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“THE STATE OF OUR UNION IS STRONG,” PRESIDENT TRUMP TELLS AMERICA

FROM THE EDITOR’S DESK:

MY TWO CENTS

By Stuart Gorin

I was amused when a smiling Fox News host Jesse Watters said he wondered if people freezing in the polar vortex were in agreement with the Democrats who say that global warming is THE greatest threat facing America today. And when TBN host Mike Huckabee, asked just how cold the polar vortex was, answered: “It was colder than the stare you get from environmentalists if you deny global warming.”

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The newspaper comic strip BC offered a good definition of the word “chaos.” It’s “a sustained state of affairs that serves both news media and government at the expense of everyday people.”

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Questions of the month:

If the President threatened to deport Democrats, would Mexico respond by building a border wall?

Does PC mean Politically Correct? Or does it really stand for Politically Corrupt?

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After news reports surfaced that former Starbucks CEO Howard Schultz was contemplating running for president as an independent in 2020, there were lots of comments on social media both pro and con. The most amusing response I saw was by someone who wrote: “I think it would be a conflict of interest for reporters covering the election to drink Starbucks in public or on the job ... Think. About. That.”

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On Groundhog Day, February 2, Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow, ensuring only 23 more months of Nancy Pelosi as Speaker of the House.

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More Two Cents next month.



President Trump delivered a powerful nationally-televised State of the Union address on February 5 at the U.S. Capitol Building before hundreds of applauding Republican lawmakers and their counterpart Democrats, who mostly sat on their hands.

Coming two weeks later than originally planned due to the partial government shutdown, the SOTU – which had as its theme “Choosing Greatness” and lasted an hour and 20 minutes – was interrupted by applause 102 times, according to Fox News Channel.

The government shutdown – resulting from the Democrats refusing Trump’s insistence that the budget include funding for a Southern border wall – lasted from December 22 until January 25 and was the longest such event in history. When the president did agree to reopen the government, he said the Democrats had until February 15 to agree on border security funding.

Trump said that despite bitter political standoffs during his administration, he still vowed to break “decades of stalemate”, adding, “We can bridge old divisions, heal old wounds, build new coalitions, forge new solutions, and unlock the extraordinary promise of America’s future.”

Several other key phrases in the speech were:

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--“After 24 months of rapid progress, our economy is the envy of the world. Our military is the most powerful on Earth, by far, and America is again winning each and every day. Members of Congress, the state of our union is strong.”

--“To defend the dignity of every person, I am asking the Congress to pass legislation to prohibit the late-term abortion of children who can feel pain in the mother’s womb.”

--” I want people to come into our country in the largest numbers ever, but they have to come in legally. Tonight, I’m asking you to defend our very dangerous southern border out of love and devotion to our fellow citizens and our country.”

--“Republicans and Democrats must join forces again to confront an urgent national crisis. Congress has 10 days left to pass a bill that will fund our government, protect our homeland, and secure our very dangerous southern border.”

--“We are born free, and we will stay free. Tonight, we renew our resolve that America will never be a socialist country.”



The President introduced a number of guests in the chamber and saluted stories about them: astronaut Buzz Aldrin; two former drug dealers who have been released from prison; a ten-year-old cancer survivor; the father of a Navy Seaman who was killed on the U.S.S. Cole; three World War II veterans; two Holocaust survivors; an ICE Special Agent; and a Pittsburgh police officer. Their stories made the long SOTU speech even more memorable.

According to CBS News and CNN polls, 76 percent of respondents said they liked the speech.

Discussing the speech, analysts at the Heritage Foundation in Washington, DC said the President’s remarks on immigration reflected a commonsense, principled approach to the problem that his opponents refuse to acknowledge in their obsession with opposing anything he does.

Following are extensive excerpts of Trump’s speech:

(Begin excerpts)

We meet tonight at a moment of unlimited potential, as we begin a new Congress, I stand here ready to work with you to achieve historic breakthroughs for all Americans. Millions of our fellow citizens are watching us, gathered in this great

chamber, hoping we will govern not as two parties, but as one nation.

The agenda I will lay out this evening is not a Republican agenda or Democrat agenda, it is the agenda of the American people. Many of us have campaigned on the same core promises, to defend American jobs and demand fair trade for American workers, to rebuild and revitalize our nation’s infrastructure, to reduce the price of health care and prescription drugs, to create an immigration system that is safe, lawful, modern and secure, and to pursue a foreign policy that puts America’s interests first....

An amazing quality of life for all of our citizens is within reach. We can make our communities safer, our families stronger, our culture richer, our faith deeper, and our middle class more prosperous than ever before. But we must reject the politics of revenge, resistance and retribution, and embrace the boundless potential of cooperation, compromise, and the common good.

Together we can break decades of political stalemate. We can bridge all divisions, heal old wounds, build new coalitions, forge new solutions, and unlock the extraordinary promise of America’s future. The decision is ours to make. We must choose between greatness or gridlock, results or resistance, vision or vengeance, incredible progress or pointless destruction. Tonight, I ask you to choose greatness.

Over the last two years, my administration has moved with urgency and historic speed to confront problems neglected by leaders of both parties over many decades. In just over two years since the election, we have launched an unprecedented economic boom, a boom that has rarely been seen before. There has been nothing like it. We have created 5.3 million new jobs, and importantly, added 600,000 new manufacturing jobs, something which almost everyone said was impossible to do, but the fact is, we are just getting started.

Wages are rising at the fastest pace in decades, and growing for blue-collar workers, who I promise to fight for. They are growing faster than anyone else. Nearly 5 million Americans have been lifted off food stamps. The U.S. Economy is growing almost twice as fast today as when I took office, and we are considered far and away the hottest economy anywhere in the world. Not even close. Unemployment has reached the lowest rate in over half a century. African-American, Hispanic-American, and Asian-American unemployment have all reached their lowest levels ever recorded....

My administration has cut more regulations in a short period of time than any other administration during its entire tenure. Companies are coming back to our country in large numbers, thanks to our historic reductions in taxes and regulations, and we have unleashed a revolution in American energy....

This new era of cooperation can start with finally confirming the more than 300 highly qualified nominees who are still stuck in the Senate, in some cases years and years waiting – not right.

The Senate has failed to act on these nominations, which is unfair to the nominees, and very unfair to our country. Now is the time for bipartisan action. Believe it or not, we have already proven that is possible. In the last Congress, both parties came together to pass unprecedented legislation to confront the opioid crisis, a sweeping new farm bill, historic V.A. reforms, and after four decades of rejection, we passed V.A. accountability, so we can finally terminate those who mistreat our wonderful veterans....

