







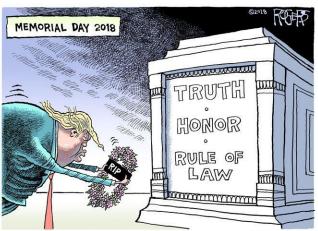






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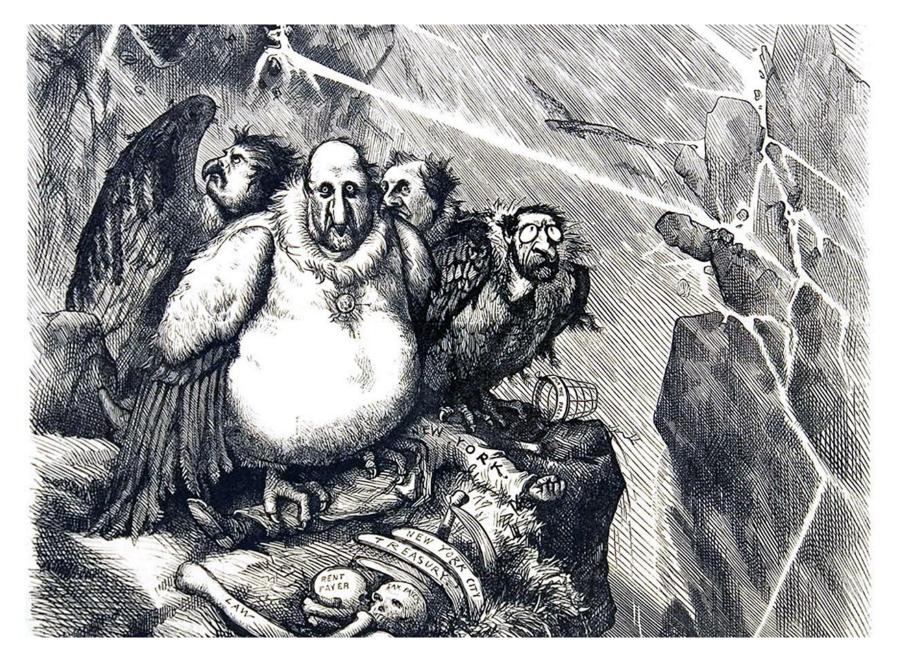












Thomas Nast, Harper's Weekly, 1871

"I don't care so much what the papers write—my constituents can't read . . . it's them damn pictures."

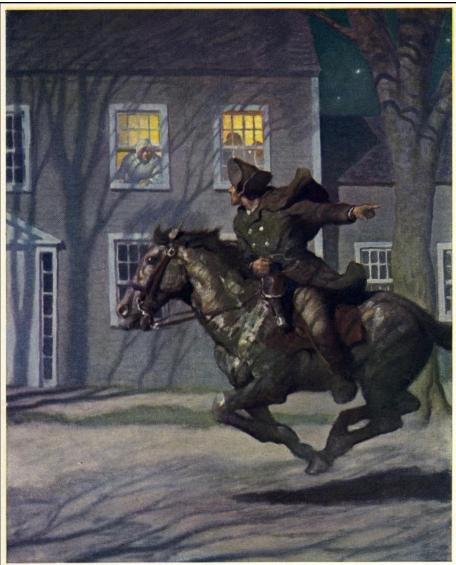
– William M. "Boss" Tweed

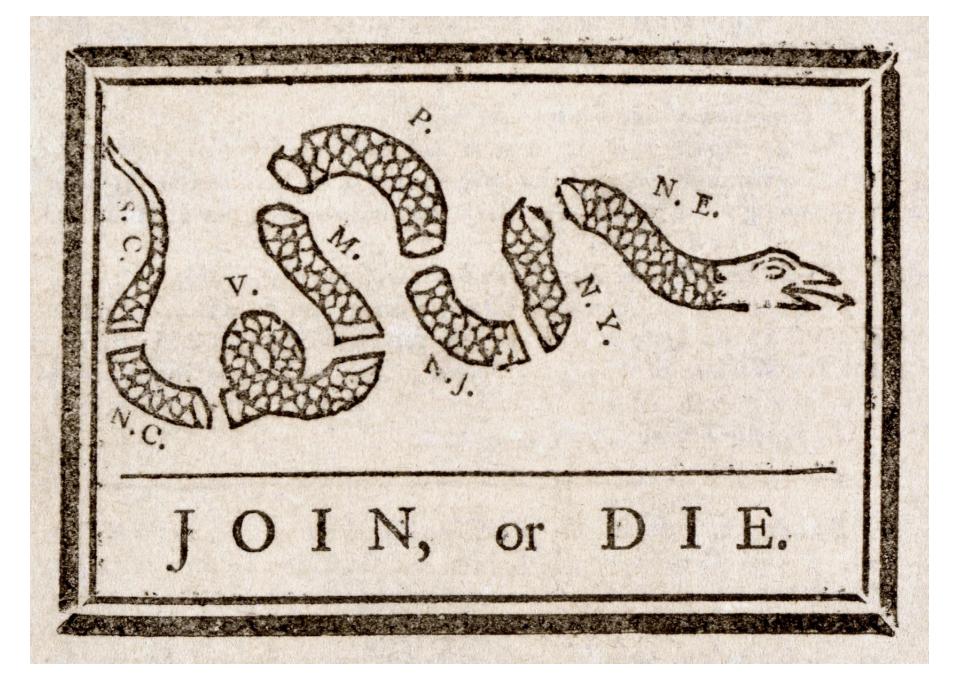


WHO STOLE THE PEOPLE'S MONEY ?" DO TELL . NY.TIMES ..

TWAS HIM.







Ben Franklin, 1754



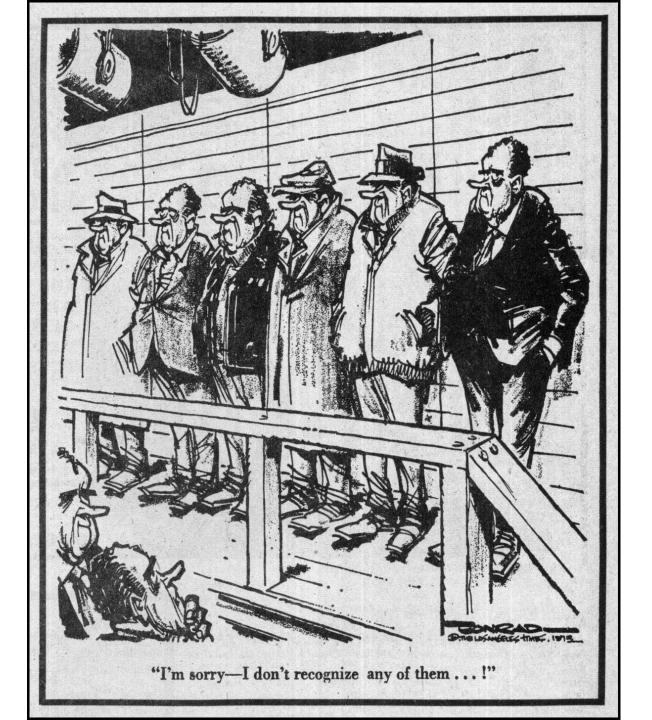
Paul Revere, 1770

"You Mean I'm Supposed To Stand On That?"

