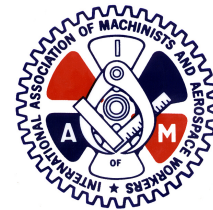


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April 2018

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- **DAYTIME OFFICE HOURS - Tuesday thru Friday, 8AM to 4:30PM.**
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My Winpisinger Experience

by Pamela Lenz

Attendance at the Leadership 1 Training at the Winpisinger Education & Technology Center in Hollywood, Maryland can be rated as a 5 stars plus experience. Not enough good can be said about the information shared in the classes as well as the interaction with the other attendees on breaks and meal times. The accommodations were exceptional. The staff was friendly and helpful every time I had a question. The food was outstanding, and the camaraderie with my union brothers and sisters could not have been better. There was a common thread that ran through the individuals in attendance, and it was a pleasure to share the week with them.

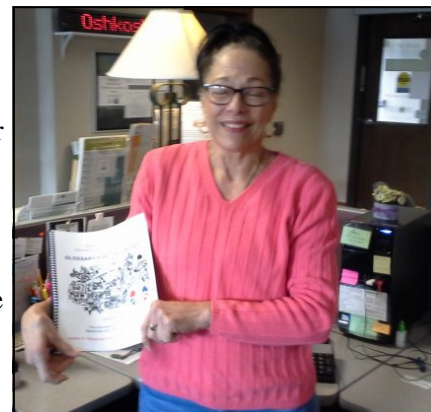
Classes included Role of the Steward, Labor History, Union Administration, Government and Politics and Human Rights. All of the instructors who taught/informed us throughout the week of classes were outstanding. Well informed, with the ability to translate their knowledge to us in an understandable format would describe them well.

Throughout my life I had always heard the term Union and heard about Union meetings because my father worked in the construction trades through a Union. When my brother turned 17, he became my father's apprentice and joined the Union. There was a spirit of solidarity when they spoke about their union, but I really did not have an understanding of the history of unions or what unions have accomplished for the working class of the world.

Editors Note: As Pamela sent in her article these two notes were received and they say it all.

Please find my report from my visit to W3 attached to this email. I'm so glad to have had the opportunity to visit the Winpisinger Technology & Education Center.

As a side note, I must tell you that I dreamed about Unions for a solid 2 weeks after returning from Maryland. LOL I know, but the training had that much of an impact on me. Such a great experience!!



Pamela

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While attending Leadership Training 1, I became very excited with the information being shared. I felt that the education being shared about what Unions represent is what my heart believed all my life with regard to the world of work. That being, people being treated with respect, fairness, dignity and being given the opportunity to earn a sustainable life wage in return for their time and a job well done. The history of the battle that was fought for people's children, grandchildren and fellowman is something we can all be grateful for along with pride in belonging to a Union that continues to fight for good wages, benefits, civil rights and equal pay for all. When a person looks into the cruel and unjust treatment of men, women and

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Lodge 66 Members Gain Valuable Information at IAM Midwest Territory Educator & Communicator Training Session

by *Pepe*

Did you know that Facebook is the top social media channel around the world, with 1.5 billion active users per month? Or that text messaging is the most immediate and preferred method of communication?

You are probably not surprised by these factoids. But the next question is, are unions effectively using these very viable methods to communicate our message? The answer is yes, (if you read our newsletter you know our Communicator has been trying), and we are making progress, but for it to really be successful we have to get everyone on board.

Social media methods of communication were just a few of the many important issues discussed at the Midwest Territory Educator & Communicator Training Session held at District 10 offices in March.

Starting off the session, Education Representative for the Midwest Territory, Joe Gruber led the room filled with Educators and Communicators from Locals throughout the district in an interactive conversation and informational Power Point on the skills, duties and important role of Educators in our Locals. Brother Gruber stressed that in this day and age of Right to Work and constant attacks on unions, educating our members from the day they enter the shop on the benefits of and the reasons for having a strong union is more vital than ever.

