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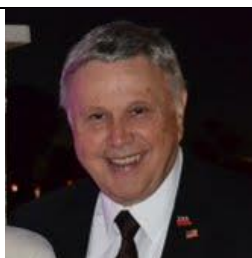
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MUELLER SAYS “NYET” TO TRUMP-RUSSIAN COLLUSION ACCUSATION

**FROM THE EDITOR’S DESK:
MY TWO CENTS
By Stuart Gorin**



When it comes to the FISA (Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act) Court, is the term “honest judge” an oxymoron? This is the court that set the ball rolling against President Trump by accepting the discredited Steele dossier that led to the two-year Mueller investigation. According to conservativepost.com, congressional action established the 11-member court in 1978, and when its action led to the Trump investigation, ALL of the members had been appointed to their positions by former President Obama. “This is yet another inconvenient fact that the media and Democrats don’t want to discuss,” the website said.

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According to “The Hill” writer-investigator **John Solomon**, former Vice President (and possible Dem presidential candidate) Joe Biden bragged to an audience last year that as VP, he successfully threatened Ukraine with losing \$1 billion in loan guarantees, in order to force the country to fire its top prosecutor, Viktor Shokin. Corruption? Well, yes. Shokin just happened to be leading a wide-ranging probe of a Ukrainian company that just happened to employ Biden’s son, Hunter, as a board member. And this is totally separate from the women now coming out of the woodwork complaining about Biden inappropriately touching them.

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The movie “Unplanned,” which exposes the vile practices of Planned Parenthood (it should be called Unplanned Parenthood) is not a film to enjoy – it is thought-provoking and provides a much-needed message about abortion. We pro-lifers “get it”, but unfortunately, the people on the other side who really need to see this film probably will not.

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More Two Cents next month.

As Conservatives knew all along, Special Counsel Robert Mueller’s nearly two-year investigation into the alleged involvement of President Trump in Russian efforts to influence the 2018 U.S. election was as phony as the discredited Steele dossier.



It was the president legally firing FBI Director James Comey that put the Russia Hoax investigation into motion. FBI officials used a dossier compiled by British intelligence agent Christopher Steele – that it later came out was paid for by the Hillary Clinton campaign – to convince a FISA (Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act) judge to investigate Trump, and Mueller, a former FBI director, was hired at taxpayer expense to do so.

Attorney General William Barr received Mueller’s report – said to be 400 pages long – and transmitted to Congress a four-page summary, saying the report – minus redactions of classified material – would be released at a later date. The attorney general is not bound by special counsel regulations, however, to release any of Mueller’s confidential report, and he has discretion over what to make public.

Still, House Democrats have been demanding full release of the report and say they may subpoena its contents.

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The summary said Mueller “found no evidence of Trump campaign officials or other Americans conspiring with Russians to tamper with the 2016 presidential election,” and that Barr and Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein – who signed the original FISA request – concluded there was not enough evidence of obstruction of justice to prosecute.

The special counsel did charge six Trump associates with false statements, obstruction, and other crimes, but none of these charges alleged any conspiracy between the Trump Campaign and Russia to interfere in the election.

In his first political speech since the ending of the probe, Trump said at a rally in Michigan that “the collusion delusion is over”, and “the crazy attempt by the Democrat Party and the fake news media, and the deep state to overturn the results of the 2016 election have failed”. The president added, “This was nothing more than a sinister effort to undermine our historic election victory and to sabotage the will of the American people.”



What is at stake in the 2020 election, he told his cheering Michigan audience, are new manufacturing jobs and a boost for the U.S. auto industry.

Said **White House Deputy Press Secretary Hogan Gidley**, “The president is feeling very good. He’s in a really good mood. He’s just very happy with how it all turned out.” He added, “While it’s an exoneration for the president and definitely a great day for the administration, it’s also a great day for the American people. Their vote for Donald Trump was vindicated.”

Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton issued a statement saying “the corruptly-created and constitutionally abusive” investigation “failed to find any evidence to support the big lie,” adding, “Let’s be clear, neither Mueller, the Obama FBI, DOJ, CIA, State Department, nor the Deep State ever had a “good-faith basis” to pursue the president on Russian collusion, which “wasn’t just a hoax, it is a criminal abuse.”

Noting that Judicial Watch will continue to fight for Russiagate documents in federal court, Fitton said the targeting of Trump “served to protect Hillary Clinton and her enablers/co-conspirators in the Obama administration from prosecution.” He added, that Barr can begin to restore the Justice Department’s credibility “by finally initiating a thorough investigation of the Clinton emails and related pay-to-play scandals and the abuses behind the targeting of President Trump.”

At the Red State website, a writer who only identifies himself as “Streiff,” said that Trump is giving Democrats “the choice of working with him or being painted as hucksters who tried to destroy his presidency with transparently false allegations.” Streiff added, “Not that I think he’ll let them off the hook even if they decide to work with him. He’s also going to tie the tin cans of socialism and anti-Semitism to their tails and chase them down the street.”

TRUMP SIGNS EXECUTIVE ORDER ON STUDENTS’ FREE-SPEECH RIGHTS

As he promised he would do on March 2, when he spoke at the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC), **President Donald Trump** signed an executive order on March 21 to withhold federal research dollars from colleges that violate students’ free-speech rights.



“We’re here to take historic action to defend American students and American values,” Trump said at the signing ceremony. “Under the guise of speech codes, safe spaces and trigger warnings, these universities have tried to restrict free thought, impose total conformity and shut down the voices of great young Americans.”

The Virginia-based Leadership Institute (LI) has long advocated this move, and **Morton Blackwell**, its founder and president, plus ten LI-trained conservative college students who battled oppressive treatment at their schools located throughout the United States, joined the president at the White House for the ceremony.

Noting that no law or executive order is sufficient to change the leftist-dominated environment on America’s college campuses, Blackwell said that conservatives now have the momentum in this fight. He said it is by organizing into disciplined student groups that conservatives can effectively resist the leftist indoctrination, bias, and even physical attacks they regularly face.

“The Leadership Institute’s work to organize conservative students and train them to effectively advocate for conservative principles,” Blackwell added, “is more essential now than ever.”

Meanwhile, in Philadelphia, **Robert Shibley**, executive director of the nonpartisan Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE), hailed Trump’s move and said his

organization “will continue to lead the fight for campus speech rights and academic freedom regardless of the political party in power or the popularity of the speech at issue. The First Amendment and freedom of expression require no less.”

To secure the benefits of the “marketplace of ideas” for campus communities and for our nation as a whole, he said, “all students and faculty must be free to peacefully speak their minds.”

Charlie Copeland, president of the Intercollegiate Studies Institute (ISI), noting that “ISI students have been subjected to harassment and intimidation for years because their views and opinions don't align with those of the campus Left,” said his organization will continue to lead the charge of defending and advancing the principles that make America free and prosperous, and “that includes free speech on college campuses.”

A senior administration official said the order directs 12 grant-making agencies to use their authority in coordination with the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to ensure institutions that receive federal research or education grants promote free speech and free inquiry. The official added that it will apply to more than \$35 billion in grants.

