

Omens and Harbingers of Good Days Ahead

The ordeal of a month of bitter, sub zero cold, reminiscent of the 70's, is past; the sun is finally winning out, and we've been blessed with a forecast of two weeks of temps in the 30's and even 40's. That's making my spirits, at least, bright. What fun it is to laugh and sing a spring song with delight.

Nature seems to be reacting in kind. Checking the river yesterday, I was rewarded with the playful antics of two otters, amusing each other with delightfully playful mischief.

The water below the Kidder spillway is crowded with small ice floes. The otters were playing 'pop goes the weasel,' popping up from among the floes, trying to surprise each other. Then they spied a Merganser sleeping on the edge of the main ice. Both disappeared, then popped up right in front of that duck, which flew off in a real panic. It made me wonder if those otters were intent on a meal other than cold fish, or just playing.

On the human front, I see signs of hopeful possibilities. And after four years of leadership suggesting either total incompetence or intentional treachery, our new president Trump is demonstrating amazing, can-do genius.

His choice of cabinet members and advisers seems truly enlightened. Rather than filling those positions with political hacks, cronies, and yes men, Trump has selected brilliant and truly gifted people, who are articulate, insightful, energetic, dedicated, and well prepared for their respective positions.

The women Trump has chosen seem especially impressive. His press secretary, Caroline Leavitt, is amazing - sharp, well informed and brilliant in the way she fields questions from reporters. I see none of the artful dodging with memorized talking points used by Biden's press secretary, who had the thankless task of defending outrageous policies such as keeping the borders wide open to

any and all illegals stealing through. She did her job well, but I often felt sorry for her.

Column space forbids my discussing the many other amazing female appointees to key positions in Trump's cabinet, such as Telsi Gabbard, Pam Bondi, Kelly Ann Conway, Kristi Noem, and Lara Trump. All I've seen interviewed on *Fox* so far are amazingly impressive. Any one of them could be type cast as Miranda in *The Tempest* – pure beauty, but blessed with the mental acuity of the lawyer, Portia, in *The Merchant of Venice*.

And I notice other good omens. Trump is inexhaustible, with a schedule the hostile press can barely keep up with. Every day, on every front, I see progress in fixing the mess he has inherited.

The round up of dangerous illegal aliens has begun in earnest, and “Git Mo” is rapidly filling up with evil visitors Defense Secretary, Hegseth, and Homeland Security Director, Kristi Noem have had already arrested.

Thank heaven the left didn't succeed in doing away with that perfect holding place for terrorists, gang members, spies, and other alien undesirables.

I'm barely scratching the surface here to indicate all the positive signs showing up daily, but I no longer dread watching the news to see what sinister outrage the left has foisted upon the nation next.

Truly it seems that “the winter of our discontent” is over, to echo the villain, Richard III. “The fearful clouds that lowered above our heads,” are in the ocean, buried.” (Act I sc 1) The otters are frolicking on the Red, and the larks are winging north from Council Bluffs..

More and more God's motive for saving Donald trump from the assassin's bullet is becoming clear. He wants to continue to bless America, the world's best

hope for the continued spreading of the gospel of Grace to all His beloved children of the world.

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