



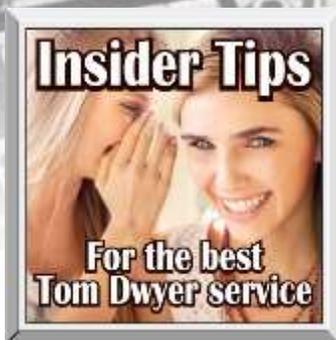
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Tom Dwyer Automotive Services Monthly Newsletter for October and November, 2017



The Sun Sets On 2017!

Here's what was on our mind in a very long year...



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And your chance to vote for our YEARLY winner!



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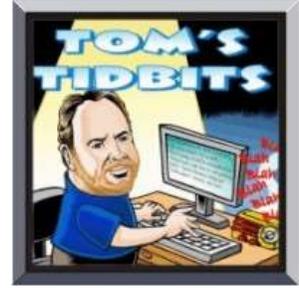


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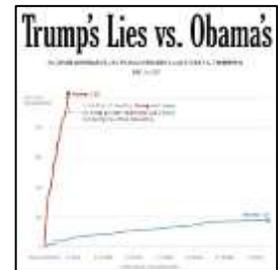
Greetings,

In [January 2017](#) I promised an addition to our newsletter, TRUMPWATCH, in which we'd "...try to keep track of the most egregious lies, the most insane policies, the most blatant violations of Constitution and basic human values that the Trumpocracy has to offer." By February it was obviously a promise I couldn't keep. Just listing the "most blatant" desecrations [was a fulltime job that even "real" news outlets were unprepared for](#). No matter how bad I feared things would be, the reality has been far worse. But as we finish our first full year of the man-child's narcissism, lies, temper-tantrums, incompetence, constant golfing vacations and major brain failure; there is hope and it may come, despite all probability and at least in part, from Newt Gingrich...



Trump's constant lying is an enigma to me. Is there no recognition of his perjury or just fear of any retribution for pointing out the serial dissimulation by this con artist? We can brush off lies about [crowd size](#) or the "[most popular president ever](#)", but the constancy of his lying on more substantive matters makes it [impossible to meaningfully consider any actual proposals](#). He lies to support policies, lies to oppose them, lies about errors and mistakes, lies about his daily schedule, lies about even the weather. I'm not naïve; I know politicians lie. Demanding purity from *any* politician leads to disappointment, but that doesn't mean all lies *or all liars* are equal. In an [article comparing Trump's lies with past presidents](#), the NY Times pointed out...

"the word [lie] is unfair to Obama and Bush. When they became aware that they had been saying something untrue, they often stopped doing it. Obama didn't continue to claim that all Americans would be able to keep their existing health insurance under Obamacare, for example, and Bush changed the way he spoke about Iraq's weapons capability. Trump is different. When he is caught lying, he will often try to discredit people telling the truth... Trump is trying to make truth irrelevant. It is extremely damaging to democracy, and it's not an accident. It's core to his political strategy".



The Donald's stream of Goebbels-ian alternative facts, his 8-year-olds' attention span, and his limited command of language would indicate that he's **not** "like, a smart person" despite his repeated assertions otherwise. Retrograde cognition along with his vexing narcissistic personality disorder makes DT's contempt for "the other" conspicuous, adding another reason to loathe him. Trump has [insulted women](#), [Mexicans](#), [blacks](#), [Asians](#), [Muslims](#), [democrats](#), [gays](#), [handicapped people](#), [veterans](#), [gold star families](#), [poor people](#), [friends](#), [enemies](#), [countries who are friend or enemies](#), the [White House](#)... you get the idea. In fact, the NY Times put together a list of [410 People, Places, and Things Donald Trump Has Insulted on Twitter](#). *Our President* has gone out of his way to mock every segment (except the one-percenters, Nazis, and white supremacists) of the America he pretends to love. Maybe it's a strange sort of equal opportunity but it doesn't unite us; it just shatters us further when we're struggling already.