Herblock, 1950



Herblock, 1974



Conrad, 1973

# **All the Presidents**



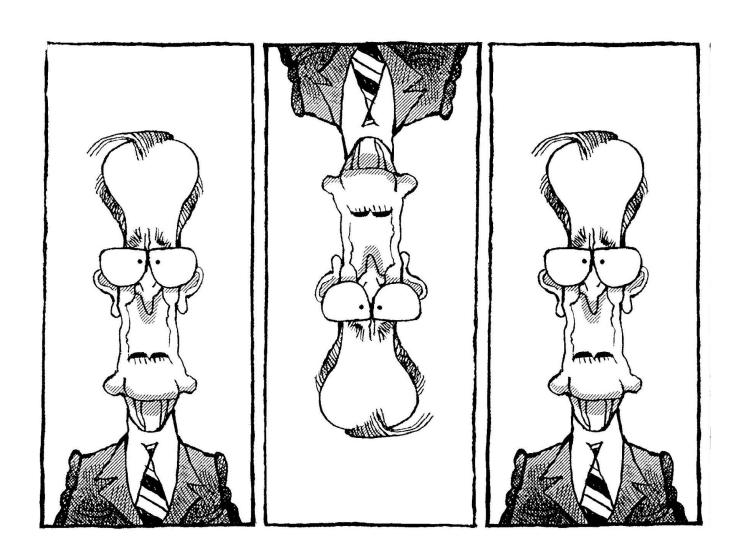








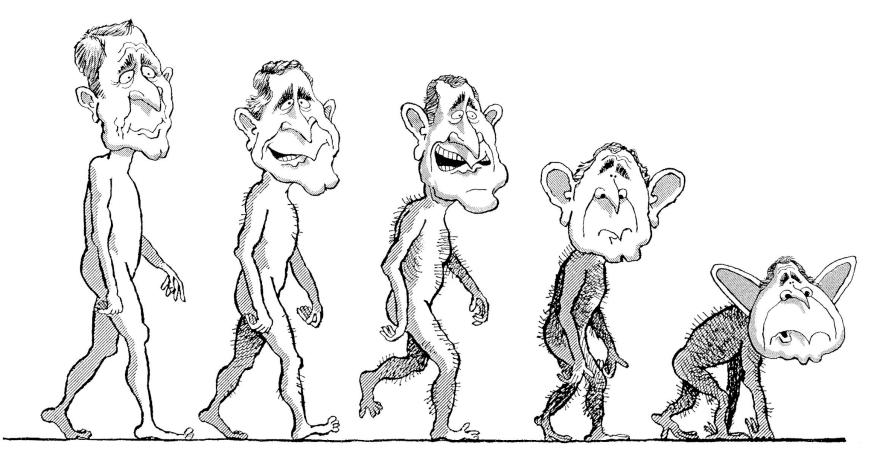




GEORGE BUSH ON TAXES







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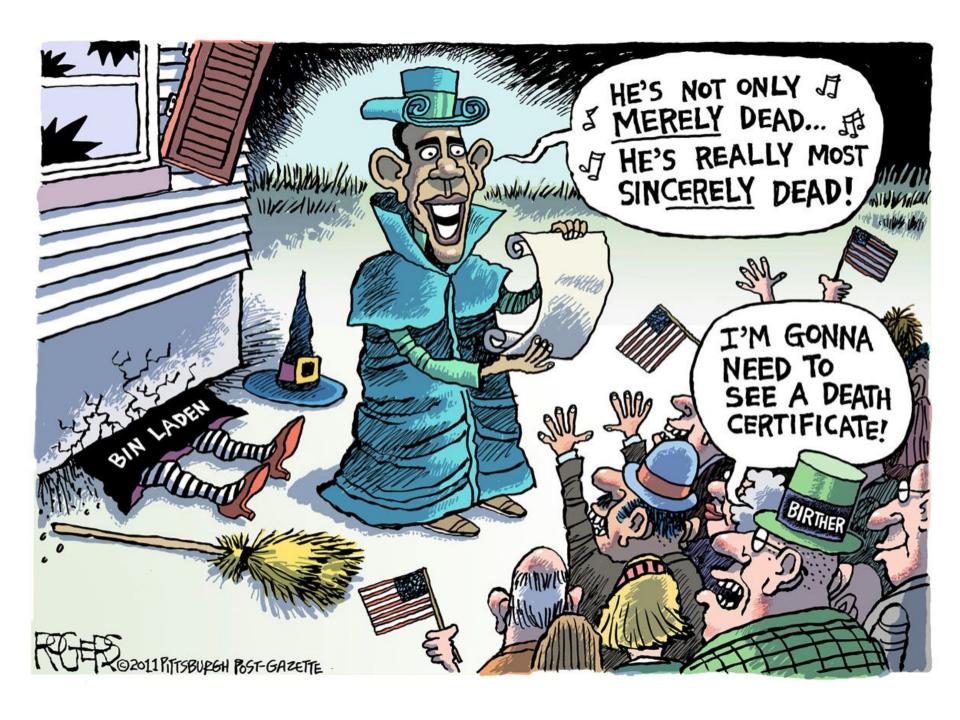
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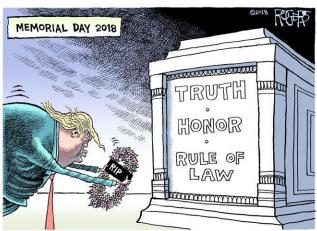






# The Ideas























# Dick Cheney refuses to call CIA's brutal interrogation techniques 'torture'

'I'd do it again in a minute,' former vice president says









#### What to read next



Hillary Clinton Says Goldman Sachs Keeps Paying Her To Tell War Stories Huffington Post











