negative light.”

Public invited to learn about The Society of Cincinnati

New Hampshire Union Leader, 21 August 2019

https://www.unionleader.com/news/veterans/public-invited-to-learn-about-the-society-of-cincinnati/article_c955517f-0104-50d3-89d7-29a5965a6893.html

-- The Society of Cincinnati’s membership is open only to male descendants of Revolutionary War officers, including descendant President Franklin Pierce of New Hampshire.

Remembering JFK – The Short Lived President: His Life and Achievements

moderndiplomacy, 21 August 2019

Zaeem Hassan Mehood

<https://moderndiplomacy.eu/2019/08/21/remembering-jfk-the-short-lived-president-his-life-and-achievements/>

-- A brief account of JFK’s presidency, concluding that he “remains the most popular US President of all times”.

MSU to host ‘An Evening with the Presidents’ at Mitchell Memorial Library

Mississippi State University, 20 August 2019

<https://www.msstate.edu/newsroom/article/2019/08/msu-host-evening-presidents-mitchell-memorial-library>

-- The evening program will include a discussion between Abraham Lincoln impersonator George Buss, Ulysses S. Grant impersonator Curt Fields and MSU President Mark Keenum. A book signing follows for “Hold On with a Bulldog Grip: A Short Study of Ulysses S. Grant,” a new book written by MSU and Ulysses S. Grant Presidential Library historians John Marszalek, David Nolen and Louie Gallow, along with Rhode Island Supreme Court Chief Justice Frank Williams.

With opening just months away, Eisenhower memorial takes shape

WTOP, (Washington DC), 20 August 2019

Melissa Howell

<https://wtop.com/dc/2019/08/dwight-d-eisenhower-memorial-will-create-a-unique-space-for-visitors/>

-- The new memorial across the street from the National Mall on Independence Avenue will cost \$145 million will open on May 8 2019, the 75th Anniversary of Victory in Europe Day.

UVA to keep pro-Jefferson ‘Founder’s Day’ despite Charlottesville’s decision to nix presidential holiday

The College Fix, 19 August 2019

John Rigolizzo-Rutgers University

<https://www.thecollegefix.com/uva-to-keep-pro-jefferson-founders-day-despite-charlottesvilles-decision-to-nix-presidential-holiday/>

-- The University of Virginia will continue to celebrate its Founder’s Day despite the city council’s decision to end the annual celebration of Jefferson’s birthday due to controversy over the former president’s legacy.

There Once Was a President Who Hated War

Foreign Policy (FP), 18 August 2019

Stephen M. Walt

<https://foreignpolicy.com/2019/08/18/there-once-was-a-president-who-hated-war/>

-- A description of FDR’s many anti-war statements, before World War II.

‘I Did Get His Attention,’ Why Squeaky Fromme Tried to Assassinate President Ford

Oxygen, 15 August 2019

Jill Sederstrom

<https://www.oxygen.com/manson-the-women/crime-time/why-lynette-squeaky-fromme-tried-to-assassinate-president-ford>

-- Manson Family member Lynette ‘Squeaky’ Fromme, on parole since 2009 for her assassination attempt on President Gerald Ford, claims she was trying to attract his attention because she wanted to talk to him about the dangers to California Redwood trees.

As we rethink Ronald Reagan’s legacy, we should also rethink how and why it was constructed

The Washington Post, 12 August 2019

Sarah Thomson

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2019/08/12/we-rethink-ronald-reagans-legacy-we-should-also-rethink-how-why-it-was-constructed/>

-- The author is a PhD candidate in history at the University of Edinburgh researching the crafting of Ronald Reagan’s political legacy in the 1980s and 1990s. Her thesis suggests that Republicans adoration of Reagan is more about ensuring a conservative future for America than accurately describing the former president’s past.

Good old Joe

The Durango Herald, 12 August 2019

<https://durangoherald.com/articles/289358>

-- Suggests that anyone who has read Richard Ben Cramer’s 1992 book “What It Takes: The Way to The White House” would not have counted Biden out as a candidate for the presidency.

How Andrew Jackson Rode a Populist Wave to Become America’s First ‘Outsider’ President

History, 12 August 2019

David Roos

<https://www.history.com/news/andrew-jackson-populism>

-- Jackson’s “outsider” campaign for president against “Washington insiders” is now common. In the 1820’s Andrew Jackson invented the anti-establishment “populist” candidate.

Tom Reilly: Journalism 101: Why the president’s tweets are newsworthy

The Sun Chronicle, 10 August 2019

Tom Reilly

https://www.thesunchronicle.com/opinion/columns/tom-reilly-journalism-why-the-president-s-tweets-are-newsworthy/article_740139ca-c24e-5bea-8aa7-1f8494cfb568.html

-- The author points out that the president’s tweets are official public records. And, “They may not actually have the force of law, but they certainly influence the course of government policy.”

Smart Tips for Estate Planning: Write Your Will Like George Washington Did

Kiplinger, 9 August 2019

Chris Creed

<https://www.kiplinger.com/article/retirement/T021-C032-S014-estate-planning-write-your-will-like-george-washin.html>

-- Washington’s will was finely detailed and provided specific bequests to his wife Martha, his family, and what is now Washington and Lee University.

Walls rising at Harding Presidential Center in Marion

Marion Star, 9 August 2019

Edward Carter

<https://www.marionstar.com/story/news/2019/08/09/walls-rising-harding-presidential-center/1956979001/>

-- Construction of the Warren G. Harding Presidential Center has begun in Marion, Ohio while work continues on the restoration of the Harding Home in Marion.

Three Loyola students receive William Jefferson Clinton Scholarship to study abroad

Loyola News (Loyola University Maryland), 8 August 2019

Molly Cochran

<https://www.loyola.edu/news/2019/190808-clinton-scholarship-fall>

-- The scholarship is at the American University in Dubai and seeks to further the goals of the Clinton Presidential Foundation.

Letter from the White House explained the Nixon pardon

Linn's Stamp News, 8 August 2019

John M. Hotchner

<https://www.linns.com/news/us-stamps-postal-history/letter-from-the-white-house-explained-the-nixon-pardon>

-- A stamp collector obtains, for \$10, in a dealers stock, a 1974 letter from Gerald Ford to Reverend Carl Hickman in which he explains his decision to pardon Richard Nixon.

Mullane: The unofficial height requirement for the presidency

Burlington County Times, 7 August 2019

JD Mullane

<https://www.burlingtoncountytimes.com/opinion/20190807/mullane-unofficial-height-requirement-for-presidency>

-- The author's opinion is that the unofficial height requirement for the American presidency starts at 6 feet. He notes that of the 45 presidents, the majority have been 6 feet tall or more, with Abraham Lincoln the tallest at 6 feet, 4 inches.

Trump, Obama Approval Ratings Are Exact Same 922 Days Into Respective Presidencies

Newsweek, 7 August 2019

Benjamin Fearnow

<https://www.newsweek.com/donald-trump-barack-obama-gallup-poll-approval-ratings-president-identical-same-1453093>

-- Trump and former President Obama have identical approval ratings of 42 percent at the two-and-a-half-year mark in their terms.

Commentary: Woodrow Wilson also fanned flames of hate, with intense anti-German sentiment

The Morning Call, 6 August 2019

Adam Hochschild

<https://www.mcall.com/opinion/mc-opi-woodrow-wilson-racism-germans-trump-20190806-tbh2b5rmx5aqdes3h5wl4npggu-story.html>

-- The article describes the anti-German atmosphere in America during World War I, where intense sentiments included schools halting German language classes, Iowa forbidding the use of German in public, burning of German books on the Fourth of July, and eliminating German city names—such as Berlin, Iowa becoming Lincoln, Iowa.

The Liberal Who Told Reagan's Favorite Joke

Boston Review, 6 August 2019

Lawrence B. Glickman

<http://bostonreview.net/politics/lawrence-glickman-ronald-reagan-edmund-muskie-here-from-government>

-- Reference Edmund Muskie's retelling of Reagan's "The nine most terrifying words in the English language are, 'I'm from the government and I'm here to help.'"

Wagner: Harding was bad president but good journalist

nwest/iowa.com, 6 August 2019

Peter W. Wagner

https://www.nwestiowa.com/opinion/wagner-harding-was-bad-president-but-good-journalist/article_262b6c14-b579-11e9-a40e-abdf4e370c2d.html

-- Wagner (founder of The N'West Iowa) recounts The Marion Daily Creed, which Harding posted when he was the publisher. It includes "Be Truthful. Get the Facts., Be decent, be fair, be generous., and Treat all parties alike."

Together Again: Andy Young joins President Carter for Sunday School

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, 6 August 2019

Ernie Suggs

<https://www.ajc.com/news/together-again-andy-young-joins-president-carter-for-sunday-school/GuOsmT4xpAsz8yUjuJz0IM/>

- How Young and Carter co-taught Sunday school at Maranatha Baptist Church in Plains, Georgia when the former president returned after his hip surgery.

Barack Obama can't help us

The Washington Post, 6 August 2019

Paul Waldman

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2019/08/06/barack-obama-cant-help-us/>

-- Among other points the author notes that the former president experienced many mass shootings during his eight years in the White House, as have other presidents.

Former President George W. Bush shares photo of first grandson

CBS News, 5 August 2019

Caitlin O'Kane

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/jenna-bush-hager-baby-former-president-george-w-bush-shares-photo-of-first-grandson-henry-harold-hal-hager/>

-- The former president stated he and Mrs. Bush "are thrilled to welcome Henry Harold Hager to our family."

Happy 58th birthday, Barack Obama! The former president's life in pictures

USA Today, 4 August 2019

<https://www.usatoday.com/picture-gallery/life/2019/08/04/president-obama-barack-58-birthday/1895580001/>

-- The 44th president's birthday is an opportunity for a photo article of his life before, during and after his presidency.

Review: ‘The Moralist’ presents insightful view of idealistic Woodrow Wilson

The Post and Courier, 4 August 2019

Rosemary Michaud

https://www.postandcourier.com/features/review-the-moralist-presents-insightful-view-of-idealistic-woodrow-wilson/article_cafa5aa4-b306-11e9-babf-5bed53f97c99.html

-- Patricia O’Toole’s new book creates the image of Wilson as a man who “believed that all problems could be dealt with successfully by choosing solutions based on moral standards.” She describes Wilson as having a rigid personality that prevented him from having a more distinguished legacy.

Kennedy Center Picks George W. Bush’s Artwork for First Exhibit in New Venue

dcist, 2 August 2019

Gaspard Le Dem

<https://dcist.com/story/19/08/02/kennedy-center-picks-george-w-bushs-artwork-for-first-exhibit-in-new-venue/>

-- “Portraits of Courage”, a collection of 66 oil paintings of military veterans, will be displayed from 7 October to November 15 at the Reach following a 16-day inaugural festival for the venue in September 2019. This will be the first exhibit at the brand new arts space.

Ronald Reagan’s Long-Hidden Racist Conversation With Richard Nixon

The Atlantic, 30 July 2019

Tim Naftali

https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/searching-for-socialism-in-the-great-society/2019/12/05/d2304b86-0a35-11ea-bd9d-c628fd48b3a0_story.html

-- In newly found audio tapes from 1971, Governor Reagan is heard calling Nixon at the White House and speaking derogatorily of the African delegates to the United Nations.

George W. Bush Subject of Two-Part PBS Doc Form ‘Clinton’ Filmmaker Barak Goodman

Deadline, 29 July 2019

Peter White

<https://deadline.com/2019/07/george-w-bush-pbs-1202656221/>

-- Bush is the subject of a documentary, “W” which is directed by Barak Goodman who directed the four-part *Clinton documentary*.

Access to Nixon papers turned into book on post-presidency life

Leader-Telegram, 28 July 2019

https://www.leadertelegram.com/ap/entertainment/access-to-nixon-papers-turned-into-book-on-post-presidency/article_48f57ab2-1efe-58af-a0ef-f7649e5f2cd3.html

-- How access to Nixon’s personal papers (after his time as president), which are not required to be released to the public, were made available to Kasey Pipes for use in her book, “After the Fall: The Remarkable Comeback of Richard Nixon.”

Eisenhower museum reopens in Abilene with 25,000 square feet of new exhibits

The Wichita Eagle, 28 July 2019

Melinda Schnyder

<https://www.kansas.com/entertainment/article233132361.html>

-- Museum reopens after a year-long overhaul to add space for more exhibits and incorporate the latest exhibit technology.