Trump's toxic department has real effects. At home, [Trumpets scrape to find "achievements" of any kind](#). Their one legislative victory was TrumpTax, but it was [a victory for 1% of America at the expense of the other 99%](#). Abroad, [American world leadership built through generations of brains, bucks, and blood is being decimated](#). Trump's embarrassing [withdrawal from the Paris Climate Accord](#) was unambiguously bad, but even arguable successes come with embedded failure. For example, [I railed loudly against the TPP](#) (Trans-Pacific Partnership) during the Obama years for inadequate worker and environmental protection, inadequate benefits for the Middle Class, and the egregious TPP Trade Court made up of Corporate lobbyists. Though I was in favor of [scrapping TPP](#), we DO need fair trade rules and nothing is being contemplated to replace it. Saying "no" is part of leadership but it's not the end; there must be substantive proposals to move forward. Instead we and the rest of the world are left adrift.

My strong wish would be to erase everything this illegitimate president has done since he lied his way into the Oval Office. Everything with the Vulgarian's signature should be erased. His [tainted appointments should be torn out root and branch](#) from [Vice President Pence](#) to [Supreme Court Justice Gorsuch](#) and on down every bit of the line, and the [yawning gaps he hasn't filled](#) should be quickly staffed with very qualified, very boring people. [Environmental regulations should be reinstated](#), [immigration bans overturned](#), [healthcare rebuilt](#), and [consumer protections reinstated](#). If I had my way, we'd hold a do-over election and pretend Donald Trump never happened to our country.

But Constitutional democracy doesn't work that way and I spoke of hope instead of wishes. What hope could there possibly be instead? Disgust and desperation motivated Trump's election but they may yet save us as well, because if America stands for anything it's the idea that we all deserve better than disgust and despair; we deserve justice.

Maybe, faced with the painful reality that things aren't fine just because a huckster asserts they're fine, disillusionment will make us restructure our electoral processes to restore true participation in power. It's long past time for a new generation to take over congress. I am disgusted by entrenched multi-millionaire old white guys paid to do the bidding of their corporate masters; I think grotesque levels of personal wealth or support from wealth should disqualify a candidate, as their priorities are clear. No important issue, be it electoral system failure, Social Security, Single-Payer healthcare, bloated military, imperialism and permanent war, global scale environmental ruination, charter schools and education, or any other will be *allowed* to change for the benefit of the majority while greed rules. I want to be represented by people I respect (even ones I may not always agree with) in a Congress that represents ALL Americans. Maybe we'll realize that We the People can't change *anything* without first changing our representation and money's control over the process.

Desperation may change Congress in 2018 and prompt the removal of the troglodyte-in-chief, but perhaps not. Perhaps, in a Congress purged of Trumpets, the torpid Democratic Party can re-polarize and return as the party of the working class with real progressive values. A strong clean and renewed party that can try to work with any lucid Republicans still standing (after the tax-cut purge I hope to see in the next cycles) to create actual laws, not executive orders, reflecting a consensus of the electorate. Desperation may prompt politicians and voters to consider solutions they'd written off before... as the Republican repeal of the Obamacare mandate implodes the healthcare system, the unthinkable solution of Single Payer HealthCare may suddenly become plausible. A disillusioned, yet stronger, electorate may force Congress to aggressively use tools like Newt Gingrich's [Congressional Review Act](#) to reverse Trumpism's worst abuses (and in fact, [they already are](#)).

Trump is making good on his promise (through Bannon) to "[destroy the administrative state](#)", but we can't let disgust make us forget that our "administrative state" is something we've built *together* for over 200 years. For all its very real flaws we take most of what it does for granted *because* it works so well. Living under the rule of laws may be annoying but (when they work) those pesky rules keep our military from running amok here and abroad, keep our courts impartial, our votes secure, our water clean, our workplaces safe, our drugs effective, our children educated, and so much more. Even those who voted for Trump are beginning to reassess now that the growing chasm between rhetoric and reality begins to adversely affect *their* lives.

Nothing will change if we *settle* for disgust, disillusionment, and desperation, but everything can change if we use them as a *springboard* to courage, satisfaction, and confidence. Trump has amplified some deep and ugly truths about America, but while he represents our lowest impulses I know he doesn't represent our highest possibilities. My hope for 2018 and beyond lies with each of us individually and collectively working for justice and better ways.

Make a great year,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tom". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial 'T' and a cursive 'om'.

PS...

As we all buckle down for the second year of the Trumpocracy, education and involvement will be our friends, so please let me introduce you to some of my very best friends...