For the afternoon portion of the program, Midwest Territory Communication Representative, Latoya Egwuekwe-Smith, provided a very clear and eye-opening view into the many tools and techniques that we as union members can use to better communicate our message within our own ranks and to our communities.

To finish off the program, we broke into pairs with the assignment of creating a complete Communication Plan that included defining a goal, honing our message, identifying allies and opponents and selecting the most effective tools to amplify that message. Each group reported back to and discussed their plans with the larger group.

Both Jon Zancanaro and I got a lot of great information out of this session that we hope to effectively share with our local.



Midwest Territory Education Representative: Joe Gruber

LL66 Member: Jon Zancanaro (center)

*Midwest Territory Communication Representative:
Latoya Egwuekwe-Smith*

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children of the working classes of this world through the years, how can one not despair for an individual that is made to live a life of disparity even though they are doing an honest day's labor to the best of their ability.

Another item we looked at was labor and politics. This class opened the eyes of this "for the most part conservative" voter in past elections. The term wedge issue was presented. A wedge issue is a social issue, often of a divisive or controversial nature, which splits apart a population or political group. Wedge issues are used in an attempt to weaken the unity of a population, with the goal of enticing polarized individuals to give support to an opponent or to withdraw their support entirely out of disillusionment. Wedge issues are issues that stop us from giving someone our vote rather than voting for them on an issue that looks at the greater good that can be accomplished by getting them into office. This in itself left me with a desire to expand my horizons and do diligent research of candidates' views on labor laws when using my right to vote. It was also explained that too often wedge issues are used to separate people when we really need to stick together for the good that can be brought about and by the power in numbers that is achieved by solidarity. We were also introduced to the IAM website and app www.goiam.org where much of the work related to researching candidates has been done for us. I would encourage all of us to take a look at this, and seriously consider where you want to place your vote for the continued good that Unions will contribute to our future generations.

I remain very grateful to have had the opportunity to have visited the Winpisinger Education & Technology Center. It has been an awesome experience, and I hope we will be able to send others so that the vast wealth of information from the center can be shared with other brothers and sisters.



*Sit down and read.
Educate yourself
for the coming conflicts.*



*The Union is the school.
It's where you learn to know and
love each other and learn to
work with each other and bear
each others' burdens, each
others' sorrows, and each others' joys.*



*I hate violence.
I favor drama.*



*I work for the children.
No children in the mines and
mills of the future
is my cry.*



*No strike was ever won without
the support of the women folk.*



*The only way for a worker to get a fair
shake is to fight, fight and
keep on fighting.*



*Pray for the dead
and fight like hell
for the living.*

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*Our job
is to comfort the afflicted
and afflict the comfortable.*



*I asked a man in prison once how
he happened to be there and he said
he had stolen a pair of shoes.
I told him that if he had stolen a railroad
he would be a United States senator.*



*Struggle and lose, struggle and win.
It is the story of the ages.*

Kitchen Table Economics : 87.5%: Rise in coal miners who died on the job in 2017.

To the members of Local Lodge 66:

Imagine What You Can Achieve with the

FREE COLLEGE BENEFIT

The IAMAW Free College Benefit makes it possible for you and your family members to earn an associate degree completely online – for FREE.

I thought I might do a brief report on the “Free college benefit” that the IAMAW is offering our members. The benefit makes it possible for you and your family members to earn an associate degree completely online for free. To find more information about the program please visit <https://freecollege.goiam.org>

I personally started the registration process in September of 2017 when I first found out about the benefit to Union members. Registration was easy to do. I needed to complete a financial aid form thru the fafsa.gov website. Along with that my high school transcripts needed to be sent to Eastern Gateway Community College. Once the above was completed I was able to meet over the phone with a counselor and register for my first classes.

<https://freecollege.goiam.org/>

My first class was CIS101 (Computer Information Systems) which the counselor said was a requirement. I figured I would take that first and the information acquired would help me as I moved along in pursuit of my degree. This particular class touched on Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Access. I am glad that I took it first and have been able to use the information in each class I have taken since then by writing reports in Microsoft Word documents or submitting PowerPoint presentations as required assignments.

