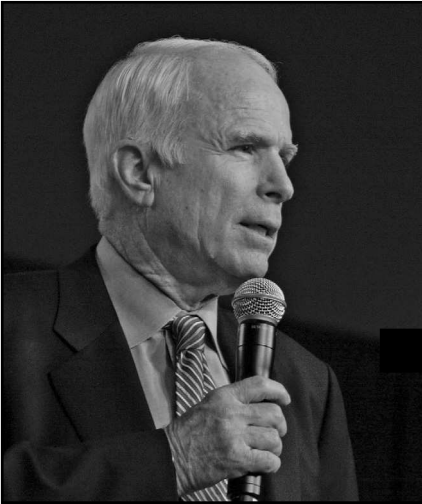


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The First Amendment
Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

“I never considered a difference of opinion in politics, in religion, in philosophy, as cause for withdrawing from a friend.” —Thomas Jefferson (1800)



“We need a free press. We must have it. It’s vital. ... If you want to preserve democracy as we know it, you have to have a free and many times adversarial press. And without it, I am afraid that we would lose so much of our individual liberties over time.”

Sen. John McCain
Meet The Press
February 19, 2017

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LETTERS

THE REAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF PRESIDENT TRUMP

Because letter writers Tom Jackson and Mary DeCeault (“No Cherry Picking,” “Some of the ‘Accomplishments’ of Donald Trump,” Aug. 29) have already covered all the left-wing talking points so eloquently, I would like to provide my own truthful perspective.

First, after eight years of unquestioned far-left policies, it is a wonder President Trump could achieve anything with all the ridiculous policies that had been put in place. But as former President Obama liked to do: If you can’t get what you want through Congress, just use a phone and a pen. In doing so, he left the door open for President Trump to void many of our former president’s bad ideas — and for that, I thank him.

As for the 500 (estimated) children not reunited with their parents, it’s on the parents for committing a crime by coming to the U.S. illegally. They knew what they were doing, just as people who commit crimes here and get sent to jail; they, too, get separated from their kids. Unless we do something worse by putting the kids in jail with their parents.

Yes, Trump’s North Korea plan has not panned out too well. But he did get a couple of prisoner’s back home, along with some of our MIAs’ remains (we hope). And it didn’t cost us a dime.

The jury is out on the tax cuts cost. But what we do know is that the economy is going gang busters. Unemployment among all categories is at its lowest in a long, long time. And the GDP is above four percent after being told, for the previous eight years, that we needed to accept a measly two percent GDP or less as the new normal.

As for downsizing the National Monuments and allowing companies to explore for energy? No problem there. In my opinion, they were getting

used for vote-getting and fundraising from the eco-extremists like the Sierra Club and other far-left eco groups. And just where is the pollution and environmental damage from this? Take a look at the EPA’s pollution of the Colorado river. As of last year, it still hasn’t paid the bill. (www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation-now/2017/01/13/epa-wont-pay-claims-mine-spill-released-3m-gallons-toxic-water/96555846)

As for the president’s golfing... Wow, I am amazed that anyone could play golf more than President Obama. When it comes to who golfed more, I really don’t care either way.

I could give a longer list of things I think matter, but then the editor would have to give me a whole page — and that is unlikely. So here is a link to the not right-wing Washington Times article (www.washingtontimes.com/news/2018/may/6/giving-trumps-accomplishments-their-due).

That all being said, I would like to see a few less tweets. Personally, I don’t tweet because I think it is silly.

—D avid Eckhardt
Florence

WE SHOULD TAKE A LESSON FROM JOHN MCCAIN’S PLAYBOOK

This will be a short letter, witten in response to Mary DeCeault’s Letter to the Editor in the Aug. 29 issue of the Siuslaw News (“Some of the ‘Accomplishments’ of Donald Trump”).

Thank you for so eloquently writing what I suspect is the opinion of more than half of our fractured country.

That being said, I don’t care who you are or what party you belong to:

- Vote.
- Tell your friends to register to vote. You can register at the post office.
- Also, let’s be civil with each other.
- Let’s be honest with each other.
- Let’s be kind to each other.
- Lively conversation is good; arguing

isn’t.

I didn’t necessarily agree with John McCain, but I loved him and his bi-partisan ways.

We could all take a lesson from his playbook.

—Gail Katz Hanson
Florence

AMERICA IS ON THE RIGHT TRACK

Wow.
Double wow.

Two responses to my letter regarding liberal Democrats overlooking the good this administration has done for the country since President Trump came into office (“Overlooking the Good President Trump Has Done,” Aug. 25).

As for Tom Jackson asking in his Letter to the Editor for a list of the good things (“No Cherry Picking,” Aug. 29), it exemplies the majority of Democrats’ lack of accepting facts, or their blindness due to their hatred of this non-conventional president.

Because of this, I’m sure a list of his accomplishments would do no good; they are out there for those who are willing to look.

The same would apply to Mary DeCeault’s letter regarding the same subject (“Some of the ‘Accomplishments’ of Donald Trump,” Aug. 29).

In my opinion, they must see these positive accomplishments but simply fail to register them as such. Certainly this president isn’t perfect, any more than any previous presidents have been.

Do I agree with 100 percent of the things President Trump has said or done? No. But he has America on the right track — and to not think of America first and put party politics second is truly sad.

—Tony Cavarno
Florence



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