[The Young Turks](#)- Hard hitting, no BS, investigative reporting that's rare anymore. TYT's Cenk Uygur and Ana Kasparian bring together a host of hosts for real news and unvarnished opinion.

[Justice Democrats](#)- Supporting CorproDems is a waste of time, but supporting real Democrats may not be. "If you want a strong Democratic Party that doesn't cater to corporate donors and will fight for the average American, join [Justice Democrats] to take the party back!"

[WolfPAC](#)- Real change won't happen without real change in the System. WolfPAC is one of the many groups working to make Representatives representative.

Digging Deeper...

Although we weren't able to keep our Trumpwatch promise, other groups are still fighting the good fight. Here's just a few...

[Trump Watch](#)- From the Natural Resources Defense Council, "Keeping a vigilant eye on the administration's environmental actions."

[Trump Watch](#)- From the Washington Post, "A running tally of Trump administration policies, statements and executive actions affecting civil liberties"

[Trump Watch](#)- From Nation columnist Jon Wiener

[Trump Watch](#)- A Patreon Project "...creating an objective daily report on our objectively worst President."

[Trump Watch](#)- Donald Trump biographer Michael D'Antonio's take on the unconventional president-elect's transition to the White House.

[Are Toxic Political Conversations Changing How We Feel about Objective Truth?](#)

By Fisher, Knobe, Strickland, and Keil in Scientific American, Jan 2018

[Rebuilding America After Trump](#), by Chris Ladd on Forbes.com, Nov 2016

[Syria Is Joining the Paris Agreement. Now What?](#)

By Robinson Meyer in The Atlantic, Nov 2017

[The 410 People, Places and Things Donald Trump Has Insulted on Twitter: A Complete List](#)

by Jasmine Lee and Kevin Quealy in the NY Times, Dec 2017

[In 355 days, President Trump has made 2,001 false or misleading claims](#)

by Washington Post Fact Checker, Updated Jan 2018

[Making China Great Again-](#) By Evan Osnos in The New Yorker, Jan 2018

[YEAR END ROUND-UP: The MASSIVE List of President Trump's Accomplishments In His First Year](#) by Jon Hall in Free Market Shooter, Dec 2017

[Brooke Baldwin reviews 4 weeks of Trump](#) on CNN, Aug 2017

[Trump's end-of-year accomplishment list isn't that skimpy. Of course, the party's in charge,](#) by Jonah Goldberg in LA Times, Dec 2017

[Year One List: 81 major Trump achievements, 11 Obama legacy items repealed,](#) by Paul Bedard in Washington Examiner, Dec 2017

[Wikipedia- Congressional Review Act](#)

[Tom's Tidbits- Don't Believe Your Lying Eyes!](#) By Tom Dwyer in Your Car Matters, Jan 2017

[Ex-Bush press secretary: GOP is doomed in the midterms if Trump continues to only cater to his base](#) by Tom Boggioni on Raw Story, Dec 2017

[Delusional Trump Claims He's Just As Popular As Obama Was After First Year](#) by Farron Cousins on The Ring of Fire, Dec 2017

[A Path to Power for the American Left](#) by Ethan Young in The Independent, Dec 2017

[Five things we learned from Donald Trump's Christmas holiday,](#) BBC News, Dec 2017

[Republicans Mock "Coastal Elites," But the Trump Administration Is Full of Them](#) by Shaun King on The Intercept, Dec 2017

[Trump's Lies vs. Obama's](#) by Leonhardt, Philbrick, and Thompson in the NY Times, Dec 2017

Looking back at 12 months of Tidbits

We've been in Sellwood 30 years. With your help, we'll be here 30 more!

2017 marked our 30th year in business, and Tom looks back over a long, strange trip. THANK YOU!

Trump... why wouldn't America vote for him?

The Democrats are counting the 2018 chickens already, but they'd better offer an alternative to Trump... or lose

Sellwood's under threat, but there IS a solution!

Our Sellwood neighborhood doesn't have to wither... the power to save it lies with each of us

The End of the Beginning Raises More Questions

The Trump administration faces enduring questions as it gets underway for real

Painful lessons from our First 100 Days of Trump

The First 100 were educational to us all, but are the Democrats learning the lessons they'll need?

It's time to euthanize for-profit health care!

Obamacare made it obvious, but the "efforts" of the Republicans make it imperative

Don't Believe Your Lying Eyes!

