

# Freedom, family, faith: Celebrating 40 years of The Washington Times

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We all know the importance of time periods in God's Providence of Restoration, especially that of 40 years.

Let us all take a moment to join this year of celebration for The Washington Times, and to reflect upon its founding, 40 years ago.

On the global stage -- and certainly throughout the United States of America, the unique Providential ministry of Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, known to many as True Parents, has been enhanced and emboldened through their founding and support of The Washington Times. From the very first newspaper printed on May 17, 1982, to the present moment, this cherished journalistic enterprise has been an extraordinary act of true patriotism, love, and devotion to reviving the Founding Spirit of America.

Based on the profound vision and support from our founders -- along with exceptional leadership and daily commitment to excellence contributed by The Times'

editors, reporters, business executives, every employee, each advertiser, and especially, the tens of millions Washington Times readers --- we have together achieved a significant milestone over these past four decades.

For the sake of America and America's leadership role at this time in history, The Washington Times has earned a well-deserved reputation for reliable, accurate, and insightful journalism, which has become increasingly rare in today's media environment.

It's helpful to reflect on True Father's words at the 20th Anniversary of The Times back in 2002:

*"During the Cold War, God placed America in a position to protect worldwide freedom by blocking the attempt by communism to gain world domination. When The Washington Star closed down in 1981, this nation's capital was left with only one newspaper, The Washington Post. This meant that the capital of the Free World had a limited perspective on news, issues, and policy, which ignored the danger of communism and its threat to the entire world at that time."*

*"In the context of God's Will, there needed to be a newspaper that had the philosophical and ideological foundation to encourage and enlighten the people and leaders of America. For months, I waited with the hope that some patriotic Americans would start a newspaper in Washington to provide an alternative voice to the Post. But when it became clear that no one would do so, I decided we had to do it."*



Referring to the future mission of The Washington Times, Rev. Moon continued: "Freedom, family values, and faith are America's most fundamental spiritual virtues. The reason The Washington Times is called 'America's Newspaper' is that it leads the way in putting America's philosophical tradition into practice. Of course, the phrase 'America's Newspaper' does not mean that The Times serves only America for its own sake. Instead, it serves America as a country that offers itself in service to the world and all humanity."

Friends, as we approach the 10th Anniversary of True Father's Seongwha, please consider the monumental global leadership of True Mother as Co-Founder of The Washington Times.

As reported in The Times on June 7, 2021, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon shared her vision and commitment to

strengthening the global reach and position of The Times as a defender of American values and leadership in the decades to come. "The aim of The Times," she said, "has been to inform American leaders on how to defend America and, as a nation blessed by God, how America can live for the sake of the world."

It is with our lives, our fortunes, and sacred honor that we congratulate and lovingly thank the late Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon on the occasion of the 40th Anniversary of the founding of The Washington Times!

### **The Washington Times – Background**

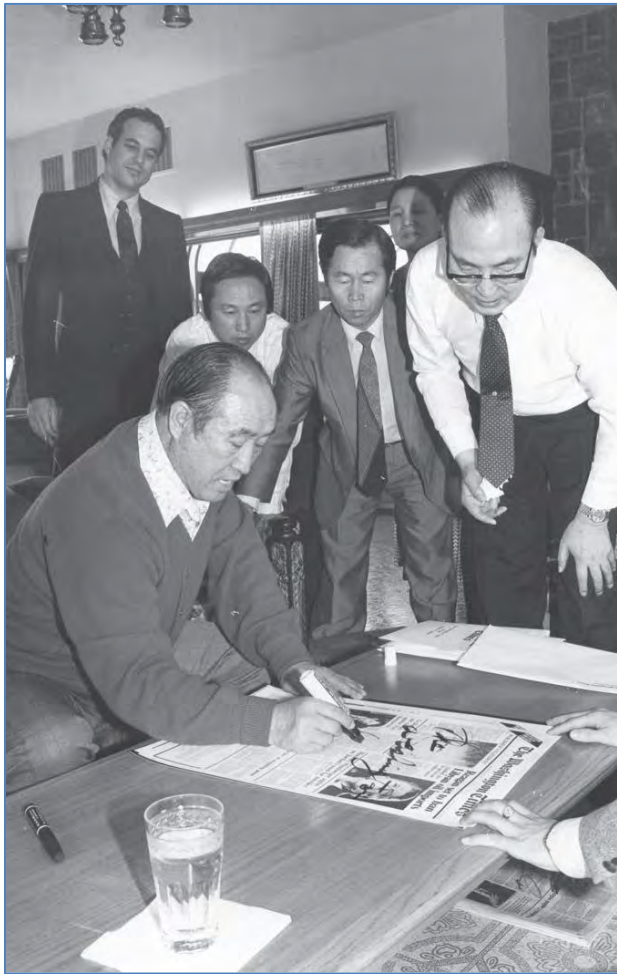


America is like the head because it leads the free world. If the head becomes dysfunctional, everything will die. Since I knew what would happen to the world in the Last Days and had to deal with it, I had no choice but to make preparations that no one else had thought about. That is why I founded The Washington Times. The Washington Post, which was the only newspaper in Washington, DC, was contaminated by leftist ideology. What becomes of people who read this newspaper every day? In order to ameliorate that, five conglomerates came together and tried to establish a new newspaper, but they failed. This is because a lot of money has to be invested into it every month. Without a conservative paper, there was no way to mitigate the liberal wave in Washington, DC. There was no newspaper there that presented a God-centered conservative viewpoint. At that time, there were 1,700 newspapers in America, but The Washington Times came to be the only newspaper standing on God's side. Therefore, The Washington Times was the only one to shine a searchlight to the north, south, east and west into a world lost in the dark of night. It was the lighthouse for conservatism in a dark world.



I founded The Washington Times in order to save America, the very nation that has been opposing me. Furthermore, I guided political parties and leaders for the sake of America's future. True love involves loving your enemy and still having more love to give. Therefore, the founding traditions of America have to be established anew, and we need to show even greater loyalty to this nation than its own citizens do. If

I, as a Korean, do not have greater feelings of patriotism toward America than toward Korea, then the heavenly nation cannot be inaugurated.



During the seven-year period after Korea's independence in 1945, heaven was supposed to gather together the world and advance into the messianic realm, but instead Satan destroyed the entire world. He divided Korea, Germany, and the whole world into two. That is how Satan's side became dominant. I am a representative who battled that world. I came to America, raised a flag and put a stop to the Soviet Union and the communist bloc. Gorbachev was not the one who made the Soviet Union collapse the way it did. Based on God's Will, I founded the Washington Times, as a strong anti-communist voice, which put the brakes on communism worldwide. That is why the Soviet Union broke apart.

The Washington Times strives to prevent the breakdown of families and aims for a moral world. That is why we have become famous for publishing a special "Family" section in the newspaper. The Unification Church hosted the International Holy Marriage Blessing in Washington, DC. Where else in America can you hear such good news? Those who have made a name for themselves on the stage of international relations or politics will hold great respect for the Unification Church's family movement.

Both rich and poor are interested in this movement in their own ways. If this wind sweeps across America and reaches the level of a typhoon, all of history will pass away, a new spring will come, and new buds will bloom. Holding on to this hope, I carry out this work.

The Washington Times must become a standard-bearer in America's revival. Even if we receive opposition, including from journalists, we have to perfect the founding ideology through a constitutional amendment. The constitution has not yet brought Americans into a perfect union. Centering on a new Puritan spirit even greater than the first, we must create a constitution for the people of the kingdom of heaven. We will not be able to do this work if we depart from Christian thought.



The articles found in The World and I are different from those written by regular newspaper journalists. When The World and I publishes an article, it makes suggestions for the future direction we should take, and regular newspaper journalists are unable to do this. Through the vast knowledge of the contributing scholars, we say, "This is Asia's situation, this is Africa's situation, this is America's situation, this is Europe's situation; therefore, here are the results that are going to come."

suggesting the direction that the world's policies need to take.

Thus, The World and I steers the media in the direction of the future. We did not necessarily expect this, but as the years went by, all the predictions and results envisioned by these scholars came to pass. They made great contributions by

The research done by famous scholars is sleeping in university libraries. This is such a loss for humankind. These research papers should be presented immediately, so that they can be accessed by all

educated people. These research materials belong to all humankind. They are not just to be stored in certain university libraries. I declared this at the ICUS in November, 1985.

As of now, the PWPA has been established in 82 nations, so many scholars belong to this organization. These scholars send in manuscripts every three months. They immediately send their research in various fields and all the materials that can help resolve the world's problems to the editorial department of The World and I magazine.

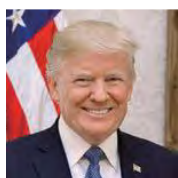
I started that magazine in December 1985. Because many great scholars from throughout the developed world are contributing to it, educational institutions need to teach this content. Without gathering the world's great scholars as a vanguard, having them propose a new direction, and then moving forward, the world will come to ruin. No scholar or journalist in America has ever thought about this.

In the midst of my legal battle with the American government, I approved the funds necessary to launch The Washington Times. I also created Insight and The World and I magazines. I did that in order to revive America. You need to know that I stood in the position to take responsibility for America and to protect America. Even though I faced a barrier of sorrow like an impenetrable fortress, I accomplished my mission and duty to step forward and go over that barrier. The central figure has to take responsibility and protect the nation. I stood in the position to protect America and lead America. The destiny of the numerous nations of the free world depends on this.