Now, Republicans and Democrats must join forces again to confront an urgent national crisis. Congress has 10 days left to pass a bill that will fund our government, protect our homeland, and secure our very dangerous southern border. Now is the time for Congress to show the world that America is committed to ending illegal immigration and putting the ruthless coyotes, cartels, drug dealers, and human traffickers out of business....

I want people to come into our country in the largest numbers ever, but they have to come in legally. Tonight, I'm asking you to defend our very dangerous southern border out of love and devotion to our fellow citizens and to our country. No issue better illustrates the divide between America's working-class and America's political class than illegal immigration. Wealthy politicians and donors push for open borders, while living their lives behind walls and gates and guards.

Meanwhile, working-class Americans are left to pay the price for mass illegal immigration, reduced jobs, lower wages, overburdened schools, hospitals that are so crowded you can't get in, increased crime, and a depleted social safety net. Tolerance for illegal immigration is not compassionate, it is actually very cruel....

We will always support the brave men and women of law enforcement and I pledge to you tonight that I will never abolish our heroes from ICE. My administration has sent to the Congress a commonsense proposal to end the crisis on our southern border. It includes humanitarian assistance, more law enforcement, drug detection at our ports, closing loopholes that enable child smuggling, and plans for a new physical barrier, or wall, to secure the vast areas between our ports of entry. In the past, most of the people in this room voted for a wall – but the proper wall never got built. I'll get it built....

To build on our incredible economic success, one priority is paramount -- reversing decades of calamitous trade policies. So bad. We are now making it clear to China that after years of targeting our industries, and stealing our intellectual property, the theft of American jobs and wealth has come to an end. Therefore, we recently imposed tariffs on \$250 billion of Chinese goods....

Both parties should be able to unite for a great rebuilding of America's crumbling infrastructure. I know that the Congress is eager to pass an infrastructure bill – and I am eager to work with you on legislation to deliver new and important infrastructure investment, including investments in the

cutting-edge industries of the future. This is not an option. This is a necessity. The next major priority for me, and for all of us, should be to lower the cost of healthcare and prescription drugs – and to protect patients with pre-existing conditions....

There could be no greater contrast to the beautiful image of a mother holding her infant child than the chilling displays our nation saw in recent days. Lawmakers in New York cheered with delight upon the passage of legislation that would allow a baby to be ripped from the mother's womb moments before birth. These are living, feeling, beautiful babies who will never get the chance to share their love and dreams with the world. And then, we had the case of the governor of Virginia where he stated he would execute a baby after birth. To defend the dignity of every person, I am asking the Congress to pass legislation to prohibit the late-term abortion of children who can feel pain in the mother's womb. Let us work together to build a culture that cherishes innocent life....

As part of a bold new diplomacy, we continue our historic push for peace on the Korean peninsula. Our hostages have come home, nuclear testing has stopped, and there has not been a missile launch in 15 months. If I had not been elected president of the United States, we would right now, in my opinion, be in a major war with North Korea.

Much work remains to be done, but my relationship with Kim Jong Un is a good one. Chairman Kim and I will meet again on February 27 and 28 in Vietnam....

Here, in the United States, we are alarmed by new calls to adopt socialism in our country. America was founded on liberty and independence – not government coercion, domination, and control. We are born free, and we will stay free. Tonight, we renew our resolve that America will never be a socialist country.

One of the most complex set of challenges we face and have for many years is in the Middle East. Our approach is based on principled realism – not discredited theories that have failed for decades to yield progress. For this reason, my administration recognized the true capital of Israel – and proudly opened the American Embassy in Jerusalem....

My administration has acted decisively to confront the world's leading state sponsor of terror – the radical regime in Iran. It is a radical regime. They do bad, bad things. To ensure this corrupt dictatorship never acquires nuclear weapons, I withdrew the United States from the disastrous Iran nuclear deal....

Our most exciting journeys still await. Our biggest victories are still to come. We have not yet begun to dream. We must choose whether we are defined by our differences – or whether we dare to transcend them. We must choose whether we will squander our inheritance – or whether we will proudly declare that we are Americans. We do the incredible. We defy the impossible. We conquer the unknown. This is the time to re-ignite the American imagination. This is the time to search for the tallest summit and set our sights on the brightest star.

This is the time to rekindle the bonds of love and loyalty and memory that link us together as citizens, as neighbors, as patriots. This is our future – our fate – and our choice to make. I am asking you to choose greatness. No matter the trials we face, no matter the challenges to come, we must go forward together. We must keep America first in our hearts. We must keep freedom alive in our souls. And we must always keep faith in America’s destiny – that one nation, under God, must be the hope and the promise and the light and the glory among all the nations of the world! Thank you. God bless you, God bless America.

(End excerpts)

TRUMP SIGNS SPENDING PACKAGE, DECLARES NATIONAL EMERGENCY

On February 15, **President Trump** signed a spending package to avert another government shutdown, but the measure passed by Congress only included \$1.375 billion to build 55 miles of new barriers along the U.S.-Mexico border, far short of the \$5.7 billion Trump demanded at the outset of spending talks.

The move came hours after the President declared a national emergency to bypass Congress and obtain \$8 billion for the border wall, a move that triggered a major legal showdown with Democrats.

The \$1.375 billion approved by Congress will be supplemented by the discretionary military funding appropriated through the national-emergency declaration, as well as an additional \$600 million withdrawn from the Treasury Department’s drug-forfeiture fund.

Trump referenced “angel moms” in justifying his emergency declaration, recounting the stories of their children’s deaths at the hands of illegal immigrants. “Ask these women if there’s a national emergency,” he said.

The President acknowledged that the emergency declaration is sure to be met with numerous legal challenges and predicted the case eventually would be elevated to the Supreme Court. Asked about conservative critics who have argued the declaration cedes too much power to the executive and paves the way for constitutional abuses by future Democratic administrations, Trump argued it was necessary given the scale of the problem at the southern border.

“We have an invasion of drugs and criminals coming in to our country,” he said.

The partial shutdown in December lasted 35 days when Congress passed a spending agreement that contained no money for the wall, and Trump refused to sign the measure.

AUDACITY AND INHUMANITY

“Winners” for the month are:

--Executives at CBS, for refusing to allow a Nine Line Apparel ad to appear during coverage of the February 3 Stupid

Bowl, because the “too political” ad showed “soldiers, first responders, and images of military graves decorated with American flags,” and credits them for protecting the rights of people like former NFL quarterback Colin Kaepernick to protest. But the leftists at CBS had no problem airing a Nike ad hailing Kaepernick as “a revolutionary hero.”

