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OUR VIEW

What's next?

In the wake of a recent outbreak of violence against citizens and law enforcement officers, residents of Whitfield and Murray counties have taken to the streets to make their voices heard.

Unlike some public protests throughout the country, those held in Dalton recently have not been marred by violence, clashes with police or arrests. The public demonstrations here — the March for Justice at the Whitfield County Courthouse, the Support the Blue rally near Walnut Square Mall and prayer vigils at Heritage Point Park and the Mack Gaston Community Center — have been peaceful.

Event attendees have been respectful of each other and allowed the free flow of ideas through conversation. Law enforcement has been equally respectful of all parties involved.

We are confident any future public demonstrations will remain civil.

Having this type of public discourse is healthy for the community. We have the right to assemble freely, and we are happy to see such a large number of residents involved.

But after the marches, rallies and prayer vigils stop, we ask this question: What's next?

We are eager to see which step community leaders take to continue to solve the pressing problems of police shooting unarmed citizens and violent retaliation against police.

Talk is wonderful, but what we need is action.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The Shaw Summer of Service with Friends was appreciated

Shaw Industries and United Way call it the Shaw Summer of Service Program. We at RossWoods Adult Day Services, as a recipient of this outpouring of support, think of it as much more.

It truly was a summer of making and building friendships. We would like to rename the event to the Shaw Summer of Service with Friends. It would be impossible to tally up all the volunteer preparation hours, amount of donations and the actual hours of volunteering that went into making this summer one of the best.

We know that each Shaw team came to RossWoods excited and eager to jump in to help and entertain. From luau to cornhole tournaments, from homemade ice cream to blue sprinkles, from sing-a-longs to guitar music, from card games to paper butterflies and, of course, bingo calling, the Shaw associates never had a moment to sit down unless it was to have a one-on-one conversation with a participant.

As the summer wore on, we began to feel like a family. We knew we had all experienced something special and can't wait for next year when the Shaw Summer of Service returns.

Diane Hedrick, RossWoods program coordinator
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All the participants and staff at RossWoods

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Hillary's acceptance speech

Environmentalists should be pleased with Hillary Clinton's acceptance speech at the Democratic National Convention Thursday night, because it was largely recycled talking points we have heard for decades.

Putting aside the theatrics designed to make Hillary Clinton appear to be something she is not — the white pantsuit was a nice touch, as white is traditionally the color of purity and also the color of the suffragettes — we've heard it all before.

First there was the charge that Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump cannot be trusted with the nuclear codes. The same was said about Ronald Reagan in 1980. Democrats called him a "cowboy" who might blow up the world. Instead, he rebuilt America's military, as Trump has promised to do, and helped bring down the Soviet Union. Can Hillary be trusted with classified documents?

What would an acceptance speech by a Democrat be without promises of more programs? She'd have done better listing past and current programs that have not worked and vowing to get rid of them. But that's not the way of Democrats. They pile on more programs so distracted voters won't notice the failure of the old ones. For the left, intentions matter more than results.



Cal Thomas

Hillary Clinton's proposals will add hugely to the debt, now approaching \$20 trillion. But wait. She will pay for all this new stuff by taxing those obscenely wealthy Wall Street people, who paid her and her husband millions to speak to them. No one knows what about. She won't release the transcripts.

Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) has analyzed Clinton's proposed \$1 trillion list of tax increases. They include:

- Increasing income taxes by \$350 billion in the form of a 28 percent cap on itemized deductions.
- Businesses would be slapped with a tax hike of \$250 billion through "undefined business tax reform."
- There's the euphemistically named "fairness tax" of \$400 billion she says would restore "basic fairness" to our tax code and an increase in the death tax. Real fairness would eliminate the undecipherable tax code and replace it with a fair tax, but Democrats would never go for that.

ATR notes: "... there are even more Clinton tax hike proposals not included in the tally above. Her campaign has failed to release specific details for many of her proposals. The true Clinton net tax hike figure is likely much higher than \$1 trillion." Read more at: <http://www.atr.org/full-list-hillary-s-planned-tax-hikes>.