Through its commentaries on the news, The Washington Times should guide America so that it can deal with communism. Insight magazine publishes 100 percent of the votes cast by all members of the US Congress each day on proposed legislation. Every week we publish exactly how the senators and representatives voted, exposing their positions regarding proposals that are leftist or otherwise harmful to the nation. Lastly, based on contributions by the world's eminent scholars, The World and I is guiding the future direction people need to take in different fields, as well as the direction that America needs to take. In this manner, we are investing our efforts to help the world move forward as one.



### **Congratulatory Message for the Celebrating 40 years of The Washington Times**



**Donald Trump, former president**

"I also want to thank Dr. Moon for founding with her late husband, Rev. Moon, The Washington Times, which has made a priceless contribution to the defense of truth, faith, and freedom, both here in America and all over the globe."



**Dan Burton, former Indiana representative**

"There is no stronger or more clear voice for the values and issues of democracy and freedom, than The Washington Times. From Ronald Reagan's presidency, through today, The Washington Times has been fearless and effective."



**George H. W. Bush former president**

"The Washington Times will always stand for a free people."



**George W. Bush, former president**

"Delivering reliable information increases knowledge and encourages healthy public debate. We know an independent press is vital to a free society, and it's necessary to hold people in power accountable. Thanks for doing your part."



**Margaret Thatcher, former British prime minister**

"As long as The Washington Times is alive and well, conservative voices will never be drowned out."



**Dick Cheney, former vice president**

"Since the first term of Ronald Reagan, The Washington Times has been keeping citizens informed, holding public officials to account and adding to the intelligent debate on issues of the day."



**Mike Pence, former vice president**

"I want to express my appreciation, especially to The Washington Times -- a courageous voice for freedom in my country and frankly around the world. They have been a voice for faith and family and liberty for all."



**Newt Gingrich, former speaker of the House**

"The Washington Times has played a major role in providing hard-hitting investigations, solid conservative commentary, and a healthy and vitally needed alternative to the liberal media."

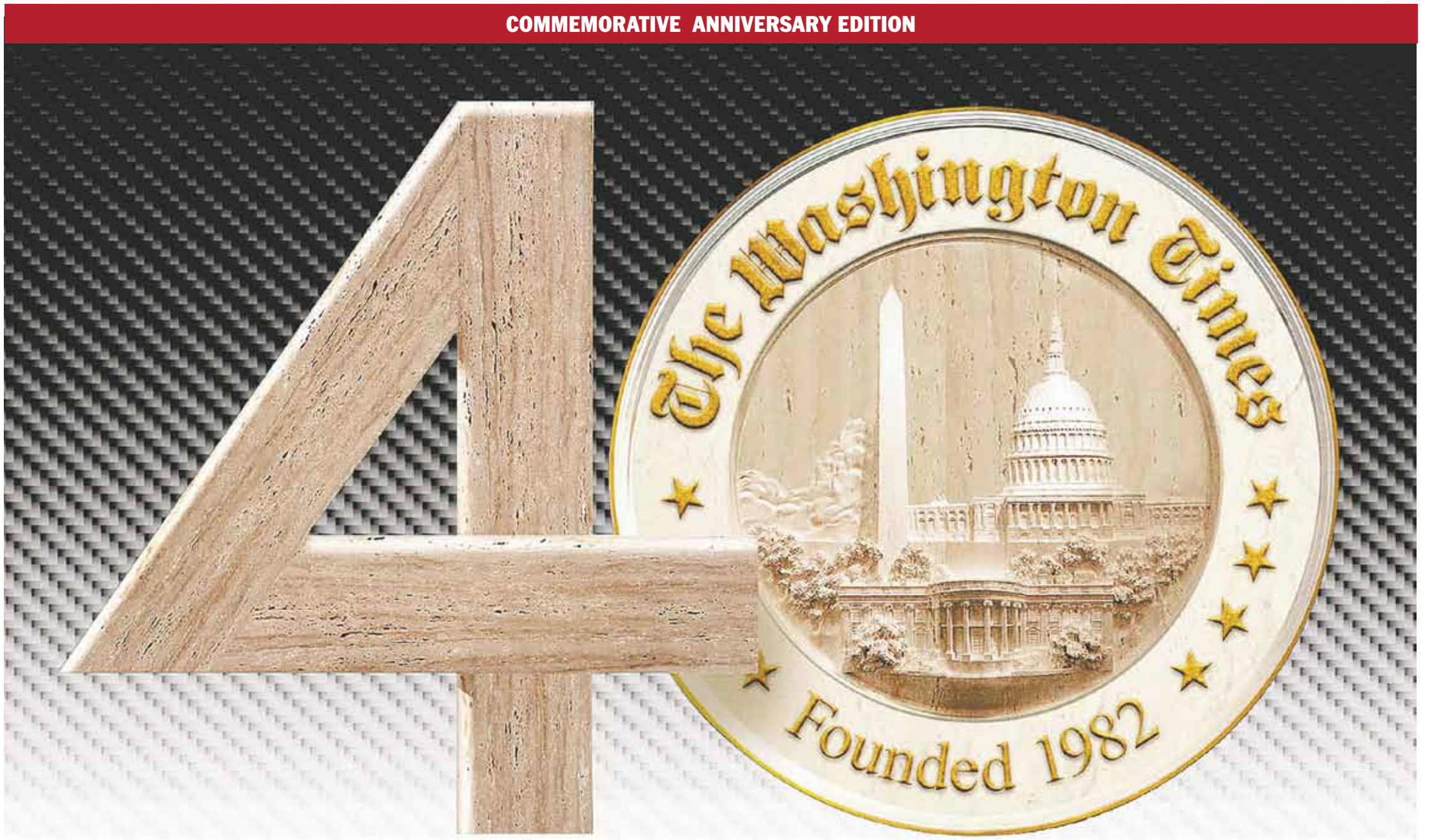


**Former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice**

"Congratulations to The Washington Times for celebrating 40 years. A free and open press is as fundamental an institution to a healthy democracy as the Constitution or rule of law."

# The Washington Times

COMMEMORATIVE ANNIVERSARY EDITION



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# Freedom Family Faith

# Letter from the editors

Dear readers, For 40 years, The Washington Times has stood sentinel along the banks of the Potomac River, shining a bright light into all corners of the federal government.

During Republican administrations and Democratic administrations alike, the paper has been unflinching in keeping its responsibility to inform readers and expose government shenanigans.

Long before "fair and balanced" became a battle cry and the proliferation of websites spanning the political spectrum, there was The Washington Times, beholden to no one and no party.

When Ronald Reagan stormed into Washington on a promise to "make America great again," The Washington Times was there and chronicled the historic collapse of the Soviet Union.

When George H.W. Bush won the Gulf War, only to later stumble on his pledge of "no new taxes," The Washington Times was there.

When a young, smooth-talking governor from Arkansas stunned the political world, The Washington Times was there. And for eight years, the paper produced award-winning political coverage that culminated in President Clinton's impeachment and investigations that to this day leave many questions unanswered.

During the epic 2000 presidential election recount in Florida, The Times was there, counting chads and recording every legal argument all the way to the Supreme Court.

On Sept. 11, 2001, The Washington Times was there. And never forgot.

The Times stood watch from the triumphant march into Baghdad to the bitter end of George W. Bush's presidency.

The Times was there for the hopeful dawn of President Obama's inauguration to the rejection of his presidency with the election of Donald Trump.

Of course, politics is the bread and butter of any newspaper based in Washington. But The Times also has invested unparalleled energies into covering the First Amendment, religious freedom, American culture, gun rights and social issues that many other newspaper shy from.

The only agenda of The Washington Times is the agenda of its readers. If it is important to you, it is important to us. It has always been that way.

Over the past four decades, tumultuous changes have wracked the newspaper industry.

Today, there is greater competition among news outlets — both in print and online — than ever before in human history. The most vaunted and venerated publications must now compete with any other outlet with a web address and a keyboard.

But to this day, The Washington Times has never surrendered its independence, its dedication to accuracy and its devotion to the interests of its readers.

Thank you for reading. We hope you will keep reading for the next 40 years.

**Christopher Dolan**  
President and Executive Editor  
**Charles Hurt**  
Opinion Editor

# An honest broker of information for the people

By **DAVID R. SANDS**  
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

**"The Times was to be a different kind of newspaper, one that would go for inspiration 'back to the future,' to a time of national consensus on issues of ethics and morality, with an emphasis on the message and not the messenger. We would not only cover the news without slant or bias, but give voice to those who have been shut out of the national debate. ... The Times was to be wholly secular, to hold to no sectarian cause, to champion no denomination above any other but never to mock faith and belief, to proselytize only for the principles that liberate men from the tyranny of closed minds."**

— Wesley Pruden, former Editor-in-Chief, The Washington Times

If there is a signature image of the impact and influence The Washington Times has had over its four decades chronicling the city, the nation and the world, it came on the night of April 29, 1995, in a Washington ballroom packed with politicians, bureaucrats, journalists and celebrities.

It was the annual White House Correspondents' Association black-tie gala, and President Clinton, his gritted teeth hidden behind a practiced campaigner's smile, is extending a hand to congratulate The Times' investigative reporter Jerry Seper for his work exposing much of the Whitewater scandal that would cost Mr. Clinton and his administration dearly.

Noting that staff photographer Ken Lambert needed enough time to get the photo for the newspaper, Mr. Seper held on to the president's hand a beat longer than was comfortable for either of them.