President Franklin Roosevelt's final task: ending World War II

The Christian Science Monitor, 28 July 2019

Steve Donoghue

<https://www.csmonitor.com/Books/Book-Reviews/2019/0728/President-Franklin-Roosevelt-s-final-task-ending-World-War-II>

-- Reviews of "War and Peace" by Nigel Hamilton and "The Second Most Powerful Man in the World" by Phillips Payson O'Brien.

Thomas: The Founders would have hated our national debt

Recordnet.com, 27 July 2019,

Cal Thomas

<https://www.recordnet.com/opinion/20190727/thomas-founders-would-have-hated-our-national-debt>

-- Various presidents have commented on the dangers of debt, such as Jefferson – "We must not let our rulers load us with perpetual debt."

This Week Then: Looking Back on President Warren Harding's Last Speech

Seattle Magazine, 25 July 2019

Alan Stein

<https://www.seattlemag.com/news/week-then-looking-back-president-warren-hardings-last-speech>

-- Harding's 1923 40-day tour of the Western United States brought him to Seattle where he campaigned three years earlier on a "return to normalcy." The post-WWI economy was in a downturn.

Wanted: President. Mayors Encouraged to Apply.

U.S. News & World Report, 25 July 2019

Trevor Bach

<https://www.usnews.com/news/cities/articles/2019-07-25/could-the-us-ever-elect-a-mayor-for-president>

-- Why more mayors don't run for president. No U.S. president has ever been elected while serving as a mayor.

A future president visited Sacramento and came up with an audacious and moving plan

The Sacramento Bee, 24 July 2019

Tony Bizjak

<https://www.sacbee.com/news/article233018832.html>

-- Account of Army Lieutenant Colonel Eisenhower's cross country convoy in 1919, which influenced the decision to develop the federal interstate highway system.

Gordon Clapp, Bryce Pinkham, Frank Wood Join Broadway's *The Great Society*

Playbill, 24 July 2019

Ryan McPhee

<http://www.playbill.com/article/gordon-clapp-bryce-pinkham-frank-wood-join-broadways-the-great-society>

-- Robert Schenkkan's second LBJ play will play a limited engagement beginning in September 2019, directed by Bill Rauch, at the Vivian Beaumont Theater.

Perspective: When Presidents Show Their Backsides

WNIJ/WNIU Northern Public Radio, 22 July 2019

Joseph Flynn

<https://www.northernpublicradio.org/post/perspective-when-presidents-show-their-backsides>

-- A commentary on how many presidents have owned slaves, used racist language, opposed blacks having rights to vote. This in the context of recent comments by President Trump.

Historic mansion on land George Washington once owned is set to be demolished

The Washington Post, 22 July 2019

DeNeen L. Brown

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/history/2019/07/22/historic-mansion-land-once-owned-by-george-washington-is-set-be-demolished/>

-- The Collingwood mansion, four miles from Mount Vernon on the Potomac River is slated for demolition by the present owner, Tyler Murrell, one of the sons of the family that owns Five Guys restaurant chain.

Lyndon Johnson's Unsung Role In Sending Americans To The Moon

The New Yorker, 20 July 2019

Jeff Shesol

<https://www.newyorker.com/news/news-desk/lyndon-johnsons-unsung-role-in-sending-americans-to-the-moon>

-- The article notes that while Kennedy issued the challenge for America's space program, it was Johnson who led the effort that actually landed the men on the moon and ensured they returned safely.

Dwight Eisenhower’s worst nightmare has come true

AlterNet, 19 July 2019

William Hartung

<https://www.alternet.org/2019/07/dwight-eisenhowers-worst-nightmare-has-come-true/>

-- Reference to Eisenhower’s 1961 use of the term “military-industrial-complex” and the present-day influence of defense industry.

Imagining a World Where Soviets and Americans Joined Hands on the Moon

Smithsonian.com, 19 July 2019

Francis French

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/imagining-world-where-soviets-and-americans-joined-hands-moon-180972692/>

-- JFK’s 20 September 1963 speech before the UN General Assembly suggested that NASA cooperate with the Soviets on the goal of landing on the moon.

Play of the Day: Donald Trump and William Howard Taft Have Something in Common

Government Executive, 18 July 2019

Ross Gianfortune

<https://www.govexec.com/oversight/2019/07/play-day-donald-trump-and-william-howard-taft-have-something-common/158507/>

-- A story related to the House resolution to “strongly condemn” the president.

Barnstormers to present ‘Backstage at the White House’ July 22

The Conway Daily Sun, 18 July 2019

https://www.conwaydailysun.com/things_to_do/books/barnstormers-to-present-backstage-at-the-white-house-july/article_f10e9566-a7e9-11e9-8d11-f7cfa10fa294.html

-- Barnstormers Theatre in Tamworth (New Hampshire) will present this play about The Cleveland Ladies (President Cleveland had two first ladies, his sister and his wife).

When Jimmy Carter left office, his peanut business was \$1M in debt

USA Today, 18 July 2019

Kathleen Elkins

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/money/2019/07/18/president-jimmy-carter-left-white-house-peanut-business-debt/1768035001/>

-- Carter’s business went into a blind trust when he became president, and by the time he left office “we thought we were going to lose everything,” according to his wife Rosalynn Carter.

What Lessons Can JFK’s Pledge to Reach the Moon Provide for Trump?

Observer, 17 July 2019

John A. Tures

<https://observer.com/2019/07/apollo-11-moon-landing-anniversary-lessons-jfk-trump/>

-- Several lessons provided on how Trump can succeed in his space goals.

Harding Symposium marks 100 years since women’s vote helped propel Harding to presidency

Marion Star, 17 July 2019

Sarah Volpenheim

<https://www.marionstar.com/story/news/local/2019/07/17/harding-symposium-marks-100-years-since-womens-vote-helped-harding-win/1756390001/>

-- Harding was the first president elected after women gained the right to vote.

Mexico is Doing Trump’s Dirty Work. Enough.

The New York Times, 17 July 2019

Enrique Krauze

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/07/17/opinion/mexico-trump.html>

-- Article asserts that Donald Trump is the most aggressive American president Mexico has had to contend with since James K. Polk, who in 1846 sought a declaration of war against the country.

Some House Dems call for censuring Trump

The Washington Times, 16 July 2019

Gabriella Muñoz

<https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2019/jul/16/some-house-dems-raising-idea-censuring-donald-trum/>

-- The article notes that only three presidents have been censured by Congress, John Tyler, Patrick Buchanan, and Andrew Jackson (Jackson’s censure was expunged).

New monument to African Americans would join the Confederate statues at the Capitol

The News&Observer, 16 July 2019

Dawn Baumgartner Vaughan

<https://www.newsobserver.com/news/politics-government/article232254627.html>

-- \$2.5 million is set aside in this year’s state budget (North Carolina) proposals for an African American monument on the Capitol grounds.

South Dakota’s City of Presidents Unveils Obama Statue

Smithsonian.com, 16 July 2019

Jason Daley

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/obama-statue-added-south-dakotas-city-presidents-180972660/>

-- A new life-size bronze statue in Rapid City depicts the 44th president waving to a crowd holding his daughter Sasha’s hand. The city plans to honor American presidents with other bronze statues placed throughout the downtown.

The race to the Moon was so unpopular at one point, President Eisenhower called JFK ‘nuts

FastCompany, 14 July 2019

Charles Fishman

<https://www.fastcompany.com/90375432/the-race-to-the-moon-was-so-unpopular-at-one-point-president-eisenhower-called-jfk-nuts>

-- Eisenhower was concerned, like others in government, about the cost and value of the Apollo program.

For sale: William Safire’s book collection. The inscriptions from his enemies are delicious

The Washington Post, 13 July 2019

Michael S. Rosenwald

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/history/2019/07/12/sale-william-safires-book-collection-inscriptions-his-enemies-are-delicious/>

-- Capitol Hill Books in Washington, DC purchased the Safire collection from his estate. Aside from inscriptions were the occasional letter tucked inside the book by Safire. William Safire died in September 2009.

What the ouster of Britain’s U.S. ambassador says about British power today

The Washington Post, 11 July 2019

Charlie Laderman

https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2019/07/11/what-ouster-britains-us-ambassador-says-about-british-power-today/?utm_term=.9c18baeea91c

-- About an earlier diplomatic incident in 1888 when President Cleveland ejected the British envoy from Washington after Ambassador Kim Darroch’s comments about disarray in the U.S. Administration were leaked.

The Obamas’ silence on Joe Biden is deafening

The Hill, 11 July 2019

Krystal Ball, Opinion Contributor

<https://thehill.com/opinion/campaign/452487-the-obamas-silence-on-joe-biden-is-deafening>

-- When asked what qualities make a good president, the former first lady stated, “Someone who is careful with their words.”

The renaissance of Jimmy Carter and what it means for 2020

The Washington Post, 11 July 2019

Amber Roessner

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2019/07/11/resurrection-jimmy-carter-what-it-means/>

-- Roessner is the author of “Jimmy Carter and the Birth of the Marathon Media Campaign”, which will be released in the spring of 2020.

Fillmore the forgotten

Austin Daily Herald, 9 July 2019

Mike Stoll

<https://www.austindailyherald.com/2019/07/fillmore-the-forgotten/>

-- A summary of the 13th U.S. President, Millard Fillmore, who is generally less well known by Americans today, but had a rather interesting life both in and out of office.

Here Are the 10 Richest US Presidents of All Time

VOA (Voice of America), 8 July 2019

Dora Mekouar

<https://www.voanews.com/usa/all-about-america/here-are-10-richest-us-presidents-all-time>

-- Trump, Kennedy, and Washington are the top three, when adjusted for inflation.

James Monroe Enslaved Hundreds. Their Descendants Still Live Next Door

The New York Times, 7 July 2019

Audra D.S. Burch

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/07/07/us/politics/monroe-slavery-highland.html>

-- A small African-American community has lived 10 miles from Monroe's former plantation for generations.

It starts with painting over murals and removing mission bells. Where does it end?

San Francisco Chronicle, 6 July 2019

Carl Nolte

<https://www.sfchronicle.com/bayarea/nativeson/article/It-starts-with-painting-over-murals-and-removing-14074876.php?psid=dxYwS>

-- San Francisco school board's decision to paint over a mural at George Washington High School in Richmond District because the piece shows African American slaves is discussed.

At 85, Historian David McCullough Is a Pioneer In His Own Right

Vineyard Gazette, 4 July 2019

Noah Asimow

<https://vineyardgazette.com/news/2019/07/04/85-historian-david-mccullough-pioneer-his-own-right>

-- A visit to McCullough's home in West Tisbury, Massachusetts and a discussion on his career, his new book and his life on Martha's Vineyard. McCullough's work includes books on John Adams, Teddy Roosevelt, Harry Truman, and George Washington.

How presidents through the years have celebrated July 4th

CBS News, 4 July 2019

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/how-presidents-through-the-years-have-celebrated-july-4th/>

-- A summary of the different ways presidents have celebrated and participated in the national holiday. For example, Teddy Roosevelt “drew crowds in the hundreds of thousands for his oratory”, and George Washington celebrated in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, “with an address, fine cuisine, and walking about town.”

Presidential salaries, from George Washington to Donald Trump

Fox/Business, 4 July 2019

Ann Schmidt

<https://www.foxbusiness.com/features/presidential-salaries-from-washington-to-trump>

-- A listing of all 45 presidents with estimated salaries (e.g., George Washington earned \$25,000 a year; Ulysses S. Grant earned \$50,000; John F. Kennedy earned \$100,000 a year; and Barack Obama earned \$400,000 a year.

Commentary: Independence Day and the lives of American presidents

Delaware State News, 3 July 2019

Dr. Samuel B. Hoff

<https://delawarestatenews.net/opinion/commentary-independence-day-and-the-lives-of-american-presidents/>

-- Among other interesting facts, three U.S. presidents have died and one was born on the 4th of July.

Garfield Assassination Causes Creation of Civil Service System

NewAmerican, 2 July 2019

Steve Byas

<https://www.thenewamerican.com/culture/history/item/32748-garfield-assassination-causes-creation-of-civil-service-system>

-- Article discusses how the Pendleton Act came to be passed and the adoption of the 25th Amendment which details what to do in a situation of presidential incapacity.

Robert Caro Reflects on Robert Moses, L.B.J., And His Own Career In Nonfiction

The New Yorker, 1 July 2019

David Remnick (Interview at the McCarter Theatre)

<https://www.newyorker.com/culture/the-new-yorker-interview/robert-caro-reflects-on-robert-moses-lbj-and-his-own-career-in-nonfiction>

-- An interview with Caro who has written about both Robert Moses, and Lyndon Johnson.

