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In the Animal Kingdom

Trump-eting the power of America (Italian origin)

America (named after Italian navigator Amerigo Vespucci) is now to be made great by the descendant of a Scottish migrant

The opening remarks of President Trump's diatribe at the Capitol Rotunda on the occasion of his installation in office on 20 January 2015.



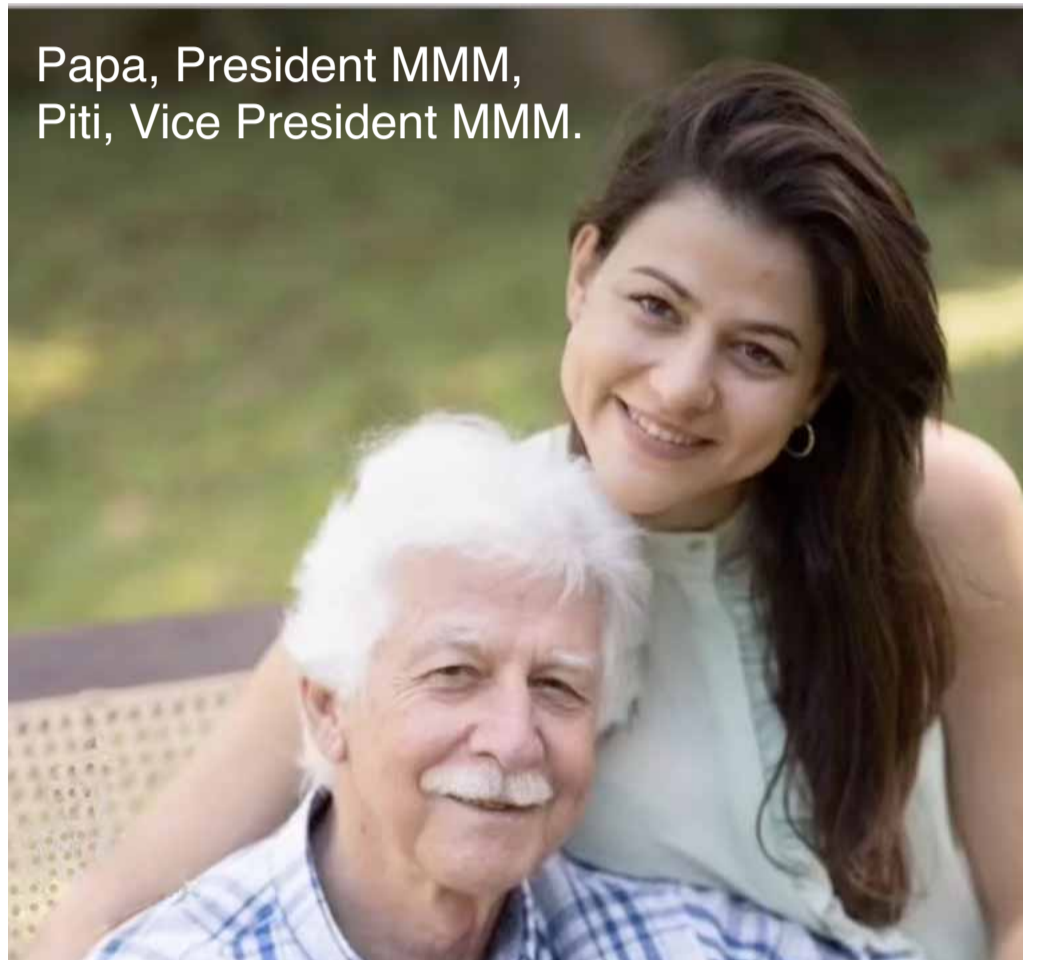
Did he say, during his rhetoric, that he is the representative of his god on earth?

"The Golden Age of America begins right now. From this day forward, our country will flourish and be respected again all over the world. We will be the envy of every nation, and we will not allow ourselves to be taken advantage of any longer. During every single day of the Trump administration, I will very simply put America first. Our sovereignty will be reclaimed. Our safety will be restored. The scales of justice will be rebalanced. The vicious, violent and unfair weaponization of the Justice Department and our government will end. And our top priority will be to create a nation that is proud, prosperous and free. America will soon be greater, stronger, and far more exceptional than ever before. I return to the presidency confident and optimistic that we are at the start of a thrilling new era of national success, a tide of change is sweeping the country, sunlight is pouring over the entire world, and America has the chance to seize this opportunity like never before. But first, we must be honest about the challenges we face. While they are plentiful, they will be annihilated by this great momentum that the world is now witnessing in the United States of America."

More may follow in next issue

Allegation of a 'Papa-Piti' Scenario

Papa, President MMM,
Piti, Vice President MMM.



The usual 'mauvaises langues' are alleging that MMM MP Franco Quirin was purposely passed by for the Ministry of Youth & Sports portfolio, which was his due. This was done on the certainty that he would object. His objection has cost him dear, i.e. the position of Vice President of the MMM which has gone to Joana, daughter of the President of the party, Paul Bérenger. MP Franco Quirin is on holiday overseas. He is expected to be back on 20 January and to make a statement on his revocation as the Deputy Leader.

José Ramsaha

I feel mad, sad and overwhelmed, says Mylene from Japan



You may have already guessed the reason behind those feelings.

The cause is the inauguration of the 47th president of the United States of America, Donald John Trump on Monday, January 20, in the year of the snake according to the Chinese Zodiac.

It's not just that he's been labelled a lawbreaker, bully, cheat and a very dangerous politician, nor that despite these shortcomings, he was demo-

cratically elected to the highest office in the land.

It's the surprising shift in stance from other politicians, columnists, celebrities and top business people who seem to have become ardent supporters of Trump.

This has not gone unnoticed.

"Everybody was fighting me in (my) 1st term, now they want to be my friend," Trump said at his first news conference since his leadership victory six weeks ago.

Since that time, Prime Minister Ishiba has made several attempts to schedule an in-person meeting with Trump, but without success.

On the other hand, Akie Abe, the widow of the late former Japanese Prime Minister, Shinzo Abe, (who served terms from 2006 - 2007 and 2012 - 2020) was invited to dine at Mar-a-Lago in Florida on December 15, 2024, where she is said to have had a private meeting with Trump.

Indeed, it is true that the two

leaders, Abe and Trump forged a bond over their shared passion for golf during their time in office. They played the game together both in Japan and America, which could explain why Trump frequently refers to Abe as "a great man."

This friendship between the two leaders endured until Shinzo Abe was assassinated on July 8, 2022, in Japan.

Perhaps PM Ishiba should not be concerned about being overlooked. The new President appeared to have him in mind when he gave a book to Akie Abe to pass on to him. Title unknown.

Politics tends to attract fervent supporters from both sides. However, as long

as we are aware we are being manipulated, we can opt for a more lighthearted perspective.

With a touch of humour and fun. I picture the United States of America as Gotham City without Batman in sight. Where could our caped crusader be? Will a new hero rise to defeat the city's villains?



Let's look up at the sky!
It's a bird! It's a plane!