In his CPAC remarks, the president said, “We reject oppressive speech codes, censorship, political correctness, and every other attempt by the hard left to stop people from challenging ridiculous and dangerous ideas.... We believe in free speech, including online and including on campus.”

Within several days of the executive order signing, Republican Governors **Matt Bevin** in Kentucky and **Kim Reynolds** in Iowa signed their own state laws. The Kentucky “Campus Free Speech Act,” among other things, bans the establishment of separate “free speech zones.” Iowa’s “Senate File 274” states among other things that higher education institutions may not deny resources to student organizations based on their viewpoint.

ACT! FOR AMERICA FOUNDER GABRIEL VISITS SPACE COAST CHAPTER MEETING

A packed audience of ACT! For America Space Coast Chapter members and friends on March 28 greeted **Brigitte Gabriel**, the organization’s founder, who said, “America is being transformed before our eyes,” and “it is our duty to come together to save it and preserve freedom for the next generation and our national identity.”



Education, she said, “must be coupled with action; we are losing the next generation in our schools.”

Gabriel – one of the world’s leading analysts of the rise of global Islamic terrorism – told the ACT! members that freedom of speech is under attack, and we must “speak in defense of American values and freedom. We will not be silenced. You are instrumental to make a difference.”



“Love for country,” she said to loud applause, “Trumps everything else.”

She explained that she was born to a Christian family in Lebanon, and in 1975, when she was a child, her town was taken over by radical Islamists who destroyed her home. She and her family were forced to live in a bomb shelter for seven years before they were able to escape Lebanon and eventually move to Israel. It was there, Gabriel said, that she worked as a news reporter on television and met her American husband. She emigrated legally to the United States in 1989.

The 9/11 destructive action in 2001 was Gabriel’s “defining moment”, she said, and she was “reborn as an activist.” That was when she founded ACT! For America as a security issue and to promote Western values.

Over the years, she said, the organization’s membership has grown to more than one million members in chapters throughout the country. At the national and state levels, she added, ACT! has been responsible for the passage of more than 100 bills to protect America.

ACT!’s mission has expanded as well, she said – in addition to combating Islamic terrorism, its other issues are to defend Constitutional freedoms, immigration reform, support for the military and law enforcement, and to stand with Israel.

Gabriel said, “We welcome all who share our beliefs, but require adherence to our policy of non-discrimination and anti-violence.”

“ACT! also works with moderate Muslims; we are not against all Muslims,” she pointed out. “It is the radical Islamists we oppose. They are against Christians and Jews; they hate our freedom. We hate evil, violence and discrimination.”

One such group, she said, even tried to stop her from speaking that evening by urging authorities to cancel the use of the auditorium but was unsuccessful.

Gabriel, who is a guest analyst on Fox News Channel as well as several other stations, has written three best-selling books, the latest being “RISE In Defense of Judeo-Christian Values and Freedom.” At the end of her talk, she signed copies of her book for audience members.

Introducing Gabriel to the group, **Space Coast Chapter Leader Roger Gangitano** explained for new members in the

audience that “ACT! has never, and will never, tolerate any bias, discrimination, or violence against anyone based on their religion, gender, race, or political persuasion. Freedom to practice one’s religion in peace is afforded to each of us by the U.S. Constitution, and we will defend it vigorously.”

For more information, visit the website: actforamerica.org.

POLITICAL JOTTINGS AND DOTTINGS

U.S. SUPREME COURT: On March 19, the U.S. Supreme Court by a 5-4 vote reversed a 9th Circuit Court of Appeals decision which would have restricted when illegal immigrants could be deported. The High Court decision in favor of the Trump administration will allow federal officials to detain and deport them after they have served time in prison for other crimes.

U.S. SENATE CONFIRMATIONS: On March 26, Magistrate Judge **Bridget Bade** to the U.S. Ninth Circuit, and on April 4, Attorney **Roy Altman** to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Florida. On April 10, retired **U.S. Army General John Abizaid** to be U.S. Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. On April 11, former lobbyist **David Bernhardt** to be Secretary of the Interior.

U.S. SENATE VOTE: On March 26, the Senate voted 0-57 to block Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez’ progressive climate change resolution “Green New Deal”, as 43 Democrats voted “present” to be able to avoid taking a formal position. Republicans have seized on the measure – which strove for net-zero greenhouse gas emissions and transitioning away from airplane travel, as well as other aspects – as an example that Democrats are shifting to the left ahead of next year’s presidential election.

NOMINATIONS: President Trump in recent weeks has made the following nominations: **U.S. Customs and Border Protection Commissioner Kevin McAleenan** as Secretary of Homeland Security, replacing **Kristjen Nielsen**, who resigned the post....**U.S. Treasurer Jovita Carranza** as head of the Small Business Administration, replacing **Linda McMahon**, who resigned....Secret Service official **James Murray**, to move up to the position of U.S. Secret Service Director, replacing **Randolph Alles**, who resigned.

FLORIDA LEGISLATION: Last month, **Florida Governor Ron DeSantis** signed the smokable medical marijuana bill into law. SB 182 is the first of DeSantis’ tenure, and an early legislative victory. “I thank my colleagues in the Legislature for working with me to ensure the will of the voters is upheld,” DeSantis said in a statement.

AUDACITY AND INHUMANITY

--Leftwing activist and forever “Meathead” Rob Reiner, for announcing that the best gift he could give his father, Carl, for his 97th birthday would be the impeachment of the president, whom he called “the White House cancer.”

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--New York Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, one of the ever-growing list of Democrat presidential hopefuls, for stating in a television interview that “Immigration is not a security issue. It is an economic and a humanitarian and a family issue. So, there is no such thing as an illegal human.” It’s being in the U.S. illegally that’s the issue, Kirstie!

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--Former Arizona Republican Senator Jeff “The” Flake, for telling ABC News that in the 2020 election, he would rather see any Democrat presidential candidate win – regardless of how far left he or she might be – in order to keep President Trump from serving a second term.

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--Democrat legislators on Capitol Hill – including, but not limited to, Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and New York Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez – for replacing POW/MIA flags that were hanging outside their offices with pink, blue and white transgender pride flags to protest President Trump’s plan to exclude trans individuals from serving in the military.

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--The University of Kansas School of Engineering, for suspending highly acclaimed professor Gary Minden – a UK alum and former information technology program manager at the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency – for “egregiously” suggesting that a foreign student who used an online translation system on a cell phone in his class “learn English.” The unidentified student was not bothered by the recommendation, but other “offended” snowflake classmates complained to authorities, which led to the suspension.

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--Officials at Celina Middle School in Celina, Ohio, for suspending 13-year old Tyler Carlin – and placing it on his permanent record – for the “crime” of making a battlefield cross replica for a school history project to honor the nation’s fallen soldiers. The battlefield cross is a military memorial that usually places the fallen soldier’s rifle in his boots with his helmet hung over it. With permission from his teacher, Carlin used a Nerf Dart blaster to recreate the memorial. His outraged parents hired an attorney, but he was told by the school superintendent that the school would not be changing its position. APCWA (Amuck Political Correctness Wins Again).

