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Telford Telescope: Election night watch parties

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*'Trump and Vance' - a protest poem -
These knives need hoisting by their necks
Far past the points their necks can flex:
While oftentimes the odious
Can become malodorous,
The sounds of that pair
Kicking nothing but air
Might perchance become melodious!*

Tragically, this lawful execution won't ever happen, because on January 20, 2025,

watch-party hosted by Police Commissioner Willie Burton (see photo there with me on the right and Burton on the far left with the legendary Martha Reeves seated in front of him).

two mendacious traitors to our Constitution will become the President and Vice President of the United States of America, imprison all the patriotic officials and journalists who openly opposed them, and take a wrecking ball to the Constitution and to all our freedoms.

Trump won narrowly--71 million votes to 70 million. All 141 million of us will suffer alike regardless of whom we voted for, so it remains now for ALL of us 141 million to organize against the Trump dictatorship. I'll continue to do it in this newspaper and on the air until his goons come and get me.

On the evening of November 5, my



friend Michelle Rhea-Greene took me and Ms. Vee to attend a watch-party with my fellow National Action Network members Helen Moore, Eddie Peoples, Michelle George, Rev. Charles Williams I and II, and many others as the early election results came in--and the elder Williams made a ringing anti-Trump speech. Inkster NAACP Chair John Hearn also spoke.

We had eaten there, and we went and ate again on E. Jefferson at another

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South Korea's Martial Law crisis raises alarms in U.S. as

Trump eyes similar powers

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Protests have erupted in South Korea's capital, Seoul, where demonstrators clashed with soldiers and police following President Yoon Suk Yeol's declaration of martial law. The controversial order, which grants military authorities sweeping powers over governance, has sparked widespread opposition and is drawing concerns in the United States, where President-elect Donald Trump has expressed plans to invoke a similar Insurrection Act if reelected.

The U.S., a key ally of South Korea, expressed serious concerns about the developments. National Security Council spokesperson Sean Savett confirmed that Washington was not informed of Yoon's decision. "This crisis threatens not only South Korea's democracy but also the stability of the alliance structure the U.S. has worked to strengthen in East Asia to counter North Korea and China," former deputy director of national intelligence Beth Sanner said on CNN.

Martial Law Sparks Political and Civil Chaos

Inside South Korea's National Assembly, lawmakers voted unanimously to revoke Yoon's martial law declaration, invoking constitutional authority that requires the president to comply with their decision. However, Yoon has not rescinded the order, and military officials have stated it will remain in effect until the president acts.

In a televised address, Yoon defended the move as necessary to "defend the free Republic of Korea" and claimed it targeted "pro-North Korean anti-state forces." He accused the opposition Democratic Party of obstructing his policies, including budget approvals and cabinet appointments, to destabilize the country.

Protesters demanded an end to martial law outside the Assembly and called for Yoon's resignation. Chants of "End martial

law!" filled the air as armed troops withdrew from the parliament building. The crisis marked the first imposition of martial law in South Korea in 1980, when the nation used it during a military dictatorship.

U.S. Concerns Over Executive Power and the Insurrection Act

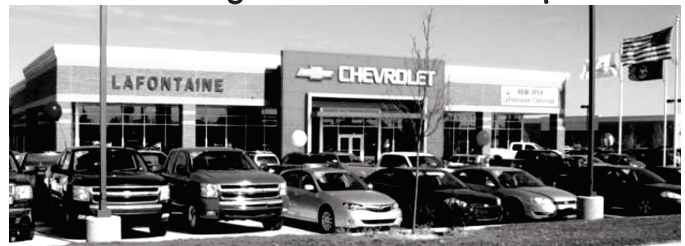
The South Korean crisis is reverberating in America, where Trump's reported plans to invoke the Insurrection Act have reignited debates over executive power. The Insurrection Act, originally enacted in 1792 and last updated in 1874, allows a president to deploy the military domestically in cases of rebellion, civil unrest, or obstruction of federal law.

Despite the act's intended use for extraordinary circumstances, critics contend its ambiguous language poses a significant risk of abuse, especially from a president who has pledged to impose dictatorship from the start of his term. One provision empowers the president to use military force or "any other means" to address any "unlawful combination or conspiracy" that interferes with federal law. Legal experts warn that this broad discretion could enable a president to justify military deployments for almost any domestic issue.

Adding to the concern, the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that the courts cannot review a president's decision to invoke the act. Congress can only counter such a decision by passing legislation to end the deployment, requiring a two-thirds majority to override a presidential veto.

Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., has introduced legislation to reform the act, describing it as a "giant loophole" in democratic safeguards. "Donald Trump's plans illuminate his total misunderstanding of the U.S. military's purpose. It exists to defend the nation, not to serve personal political goals," Blumenthal said. "Unchecked military authority undermines democracy. Accountability and civilian governance are the cornerstones of freedom and must be protected at all costs."

Department of State takes action against Michigan vehicle dealership



LANSING, Mich. - On Dec. 4, the Michigan Department of State (MDOS) suspended the license of LaFontaine Motors of Livonia Inc., also known as LaFontaine Hyundai of Livonia, for imminent harm to public. The vehicle dealership is located at 34715 Plymouth Rd. in Livonia.

LaFontaine Motors of Livonia Inc. was summarily suspended for several alleged violations of the Michigan Vehicle Code. The violations were discovered during an investigation by MDOS regulatory staff of the dealership falsifying documentation so it could lease used vehicles as new.

The violations included:

- committing fraudulent acts in connection with selling or otherwise dealing in vehicles where LaFontaine:
- falsely stated that a customer had not taken delivery of a vehicle to lease the vehicle as new to another customer
- fraudulently certified a vehicle as "new" on an MDOS Application for Title and Registration
- misrepresenting a used vehicle as new
- failing to have a title in immediate possession with the odometer information properly completed

- failing to properly issue a temporary registration
- failing to properly complete the MDOS Application for Title and Registration
- failing to make application for title and registration in purchaser's name within 21 days of vehicle delivery

These violations created an ongoing imminent threat to the public health, safety or welfare of the public, requiring emergency action.

MDOS and the Michigan Automobile Dealers Association issued bulletins reiterating what makes a vehicle "used" under the Michigan Vehicle Code. As part of the MDOS investigation, regulatory staff discovered that the LaFontaine corporate office suggested submitting false information even after the bulletins were issued, and the dealership then followed this advice to allegedly sell or lease the vehicles as "new."

Consumers who have a complaint against LaFontaine Motors of Livonia, Inc. are encouraged to call the Office of Investigative Services automotive complaint line at 844-372-8356.

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