I am currently on my 3rd class. I have completed CIS101 and also Bus101. My current class is PSC101 which is an introduction to American Politics. I am pursuing an Associate’s degree in Business Management with a focus on Human Resources. The degree requires 60 credit hours and each class is worth 3 credits. I am going to be honest here when I tell you this is extremely difficult for me as I am probably averaging 20+ hours a week with my studies, along with my current employer working us 50 hours or more a week on average. Doing all that and still being a husband to my wife and father to my two children is more difficult than I thought. I have had to step back on many other things I did in order to make this possible. Even attending membership meetings can be difficult because that is one evening less that I don’t have available to complete my required assignments for that week. I have stepped down from teaching Hunter Education this spring and decided against serving my shop in any leadership role as Chairperson or Steward. Time is now viewed as a nonrenewable resource in my world and I need to use it wisely.

My reason for this letter is not to discourage anyone to apply to the free college program. I believe it is a great benefit to our members. I just wanted to share my experience with those that might have an interest. It is a true college class and not a joke. The professors communicate with you via email and expect you to get your assignments in on time. Classmates are all adults as well and we are required to view and comment on their work as well. Discussion is strongly encouraged and a significant amount of work in each class so far. If I had the schedule to take more than one class at a time this report would be more encouraging, but only taking one class at a time because of “life” this degree could take upwards of 4 years to complete. It is still worth it in my opinion as I will be able to use the knowledge gained no matter where life takes me down the road.

Thanks for reading.

Keep up the fight and solidarity!

Ron Simmelink

No one better to fight a holy war in the name of Christianity than a thrice married adulterer with a fondness for paying off sex workers.



Dear Sisters and Brothers:

I have set up two (2) training seminars for all Local Lodges.

The first will be a Shop Stewards Training to be held on Monday, May 14 and Tuesday, May 15, 2018, at District 10's hall from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The second will be Officers training to be held on Wednesday, May 16, 2018, at District 10's hall from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Please see attachments (*following pages*) what each participant needs to bring with them depending on which training class they will be attending.

All Local Lodges that will have attendees must to RSVP before Friday, May 4, 2018, by calling the District office at (414) 643-4334 or via email iamawd10@sbcglobal.net stating who will be attending from the Local Lodge and which training session they will be attending.

If you should have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at the office.

In Solidarity,
Alex Hoekstra
Directing Business Representative



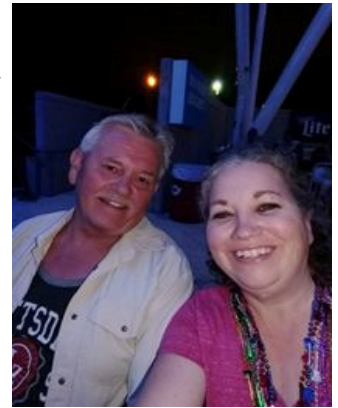
ful people. I thank you all from the bottom of my Heart! Good luck to all of you.

Going forward I am excited to continue the journey of Unionism, to try and reach out to all of our current members and future members alike and provide leadership that we can all be proud of.

This will not be an easy task to accomplish without everybody's input. I look forward to this and remain excited to hear from all of you with any new ideas, or tweaking some things that may be in place now that needs some adjusting. The world is forever changing so we will need to stay ahead of life's curve balls thrown at us. I do think this is possible if we all stand united together.