Theodore Roosevelt's 'forgotten war'

INQUIRER.NET, 1 July 2019

Ramon Farolan

<https://opinion.inquirer.net/122303/theodore-roosevelts-forgotten-war>

-- Roosevelt's role in the preparation and conduct of the Philippine-American War.

The "Forgotten President" Claims Trump's Presidency is "Illegitimate"

New American, 30 June 2019

James Murphy

<https://www.thenewamerican.com/usnews/politics/item/32734-the-forgotten-president-claims-trump-s-presidency-is-illegitimate>

-- The former president claimed President Trump won the 2016 election with assistance from Russia.

Mars family gifts Montpelier more than 1,000 acres

The Daily Progress, 28 June 2019

https://www.dailyprogress.com/news/region/mars-family-gifts-montpelier-more-than-acres/article_77a8e806-8eff-5da3-b74a-42046a6b905a.html

-- The Montpelier Foundation partnered with the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the Piedmont Environmental Council to place 1,024 acres under easement.

At a retreat, Carter and Mondale talked about the old days, and went after Trump

The Washington Post, 28 June 2019

Kevin Sullivan and Mary Jordan

https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/at-a-retreat-carter-and-mondale-talked-about-the-old-days-and-went-after-trump/2019/06/28/d55af54a-99d3-11e9-916d-9c61607d8190_story.html?utm_term=.6f045f559d8e

-- The two also discussed human rights before an audience of friends in Leesburg, Virginia.

Albanian delegation visits Staunton to honor President Woodrow Wilson

The News Virginian, 28 June 2019

Rebecca J. Barnabi

https://www.dailyprogress.com/newsvirginian/news/albanian-delegation-visits-staunton-to-honor-president-woodrow-wilson/article_bea3d55b-b9fd-5e0c-b0cf-fc389d20dde7.html

-- The Albanian Delegation presented Woodrow Wilson Library & Museum with a plaque honoring President Woodrow Wilson and the 100th anniversary of the Paris Peace Conference. Wilson supported an independent Albania at the Paris Peace Conference.

Greenwood residents perform in suspense play at Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site

The Southside Times, 27 June 2019

Stephanie Dolan

<https://ss-times.com/greenwood-residents-perform-in-suspense-play-at-benjamin-harrison-presidential-site/>

-- Candlelight Theatre presents riveting play “Night Watch” by Lucille Fletcher at the Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site in July. No indication the play has anything to do with the former president, however.

Doris Kearns Goodwin Draws Parallels Between Current Politics and Teddy Roosevelt

WOSU Radio, 26 June 2019

Jo Ingles

<https://radio.wosu.org/post/doris-kearns-goodwin-draws-parallels-between-current-politics-and-teddy-roosevelt#stream/0>

-- Goodwin discussed her new book, “Leadership In Turbulent Times,” at a new lecture series at the Statehouse. She noted that current political climate reminds her of the one former President Teddy Roosevelt faced more than 100 years ago.

Teddy Roosevelt’s Texas Campaign

Texas Standard, 26 June 2019

W.F. Strong

<https://www.texasstandard.org/stories/teddy-roosevelts-texas-campaign/>

-- How Roosevelt recruited the Rough Riders in San Antonio, Texas.

Inside the Life of Eisenhower’s ‘Mystery Man’ – Smart, Efficient, Secretly Gay

90.0 wbur, 26 June 2019

Robin Young

<https://www.wbur.org/hereandnow/2019/06/26/robert-cutler-eisenhower-gay-federal-employees--> Among other things, this article discusses Peter Shinkle’s book “Ike’s Mystery Man: The Secret Life of Robert Cutler”.

Cleveland Shakespeare Festival to perform at Garfield National Historic Site

The News-Herald, 25 June 2019

https://www.news-herald.com/entertainment/theater/cleveland-shakespeare-festival-to-perform-at-garfield-national-historic-site/article_08427f0e-91c9-11e9-9c4a-7b6f5b421a32.html

-- The 10th consecutive of the Cleveland Shakespeare Festival performing outdoors. The free performance is “Henry V” at 7 p.m.

New Book Details a First Lady’s Longtime Lesbian Relationship

Advocate, 21 June 2019

Trudy Ring

<https://www.advocate.com/women/2019/6/21/new-book-details-first-ladys-longtime-lesbian-relationship>

-- The new book is “Precious and Adored: The Love Letters of Rose Cleveland and Evangeline Simpson Whipple, 1890-1918” edited by Lizzie Ehrenhalt and Tilly Laskey.

St. Paul School to be Renamed to Erase Name of President Monroe Based on him Owning Slaves in the early 1800’s

Alpha News, 21 June 2019

Megan Olson

<https://alphanewsmn.com/st-paul-school-to-be-renamed-to-erase-name-of-president-monroe-based-on-him-owning-slaves-in-the-early-1800s/>

-- The St. Paul, Minnesota school board voted 6-1 to change the name of Linwood Monroe Arts Plus, which used to be Monroe High School, to Global Arts Plus.

Which of the F.D.R. Wannabes Actually Understands New Deal Liberalism?

The New York Times, 21 June 2019

Jonathan Alter

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/06/21/opinion/fdr-democrats-2020.html>

-- References to Roosevelt in the 2020 Democratic primary campaign include “cradle to grave” coverage and Medicare for All. Do Democrats really understand what his legacy means?

A New Lincoln Bible, From a Mantel to a Presidential Library

The New York Times, 19 June 2019

Peter Baker

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/06/19/us/politics/abraham-lincoln-bible.html>

-- A bible once owned by Lincoln is found more than 150 years after his death, having been passed on by a family from one generation to the next.

Presidential poker a part of White House history

timesunion, 17 June 2019

Norman Chad

<https://www.timesunion.com/sports/article/Presidential-poker-a-part-of-White-House-history-14008289.php>

-- Presidents who played poker include Richard Nixon, Dwight Eisenhower, Warren Harding, and Barack Obama.

Book Says Haig Took Down Nixon

American Free Press, 15 June 2019

S.T. Patrick

<http://americanfreepress.net/book-says-haig-took-down-nixon/>

-- Ray Locker's new book, "Haig's Coup: How Richard Nixon's Closest Aide Forced Him from Office", renews claims that General Haig was behind many plots and activities that often worked against Nixon.

New York City And The Strand Bookstore Are Not On The Same Page

NPR, Weekend Edition Saturday, 15 June 2019

John Axelrod

<https://www.npr.org/2019/06/15/732755982/new-york-city-and-the-strand-bookstore-are-not-on-the-same-page>

-- The owner of the Strand Bookstore is opposed to NYC designating the 92 year old bookstore as an historic landmark, against her wishes, and with burdensome requirements now levied on the shop.

Christina Hale: Benjamin Harrison offers lessons for all of us

IBJ (Indianapolis Business Journal), 14 June 2019

Christina Hale

<https://www.ibj.com/articles/74151-christina-hale-benjamin-harrison-offers-lessons-for-all-of-us>

-- For several years each June the Future Presidents of America leadership camp for young teens has been held to focus on citizenship, leadership, and American history. Harrison was from Indiana, and was the 23rd president, a civil war hero and American statesman.

President George H.W. Bush commemorative Forever Stamp now available

WGNO (ABC), 13 June 2019

Victoria Cristina

<https://wgno.com/2019/06/13/president-george-h-w-bush-commemorative-forever-stamp-now-available/>

-- The stamp is a portrait of the former president painted by artist Michael J. Deas, based on a 1997 photograph taken by Timothy Greenfield-Sanders.

Ulysses S. Grant home finally heading to Eastern Market

Detroit Free Press, 13 June 2019

<https://www.freep.com/story/news/local/michigan/detroit/2019/06/13/ulysses-grant-home-eastern-market/1442247001/>

-- Former president Grant lived in the Detroit area. His historic house is being moved from the State Fairgrounds to Eastern Market where it will also be renovated.

Truman Library in Independence to close for \$25 million renovation and expansion

The Kansas City Star, 13 June 2019

Katie Bernard

<https://www.kansascity.com/news/local/article231488683.html>

-- The library will close for a year while renovation and expansion work is conducted. The museum was built in 1957 and is located in northeast of Kansas City, Missouri in Independence.

Richard Nixon's 'Western White House' is Back on the Market – at a Discount

Fortune, 12 June 2019

Terry Collins

<http://fortune.com/2019/06/12/richard-nixon-western-white-house/>

-- The former president's San Clemente, CA retreat is on the market for \$57.5 million dollars. During his presidency, Nixon hosted world leaders at the estate, as well as well-known celebrities.

Nearly 40% of Americans Think Presidents in Their 70s Are Too Old

Time, 12 June 2019

Charlotte Alter

<https://time.com/5605502/poll-president-age/>

-- Among the survey results referenced in this article – 22% of respondents thought someone between 70-75 is too old to be the president and 37% of respondents said a candidate under 40 would be too inexperienced to do the job well.

Buttigieg Looks to Truman, Not Obama, on Foreign Policy

The Atlantic, 11 June 2019

George Packer

<https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2019/06/buttigieg-foreign-policy-speech/591436/>

-- An extensive article outlying the foreign policy viewpoints of the Millennial Buttigieg which the Democrat candidate for president himself sums up as "Everything we have to say about foreign policy has to be tied back to what it means at home."

Review: "Accidental Presidents"

Emissourian.com, 10 June 2019

Bill Schwab

http://www.emissourian.com/blogs/mo_books/review-accidental-presidents/article_298d6250-8a17-11e9-aa2e-23352fbbb85c.html

-- Jared Cohen's new book describes the ascension of eight vice presidents to the presidency due to the deaths of elected presidents.

A Republican Explains Why Clinton Was Guilty and Trump Is Not

The Atlantic, 10 June 2019

Russell Berman

<https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2019/06/impeachment-trump-chabot/591340/>

-- Republican Representative Steve Chabot of Ohio, voted for Clinton's impeachment in 1998, but does not believe President Trump obstructed justice based on the Mueller report.

Jonathan P. Baird: The underappreciated heroism of John Quincy Adams

Concord Monitor, 9 June 2019

Jonathan P. Baird

<https://www.concordmonitor.com/The-underappreciated-heroism-of-John-Quincy-Adams-26021213>

-- Adams was the first elected president not to obtain a majority of the popular vote. The author outlines some of the reasons he is not better regarded in history, and why many are not accurate.

From John Adams to Ronald Sullivan, how far Harvard has fallen

Washington Examiner, 7 June 2019

J. Robert McClure III, President and CEO of the James Madison Institute

<https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/opinion/op-eds/from-john-adams-to-ronald-sullivan-how-far-harvard-has-fallen>

-- Contrasting the period of John Adams (as portrayed in the HBO miniseries) with the recent story on the Harvard Law School web page about Professor Ronald Sullivan, the first African American faculty dean of Harvard University's Winthrop House.

UNH Law restores Franklin Pierce to name despite former president's controversial legacy

the National Jurist, 7 June 2019

Mike Stetz

<http://www.nationaljurist.com/national-jurist-magazine/unh-law-restores-franklin-pierce-name-despite-former-president%E2%80%99s>

-- The University of New Hampshire has changed the name of its law school to once again include Franklin Pierce, the nation's 14th president, who has a controversial legacy that includes pro-slavery views.

Trump wants a starring role on July 4th. Jefferson's settled for punch and cake.

The Washington Post, 6 June 2019

Ronald G. Shafer

https://www.washingtonpost.com/history/2019/06/05/trump-wants-starring-role-july-th-jefferson-settled-punch-cake/?utm_term=.eff5de72fbd9

-- A contrast between how Jefferson celebrated Independence Day at the White House and what Trump proposes for the 2019 Independence Day celebration.

Roosevelt’s Rough Riding Leadership

Contracting Business, 4 June 2019

Mark Matteson

<https://www.contractingbusiness.com/contracting-business-success/roosevelt-s-rough-riding-leadership>

-- Among the short list of admirable leadership qualities Teddy Roosevelt possessed according to the author – a love of learning; he read a book a day; and he spoke German and French fluently.

The Rough Rider’s Guide to World Domination: How Teddy Roosevelt and the Spanish-American War set the course for future conflicts

The New York Times, Opinion, 31 May 2019

Clay Risen

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/05/31/opinion/sunday/spanish-american-war-power.html>

-- The author notes that the Spanish-American War was a “defining moment in America’s emergence as a global power”, and this idealism led to most of America’s future wars.