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--The Justices of the U.S. Supreme Court, for refusing to hear an appeal from Joe Kennedy, a U.S. Marine veteran and assistant football coach at Washington State’s Bremerton High School, who was fired more than three years ago for the “unpardonable sin” of praying on the 50-yard-line after football games. That blow to religious liberty had been upheld by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. In the words of conservative commentator Todd Starnes, “In America it is permissible for a football player to take a knee to protest the national anthem, but it is illegal for a football coach to take a knee to pray to God.”

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--Democrats on the House Judiciary Committee, during a hearing on proposed gun control legislation, who refused to allow testimony from Republican Congressman Steve Scalise, who nearly died in the attack on Republicans at a baseball practice in 2017. The Dems did not want to hear from a Second Amendment supporter.

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--Leftists in the New York State Senate, for erupting into feverish applause after voting to approve a bill allowing abortions to take place right up to the time of birth. So, if a woman wants to terminate her fully-formed child because she claims it is too much for her to deal with financially, emotionally or otherwise, she will be allowed to do so. This “major victory” for pro-abortion activists – the so-called Reproductive Health Act – was quickly signed into law by New York Governor Andrew Cuomo on the 46th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision in Roe v. Wade. Meanwhile, on Fox News Channel’s “Hannity” program, host Sean Hannity has begun a new daily segment called “Villain of the Day,” making Cuomo – for his outrageous action – the very first “winner” of the dubious title. But doubling down the next day, the audacious Cuomo stated in a radio interview that right-to-life conservatives “have no place in the state of New York, because that’s not who New Yorkers are.”

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--Latino leader Cesar Vargas, co-director of the Dream Action Coalition, for proposing that our Pledge of Allegiance be rewritten to include “love to our indigenous and immigrant heritage” and “our civil rights for which we strive,” while eliminating our flag, our republic, and God.

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--About 58,000 non-citizens who voted in Texas elections between 1996 and 2018, according to state workers who updated voter registration lists. Texas Secretary of State David Whitley said the year-long evaluation compared the voting lists with data from the state’s Department of Public

Safety, noting that his office “is committed to using all available tools under the law to maintain an accurate list of registered voters.” His office has forwarded information about the non-citizen voters to the Texas Attorney General’s Office, which investigates and prosecutes cases of voter fraud.

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--The Democrat majority in the U.S. House of Representatives, for blocking a Republican amendment to the federal employee pay raise bill that would have prevented the increase for anyone disciplined for sexual misconduct. Criticizing the move, Republican Congressman Mike Johnson of Louisiana said, “Thanks to their votes, those who have been disciplined for these behaviors will be given the same across-the-board pay increase that their victims receive. We are appalled that this is what ‘governing’ has come to in our country.”

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--New Jersey Democrat Governor Phil Murphy, for signing a bill requiring the state’s public schools to adopt and teach curricula that portray the political, economic and social contributions of “lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people.” Are curricula about contributions by conservatives optional in the Garden State?

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--Robert Miller, president of the Santa Barbara City College Board of Trustees, for ending the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance at meetings, saying it is “steeped in expressions of nativism and white nationalism.” He also objected to the phrase “one nation under God,” claiming that the First Amendment prohibits laws that establish a religion.” Less than one week later, following fierce public backlash, Miller reinstated the Pledge of Allegiance at board meetings – until the matter can again be discussed at a future date.

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--Students at the United Kingdom’s Oxford University, for petitioning the school to stop a professor from teaching there. What upset the “overgrown toddler” students were two issues – that nearly a quarter of a century ago, Professor John Finnis published a defense of traditional morality regarding homosexuality, and that in 2011, he wrote on the reversibility of sexual orientation and the relationship, if any, between sexual orientation and child abuse. “National Review” said the university should simply ignore the complaints.

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--Actress Alyssa Milano, for throwing supporters of President Trump under the bus by comparing the Make America Great Again hat – worn, she said, by people who are “inherently evil” – to the white KKK hood. Apparently, she doesn’t realize that when the Klan was created, it was the terrorist wing of the Democrat Party.

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--“Harry Potter” films actor Daniel Radcliffe, for “demanding” that New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady remove his Make America Great Again hat from his

locker. Loony, lefty movie actors have no right to demand that anyone do anything about something that offends them, and whether you are for or against any particular ball team is irrelevant.

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--CNN host John King, for “wondering” if Second Lady Karen Pence should be disqualified from Secret Service protection because she espouses conservative Christianity. King explained that the Vice President defended his wife’s new job, “which is teaching art at a Christian school that bans gay students, parents, and employees.”

THIS AND THAT

FEDERAL APPOINTMENTS.

The U.S. Senate on February 14 voted 54-45 to confirm **William Barr** as attorney general, replacing **Acting AG Matthew Whitaker** and former **Attorney General Jeff Sessions**. Barr, who previously served as attorney general under **President George H.W. Bush**, was sworn in at the White House the same day by **Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts**. . . . **President Trump** on February 4 named interim **Interior Secretary David Bernhardt** to head the department on a permanent basis. Bernhardt was an energy lobbyist before he became Interior’s deputy secretary in 2017. Former Secretary **Ryan Zinke** resigned from the post on January 2. . . . On February 6, the president announced that his choice to become the next president of the World Bank is the Under Secretary for International Affairs at the Treasury Department, **David Malpass**, who has been critical of the bank in the past. It will be up to the bank’s governing board to officially name the replacement for World Bank President Jim Yong Kim, who announced his resignation and stepped down before his term ended.



FLORIDA APPOINTMENTS. On January 22, **Florida Governor Ron DeSantis** filled the final vacancy on the state Supreme Court, selecting **Carlos Muniz**, a veteran of state government rather than a judge for the position. Muniz, the general counsel for the U.S. Department of Education, previously served as assistant general counsel to former **Florida Governor Jeb Bush**, worked in the State House Speaker’s Office, and was chief of staff to former state **Attorney General Pam Bondi**. At his swearing-in ceremony, he said, “the role of a judge is to preserve the Constitution, not to add to it or subtract from it” On January 28, DeSantis selected Hillsborough County circuit judge **Laurel Lee** to be Florida’s next Secretary of State. The former federal prosecutor is the wife of State **Senator Tom Lee**. Noting that her background and experience make her “an excellent choice,” DeSantis said Lee “is ready to handle the important elections administration duties and cultural responsibilities accorded to this position with a steady hand and good judgment.”



PAM BONDI. Following her eight-year stint as Florida Attorney General, **Pam Bondi** is now head of Ballard Partners’ new regulatory compliance office in Washington, D.C. The lobbying firm – headed by **Brian Ballard**, who has close ties to President Trump – said Bondi will help large companies implement policies dealing with such issues as data privacy and opioid abuse.