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--University of California-Davis Chancellor Gary May, for rejecting calls to fire English Professor Joshua Clover, who outrageously said that police officers “need to be killed,” and “I am thankful every living cop will one day be dead,” and he added “It’s easier to shoot cops when their backs are turned.” May said that while Clover’s statements were “offensive and abhorrent,” they do not meet the legal requirement for “true threats.” He even said the professor’s remarks were protected by President Trump’s executive order threatening schools that do not promote “free speech” with the loss of federal research dollars.

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--Officials of Beloit College in Wisconsin, for canceling a speech organized by the Young Americans for Freedom chapter for Blackwater founder Erik Prince, who is Education Secretary Betsy DeVos' brother. Disruptive protesting snowflake students had barricaded the stage with chairs and banged on drums, and school officials said police would not intervene in the matter

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--Officials in Portland, Oregon, for refusing requests from Clackamas County officials to indemnify deputies who respond to assist Portland police in cases. That means if they do, and any lawsuits arise from a case, the responding deputies could be personally sued as well as Portland officers. Earlier, Washington County officials stopped its deputies from assisting, citing "anti-police attitude" in the city of Portland.

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--The British Columbia Human Rights Tribunal, for fining a Canadian conservative activist \$55,000 for the "hate crime" of "mis-gendering," by referring to a biological male (who identifies as a female) as a "man." The "victim," a Parliament candidate, dresses as a woman and has taken a female name, but according to the conservative organization MassResistance.org, until five years ago he lived a relatively normal life as a husband and father of two children. This miscarriage of justice occurred north of our border. Are assaults on our freedom of speech and expression coming our way, too?

THIS AND THAT

COLLUSION DELUSION SYNDROME. This medical condition – CDS – said **Media Research Center President Brent Bozell**, "is caused by the belief that no matter what the



overwhelming evidence is, **President Trump** simply must be guilty of collusion with the Russians." He said he was sending special care packages to members of the news media and Democrat leaders on Capitol Hill who are suffering from CDS because they

cannot believe that the Mueller investigation finally ended with the president being vindicated. The care packages in MRC tote bags, he said, include Russian teddy bears for them to hug, coloring books and crayons for those snowflakes who need to stay inside the lines, stress release toys, tea bags, bottles of Advil and Tums, tissues, and mini bottles of Russian vodka. Bozell asked his supporters to comfort people with CDS, who must understand that "President Trump is going to stay in office, and there is not a damn thing they can do about it."

TED KOPPEL AND PRESIDENT TRUMP. The "Patriotic Journal" reports that retired journalist Ted Koppel has come to the aide of President Trump. Koppel, who made his mark on the ABC "Nightline" program during the 444 days of the American Embassy hostage crisis in Tehran. Noting that the president refers to the "fake news media" and complains those

members are "not there to report on the news and his administration," Koppel said, "He's not mistaken when so many of the liberal media, for example, described themselves as belonging to the Resistance." Speaking at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, he said overall the media today "are not the reservoir of objectivity that I think we were." He also warned that "newspapers today are veering dangerously away from facts and information and into the territory of punditry and advocacy... but disguising it as news."



LENNY CURRY. The mayor of Jacksonville, Florida,



Lenny Curry – a former chairman of the Republican Party of Florida – won reelection in a four-way mayoral race on March 19. With all precincts reporting, he had almost 58 percent of voters backing him. Curry told his supporters, who chanted "four more years" that he ran on his record of funding 180 more police officers, finding a solution to the pension liability, passing four balanced

budgets without a tax increase and paying down debt. "I'm here to tell you that your foundation, Jacksonville, is very strong," he said. "Your house is built on solid ground right now, but we've got a lot of work to do in four short years." Curry added that public safety, youth programs, the health of the St. Johns River, job creation and investments "in every single neighborhood," and transforming downtown will shape his agenda.

FLORIDA DISTRICT 8 CONGRESSMAN BILL POSEY. Regarding those annoying robocalls, **Congressman Bill Posey** has co-sponsored legislation

to target robocall abuse and promote caller authorization. The bill (H.R. 1602) – The Telephone Robocall Abuse Criminal Enforcement and Deterrence (TRACED) Act – would make more tools available to find robocall scammers and increase penalties for those who are caught. Posey said that while people should always be guarded about giving out personal information, the measure would help protect consumers by putting federal agencies on the offensive in the fight against illegal robocall scams...Posey also says if Congress overturned President Trump's veto of legislation that would have revoked his emergency declaration to secure the southern border, it would have undermined the Administration's ability to put safety and security of the American people first. Posey stressed that he has consistently supported efforts to fund border security - walls, fences, effective barriers, advanced technologies and additional border patrol agents. "We must recognize that our nation's unsecured borders facilitate Mexico's human trafficking and drug cartels," he said. "These cartels prey upon tens of thousands of people each and every year, putting at



risk the lives of these human smuggling victims.” Securing our southern border, he added, “will end the cartel’s illegal border crossing operations, reduce the flow of drugs, and cut off the billions of dollars that they earn through their barbarous acts.”

HERITAGE ACTION FOR AMERICA. The Heritage Foundation’s sister organization – policy advocacy group **Heritage Action for America** – has Sentinels across the country who are lobbying members of Congress to pass the “Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act.” Here is the graphic they are sharing on social media:



BREC. Brevard Republican Executive Committee Chairman Rick Lacey announced at the April 10 meeting that the new BREC

Headquarters is located at 478 N. Babcock Street in Melbourne, and he urged members to volunteer time – even an hour or two a month – to staff the office. Lacey also said the organization’s major fundraising event of the year – the Lincoln-Reagan Dinner – will be held May 29 at the Radisson at the Port in Cape Canaveral. And he announced that for their work with BREC, **Jeff Rogers** is the Committeeman of the Month for April, and **Sharon Rose** is the Committeewoman of the Month...**Katye Campbell**, the Brevard District 5 School Board member, spoke briefly about visiting all 17 public schools in her district, and the assignments she has with the privately-run charter schools, adult education programs, and the alternative learning center to help rehabilitate former students....Five new BREC members were sworn-in.



More than 50 Brevard County citizens gathered at Open Mike’s in Melbourne on April 8 to take part in “Florida Today” newspaper’s first Civility event – a

red/blue mixer in order to better understand the views of people from both sides of the aisle. Attendees were placed in small groups to discuss topics of interest to the Space Coast and why each person believes the way they do. The second part of the program covered comments from the group as a whole. “Florida Today” engagement editor Isadora Rangel organized the civility project, assisted by **Space Coast Young Republicans President Eric Hoppenbrouwer** and Democrat **Melissa Martin**. Prior to the mixer, Hoppenbrouwer and Martin, both of whom are U.S. military veterans, wrote a joint column in “Florida Today” saying while their world views may differ, “We understand how the absence of basic

human dignity in public discourse can escalate into incitements of ethnic or racial hatred, emotional threats and criminal violence.” Noting that they both know people who have dismissed the civility project as a fool’s errand or “working with the enemy,” they added, “But we believe there is a sidelined majority who believe in and crave a better, healthier community built on mutual respect. Now is the time to step up and reclaim this vision.” Hoppenbrouwer and Martin said “civility” means valuing community over self, being a productive citizen, engaging in self-restraint, and having a heightened awareness for the good of the whole. “We may never agree on reproductive or gun rights, but we do need basic rules of engagement in public discourse to preserve and improve upon the rights and freedoms we enjoy today,” they said. “The mission of Civility Brevard is: Respectfully seeking connection and clarity to best protect and promote the interests of our family, our community and our future.”