Let the Monroe Doctrine Die

FP (foreignpolicy), 29 May 2019

Kori Schake

<https://foreignpolicy.com/2019/05/29/let-the-monroe-doctrine-die-venezuela-bolton/>

-- The doctrine was first invoked in 1895 over Venezuela. It has since rarely been useful for America’s foreign policy in the hemisphere, and the article suggests it has outlived its usefulness.

Noted Reagan biographer, Edmund Morris, dies at 78

Spectrum News, 27 May 2019

Associated Press

<https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nc/triad/ap-top-news/2019/05/27/noted-reagan-biographer-edmund-morris-dies-at-78>

-- Morris wrote “The Rise of Theodore Roosevelt”, which won the Nobel Prize in 1980, and “Dutch: A Memoir of Ronald Reagan” in 1999.

Jared Cohen: When a ‘troll’ me the president

Fox News, 25 May 2019

Jared Cohen

<https://www.foxnews.com/opinion/jared-cohen-troll-president-chester-arthur-julia-sand>

-- Julia Sand’s letters to then vice president Chester Arthur and how she eventually met the president in 1882.

‘Accidental Presidents’ Looks At Achievements of Vice Presidents Who Became President

NPR, All Things Considered, 24 May 2019

<https://www.npr.org/2019/05/24/726784361/accidental-presidents-looks-at-achievements-of-vice-presidents-who-became-presid>

-- NPR's Audie Cornish talks with author Jared Cohen, about his new book "Accidental Presidents: Eight Men Who Changed America".

McKinley teacher's assistant creates, donates presidential portrait to the school

WGRZ (Buffalo, NY), 24 May 2019

<https://www.wgrz.com/article/news/local/mckinley-teachers-assistant-creates-donates-presidential-portrait-to-the-school/71-4888ceae-377b-45f4-97d1-e4d1553b8be3>

-- William Cobb, created an original drawing of former President William McKinley and donated it to the high school, as part of the Memorial Day assembly.

Bill and Hillary Clinton's Life in Exile: The Once-Powerful Political Couple Now Seeks Attention, Audience

Newsweek, 23 May 2019

Bill Powell

<https://www.newsweek.com/2019/06/07/bill-clinton-hillary-clinton-ife-now-exile-powerful-couple-attention-speeches-1434192.html>

-- Democratic politics have changed since the Clinton's ruled Washington, and Clinton's affair with Monica Lewinsky left a negative mark on his presidency and many Democrats.

Harriet Tubman \$20 bill delayed for several years, leaving Andrew Jackson in place, Mnuchin says

Tennessean., 22 May 2019

William Cummings

<https://www.tennessean.com/story/news/politics/2019/05/22/harriet-tubman-20-bill-delayed-andrew-jackson-remains/3772032002/>

-- Secretary Mnuchin testified before the House Financial Services Committee that due to security issues and counterfeiting concerns, the new \$20 bill will not come out until 2028. Former president Andrew Jackson will remain on the bill until then.

You Can Thank President James Polk for This Nation

71Republic, 22 May 2019

John Keller

<https://71republic.com/2019/05/22/thank-president-james-polk/>

-- How the 11th President successfully used diplomacy to make the U.S. the dominant power in North America.

Why a judge compared Trump to James Buchanan in ruling against his bid to conceal financial records

The Washington Post, 21 May 2019

James Hohmann

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/powerpost/paloma/daily-202/2019/05/21/daily-202-why-a-judge-compared-trump-to-james-buchanan-in-ruling-against-his-bid-to-conceal-financial-records/5ce2f1351ad2e54b957e7fc6/?utm_term=.9b63188e8cc0

-- U.S. District Judge Amit Mehta of the District of Columbia quoted from Buchanan's complaint in 1860 regarding the lack of powers by the House of Representatives to investigate him (Buchanan) except in impeachment proceedings.

13 Things You Might Not Know About Ulysses S. Grant

Mental Floss, 19 May 2019

Sean Hutchinson

<http://mentalfloss.com/article/547771/ulysses-s-grant-facts>

-- Including his real name was Hiram; and he wrote the terms of surrender at Appomattox.

Tragedy chased Robert Todd Lincoln

The Madera Tribune, 18 May 2019

Bill Coate

<http://www.maderatribune.com/single-post/2019/05/18/Tragedy-chased-Robert-Todd-Lincoln>

-- Tales of President Lincoln's son, and his proximity to the assassinations of three presidents.

James Madison Played Politics and Gave Us the 2nd Amendment

Daily Beast, 18 May 2019

Igor Volsky

<https://www.thedailybeast.com/james-madison-played-politics-and-gave-us-the-2nd-amendment>

-- A discussion about the Constitutional Convention and the creation of the 2nd Amendment.

George W. Bush looks back on how 'stratergy' was coined: 'Important not to take yourself too seriously'

Fox News, 17 May 2019

Jake Grate

<https://www.foxnews.com/politics/george-w-bush-podcast-stratergist-humor-dancing-family-bush-center>

-- The term coined by the television program "Saturday Night Life" was an example of normal events in the life of a serving president, and he stated, "I think it's very important not to take yourself too seriously."

Obama statue to be unveiled in July; Bush, Truman return downtown after repairs

Rapid City Journal, 16 May 2019

Jim Holland

https://rapidcityjournal.com/news/local/obama-statue-to-be-unveiled-in-july-bush-truman-return/article_649c9d59-134e-54c5-9846-a910ed015fc3.html

-- Rapid City will have three statues of former presidents – George W. Bush, Harry S. Truman, and Barack Obama.

A New Book Reveals Startling Parallels Between Impeached Andrew Johnson and Donald Trump

Esquire, 14 May 2019

Bruce Handy

<https://www.esquire.com/entertainment/books/a27456146/andrew-johnson-donald-trump-impeachment-comparisons-the-impeachers-book/>

-- A summary of Brenda Wineapple's new book, "The Impeachers: The Trial of Andrew Johnson and the Dream of a Just Nation".

Former President Jimmy Carter Suffers Broken Hip

NPR, 13 May 2019

Merrit Kennedy

<https://www.npr.org/2019/05/13/722948126/former-president-jimmy-carter-suffers-broken-hip>

-- Carter fell in his home as he was preparing to go hunting. After surgery at Phoebe Sumter Medical Center in Americus, Georgia he was reported to be recovering well.

Are you related to a United States President?

York Daily Record, 13 May 2019

June Lloyd

<https://www.ydr.com/story/news/history/2019/05/13/you-related-united-states-president/1189689001/>

-- Among other things, this article discusses work of several archives and trusts which research the ancestry of American presidents, and have even discovered relationships between some (e.g., Obama/Lyndon Johnson).

Local man and woman find rewards in educating the public about President and Mrs. Garfield

Cleveland.com, 13 May 2019

Jeff Piorkowski

<https://www.cleveland.com/community/2019/05/matt-patten-jim-kaminski-win-strongsville-ward-1-city-council-primary-will-face-off-in-november.html>

-- Story highlights Lyndhurst, Ohio residents Anita Benedetti and Ben Frayser as they portray former President Garfield and his wife at local events to highlight the significance of Garfield's role as America's 20th president.

Barack Obama’s new memoir may land during 2020 presidential campaign

USA Today, 7 May 2019

Julie Pace, Associated Press

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/life/2019/05/07/barack-obamas-new-memoir-may-land-during-2020-presidential-campaign/1135473001/>

-- The former president has hand-written a draft of the book on legal pads, as he did on his best-seller, “Dreams From My Father”. He has signed with Penguin Random House to publish the new book.

‘Accidental Presidents’ Review: Suddenly In Charge

The Wall Street Journal, 4 May 2019

Robert W. Merry

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/accidental-presidents-review-suddenly-in-charge-11554936145>

-- Harry Truman and Teddy Roosevelt took office upon the death of their predecessors and acted decisively and boldly.

The last time the Democratic field was so crowded, a peanut farmer won the White House

The Washington Post, 3 May 2019

Gillian Brockell

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/04/15/politics/jimmy-carter-trump-china/index.html>

-- Comparing the 2020 and 1976 democratic races for president and their similarities, especially with the very large field of hopeful candidates. The 1976 field included George Wallace, Birch Bayh, Jerry Brown, Sargent Shriver—as well as Jimmy Carter.

Grant showed it is possible for an ordinary person to achieve greatness

TimesNews, 1 May 2019

Ned Jilton II

<http://www.timesnews.net/Blog/2019/05/01/Grant-showed-it-is-possible-for-an-ordinary-person-to-achieve-greatness>

-- A summary of Grant’s humble beginnings leading up to his Civil War leadership and role as the 18th President, serving two terms from 1869-1877.

Presidents from Virginia rank high – well, mostly.

The Virginia Gazette, 30 April 2019

Ronald G. Shafer

<https://www.vagazette.com/opinion/va-vg-edit-shafer-0501-story.html>

-- Discussion of a new book by C-SPAN founding CEO Brian Lamb and co-CEO Susan Swain, “The Presidents”.

The Lasting Disappointment of the Clinton Presidency

The New Republic, 29 April 2019

Walter Shapiro

<https://newrepublic.com/article/153699/lasting-disappointment-clinton-presidency>

-- Included in this article is an account of what is lacking in the Clinton library – context.

Can Bill Weld unseat Trump? Let's look at the history of challenges to incumbent presidents.

The Washington Post, 29 April 2019

Adam Hilton

https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2019/04/27/can-bill-weld-unseat-trump-lets-look-history-challenges-incumbent-presidents/?utm_term=.66ae1256647c

-- A discussion of the nature of insurgents challenging a sitting president, with focus on former Massachusetts governor Bill Weld.

Bronze statue of Ulysses S. Grant unveiled at West Point

Army Times, 28 April 2019

<https://www.armytimes.com/news/your-army/2019/04/28/bronze-statue-of-ulysses-s-grant-unveiled-at-west-point/>

- Grant graduated from West Point in 1843 and was the first alum to become a U.S. president. The statue will stand near others of Douglas MacArthur, George Patton and Dwight Eisenhower.

Graffiti, peeling paint, stained ceilings: Ulysses S. Grant's final resting place needs a makeover and fast, with the 200th anniversary of his birth approaching

NY Daily News, 28 April 2019

Larry McShane

<https://www.nydailynews.com/new-york/ny-grants-tomb-problems-20190428-b2o5yrct3ndkbi5immm2i4eo7i-story.html>

-- Grant's memorial is located at Riverside Drive and 122nd Street in Manhattan (NYC). The site last had a makeover in the 1990's.

James Monroe is born in Virginia, April 28, 1758

Politico, 28 April 2019

Andrew Glass

<https://www.politico.com/story/2018/04/28/this-day-in-politics-april-28-1758-557292>

-- The last of the founding fathers to ascend to the presidency, James Monroe was the fifth president.

Looking Back with Aurore Eaton: Family drama in the Lincoln White House

New Hampshire Union Leader, 28 April 2019

Aurore Eaton

https://www.unionleader.com/voices/looking_back/looking-back-with-aurore-eaton-family-drama-in-the-lincoln/article_44545246-ac1f-56a8-ba6c-e496392c5d01.html

-- The role of Lincoln appointee Benjamin Brown French, who was Commissioner of Public Buildings and involved in refurbishment of the White House with First Lady Mary Todd Lincoln.

Stealthy warship christened for President Lyndon B. Johnson

The Los Angeles Times, 27 April 2019

Associated Press

<https://www.latimes.com/nation/la-na-maine-lbj-warship-christening-20190427-story.html>

-- The daughters of former U.S. president Lyndon Baines Johnson christened the 610 foot destroyer named after their father at the Bath Iron Works in Maine.

Ron Chernow is a historian. Now he's taking a comedian's job. Huh?

The Washington Post, 27 April 2019

Michael S. Rosenwald

https://www.washingtonpost.com/history/2019/04/27/ron-chernow-is-historian-now-hes-taking-comedians-job-huh/?utm_term=.7961fd780753

-- Historian Ron Chernow is the featured speaker at this weekend's White House correspondents' dinner.

Even George Washington May Be Erased From Our Past

The Wall Street Journal, 27 April 2019

Fergus M. Bordewich

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/even-george-washington-may-be-erased-from-our-past-11556317237>

-- A mural in San Francisco, which dates from 1936, is assailed because it 'traumatizes students'. "Life of Washington," a Works Progress Administration mural depicts scenes of America's first president on a 1600 square foot school wall.

The Private Passions of Rose Cleveland, The Lesbian First lady of The White House

Daily Beast, 26 April 2019

Charles Lachman

<https://www.thedailybeast.com/the-private-passions-of-rose-cleveland-the-lesbian-first-lady-of-the-white-house>

-- Rose Cleveland filled the role of First Lady for bachelor president Grover Cleveland.

