

The Grouse House Gazette

Thoughts and Observations on Music, Nature, and **Politics**, from the Catskill Mountains

ISSUE #134 – MAY 20th, 2016 www.GHGAZETTE.com www.GILBERTHETHERWICK.com

DONALD TRUMP WILL SOON BE THE MOST DANGEROUS MAN ON EARTH!

ALSO... NEW INFORMATION TODAY ON TRUMP AND TAXES... AND WHO IN THE HELL IS GARY JOHNSON?



Trump's Floridian Palace... Is it worth \$20 Million or \$50 Million?

I would think that ALL Republicans, Democrats, Independents and Libertarians would agree that we should seek a President that takes the time to properly judge and analyze a situation before jumping quickly to a conclusion... which if wrong... could cost catastrophic losses of lives and damage.

Last night... not long after the Egyptian airliner had vanished off of the radar screen... from the security of his gold encrusted penthouse... the now probable next President of the United States once again turned to the 140 character intellectually challenged platform of "Twitter" to announce...

"Looks like yet another terrorist Attack. Airplane departed from Paris. When will we get tough, smart and vigilant? Great hate and sickness!" - Donald Trump

So he essentially decided on his own that this HAD to be terrorism (and it could well be). But a similar crash of the same model of airbus was once determined to be a problem with the tail stabilizer... causing the plane to make similar sharp turns before disappearing from radar. So at this point it is HARDLY conclusive that it is terrorism.

But there was no expressing of sympathies... Trump simply used it as a cheap political opportunity to blame Obama.

Will Trump be TWEETING as President of the United States?

And will he continue to tweet impulsively without any consultation with anyone other than his third "trophy wife"?

And if he "flies off the handle" every time anyone in American politics "attacks" him... What will he do if Putin calls him a "PUSSY"? Or worse yet... tells him that he is WORTH more?

On the other hand... when Putin called America's greatest narcissist ([see Gazette Issue 132](#)) "bright and talented"... [Trump responded by PRAISING](#) the murdering gangster-like Russian "strong man"... which he defended by pointing to Putin's poll numbers in Russia. As Trump's whole campaign has been about "the numbers" and the polls... with no substance... plans... or details. Which is why Mark Cuban recently has called him the "Seinfeld Candidate"...

As Trump's candidacy is all about "NOTHING!"

Nothing but POWER I should add...

PLEASE keep in mind that his FIRST "trophy wife" claims that he kept copies of [Hitler's speeches by his bedside](#).

Perhaps he sees Putin as Stalin to his Hitler?

Frighteningly... Republican politicians are now lining up to support Trump now that he has proven that he can win... as the GOP's leaders... previously lost in a fantasy world... are finally waking up to the reality that they have totally lost control of the actual MEMBERS of their own now racist party.

It appears they believe that ANYTHING... the destruction of the world economy... impulsive military decisions... or even the loss of our closest allies of England and France... would be BETTER for America than the election of Hillary? WTF?

BUT WAIT... IT GETS WORSE!

A Fox Poll released today shows Trump now in the LEAD over Clinton by THREE of points. And believe it or not... Fox Polls have proven to be fairly accurate in the past.

45% for Trump, 42% for Clinton, and 10% for Johnson.

Wait a minute... WHO IN THE HELL IS JOHNSON?

As you can see... for the first time... polling has included a THIRD party... the Libertarian Party's Gary Johnson.

And Johnson's numbers will undoubtedly GROW... as nobody knows who he is YET. And the other two are REALLY hated!

And like Ross Perot in 1992 (who won an amazing 19% of the popular vote that year) Johnson is polling high enough to be included in the presidential debates in the fall. Which will be more important factors than probably any other debates within the past couple of decades. Johnson could end up being the

total “wildcard” in November... just ask Bill Clinton!

AND SPEAKING OF FOX....

It has been fascinating to see Rupert Murdoch’s world completely do a 180 turn on Trump now that he is the “presumptive” nominee of the GOP. He is a total whore.

EVERYONE GET ON BOARD... the ship is sailing... sadly.

[Murdoch has personal reasons for hating Trump](#) as his daughter is close friends with Murdoch’s THIRD “trophy wife” Wendi Deng. I’m sure that Murdoch SUSPECTS that Trump COULD know a lot of really personal “dirt” about him. And who knows more about slinging “dirt” around than Murdoch?

