

MONOLOGUE JOKES (1-2 pages)

MEYERS: Martin Shkreli is back in the news after getting his Twitter account suspended for harassing a Teen Vogue staff writer. Twitter was reportedly going to let him rejoin for \$13, but then jacked up the price is \$750.

KIMMEL: The iPhone turns 10 years old this month, and it's hard to understand how massive its influence has been: it's the only 6 that Donald Trump looks forward to touching.

FALLON: The inauguration of Donald Trump is under a week away, and to make his hands look normally sized, he's swearing the Oath of Office on a pocket bible.

NOAH: Snapchat bought a new augmented reality platform that lets you visualize consumer products in their intended location in your home. So ladies, now you won't just receive dick picks, you can actually visualize the exact location *where* you'll receive the dick pics.

FALLON: Trump Tower had to be completely evacuated due to the threat posed by a "suspicious package." Trump responded by saying "Nothing suspicious about my package, it's a terrific packages, one of the top packages. I can assure you, there's no problem."

MEYERS: Scientists now say cheetahs are dangerously close to extinction, with just over 7,000 left in the wild. If the worst comes to pass, the cheetah will join the hall of the extinct, alongside the dodo, the tasmanian tiger, and trust in your fellow citizen.

COLBERT: The author of a critical 1993 biography on Donald Trump was kicked out of his golf course. Now that fear has led Trump Organization managers to install a new policy for employees that hold negative views on Mr. Trump: Don't Ask, Don't Tell.

MEYERS: President Obama met with top Democrats to strategize how to protect the Affordable Care Act once Trump takes office. Their current plan is to give Obamacare to Tiffany Trump, because then Donald won't even acknowledge it exists.

NOAH: In his New Year's Eve prayer address, Pope Francis said "It's a paradox of culture that idolizes youth, yet has made no room for the young." It's a bit hypocritical, seeing as he's about to be replaced by the youngest Pope ever, Jude Law.

COLBERT: Forbes Magazine reported that 60% of workers over age 60 are actually looking for new jobs after retirement. So it wasn't illegal immigrants taking American jobs, it was the Hayworth Terrace Assisted Living Center! [pic of sinister old lady] Damn you, Doris! I left my family for that Walmart greeter job!

MEYERS: President Obama is using his remaining time in the White House making it harder for Trump to reverse his policies. He banned Atlantic offshore drilling, secured funding for Planned Parenthood, and changed the password of the nuclear codes to “IadmitIhavetinyhands.”

MAHER: Nancy Pelosi urged Republicans to “take a second look” at Obamacare before they try to repeal it. That’s because their first look was from inside their own ass.

COLBERT: The current frontrunner for Best Picture this year is “La La Land,” the musical starring Emma Stone and Ryan Gosling. But you shouldn’t confuse it with the new documentary about the inside of Donald Trump’s mind, “La La La La La La Land.”

KIMMEL: A new law in France gives workers the right to ignore emails during off-work hours. When he heard about them ignoring work-related documents, Donald Trump was like “I’m way ahead of you.”

MEYERS: Donald Trump tweeted that a North Korean intercontinental missile, quote, “Won’t Happen!” It echoed the theme of a previous message to his supporters about Mexico paying for the wall: Won’t Happen!

MEYERS: Change.org is petitioning Disney to recognize Princess Leia as an official Disney Princess in remembrance of Carrie Fisher. Because yes, what better way to honor a proud feminist than by profiting off the image of her body in a slave bikini to sell band-aids?

CORDEN: Charles Manson was transferred from prison and rushed to a hospital as he is “seriously ill.” Come on, 2017. You can do this. You have the chance to make up for 2016.

COLBERT: An explosive new report from CNN alleges Russia blackmailed Donald Trump with “compromising information,” which means the dirt they have on him is so bad, it will actually make Congress compromise over how to handle it.

MEYERS: Merriam-Webster announced recently that their 2016 Word of the Year is “surreal.” They said it reflects a deep, pervading sense of uncertainty over whether the Trump Administration will allow words longer than 7 letters.

DESK BITS & SEGMENTS (1-2 pages)

FALLON: Beer Pong 2: Beer Harder: It's Jimmy's standard game of beer pong with a guest, but this time there's a twist: for each turn, there is a question on the line: "What's one thing you wish you could change about the way you were raised?" If Jimmy throws and makes it, the guest has to answer. If he misses, he has to answer. The questions would be of varying absurdity and emotional depth.

FALLON: Things That: A 6-round game played between Jimmy and two guests, in which the host of each round chooses a "Things That _____" category, for the two other players to answer anonymously and the host guesses the author. For example, the category would be "Things That Keep Me Up At Night" and it would be up to the host of each round to guess who wrote "Husband's snoring" or "I don't go to sleep."

COLBERT: Enemies List: Every week, Stephen adds a few entries to his list of friends and list of enemies, with a humorous explanation. For example: "Taco Bell, you are my enemy, because your new taco where the chicken is the shell was *my* idea back in 9th grade. Easy-open shredded cheese bags, you are my enemy, because you are never, *ever* easy to open."

MEYERS: Strike 3: Seth discusses any in-the-moment news figure who has done or said something three controversial or stupid things in the recent past. After explaining their third "strike," Seth hands down his sentence for them to right their wrongs. For example: Seth counts down Kellyanne Conway making three particularly egregious lies, and sentences her to make her PolitiFact record her web browser homepage.

MEYERS: The Bright Side: Every week, Seth takes ludicrous or distressing item in the news and attempts to find a silver lining, a way forward to focus on. For instance, The Bright Side of Trump's unverified reports unintentionally made several fan fiction writers unintentional psychics.