An Evening with the Clintons stops at Oakdale Theatre in Wallingford

myrecordjournal.com, 26 April 2019

Lauren Takores, Record-Journal staff

<http://www.myrecordjournal.com/News/Wallingford/Wallingford-News/Wallingford-Evening-with-Clintons.html>

-- The Clinton's speaking tour brought them to the Oakdale Theatre for an onstage conversation mediated by Star Jones, who co-hosted "The View" from 1997-2006.

U.Va men's basketball team will not celebrate championship at White House

The Cavalier Daily, 26 April 2019

Nik Popli

<https://www.cavalierdaily.com/article/2019/04/u-va-mens-basketball-team-will-not-celebrate-championship-at-white-house>

-- Head coach Tony Bennett said the team declined the invitation because it would be difficult to get everyone back together again.

United States Mint ready to issue James Madison Presidential medal

Coin World, 25 April 2019

Paul Gilkes, Coin World

<https://www.coinworld.com/news/us-coins/2019/04/us-mint-issuing-silver-james-madison-medal.all.html>

-- The U.S. Mint will issue the fourth release in its ongoing series of Presidential silver medals when it offers the James Madison medal on 6 May 2019.

Our atheist presidents?

The Christian Post, 25 April 2019

Ray Comfort

<https://www.christianpost.com/voice/our-atheist-presidents.html>

The article questions atheist websites that maintain Washington, Jefferson, Madison and Lincoln were atheists.

A Nixon Biographer On What Democrats Can Learn From Watergate

The New Yorker, 25 April 2019

Isaac Chotiner

<https://www.newyorker.com/news/q-and-a/a-nixon-biographer-on-what-democrats-can-learn-from-watergate>

-- Chotiner's discussion with John A. Farrell, the author of "Richard Nixon: The Life,".

Joe Biden Jumps in for 2020—But History Shows Most Ex-VPs Flop in Presidential Races

Sunshine State News, 25 April 2019

Kevin Derby

<http://www.sunshinestatenews.com/story/joe-biden-jumps-2020-race-history-shows-most-ex-vps-flop-presidential-races>

-- The history is against Biden, as it was with Nixon's first run, John Calhoun, Richard Johnson in 1844, Levi Morton, Charles Fairbanks, Evan Hughes and others.

Why Ulysses S. Grant's reputation improves as other presidents lose stature

The Washington Post, 23 April 2019

Ronald C. White

https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/as-civil-war-statues-are-removed-a-new-one-goes-up-but-for-the-right-reasons/2019/04/23/3b4348c2-65e9-11e9-a1b6-b29b90efa879_story.html

White, the author of "American Ulysses: A Life of Ulysses S. Grant", notes three C-SPAN surveys conducted in 2000, 2009 and 2017, that show Grant has moved up 11 places to No. 22 among all presidents in stature and appreciation. This reassessment of Grant has been aided, according to White, by new information derived from the completion of the "Papers of Ulysses S. Grant Project" in 2017.

Less Than a Year After Bill Passes, Eisenhower Statue Erected on Statehouse Ground

The Bulletin, 22 April 2019

Marissa Vetrelli

http://www.esubulletin.com/statehouse_news/less-than-a-year-after-bill-passes-eisenhower-statue-erected/article_9e02e828-65cb-11e9-9b15-1fb154649206.html

-- A seven-foot tall, 600-pound bronze statue of Dwight Eisenhower, designed by Jim Brothers of Lawrence, Kansas, has been placed on the northwest lawn of the Kansas State Capitol.

Two Early Presidents Who Questioned the Wisdom of 'the People'

The New York Times, 22 April 2019

Virginia DeJohn Anderson

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/04/22/books/review/nancy-isenberg-andrew-burstein-the-problem-of-democracy.html>

-- A review of the new book by Nancy Isenberg and Andrew Burstein, "The Problem of Democracy: The Presidents Adams Confront the Cult of Personality". Anderson's opening sentence notes that "... neither the Declaration of Independence nor the Constitution includes the word 'democracy'".

George Washington’s will to be displayed in Leesburg

Loudoun Times-Mirror, 22 April 2019

https://www.loudountimes.com/entertainment/george-washington-s-will-to-be-displayed-in-leesburg/article_ce75a968-6504-11e9-a738-3b77bb185648.html

-- Written six months before his death in 1899, the document will be displayed at the Loudoun County First Friday festivities in Leesburg, Virginia on May 3.

Robert Caro’s Blind Spot

Slate, 22 April 2019

Joshua Kendall

<https://slate.com/culture/2019/04/lyndon-johnson-robert-caro-affairs-misogyny.html>

-- Kendall discusses the former president’s “predatory behavior” and Caro’s decision not to discuss this in his works on Johnson because of the “lack of connection with his (LBJ’s) political or governmental activities”.

George Washington University Students Far From Consensus on Changing “Colonials” Mascot

The Daily Signal, 22 April 2019

Courtney Joyner

<https://www.dailysignal.com/2019/04/22/george-washington-university-students-far-from-consensus-on-changing-colonials-mascot/>

-- The Student Association at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. have called the school’s nickname, the Colonials, “extremely offensive”, though it is not clear how widespread the support for a change is among the student body.

Revisiting Lyndon B. Johnson and the 1948 Senate Elections

The New York Times, 19 April 2019

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/04/19/books/review/robert-a-caro-years-of-lyndon-johnson-biography.html>

-- A review of Robert Caro’s latest book, “Working”, with references to previous reviews of Caro’s work in the 1990s.

Biden’s Biggest Hurdle: Vice Presidents Don’t Have a Great Record Running for President

CityWatch, 18 April 2019

Therin Alrik

<https://www.citywatchla.com/index.php/2016-01-01-13-17-00/important-reads/17500-biden-s-biggest-hurdle-vice-presidents-don-t-have-a-great-record-running-for-president>

-- A review of the former vice presidents who won and lost bids to be president.

What eight presidents who weren't elected can teach us about leadership

The Washington Post, 17 April 2019

Jena McGregor

https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2019/04/17/what-eight-presidents-who-werent-elected-can-teach-us-about-leadership/?utm_term=.85ad4fa0646a

-- A review of Jared Cohen's new book "Accidental President".

The enduring mystique of Abraham Lincoln, and Buffalo's noteworthy collection of artifacts

The Buffalo News, 16 April 2019

Mark Sommer

<http://buffalonews.com/2019/04/12/the-enduring-mystique-of-abraham-lincoln-and-buffalos-noteworthy-collection-of-artifacts/>

-- The Buffalo History Museum was established in 1862 and possesses a sizeable collection of Abraham Lincoln artifacts.

The mental rigours of being US president

BBC News, 15 April 2019

Jude Sheerin

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-47671986>

-- Summary of the mental health of US presidents over the years from Washington to Trump.

Memorial at Nixon Library for Ed Nixon, president's brother

San Francisco Chronicle (The Orange County Register), 15 April 2019

<https://www.sfchronicle.com/news/us/article/Memorial-at-Nixon-Library-for-Ed-Nixon-13768279.php?psid=31oZP>

-- Richard Nixon's younger brother was a Navy aviator, geologist, energy expert and worked on his brother's presidential campaigns.

Historian Robert Caro on the Importance of Analog Research in a Digital Age

Popular Mechanics, 15 April 2019

Eleanor Hildebrandt

<https://www.popularmechanics.com/culture/a27128999/robert-caro-lbj-typewriter/>

-- A story about Caro's use of a typewriter instead of a word processor, and how he writes first drafts longhand, then types them, with carbon paper.

LBJ honored where he taught poor S. Texas students in 1920s

San Antonio Express-News, 15 April 2019

John MacCormack

<https://www.expressnews.com/news/local/article/LBJ-Honored-Where-He-Taught-Poor-S-Texas-13765571.php>

-- Luci Baines Johnson, daughter of Lyndon Johnson, unveils a statue of her father at Welhausen School in Cotulla, Texas. Johnson was in his 20s when he taught at the school.

Jimmy Carter, Trump discuss administration’s China trade talks

CNN, 15 April 2019

Allie Malloy

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/04/15/politics/jimmy-carter-trump-china/index.html>

-- In their first telephone conversation President Trump and former President Carter discussed a variety of topics, but focused on China Trade. Carter normalized trade with China in 1979.

Piece of Mind: No Wonder LBJ loved this place so much

KETR (Public Radio for Northeast Texas), 11 April 2019

John Kanelis

<https://www.ketr.org/post/piece-mind-no-wonder-lbj-loved-place-so-much>

-- An account of Lyndon Johnsons love of the Pedernales River, or “the Hill Country” near Johnson City, Texas and the LBJ ranch.

Commentary: Is It Time To Ditch The Electoral College?

Cincinnati Public Radio, 11 April 2019

Howard Wilkinson

<https://www.wvxu.org/post/commentary-it-time-ditch-electoral-college#stream/0>

-- Ohio is not joining the National Popular Vote Compact this year, whose purpose is to allow states to pledge their electoral votes to the winner of the national vote no matter what the result in their individual states.

Obama’s Presidential Library is Already Digital

The Atlantic, 9 April 2019

Dan Cohen

<https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2019/04/obamas-presidential-library-should-be-digital-first/586693/>

-- Instead of the physical research library that 13 previous presidents established at their libraries, Obama has decided to have a digital library. Presidential biographer Robert Caro has noted, “I don’t want anyone deciding what’s going to be digital.”

What would Dick do?

The Harvard Gazette, 9 April 2019

Brett Milano

<https://news.harvard.edu/gazette/story/2019/04/harvard-professor-dick-neustadt-recalled-by-panel/>

-- A Harvard Kennedy School panel including former Vice President Al Gore, “The American Presidency in the 21st Century: What Would Dick Neustadt Say?,” was moderated by Graham Allison, with attendees including Doris Kearns Goodwin and Roger Porter.

Why Americans forget Millard Fillmore

The Madera Tribune, 6 April 2019

Bill Coate

<http://www.maderatribune.com/single-post/2019/04/06/Why-Americans-forget-Millard-Fillmore>

-- Perry's activities prodding Japan to become a modern economic powerhouse.

Have a MAGA Easter with official White House eggs

Times Free Press, 5 April 2019

Lisa Denton

<https://www.timesfreepress.com/news/life/entertainment/story/2019/apr/05/maga-easter-white-house-eggs/491986/>

-- The official White House Easter eggs are inspired by the colors of the White House state rooms and gardens, for example blue for the Blue Room, and pink for the Rose Garden.

Former President Bill Clinton to give keynote address at Miller Center's inaugural Presidential Ideas Festival in May

The Cavalier Daily, 5 April 2019

Sydney Herzog and Elizabeth Amorosi

<https://www.cavalierdaily.com/article/2019/04/former-president-bill-clinton-to-give-keynote-address-at-miller-centers-inaugural-presidential-ideas-festival-in-may>

-- "PrezFest" is held 21-23 May and focuses on "Democracy in Dialogue" and examines challenges in America from a presidential perspective.

John Lithgow's New Role in *Hillary and Clinton* Is Less Bill Clinton Impressions, More Shakespearean King

Playbill, 4 April 2019

Ruthie Fierberg

<http://www.playbill.com/article/john-lithgows-new-role-in-hillary-and-clinton-is-less-bill-clinton-impression-more-shakespearean-king>

-- Lithgow plays Bill Clinton in the new play, with Laurie Metcalf as Hillary Clinton.

George Washington at Millers Run in 1784

TRIBLIVE, 4 April 2019

John F. Oyler

<https://triblive.com/local/carlynton/george-washington-at-millers-run-in-1784/>

-- A report on the Bridgeville Area Historical Society (Pennsylvania) recent workshop on George Washington's visit to Western Pennsylvania in 1784 following the hostilities in 1783.

Truman grandson stars in ‘Give ‘Em Hell, Harry!’

Chicago Tribune, 2 April 2019

Myrna Petlicki

<https://www.chicagotribune.com/suburbs/skokie/ct-skr-ent-give-em-hell-harry-0411-story.html>

-- Clifton Truman Daniels starts in the one-person show on April 13 at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie.

‘His Accidency’: The first president to die in office and the Constitutional confusion that followed

The Washington Post, 31 March 2019

Ronald G. Shafer

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/history/2019/03/23/his-accidency-first-president-die-office-constitutional-crisis-that-followed/>

-- Whether Vice President John Tyler was really president after President William Henry Harrison died of pneumonia after only a month in office in 1841.

