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Newt on Trump

Newt Gingrich, at one time a candidate to be Donald Trump’s running mate, told Republicans at a closed-door meeting earlier this year that Trump is not a conservative, speaks to voters “at the lowest level of any candidate in either party,” and could lose in a landslide if he didn’t significantly change his approach to campaigning. Gingrich suggested Trump’s move from campaigning to governing would be challenging: “How we make the transition from,

you know, language for fourth graders to real policy, I don’t know.” His comments came in a February speech in Washington to the Republican State Leader-



Trump redux of a 1964 anti-Barry Goldwater campaign pin

ship Committee, months before he began lobbying to become Trump’s vice presidential choice, according to ProPublica. “This is not a guy who’s shallow or simple, but he is a guy who knows an immense amount about marketing, which is why he talks at a fourth-grade level. He talks at the lowest level of any candidate in either party, not because he’s stupid,” Gingrich told the crowd of executive-level political staffers and corporate sponsors. “He does it because he knows if you talk at a fourth-grade level everybody can understand you.”

Class action

A federal judge in Atlanta has given class status to a sweeping price-fixing case that accuses two national airlines of conspiring to start charging baggage fees. U.S. District Judge Timothy Batten certified a class that includes anyone who paid a first bag fee to Delta Air Lines or AirTran Airways, starting with the inception of the fees in 2008 and continuing through November 2014 when Southwest Airlines eliminated AirTran’s first bag fees after the two companies merged. The class potentially consists of more than 28 million customers and could rise to as many as 57 million.

Burger body

Hungry Jack’s, the Australian franchise of Burger King, has a public relations problem – how to explain how a dead body went undiscovered in one of its stores’ restroom stalls for an entire weekend. The man, who may have died from an overdose on a Friday, was found on the following Monday in a Hungry Jack’s in Balga, Western Australia. “It’s unfortunate, and you have to worry about ... how often they check their facilities,” a customer told Australian television.

Charity

The Blue Parrot Cabaret in Morgantown, W.Va., is giving some of its proceeds from lap dances to organizations helping victims of West Virginia’s June floods, The Washington Post reported. The club’s nude dancers voted on giving some of their lap dance earnings to charity. “There are probably any number of people in this state that probably wouldn’t care for my type of a business,” said John Baron, co-owner of the Blue Parrot. “But at the end of the day, when a fellow West Virginian needs help, you turn around and you help.”

Aerial gripes

Airline passengers now have a place to air their grievances. TripAdvisor launched a new service that allows passengers to review their latest flight experiences – the good, bad and everything in between. The site has thousands of reviews on hundreds of airlines across the world. Each airline is given a score of one to five “bubbles” based on the customer feedback and reviews. A few of the more favorably reviewed airlines were Southwest Airlines, Alaska Airlines and JetBlue, which all scored 4.5 out of 5 on a recent morning.

Invaded

China state television reported in June that Xianfeng, a town in southwestern Sichuan province, had been virtually taken over by macaque monkeys. Lured by an ecotourism entrepreneur from the mountains into town in an effort to increase tourism, the monkeys soon took over. The once-small 73-member troop – relocated to town in 2003 – grew to more than 600 members, eating up villagers’ food, terrorizing people and destroying crops. Last month villagers relocated about 300 back into the mountains but 300 diehards refuse to leave. “There are now more monkeys than villagers,” the village chief told the Beijing News.

Too busy

Two notable absences from the Republican National Convention were two members of the “Never Trump” movements, U.S. Sen. Jeff Flake of Arizona and U.S. Sen. Ben Sasse of Nebraska. Asked why he didn’t show, Flake said, “I’ve got to mow my lawn.” Sasse said he planned to take his kids to “watch some Dumpster fires across the state,” according to The Washington Times.

Sociopath

Jane Mayer of the “New Yorker” plumbed the relationship between Donald Trump and his ghostwriter for the 1987 best selling memoir, “Art of the Deal.” Tony Schwartz practically lived with Trump during the book’s writing. Now, he’s stepping forward to confess that if he could rename the book, he’d call it, “The Sociopath.” “I put lipstick on a pig,” he told Mayer in the magazine’s July 25 issue. “I feel a deep sense of remorse that I contributed to presenting Trump in a way that brought him wider attention and made him more appealing than he is.” Schwartz went further: “I genuinely believe that if Trump wins and gets the nuclear codes there is an excellent possibility it will lead to the end of civilization.”

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SPOTLIGHT PICKS

¡Mueve a Jueves Jazz! Move to Thursday Jazz!

BY M. BRIANNA STALLINGS

Hip hop/R&B trio TLC may have had a Billboard chart topper with 1994’s “CrazySexyCool,” but when it comes to a music genre, nothing remains as crazy, sexy and, above all, cool as jazz. Albuquerque’s renowned Outpost Performance Space (210 Yale SE) has been sharing some of the finest jazz sounds, among others, since 1988.

In addition to the acclaimed statewide NM Jazz Festival, Outpost also knows how to turn Thursdays into jazz days, with Summer Thursday Jazz Nights starting August 4.

The first night features a solo vocal/keyboard performance by singer-songwriter Zenobia (her album, “Resurrection,” won the 2016 New Mexico Music Award for Best CD of the Year), as well as The Combustibles featuring Micky Patten on guitar and Aaron Lovato on sax.

On August 11, the Outpost welcomes pianist, composer and producer Kevin Zoernig and the multifaceted vocal talents of Sina Soul Queen & A Love Supreme. Visual artists Aron Kalaii and Darryl L’Noir DeLoache will be on hand making art during the performance.

Summer Thursday Jazz Nights
Aug. 4, 11 and 18, 7:30 p.m., \$10-\$15
Outpost Performance Space, 210 Yale Blvd. SE
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Frank-ly Funny

BY M. BRIANNA STALLINGS

You’ve probably never dreamed of seeing Charles Barkley, Terry Bradshaw, Morgan Freeman, John Madden and two former U.S. presidents all sharing the same stage. Thanks to the astounding impressions of comedian Frank Caliendo, you can experience them all. Caliendo performs Saturday, Aug. 13, in the Legends Theater at Route 66 Casino (I-40, Exit 140). Doors open at 7 p.m.; show at 8 p.m. This is an all ages show.

Best known as a Season 7 cast member on the Fox sketch comedy show “MADtv,” Caliendo spent his post-“MADtv” years as a parodic prognosticator for “Fox NFL Sunday.” His impression of former POTUS George W. Bush was so spot-on that it earned him a gig at the 2006 annual Radio-Television Correspondents Dinner in Washington, D.C.

Caliendo’s network TV stand-up appearances include “Late Show with David Letterman,” “The View” and “Late Night with Conan O’Brien.” He has

six solo comedy albums under his belt and appeared on such radio shows as “The Bob & Tom Show,” “Opie and Anthony” and “The Howard Stern Show.”

Frank Caliendo
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