### A Cartoonist's Brain

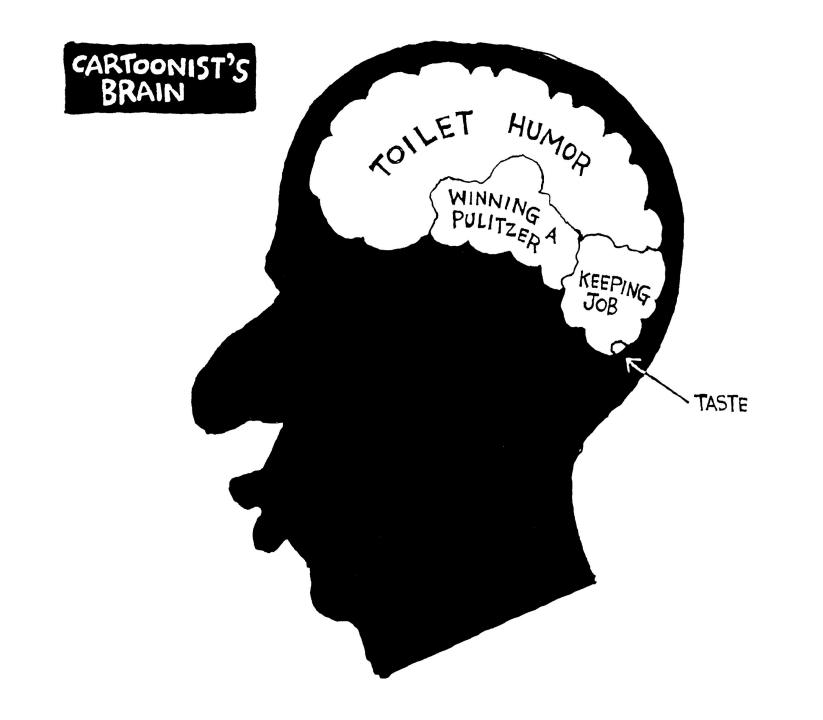


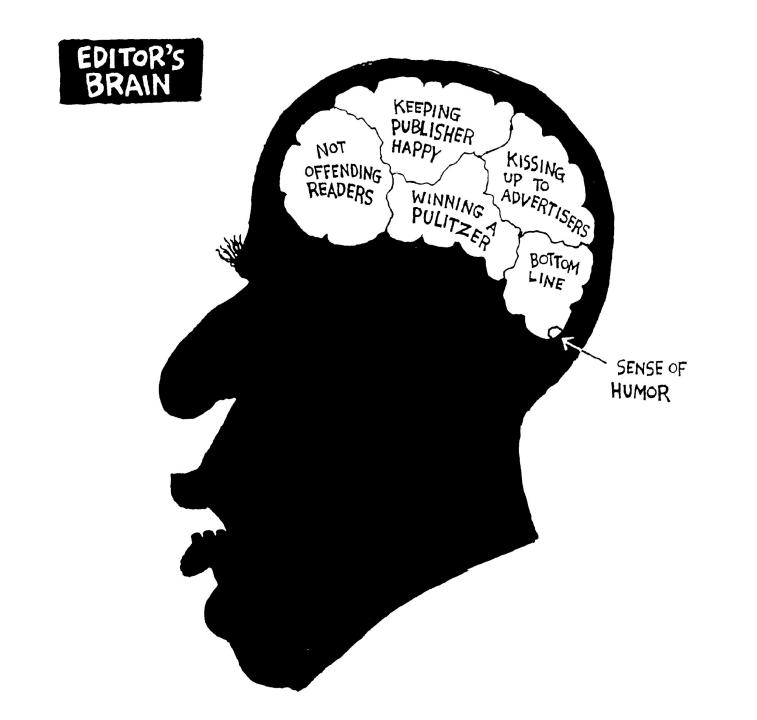


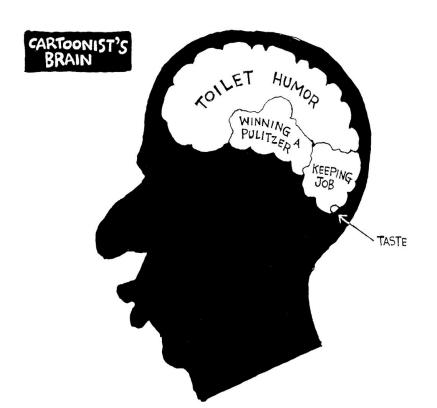


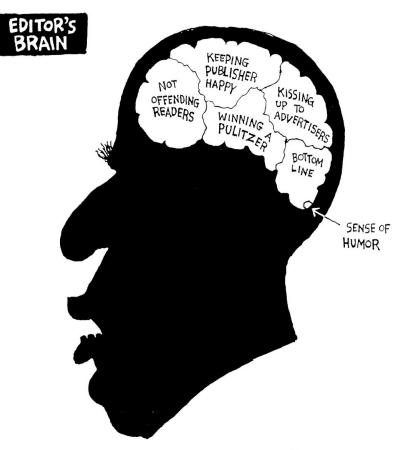














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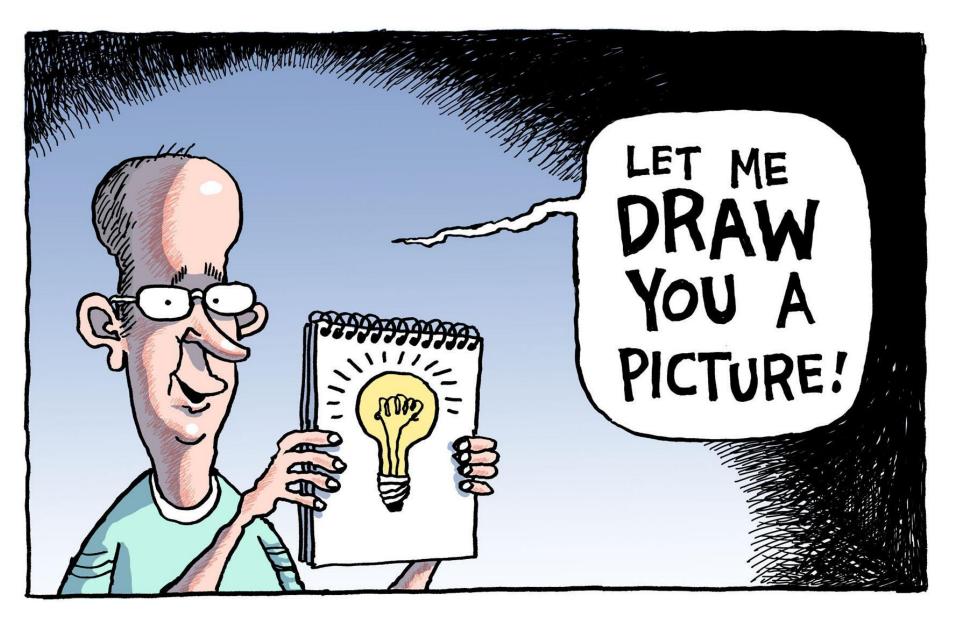




# WHAT DOES 17 TAKE TO CREATE AN EDITORIAL

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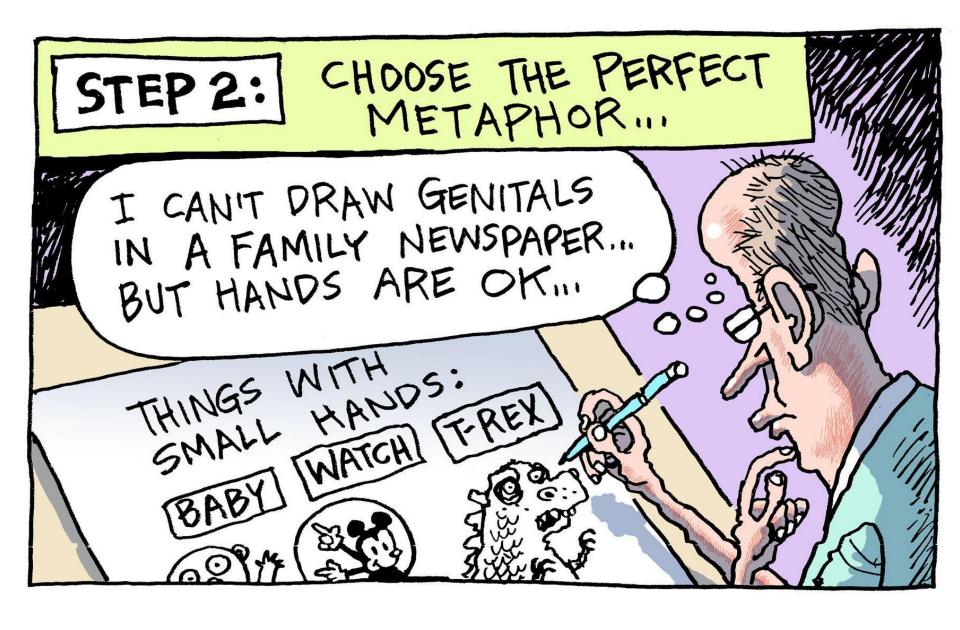
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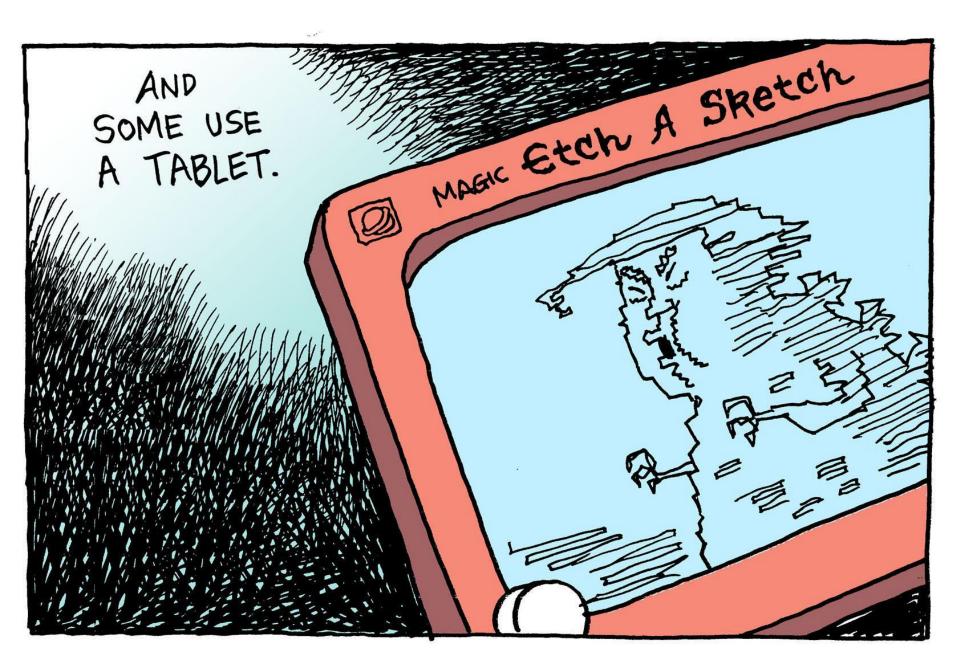








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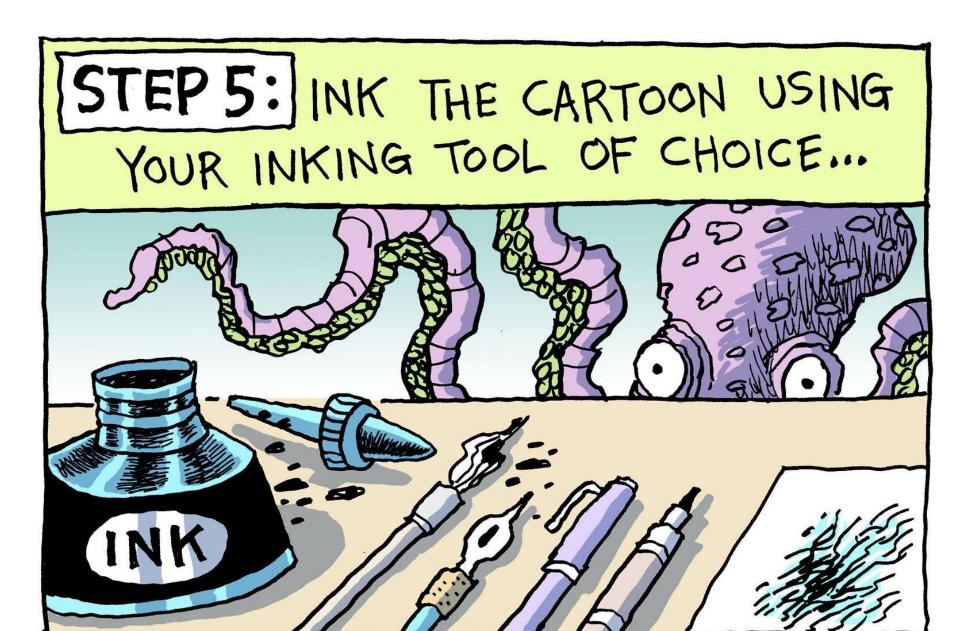