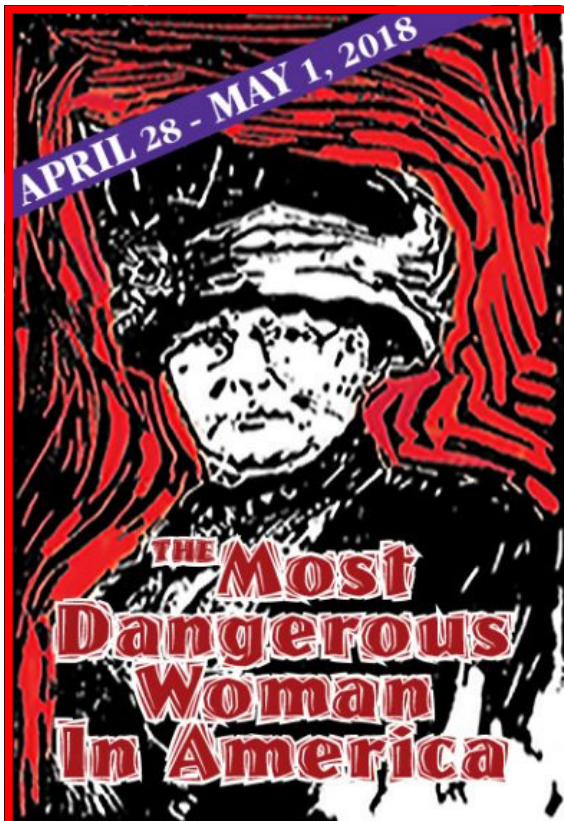
Solidarity, *Tim Schwartz.*

To the members of United Lodge 66, we have started a new year with just about a whole new Executive Board. It is important that I thank our past President Mike Pietrzykowski, Vice President Larry Morrow, Trustee Bunny Browning and Recording Secretary. Liz Falkowski. It is going to be a tall order to fill as these people had so much knowledge and I have learned so much from these wonder-



Tim & Mary Kay

Editors note: Tim is the new president of our lodge and previously served in other positions within United Lodge 66 and also as the shop chair of Lakeside Manufacturing. One of the shops, back a few years ago, organized and getting that hard first contract ... and moving forward to protect the right of those workers and their family.



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Subj: MWT Training Confirmation
Lodge Officers' Training

SENT VIA EMAIL AND FAX

Mr. Alex Hoekstra
Directing Business Representative
IAM District Lodge 10
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Milwaukee, WI 53215

Dear Brother Hoekstra:

This letter is to confirm that a *Lodge Officers' Training* seminar will be conducted for District 10 by Midwest Territory Education Representative Joe Gruber.

Class will be conducted as follows:

Date: May 16, 2018
Location: District 10 Office
1650 South 38th St.
Milwaukee, WI 53215
Time: 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Please provide an American Flag, copies of the Local Lodge bylaws for each participant, a blank voucher form and the IAM Official Circulars for the Local. **You will need to provide sufficient copies of the most current Constitution, Collective Bargaining Agreements and grievance forms to each participant for reference.** A "Certificate of Achievement" will be issued by the MWT office to each class participant upon completion of the seminar.

The meeting room needs to be set up "classroom style" to accommodate a PowerPoint presentation with an "In-Focus" projector. A chalk/dry erase board would be helpful for illustration.

The servicing representative(s) must be in attendance during the entire seminar. Class will not be conducted in the absence of the servicing representative(s), unless prior approval is granted by this office. Please contact Brother Gruber at (815) 280-6400 and confirm the number of participants attending as soon as possible.

With best wishes, I remain

Fraternaly yours,

Phil Gruber
GENERAL VICE PRESIDENT

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Dear Brother Hoekstra:

This letter is to confirm that a *Shop Stewards Training* seminar will be conducted for District 10 by Midwest Territory Education Representative Joe Gruber.

Class will be conducted as follows:

Date: May 14-15, 2018
Location: District 10 Office
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Time: 9:00am - 3:00pm

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Correction Time: The Market Takes a Hit

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After reaching all-time highs on January 26, 2018, the Dow Jones Industrial Average and the S&P 500 went into a two-week slide that saw both stock indexes drop by more than 10%, a decline that is typically considered a market correction. (1)

Analysts have been saying for several years that the long, booming bull market was overvalued and due for a correction, so the drop was not a surprise in the big picture. (2) And even after the 10% plunge, the Dow was up 19% over the previous 12 months, and the S&P 500 was up 12.5%. (3)

It's natural to be concerned about this kind of shift, but more important to maintain perspective and focus on your long-term goals. It may be helpful to consider some of the reasons behind the surge of market volatility.

Too Much of a Good Thing?

