

1983

George Brett batting for the Kansas City Royals against the New York Yankees, has a game-winning home run nullified in the "Pine Tar Incident".

1987

Hulda Crooks, at 91 years of age, climbed Mt. Fuji. Crooks became the oldest person to climb Japan's highest peak.

1998

Russell Eugene Weston Jr. bursts into the United States Capitol and opens fire killing two police officers. He is later ruled to be incompetent to stand trial.



2001

Simeon Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, the last Tsar of Bulgaria when he was a child, is sworn in as Prime Minister of Bulgaria, becoming the first monarch in history to regain political power through democratic election to a different office.



Ayanna Pressley should "go back" to their home countries.

ing other presidents, the FBI, CIA, Congress, courts, the press and many other core national institutions - not to mention his fawning over such hostile dictators as Vladimir Putin and Kim Jong-un. When he targeted Ms Omar, the crowd erupted in chants of "send her back," echoing the campaign mantra "lock her up" which was used against Mrs Clinton. The president beamed.

Mr Trump and his base evidently believe that only they are "real Americans," entitled to howl about everything they dislike, while people of colour are citizens only under the sufferance of white Christian Americans and cannot assert contrary views without being treasonous. Congressional Republicans publicly defended the president but privately expressed alarm at

the depth of the racism beginning to characterise his re-election campaign. They are used to Mr Trump's antics, but were taken aback to see them taken up by large crowds and redefining the party ethos. They convinced Mr Trump to claim he did not like the chant and that he moved quickly to stop it, although video evidence refutes that.

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Besides, Mr Trump is clearly determined to double down on the racial politics that secured his 2016 victory. This is the game he wants to play and, at this stage, the genie probably cannot be put back in the bottle. Expect to hear regular chants of "send her back" from now on. Some Democrats, like the young congresswomen, may also welcome an identity-based fight. Unlike Ms Pelosi, who is fixated on defeating Mr Trump in 2020, Ms Ocasio-Cortez, Ms Omar, Ms Tlaib and Ms Pressley have a much longer-term agenda to push their party to the left and secure control of it. For them, 2020 is just the start. But to defeat Mr Trump, Democrats should avoid fighting on his terms. Far better to focus on the interests of all middle and working-class voters, for example regarding healthcare and income. Mr Trump is determined to bitterly divide the country. His eventual opponent's best bet is uniting it with a programme to improve the lives of ordinary people and counter tribal chauvinism with genuine, inclusive patriotism. Naturally, Mr Trump wants to run against these women as a proxy for all the social and demographic changes he and his supporters so fear. And until the Democrats have a nominee, he can pretend that he is. Eventually he will face a real adversary who cannot be told to "go back to the country you came from". And with the right approach, that person should be able to send him back to Manhattan.

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tem. Unsurprisingly then, Lori Garver, former deputy Nasa administrator, recently declared "Let's not repeat the past. Let's try to save our future." This is not to discount the possibility of resource generation from space, which many countries and private companies are eyeing. Platinum and other rare metals could lie beneath the moon's surface. There is talk of solar energy farms on mountain tops at one of the lunar poles. Entrepreneurs dream of producing drinking water from lunar ice. Some have theorised that lunar water harvests will enable human beings to use the moon as a launch pad for missions deeper into space. All of this is hypothetical and far in the future. It's fine for countries such as China and India to run inexpensive and efficient space programmes. Both want to showcase their abilities and promote the status of engineering and scientific development at home. These are desirable objectives for developing economies. Some of the same calculations will also be at be at work in plans for the first Emirati astronaut's voyage in September. But why should the US want to return to the moon? America's 21st-century moonshot is not the moon. Now is the time for the US to open up new frontiers, not return to the old.



The most outstanding example of reforestation is Philippines, an archipelago of 7,100 islands, with a total land area of 3,00,000 sq km and a population of 104 million people. Way back in 1900, about 65 per cent of its land mass was covered in forest canopy. Large-scale commercial deforestation continued after that, so by 1987, it was reduced to 21pc. The government thereafter committed itself to steady reforestation, and by 2010, the forest covered 26pc. It has now introduced a remarkable pro-

gramme in which it makes it mandatory for each elementary, high school and college student to plant 10 trees before graduating. The sites where they plant and the location-appropriate plant are advised to them. Many educational experts have stressed on the need to utilise the educational system as an avenue for propagating ethical and sustainable use of natural resources among youth to ensure the cultivation of a socially responsible and conscious citizenry.

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Philippines' reforestation success is unparalleled



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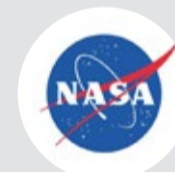
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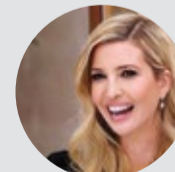
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Congrats to @ISRO on the launch of Chandrayaan 2, a mission to study the Moon. We're proud to support your mission comms using our Deep Space Network and look forward to what you learn about the lunar South pole where we will send astronauts on our #Artemis mission in a few years
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5⁰ years after the Apollo 11 moon landing, I'm excited to visit Lockheed Martin apprenticeship programs in Littleton, Colorado to learn how the company is preparing students and workers for the next frontier! #Pledge-toAmericasWorkers
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