Set for April 23, the day after Earth Day, the Space Coast Young Republicans’ “Stand for Life” event plans to tackle the significant cultural and political issue of life. As the national conversation on abortion intensifies and our community grapples with the question of how best to provide children’s services for families struggling in Brevard, the Young Republicans aim to share perspectives on what it truly means to be pro-life. Club President **Eric Hoppenbrouwer** said, “We hope to show that being pro-life is not just about preserving life in the womb but also coming together as a community to care for children beyond birth and the families struggling within our community.” He said the event will feature three exceptional speakers – **District 2 Brevard County Commissioner Bryan Lober**, foster and adoptive mom **Bonnie Ferguson** and **Bay West Church Pastor Jim Campbell** – focusing on topics including the reasons behind a County Commission vote to abolish the CSC, foster care, adoption and the pro-life movement. Additionally, attendees will be able to browse tables and talk to representatives from these local, nonprofit organizations providing services to children and families: Genesis House, Inc.; Women’s Center; Agape Pregnancy Center; Foster Florida; and Children’s Advocacy Center of Brevard. The event will be at Knight’s Hall, 3435 S. Fiske Boulevard in Rockledge from 6:30 pm to 8 pm.



BAREFOOT BAY CONSERVATIVE CLUB. Republican Party of Florida Vice Chairman **Christian Ziegler** will be the main speaker on May 1 when the Barefoot Bay Conservative Club will host the Trump 2020

Election Kick Off in Central Florida. Elected Republican

officials and Executive Committee members are invited to the event, which begins at 6:30 pm in the Barefoot Bay Community Center Building A at 635 Barefoot Bay Boulevard in Sebastian, Florida.

HERITAGE ISLE REPUBLICAN CLUB. Brevard County Precinct #429, which encompasses all of Heritage Isle, had the highest voter turnout in the entire county – 86.2 percent – during the 2018 election, **Brevard County Supervisor of Elections Lori Scott** told the Heritage Isle Republican Club on April 4. This included early voting, mail-in ballots, and voting at the poll on election day. Scott said 67.4 percent of all Brevard County registrants cast ballots. Despite all the talk about



voter fraud, she said she and her staff had no problems – but they did have plenty of work, because for the first time, statewide there were a machine recount plus a manual one for Governor (won by Republican Ron DeSantis) and U.S. Senator (won by Republican Rick Scott). There also was a machine count for State Commissioner of Agriculture, and in Brevard County, both a machine and manual count for a non-partisan Melbourne Beach Commissioner. To reduce “double voting” in elections, Lori Scott said that once state funds are appropriated, she will be using ERIC (Electronic Registration Information Center), a multi-state partnership with a secure data-matching tool to improve the accuracy and efficiency of state voter registration systems. Scott said she is opposed to same-day registration because election supervisors need time to verify if a voter truly is eligible, and she also said there is a bill pending in the Florida Legislature to extend the time someone requesting a mail ballot has to return it to the Supervisor of Elections Office.

TRUMP CLUB OF BREVARD. Offering suggestions on how potential candidates for public office should campaign against incumbents, **Brevard Clerk of Courts Scott Ellis** told members of the Trump Club of Brevard on April 3 that people should not run if they cannot handle conflict. What they do need, he said, are two or three good issues on which to campaign. One mistake challengers make when



they participate in public forums is to focus on their bio material, which they already should have sent out, Ellis pointed out, and instead they stress why their incumbent opponent should be removed from office. Money is not that important, he said, pointing out that in his own successful political campaigns, he was always outspent by his opponents. Ellis said challengers do not need to focus on fundraising, but instead need a team of volunteers to help with campaigning – such as waving signs or knocking on doors and stressing the issues on which the candidate is running. He added that candidates who are strong on open conflict with incumbents’ positions on issues will have a better chance of winning. Noting that Florida is a closed primary state and many

Republicans want to urge Independents to switch their voting registration to the party, Ellis said this is a “useless issue,” suggesting instead that these voters should stay out of the primaries but be urged to vote Republican in the general election. Speaking of the importance of the 2020 election, he said if the Democrats take control of Congress and the White House, “there will be poverty and misery for 10-20 years.” No fan of the Democrats’ plan to give voting rights to 16-year-olds, Ellis said too many brainwashed young people lack knowledge and are not reading books, but instead use their cell phones. “A smart phone has a dumb user,” he said.



REPUBLICAN LIBERTY CAUCUS OF CENTRAL EAST FLORIDA (RLC-CEF). Addressing the RLC-CEF on April 1, **Dan Peterson**, founder of the Coalition for Property Rights – Florida (CPR-FL), said his non-profit

organization is dedicated to the battle for liberty and private property rights, and works to urge the Florida Legislature to support these kinds of measures for their citizens. There are two perspectives in this battle, he said, following the U.S. Constitution, and confiscation



such as that carried out by the old Soviet Union. Peterson said what his organization follows are the notion that “all men are created equal, with unalienable rights,” and that includes “life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness” and “the consent of the governed.” None of this exists in the Soviet style, he said. The five rights that Americans do have, he added, are to possess, enjoy, use, exclude, and dispose of their property. This is a core tenet of Western Civilization and serves as a foundation for almost all other rights. Peterson said CPR-FL exists to prosecute for these rights, and, “The United States owes its rise to becoming history’s most exceptional and prosperous nation to the individual liberty that comes from private property rights.” He explained, however, that even in our democracy, there are threats that come from growth management, conservation and environmentalism, regulations, permitting and exactions, property assessment and taxation, and government bureaucracy. One measure that the CPR-FL is pushing in the current legislative session concerns septic systems in Brevard County, pushing to authorize use of an affordable, nitrogen-reducing system, which the Florida Department of Health has not allowed in the state. Separate measures have been introduced in the state Senate and House to agree to having a neutral, third-party organization selected to test and certify any and all septic systems in the state. Peterson said government’s role should be to set a standard for nitrogen reduction, but not be the gatekeeper to determine which products may be sold. With these measures, he said, financial oversight of overly expensive rules created by un-elected



agency personnel will be returned to the elected officials. For more information, visit the website: www.cpr-fl.org.

RONALD REAGAN CLUBS. Second Amendment champion **Royce Bartlett**, host of the “Shooting Straight” radio program, stressed to the Ronald Reagan Clubs meeting on March 25 that any gun control law anywhere in the United States “is a violation of the U.S. Constitution.” Gun control, he said, “is rooted in racism and bigotry.” Bartlett



added that liberal calls for universal background checks are just “a lynchpin to gun registration.” There are measures now before the Florida Legislature favoring both universal background checks and prohibition of open carry, he said, but also ones to allow guns on college campuses and to reverse several measures passed last year in the wake of the Parkland school shootings, including to allow 18-year-olds the right to purchase weapons. Bartlett urged the club members to pressure their elected officials to support bills that favor the Second Amendment. Pointing out that “our enemies of our Constitution are inside our border,” Bartlett said “Serious skullduggery is going on inside our government. We are the last line of defense standing between tyranny and freedom.” The right to defend ourselves, he added, “comes not from government but from God.” He also said 98 percent of the shootings that occur in the United States occur in liberal-established “gun free zones.” Many Second Amendment supporters appear as guests on his weekly radio program, but not opponents. Bartlett said he would like to have them on the air to debate gun rights, and there are invitations to appear, but they do not respond.