The initial trigger for the downturn was a better-than-expected jobs report on February 2 that helped drive the Dow down more than 2.5%, a significant decline considering the unusually low volatility in 2017 and the beginning of 2018. The economy added 200,000 jobs in January, marking the 88th straight month of job creation, the longest such run in U.S. history. Wages rose by 2.9% over the previous January, the highest year-over-year increase since the end of the recession in June 2009. And the unemployment rate held steady at 4.1% for the fourth straight month, the lowest level in 17 years.⁴

Although the report was great news for U.S. workers, on Wall Street the rosy jobs picture generated fears of higher inflation that might drive the Federal Reserve to raise interest rates more quickly than anticipated. At its December 2017 meeting, the Federal Open Market Committee signaled its intention to raise the benchmark federal funds rate three times in 2018, bringing it up to a range of 2.0% to 2.25%. Theoretically, these changes have been priced into the market, but the strong jobs report made it more likely that the Fed will follow through on its projection and possibly execute further increases if inflation heats up.⁵

Stocks, Bonds, and U.S. Debt

Higher interest rates rattle the stock market because investors are more likely to move assets out of risky stocks and into more stable bonds, as fixed-income yields become more attractive. Higher rates not only mean increased yields on new bonds but also on existing bonds, as prices are pushed downward to make yields competitive. In addition, the prospect of inflation tends to push bond prices lower and yields higher, because inflation erodes the purchasing power of fixed-income payments.

One reason for the initial reaction to the January jobs report expanding into a full-blown correction is that bond yields were already rising due to other factors. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note — a bedrock of global financial markets — has been rising since tax legislation was proposed in the fall of 2017, and the yield reached a four-year high of 2.85% on the day the jobs report was released.^{6–7} Although the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act was generally welcomed on Wall Street, bond traders have been concerned that increased Treasury sales to pay for the \$1.5 trillion tax cuts will erode bond prices. This concern was exacerbated by the bipartisan budget deal that further increased deficit spending.⁸

The Treasury is working to finance higher debt at the same time the Federal Reserve is unwinding its recession-era bond-buying program. With the Fed reducing its bond portfolio, the Treasury must sell more bonds to the public to cover growing deficits. The Treasury recently announced the first increase in bond sales since 2009.⁹

The question is who will buy these bonds and what are they willing to pay for them? A weak dollar has made Treasuries less appealing to foreign governments, which hold more than 44% of U.S. government debt. With the Treasury market depending more on U.S. investors, supply may be outpacing demand — illustrated by a tepid Treasury auction on February 7.¹⁰

The Long View

Although mounting government debt is a serious concern, the stock and bond markets are both driven in the long term by the economy, and the United States looks to be hitting its stride after a long, slow recovery. The global economy, which has been even slower to recover, is coming back as well.

A correction may be disturbing, but it can strengthen the market in the long term by returning equity values to levels that are more in line with corporate earnings and less dependent on investor exuberance. A corrected market may also be less vulnerable to overreaction. On February 14, the Dow and the S&P 500 closed up more than 1.2%, despite a consumer report that showed higher-than-expected inflation. Even with higher prices in January, core inflation (which excludes food and energy prices) is running at only 1.8%, still below the Fed's 2% target rate.¹¹

Of course, no one can predict the future, and you might see volatility for some time. The wisest course may be to remain patient and avoid making portfolio decisions based on emotion.

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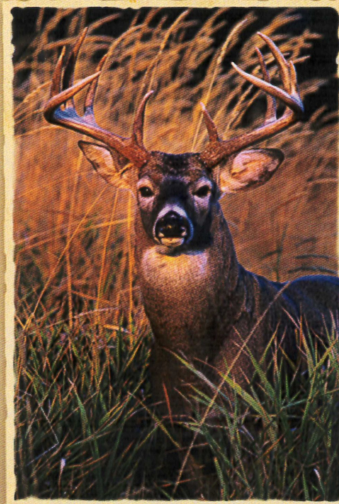
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Seniors Corner

Administration Moves to Use the “Age Tax” to Charge Seniors More for Health Care Again, this was reported on March 9, 2018

The White House is seeking a package of conservative policy concessions in return for backing a legislative package stabilizing Obamacare markets. The Trump administration has rolled out a list of policy requests that includes allowing health insurance companies to charge older Americans up to five times as much as younger policy holders.