"I looked at the president and said, 'Rather an awkward moment, isn't it, Mr. President?'" Mr. Lambert got the shot.

Creating awkward moments has been a Washington Times trademark since before the first edition hit the streets and landed on doorsteps across the Washington area on Monday, May 17, 1982.

Hindsight has a way of making the improbable seem inevitable, but few would have predicted that day that The Times would not only endure but also thrive. The venerable Washington Star had folded nine months earlier after 129 years of publication, the number of newspapers in cities across the country was shrinking, and the liberal-leaning Washington Post, with its virtual monopoly, dominated the market as few media properties have before or since.

Skeptics doubted that an upstart startup could last in the market, especially one with a skeleton staff housed in a former paper company warehouse on New York Avenue Northeast after The Post swooped in to buy The Star's shuttered production plant.

But the paper's founder had a simple but radical idea: that there was always room for a legitimate, professionally reported newspaper with an editorial page not ashamed to embrace traditional values, an outlet that would give each voice and viewpoint an honest hearing and a thorough, fairly reported vetting. A world

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**Jerry Seper gets a grip on President Clinton and won't let go until he's sure the moment is captured for prosperity.**

capital like Washington not only needed but also deserved more than one editorial voice, especially one deeply entwined with the prevailing liberal orthodoxy.

For The Washington Times' founder, Dr. Sun Myung Moon, the idea for a new newspaper was both counterintuitive and blindingly obvious.

"When Washington, D.C., the nation's capital, ended up with only one very liberal newspaper, The Washington Post, I waited for some rich people with a lot of resources to come forward and publish a patriotic newspaper there," he recalled shortly after newspaper's founding.

"Since no one did," he added, "I stood up and said, 'Let's do it.'"

The front page of that first, 25-cent edition that May 1982 morning — which even The Times' editors called in a headline an "eleventh-hour miracle" — included a news report on developments in the fighting between Britain and Argentina over a remote chain of South Atlantic islands known as the Falklands, a skeptical look at the Reagan administration's heavy reliance on "executive privilege"

to frustrate congressional oversight, and a "Statement of Principles" by founding editor and publisher James H. Whelan, promising subscribers a "striving, truthful" newspaper that would be both conservative and balanced.

"By that, we mean it will strive to tell the truth to the best of our lights and abilities. It will strive to be fair, and it will strive, in the measure that will and nerve will sustain us, to be a fearless newspaper. It will strive to do these things at the highest level of quality and professionalism and integrity. ... This Capital, this nation deserves no less."

### DAILY TIME CAPSULE

That very first edition captured the diverse spectacle of news, opinion, art, fashion, sports and commerce that would make The Washington Times a daily time capsule for the city, the region, the nation and the world for four decades, never missing a publication date.

On that ordinary but fateful May day in 1982, Times readers would learn that President Reagan's plan to abolish the Department of Education was still mired in Congress. Actor Hugh Beaumont, the stern but wise father of

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We're very grateful for our partnership with the *Washington Times* on this special anniversary.

- CPAC Chairman Matt Schlapp & the Board of Directors

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The Rev. Sun Myung Moon accepts and award from a committee of clergy after speaking at a luncheon for We Come Together, a group that focuses on the family.

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“Leave It to Beaver” fame, had just died of a heart attack while on a visit to West Germany. The New York Islanders had just clinched their third Stanley Cup, and Britain’s Prince Charles and Princess Diana were eagerly awaiting the birth of their first child and future heir to the throne. A “brief” on the inaugural Business page reported on plans by Ocean Spray Inc. for the national rollout of a newfangled “aseptic container made of layers of paper, foil and polyethylene” for its fruit drinks — the first juice box.

Charles and Diana’s marriage may not have survived, but The Washington Times, to the astonishment of many, did.

Over the next four decades, The Washington Times would be there to report on six presidents, 18 Supreme Court nomination battles, three popes, six mayors of the District of Columbia (with Marion Barry in a notable reprise that inspired a collectors special afternoon edition of The Times after his drug possession arrest), two wars in Iraq and a 20-year war in Afghanistan, the AIDS and COVID-19 epidemics, the Oklahoma City bombing and the 9/11 attacks. The Times was there for the advent of the war on terror, three presidential impeachments, four changes of power in the House and seven in the Senate, the fall of the Berlin Wall, the building of the wall on the Mexican border, the Great Recession of 2008 and 2009, the election of the nation’s first Black president, the improbable rise of Donald Trump and the riot at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021.

That’s not to mention an earthquake, 40 Academy Awards best picture honorees, three Washington Super Bowl wins, a Stanley Cup and a World Series championship for D.C. sports teams. The Washington Times was there to cover them all, with a hard-hitting editorial page and a rotation of conservative commentators to tell readers how it all fit together.

The breadth of the coverage is matched by the breadth of the professional recognition that Washington Times reporters,

columnists, editors, graphic artists and photographers have received, including from the White House Correspondents’ Association, the Virginia Press Association, the Maryland-Delaware-District of Columbia Press Foundation, the Society of Professional Journalists, the Society for News Design, the National Newspaper Association, the Center for Immigration Studies, the Blinded American Veterans Foundation, the Religion News Association, the Mason-Dixon Outdoors Writers Association and the Chess Journalists of America.

The Times began by covering the war in the Falklands. It will mark its 40th year of publication by covering an even more epochal war in the heart of Europe, with Times reporters again traveling to the front lines to bring the story home to readers.

The era was just as turbulent inside the industry. Computers, quieter phones and no-smoking laws transformed the newsroom, and email, the internet, social media, Zoom meetings and instant messaging were transforming how news was gathered, analyzed, fact-checked and disseminated. Newspapers were disappearing by the score, and web-based publications of varying degrees of sophistication and accuracy came onto the scene. Ad revenue and classified ads that once provided the financial lifeblood of traditional media migrated to the web, never to return.

The demise of The Washington Star left the capital of the free world a one-newspaper town in an era with just three national broadcast networks, no cable channels, no internet, no social media and just a handful of weekly newsmagazines. The unquestioned liberal tilt of the nation’s top news sources in print and broadcast left a lot of running room on the right for an upstart newspaper to cover stories and publish voices that

others ignored while faithfully pursuing the founder’s mandate to champion “faith, family and freedom.”

Despite its conservative principles, The Times has always been an equal-opportunity offender.

“The Washington Times helps keep both political parties and other media in check,” said Sen. Chuck Grassley, the Iowa Republican who arrived in the Senate one year before The Times began publishing. “It helps keep Republican members and administrations accountable to the conservative base, and it blows the whistle on big-government policies that may not receive the same scrutiny from other media outlets.”

The Times not only persevered but also thrived in the wake of the September 2012 passing of Rev. Moon, whose vision of a credible, conservative voice in the nation’s capital has been upheld by his family, associates and the Washington Times Foundation.

Former Washington Times Chairman Dr. Douglas D.M. Joo recalled being “very proud” of what the newspaper and The Times’ website have contributed to this country, helping establish freedom as a preeminent value, shaping American culture and political debate, reporting fairly but fearlessly on events of the day, and helping to strengthen the health of the American family. The Washington Times, he recalled, “has more than lived up to the ideals” that were present at the founding. He noted that President Reagan, an avid reader from the start, described the newspaper as a “loud and powerful voice” that helped America and its allies win the Cold War.

Current company President and Executive Editor Christopher Dolan and Managing Editor Cathy Gainor helped steer the company through another difficult decade for the industry in the 2010s, when newspapers were folding left and right

and huge chunks of traditional business lines were migrating to the internet. The Times was not immune to the competitive pressures and the need to streamline, but with unflinching support from its owners and groundbreaking, must-read coverage of issues such as immigration and race, the challenge of China, wasteful government spending and the latest inside-the-Beltway gossip, The Times continues to put out a daily newspaper while investing heavily in an award-winning, constantly updated internet presence that combines speed with old-fashioned dedication to accuracy, fairness and grammar.

### BREATH OF FRESH AIR

Throughout its 40 years, The Times has proved a breath of fresh air for conservatives looking for a mainstream, professional news outlet that honored their principles, took their ideas seriously and gave voice to their discontents. The daily multipage Commentary section, a unique feature of The Times from its very earliest days and filled with writers not given platforms in other “prestige” media, quickly became essential reading for many, starting with President Reagan.

One measure of The Times’ influence over the years is the number of star conservative commentators who got their start and honed their craft writing and editing for the Commentary section under the guidance first of the legendary Wes Pruden and today under Opinion Editor Charles Hurt.

The Washington Times “fills an important void in our nation’s capital, bringing much-needed accountability to the federal government. For 40 years, Americans have benefited from The Times’ journalism,” said Mercedes Schlapp, CPAC senior fellow, co-host of “CPAC NOW: America Uncanceled,” and a onetime columnist for the newspaper and website.

Filling that void honors the stated mission of The Times’ founders. Bo Hi Pak, the Korean businessman and diplomat who served as The Times’ first president, said the paper’s role was “not to bend to the right” but to provide the balance that

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# 40 years with The Washington Times,

*Dedicated to the Memory of Paul Weyrich, President, Free Congress Foundation*

*Pope Francis says NATO started War in Ukraine by 'Barking at Russia's door'*

My introduction to The Washington Times began on May 17, 1982, during its Corcoran Gallery birthday reception, and since then I have had the privilege and honor to express my opinions on its pages.