EXPERTS’ EXCERPTS



Editor-in-chief Matthew Continetti, writing about the legacies of the late **William F. Buckley, Jr.** in “The Washington Free Beacon”:

“In so many ways, Buckley was a singularity. From sailing and playing the harpsichord to his expansive vocabulary, Buckley’s uniqueness makes it difficult to discuss his legacy

because so much of his influence was a function of his irrepressible spirit, energy, industriousness, and personality. Growing up in Sharon, Connecticut, one of ten children, he and his siblings put together an in-house family newspaper. He didn’t stop writing until the day he died, February 27, 2008.... When Buckley died, the conservative intellectual movement not only lost its founder, it lost one of its most outsized and appealing characters. Buckley was the paradigmatic opinion journalist: author, editor and publisher,



columnist, television host, debater, and lecturer. Each medium he adopted became a platform to spread right reason. Through his work in print and, perhaps more importantly, television, he communicated that conservatism could be intellectual, respectable, and popular.... The size of his personality and impact is why there is not a single Buckley legacy but several. The first is personal. I refer not only to Buckley’s son, Christopher, I refer also to the countless acts of generosity and charity for which Buckley was famous.... Then there is the institutional Buckley legacy. He was integral to the formation not only of ‘National Review’ and ‘Human Life Review’, but also of ISI, the Collegiate Network, and Young Americans for Freedom, whose manifesto was signed on the grounds of the Buckley family estate in Sharon.... A third Buckley legacy is political. It was through him and the institutions he created that conservatism moved from the fringes of American life to the center of politics and political debate. He encouraged his friend Barry Goldwater to overcome whatever reluctance the Arizona senator had and run for the presidency in 1964. The publisher of NATIONAL REVIEW, William Rusher, was instrumental in securing Goldwater the GOP nomination. And of course, Buckley influenced another friend: actor and television host Ronald Reagan... Finally, there is Buckley’s ideological legacy. Now, as good conservatives, we are opposed to ideological thinking. What I mean by ideological legacy is that Buckley did more than any other individual to shape and promote the foundational beliefs of post-war American conservatism. He embodied what he called ‘the philosophy of freedom’ and what others called ‘fusionism’: free-market economics, traditional values informed by religious belief, and hardline anti-Communism.... It was NATIONAL REVIEW where all these aspects of Buckley’s legacy – the personal, the institutional, the political, and the ideological – came alive. The bible of American conservatism was a reflection of Buckley’s lively, funny, theatrical, idea-oriented, and learned personality. But it was also the self-conscious institutional arbiter and keeper of the paradigm, the self-appointed guide to the political arm of the American conservative movement.”

Oklahoma Wesleyan University President Everett Piper, writing on the Democrat Party in “The Washington Times National Weekly”:

“The Democrat Party has officially lost its mind. The ‘progressive’ left is truly mad. This party – the Democrat Party – a party that for decades was led by some of our nation’s greats... is now a party without sanity and without a soul.... This is a party that says ‘no’ to almost everything. It is a party of no cars, no guns, no gas, no plane, no airports, no flight, no fuel, no energy to heat our homes and no power to run our military. This is a party of no walls and no wisdom; a party of no coal, no cows, no cash and no character. This is a political party that says no to women’s restrooms, no to women’s sports and no to women’s locker rooms. This party that used to be the champion of women now denies women



their own dignity and even their own identity....This is a party of delusion and denial, a party of nattering nabobs who say no to masculinity and no to men. It is a party that calls chivalry 'toxic' while it mocks the morality of monogamy.... A party of no religious freedom, no morality, no Bibles and no parental rights. This is a party that has the audacity to brainwash our children with 'drag queen story hours' and then try to make it illegal for parents to secure counseling for their son or daughter who suffers the sexual confusion caused by this party's absurd list of no's. Democrats are now a party of no academic freedom; a party that celebrates ideological fascism rather than intellectual liberty. This is a party that demands conformity.... This is a party of no science; a party that calls frigid temperatures 'warm' and insists climate change is 'not weather'. This is a party of no reality.... This is a party of no children; a party that votes against protecting a born-alive baby girl while it pretends to care about female health. This is a party hell-bent on normalizing the execution of our nation's youngest females. This party – this Democrat Party – is one that shouts no in the face of what is right and demands silence as they promote what is wrong. It is a party of no life and no liberty. This is a party of no happiness. This is a party that is hapless. The question is, how can anyone with a clear conscience continue to vote for this party? The answer is clear. You can't."



Contributor **Ben Marquis**, writing on the pro-life movie 'Unplanned' in the "Conservative Review":

"Despite a vast array of factors standing in the way of success, the pro-life movie 'Unplanned' – which takes a decidedly critical view of abortion providers Planned

Parenthood – opened in theaters with surprisingly robust ticket sales. The film is centered around the real-life story of a former manager of a Planned Parenthood clinic who has second thoughts about her position on the issue after witnessing abortions first-hand. She has gone on to become an outspoken critic of her former employer and the abortion industry in general as she now supports the right to life of unborn babies. The pro-life film has faced staunch opposition from the predominantly liberal mainstream, such as receiving an 'R' rating that will undoubtedly keep away some viewers, a refusal of some networks to air ads for the film, and even what appeared to be coordinated efforts by social media platforms like Facebook and Twitter to suppress accounts affiliated with the film in order to stifle its reach. Despite all of those obstacles and more – or perhaps because of them – viewers flocked to see the film that tackles the abortion issue in a brutal, if thought-provoking manner, as evidenced by a review of the film from a self-proclaimed pro-choice viewer. Writing for the 'Central Florida Post', a woman named Bridgette Bayley – who described herself as a pro-choice libertarian – admitted that the 'Unplanned' movie had forced her to question many of the assumptions she had held as true with regard to abortion.... She noted the irony of how conservatives tend to emphasize 'facts over feelings' when

the movie did the opposite, in her view, but noted how in doing so, the film managed to 'tug on my heart strings in a way that actually made me reflect on a subject that I felt so confident on my beliefs of'....Bayley encouraged everyone on both the pro-life and pro-choice sides of the debate to see the movie for themselves, for two distinct reasons. Pro-lifers should see it to realize not everyone who works in a Planned Parenthood clinic is a remorseless and evil monster, and pro-choicers should 'go and expose yourself to a different perspective and compare that to your own reasons for your vote'....This account of the pro-life film from an admitted pro-choice supporter of abortion is simply incredible and has gotten plenty of attention. Posted on the 'Unplanned' movie's Facebook page, it's been shared more than 6,000 times from there alone.... Given the vehemence with which the pro-choice protects and defends abortion, Bayley's admission is an unpopular one on that side, but it is correct. Hopefully others who have supported abortion will similarly see the movie with an open mind and come away with a changed heart."