The Trump administration begins with a series of obvious and easily disproved lies. (Spoiler: It only gets worse)

What NOW?!! Toons

Keith Tucker's What NOW?!! Year-End Toon Blowout



We've thrown down a gauntlet that no other shop has picked up... as far as we know we remain the only auto repair shop in the country with our own political cartoonist! The artist who makes that boast possible is the inimitable Keith Tucker, creator of his own "What NOW?!! Toons" and artist for some of the most popular animation from the 70's, 80's, and 90's including Pinky & The Brain, Animaniacs, Roger Rabbit, and more. You can get to know Keith all at once on TuckerToons.com, or get to know him bit by bit through his Toons. We'll start you off with this new one he did for 2018 before moving on to those he did for us in 2017 and a peek at a Toonist-in-Waiting...

2018

**DO YOU KNOW
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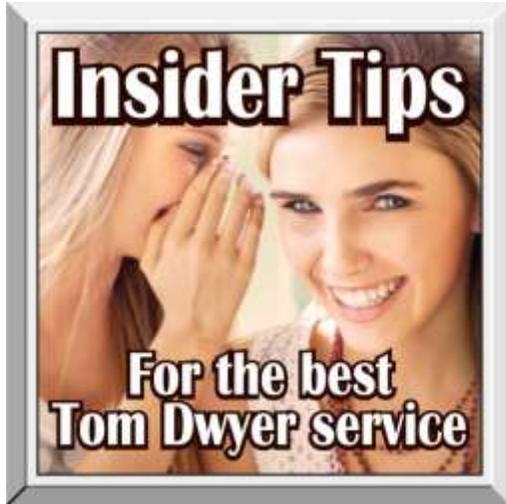
For an auto repair shop we put a lot... a LOT... of work into our newsletter. Why? Why spend hour upon hour researching, writing, and illustrating what could just be a semi-monthly puff piece? Because in some ways it's a golden example of what makes us so unique. Tom's sole directive to the "Your Car Matters" staff is to produce quality; to give you value and interest in return for your precious time and attention. A newsletter can be a pretty minor detail for most companies, but at Tom Dwyer there are no minor details. *Everything* we do from your vehicle repairs to the lobby coffee is done with the same care, attention, and fanatic dedication to your satisfaction. And in a year like 2017 it was probably reassuring to know someone... *anyone*... cared about your satisfaction! So

please settle back with us now and take a look at some of our Feature articles from 2017, part of our own small attempt to make one not-so-minor detail the best we could make it...



Knowledge is Power

In 2017 we shared these insider tips to get the absolute most value from our service



If you're used to dealing with Dealerships (or even other independent shops) you've probably developed strategies for getting no-BS vehicle service, but thousands of our satisfied clients will tell you we're not like any other shop you've ever dealt with! That's why we built an [in-depth resource at TomDwyer.com](#) describing *exactly* how we're different and how you can use those differences to your advantage. We now send a brochure with the high points to every new client (ask your Service Advisor for a copy if you haven't seen one). You won't need your tricks with us, but there are still ways to make our services even more effective and convenient for you and help you squeeze every useful mile from whatever vehicle you drive. Knowledge is

power, and we're trying our best to put the power in YOUR hands... reach out and grab it!

This brochure has the high points from the "New Client Orientation" resource on our website. (PLEASE ask for one on your next visit!)

For the meat of the matter, you'll really want to check the full web resource. Everything's outlined with bullet points and hyperlinks to relevant articles, and we're adding material all the time. You'll find it all at ["How To Make Our Shop Features Work For You"](#) at TomDwyer.com.

How To Make Our Shop Features Work For You

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AUTOMOTIVE SERVICES

*THANK YOU for choosing Tom Dwyer Automotive!
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Our Final Quarterly Award Winner for 2018

And your chance to vote for our YEARLY winner!



Referrals from our existing clients are our greatest source of new clients... people telling people about what they've found with Tom Dwyer keeps our doors open! We say "thanks" for that support through our Referral Reward Program. When a new client gives us a specific name as a referral source, we call that person and make a donation to the non-profit group of their choice. Each group also becomes eligible for Quarterly and Yearly awards of \$200 and \$500 and we're pleased to announce our last quarterly award of 2017 this month. And, with 2017 in the bank, it's time to ask your help in picking our Yearly award for 2017 as well! And so, without further ado, we're pleased to announce our Quarterly Winner, and recipient of \$200, is....