Considering they dealt extensively with U.S.-Soviet/Russia relations, some of my opinions could be pretty controversial. Yet throughout its 40-years history, The Washington Times proved to be a rare mainstream media source that treats its readers as educated, responsible, and with deep understanding of Washington politics that have the right to analyze different, often opposite points of views. Never have I encountered censorship or criticism for my sometimes non-mainstream analysis of world affairs.

Contrast this with other media sources like NPR and BBC news, funded respectfully by the U.S. and British governments, who have interviewed me many times in the past, and recently requested to do so again.

However, prior to putting me live on the air, each station called in advance to sound me out. After hearing my views on the roots of Ukrainian crisis, both stations promptly cancelled my appearance.

The dismal state of the U.S. mainstream and corporate social media is well known but The Washington Times is a rare example of the media that keeps maintaining its integrity.

The immense crisis now unfolding between the U.S./NATO alliance and Russia over the Ukraine should never have happened as there was always another way which many of us, including old cold warriors, stated repeatedly over the years... but too often in vain.

In times of crisis, America needs the leaders with a clear geostrategic vision but nowadays we do not see too many of them around or on the horizon. Those few who qualify have no chance to hold key government positions.

John F. Kennedy managed to resolve the Cuban missile crisis through compromises with the Kremlin, Ronald Reagan peacefully put an end to the Cold War, and George H.W. Bush had the wits to declare a new "world's security arch from Vancouver to Vladivostok" which saw Russia as an equal partner in the new world order.

During that period of high hopes in the early 1990s, America had two choices.

First, integrate Russia with the West and make it an ally by repeating what has happened with the former archenemies Germany and Japan after WWII.

Second, follow the ideas developed by "Project for the New American Century" to maintain unipolar world order under absolute U.S. hegemony.

George H.W. Bush was inclined to undertake the first option. He confirmed this in a private Oval Office meeting with Paul Weyrich, and then publicly in August 1991, when he went to Ukraine and made a speech to the local parliament in which he praised Gorbachev and warned that "Americans will not support those who seek independence in order to replace a far-off tyranny with a local despotism. They

will not aid those who promote a suicidal nationalism based upon ethnic hatred."

Encouraged by the signals from the White House and many Members of Congress, we opened the Russia House in Washington, D.C., and the American University in Moscow using the buildings previously occupied by the Communist party officials.

At the Russia House opening ceremony in a symbolic gesture of friendship, Paul Weyrich joined the Mayor of Moscow Gavriil Popov and together raised U.S. Stars and Spangled and Russia's Three Color flags.

Regrettably, this direction to the U.S.-Russia alliance made a U-turn when Bush lost the 1992 elections and Bill Clinton switched U.S. geopolitical gears setting us down the road to the current crisis.

Clinton was executing the policy that had been summarized by the famous diplomat George Kennan when he stated the following: "Were the Soviet Union to sink tomorrow under the waters of the ocean, the American military-industrial establishment would have to go on, substantially unchanged, until some other adversary could be invented. Anything else would be an unacceptable shock to the American economy."

Russia was chosen as a perfect candidate for such an enemy while Ukraine was supposed to be turned into an anti-Russian strategic beachhead. Billions of U.S. taxpayer funds have been poured into Ukraine exactly for this purpose and the drive for its eventual membership in NATO has begun.

There were some glimpses of hope in 2001 for the return to elder Bush's vision when his son GW and many Members of Congress from both parties praised Putin for his support after the 9/11 terror attack. He responded in kind during a reception in Washington in the presence of many U.S. dignitaries. At this event, Putin said that Russia is ready to advance U.S.-Russia rapprochement as far as America is ready.

In an October 26, 2001, Washington Times article, Paul Weyrich and I stated that "Recent dramatic moves by Russian President Vladimir Putin towards a rapprochement with the United States and NATO in our opinion can be compared on a geopolitical scale with the far-reaching impact that the collapse of communism had in 1991. Secretary of State Colin Powell is talking about seismic

changes in U.S.-Russian relations. One could say without exaggeration that Russia under Mr. Putin has become a de facto American ally, as it had been during World War II."

Well, these hopes were quickly squashed by the U.S. abrogation of the ABM treaty, endless American wars in the Middle East, NATO eastern expansion, and continuous push to drag Ukraine and Georgia into NATO.

Trump tried to revive the idea of U.S.-Russia friendship but his efforts and presidency itself were ruined by the same forces that George Kennan had in mind in the above mentioned quote and the obedient media.

Biden quickly reinstated the pre-Trump course thus dramatically increasing the tensions between the two major nuclear powers and here we are - on the edge of the abyss.

Recently, the head of the Pentagon Lloyd Austin made news when he said that the goal of U.S. policy in Ukraine is to weaken Russia.

Well, those who read my TWT column of December 1, 2013, could get the same information much earlier: "Bill Clinton's policy of rejecting even the possibility of making Russia an equal partner in a Euro-Atlantic alliance as a means of promoting regional and world stability. Washington thus continues to pursue the same shortsighted policies intended to drive a weakened Russia into a geopolitical corner and keep it there."

Geopolitics is a cynical enterprise, but since those who implement it claim the adherence to sacred western values, it would be hard to justify that turning two nations bound by centuries-old religious, family, cultural and economic ties into enemies correspond with western and, for that matter, Judeo-Christian values.

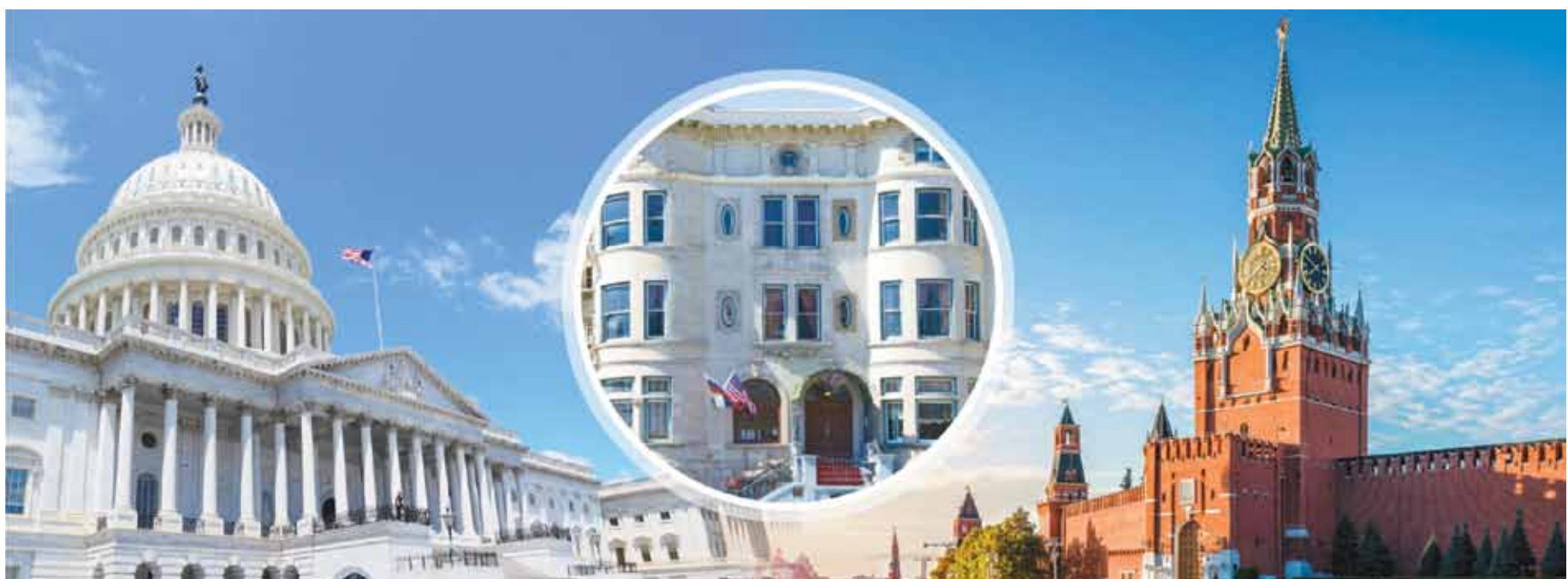
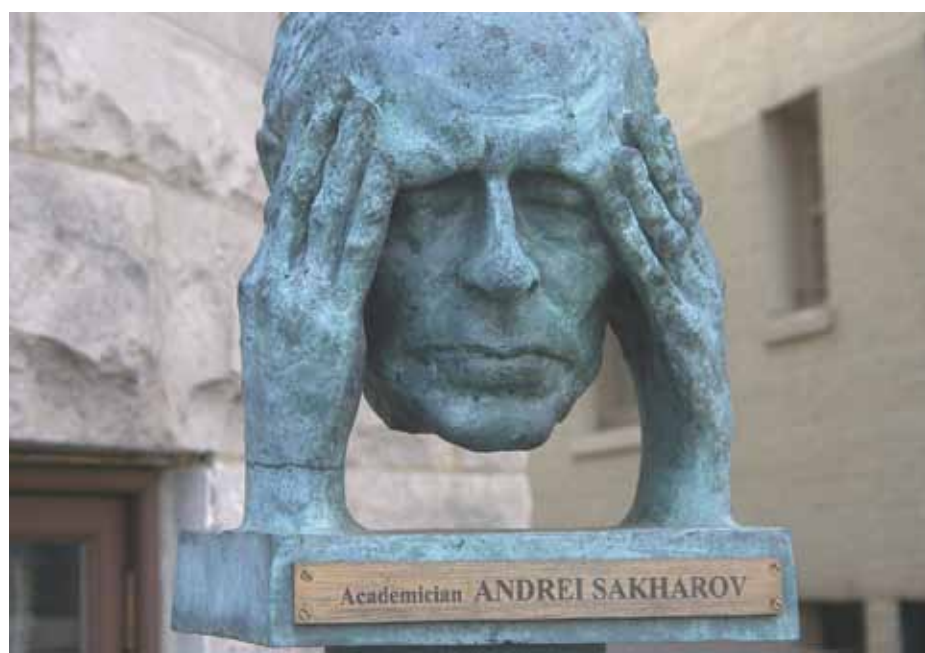
The "rules-based order" has allowed the U.S. to violate international law with impunity, calling terrorists in Syria "moderate rebels," Ukraine's neo-Nazi battalion Azov as a legitimate military force with no criticism from human rights, Jewish or Christian organizations claiming to share these values.