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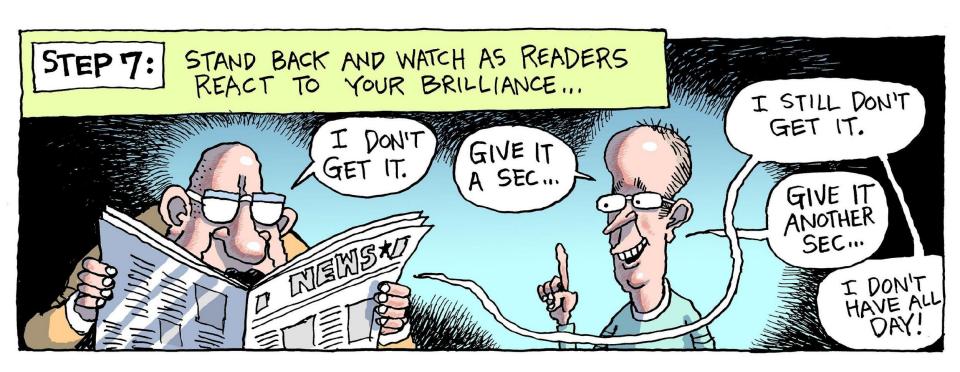
USING A LIGHT TABLE OR SOME OTHER BLACK MAGIC...



















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### Do your duty

#### The Senate must set a hearing for Judge Carland

his duty under the Constitution by submitting to the Senate his nominee - Merrick Garland, chief judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit — to fill a vacancy on the Supreme Court.

The Senate, despite its Republican leaders' vow to do otherwise, must now perform its role and take up the appointment.

The seat became open with the death of Justice Antonin G. Scalia. Judge Garland, who has been on the appeals court for 19 years with three as chief judge, has a reputation as a moderate who is tough on criminal justice. He grew up near Chicago and graduated from Harvard University and Harvard Law School. After years in a private law firm, he became a prosecutor in the Justice Department, where he managed the case against the Oklahoma City bombers in 1995, then oversaw the investigation of the "Unabomber."

The choice of Judge Garland, 63, has put Senate Republicans on the spot. Majority Leader Mitch McConnell declared (as recently as Wednesday) that the Senate will not meet with an Obama nominee, much less allow the Senate to vote on the appointment. GOP senators want to

resident Barack Obama did leave the seat unfilled until after the November election, in the hopes that a Republican will be elected president and nominate a conservative.

Yet Republicans have praised Judge Garland's ability over the years. Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah, the longest-serving Republican on the Judiciary Committee, said in 2010 that Judge Garland could be a "consensus nominee" for the high court who would be confirmed; last week the senator called him "a fine man." Sens. Chuck Grassley of Iowa and Jeff Sessions of Alabama, plus former Oklahoma Gov. Frank Keating, also have applauded Merrick Gar-land's work. When the judge stood for Senate confirmation in 1997, he was approved by a 3-1 margin.

Now Senate Republicans are putting bald politics above a constitutional duty, inviting an eight-member Supreme Court to deadlock 4-4 on major issues for 10 months or more. It is a naked attempt by a self-neutered legislature to hamstring the third branch of government.

What the Senate must do instead is hold the requisite committee hearing on Judge Garland and then take a floor vote on whether it considers him qualified. If Republican senators, including Pennsylvania's Pat Toomey, refuse to do their duty, voters will hold them responsible.

## Call waiting

#### A key state agency reforms customer service

Little things count. Something as 44.6 percent of the calls to the simple as answering phone calls promptly can make a big difference in the ability of a big organization to deal appropriately with its customers and clients.

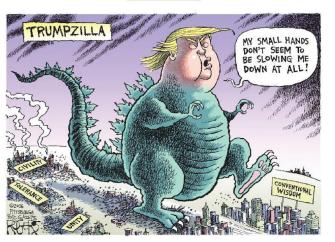
The state Department of Human Services has learned that

Things are changing for the better at the

agency's statewide number were answered. Now the average is 93.2 percent. The average time callers spent on hold waiting for service fell significantly, from 10 minutes a year ago to 51 seconds now. Likewise, the

Philadelphia call center, which has a separate number, is "light-years better" according to a Community

#### **Rob Rogers**



Visit Rob Rogers' Cartoon Blog at post-gazette.com/robrogers.

#### Letters to the editor

### State law changes leave schools holding the bag

You don't have to look far these days to see school districts in financial distress and borrowing millions of dollars just to keep the school doors open. The primary reason for many districts' current distress is the lack of a state budget. But in 2012 the Legislature made two important changes to state law that drew very little media attention that severely tied local school boards' hands.

First, the Legislature stripped school districts of their ability to restructure debt through Chapter 9 bankruptcy. At the same time the Legislature passed a law that prohibits school districts from being declared financially distressed, and thus eligible for financial recovery status and funding, if the reason for the financial distress is the commonwealth's failure to make any payment of money due the school district at the time the payment is due.

Through passage of Act 2012-141, not only did the state take away a financially struggling district's ability to restructure its debts, but the state also absolved itself of any responsibility to actually make required payments to our schools.

Without changes to this law we should all be cautious of handing over more financial responsibility to the state. As it stands today in the eyes of the law, the state bears no responsithe decision is hers alone to do that which is most beneficial to maintain her mental and physical well-being. Should she conclude that having the child is not an option, abortion is available. The Roe v. Wade decision is fait accompli. Simply put, it is

Enough of the whiny, selfrighteous palaver regarding a subject that is personal and is not our collective business. Permit Sheila Ramgopal, M.D., who wrote the piece "I Am an Abortion Provider" (Feb. 28 Forum) to perform her humanitarian work in safety and

LUCRETIA BIORDI ELSON Squirrel Hill

#### The wolf within

PG editorial cartoonist Rob Rogers' caricatures are provocative, including that of March 10 ("The Shepherd"), depicting a wolfish hierarch drooling over new victims.

In turn Mr. Rogers provokes me to note that Pittsburgh's Bishop David Zubik made a public point of viewing the movie "Spotlight" and to note that Bishop Mark Bartchak of the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese got positive reviews from the grand jury investigating sexual abuse by clergy in that diocese.

#### We welcome your opinion

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for mercy. Keep jabbing, Mr.