COMMON CORE IN FLORIDA. Florida Governor **Ron DeSantis** – joined by **Education Commissioner Richard Corcoran** and local school administrators on January 31– said the Common Core school program “needs to be looked at, it all needs to be scrutinized,” and he announced an executive order asking Corcoran to spend a year creating new state curriculum standards. The new standards, he said, would then be presented to the Florida Legislature for its 2020 session. The “Tampa Bay Times” pointed out that today, Florida’s education standards are like Common Core but not identical. State officials, urged on by conservative groups, tweaked and renamed them in 2014. “Space Coast Daily” said the proposed new curriculum standards will, among other things, ensure that Florida returns to the basics of reading, writing and arithmetic; reflect consultation with parents and teachers; suggest new ways to streamline testing; and equip high school graduates with sufficient knowledge of America’s civics, particularly the principles reflected in the U.S. Constitution. Despite criticism by some that Common Core is a federal mandate, the newspaper said, standards were developed by private nonprofit groups and state education departments, and then adopted by 45 states. Local districts then altered their lesson plans to meet those standards. Despite criticism by some opponents that Common Core is a federal mandate, the newspaper said, standards were developed by private nonprofit groups and state education departments, and then adopted by 45 states. Local districts then altered their lesson plans to meet those standards. Earlier, **District 53 State Representative Randy Fine** – a strong Common Core opponent – shared with his constituents that he decided to get into politics because of unhappiness with the way his young son was frustrated in school with arithmetic. Simple numerical answers were not enough, he said, and a simple addition question – that could be answered immediately – required a full page of equations under Common Core to reach the same conclusion.

TEA PARTY ANNIVERSARY. On February 19, 2009 – ten years ago this month – the modern-day Tea Party began with a live broadcast by **CNBC Business News Editor Rick Santelli** from the floor of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. Criticizing the federal government’s plan to refinance mortgages, Santelli called for a new Tea Party event, such as the one that occurred in Boston in 1773 – this one focusing on small government, free enterprise, capitalism and adherence to the Constitution. With rallies being held in hundreds of cities and towns throughout the United States, the idea quickly

spread. In St. Augustine, Florida, the chairman of that city’s group, **Lance Thate**, said, “There is an evil across the land and it is defined by the Progressive Communists. As Town Criers of old, it is our duty to alert and awaken the Country. The ‘Cultural War’ is real and deadly. This war must be won. We are close to living in a police state.” He added, “The Cultural War is designed to separate us from our heritage. A people without a history are the people with no identity. People without identity don’t fight. The Tea Party’s role is to expose the Communist lies as they occur and to wear the MAGA hat in defiance.”

CATHOLIC TEENAGERS. Following their participation in the March For Life in Washington, D.C. on January 18, a group of students from Covington Catholic High School in Kentucky – wearing Make America Great Again hats – were waiting at the Lincoln Memorial for their chaperone and trip back home in buses delayed by traffic closures, when they were confronted by members of the radical hate group called



the Black Hebrew Israelites, and a drum-banging Omaha “tribal elder” named Nathan Phillips and several other Native Americans. Even though the students did not interact with the intruders, the fake-news media had a field day – reporting that they instigated a confrontation with taunts. Responses from leftist activists was predictable. Unfunny comedienne Kathy Griffin twittered that the students’ names should be published so they can be targeted for retribution. And the late Walt Disney probably turned over in his grave when Disney producer Jack Morrissey said the boys should be killed, posting a photo of blood spewed from a wood chipper under the caption, “MAGAkids go screaming, hats first, into the wood chipper.” But after several days of negative reporting that even resulted in death threats to members of the students’ families back home in Kentucky, a video of the entire situation surfaced, proving the students were completely innocent of any charges, and that they remained silent during the confrontation. “The Patriot Post” reported that the narrative was a “great fit for the Democrat Party’s singular political platform and agenda: ‘Hate Trump.’”



AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS UNION. **ACRU Chairman and CEO Susan Carleson** has joined the leaders of several dozen other conservative organizations to sign the Conservative Action Project’s memo supporting President Trump’s fight for the border wall and demanding that Congress provide \$5 billion in

unrestricted funding for a wall at the southern border. “American sovereignty and national security are at risk the longer Congress delays in addressing the crisis at the border,” the CAP memo states. “President Trump has used all of his authorities to mitigate illegal entry, but only Congress has the authority to fund the border wall. After two years of inaction on Capitol Hill, we support the urgency of President Trump’s request.” It added that Congress should not adjourn for the year until they have fully funded the request....The ACRU has filed an amicus brief with the U.S. Supreme Court in support of the Bladensburg Cross, a war memorial erected in 1925 to honor 49 men from Prince George’s County, Maryland, who died serving in the American military in World War I and are buried overseas. Their bereaved mothers and the American Legion erected the monument, using the cross to match those marking countless American graves on the Western Front of that war. It also bears a list of the 49 sons of Prince George’s County it honors. The Memorial stood peacefully until February 2014, when the American Humanist Association and others filed a lawsuit in federal court challenging its constitutionality. The district court rejected the challenge, but the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals reversed, over a dissent. It held that the sectarian elements, specifically “the immense size and prominence of the Cross,” overwhelmed the secular elements and represented an unconstitutional government endorsement of religion. The Supreme Court will hear oral argument in the case on February 27, and a decision will be rendered later in the year. The ACRU brief suggested those challenging the constitutionality of the Memorial lack standing and encouraged the High Court to consider that. The website is www.theacru.org.



FOUNDATION FOR INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS IN EDUCATION. The top ten schools that made the list of FIRE’s “2019’s Worst Colleges

For Free Speech” are, in alphabetical order, Alabama A&M University, Dixie State University, Georgetown University, Qatar Liberty University, Plymouth State University, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Syracuse University, University of Kansas, University of North Alabama, and University of Wisconsin System. **FIRE Executive Director Robert Shibley** said this year’s list of the worst offenses last year includes campus officials who muzzled student journalists; expelled fraternity members for their private, satirical roast of fellow members; silenced a debate union’s planned religious discussion; cited “eminent domain” to remove peaceful campus leafleteers; and bent to elected officials’ demands to censor an American flag art installation. “All of these colleges claim to – or are required to – respect student and faculty free speech rights, but not a single one delivers,” he said. The website is www.thefire.org.