According to the Brown University's "Costs of War" project during the NATO's post 9/11 wars over 929,000 people have died, including over 387,000 civilians, 38 million became war refugees and displaced persons, but where is public outcry about these atrocities?

So, however bitter it is to admit, it looks like our dreams of achieving mutually beneficial win-win U.S.-Russia relations did not materialize. Russia House and its front symbol, the bust of Nobel Peace Laureate Andrei Sakharov were vandalized by the mob. Police filed a hate crime report but no one was apprehended.

The reason I keep writing and giving interviews is that as each day edges us closer to the unthinkable, meaning WWII with the use of nuclear weapons; it is important, at least for the benefit or survivors and future historians, to correctly describe why our civilization has decided to commit suicide.

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# Merits of topics aired daily

No wisdom is regarded as conventional on the Commentary pages of The Washington Times, where a distinguished array of the nation's opinion leaders, commentators and scholars offer challenging, informed thoughts on a wide range of political, moral, economic and scientific issues.

In a media environment bombarded by calamitous claims and dubious data, Commentary turns to those best qualified to weigh the merits of the topics at hand. Wherever possible, Commentary goes to the sources of emerging ideas for enlightenment and provocative discussion. Whenever possible, Commentary punctures those hot-air balloons that others allow to drift unchallenged across the landscape.

With the explosion of opinion coverage on all media from blogs to social media, the continuing objective of the Commentary section is to offer each day a stimulating menu of enlightenment that many readers — conservatives, liberals and that rarest of all Washington animals, the undecided — feel compelled to digest. Supporting those ideas are nuggets of information that fill in the blanks overlooked in the rush of daily reporting and that serve to illuminate what is the truth and what is not.

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Commentary is especially mindful of the alienation that citizens sometimes feel from their government. To bridge that chasm, Commentary undertakes to clarify complex issues so that readers can easily comprehend what is at stake and to make their voices heard where it counts. If the sound bites of the incessant news cycle or hastily assembled deadline stories leave questions unresolved, Commentary advances the debate to a different horizon of analysis and information.

It is Commentary's commitment to be a valuable resource for intelligent decision-making by those who lead and public participation by those who decide.

Most newspapers print two daily opinion pages: the editorial page and the op-ed page, located opposite the editorials. From its very early days, however, The Washington Times has distinguished itself by printing more daily opinion pages than any other newspaper in the nation: four Commentary pages. The pages, which set The Times apart from its competitors, quickly became some of the most important in the newspaper.

The editorial page in The Times, which displays the opinions and views written in the name of the newspaper, located under the masthead, often presents points of view that contrast, often sharply, with those of The Washington Post, The New York Times and other organs of the dominant media. A great many readers find this tremendously refreshing.



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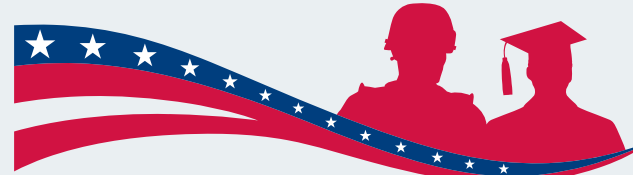
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# Gipper gave The Times a hand



**D**uring the 1980s, The Washington Times became a valuable resource for those who wanted know what was on President Ronald Reagan's mind — or how to influence his thinking.

On June 21, 1984, the president urged students from the National YMCA Youth Governors Conference to read The Times to learn how their government worked.

"And if you really want to get some history on this when you leave here," he said at a ceremony in the Rose Garden, "get a copy of The Washington Times."

Mr. Reagan held up that day's Commentary section. "You'll find some very interesting reading and, at the same time, you'll have a complete knowledge of what the history of our attempts has been down through the years," he told the young leaders.

After The Times published a pointed editorial on the 1985 Achille Lauro cruise ship hijacking, Mr. Reagan ordered U.S. jet fighters to intercept an Egyptian airliner that was carrying the Palestinian hijackers to safety.

Time magazine credited The Washington Times' editorial with stiffening the president's resolve.

In 1986, Fortune magazine reported that The Times was one of five newspapers Mr. Reagan read daily before his first meeting at 9 a.m.

Mr. Reagan's steadfast opposition to communism meshed with that of the founders of The Washington Times, which chronicled and revealed communist threats and aggressions around the world throughout the 1980s.

The first decade at The Times ended with the widespread collapse of communism and the disintegration of the Soviet Union, momentous events that the newspaper thoroughly recorded for posterity.



"Since the first term of Ronald Reagan, The Washington Times has been keeping citizens informed, holding public officials to account and adding to the intelligent debate on issues of the day."

— Dick Cheney, former vice president

"I want to express my appreciation, especially to The Washington Times — a courageous voice for freedom in my country and frankly around the world. They have been a voice for faith and family and liberty for all."

— Former Vice President Mike Pence

"The Washington Times has played a major role in providing hard-hitting investigations, solid conservative commentary, and a healthy and vitally needed alternative to the liberal media."

— Newt Gingrich, former speaker of the House

"The Washington Times helps keep both political parties and other media in check. It helps keep Republican members and administrations accountable to the conservative base, and it blows the whistle on big-government policies that may not receive the same scrutiny from other media outlets."

— Sen. Charles E. Grassley of Iowa

"There is no stronger or more clear voice for the values and issues of democracy and freedom, than The Washington Times. From Ronald Reagan's presidency, through today, The Washington Times has been fearless and effective."

— Former Indiana Rep. Dan Burton

"I also want to thank Dr. Moon for founding with her late husband, Rev. Moon, The Washington Times, which has made a priceless contribution to the defense of truth, faith and freedom, both here in America and all over the globe."

— Former President Donald Trump

"Congratulations to The Washington Times for celebrating 40 years. A free and open press is as fundamental an institution to a healthy democracy as the Constitution or rule of law."

— Former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice

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— Clinton White House spokesman Michael McCurry

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"I always thoroughly read The Washington Times at breakfast. Then I can skim through The Washington Post and limit the amount of poison I have to ingest each morning."

— Morton Blackwell, president of the Leadership Institute

"CPAC and The Washington Times have always fought side by side to advance America's founding principles. For years, The Washington Times has sponsored the CPAC Straw Poll, which sets the marker for the issues most important to the conservative movement, and which candidates best reflect those sentiments. We're very grateful for the partnership with The Washington Times on this special anniversary."

— CPAC Chairman Matt Schlapp

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— Former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher

"The Washington Times fills an important void in our nation's capital, bringing much-needed accountability to the federal government. For 40 years, Americans have benefited from The Times' journalism."

— Mercedes Schlapp, CPAC senior fellow and co-host of "CPAC NOW: America Uncanceled"

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— Former Defense Secretary Mark Esper



# Editorial cartoons deliver insightful artistry

By Alexander Hunter  
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

The Washington Times was conceived as a strongly visual paper for a strongly visual world. For 40 years, that sensibility has not wavered. As the work on this page attests, The Times' commitment to visual excellence has provided a platform for the talents of some very gifted editorial artists. Their funny little pictures are often worth much more than a mere thousand words.

Editorial cartoons were movies in the papers before there were movies in the theaters. Even today, an editorial cartoon plays in the readers' minds with an artist-provided image and a reader-provided soundtrack. "Them damned pictures," as Boss Tweed called Thomas Nast's offerings in the 1870s, have provided humorous, edgy, irreverent, often outrageously offensive windows on issues great and small for nearly two centuries, delivering an instantaneous, visceral punch through the newspaper readers' eyeballs. It's at its best expressing a public mood, a cultural ripple, visually taking the pulse of the American moment.

A good one can't be unseen: The copperhead press' portrayal of Abraham Lincoln as a 6-foot-3 glowering, gangly ape; Nast's pear-shaped Boss Tweed in prison stripes; David Low's resolute Churchill; Herblock's frantic man shouting "Fire!" up a ladder to quench Liberty's torch with a bucket of hysteria; Bill Mauldin's statue of Lincoln grieving the death of John F. Kennedy; Pat Oliphant's Lyndon Johnson hanging a "Soul Brother" sign on the White House gate; Paul Conrad's relentless Nixon tapes indictments, etched in every imaginable permutation.

Some folks say the first American political cartoon was Benjamin Franklin's "Join, or Die" snake, a drawing that succinctly summed up the revolutionary cause in 1775. The proud tradition of graphically making friends, outraging readers and influencing people with inky scratchings has gone on, with varying degrees of success, ever since.