The True Story of the Only Presidential White House Wedding-with a 27-Year Age Gap, and He’d Known Her Since Birth

People, 28 March 2019

Diane Herbst

<https://people.com/politics/grover-cleveland-white-house-wedding-frances-folsom/>

-- President Cleveland married in a ceremony at the White House, he was 49 and his bride was 21.

Donald Trump, James K. Polk and presidential parallels

StarTribune, 23 March 2019

John C. (Chuck) Chalberg

<http://www.startribune.com/donald-trump-james-k-polk-and-presidential-parallels/507542062/>

-- Similarities suggested between Trump and Polk include each stating what they intended to accomplish if elected, with Polk expanding U.S. territory in the West.

Maura Roosevelt’s novel isn’t really about her famous family. Not entirely, anyway.

The Washington Post, 22 March 2019

Rachel Rosenblit

https://www.washingtonpost.com/entertainment/books/maura-roosevelts-novel-isnt-really-about-her-famous-family-not-entirely-anyway/2019/03/22/356ec000-4737-11e9-90f0-0ccfeec87a61_story.html?utm_term=.d2350816d521

-- Roosevelt is the great-granddaughter of Franklin and Eleanor and gave an interview to the Post on her life and the novel.

Richard Campbell awarded Benjamin Harrison Medallion: University Distinguished Professors named

Miami University (Oxford, Ohio), 22 March 2019

The award is one of the most significant recognitions Miami has to offer faculty for extraordinary contributions related to teaching and research. Campbell is a professor and former chair of media, journalism and film. Benjamin Harrison was an 1852 graduate of Miami University, and became the 23 president of the United States (1889-1893).

Jimmy Carter To Become America's Longest-Living Ex-President

U.S. News & World Report, 21 March 2019

Megan Trimble

<https://www.usnews.com/news/national-news/articles/2019-03-21/jimmy-carter-to-surpass-george-hw-bush-as-americas-oldest-living-president>

-- Carter surpasses George H.W. Bush as the longest-living former president.

Teddy Roosevelt's Complicated Legacy 100 Years After His Death

90.9 wburt, 21 March 2019

Jeremy Hobson

<https://www.wbur.org/hereandnow/2019/03/21/teddy-roosevelt-legacy-100-years>

-- Article discusses conflicts in Roosevelt's varied political views 100 years ago.

A reminder: Only three sitting senators have ever been elected president

MinnPost, 19 March 2019

Eric Black

<https://www.minnpost.com/eric-black-ink/2019/03/a-reminder-only-three-sitting-senators-have-ever-been-elected-president/>

-- Harding, Kennedy and Obama were the three, and none were a "titan of the Senate".

John Quincy Adams is the anti-Trump in the new play 'JQA'

The Washington Post, 18 March 2019

Peter Marks

https://www.washingtonpost.com/entertainment/theater_dance/john-quincy-adams-is-the-anti-trump-in-the-new-play-jqa/2019/03/18/8eb2ac4a-48da-11e9-93d0-64dbcf38ba41_story.html

-- A review of Aaron Posner's new play which feature two men and two women, who each play Adams.

Medical Mystery: Was it really cold weather that killed the president?

The Philadelphia Inquirer, 18 March 2019

Allan B. Schwartz

<https://www.philly.com/philly/health/medical-mystery-was-it-really-cold-weather-that-killed-the-president-20180318.html>

-- William Henry Harrison was the first U.S. president to die in office. Modern information suggests he may have died due to contaminated water in the White House, rather than a chest cold developed during the bitter cold of inauguration day.

Mishawaka native writes book on only president from Indiana, Benjamin Harrison

South Bend Tribune, 17 March 2019

Kathy Borlik

https://www.southbendtribune.com/news/local/history/mishawaka-native-writes-the-book-on-only-president-from-indiana/article_424b6012-3640-5aed-9e5f-0160d6767a3b.html

-- Ray Boomhower has published "Mr. President: A Life of Benjamin Harrison". It is the 13th volume in the Youth Biography Series.

Review: 'JQA' at Arena Stage

DC Metro Theater Arts, 16 March 2019

David Siegel

<https://dcmetrotheaterarts.com/2019/03/16/jqa-arena-stage/>

-- A review on the fictionalized account of John Quincy Adams presented by playwright/director Aaron Posner at Washington's Arena Stage.

No, Teddy Roosevelt never said that quote about liberals and conservatives

Politifact, 11 March 2019

Samantha Putterman

<https://www.politifact.com/facebook-fact-checks/statements/2019/mar/11/facebook-posts/no-teddy-roosevelt-never-said-quote-about-liberals/>

-- Article reports there is no record of Teddy Roosevelt saying "To anger a conservative, lie to him. To anger a liberal, tell him the truth."

Elizabeth Warren reveals dream running mate: Teddy Roosevelt

Washington Examiner, 8 March 2019

Daniel Jativa

<https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/news/elizabeth-warren-reveals-dream-running-mate>

-- Warren told MSNBC that the two-term Republican would fit well with her message of breaking up big monopolies.

When Foreign Leaders Send Presidents a Gift, Flattery is Usually a Theme

The New York Times, 7 March 2019

Annie Karni

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/03/07/us/politics/trump-gifts-foreign-leaders.html>

-- The probable intent of gifts provided to U.S. presidents including Trump, Obama, Clinton, and others.

The Library of Congress wants to attract more visitors. Will that undermine its mission?

The Washington Post, 7 March 2019

Peggy McGlone

https://www.washingtonpost.com/entertainment/museums/the-library-of-congress-wants-to-attract-more-visitors-will-that-compromise-its-scholarly-mission/2019/03/07/582d590e-1a90-11e9-8813-cb9dec761e73_story.html?utm_term=.e8669a649bd7

-- Planned changes to the layout of the Library of Congress include a makeover of the Thomas Jefferson Building, which houses the Great Hall and the Main Reading Room.

Barack Obama's Presidential Library Is Making a Mockery of Transparency

Daily Beast, 4 March 2019

Anthony Clark

<https://www.thedailybeast.com/barack-obamas-presidential-library-is-making-a-mockery-of-transparency>

-- The leader of the “most transparent administration in history” has been anything but transparent when it comes to plans for his presidential center.

John Quincy Adams: His Fight Against Slavery & Faith in the Bible

The Patriot Post, 2 March 2019

William Federer

<https://patriotpost.us/opinion/61451-john-quincy-adams-his-fight-against-slavery-and-his-faith-in-the-bible>

-- A summary of Adams efforts to end slavery and a short biography of his life.

Edward Nixon, 88, President's Brother and Champion, Is Dead

The New York Times, 28 February 2019

Sam Roberts

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/02/28/obituaries/edward-nixon-dead.html>

-- The former president's brother was quoted in 2009 – “Because we never shared a boyhood, he assumed the role of assistant father and mentor.” [cite: “The Nixons: A Family Portrait (Nixon, Olson, 2009)"]

Historian portrays Teddy Roosevelt as part of President's Day celebration at George H. W. Bush Presidential Library

The Eagle, 27 February 2019

Chelsea Katz

https://www.theeagle.com/news/historian-portrays-teddy-roosevelt-as-part-of-presidents-day-celebration/article_32bd0fde-3a52-11e9-af0e-ef9a0a124259.html

-- Students enjoyed storyteller Peter M. Small's portrayal of U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt at the Bush Library.

Why Union College graduate Chester A. Arthur is an underrated leader

The Daily Gazette, 26 February 2019

Bill Buell

<https://dailygazette.com/article/2018/02/18/why-union-college-graduate-chester-a-arthur-is-an-underrated-leader>

-- Scott Greenberger's new book, "The Unexpected President: The Life and Times of Chester A. Arthur" is the subject of his Union College's Founders Day speech.

Would-be President Ford assassin back in jail for violating her parole, official says

Fox News, 26 February 2019

Hollie McKay

<https://www.foxnews.com/us/woman-convicted-for-attempted-assassination-of-president-ford-back-in-jail-for-violating-parole-law-enforcement-says>

-- Sara Jane Moore was arrested for violating the conditions of her lifetime parole. Moore pleaded guilty to attempting to kill Ford in 1975. She was paroled in December 2017.

Obama Makes It Harder to See the Arc of History Bend

Politico, 25 February 2019

John Gans

<https://www.politico.com/magazine/story/2019/02/25/barack-obama-post-presidential-center-225207>

Gans, served as chief speechwriter at the Defense Department until January 2017 and points out the missed opportunity of the Obama presidential center not hosting a working research facility.

House voted to Impeach President Andrew Johnson 151 Years Ago

The Daily Caller, 24 February 2019

Neetu Chandak

<https://dailycaller.com/2019/02/24/andrew-johnson-president-impeach/>

-- Johnson, a Democrat, was the first president to be impeached, and was acquitted.

‘We stand at Armageddon’: Teddy Roosevelt’s improbable third-party presidential campaign

The Washington Post, 22 February 2019

Robert Mitchell

https://www.washingtonpost.com/history/2019/02/22/we-stand-armageddon-teddy-roosevelts-improbable-third-party-presidential-campaign/?utm_term=.3ba7f66f9448

-- The story of Roosevelt’s third-part run for president in the Progressive Party and the bullet that gave the election to Woodrow Wilson.

New book on President Harrison highlights his life in law, politics

The Indiana Lawyer, 20 February 2019

Marilyn Odendahl

<https://www.theindianalawyer.com/articles/49478-new-book-on-president-harrison-highlights-his-life-in-law-politics>

-- A new book on President Benjamin Harrison by author Ray Boomhower is discussed and summarized.

Over 200 years ago, a US president served 2 cabinet posts at the same time

Business Insider, 19 February 2019

Áine Cain

<https://www.businessinsider.com/james-monroe-served-two-cabinet-positions-at-once-2016-12>

-- James Monroe served as both Secretary of State and Secretary of War during the War of 1812.

President Chester A. Arthur’s Summer White House in Sag Harbor Is Listed for \$13.5M

realtor.com, 19 February 2019

Claudine Zap

<https://www.realtor.com/news/celebrity-real-estate/chester-a-arthur-summer-white-house/>

-- The historic home built in 1796 has had several owners but is best known as Arthur’s retreat from Washington while he was president.

A brief history of presidential downtime—from Roosevelt to Trump

Quartz, 18 February 2019

Stacy A. Cordery

<https://qz.com/1553145/a-brief-history-of-presidential-downtime-from-roosevelt-to-trump/>

-- A look at some of the U.S. presidents work schedules, including Teddy Roosevelt (“a steam engine in trousers”); William Howard Taft (“It seems that Taft could work, but in short bursts.”); and Clinton (“Clinton was disparaged for working too much and driving his staff to exhaustion with all-nighters.”).

New Jersey liked Ike, but Warren Harding set the record

New Jersey Globe, 18 February 2019

David Wildstein

<https://newjerseyglobe.com/section-2/new-jersey-liked-ike-but-warren-harding-set-the-record/>

-- In New Jersey, Warren Harding received the largest number of votes of any other candidate who ever ran for president – 68% and all 21 counties.

We Forget Presidents Surprisingly Fast. Even Trump?

Futurity, 18 February 2019

Gerry Everding-Wustl

<https://www.futurity.org/us-presidents-memory-trump-1985372-2/>

-- About human memory expert Henry L. Roediger III's work on what college students can recall about former U.S. Presidents – not much.

President Eisenhower: Farmer and Angus Cattle Breeder

AG WEB, 18 February 2019

Wyatt Bechtel

<https://www.agweb.com/article/president-eisenhower-farmer-and-angus-cattle-breeder/>

-- Many presidents have been farmers and ranchers. Eisenhower's former farm became a National Historic Site in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

Medal of Honor Monday: Army Lt. Col. Teddy Roosevelt

U.S. Department of Defense, 18 February 2019

Katie Lange

<https://www.defense.gov/explore/story/Article/1756807/medal-of-honor-monday-army-lt-col-teddy-roosevelt/>

-- A story on President's Day in honor of the only president to have earned the Medal of Honor.

Golfers In Chief: The presidents who played golf, from Taft to Trump

Golfweek, 18 February 2019

Bill Speros and Brentley Romine

<https://golfweek.com/2019/02/18/golf-golfers-in-chief-a-look-at-presidents-who-played-golf-from-taft-to-trump/>

-- Trump spent \$50,000 of his own money to upgrade the golf simulator inside the personal quarters of the White House; Dwight Eisenhower played 800 rounds during his 8 years in office.

-- Teddy Roosevelt, Hoover, Truman and Carter were among those who declined to play the game.

The 25 U.S. Presidents That Have Visited Newport, RI Since 1781

WUN (whatsupnewp.com), 16 February 2019

Ryan Belmore

<http://whatsupnewp.com/2019/02/us-presidents-newport-ri/>

-- None on record visited between Teddy Roosevelt and Dwight Eisenhower?