You might think the worst thing that could ever happen to a child is facing the death of a loved one through disease, accident, murder or suicide, but think of this... it's just the start of a road they'll be walking for the rest of their lives. The people at the Dougy Center have been thinking about that for years, and more importantly they've been doing something about it. From their website...

The mission of The Dougy Center is to provide support in a safe place where children, teens, young adults and their families grieving a death can share their experiences. Through our Pathways Program we provide a safe place for families facing an advanced serious illness.

The Dougy Center, the first center in the United States to provide peer support groups for grieving children, was founded in 1982. A courageous boy named Dougy Turno died of an inoperable brain tumor at the age of 13. In the two months prior to his death, he was a patient at Oregon Health Sciences University, where Beverly Chappell, at the request of Swiss psychiatrist and pioneer in the field of death, dying and bereavement, Elisabeth Kubler-Ross, supported Dougy and his family during his treatment. Bev quickly observed Dougy's ability to bond with other teens facing serious medical issues, how he intuitively knew he was dying, and how he helped other kids talk about their fears. After his death, Bev envisioned a place where children, teens, and their parents coping with the death of a family member, could share their experience with others who understood, who didn't tell them to "get over it"



or judge how they chose to grieve. The first grief support groups met in Bev's home and has grown from that grassroots effort to become a sought after resource for children and families who are grieving. It is still the only year-round child-centered program offering peer support groups to grieving families in our community.

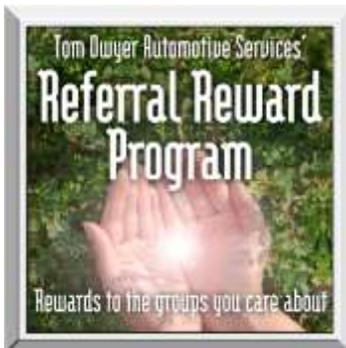
Today, The Dougy Center serves around 500 children and their 350 adult family members each month. Our 68 open-ended peer support groups meet every other week and are divided by age, type of death (illness, sudden death, murder, suicide) and who died (parent, sibling). Concurrent adult support groups meet at the same time for the caregiver of the child or teen who is attending group. Since our founding, The Dougy Center has served 40,000 children, teens and their families and has received national and international acclaim for our pioneering peer support model for helping children cope with the death of a family member.

We provide educational materials about children and grief and training opportunities to local and national agencies in need of our expertise. We are widely known for our groundbreaking grief support group model, and our expertise has spread nationally and internationally. Around the world, The Dougy Center's pioneering model has been replicated through our trainings and the trainings of programs we've trained. We now estimate that there are over 500 organizations worldwide that are using our peer support group model and credit the Center with their founding.

The Dougy Center relies on the generosity of individuals, businesses and foundations. We receive no government funding and are supported entirely by private donations and professional training fees. We never charge families for our services.

Our congratulations to the Dougy Center for winning our final Quarterly Award this year, and our deeper congratulations for the difference they're making in the lives of so many wounded children.

----- Our Referral Reward Yearly Award -----



With our final 2017 Quarterly Award finished, it's time for YOU to pick our Yearly Award winner and recipient of \$500!

One small caveat before voting begins...

We know you love organizations like Oregon Food Bank and Planned Parenthood because they're all doing vital work and they seem to get at least one Referral Reward every month. HOWEVER. They're very, very big. We give each Quarterly Winner \$200 and each Yearly Winner \$500, and while we're sure these bigger groups would appreciate it (and several of these large groups have won our Quarterly and Yearly awards in the past)

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Shop Talk

A Year Of Critique About Our Boutique



Comment of the Month



We continued our “Comment of the Month” section in Shop Talk this year. We try to stay in close communication with all our clients, and the best of those conversations end up here...

[Ken made a client cry... and we're glad](#)
[Certified Vehicle or Pre-Purchase Inspection?](#)
[Helping with the construction onslaught](#)

[A Client praises us with poetry](#)
[“My car is under warranty but I'm still coming to you!”](#)
[“Love The Politics”](#)



Referral Reward Program breaks \$20,000!!!