U.S. TERM LIMITS. The first annual Term Limits Day will be held February 27 throughout the United States, as the U.S. Term Limits organization encourages supporters to wave term limit signs, hold

community events, contact legislators, and publicize support for the effort on social media. Noting that presidential term limits have been “a big success and remain broadly popular with the public,” the executive director of U.S. Term Limits, **Nick Tomboulides**, said, “it is time to celebrate this great reform as we work to expand it to more offices, especially Congress. This is a crucial step toward making Washington listen again. We can only restore our republic and founding values by bringing back a citizen legislature.” He said February 27 was selected because that was the date in 1951 when the 22nd Amendment, which limits presidential terms, was ratified into the Constitution. Tomboulides said that according to a 2018 poll by McLaughlin & Associates, congressional term limits have 82 percent support from the American public. He said U.S. Term Limits is leading a nationwide movement to term limit Congress through the use of an Article V Convention, a process driven by state legislatures. Through this process, the states can bypass Washington to propose a congressional limits amendment on their own. On February 14, Arkansas became the 13th state to call for a convention to term limit Congress, and 34 states are required to make the call to trigger one. For more information, or to obtain Term Limit signs, email:



ntomboulides@termlimits.com.



BREC Chairman Rick Lacey reminded members that instead of a March meeting, the five districts will hold individual sessions, which he calls “laboratories of ideas,” in their own neighborhoods. While no national elections are scheduled for 2019, he said, there still will be non-partisan municipal contests throughout Brevard County. It is critical for us to support Republican candidates in these races, even though they will not be allowed to publicly announce their party affiliation, Lacey pointed out. He also said that this month, the Brevard County Supervisor of Elections Office reported a record breaking 180,295 Republicans are registered to vote, compared to 132,123 Democrats and 111,533 no party affiliation voters....In memory of the late **Barbara Davis**, who was a past BREC Chair and officer of the Brevard Federated Republican Women, **BFRW President Beth Young** announced the establishment of a \$1,000 leadership scholarship for a high school senior or a college freshman. Visit: www.brevardfederatedrepublicanwomen.org and click on the scholarship button for an application. The deadline to apply is April 26....**Eric Hoppenbrouwer**, president of the Space Coast Young Republicans, said the organization seeks talented young people (in the 18-40 age group) to engage in local, state and federal political activities....**Peter Fusscas**, chairman of the Next Generation Project, said that in the effort to build a career path for tomorrow’s leaders for the future of Brevard County, and working with the County Commission,

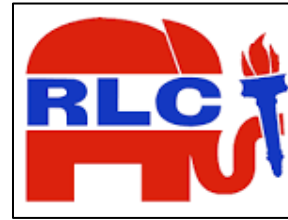
Hoppenbrouwer has been appointed to the county's Budget Review Committee, and BREC member **Scott Olson**, a financial planner, to the Investment Committee....Members selected as February's Committeeman and Committeewoman of the Month were **Richard Plantec** and **Jill Gentis**....Three new BREC members were sworn-in.



TRUMP CLUB. Discussing the role played by her staff during the 2018 midterm elections, and looking ahead to 2020, **Brevard County Supervisor of Elections Lori Scott** told the members of the Trump Club on February 7 that because voting machines in the county are not connected to the Internet, there were no instances of any cybersecurity threats to any votes. More than 67 percent of eligible voters in the county participated nearly equally among the three ways to cast ballots – by mail, at one of the early voting stations, or at their precinct location on Election Day. Scott said three extremely close races statewide required recounts, and that involved the races for governor, U.S. senator, and State Agriculture Commissioner. Observers from both political parties oversaw the recounts, which confirmed the initial results – election of Republicans **Ron DeSantis** and **Rick Scott** as Florida Governor and U.S. Senator, respectively, and Democrat **Nikki Fried** as Agriculture Commissioner. Scott said even though the election ran smoothly, there were still 11 lawsuits against the Supervisor of Elections office, one of which concerned placing the name of Democrats on the ballot came after those of Republicans. The Florida rule, she added, has nothing to do with alphabetical order, but rather the name of the candidate from the party of the sitting governor goes first. For the 2020 presidential election, Scott said, she expects that many first-time voters in the state during the midterms will return to the polls. One game-changer, she said, will be the potential votes from 1.2 million felons who had their voting rights restored by the constitutional amendment that appeared on the 2018 ballot. Asked about the problem of some people voting in more than one state, Scott said there is no national voting data base, so there is no way for her to know if people moving to Florida do take their names off the voting registers elsewhere, but she noted that a new multistate project – Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC) – does allow such data as voter and motor vehicle registrations, and other data to keep voter rolls up to date, but funding to use it would have to be authorized first. Scott also said she had high praise for the members of her team that worked every day around the clock to set up voting stations, train poll workers, and handle numerous other chores to ensure smooth voting.

HERITAGE ISLE REPUBLICAN CLUB. Voting was by acclimation for the 2019 officers of the Heritage Isle Republican Club on February 7. The new president is **Barbara Gorin**, and the vice president is **Linda Gotham**. **Carol Meehl** continues as the club's secretary. Following the election, Gorin led a group discussion on President Trump's

State of the Union address and plans for future speakers at club meetings.



REPUBLICAN LIBERTY CAUCUS – CENTRAL EAST FLORIDA. While the upcoming Florida Legislative session will consider Governor Ron DeSantis' proposed budget of \$91.3 billion, Liberty First Network lobbyist

John Hallman told the Republican Liberty Caucus – Central East Florida meeting on February 4 that while he favors much of what is in the record proposal, he would like to have seen a “lighter” budget. Hallman explained that when the session begins next month, Republicans will have a 73-47 edge in the State House, but only a 23-17 margin in the Senate. One issue that both Liberty First Network and the Republican Liberty Caucus will continue to fight for, he said, is to repeal the use of red light cameras. They are not installed on traffic lights for safety, because they actually lead to increased accidents, Hallman said, adding that municipalities really use them for the revenue they bring in. On the subject of campaign finance reform, he said they favor doing away with non-transparent political committees that move donations around so we do not know who the money comes from. Another issue is term limits for school board members, which he said the governor likes. If it passes, school board members would be limited to two four-year terms. Hallman said that at the national level, Congress needs to support President Trump and build the wall on our southern border, and the federal government needs to bring immigration under control....**RLC Chairman Bob White** announced that a group of club members will be traveling to Tallahassee March 10-11 to meet with legislators to discuss a number of issues on the agenda, and that the next Constitution Day Dinner will be held on September 14....The members voted unanimously in favor of an amendment to the RLC-CEF Bylaws changing the number of Board Directors from 3 to 5, with one each coming from the five Brevard County Commission Districts.



FEDERATED REPUBLICAN WOMEN IN ACTION.



Installation of officers for the newly created Federated Republican Women in Action took place at the club's February 1 meeting at the Copper Chimney Restaurant in Palm Bay. **Beth Young**,

Districts Executive for Florida Federation of Republican Women as well as President of the Brevard Federated Republican Women, conducted the installation. The new officers, left to right in the attached photo, are: **Margaret Goolsby**, President; **Corey Bailey**, Recording Secretary;

Mary Lou Russ, Treasurer; **Cathy Finley**, 2nd Vice President for membership; and **Jan Snyder**, 1st Vice President for programs. **Ruth Kaufhold**, who is not in the photo, is the club Parliamentarian. Goolsby introduced **Zach Brandon**, who spoke to the group about getting Brevard youth involved in Republican activities. All meetings will be held on the first Friday of each month – alternating between lunch time at the Copper Chimney, and dinner at Memaw’s BBQ, both in Palm Bay.