The Republican president who alienated Republicans

The Boston Globe, 15 February 2019

Jeff Jacoby

<https://www.bostonglobe.com/ideas/2019/02/15/the-republican-president-who-alienated-republicans/sM42phYh5jejniAySS624M/story.html>

-- An account of Benjamin Harrison, the 23rd President of the U.S., and the difficulties some Republicans had with this “obscure” president.

Exhibit For 4 Presidents Born in Norfolk County Opening in Dedham

Patch, 15 February 2018

Jimmy Bentley

<https://patch.com/massachusetts/dedham/exhibit-4-presidents-born-norfolk-county-opening-dedham>

-- Exhibit opens at the Dedham, Massachusetts Historical Society and Museum highlights John Adams, John Quincy Adams, John F. Kennedy, and George H.W. Bush.

Nixon, Johnson and Trump: America’s angry presidents

The Baltimore Sun, 15 February 2019

David O. Stewart

<https://www.baltimoresun.com/news/opinion/oped/bs-ed-op-0218-angry-presidents-20190215-story.html>

-- Sun comparing Richard Nixon, Andrew Johnson, and Donald Trump because “anger and grievance fueled the politics” of all three and Nixon and Johnson “landed in impeachment proceedings”.

Bill Clinton and John F. Kennedy: The Story Behind Their 1963 Handshake

Biography (www.biography.com), 14 February 2019

Barbara Maranzani

<https://www.biography.com/news/john-f-kennedy-bill-clinton-handshake-1963>

-- An account with photos of the 24 July 1963 encounter between Bill Clinton and President Kennedy in the White House Rose Garden during the visit of Boys Nation

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Lawsuit means Chicago Obama library plan no sure thing

Associated Press, 14 February 2019

Michael Tarm

<https://www.apnews.com/5ebba6848efe4800918654935c84eb45>

-- A legal challenge by Protect Our Parks in U.S. District court argues that the project runs afoul of laws preventing new developments in a 26-mile chain of parks along Lake Michigan.

The First Lady Who Begat Phyllis Schlafly, Nancy Reagan and Ivanka Trump?

The New York Times, 14 February 2019

Brenda Wineapple

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/02/14/books/review/lady-first-amy-greenberg.html>

-- A review of “Lady First: The World of First Lady Sarah Polk” by Amy S. Greenberg.

The Tragedy & Triumph of Lyndon Johnson: An evening with Joseph Califano

America, The Jesuit Review, 14 February 2019

<https://www.americamagazine.org/community/2019/02/14/tragedy-triumph-lyndon-johnson-evening-joseph-califano>

-- Announcement of a 20 March 2019 discussion between Califano and Matt Malone on the legacy of President Johnson, to be held in New York City.

When presidents fall in love

The Washington Post, 14 February 2019

Ronald G. Shafer

https://www.washingtonpost.com/history/2019/02/14/when-presidents-fall-love/?utm_term=.7be631b3091f

-- Accounts of the weddings of various presidents including Grover Cleveland, Woodrow Wilson, and John Tyler.

1924: The high tide of Conservatism

Daily News, www.greensburgdailynews.com, 14 February 2019

Eric Schansberg

https://www.greensburgdailynews.com/opinion/columns/the-high-tide-of-conservatism/article_47769ea4-f90d-5760-a88f-8d40021c3830.html

-- Review of Garland Tucker’s book “The High Tide of Conservatism: Davis, Coolidge, and the 1924 Election.

The net worth of every US president from George Washington to Donald Trump

Coloradoan, 13 February 2019

Grant Suneson

<https://www.coloradoan.com/story/money/2019/02/13/donald-trump-george-washington-net-worth-us-presidents/39011559/>

-- Many presidents already possessed significant wealth before holding office, however many become multi-millionaires after leaving the presidency, based on net-worth.

Project Compiling President Polk's Legacy Nears Completion

The University of Tennessee Knoxville, 13 February 2019

<https://news.utk.edu/2019/02/13/project-compiling-presidents-polks-legacy-nears-completion/>

-- The Polk project is organized by the Tennessee President's Center which is dedicated to publishing the correspondence of Presidents Jackson, Polk, and Johnson.

Why Alexander Hamilton Never Became President

Biography, 12 February 2019

Barbara Maranzani

<https://www.biography.com/news/why-alexander-hamilton-never-became-president>

-- Hamilton's "enemies" were plentiful and he was arrogant and dismissive. The article argues his partisanship did not help his popularity.

The Republican president who refused to fund the government for months

The Washington Post, 11 February 2019

Charles Lane

https://www.washingtonpost.com/history/2019/02/11/republican-president-who-refused-fund-government-months/?utm_term=.c39c76ae121d

-- How President Rutherford B. Hayes repeatedly vetoed attempts by Democrats to attach repeals of Reconstruction-era voting rights protections to government funding bills.

This President's Day, Raise a Glass from the Original Presidential Winery: Jefferson Vineyards

www.chowhound.com, 9 February 2018

Pamela Vachon

<https://www.chowhound.com/food-news/219271/how-thomas-jefferson-vineyards-revolutionized-american-winemaking/>

-- An account of Thomas Jefferson's love of wine and wine-making.

Andrew Jackson: Our First Populist President

The American Conservative, 8 February 2019

Jeff Taylor

<https://www.theamericanconservative.com/articles/andrew-jackson-our-first-populist-president/>

-- A review of "In Defense of Andrew Jackson" by Bradley J. Birzer. (209 pages, Regnery History).

LBJ biography a historical masterwork

The Wilson Times, 8 February 2019

Hal Tarleton

<http://www.wilsontimes.com/stories/lbj-biography-a-historical-masterwork,160452>

-- Discussion of 84-year-old Robert Caro's masterful work on LBJ biographies and his current effort on the fifth volume, which is not yet finished.

Why Grover Cleveland is Mostly Forgotten Today—Op Ed

Eurasia Review, 7 February 2019

<https://www.eurasiareview.com/07022019-why-grover-cleveland-is-mostly-forgotten-today-oped/>

-- Article describes Cleveland as having a "strict constitutional vision of governance" who viewed his role as the "executor of laws passed by Congress, rather than a quasi-legislator."

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The American Conservative, 7 February 2019

Jeff Taylor

<https://www.theamericanconservative.com/articles/andrew-jackson-our-first-populist-president/>

-- A review of Bradley J. Birzer's book "In Defense of Andrew Jackson" (2018), and why he was so popular with his views on slavery and treatment of American Indians.

Presidential love letters to be read in Wytheville

swva today, 7 February 2019

Millie Rothrock

https://www.swvatoday.com/wytheville/news/article_48381794-2afa-11e9-bf8b-b3d01e5a1f94.html

-- The courtship letters of Edith Bolling Galt and President Woodrow Wilson will be presented in a reading at the Edith Bolling Birthplace Museum. The letters are taken from the book "A President in Love: The Courtship Letters of Woodrow Wilson and Edith Bolling Galt," by Edwin Tribble.

Trump is latest to give State of the Union in time of turmoil

mySA (San Antonio), 7 February 2019

Darlene Superville, Associated Press

<https://www.mysanantonio.com/news/article/Trump-is-latest-to-give-State-of-Union-at-time-of-13582912.php>

-- Comparisons to Lincoln, Nixon and Clinton giving address during difficult times.

Things we don't know about America's Presidents

Pleasanton Express, 6 February 2019

Warren Domke

<https://www.pleasantonexpress.com/articles/things-we-dont-know-about-americas-presidents/>

-- Interesting facts about the American presidents.

Inside John F. Kennedy and Frank Sinatra's Powerful Friendship

Biography, 6 February 2019

Tim Ott

<https://www.biography.com/news/john-f-kennedy-frank-sinatra-friendship>

-- A summary of the history between the politician and entertainer.

It's Time To Abolish The State Of The Union Address

Pacific Standard, 5 February 2019

Jared Keller

<https://psmag.com/ideas/its-time-to-abolish-the-state-of-the-union-address>

-- The address no longer serves as a useful presentation to the Congress on the state of the union as it often has in the past, and the article provides examples of how it has been used by presidents historically.

A 220-year-old lock of George Washington's hair sells for \$36,000 at auction, after it was put on the market by the family of Alexander Hamilton

Daily Mail.com, 5 February 2019

Connor Boyd

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-6669681/A-220-year-old-lock-George-Washingtons-hair-sells-36-000-auction.html>

-- The hair was part of apparent love letter sent by Hamilton's son, and previously sold for \$11,250 in June 2018.

The complete history of the US State of the Union address

Business Insider, 5 February 2019

John Haltiwanger

<https://www.businessinsider.com/state-of-the-union-address-history-timeline-2019-1>

-- A short summary of previous addresses.

I'm Running for President

National Review, 4 February 2019

Jay Cost

<https://www.nationalreview.com/2019/02/i-am-running-for-president-2020-platform/>

-- Author's platform includes: not presuming he could speak for 325 million people and pledging to help make Congress an institution that no longer embarrasses the people.

Opinion: In State of Union, Trump should channel his inner George Washington

The Morning Call, 4 February 2019

John Burtka

<https://www.mcall.com/opinion/national/mc-opi-state-of-union-trump-george-washington-20190204-story.html>

-- George Washington's major addresses focused on unity, safety, and happiness.

How the First 10 U.S. Presidents Helped Shape the Role of the Nation's Top Office

History, 4 February 2019

Lindsey Konkel

<https://www.history.com/news/first-10-us-presidents>

-- Over a span of six decades, the first 10 presidents of the United States, from Washington to Tyler, helped define the role of the executive branch.

How First Lady Sarah Polk Set a Model for Conservative Female Power

Smithsonian.com, 4 February 2019

Anna Diamond

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/how-first-lady-sarah-polk-set-model-conservative-female-power-180971393/>

-- A review of Professor Amy S. Greenberg's new book, "Lady First: The World of First Lady Sarah Polk".

Colonial Williamsburg actor brings one-man show to Abingdon

Bristol Herald Courier, 3 February 2019

Carolyn R. Wilson

https://www.heraldcourier.com/community/colonial-williamsburg-actor-brings-one-man-show-to-abingdon/article_eb9fd768-223e-5408-9021-d5d8f02687ee.html

-- Bill Barker has portrayed Thomas Jefferson at Colonial Williamsburg, Monticello, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. and he's bringing his unique show to Barter Theater on 7 February.

President Trump Gives Super Bowl Interview in White House Blue Room

Heavy, 3 February 2019

Erin Laviola

<https://heavy.com/news/2019/02/white-house-blue-room-trump-super-bowl/>

-- The significance of the Blue Room is explained including President James Monroe's redesign of the room after the War of 1812 was over when the White House was burned by troops.

‘Ambition’ recounts Ford’s ascent from legislator to president

The Mercury, 3 February 2018

Ron Wilson

http://themercury.com/features/books_and_writing/ambition-recounts-ford-s-ascent-from-legislator-to-president/article_9daa495c-fbbf-5925-a485-5ab76a527ed5.html

-- Reviews Scott Kaufman’s new biography of Gerald R. Ford.

In shutdown’s aftermath, credit the surprising foresight of John Adams

Anchorage Daily News, 2 February 2019

Steve Haycox

<https://www.adn.com/opinions/2019/02/01/in-shutdowns-aftermath-credit-the-surprising-foresight-of-john-adams/>

-- Article discusses John Adams belief that America must have independent co-equal branches.

Indiana group seeks tax increase to repair presidential home

Tribune Star, 2 February 2018

Associated Press, Vincennes (Indiana)

https://www.tribstar.com/news/indiana_news/indiana-group-seeks-tax-increase-to-repair-presidential-home/article_f6f29366-3ffe-5fd0-b7a1-9b758ab08dc6.html

-- The Grouseland Foundation that oversees William Henry Harrison’s former home in Vincennes, Indiana want increased local innkeeper’s taxes to fund the mansion’s repairs.

The Bitter Origins of the Fight Over Big Government

The Atlantic, March 2019 Issue, posted 1 February 2019

Kim Phillips-Fein

<https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2019/03/fdr-herbert-hoover-big-government/580456/>

-- What the battle between Herbert Hoover and FDR can teach us and a review of “Winter War: Hoover, Roosevelt, And The First Clash Over the New Deal” by Eric Rauchway.

Alexander Hamilton had his life turned into a musical. Now, John Quincy Adams gets his turn, in a new play.