2017 closed the third year of our Referral Reward Program, in which we make a donation to the non-profit group of your choice for every new client you refer to us. continues to be popular with our clients, and it's certainly popular with the groups we've given to. **We made another 19 donations for \$847 in November and December, bringing our total to 459 donations for \$20,606 since the program began!** Here's who we gave to this period...

[Northstar Civic Foundation](#) by Brooke H.
[Oregon Food Bank](#) by Ann H. Conrad J., Nadja L.
[Transitions Project](#) by Patrice O.
[Planned Parenthood](#) by David C. and Caitlin M.
[Boys & Girls Aid](#) by Kristin M, Alicia C, Amy P (2)
[Skaters for Portland Skateparks](#) by Bryce K.
[Columbia Riverkeeper](#) by Allen N.

[Operation Agua](#) by Deborah A.
[Human Solutions](#) by Lisa P.
[Refit Portland](#) by Josh V.
[DKMS- Delete Blood Cancer](#) by Randy V.
[American Cancer Society](#) by Phil D.
[Multnomah County Animal Shelter](#) by Sarah W.

Don't let other Dwyer Clients have all the fun; JOIN US in making a difference in our world! Just refer a new client to Tom Dwyer, and if they tell us you referred them (don't worry; we'll ask) then we'll call you to find out which deserving group you'd like to help. It's just that easy... start referring today!

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What are they building across the street?

[Sellwood Bridgehead](#), being built across the street from us at 8222 SE 6th, will be a 119 unit multi-family housing project with 49 underground parking spots. Everyone seems to ask about it when they come by the shop, so we'll bring you a couple shots each month as our newest Sellwood neighbor takes shape. This month, we get to show you the "Before" and the first few months of "After"...



The last few days of life of the old brown warehouse



The view from our shop as construction gets well and truly underway.



Progress is really happening fast. This picture, almost ready for the concrete, was taken just 8 days after the other picture.



The parking basement, while only for 49 cars, is already taking shape with continual concrete pours



At night during the snowpocalypse as the first floor is almost ready for concrete.



As the cap on the basement was finishing up, snow hit Portland



Your reviews and referrals matter

We are constantly grateful for the supportive and loyal clients we have developed over the years. Your comments and appreciation keep us on the right road to providing the superior automotive service you deserve. Your reviews and referrals are not only the highest compliments we can receive, but they're the lifeblood of our new business. If you like what you've found at Tom Dwyer Automotive Services, please tell a friend or take a minute to write a review on [Yelp](#), [Angieslist](#), [Google](#), or

the review site of your choice. Thank you!



Latest Automotive Recalls

Automobiles are just like any other product; occasional flaws in manufacture or design can cause problems once they leave the factory. When an issue is identified the manufacturers and government work hard to bring the vehicles back in for refit or repair, but not all recalls make the front pages. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration maintains a [constantly updated list of recalls from every manufacturer](#). The last month's recalls are below, but clicking the button at right will take you to the full list at the NHTSA website.

Drew's Kitchen

A year of reviewing what you should be chewing



Drew Pearson, one of our longest-tenured Service Advisors, has a life in front of the counter as well. He's an enthusiastic cook and epicure, and has written our "Drew's Kitchen" newsletter column for years. While he enjoys cooking he says he doesn't want to spend hours in the kitchen working on a dish, and doesn't think anyone else does either. That means that each month, as he pulls a recipe from his overstuffed box, you can count on something delicious, creative, and easy to prepare. Try a sample from the menu below, and we bet you'll be a regular in Drew's Kitchen throughout 2018...

Drew's Kitchen Menu for 2017

[Burger Bomb Sliders](#)

[Cucumber and celery salad with tuna](#)

[Quesadilla Burgers](#)

[Ahi Tuna Steaks with Thyme and
Shallots](#)

[Chicken Portobello Lasagna](#)

[Drew's Kitchen- Your 2016 table is ready](#)

All Drew's recipes from 2016

Health Notes

Nothing Is More Important Than YOUR Health!



Why have a “Health” column in an auto shop newsletter? Because YOU are the most important part of your vehicle, so keeping your vehicle “safe, breakdown-free, and operating at its best” starts with YOU. It turns out that Health is pretty interesting as well, covering topics like these...

[The Health Effects Of Anniversaries-](#)

How your past can reach out to grab your future.