COLBERT: The Time Capsule: Each month, Stephen will pick the defining 'story' of the past 30 days and debate whether it warrants inclusion in his Time Capsule, a bank of news stories, people, products, ideas, and works of art that define who are in this given moment, with the intention of shooting into space, with the hope that if aliens ever discover it, they will get the general gist of what it was like to be a human in the 21st century.

COLBERT: Alternate Timeline: Stephen discovers a rip in the spacetime continuum under his desk. He can peek through it to get a glimpse of a universe where current events unfold in the exact opposite way than in our universe, and the segment would consist of an Alternate Stephen doing a monologue on topics like furor over President-elect Clinton picking Chelsea for her Cabinet, The Jungle Book pulling off a surprise Best Picture win, and so on.

CHARACTER SKETCH (up to 5 pages)

INT. 911 CALL CENTER - NIGHT

GABE, bored, takes another 911 call as it comes in.

GABE
911, what is your emergency?

GABE (CONT'D)
(sobbing)
A man just broke into my house. My
window is destroyed.

GABE (CONT'D)
Oh my god, are you okay?

We cut back and forth between the Call Center and THE LOCKED
BATHROOM:

CALLER
My window is shattered. I don't
know where he is, I'm calling from
inside a locked bathroom.

GABE
Get out. Tell me *everything*.

CALLER
That's all I know. I don't know who
he is.

Gabe is sucked in. Back to The Call Center:

GABE
This man literally broke into your
house? What a drama queen.

CALLER
Can you send help?

GABE
I know a great guy who can do your
windows real good. I'll get his
number.

CALLER
No, get the police here, please!

GABE
His name is Lenny, from Lenny's
Window & Door.
(MORE)

GABE (CONT'D)
Tell him Gabe sentcha, he'll take
care of you no problemo.

CALLER
I hear him in the kitchen... oh god
he found the knife drawer.

Gabe's eyes burst open in dramatic anticipation.

GABE
Francine! He has a knife!

FRANCINE, another 911 call operator, swivels her chair over.

FRANCINE
No way. What's his deal?

GABE
Yeah, what's this guy's deal?

Bathroom:

CALLER
(ever more desperate)
I don't know, I'm afraid-

FRANCINE
Oh my gosh, imagine if they were ex-
lovers.

GABE
That would change *everything*.

CALLER
I hear footsteps coming up the
stairs.

Call Center:

Gabe and Francine take popcorn out of the microwave before
returning to the phone.

GABE
Sorry, what was that?

CALLER
What are you doing? What is wrong
with you?

GABE
You're right, what is wrong with
me? I never gave you Lenny's
number.

CALLER
(loud whisper)
Nooo!!!

GABE
(Reading off a post-it)
It's 812, 651-

CALLER
He's upstairs. I can hear him
breathing.

FRANCINE
Ugh, I've been there. My husband
snores in his sleep and it just-

The Caller HANGS UP on them.

GABE
Wow. Rude.

FADE TO BLACK.

TOPICAL SKETCH (up to 5 pages)

INT. DESTROYED WEEKEND UPDATE STAGE - NIGHT

It's the familiar Weekend Update setup, but buried under mountains of debris, deep in a dank basement illuminated only by a single dangling incandescent. Whoever THE ANCHOR is, they are malnourished and cold.

ANCHOR

After 4 years of Trump's America, the legitimacy and trust the public once gave traditional media is gone. Over the course of his presidency, Trump's Twitter feed has profoundly--

(cough)

--affected national events, and has transformed the United States of America into the @realDonaldTrump. Tonight, we are going to revisit some of his most significant tweets.

The screen fills with a PHOTOSHOPPED Trump Tweet, read aloud by the ANCHOR.

TWEET

March 3rd, 2018: "Apple should close down. Out of ideas. Not the same without Steve Jobs and a MAJOR DISAPPOINTMENT. Pathetic!"

Back to the makeshift anchor desk.

ANCHOR

(Dead serious)

Apple stock lost 40% of its value that day. Samsung made major gains over iPhone market share, but since they all exploded, fires and chaos ravaged cities and towns nationwide.

TWEET

April 16th, 2018: "We are NOT going to round up Muslims just because they might be terrorists!"

ANCHOR

They rounded up Muslims, none of whom were terrorists.

TWEET

August 19th, 2018: "Safeway? Too confusing to find anything. Horrible grocery store experience - never again!"

ANCHOR

Thousands starve because they refuse to buy groceries from the only outlet in their town.

TWEET

December 25th, 2018: "Kids: Santa IS NOT real. Enough Fake News - there are real heroes to look up to on Christmas. Some say I'd be a good replacement!"

ANCHOR

National optimism plummets as families deal with widespread distrust amongst parents and kids. People are torn apart as emancipation movements further divide America.

TWEET

January 11th 2019: "America Is Great Again."

ANCHOR

All traditional media outlets have collapse after two years of chronic distrust and intensifying protests. All other Twitter accounts lose their blue Verified status, and the only media outlet in America is now @realDonaldTrump. The public hinges on every word of his 140 characters.

TWEET

May 5th, 2019: "Govt totally stalled! Must cut programs and agencies, like the House of Reps. Nothing but a headache - it must go!"

ANCHOR

Congress falls as mobs storm the Capitol.

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ANCHOR (CONT'D)

The Lincoln Memorial is outfitted with a massive wig and orange war paint as the national is on the teetering brink of collapse, with civility, free markets, and free speech now just artifacts of some distant hippy past. Chaos is everywhere as fires rage into the night.

The anchor takes a pause.

ANCHOR (CONT'D)

His next tweet wouldn't come until over 400 days later.

TWEET

August 14th, 2020: "At last, power grid up and running again. The Age of Electricity is finally back. Thanks Donald!"

ANCHOR

This has been a futurespective on the @realUnitedStates. Thank you.

FADE TO BLACK.