The Washington Post, 1 February 2019,

Peter Marks

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/entertainment/theater_dance/alexander-hamilton-had-his-life-turned-into-a-musical-now-john-quincy-adams-gets-his-turn-in-a-new-play/2019/02/01/d47f7db0-1e65-11e9-8e21-](https://www.washingtonpost.com/entertainment/theater_dance/alexander-hamilton-had-his-life-turned-into-a-musical-now-john-quincy-adams-gets-his-turn-in-a-new-play/2019/02/01/d47f7db0-1e65-11e9-8e21-59a09ff1e2a1_story.html?utm_term=.912cfc05b0bb)

[59a09ff1e2a1_story.html?utm_term=.912cfc05b0bb](https://www.washingtonpost.com/entertainment/theater_dance/alexander-hamilton-had-his-life-turned-into-a-musical-now-john-quincy-adams-gets-his-turn-in-a-new-play/2019/02/01/d47f7db0-1e65-11e9-8e21-59a09ff1e2a1_story.html?utm_term=.912cfc05b0bb)

-- A preview of a new play opening at Washington’s Arena State in March 2019, directed by Aaron Posner.

Camelot's End review: throwing shade on saint Jimmy Carter

The Irish Times, 1 February 2019

Stephen Phillips

<https://www.irishtimes.com/culture/books/camelot-s-end-review-throwing-shade-on-saint-jimmy-carter-1.3740893>

-- Review of "Camelot's End: Kennedy vs. Carter and the Fight that Broke the Democratic Party" by Jon Ward.

Franklin Pierce and the insane

The Newnan Times-Herald, 30 January 2019

Lawrence W. Reed

<http://times-herald.com/news/2019/01/franklin-pierce-and-the-insane>

-- A review of the former president's veto history, and specifically his veto in 1854 of a bill to grant federal land or cash equivalent to the States for the benefit of indigent insane persons.

A new character in the 'Buchanan was gay' narrative

LancasterOnline, 30 January 2019

Jack Brubaker/The Scribbler

https://lancasteronline.com/features/a-new-character-in-the-buchanan-was-gay-narrative-the/article_6cee93ec-23f7-11e9-b42b-b7c92c7dedc8.html

-- Presidential scholar Michael Beschloss writes that "Buchanan was widely thought in Washington to be gay", in his book "Presidents of War." Brubaker believes Beschloss does history a disservice.

Counselor to JFK, Sorensen lived out call to service

Omaha World-Herald, 29 January 2019

https://www.omaha.com/sponsored/unl-150/counselor-to-jfk-sorensen-lived-out-call-to-service/article_43e8a6c7-cc1c-540b-85b0-54cc851ad439.html

-- A brief account of the role of Theodore Sorensen as speechwriter to President John F. Kennedy.

Watergate, the scandal that predates Trump and Russia, on exhibit at IGS Library

Berkeley News, 29 January 2019

John Hickey

<https://news.berkeley.edu/2019/01/29/watergate-the-scandal-that-predates-trump-and-russia-on-exhibit-at-igs-library/>

-- UC Berkeley's Institute of Governmental Studies (IGS)'s exhibit of books and pamphlets from the Watergate period including copies of the underground weekly the "Berkeley Barb".

Oval Office Athletes: President's and the Sports They Played

History, 29 January 2019

Patrick J. Kiger

<https://www.history.com/news/us-presidents-athletes>

-- From Gerald Ford's football days to Barack Obama's basketball game to George W. Bush's impressive marathon splits, many presidents have shown athletic prowess.

James A. Garfield National Historic Site announces reopening date following government shutdown

ABC News 5, Cleveland (Ohio), 28 January 2019

Kaylyn Hlavaty

<https://www.news5cleveland.com/news/local-news/oh-lake/james-a-garfield-national-historic-site-announces-reopening-date-following-government-shutdown>

-- Following the reopening of the federal government and significant snowfall during the shutdown the James A. Garfield National Historic Site will reopen on 1 February 2019.

Howard Schultz is Pitching Himself as a Modern Herbert Hoover

Slate Magazine, 31 January 2019

Ben Mathis-Lilley

<https://slate.com/news-and-politics/2019/01/howard-schultz-herbert-hoover.html>

-- Interview with Schultz where he advocates bringing private enterprise into the room on major issues.

The Secrets of Lyndon Johnson's Archives, On a Presidential paper trail

The New Yorker, 28 January 2019

Robert A. Caro

<https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2019/01/28/the-secrets-of-lyndon-johnsons-archives>

-- A fascinating tale by presidential scholar Caro's of his introduction to the art and skill of archival research.

Worst president in American history

The Emporia Gazette, 28 January 2019

John Richard Schrock

http://www.emporiagazette.com/gaz/article_813176e8-2015-11e9-b7dd-abfd387add84.html

-- The writer does not like former President James K. Polk, or "Polk's War".

The State of the Union that wasn't

Washington Examiner, 28 January 2019

J. Mark Powell

<https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/opinion/the-state-of-the-union-that-wasnt>

-- The history of the annual presidential speech including events surrounding Trump, Truman, LBJ and Reagan.

Area Billionaire Thinks 2020 Voters Like Nixon

Rolling Stone, 28 January 2019

Tim Dickinson

<https://www.rollingstone.com/politics/politics-features/howard-schultz-silent-majority-785679/>

-- In a throwback to the rhetoric of Richard Nixon, Ex-Starbucks CEO Howard Schultz says he is going outside the two-party system to represent a “silent majority”.

Harding, Clinton’s Oval Office hideaways

The Madera Tribune, 26 January 2019

Bill Coate

<http://www.maderatribune.com/single-post/2019/01/26/Harding-Clinton%E2%80%99s-Oval-Office-hideaways>

-- A description of Harding’s affair with 20-year old Nan Britton and Oval Office liaisons.

Who Wore the Victory Post Better: Roger Stone or Richard Nixon?

Slate, 25 January 2019

Christina Cauterucci

<https://slate.com/news-and-politics/2019/01/roger-stone-victory-pose-richard-nixon.html>

-- Stone raised his arms in the style of Richard Nixon, his old boss, as he exited the federal courthouse in Florida following his arrest by the FBI.

Potomack Company to auction Thomas Jefferson letter

Alexandria Times, 25 January 2018

Missy Schrott

<https://alextimes.com/2019/01/potomack-company-to-auction-thomas-jefferson-letter/>

-- The Potomack Company will auction off a nearly 220-year-old letter from then-President Thomas Jefferson to John Dickinson at its Feb. 2 auction.

Free Political Forum to Follow Performance of FROST/NIXON At TheatreWorks Silicon Valley

www.broadwayworld.com, 25 January 2018

<https://www.broadwayworld.com/san-francisco/article/Free-Political-Forum-To-Follow-Performance-Of-FROSTNIXON-At-TheatreWorks-Silicon-Valley-20190125>

-- An audience participation discussion on the history and current relevance of the Watergate scandal.

John Adams and the Spirit of Liberty by C. Bradley Thompson

The Objective Standard, 24 January 2019

Jon Hersey

<https://www.theobjectivestandard.com/2019/01/john-adams-and-the-spirit-of-liberty-by-c-bradley-thompson/>

-- Review of the 1998 book which details Adams “Defense of the Constitutions of the United States of America”.

Bill Clinton Is Writing a Book About His Post-Presidential Life

The New York Times, 23 January 2019

Shane Goldmacher

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/01/23/us/politics/bill-clinton-book.html>

-- The former president is writing a book about his post-presidential life. He left office in 2000.

In 'Team of Vipers,' It's Mr. Sims Who Goes To Washington

NPR, 22 January 2019

Ron Elving

<https://www.npr.org/2019/01/22/685429082/in-team-of-vipers-its-mr-sims-who-goes-to-washington>

-- The writer suggests Mr. Sims book reminds him of, *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington*, inferring Sims is the one who was unprepared for Washington and duty in the White House.

William Henry Harrison Wreath Laying Feb. 1

Eagle Country 99.3 FM, 22 January 2019

Kacie Jackson

<https://www.eaglecountryonline.com/news/local-news/william-henry-harrison-wreath-laying-feb-1/>

-- Harrison only served 31 days a president, but every year a wreath is laid on his tomb in North Bend, Ohio by a contingent of soldiers and service members dressed in 18th century uniforms.

Should Wilson High change its name? February 12 community forum considers the question

Forest Hills Connection, 21 January 2019

<https://www.foresthillsconnection.com/news/should-wilson-high-change-its-name-feb-12-community-forum-considers-the-question/>

-- A discussion will take place at Woodrow Wilson High School, 3950 Chesapeake Street, N.W., in the District of Columbia on February 12.

Fifty years ago today, Richard Nixon took office, and for him it was a time of hope, civility and optimism

Los Angeles Times, 20 January 2019

David Shribman

<https://www.latimes.com/nation/la-na-nixon-inauguration-20190120-htlstory.html>

-- Recalling Nixon's desire to establish credibility in his first term as president and "put the country back on an even keel".

Looking Back On The First Government Shutdown in U.S. History

npr (All Things Considered), 18 January 2019

Sarah Gonzalez

<https://www.npr.org/2019/01/18/686696856/looking-back-on-the-first-government-shutdown-in-u-s-history>

-- Rutherford B. Hayes (the President) and James A. Garfield's (House minority leader) role in the 1879 veto of bills which essentially starves the government of funding.

Barack and Michelle Obama's Love Story Isn't What You Thought It Was – It's Even Better

ENEWS, 17 January 2019

Natalie Finn

<https://www.eonline.com/news/988258/barack-and-michelle-obama-s-love-story-isn-t-what-you-thought-it-was-it-s-even-better>

-- A lengthy article about the Obama's life together, their 26-year marriage, and how they are "finding each other again" after eight years in the White House.

Alexander, Blackburn: Preserve Polk Home as a national treasure

The Daily Herald (Columbia, TN), 16 January 2019

James Bennett

<https://www.columbiadailyherald.com/news/20190116/alexander-blackburn-preserve-polk-home-as-national-treasure>

-- Legislation is introduced that directs the Secretary of Interior to conduct a special resource study to evaluate the suitability of designating President James K. Polk's home in Columbia as a unit of the National Park System.

Michelle Obama's 'Becoming' has the longest run atop Amazon since 'Fifty Shades'

CNN Business, 16 January 2019

Brian Stelter

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/01/15/media/michelle-obama-book/index.html>

-- The book is one of the best-selling books of the past year, and has the longest streak at No. 1 since "Fifty Shades of Grey" in 2012.

Presidential historian: First impeachment article against Nixon was 'obstruction by directing others to lie'

The Hill, 18 January 2019

Morgan Gstalter

<https://thehill.com/homenews/administration/425979-presidential-historian-first-article-of-impeachment-against-nixon-was>

-- Presidential historian Jon Meacham referred to Nixon's first article of impeachment in a discussion of reports that President Trump's lawyer Michael Cohen may have lied to Congress.

It is a Wild Time to Be a Presidential Historian

InStyle, 14 January 2019

Faye Penn

<https://www.instyle.com/celebrity/doris-kearns-goodwin-historian-badass-women>

-- In this article Doris Kearns Goodwin discusses her daily writing regime, her thoughts on present events, and Teddy Roosevelt—she says he was the most badass president.

The Tourists' Puzzlement

The American Interest, 14 January 2019

Adam Garfinkle

<https://www.the-american-interest.com/2019/01/14/the-tourists-puzzlement/>

-- How did a statue of Andrew Jackson end up at the center of Lafayette Park, across the street from the White House.

Night lights sought for President Monroe statue

The Monroe News, 13 January 2019

Dean Cousino

<https://www.monroenews.com/news/20190113/night-lights-sought-for-president-monroe-statue>

-- A floodlight is needed for President Monroe's statue in front of the Monroe County Courthouse in Monroe, Michigan.

More cities add Barack Obama's name to landmarks, highways

USA Today, 13 January 2019

Chris Woodyard

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2019/01/13/barack-obama-former-president-african-american-black-naming-renaming-freeway-highway/2539917002/>

-- Accounts of cities naming roads, schools, hospitals, bridges and statutes after the former president.

With a Possible Presidential Bid in 2020, Kamala Harris Talks About Her New Book

The New York Times, 11 January 2019

John Williams

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/01/11/books/kamala-harris-book.html>

-- Review of the California Senator's new book, "The Truths We Hold, An American Journey".

Two vice presidents – Walter Mondale and Dick Cheney – in contrast

StarTribune, 8 January 2019

Joel Goldstein

<http://www.startribune.com/two-vice-presidents-walter-mondale-and-dick-cheney-in-contrast/504075412/>

-- A review of the differences between the liberal and conservative former vice presidents.

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