[Pacifying the Digital Natives-](#)

The iPad may be a cheap babysitter, but it has other costs.

[No one’s pretending “vitamin water” is healthy... anymore-](#)

But they did until a lawsuit made them stop.

[Does this country make my butt look big?-](#)

Obesity has been a problem for the US but it’s getting worse. Includes BMI (Body Mass Index) Calculator.

[Man In Vegetative State Regains Consciousness-](#)

Amazing new medical technology made it possible.

[Our Year-in-Review from 2016](#)

...and two bonuses to start your 2018 off right...

[25 Craziest Drugs You Might Not Know Existed](#)

Did you know there was a drug that “...burns fat so well that it raises the body temperature to dangerous levels and essentially cooks the body from the inside out”? Makes those interminable lists of side effects in the TV drug ads look pretty tame!

[What was the most significant medical discovery of 2017?](#)

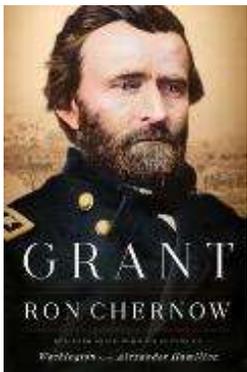
From a fascinating web community, Quora.com, where people posts answers to questions on many topics. From experts to idiots, you see it all and the best is voted to the top. New answers coming all the time!

Book Spotlight

Leading You To The Reading You're Needing



We love books at Tom Dwyer because books give us time to think in a world where time (and thought) is an all-too-rare commodity. Books give authors all the time they want to marshal their best thoughts, and readers all the time they need to understand, review, and digest them. We truly enjoy passing on our own recommendations for a few of the books that catch our eyes through the year. It's not just this Book Spotlight though... most of the books we pick are available for checkout in our shop's Book and Bumper Sticker Library, and our magnetic Bumper Stickers are free! Here's what we recommended to you in 2017, and it will give you a very good taste of what you'll find in the Library as well...

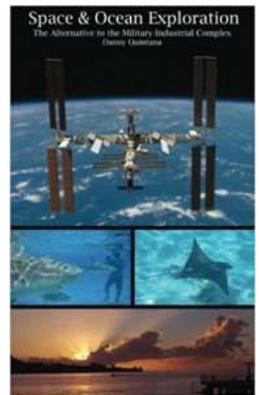


"5 Books To Make You Less Stupid About The Civil War"

by Ta-Nehisi Coates

"Space and Ocean Exploration: The Alternative to the Military Industrial Complex"

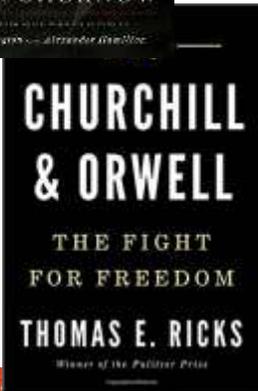
by Danny Quintana



"Churchill and Orwell- The Fight For Freedom"

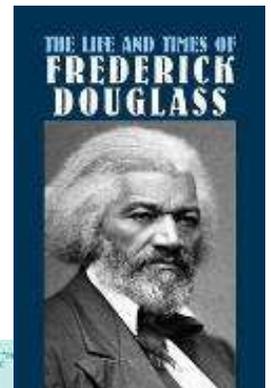
by Thomas Ricks

PLUS- Bibliophile quiz



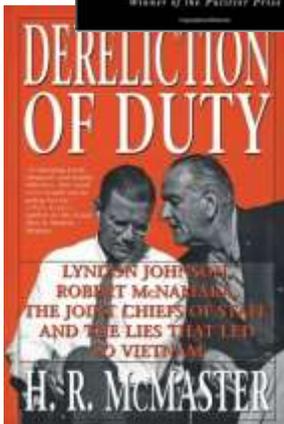
"Stamped From The Beginning" by Ibram X. Kendi