Family Policy Alliance Vice President of Strategy Autumn Leva, writing on forcing LGBT ideology on children at the Heritage Foundation's www.dailysignal.com:

"In 1954, the Supreme Court ruled in Brown v. Board of Education that segregation in public elementary and secondary schools was unconstitutional, violating equal rights. And the Civil Rights Act in 1964 added the full weight of the federal government to the process of desegregating schools – including federal funding and even military intervention in K-12 schools....



Flash forward several decades to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's Top 5 priority bill, H.R. 5 – the so-called Equality Act. Now, the left, with Pelosi at the helm in the House, wants to use the blueprint that helped our nation desegregate schools to manipulate schoolchildren to carry water for the LGBT political agenda – whether their parents like it or not. Their argument is that just as black children were literally and forcefully segregated from white children, so are LGBT children segregated from all other children in schools – creating an oppressed, unequal class of American children.... There are two obvious problems for these activists. First, they claim to be advancing civil rights for LGBT-identifying individuals – who constantly change their own personal identities, with new categories constantly being added to the group as a whole. This makes it extremely difficult to advance civil rights, as the public can't accurately identify the group that is receiving protection, and what type of protection is needed on a given day. Second, unlike the days of racial segregation, LGBT-identifying children are not in fact being forced by the government to attend segregated schools or sit in separate sections of class.... The racial desegregation of America's schools was about upholding the truth: that all men are created equal and deserve to be treated equally. H.R. 5 by

its very nature is not about achieving equal educational opportunities for all. It's about forcing every administrator, teacher, child, and parent involved in schools to give any person who identifies as LGBT a platform in our schools, and special rights above and beyond everyone else. H.R. 5 isn't about actual equality. It picks 'equality' winners and losers.... So, if Pelosi succeeded in getting H.R. 5 through Congress (which recently held a hearing on the bill), and if the president were somehow to sign it, what would be the practical implications for public schools? For starters, major changes in your child's curriculum. Pelosi and the LGBT activists who fund her campaign want to ensure 'equality' by requiring 'LGBTQ sexual experiences' to be included in schools. Sex education class can't truly be equal unless all types of sexual experiences are taught, so leftist groups say.... But the changes envisioned in H.R. 5 don't stop at sex ed class. The idea is to weave LGBT-centric themes throughout the school's entire curriculum.... Parents really would have no opportunity to opt-out their children from exposure to this type of teaching or the topic of gender transition, since it is woven into every aspect of the curriculum.... That's not equal rights. That's ideology masquerading under the guise of rights."

THOUGHTS TO PONDER

"We, the citizens, vote for county court and circuit court judges, but we do so knowing little valuable information about the candidates. Why? Florida canons of judicial ethics for candidates prohibit them from commenting on questions that at some point might come before them in their courts.... We know candidates and judges have biases, that's not in dispute. The answer is to know what they are in advance and monitor what sitting judges are doing in court. There are several solutions: First, let's lobby our legislators and locally the Brevard County Bar to change the judicial canons for candidates. Give us the ability to fully vet candidates and decide if this is the judge we want in office, biases and all. For sitting judges, let's establish term limits to make sure we don't get stuck with extreme jurists.... Vetting and monitoring judges is neither a conservative nor liberal issue, yet just another issue on which we can agree."

--**Space Coast Patriots Chairman Michael Wilson**

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"For decades, we have allowed leftists to hijack public education, usurping the authority to raise your child. Public schools are poisoning students against the religious and moral beliefs of their parents. Consequently, students are infected with the Democrats' anti-American and anti-Christian agendas.... We've allowed leftists to dumb down students regarding their constitutional rights and American history. Man-on-the-street interviews shockingly revealed that students from high school to college did not know George Washington was our first president. They thought Abraham Lincoln was a Democrat."

--**Lloyd Marcus, The Unhyphenated American**

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"America's colleges are supposed to expand young minds through free speech, debate, and robust thought. Instead, leftists use their power on college campuses to indoctrinate students and punish dissenting speech that doesn't align with the socialists and 'social justice warriors' trying to hijack our country. I fear for our future when colleges teach our nation's youth to harass, harangue, and harm anyone who disagrees with them."

--**"Campus Reform" Editor Lawrence Jones**

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"The big question is: Why did the media spend two years endlessly speculating that Trump was toast?.... Collusion was a fantasy all along, and it underscores a terrible reality. For journalists, the facts just do not come first. These self-righteous leftists who marched under the banner of 'objective journalism' while advancing the overthrow of a duly elected president have lost all credibility. They have committed professional suicide."

--The Media Research Center's **Brent Bozell** and **Tim Graham**

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"Conservatives are coming together, across a broad spectrum, of enterprises and joining forces to fight what some of us believe to be, potentially, the greatest threat to liberty in history (liberal bias in the tech industry)...I think we're heading for an all-out war....Google is potentially the most dangerous because of the power it has with its search engine. You've also got service companies that are getting into the act, whether it's PayPal or Microsoft or numerous others, they're now starting to either flat-out censor or demonize conservative online publications."

--Another Bozell quote

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"For two years, our constitutionally protected guardians of the truth put out a stream of misinformation, promising viewers that Robert Mueller was going to reverse the outcome of the 2016 election. Everyone at fake news MSNBC, marginally less fake news NBC, and totally fake news CNN – hosts, guests, legal experts and national security analysts – should be told, Clean out your lockers. Put all your things in cardboard cartons. If you need to go back, you will be escorted by security. Instead, they are adamantly refusing to take back their years of lies about Trump and Russian collusion. This is not a time to let bygones be bygones. The boot should not be lifted from the media's throat."

--Political columnist and author **Ann Coulter**

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"We know that a constitutionally limited government, free markets, and equal application of the law are the primary ingredients of a free society. Unfortunately, our government is already so bloated and corrupt, and our culture and education system are already so decayed, that we now have a taste of banana republic 'justice' that is rigged in favor of the politically well-connected."

--**Tea Party Patriots National Coordinator Jenny Beth Martin**

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“The justifications for the Electoral College are just as valid now as they were in 1788. It is a system that respects individual states as sovereign units within our larger federal system. . . . The most heavily populated parts of the country are clustered on the coasts, and maybe Texas or Florida. If we got rid of the Electoral College, candidates for president would have no reason to campaign in Iowa, Michigan, Nebraska, or any of the other 47 states. Instead, they would be focused on courting the coasts, while picking up the two or three other medium sized areas to put them over the numerical top. . . . Those who are calling for the repeal of the Electoral College (or for packing the Supreme Court, or for basing the U.S. Senate on population instead of equal suffrage), do not oppose it because it is not working. They oppose it because it is working. They don’t like the Electoral College because it frustrates their efforts to elect radical politicians to the office of the presidency who are outside the mainstream of traditional American political thought.”

--Pacific Legal Foundation attorney **Timothy Snowball**
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“Beto’s excuse for writing sick stories about killing children: he was just a dumb 16-year-old who didn’t know any better. But hey, let’s lower the voting age to 16!”

