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Third Saturday Seminar 2016-2017
Return of the Elders, Unleash your Wisdom

Session 3

“Stunned?”

It's time to take a deep breath.

(Don't (be) Panic(ked))

Saturday, 19 November 2016 9:30AM to 12:00 NOON

Room B-102, (the usual place), Lone Star College - Montgomery
3200 College Park Drive - Conroe, TX - 77384 - 936.273.7000

This is the third session of the 2016-17 Academic Year. There will be five sessions in the fall semester; plus one in June.

To help you start putting things back into perspective, you might enjoy watching the first 11 minutes of Stephen Colbert's opening bit Monday night (Nov 14) Warning: Colbert's satire creatively edits in bits from the CBS 60 Minutes Trump Interview air on Sunday (Nov 13). We'll watch it in Class. On YouTube it is in 2 parts.

[Putin Sent President-Elect Trump A Large Wooden Horse](#)
[Donald Trump Tells A Half-Troubled Nation: Don't Be Afraid](#)

Stunned! I spent most of Election Day passing our push cards for a friend of mine who was running as a Democrat for Constable of Harris County precinct 4 while my wife was Alternate Election Judge for the 6th Voting Precinct. By the time we had dismantled the voting setup and headed out to a watch party it was 9 pm . We had gotten a glance of the TV at what was happening when we left the house and it was puzzling. By the time we got home after the party the deed was done. When the Donald Trump was about to make his victory speech, I turned off the TV.

I was so stunned I didn't turn on the TV or radio all the next day until the evening news! **I was angry! As you know I wasn't a fan of either Clinton or Trump, but with the positive reinforcement of the pundits I had resigned myself to having another Clinton in the WhiteHouse. But all the emotional energy turned out to have been wasted!**

Then, Sunday I saw Trump and his family interviewed on 60 minutes, perhaps a leopard can actually change its spots, because **the Donald Trump I saw calmly responding to Lesley Stahl bore little resemblance to the Donald Trump who had verbally abused and humiliated 14 other Republican hopefuls in the course of the last year and a half.**

Then I saw the video of the Trumps' planned 15 minute to WhiteHouse turn into 90 minutes and a mini press conference. And, Obama giving assurances of a smooth transition and Obama saying he is looking forward to it as well staying in contact in the future. WOW.

Obama then left for Greece to start his last tour of the EU and to assure our allies that everything will be good under a Trump administration and a Republican Congress.

<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/60-minutes-donald-trump-family-melania-ivanka-lesley-stahl/>

Trump's tone of voice is very assuring, but it still doesn't offer much content. But that is not stopping the news media from conjecturing creatively about just about everything. Trump told Stahl that his first priority will be fixes to ObamaCare (previous conditions accepted, adult children at home can be included.) Immigration (2 or 3 million illegals who have committed crimes --- if he can find that many, to be somehow deported. And, Tax reform. (Simply and Lower) (Nothing mentioned about balancing the budget.)

The media are having a ball trying to digest Reince Priebus and Steve Bannon as top strategist (as equals) http://www.nytimes.com/2016/11/14/us/politics/reince-priebus-chief-of-staff-donald-trump.html?_r=0

Election Results: (as of 11 pm, 15 Nov)

http://www.realclearpolitics.com/elections/live_results/2016_general/president/map.html

2016 PRESIDENT RESULTS	2016 SENATE RESULTS	2016 HOUSE RESULTS	2016 GOVERNORS RESULTS
Clinton/Kaine Trump/Pence 232 290	Democrats Republicans 48*(+2) 52(-2)	Democrats Republicans 193(+6) 238(-6)	Democrats Republicans 15(-3) 33(+3)

For Local Election Results go to: <http://Harrisvotes.com> or <http://www.mctx.org/election/>

Bring your insights and your concerns to Third Saturday Seminar on Saturday and we will Share.

As usual, our world is still in "interesting times" We will start the session with Current Events (Distractions)

You can always get a quick Current Events briefing at:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portal:Current_events

- • Mosul [Battle of Mosul](#)
- • Russian fighter jet crashes in the Mediterranean
- • Earthquake in New Zealand.
- • Russia continues to bomb the rebels in Aleppo friendly to us.
- • [Leonard Cohen](#) dies at the age of 82.
- • There is no plan for [Brexit](#)
- • And whatever comes up ...

Sidebar: How to (accurately) predict a presidential election ...

In last Month's Meeting notice I included:

"Trump is headed for a win, says professor who has predicted 30 years of presidential outcomes correctly"

"... Lichtman's prediction isn't based on horse-race polls, shifting demographics or his own political opinions. Rather, he uses a system of true/false statements he calls the "Keys to the White House" to determine his predicted winner.

And this year, he says, Donald Trump is the favorite to win. (GO FIGURE!)"

Well, he was the only one who was right!

ALISON STEWART, PBS NEWSHOUR WEEKEND ANCHOR: In all nine presidential elections since 1984, American University history professor Allan Lichtman has correctly predicted the outcome not by using opinions polls but by using a system he helped create, 13 simple true/false statements testing whether the incumbent party will retain or lose the White House.

November 12, 2016 at 5:25 PM EST, <http://www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/accurately-predict-presidential-election/>

Third Saturday Seminars – Fall 2016 – 3 Sessions

To refer to an ancient Chinese saying, “our world is in interesting times” and individual citizens are assaulted with a blinding array of propaganda from every conceivable source. The Third Saturday Seminar is about demystification of what is going on around us. Time will also be spent on current events.

Meets **9/17, 10/15***, and **11/19****. (****shown in error in schedule as 11/19**)
Meets on **Montgomery Campus in B-102.**

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Fall schedule will be released circa Dec 7

Planned 1/21,2/18,3/25,4/22,5/20 and 6/17 Summer

<http://www.lonestar.edu/departments/ce/Fall2016Schedule.pdf>

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Registration

How do I register for a class? You can fill out a registration form and submit it to ALL:

- **In person:** LSC-Montgomery (3200 College Park Dr., Conroe, TX 77384), Continuing Education/ALL Office Building E (Room 205)
- **Phone:** 936.273.7446 ,**Fax:** 936.273.7262

Reminder for ALL members:

Please let ALL know if you change your address, phone number, or email. Call 936.273.7446 or email:

MCALL@LoneStar.edu.

"Some part of our being knows this (the universe) is where we came from. We long to return. And we can. Because the cosmos is also within us; We're made of star-stuff. We are a way for the cosmos to know itself."
Carl Sagan

See you Saturday, **19 November 2016** at 9:30am, Room B-102

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