#### REV. BERNARD SURVIL

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## Random Week

2/11/18 to 2/16/18







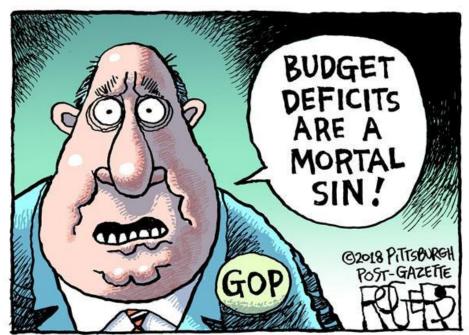






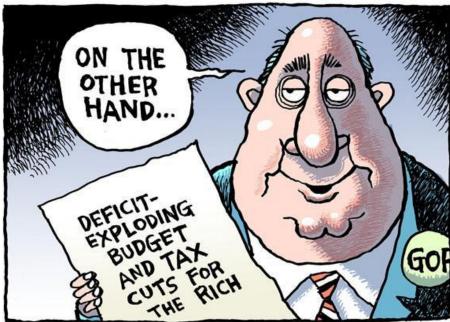






















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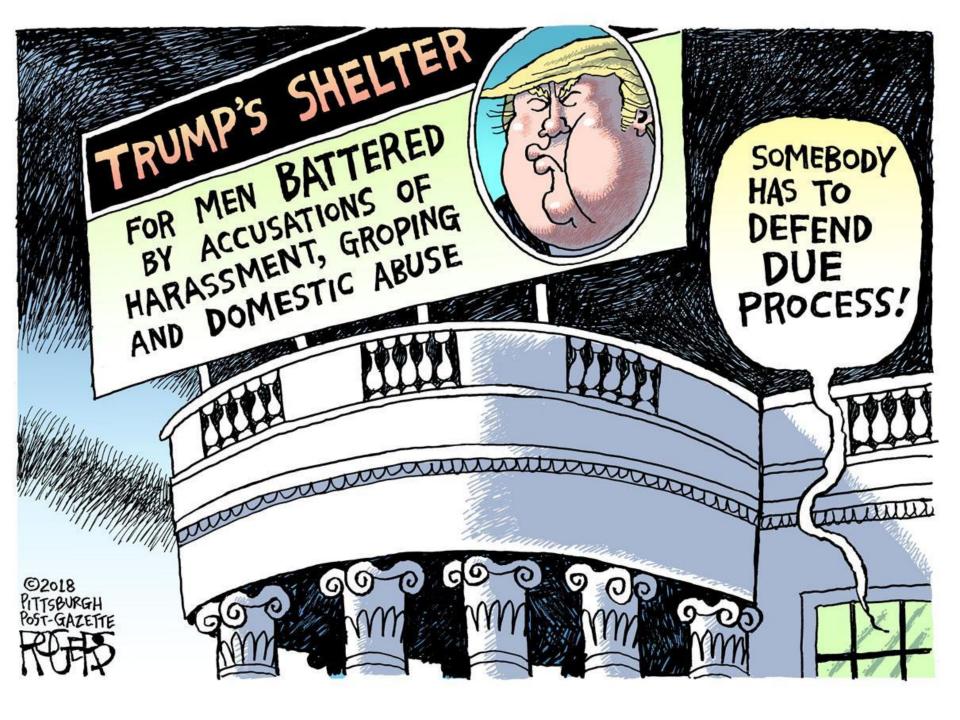
WE CAN SPEND WHAT WE WANT ON WAGES, PENSIONS, A CRUMBLING INFRASTRUCTURE, ETC.



UNTIL WE'RE BACK UNDER ACT 47?