To my surprise, many in the mainstream media, who couldn't stop talking about the historical significance of the first woman nominated for president by a major political party, thought her speech fell flat. Robert Draper of The New York Times tweeted: "Not well

written, not well delivered." Tom Bevan of Real Clear Politics tweeted: "Clinton is giving the eighth best speech of the convention." Ben Dreyfuss of the far-left magazine, Mother Jones, tweeted: "This speech isn't great."

Despite the claims of her husband that she is the best "change maker" he's ever known, change was what President Obama promised, but failed to deliver. She would be Obama's third term.

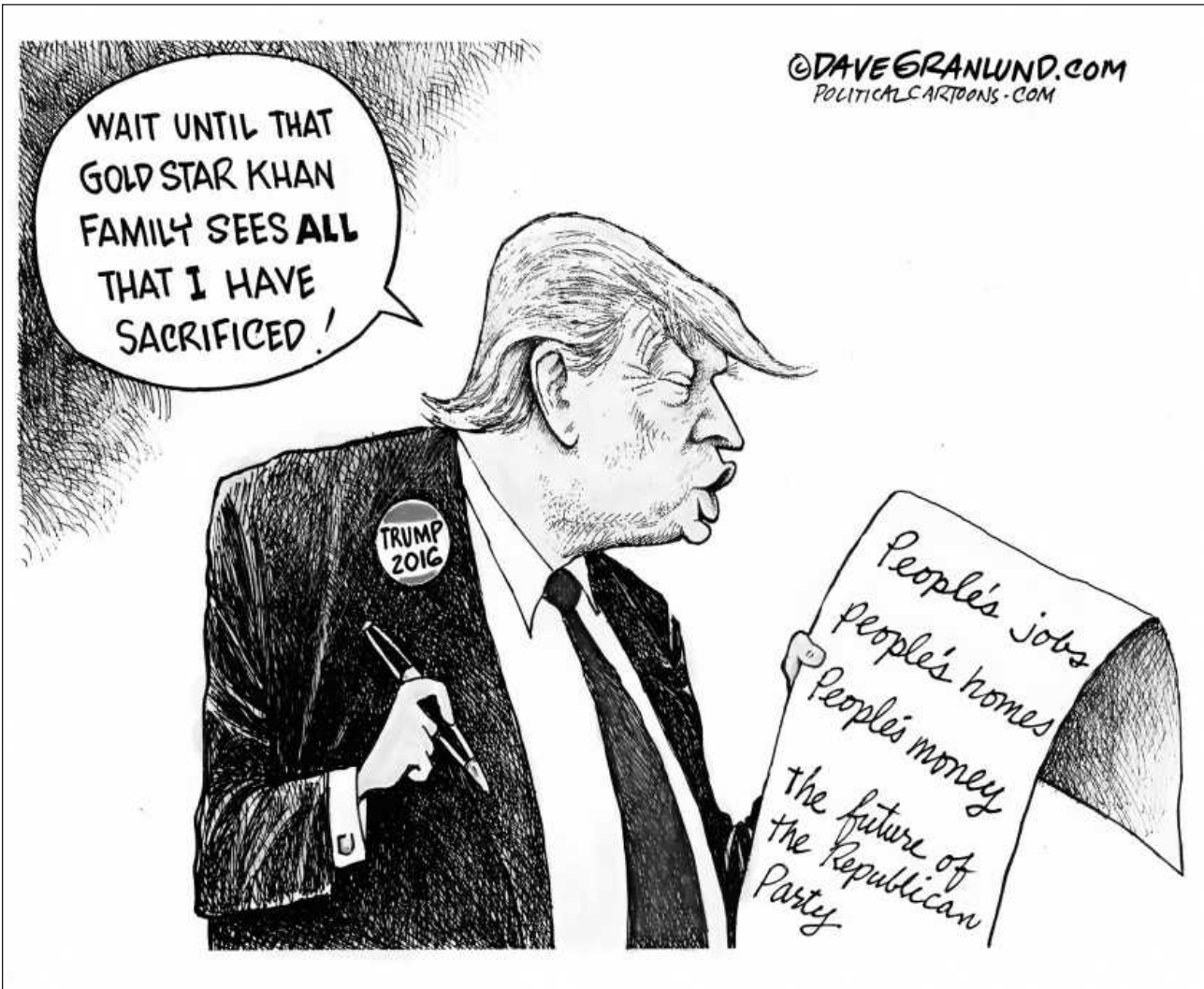
Polls increasingly indicate a majority of voters want real change this time around. More people are being drawn to Trump's message that the political system is rigged and that Hillary Clinton is "crooked."