Well-executed editorial cartooning marries ideas and pictures seamlessly, frequently with an emotional impact that words and photos alone do not equal. Where language and photography in a newspaper are traditionally employed to bring facts to the reader concerning the day's events, political cartoons serve to bring insight, attitude and perspective. The aim of a political cartoonist is to evoke in the audience "how" to feel and think about an issue, memorably expressing

not only the artist's point of view but also that of the organization that publishes the work. A well-done cartoon can arm the reader with a clever opinion or joke. Back in the old days, when papers wore their publishers' opinions on their sleeves, editorial cartoons were often displayed on the front pages as heavy artillery in the arsenal of crusading editors.

To The Washington Times at its 1982 debut, the bad guys and good guy on the global scene were clearly defined: Soviet communism and its American nemesis, President Reagan. Additionally, another American political revolution of sorts was in the making: The disco era was dead, replaced with 1980s hair and fashion. In short, the world presented what political cartoonists refer to as a "target-rich environment."

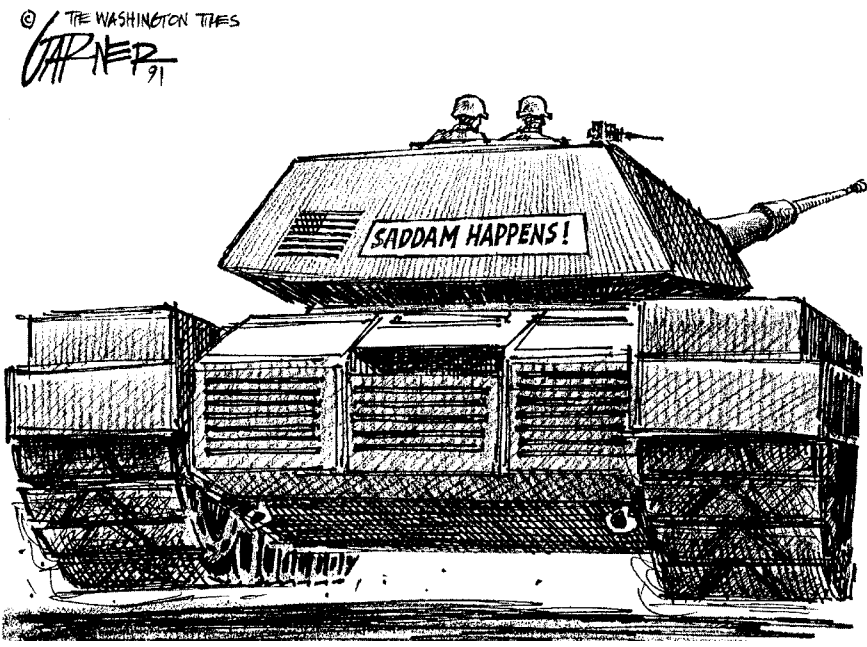
Gib Crockett, revered star of the recently closed Washington Star, was given the honor of producing the first Washington Times editorial cartoon, published on May 17. The stalwart David Seavey took the wheel from there and stolidly carried the cartoon torch for the paper's first year.

Subsequently, the quietly gifted, award-winning Bill Garner was coaxed back from the Memphis Commercial Appeal to bring his sharp, witty line, enormous artistry and plain-spoken decency to the post of The Times' editorial cartoonist, a position he proudly occupied for the next three decades. His "Saddam Happens" bumper sticker on the back of an Abrams tank, his portrayal of the Clintons as "Bonny and Clod," his brilliant, economical caricatures, and so much else caught the spirit of the age viewed from a ground-zero Washington seat.

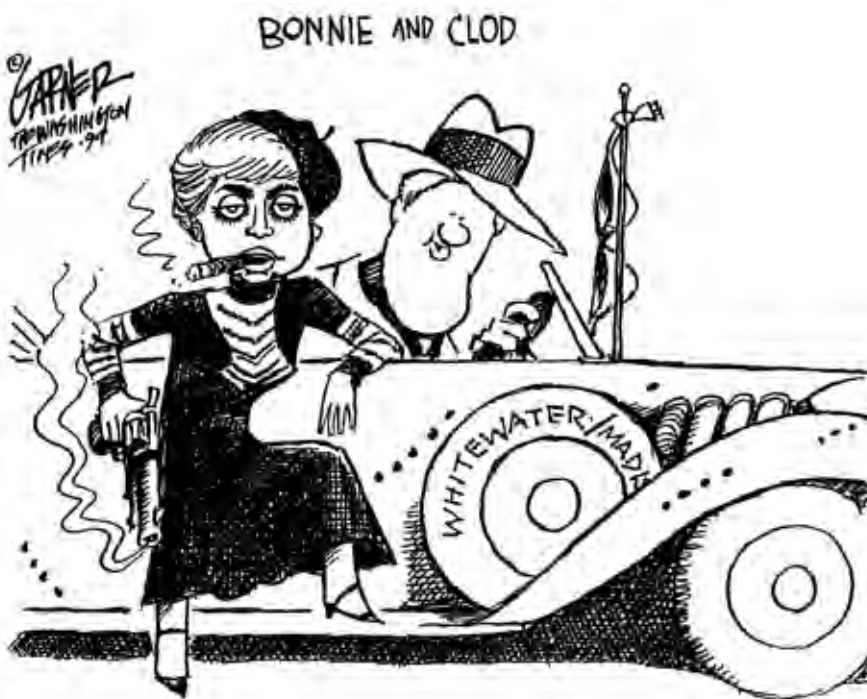
During those early days, Managing Editor Smith Hempstone recruited the sophisticated contributions of Peter Steiner, whose facile draftsmanship had graced the pages of The New Yorker. Mr. Steiner's sometimes cold-eyed single-panel pronouncements on social foibles graced The Times' pages for decades as well.

For some years, a varied stable of syndicated cartoonists with a conservative political bent filled the vacuum left by Mr. Garner's retirement. Most recently, the cartoon lucubrations of Alexander Hunter, whose journeyman (though award-winning) work falls somewhere between Thomas Paine and Jay Ward, have occupied the space opposite each day's editorial.

The Times hopes its readers will enjoy these selected hand-drawn glimpses of history, which are but the tip of a much larger, four-decade-sized iceberg of insightful artistry.

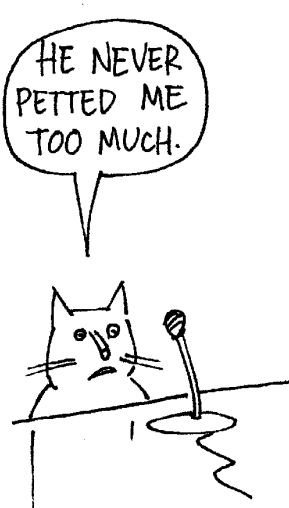


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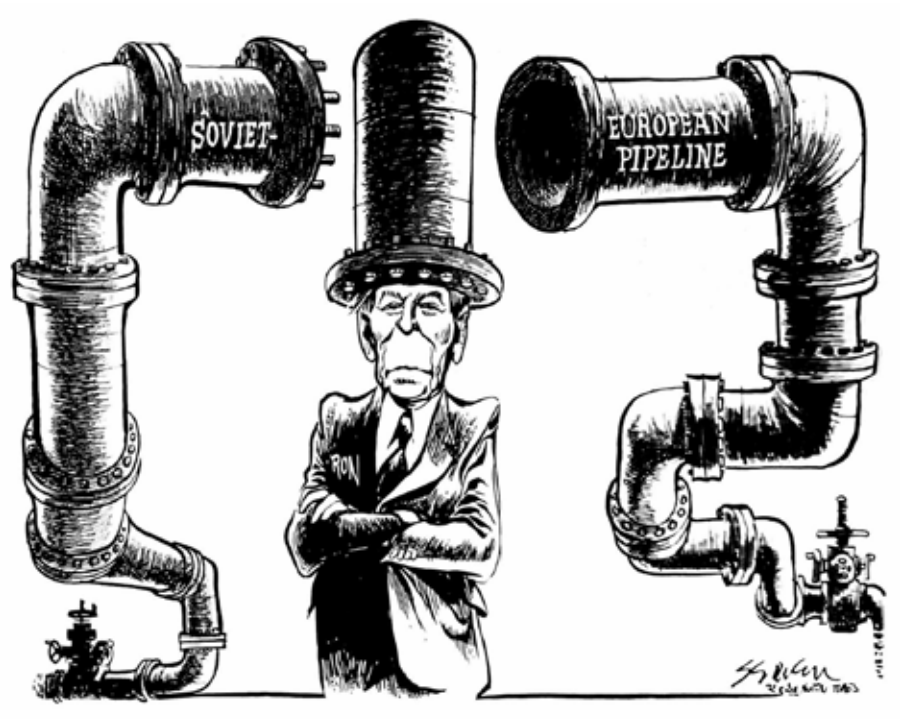
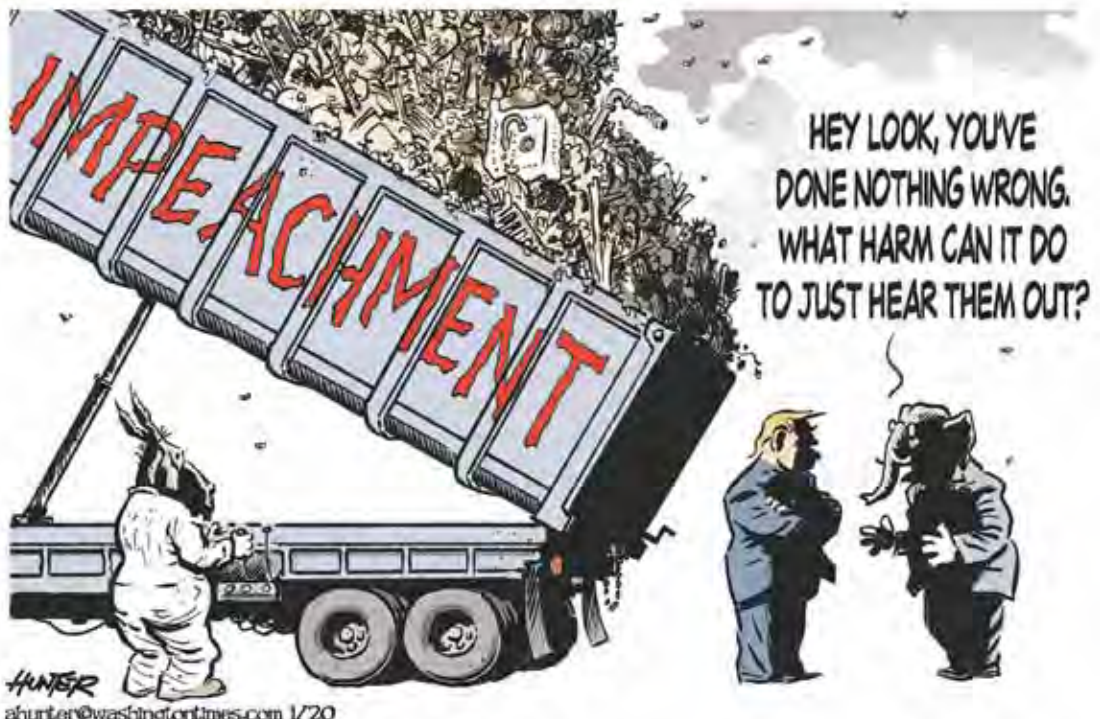
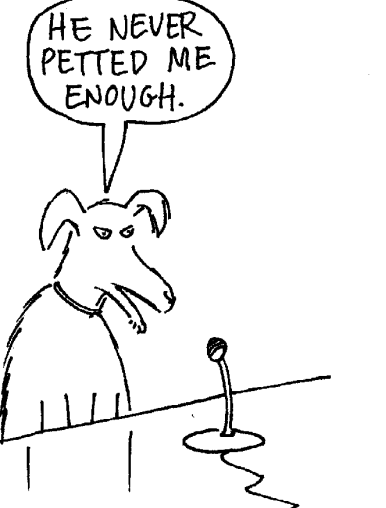