--TV host and former Arkansas Governor **Mike Huckabee**, following the failed Texas Senate candidate’s explanation that he had just been “fantasizing”.
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“News reports show that the San Antonio City Council is prohibiting Chick-fil-A from operating a store in the San Antonio International Airport – all in the name of championing ‘equality and inclusion.’ I just sent them a letter to make it clear that operating a company according to Christian values is not bigoted, nor is it discriminatory. This is bigger than chicken. This is about the rights of Christians to believe and practice our faith.”

--Texas Republican Congressman **Chip Roy**
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“Growing up in Oklahoma, I’ve always been fond of the Rogers & Hammerstein musical of the same name. . . . Imagine my disappointment, all these years later, at the recent announcement by producers of the show that it would be the first Broadway production to go ‘gun neutral’. That is, for every prop firearm that appears on stage during the production, the producers will give \$15 to an anti-gun organization ‘committed to helping solve the gun violence crisis by destroying firearms that should be out of circulation’ In truth, the producers of the show are engaging in the most blatant kind of anti-gun political pandering, and nothing more. They know their handful of \$15 contributions will do nothing to stop the criminal use of guns, and they don’t care. They just want to send the same signal that so many in Hollywood send – they are good because they oppose guns, you are bad for owning them.”

--“America’s 1st Freedom” Editor **Mark Chesnut**
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“Climate Change (aka global warming) is becoming an even bigger issue with the new Democrat-controlled U.S. House of Representatives and its calls for a ‘Green New Deal (GND)’, the very name of which should be a reminder statist controls were always an integral part of the extremist environmentalists’ agenda. GND proponents now use global warming as their justification for central planning, long after the collapse of the Soviet model discredited the socialist dream. . . . We certainly should not embrace energy socialism, which calls for the replacing of cheap, reliable fossil fuels with expensive, intermittent wind and solar. . . . The United States and the world would be much poorer if countries adopt climate alarmists’ infinitely costly measures to fight a nonexistent catastrophe.”

--“The American Conservative” publisher **Jon Basil Utley**
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“Bans on semi-automatic firearms, and magazines with a capacity of more than 10 rounds, huge tax increases on ammunition, demands to examine your social media profiles and internet search history before you can purchase a gun, ‘universal’ background check mandates. . . and dozens of other bills aimed directly at your Second Amendment rights have been filed, debated and, in some cases, already signed into law in states across the country this year. The advocates of disarmament believe that this is the best opportunity they’ve had in decades to not just nibble around the edges, but to take a big bite out of the Bill of Rights. It’s up to us to stop them. This fight stretches from the floors of Congress, to state capital rotundas, to courtrooms across this nation.”

--“America’s 1st Freedom” columnist and NRA radio host **Cam Edwards**
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“Caucasians Reject Anglo Privilege, or ‘CRAP’. We need to spread CRAP all over the country to address the left and their white privilege arguments. So, we’ve created CRAP as the only real way to engage them.”

--Radio and TV host **Mark Levin**
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“The idea that Russians somehow manipulated the outcome of the 2016 presidential election, with or without collusion from the Trump campaign, is absurd. The American system works, and we have a president who is fixing this country. These are the truths that Democrats find most difficult to swallow.”

--Syndicated columnist **Star Parker**
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“Watching the news unfold each day requires nerves of steel and a sense of calm that does not match up with the content of the stories before us. A country so divided on political and racial lines becomes a country where the two sides can no longer even agree on truth. Policy discussions based on indisputable, public facts like unemployment rates, GDP growth, court appointments or illegal border crossings seem almost quaint now.”

--Campaign For Working Families’ **Carol Bauer**
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“The biggest threat to traditional America is the indoctrination of our children.... In too many schools, civics has been replaced by political activism involving ‘social and environmental justice’, white guilt, LGBTQ and gender rights. Instead of developing inquiring minds, schools are creating a new brand of intolerance, harassment and violence to shut down conservative speakers and ideas. No surprise that recent polls indicate young Americans now favor socialism over capitalism 51 percent to 46 percent.”

--Maryland political observer **Ellen Sauerbrey**

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“The battle to advance conservative principles in America will not be won only in the political arena. It must be won also in our communities – in the civic groups, religious organizations, and charities that make up America’s social fabric. After all, it is these private organizations – and not the government – that will ultimately help solve our nation’s most pressing challenges.”

--**Leadership Institute President Morton Blackwell**

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Is the following quote fake news??? You decide:

"If we change our times with the sole intent of increasing the amount of daylight we receive, that’s an extra hour of sun shine that will warm the planet. That’s one extra hour per day of extra heat warming our already unstable planet. We need to repeal Daylight Savings Time as a primary measure to decrease the rate of climate change. Less hours of sun shine equal less heat hitting Earth’s surface. We’re running out of time!"

--New York Democrat Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez

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“Believe it or not, there are still a few Democrats left in the United States Senate who are *not* running for president.”

--“National Review Correspondent **John McCormack**

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“There are so many women suddenly coming out against Joe Biden that you’d think Trump had just nominated him to the Supreme Court.”

--Political comedian **Tim Young**

UPCOMING BREVARD COUNTY EVENTS

April 23 – Space Coast Young Republicans community event “Stand For Life, “with speakers and tables for community organizations dealing with pregnancy, adoptions and children’s services, The Knights’ Hall, 3435 S. Fiske Blvd, Rockledge, 6:30 pm.

May 1 – Barefoot Bay Conservative Club Trump 2020 Election Kick Off, Barefoot Bay Community Center Building A, 6:30 pm.

May 2 – Heritage Isle Republican Club meeting, One Senior Place, Viera, 10 am.

May 3 – Federated Republican Women in Action meeting, Memaw’s BBQ Restaurant, Palm Bay, 6 pm.

May 6 – Republican Liberty Caucus of Central East Florida meeting, Frog Bones Double Tapp Grill, Melbourne, 7 pm.

May 8 – Brevard Republican Executive Committee meeting, Gov’t Complex Bldg. C, Viera, 7 pm.

May 9 – ACT! For America Space Coast Chapter meeting, Government Complex Building C, Viera, 6:30 pm.

May 13 – Brevard Federated Republican Women meeting, Duran Golf Club, Viera, 11 am.

May 13 – The Space Coast Patriots meeting, Merritt Island Library, 6 pm.

May 16 – Republican Women’s Network of South Brevard meeting, Eau Gallie Yacht Club, 11 am.

May 20 – New Millennium Conservative Club meeting, Suntree-Viera Library, 6:30 pm.

May 21 – North Brevard Republican Club meeting, Blue Heron Restaurant, Great Outdoors, outside Titusville, 7 pm.

May 22 – Space Coast Republican Club meeting, Red Lobster, Merritt Island, 11 am.

May 27 – The Ronald Reagan Clubs meeting, Tuscan Grill Restaurant, Suntree. 7 pm.

May 29 – Brevard County Lincoln-Reagan Dinner, Radisson at the Port, Cape Canaveral, 6 pm.

The Trump Club of Brevard will not meet in May.