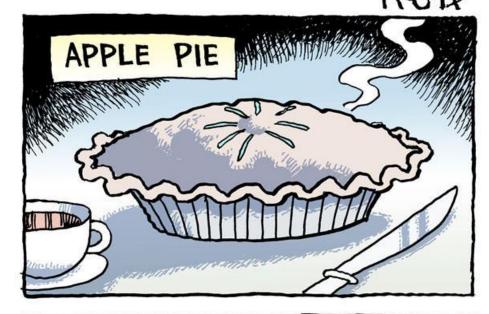




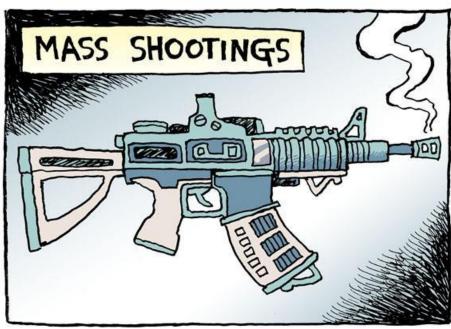


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## The Donald





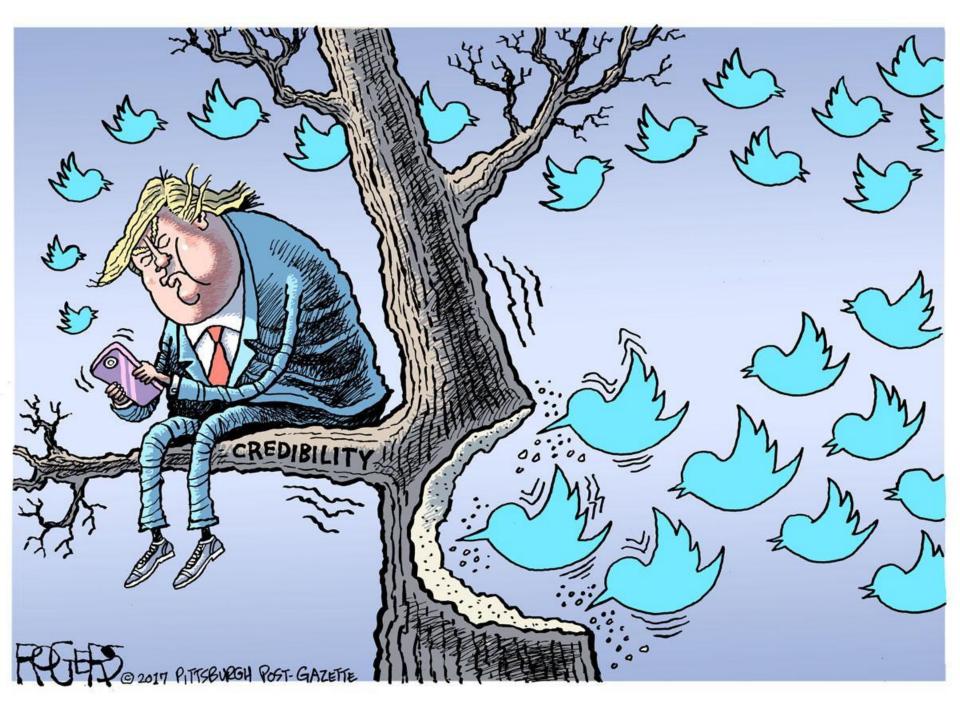






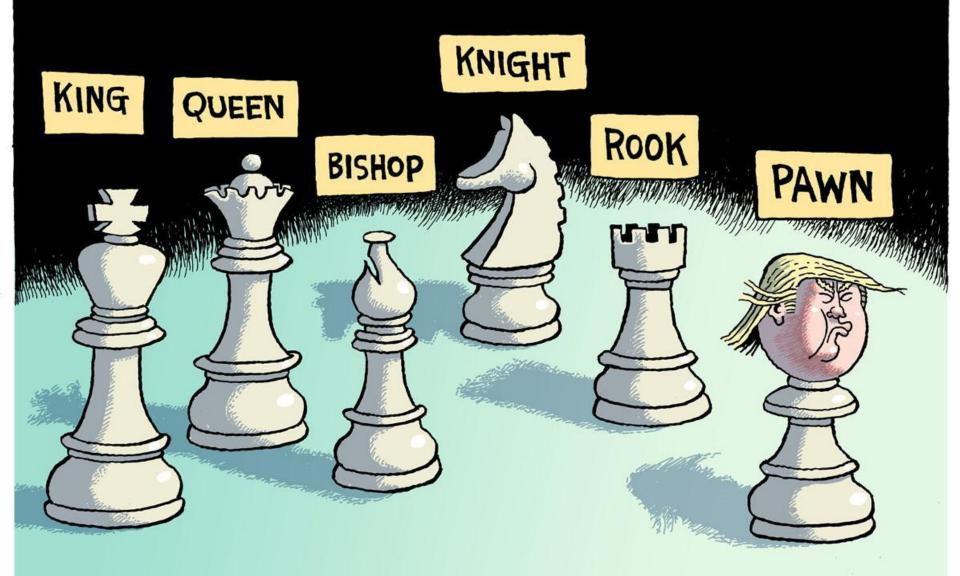






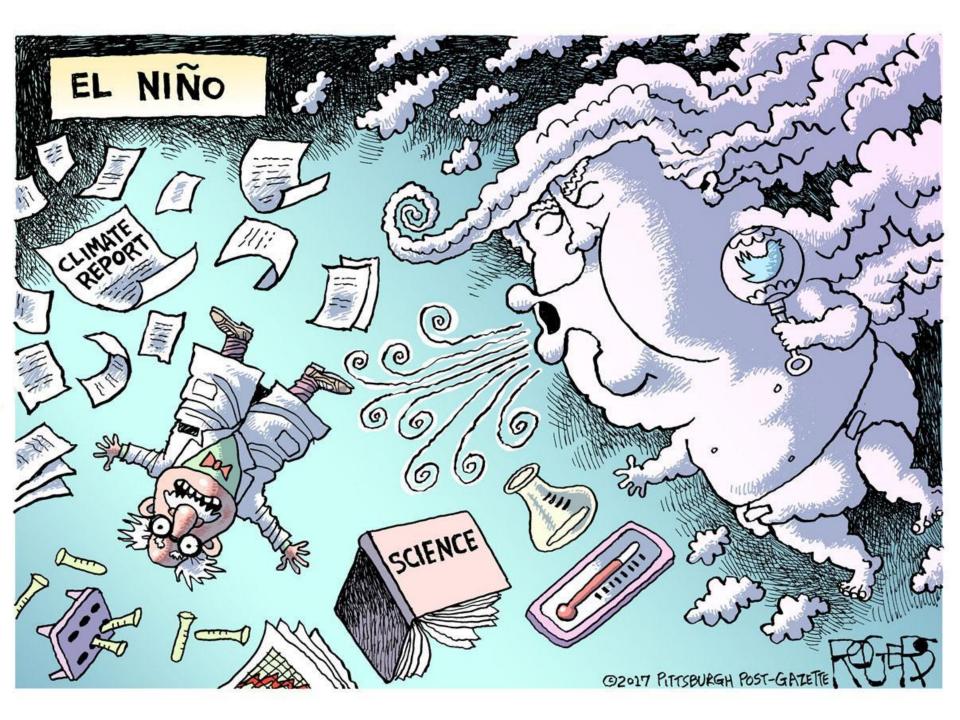
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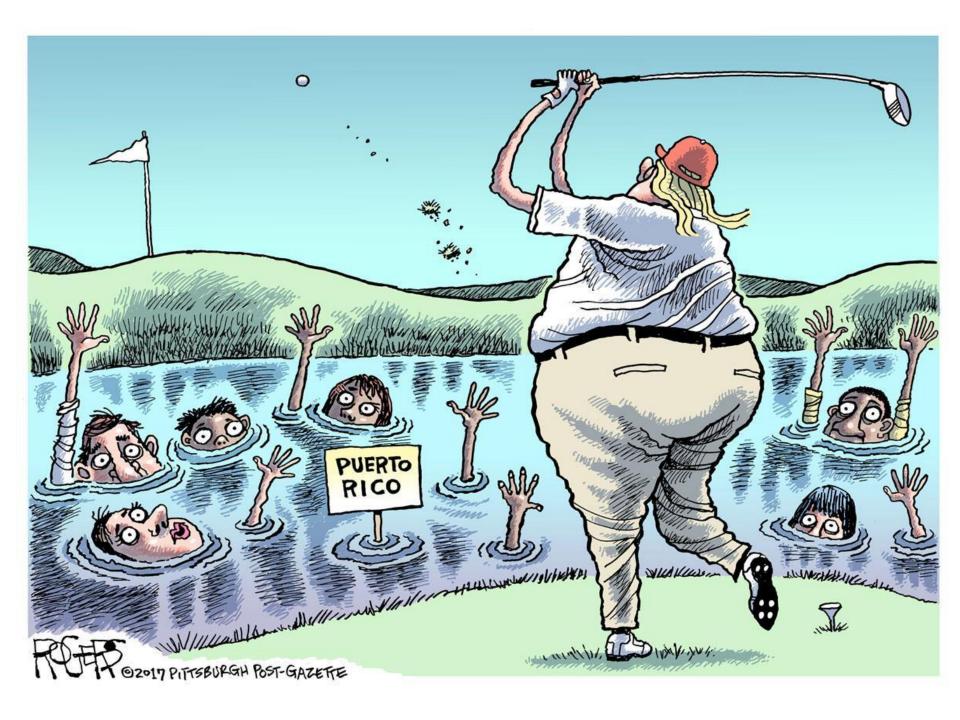




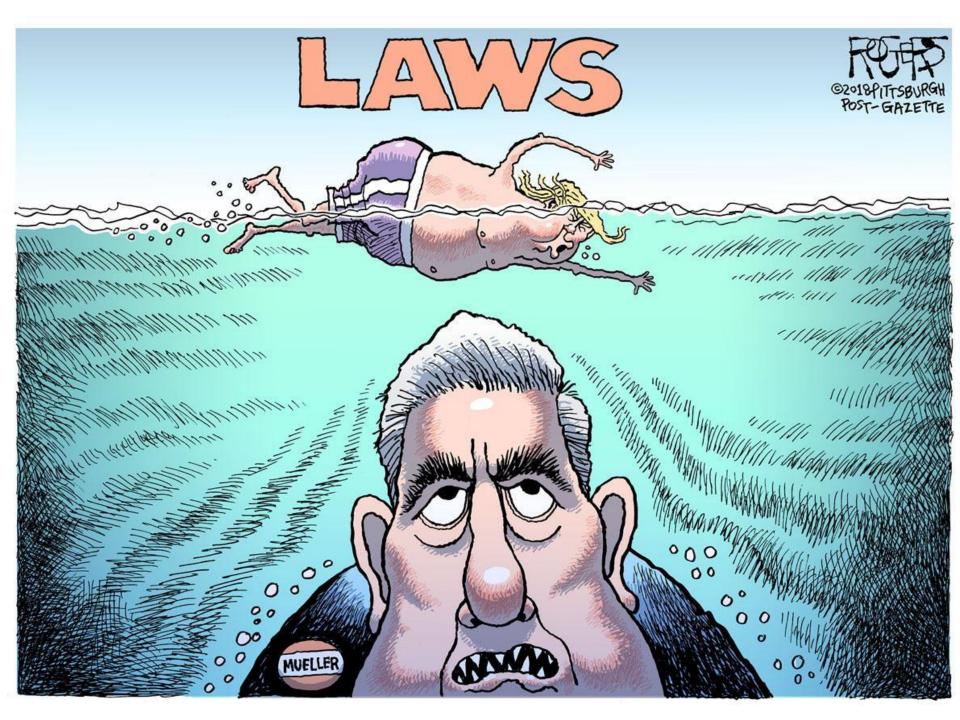












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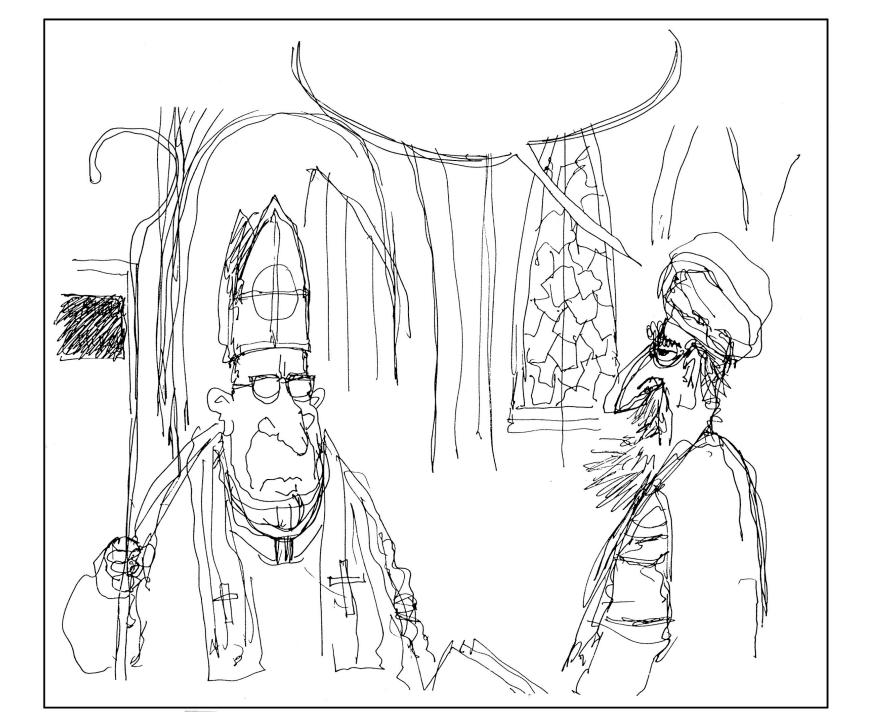