Some folks say the first American political cartoon was Benjamin Franklin's "Join, or Die" snake, a drawing that succinctly summed up the revolutionary cause in 1775.

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# Award-winning Peers in the trade honor newspaper's efforts

Winning awards is not why reporters and editors do what they do. Getting the story (and getting it first) is the payoff, but it's nice to be recognized by colleagues for jobs well done.

The Washington Times has been honored over the past 40 years with thousands of national and regional awards — and this, of course, is a conservative estimate — for outstanding news reporting and editing, editorial and column writing, arts and features coverage, sports and special sections, headlines, photography, illustration and page design — not to mention what the judges call “overall excellence.”

A partial list of professional newspaper associations and other groups that have honored The Washington Times and its staff members with top awards in the past 35 years:

- American Association of Sunday and Features Editors
- American Association of University Professors
- American Society of News Editors
- Associated Press Sports Editors
- Association of Food Journalists
- Association of Opinion Page Editors
- Atlanta Photojournalism Seminar Contest
- Atrium Awards
- Benjamin Fine Awards for Outstanding Education Reporting
- Center for Education Reform
- Chesapeake News Association's Mark Twain Awards
- Chess Journalists of America
- Conservative Education Reform Network
- EdPress: The Association of Educational Publishers
- Education Writers Association
- Edwin M. Hood Award for Diplomatic Correspondence
- Ernst Haas Awards
- Free Press Association's H.L. Mencken Award for Investigative Journalism
- Gerald R. Ford Foundation Prizes for Reporting on the Presidency and on National Defense
- H.L. Mencken Award
- J.C. Penney-University of Missouri Newspaper Awards
- Maryland-Delaware-D.C. Press Association
- Maryland State Bar Association
- Maryland State Education Association
- Mason-Dixon Outdoor Writers Association
- National Association of Realtors
- National Capital Velo Club
- National Council for Children's Rights
- National Headliner Awards
- National Newspaper Association
- National Society of Newspaper Columnists
- Religion Communicators Council's Wilbur Awards
- Religion Newswriters Association
- Scripps Howard Foundation's Walker Stone Award
- Society of American Travel Writers Foundation's Lowell Thomas Award for Travel Journalism
- Society for News Design
- Society of Professional Journalists Sigma Delta Chi Awards
- Society of Professional Journalists (Washington Chapter) Dateline Awards
- Society of Publication Designers
- The Robert F. Kennedy Awards for Excellence in Journalism
- Raymond Clapper Memorial Award
- U.S. Chess Federation
- Virginia News Photographers Association
- Virginia Press Association
- White House Correspondents' Association
- White House News Photographers Association
- Scripps Howard Foundation's National Journalism Award for Editorial Cartooning

## THE TIMES

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was “so obviously lacking in many other major newspapers.”

If its editorial pages carved a distinctive conservative identity, the newsroom's willingness to skewer the powerful no matter their ideological persuasion has earned it fans and readers across the ideological spectrum. Political reporters and commentators over the years, including Ralph Z. Hallow, Don Lambro, Tony Snow and Dave Boyer have sparked nearly as much angst in Republican circles as they have in Democratic circles over the years. The Times' great tradition of cartoonists — Peter Steiner, Bill Garner and Alexander Hunter — have carried on an honorable tradition that has all but passed away at many other media outlets.



Bo Hi Pak

“I will reliably report to you that it was an awful lot of fun in a Democratic White House to read The Washington Times every day, [with its] great insights into the infighting among movement conservatives, President Clinton's press secretary Michael McCurry once acknowledged. “It skewered the Clinton administration on a regular basis, but we turned to

The Washington Times to find out what the other side, the Republicans, were doing. ... The Times has much better sources on the right than much of the mainstream press.”

The tradition lives on: With his hard-hitting reports on the crisis at the Mexico border and his bird-dogging of official reports and obscure statistics, Washington Times senior correspondent Stephen Dinan has earned a reputation as perhaps the capital's preeminent voice on the immigration beat, with scoops and analyses that regularly embarrass or enrage the Biden administration. Yet top Homeland Security Department officials were recently heard praising Mr. Dinan's coverage for its thoroughness and accuracy, saying it helped keep the bureaucracy on its toes.

The paper's commitment to a strong defense and the value of military service — evident in the work of national security reporters over the years such as Bill Gertz, Rowan Scarborough and Guy Taylor — has led to some of the most focused and substantial coverage of issues facing the military and the national security establishment

of any mainstream outlet in the country. The Times' defense reporters covered not only matters of grand national strategy but also the gripes and frustrations of ordinary grunts and their families. Other U.S. media outlets have sharply cut back on coverage beyond the country's borders, but The Times has kept its commitment to fair and hard-hitting foreign and national security coverage, embedding reporters with American forces fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan and getting on-the-ground reports on stories as varied as the massacre at a Russian grade school in Beslan, a standoff on the tense dividing line between North and South Korea, and the recent refugee crisis on the Polish border sparked by Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

### TAKING THE LEAD

The paper repeatedly proves itself willing to pursue stories and scandals that established media gatekeepers dismiss or overlook. Among them: the book publishing deals that brought down Democratic House Speaker Jim Wright, the House bank scandal of the 1990s, the reprimand of Rep. Barney Frank, Whitewater and the other personal scandals that dogged Mr. Clinton throughout his presidency, the ethical shortcomings of a string of D.C. mayors, China's military buildup and its efforts to infiltrate the American military and commercial establishment, the international tug of war over the fate of a Cuban boy named Elian Gonzalez, the crippling Republican infighting over the tenure of party Chairman Michael S. Steele, the scandals and coaching merry-go-round that have undermined the once-mighty Washington football team now known as the Commanders, China's efforts to block any inquiry into the origins of the virus that led to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the long-running policy debates on immigration, education, religious freedom, race, gender, abortion and the decline of the family.

Born in an age when typeset tastes in newspapers ran the gamut from dark gray to light gray, The Times pioneered — along with USA Today — a mold-breaking newspaper five months after its debut: the use of color and eye-catching graphics to enliven coverage and enhance the reader's

understanding. Washington Times designers have routinely been honored over the decades for the paper's clean, colorful and unfussy look, one that has been widely copied.

The washingtontimes.com website launched on May 17, 1996, and is now the foundation of The Times' integrated online and print news coverage. A website team edits and fact-checks staff filings seven days a week, 365 days a year.

Even in times of organizational and financial uncertainty, The Times' officials have expressed a commitment to the paper's values and a willingness to provide the support needed to keep it in the marketplace. That commitment is echoed by the commitment of The Times' daily staff. In an industry where transience is the norm, The Times' newsroom boasts dozens of reporters, editors and other staff members who have stuck with the paper for decades through thick and thin, giving an editorial identity and institutional memory that virtually no media competitor can match.