It's difficult to disprove a negative, especially when the public has made up its mind. The latest Wall Street Journal/NBC News analysis has found that one-fifth of Democrats view her unfavorably, "more than any previous Democratic presidential nominee on the eve of their party's convention."

Donald Trump also suffers from high negatives, but because of Hillary Clinton's thin record of accomplishment she will have to tear down Trump because as Kimberley Strassel concludes in her Wall Street Journal column, "It's Hillary against Hillary. This November is about whether Americans can look at 40 years of Clinton chicanery and nearly a decade of broken Obama promises, and still pull the lever for her."

It's going to be a formidable task to try to recycle Hillary Clinton.

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WORDS OF WISDOM

Bible verse: "O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens."
Psalm 8:1

Thought for today: "We look forward to the time when the power to love will replace the love of power."
William Ellery Channing, American clergyman (1780-1842)

"Attention, Dalton High School parents: Did you know that all Dalton Public Schools employees were offered a free student parking spot while you were made to bump out and pay \$30? Stop the bureaucracy, clean out district office."

"Didn't realize how corrupt the Clinton family was and still are until I read, in great detail, the 'Clinton Cash' by John Stossel July 29. All you Clinton supporters need to read the article, do your own research if you don't think the article is correct. She will destroy this country."

"There are only two kinds of voters. Those who are informed and those who are not. Sadly, you Trump supporters fall in the latter group."

"In response to beauty at the port site, take time to stop, look eye-level straight east and tell what you see. If built, do the same thing in two years. Yes,

the proposed port area is in wetlands with a perennial spring and branch, a large intermittent stream, sink holes, willows, canes, cattails and soft rush. Yes, Petty Park was flooded last December. Yes, an uninterrupted swamp and mountains are beautiful."

"Handwritten sign on back of pickup truck: 'Make white America great again. Vote Trump.' That pretty much sums up the Trump supporters, a bunch of angry white people who see their 240 years of control in this country slipping away. These are the descendants of the people who fought against the civil rights movement in the '60s. A new generation, same racist thought. Only now it's against any group that doesn't look, think or believe like 'us.'"

"The two party conventions could not have been more opposite. The Republican convention — hate, pessimism,



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divisiveness and exclusion. The Democratic convention — love, optimism, unity and inclusion."

"I never realized how many wannabe presidential historians this small community has. It's almost a daily occurrence where one of these rubes proclaims how President Obama is the worst POTUS in our history. I'd be surprised if

the majority of these people can count to 11 without taking off one of their socks."

"Donald Trump isn't the first person to go bankrupt. Mark Twain, Walt Disney, Henry Ford and, lest we forget, Abraham Lincoln all went bankrupt before The Donald. Washington never won every battle either. Great success only

comes by taking great risk."

"I read that the Cat in the Hat is running for president. Given the current choice between both disgustingly obnoxious major party candidates, I think I will vote for The Cat."

"All you Clinton supporters probably think that all the campaigning Obama is doing for her instead of trying to fix this country is OK, right?"

"If Russia hacked the DNC's emails, exactly how did they change the content of those emails? My thanks go out to whoever got them and disclosed the hypocrisy of the DNC."

"Hummingbirds are in a feeding frenzy at my house off Dug Gap Road. I have three feeders that seem to need filling at least twice a week. Try making your own nectar of 1 cup sugar and 1 quart boiling water. Let cool, fill feeders."