PLUS- our recommendation for a classic

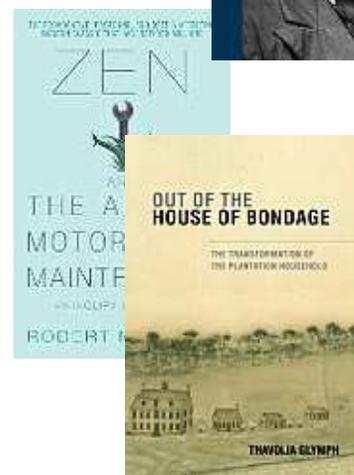
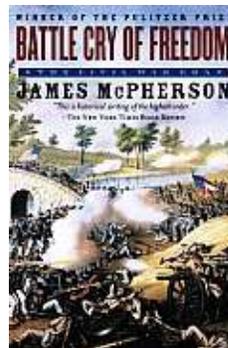
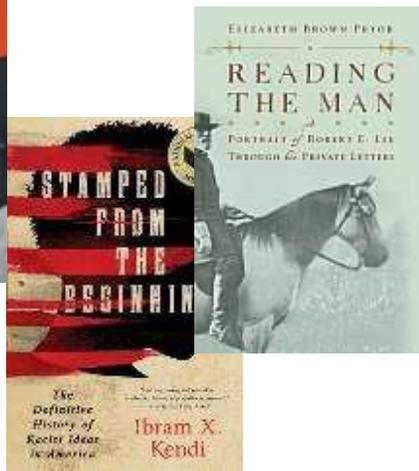


"Dereliction of Duty"

by H.R. McMaster



2016's Bookshelf and Bonuses



Humorousness

A Full Year of Jeers, Sneers, and Cheers



Our world changes around us every day and in some very scary ways. Of course it's always been that way, and if these shocks are now scarier and more frequent... well, Humor is still our best defense. None of us are too busy to smile, and we did it in some great ways in 2017...

Anniversaries... the ultimate setup for jokes

The celebration of our 30th Anniversary in Sellwood gave us an excuse to consider anniversaries gone funny.

Recognizing the IgNobility with our own Quiz

The IgNobel Prizes "honor" dubious achievements in science. Our quiz was a dubious achievement itself.

Boy Scouting in the Trumpocracy

PLUS- Our first Humorousness contest!

Our contest, much like Trump's speech, was an embarrassing flop.

Stories of OTHER people's idiocy

Don't learn from your mistakes, learn from other's mistakes. And if you can't learn, laugh at them.

The April Fools' Pranks You'll Absolutely Need

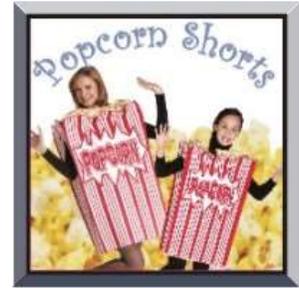
Don't put off this most-important-of-holidays till the last minute. Prepare now.

Laughing our way through 2016

Popcorn Shorts

Short Stories That Will Keep You Crunching

Just like it says, Popcorn Shorts is about the kind of things we think are really interesting, but don't really need a large article to explain them. From the sublime to the ridiculous, check in here for crunchy bits of info you'll love to munch. By the way, much (but not all) of our delicious Popcorn comes from articles we've posted on [our Facebook page](#). If you're on Facebook, please stop by and "Like" us and we'll keep a fairly-constant-but-not-frequent-enough-to-be-annoying stream of these coming to your virtual door!



News To Make You Furious

A Year Of Rage On Just One Page



In today's world a column called "News To Make You Furious" may seem superfluous, but we think it's important. It started on the 10th anniversary of the Exxon Valdez disaster when Greg Palast went to the crash site to see the effects a decade later. His report made US furious, but looking around we couldn't see any other outlets reporting on it. That's frequently the case with news... lots of big stories, important or trivial, suck all the oxygen out of the media room and many of the things we should be paying attention to get buried. Especially today, when stories which could affect us for generations gets buried under Trump's Tweets or KellyAnne's Alternative Facts, we think it's important to dig deeper on the important stuff. What do we mean by that? Here's what we covered in 2017...

Looking farther back in Fury...

Again, News To Make You Furious is somewhat redundant in today's world. It's more so because so many of the problems we addressed have become "I told you so's" in Trumpworld. From For-Profit Prisons and Civil Asset Forfeiture to the Death of the Middle Class and Media Consolidation, many of these infuriating issues haven't just not gotten better, they've gotten much worse and are continuing to slide. Here's a sampling of some of our Furious articles that are unfortunately just as relevant today as they were when we wrote them. And remember, these are ONLY a sample...