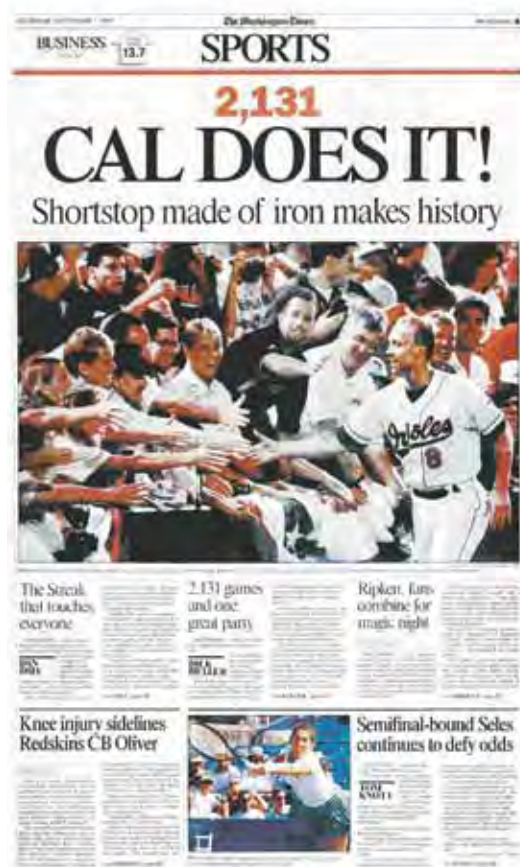
At the 2012 funeral for Rev. Moon, Mr. Pak, who worked beside and translated for Rev. Moon for more than a half-century, expressed a quiet optimism in an interview that The Times could handle that transition and whatever the future may hold.

“Rev. Moon's teachings were completely recorded. We know what he has left us as a spiritual will,” Mr. Pak said.

Mr. Dolan, The Times' president, acknowledges that, like his reporters and editors, he tends to be focused on tomorrow's edition or next week's special editorial project. But he said a 40th anniversary marks a good milestone to celebrate and reflect.

“You could have gotten some pretty good odds back in 1982 that The Times wouldn't survive the year or the decade,” he said. “I'd say that's a pretty good reason not to bet against us in the future.”

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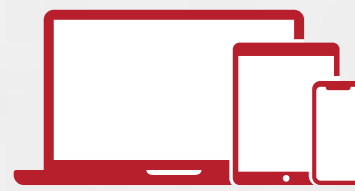
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# Mainstream media counterweight

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Starting a daily newspaper seemed like a huge gamble in 1982, and starting one in the nation's capital seemed an even crazier idea.

The city had lost more than 100,000 people in the 1970s, and the country writ large would lose 130 newspapers throughout the 1980s — including The Washington Star.

Into those headwinds marched the Rev. Sun Myung Moon.

“When Washington, the nation's capital, ended up with one liberal newspaper, The Washington Post,” he said, “I waited for some rich people with a lot of resources to come forward and publish a patriotic newspaper in Washington. Since no one did, I stood up and said, ‘Let's do it!’”

His daring gamble became The Washington Times, which marks its 40th year of publication on Tuesday.

Rev. Moon's philosophy was that having more voices makes for a better citizenry, and for a time, it seemed the news industry agreed. The growth of the internet at the turn of the century spawned a First Amendment free-for-all, with new platforms and publications shattering the hegemony of the old media.

But as The Times turns 40, Rev. Moon's philosophy is being challenged yet again by the emergence of a handful of tech giants who act as news gatekeepers, policing the types of stories their users get to see.

“As Big Tech has taken on the role of information gatekeeper and the mainstream has veered further into advocacy, our mission remains simple: fact-driven reporting in the news section and a robust airing of opinionated debate in the Commentary section,” said Christopher Dolan, president and executive editor of The Times. “Our goal is to give readers the tools to make decisions about the world around them, not to tell them what to think.”

At a time when many newspapers adopted a world-weary view of the American experiment, The Times unabashedly celebrated the country, seeing it as the winning horse in a battle against Cold War communism.

Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, who helped establish The Times with her husband, celebrated that mission in a speech last year to the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification and the American Clergy Leadership Conference.

She said the paper is playing an emboldened role in a turbulent U.S. and global media landscape.

“The aim of The Times,” she said, “has been to inform American leaders on how to defend America and, as a nation blessed by God, how America can live for the sake of the world.”

As the Cold War gave way to the peace dividend, battles over the size of government and a post-Sept. 11 world, The Times continued to offer readers an alternative.

“From my days as a freshman on Capitol Hill to the red wave of 2010, through the Trump-Pence administration and now as the Biden administration advances a radical agenda, The Washington Times has always played a pivotal role in telling the stories the dominant media sources so often ignore,” said former Vice President Mike Pence.

He said that remains the case today.



“Even as those establishment media elites join forces with Big Tech to silence conservative voices, The Washington Times continues to serve the same mission to provide a counterweight to the ‘mainstream media,’” Mr. Pence said.

Since the death of Rev. Moon in 2012, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, who helped establish The Times with her husband, has dedicated financial resources to ensure The Times' global presence is protected.

Having experienced firsthand the brutal nature of communism, Rev. and Dr. Moon shared a vision for ending communism.

“My husband and I invested significant sums of money and founded The Washington Times,” she said last year, adding that The Times “became a reference for American presidents, including President Reagan.”

“The aim of The Times,” she said at a peace rally, “has been to inform American leaders on how to defend America and, as a nation blessed by God, how America can live for the sake of the world.”

Charles Hurt, opinion editor of The Times, said the paper's strength is knowing its audience.

“Since our founding, The Washington Times has always cut against the grain,” he said. “We are forever committed to the highest standards of true and honest reporting, but our goal has always been to deliver the news of Washington to people far outside of Washington. We strive to be a newspaper of record for the people who pay all the bills around here.”

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The Times also fronted a story on how the edition made it out the door, calling it an “eleventh-hour miracle” as staffers overcame last-minute struggles with the paper's typesetting facilities.

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Hak Ja Han Moon

Early sales were limited to newsstands and street boxes, and the paper carried no advertisements because it needed to test “public acceptance.”

Morton Blackwell, a longtime fixture in Republican politics who was serving as an aide in the Reagan White House in 1982, said the paper was greeted with skepticism even among some conservatives. But the paper delivered “excellent and fair coverage from the outset,” he said, and it chipped away at the skepticism.

“It was gradual, but I think the appreciation of The Washington Times is now essentially universal among conservatives. It's proven itself with its coverage,” Mr. Blackwell said.

Reagan quickly became a daily reader of the paper, and subsequent presidents also paid close attention. President Trump was known to send The Times' immigration stories to his homeland security secretary for action.

The Post also kept close tabs on its crosstown sibling, including its own story on May 17, 1982, chronicling the first day of deadlines at The Times. The Post's reporting called it nothing short of “astonishing” that a newspaper would be launched amid the grim fortunes of the news business.

“At a time when urban papers are sputtering and dying nationwide, The Times is a curiosity,” The Post reported. “As publisher and editor James Whelan says: ‘Launching a newspaper. It's the goddamndest thing.’”

That story was the first of many Post reports doing pulse checks on The Times, with coverage of the paper's finances and the doings of Rev. Moon, the founder.

Over the four decades since, The Post itself has experienced changes, including its sale to Jeff Bezos, now ranked as the world's second-richest man, whose personal life and business doings make front-page news.

Mr. Blackwell said The Post had reason to take notice of The Times, particularly after seeing off its previous competitor, The Star.

“The Post was always left-wing and is terribly left-wing today, but it may be the most abusive newspaper coverage of all was in that period of about a year between the discontinuance of The Washington Star and the arrival of The Washington Times,” he said. “They could ignore stories and distort stories without fear that the balanced reality might be reported widely elsewhere.”

Rev. Moon's audacity in building a D.C. newspaper would be imitated by others. The Washington Examiner started in 2005 with a daily tabloid whose editorial stance sought to win many of the conservative-minded readers of The Times.

The Examiner lasted eight years in print before morphing into a website and weekly magazine in 2013.

In 2003, The Post started its own alternative paper, the Express, a free tabloid for distribution to commuters. The Express shut down in 2019 because of what it said was declining Metro ridership and the availability of Wi-Fi, which gave commuters alternatives to reading a print paper.

The Times has persisted, though like other papers, the print edition looks markedly different. The comics and crossword puzzle still appear, now joined by a Sudoku puzzle. The daily weather map is gone, as are television and movie listings and box scores — casualties of the instant gratification of the internet.

The internet has also reshaped the broader news environment in which The Times competes.

When the paper started, each type of media had its place. Newspapers were king, providing a hefty look at the goings-on of the day though usually to a limited geographic area. Radio provided quick snapshots on the hour, and television delivered morning, evening and nighttime newscasts. Magazines provided longer-form context to the news.

The advent of 24-hour news channels on cable began to upend that hierarchy, but it was the internet that proved the bigger fault line flattening the news business. Now monthly magazines, newspapers and cable networks are all competing for eyeballs in real time around the globe.

“In the 40 years since we started, we have endured some pretty unthinkable obstacles — from the demise of legacy newsprint operations to the proliferation of information sources on the internet, supercharged by social media. Through it all, The Times has never shied away from its founding principles,” Mr. Hurt said. “We still today offer honest, fair and verified reporting in our news pages along with a clarifying editorial voice in our opinion pages.”

“All the fads come and go, and we just keep on doing what we have always done. As hard as it is to compete in today's carnival news environment, we remain as confident as ever that those principles hold us true and steady,” Mr. Hurt said.



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