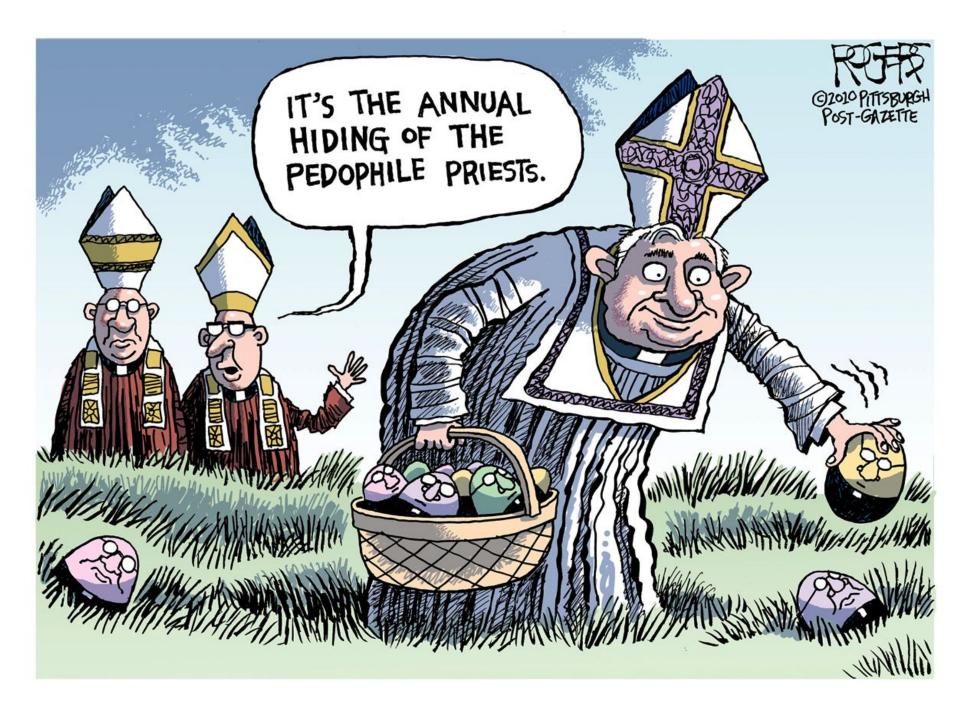














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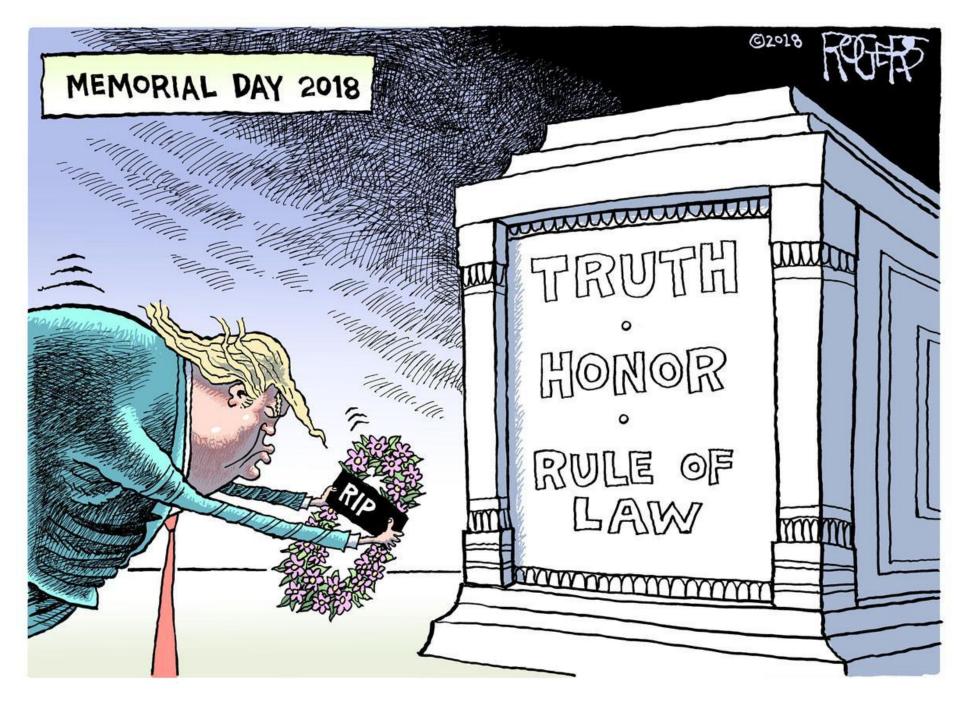
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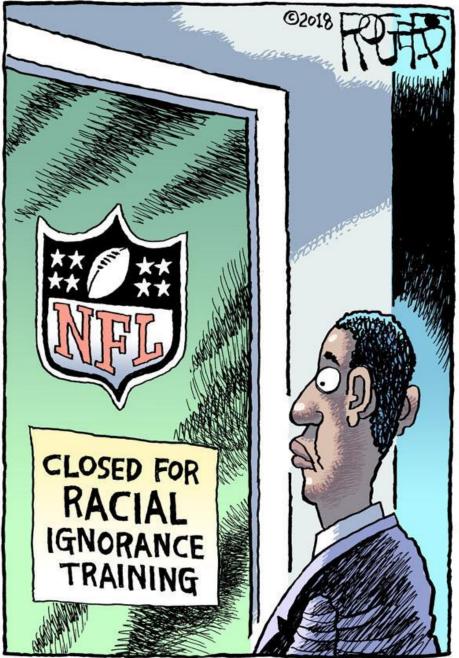




















# The Firing

















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#### Opinion

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## I Was Fired for Making Fun of Trump

#### By Rob Rogers

Mr. Rogers joined The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette as an editorial cartoonist in 1993. He worked there until this week. In 1999, he was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize.

June 15, 2018



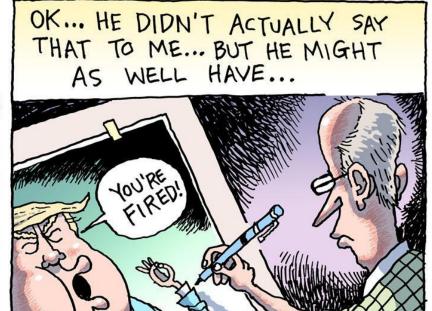
Rob Rogers

After 25 years as the editorial cartoonist for The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, I was fired on Thursday.

I blame Donald Trump.

Well, sort of.



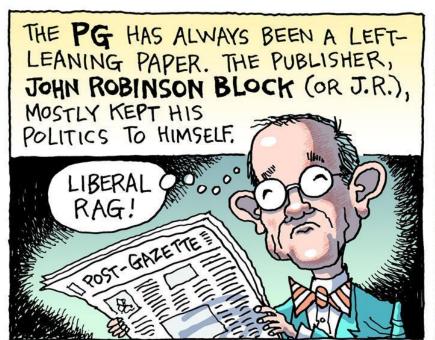


AFTER 25 YEARS AS THE POLITICAL CARTOONIST FOR THE PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE, I WAS FIRED IN JUNE FOR BEING TOO CRITICAL OF THE PRESIDENT.

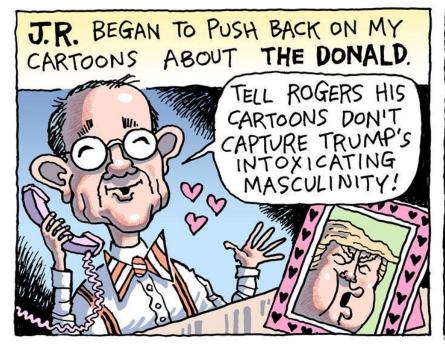
WE'RE GONNA NEED YOUR BADGE AND YOUR PEN!

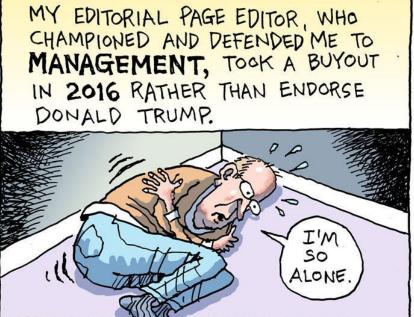
I STARTED MY CAREER AT THE PITTSBURGH PRESS IN 1984 WHEN REAGAN WAS RUNNING FOR HIS SECOND TERM.