This policy change would require amending the Affordable Care Act (ACA). “The Affordable Care Act limited how much more seniors can be charged by health insurers due to their age,” said Robert Roach, Jr., President of the Alliance. “The administration’s actions would undo the progress that we have made since 2010.”

The White House is also seeking to allow short-term plans — which offer skimpier benefits with lower premiums — to be renewed. Under a process known as underwriting, short-term plans, exempt from the ACA, can deny people coverage or charge them more based on a health condition. White House officials recently proposed expanding the maximum length of these plans from three months to one year and allowing people to renew the coverage without going through the underwriting again.

Omnibus Spending Bill Provides Additional \$480 Million for Social Security Administration

The U.S. House passed a massive \$1.3 trillion spending bill on Thursday to fund the federal government through September 30. The Senate followed early Friday, and President Trump signed the measure on Friday afternoon.

The Omnibus provides \$12.8 billion for the Social Security Administration’s (SSA) administrative budget - a \$480 million increase over last year. That includes an increase for general operations, as well as designated amounts of \$284 million for Information Technology modernization and \$100 million for reducing the disability hearings backlog.

Despite the Omnibus, House Speaker Paul Ryan doubled down on cutting Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security, on Tuesday, saying Congress will “have to keep at it” on cutting so-called “entitlements.”

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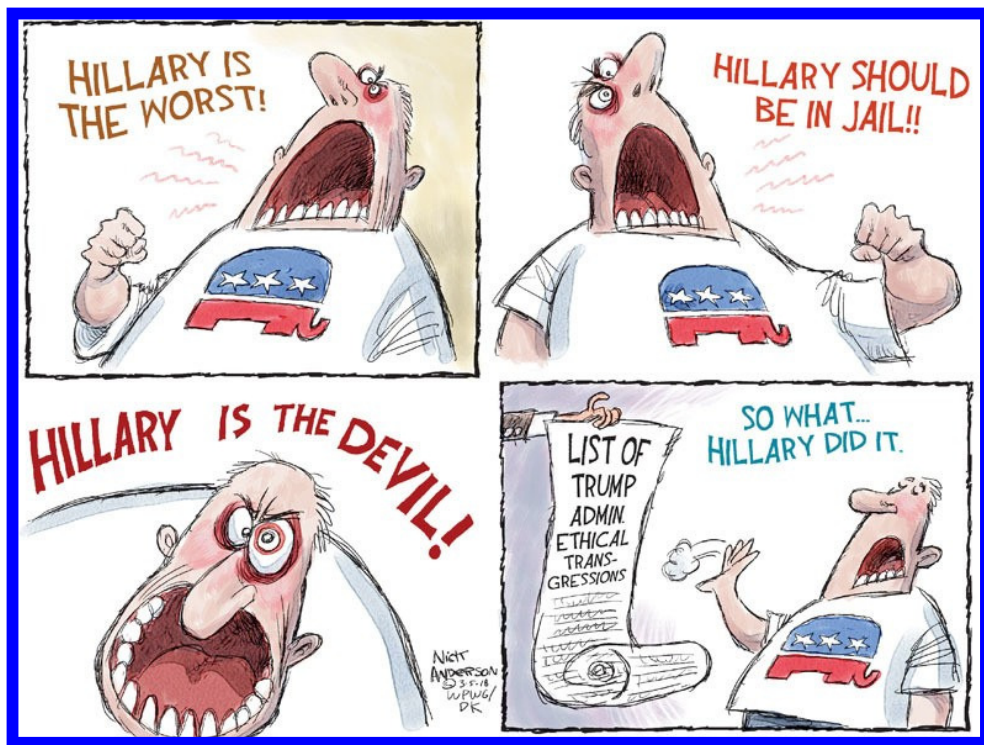
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