RONALD REAGAN CLUBS.

Dr. Joseph Finley, a retired Federal Bureau of Investigation Special Agent, told members of the Ronald Reagan Clubs in Suntree, Florida, on January 28 he does not see that any discernible crime has taken place in the Special Counsel investigation of Russian interference in the 2016 U.S.

elections. Finley explained that it is the mission of the Department of Justice to appoint a special counsel, and it is the job of the Attorney General or Assistant Attorney General plus Congress to provide oversight of the FBI, which initiates investigations. He also discussed the workings of the Grand Jury, and its utilization as an investigative tool. During Finley’s 28 years of service with the Bureau, he was assigned to the Special Operations Group, and while in the New York Division, he conducted Technical Surveillance Countermeasure Sweeps and physical security assessments. In retirement, he serves as Vice President of Training for the Melbourne-based Invictus Security firm.



ACT! FOR AMERICA SPACE COAST CHAPTER.

The guest speaker for the next ACT! meeting – which will be held on March 28, the fourth Thursday of the month instead of the usual second Thursday – will be **Brigitte Gabriel**, ACT!’s president and

founder. Details of her visit are listed in Upcoming Brevard County Events, and her presentation will be titled “Rise in Defense of Freedom.” Space Coast Chapter leader **Roger Gangitano** said he is extremely pleased that Gabriel will be visiting in person. Her last appearance before the group was via Skype.

LEAD THE WAY. A reader (**Mike Popolano** of Viera, Florida) suggested an amusing way for liberal Dems to put their money where their mouths are. In light of the recent Democrat Left promises to set up 70-90 percent taxes on wealth, he said: “The Left created MoveOn .org after the Clinton impeachment in order to help discredit Republicans. Why not set up an organization or advertisement campaign “You Lead the Way.Org,” with requests that wealthy Democrat donors lead the way by voluntarily donating their wealth instead of the government taxing it? That way, he said, the American public can be shown their “inherent altruism” prior to the powers of the state being brought into play. The problem, of course, is they really don’t have any “inherent altruism.”

WHAT’S UP, DOC? Writing on the website www.westernjournalism.com, a woman named Sarah Wickline Hull explained that she was diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer that was cutting off her airway at 20 weeks of pregnancy, and several doctors told her to abort in order to save her life, and that even the baby would have problems if she did not terminate. But Hull wrote that after years of infertility, she would rather die and give birth. Finally, she found doctors who supported her decision, and she gave birth to a healthy baby at 34 weeks. The kicker, she wrote, is that in May she will be celebrating ten years of being cancer free, and her beautiful, bright, precious 10-year-old daughter “is a living reminder that doctors do not know everything.”

EXPERTS’ EXCERPTS



Syndicated columnist **Cal Thomas**, writing on President Trump’s State of the Union Address on www.patriotpost.us:

“Eloquence is not a characteristic associated with President Donald Trump, but in his State of the Union address Tuesday night, the president not only rose to the occasion, he also delivered a message that was

beautifully crafted by his speechwriters, a speech devoid of much of the divisive and combative language that has characterized his first two years in office....Unfortunately, the likelihood of anything changing in Congress is less than nil. Democrats mostly sat on their hands or smirked and shook their heads in response. The partisan divide that characterizes modern Washington is not likely to be bridged by a single speech. Most likely this was an address designed to enhance the president’s re-election prospects. If that was the goal, it may have served him well.... The president listed the economic achievements of his administration, which Democrats will have a hard time rebutting. These include record numbers of people working, low unemployment numbers for minorities and high employment numbers for women, which even the white-clad female congressional Democrats were forced to applaud. The president also challenged the growing appeal of socialism among young people. He said he was ‘alarmed’ by it and pronounced, ‘We were born free and we will stay free,’ adding that we should ‘renew our resolve that America will never be a socialist country’.... The president’s use of guests in the balcony was the most effective since Ronald Reagan inaugurated the practice. From a Holocaust survivor, to one of his liberators; from a first-responder hero of Pittsburgh’s Tree of Life synagogue shooting, to a former inmate recently released under the new ‘first step’ law, designed to address the disparity in sentencing of nonviolent, non-dangerous offenders, the president chose life stories that no one could oppose....People who tuned into the speech expecting some sort of drama obscuring substance – perhaps a staged walkout,

or protests from the balcony – were disappointed. Such a demonstration would not have served Democrats well. In the end, the dignity of the occasion, however fragile, was preserved. ‘Victory is not winning for our party,’ said the president. ‘Victory is winning for our country.’ If only.”



Columnist **Kimberley Strassel**, writing on Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez’ Green New Deal in “The Wall Street Journal”:

“The Republican Party has a secret weapon for 2020. It’s especially effective because it’s stealthy: The Democrats seem oblivious to its power. And the GOP needn’t lift a

finger for it to work. All Republicans have to do is sit back and watch 29-year-old Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez . . . exist. AOC, as she’s better known, today exists largely in front of the cameras. In a few months she’s gone from an unknown New York bartender to the democratic socialist darling of the left and its media hordes. Her megaphone is so loud that she rivals Speaker Nancy Pelosi as the face of the Democrat Party. Republicans don’t know whether to applaud or laugh. Most do both. Ms. Ocasio-Cortez is a freight train gaining speed by the day – and helping Republicans with every passing minute. For them, what’s not to love? She’s set off a fratricidal war on the left, with her chief of staff, Saikat Chakrabarti, this week slamming the ‘radical conservatives’ among the Democrats holding the party ‘hostage.’ She’s made friends with Jeremy Corbyn, leader of Britain’s Labour Party, who has been accused of anti-Semitism. She’s called the American system of wealth creation ‘immoral’ and believes government has a duty to provide ‘economic security’ to people who are ‘unwilling to work.’ As a representative of New York, she’s making California look sensible. Ms. Ocasio-Cortez unveiled her vaunted Green New Deal, complete with the details of how Democrats plan to reach climate nirvana in a mere 10 years. It came in the form of a resolution, sponsored in the Senate by Massachusetts’ Edward Markey, on which AOC is determined to force a full House vote. That means every Democrat in Washington will get to go on the record in favor of abolishing air travel, outlawing steaks, forcing all American homeowners to retrofit their houses, putting every miner, oil rigger, livestock rancher and gas-station attendant out of a job, and spending trillions and trillions more tax money. Oh, also for government-run health care, which is somehow a prerequisite for a clean economy.... AOC would put charging stations ‘everywhere,’ upgrade or tear down ‘every building’ in the country (homes and businesses), install high-speed rail across every state, upgrade all our infrastructure.”