ABOUT THE NEWSLETTER

Through email, website and Facebook, we are now reaching nearly 2,000 people on our ever-increasing distribution list. The newsletter goes to readers not only all over the country, but beyond. **Editor Stuart Gorin** and **Designer Frank Montelione** hope to see the numbers continue to grow as we pass on information. We continue to cover activities of the Brevard Republican Executive Committee, Republican clubs in the county, and conservative organizations, so both elected officials and the typical “man-in-the-street” are kept abreast of what is happening at the local, state and national levels. Since Republicans as well as Conservatives will never agree 100 percent on all issues – for example, differences between Conservative members and establishment Republicans – we will not necessarily support any writer’s positions, but will present them so you, the reader, can make up your own mind – fair and balanced. There is a link to this issue at www.thetusk.org and several recent back issues are available in the archives on the same website. To sign up for your free subscription (or to unsubscribe, if you are so inclined), or to send your comments, suggestions or information to share, email: spacecoasttusk@gmail.com.

COMICAL CLOSERS

During a recent press conference, a reporter from MSNBC hollered "Where is President Trump hiding his tax returns?"

White House Press Secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said, "We've found a very secure place, and I'm certain they won't be found." "And just where is that?," the reporter asked sarcastically.

Sanders grinned and said, "They are underneath Obama's college records, his passport application, his immigration status as a student, his funding sources to pay for college, his college records, and his Selective Service registration. Next question?"

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"Lemon Pickers Needed in Florida," the newspaper ad read, "only U.S. citizens or legal immigrants should apply."

So, an unemployed woman – even though she has both liberal arts and a master's degree and has social work and teaching experience – submitted an application for a job that most Americans are not willing to do.

Studying her application, the lemon grove foreman said, "I see that you are well educated, and have an impressive resume, but I have to ask you, have you had any actual experience in picking lemons?"

"Well, as a matter of fact, I have," she said, "I've been divorced three times, owned two Edsels, and voted twice for Obama, and once for Hillary."

She started work that very day.

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Commenting on his television show that Minor League baseball is more enjoyable to watch than Major League, former **Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee** said there should be a team called the "Fighting Dems."

On this team, he suggested, every player would bat left-handed, and they would expect to always be given extras bases.

SEVERAL PAGES OF PERTINENT POLITICAL CARTOONS AND PHOTOS FOLLOW



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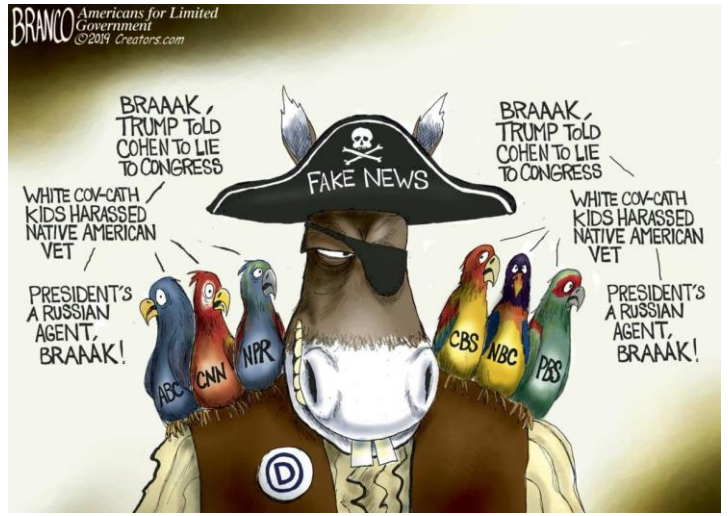
"IF YOU DON'T LIKE THE GREEN NEW DEAL, THEN COME UP WITH YOUR OWN AMBITIOUS, ON-SCALE PROPOSAL TO ADDRESS THE GLOBAL CLIMATE CRISIS. UNTIL THEN, WE'RE IN CHARGE - AND YOU'RE JUST SHOUTING FROM THE CHEAP SEATS."

~ ALEXANDRIA OCASIO-CORTEZ

"SO, YOU MAY HAVE MISSED THIS, BUT THE WAY IT WORKS IN AMERICA IS YOU WORK FOR US. THE LAST TIME SOMEBODY TOLD AMERICANS TO SIT DOWN AND SHUT UP WAS 1776. IF YOU EVER LEARN TO READ, LOOK IT UP. YOU ARE NOT ONLY A IDIOT, YOU'RE AN ARROGANT IDIOT, AND THERE IS NOTHING MORE DANGEROUS."

~ JAMES WOODS





Liberal Logic 101



I'll run over and pick up both our welfare checks, then drop by the University to see what's holding up our Federal Education Grants. You go by the free clinic for a pregnancy test. If it's positive, fill out the paperwork for government assistance, baby bonus and WIC. Oh, recharge our food stamp cards and pick up my free glasses. let's meet back at noon at the State House for the mass picketing against the greedy Republicans who want us to go get JOBS!



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ODE TO THE WELFARE STATE

Mr. Truman's St. Paul, Minn., pie-for-everybody speech last night reminded us that, at the tail-end of the recent session of Congress, Representative Clarence J. Brown (R-Ohio) jammed into the Congressional Record the following poem, describing its author only as "a prominent Democrat of the State of Georgia":

DEMOCRATIC DIALOG

Father, must I go to work?

No, my lucky son.

We're living now on Easy Street
On dough from Washington.

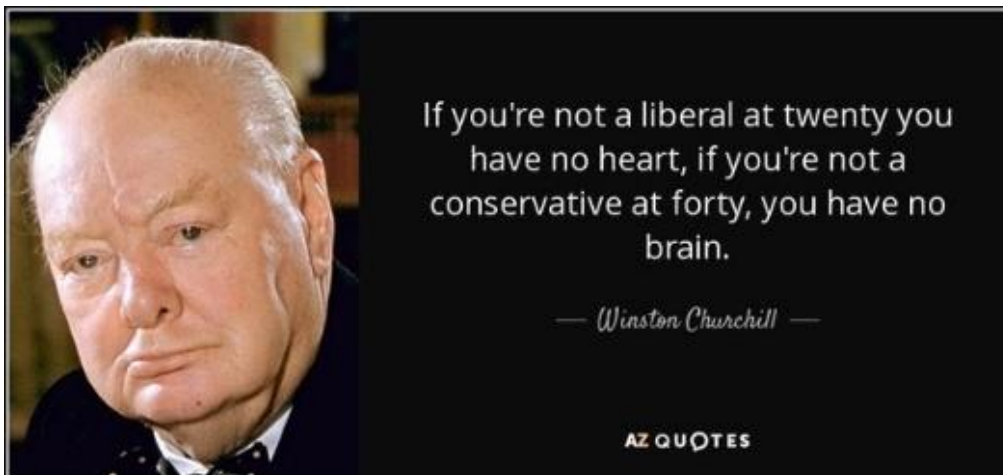
We've left it up to Uncle Sam,
So don't get exercised.
Nobody has to give a damn—
We've all been subsidized.

But if Sam treats us all so well
And feeds us milk and honey,
Please, daddy, tell me what the hell
He's going to use for money.

Don't worry, bub, there's not a hitch
In this here noble plan—
He simply soaks the filthy rich
And helps the common man.

But, father, won't there come a time
When they run out of cash
And we have left them not a dime
When things will go to smash?

My faith in you is shrinking, son,
You nosy little brat;
You do too damn much thinking, son,
To be a Democrat.



If you're not a liberal at twenty you
have no heart, if you're not a
conservative at forty, you have no
brain.

— Winston Churchill —

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