Over the years... Murdoch’s New York Post has regularly slammed the pompous “billionaire”. As has his Wall Street Journal (that interestingly... continues to do so recently).

While over at Murdoch’s Fox News Empire... Roger Ailes has LOVED Trump because of his ratings from his weekly appearances on the network for years. And they made “GREAT TV” usage of Trump’s “birther” nonsense in 2011.

Remember when Trump supposedly sent investigators to Hawaii... and that we “wouldn’t believe what they were finding”? All to force America’s first black president to “show his papers”. [Well Donald... what did they find?](#)

[Trump also stated at the time that he would reveal his tax information when Obama released his birth certificate...](#)

We are STILL waiting...

So Fox News is now “on board” after giving support to every other baby-saving Bible-thumping GOP candidate possible.

They even just presented a SPECIAL Megyn Kelly interview in prime time on their broadcast channel that was billed as akin to the Second Coming of Christ but was actually a total “fluff piece” to make Trump look a little less like the raving lunatic that brought up Kelly’s menstruation cycle as his reasoning for her earlier barbed-wire debate questions.

My bet is that Kelly will leave Fox News within the year... as they have totally thrown her under the bus (probably to CNN).

BUT NOW LET’S TALK ABOUT TRUMPS TAXES:

In my [Gazette #127](#) I wrote about the obscure tax law passed in 1986 during Reagan’s “welfare for the rich” rollout that essentially allowed real-estate holders to devalue their property holdings for tax purposes while the actual values were much higher. AND... if the losses on the devaluation of the owner’s real estate holdings were greater than their income... they wouldn’t have to pay ANY income taxes!

Trump is today walking a fine line on the value of his holdings as he is valuing the real estate at VERY inflated amounts for his financial disclosure statements... to make him look “REALLY RICH!”... while at the same time devaluing his holdings for tax purposes. The reality of his property holdings lies somewhere in between these two fictitious numbers.

SOME HIGHLIGHTS FROM “USA TODAY” TODAY...

[USA Today](#) just released a fascinatingly well researched report on Trump and his taxes.

Trump’s companies have been involved in OVER 100 lawsuits from various levels of government over non or late payments of taxes. This has been going on since the 1980s and has been continuing up until the present (with FIVE of his companies being issued warrants for tax evasion since he declared his candidacy in New York State alone).

And the State of New York has had to put liens on his properties as many as THREE DOZEN times over unpaid taxes. New York State even had to file a tax warrant on unpaid taxes due on his infamous 757 “Trump Force One”.

There are also dozens of other disputes in other states including Nevada, Florida, and New Jersey.

But back to the mysterious “value” of his various properties and how his fight against paying taxes conflicts with his constant bragging about the HIGH values of those properties.

Mar-a-Lago - Trumps gaudy estate in Florida.

Trump bought it for \$10 million in 1985 and claims in his book that it was a great deal. It was recently assessed by the county for a value of \$20 million but in his recently released federal election “financial disclosure” statement he listed it at more than \$50 million to make him appear “REALLY RICH!”.

Jupiter Florida Golf Club - (Formerly Ritz Carlton)

Trump bought this “great deal” in 2012 for \$5 million but he appealed the assessed value in 2015 of \$13.7 million to try to lower his local taxes. But again... on his federal election “financial disclosure” form he lists the value above \$50 million.

Briarcliff Manor Golf Club - Westchester County New York

Back home in New York State he has REALLY tried to stick it to the town of Ossining regarding the value of his Briarcliff Manor Golf Club by trying to slash the value of the club by 90%! In a small town like Ossining this amounts to A LOT of money then having to be covered by other property owners.

Ossining’s assessor valued the 140 acre luxury property at \$14.3 million... while Trump’s army of tax attorneys argued that it was only worth about \$1.4 million ([or about \\$400K less than the average price of a single condo in Manhattan](#)).

New York’s towns depend on this tax income primarily to finance their schools and education. So he is not only sticking it to the townspeople... but also to their children!

But AGAIN Trump listed it for his federal election “financial disclosure” form as being valued at “more than \$50 million”.

Gilbert Hetherwick hetherwick@me.com

Write to be added to... or taken off of... my mailing list

Hear my music at www.HETHERWICK-MUSIC.com

Or for a weekend of relaxation www.GROUSEHOUSE.net