Retired Heritage Foundation President **Ed Feulner**, writing on the INF Treaty on www.patriotpost.us:

“To hear some critics describe it, the U.S. withdrawal from the INF Treaty is a disaster in the making. ‘Dangerous, destabilizing and potentially counterproductive,’ in the words

of John McLaughlin, deputy CIA director from 2000 to 2004. Pulling out will ‘cause new tensions with European allies,’ The New York Times opines. Adds the Stimson Center’s Michael Krepon in Forbes: ‘A new arms competition now beckons.’ Really? Let’s consider a few pertinent facts. President Ronald Reagan and Soviet General Secretary



Mikhail Gorbachev signed the Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces Treaty in December 1987. It prohibited the United States and the Soviet Union from possessing, testing and deploying ground-launched cruise and ballistic missiles with a range between 300 and 3,400 miles. Signing the INF Treaty was in both nations’ national interests at the time. It permitted an entire class of weapons to be eliminated. But more than 30 years have elapsed. The world has changed. Russia, which inherited the treaty obligations from the Soviet Union, has been in violation of the treaty terms for at least five years. What was once a mutually beneficial arms control agreement is now serving no one. The main objection to withdrawal is that it would encourage Russia and the United States to build more nukes and spark a new arms race. But that’s been occurring on the Russian side for a while now.... The Obama administration may have been good at voicing displeasure, but terrible at concrete actions or any sort of meaningful follow-through. Its fabled ‘reset’ with Russia and the New START (Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty) signed with Moscow in 2010 drew plaudits from the media, but in the end, nothing changed. So we’re supposed to keep ourselves shackled to a treaty that we comply with, but Russia doesn’t. Yet if we decide to end this untenable situation, we’re the bad guys? We’re the ones touching off a ‘destabilizing’ arms race? ‘Continued efforts by the U.S. government over the last five years to engage Russia to persuade them to return to compliance with the INF treaty have failed,’ notes defense expert Thomas Spoehr. ‘All U.S. inquiries and efforts have been met with lies, deceit and denial’.... As Secretary of State Mike Pompeo recently said, the onus is on Moscow. But the government there only wants to complain, not change its behavior.... If the president’s critics are worried about a ‘destabilizing’ situation, they should be firing at Moscow, not the U.S. Things are already ‘dangerous.’ The first and sanest step we can take to change that is to stop pretending the INF Treaty has a role to play in preserving the peace in 2019.”



Political commentator **Michelle Malkin**, writing on the government’s Temporary Protection Status for Creators Syndicate:

“The White House cannot deal in good faith with the unreasonable party of ‘abolish ICE!’ ‘no walls!’ ‘amnesty for all!’ and ‘deportation equals hate!’

The Democrats have weaponized America’s grace against itself.... The Temporary Protected Status and Deferred Enforced Departure programs were established as part of the

Immigration Act of 1990, signed by President George H.W. Bush. (News flash: Bush was a Republican, but the Resistance smear merchants never let such facts get in the way of their hate hyperbole.) The idea was to create an orderly way to deal compassionately with foreigners who could not return to their home countries due to natural disasters, hurricanes, environmental catastrophes, civil war, epidemics and other ‘extraordinary and temporary conditions.’ An estimated 250,000 illegal immigrants from El Salvador first won TPS golden tickets after an earthquake struck the country in January 2001. In addition, 60,000 illegal immigrant Haitians received TPS after earthquakes in their homeland in 2010. An estimated 90,000 illegal immigrant Hondurans and Nicaraguans have been here since 1998 – when Hurricane Mitch hit their homeland. Several hundred Somalis remain in the country with TPS first granted in 1991, along with some 700 Sudanese who first secured TPS benefits in 1997. TPS designees won three-year renewable passes to live and work here, travel freely and enjoy immunity from detention or deportation. Participants were originally required to provide proof that they arrived here on an eligible date, committed no more than two misdemeanors and no felonies and maintained a continuous presence in the country. But the programs are dangerously rife with unchecked document fraud, including unknown numbers of TPS winners who have used multiple aliases and faked their country of origin to qualify. And without a fully functioning biometric entry-exit database in place to track temporary foreign visitors, there’s no way to track all the TPS enrollees. As I’ve reported repeatedly over the past quarter-century, these “temporary” amnesties have become endless, interminable residency plans for unlawful border crossers, visa overstayers and deportation evaders from around the world. They are not, and never were, entitled to be here. Entry into our country is a privilege, not a right. That’s not ‘hateful.’ It’s the stance that every modern, industrialized sovereign nation takes toward noncitizens. Trump is the first commander-in-chief to challenge the temporary-in-name-only farce since the creation of the program....The disgruntled ‘victims’ have an army of ACLU lawyers helping them sue to avoid deportation and a phalanx of open borders journalists to drum up public sympathy for their plights....If President Trump can’t pull the plug on this interminable charade, no one can. Once again, my old adage will prove true: There is no such thing as a ‘temporary’ amnesty.”

EDITORIAL EXCERPTS



“The Wall Street Journal” on Harvesting Democrat Votes:

“Liberals want to impose the California voting model on all 50 states. Democrats in Congress are making election reform their top legislative priority, and we’ve criticized it as a majority protection act. To understand why, consider that Democrats are trying to do for the country what they’ve done with election laws in California. The Golden State is where Republican candidates went to bed on election

night in November with leads in most of their competitive House races, only to lose in the ensuing weeks of vote counting.... The GOP wipeout came after the Democrats who dominate Sacramento passed laws aimed at greasing their voting machine. The project started in 2015 when California became the second state after Oregon to move to automatic voter registration.... The biggest score for Democrats is a separate 2016 law pushed heavily by unions that legalized what’s known as ballot harvesting. This allows any person – union activists, canvassers, community organizers, campaign staff – to show up at homes and collect mail ballots on behalf of voters. California law also allows counting mail ballots postmarked or delivered on Election Day, as well as same-day registration and liberal use of provisional ballots.... All of this is carefully designed to enhance Democratic turnout. Media stories have detailed a sophisticated operation that pinpointed Democratic voters and deployed volunteers to harvest door-to-door.... House Democrats are now moving to impose much of this on the other 49 states. Their For the People Act, or H.R.1, would require all states to adopt automatic voter registration based on names in state and federal agency databases. This means anyone receiving federal food stamps in, say, Ohio, would be automatically registered to vote. The bill also requires states to allow same-day and online voter registration. All this is an affront to the American tradition of letting states set their own election rules. Few states have automatic registration, on the principle that voting is voluntary.”