## The Beat Goes On



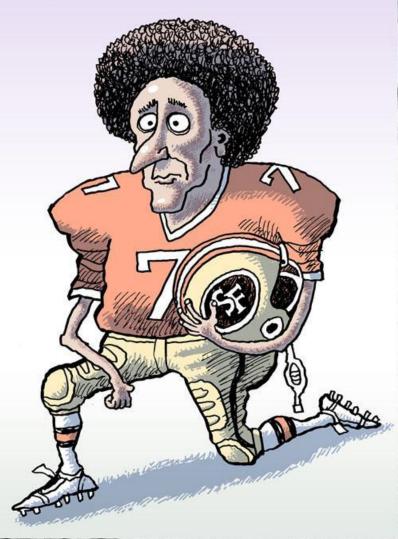


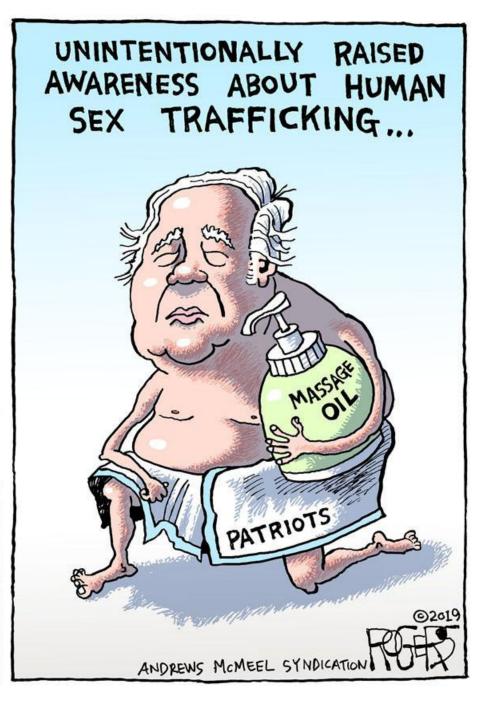








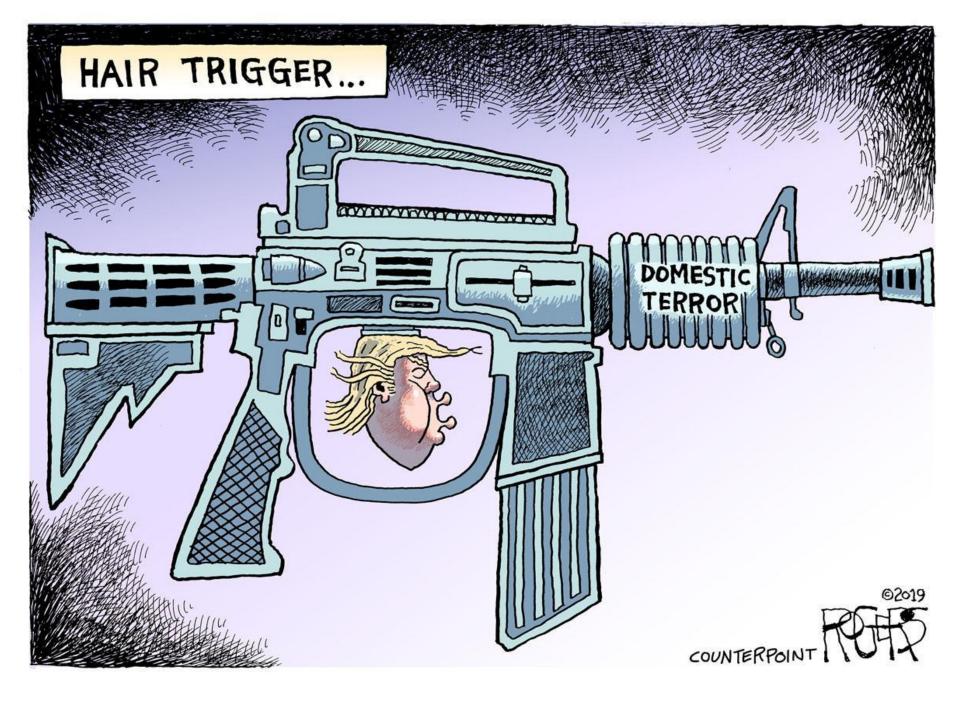


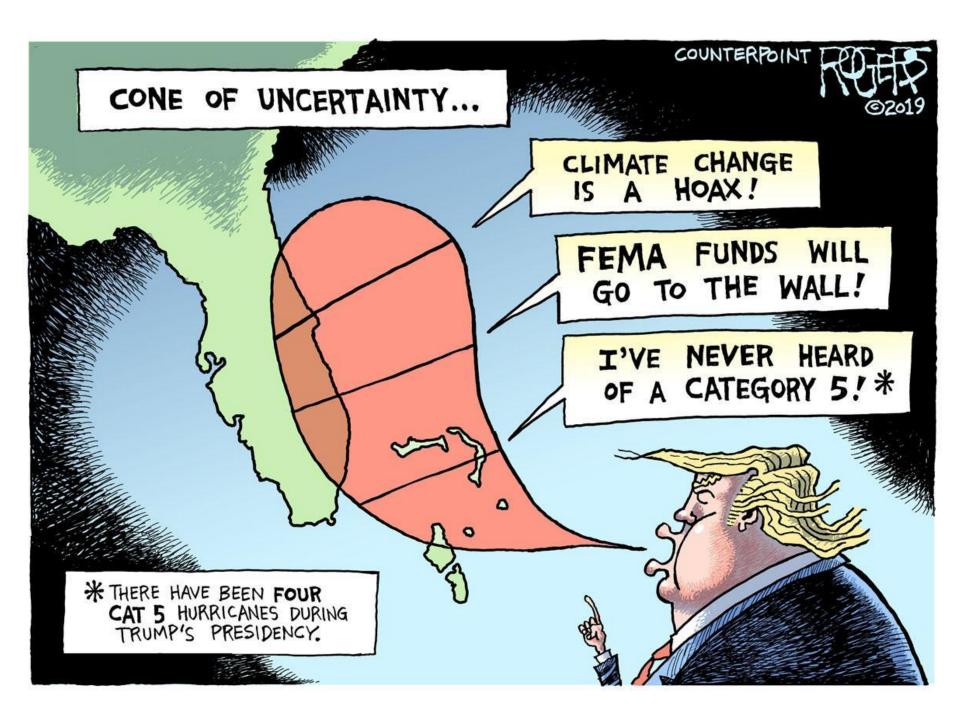










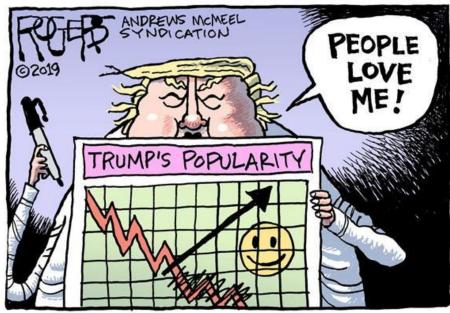


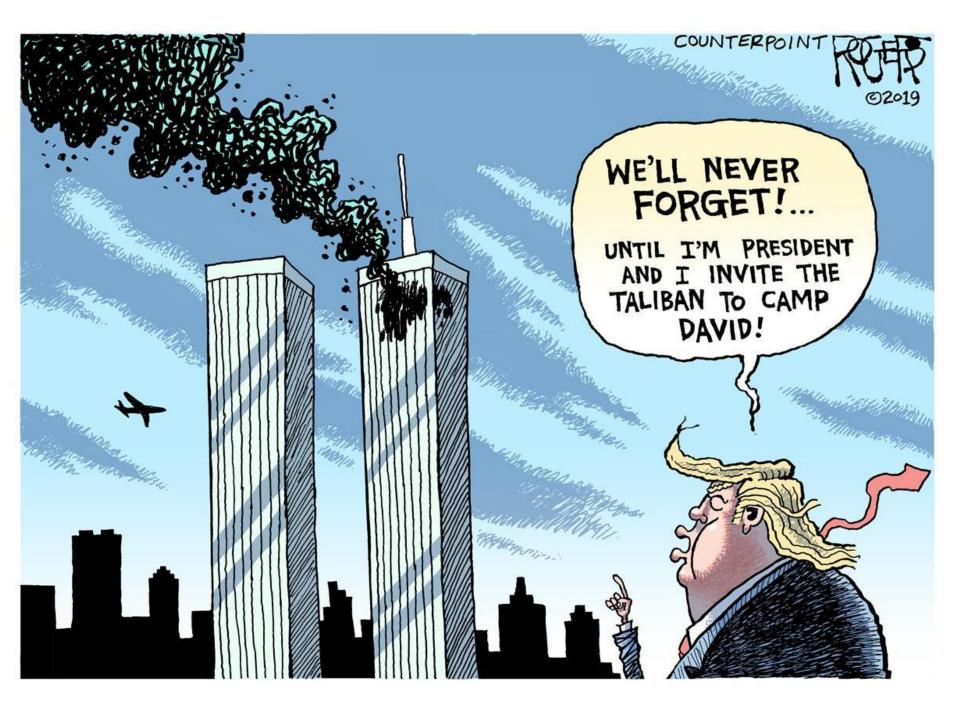
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# ENEMY

OF THE PEOPLE





A CARTOONIST'S JOURNEY

BY ROB ROGERS

FOREWORD BY JAKE TAPPER

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