“The Washington Times” on State Taxes:



“Prosperity is returning to U.S. communities that have been taking a licking, a reason for cheerful celebration as the new year begins. Recent figures show the economy is going gangbusters, but in some places, Americans are simply going. Americans feeling the bite of greedy tax collectors are voting with their feet and migrating to states where they’re more likely to find fortune.... A study by the free-market think tank Cato Institute bears out the common-sensical proposition that Americans will often migrate to regions where they’re not slaves to the tax man. Examining 2016 Internal Revenue Service data, Cato found that the 25 highest-tax states and the District of Columbia, which never meets a tax it doesn’t love, registered a combined average individual income, sales and property tax bite of 9.8 percent of personal income. Such jurisdictions lost nearly 600,000 residents that year to the 25 lowest-tax states, whose tax bite averaged 7.6 percent. They took with them \$33 billion in aggregate income. Among the hardest-hit states were New Jersey with its 8.97 percent top tax bracket, which logged 100 departures for every 76 arrivals, and New York with its 8.82 percent top state income tax (not counting an additional 3.9 percent in New York City). The state lost 100 residents for every 65 it took in. California, the dream destination for generations of Americans, watched 100 flee for every 91 moving in. California has the highest top tax rate of 13.3 percent.... Florida, a favorite refuge for Northeasterners who

love the sun and despite income taxes, welcomed 145 new residents for each 100 who departed. The lure of Florida prompted New York Governor Andrew Cuomo to blame his state's losing population on 'climate-based' decisions. Nearby New Hampshire, however, with a similar chilly winter climate, is growing at a healthy clip. Unlike New York, it has no income tax. States are the "laboratories of democracy," as Justice Louis Brandeis called them. They're also laboratories of economy. As the experiments continue in how to manage a state – or a nation – so that the people can prosper, there's an obvious conclusion that try as some experts might to prove otherwise, 'It's the taxes, Stupid.'"

THOUGHTS TO PONDER

"I was proud to announce that I will co-sponsor S.130, Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act. This bill, similar to legislation I signed in Florida, would ensure that should a baby survive an abortion attempt, that the healthcare provider will do all they can to care for that baby as their patient.... This is a bill that should not have to exist; every human life should be treated with the respect and dignity it deserves. Unfortunately, though, it seems we must pass this legislation, and soon. Right now, there are lawmakers both in Washington and beyond who are so intent on pushing a pro-abortion bill that they are willing to kill a newborn baby that has already been brought into this world.... We as a nation can remember that every life is sacred; no human being is disposable. And together, let's remind those on the far Left that these are defenseless newborn babies, not 'medical issues.'"

--**Florida Senator and former Governor Rick Scott**

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"NBC and the liberal mob media have zero concern for the truth. It does not matter to them that a new video, which is now days old, cleared the Covington kids of wrongdoing. It does not matter to them that this non-story has resulted in death threats to these innocent Catholic kids and their families. And, clearly, it does not matter to them that Nathan Phillips, the adult who instigated the confrontation, has told multiple lies about the incident. The only thing that matters to the leftist media is perpetuating the false narrative that a group of pro-life boys donning 'MAGA' hats are racist. This is not honest journalism, this is a public hit job designed to entertain Trump-hating liberal America."

--**Media Research Center President Brent Bozell**

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"The problem with asking a nominee about the particulars of his or her religious beliefs is that those questions inevitably expose those beliefs as somehow a qualifier or disqualifier for public office. That is flatly inconsistent with at least the spirit, if not also the letter, of at least two provisions of the Constitution. I cannot fathom why this would ever make sense to do."

--**Utah Senator Mike Lee**, rebuking Democrats on the Senate Judiciary Committee

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"A decade ago, a 643,000 square foot shrine to the media went up off the Washington Mall. The media funded organization behind it boasted that its Great Hall of News atrium was taller than the Sistine Chapel.... The thousands of artifacts included a 3,262 year old cuneiform brick from ancient Sumeria and a 2,756 year old statue of the Egyptian god Thoth, the mythical inventor of writing, worshiped by the media. Last week, the \$450 million temple constructed by the media to worship itself was sold off for \$372 million to Johns Hopkins.... The Newseum white elephant at 555 Pennsylvania Avenue isn't just narcissistic idolatry, it celebrates an idea of journalism that doesn't exist. Journalism now is a bunch of millennial social justice activists playing dress-up. They're not a profession or an industry. They don't report. They don't know anything. And they don't serve the public.... Journalism is as extinct as the worshipers of Thoth and the Newseum. The media sold off its temple, but long before that its hacks and flacks had sold their soul."

--Investigative journalist **Daniel Greenfield**

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"Contrary to what its proponents say, the RHA (Reproductive Health Act) goes far beyond Roe vs. Wade in its aggressive extremism. Granting non-doctors permission to perform abortions does nothing to advance the security and health of women. Condoning coerced or involuntary abortions by repealing criminal sanctions even in cases where a perpetrator seeks to make his partner 'un-pregnant' through an act of physical violence does not represent any kind of progress in the choice, safety or health of women. Removing protection for an infant accidentally born alive during an abortion is abject cruelty."

--**Albany, New York Bishop Edward Scharfenberger**

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"Between the Indy 500-like race to the far left among Democrat Congress members and Presidential candidates ('Socialism! Medicare for All! 90% tax rates!') and their embrace of infanticide, today's modern Democrat Party seems intent on proving that entrusting them with any power at all is a worse mistake than entrusting a junkie with a bag of crack."

--TV host and former governor of Arkansas **Mike Huckabee**

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"Today's Democrats are totally out of touch. They are intent on pushing their far-left agenda on the American people. It appears that they will spend the next two years opposing all of our shared American values, proposing job-killing regulations, and doing everything in their power to roll back all the conservative reforms we've made. We can halt the Democrat's far-left agenda, but we must restore a conservative majority in the House."

--**Wyoming Congresswoman Liz Cheney**

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"What happened to Democrats like the late Senators Mike Mansfield and Henry "Scoop" Jackson and similar patriots? These and many Democrats who preceded them were strong anti-communists, nearly always putting the nation ahead of

their party and personal interests. In the end, those priorities had the effect of helping them politically. For Democrats today, it seems that too often their careers, fundraising, appeals to the liberal base and re-election prospects matter more than the health and stability of the nation.”

--Syndicated columnist **Cal Thomas**

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“I’d never wanna get on an airplane that only had one wing. The president wants to make sure that we’re actually securing the border in ... totality, not just with one wing. You need two wings. Which means you have to have a wall. You have to have technology. You have to have all of the things that the president has put forward in his proposal.”

--**White House Press Secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders**

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“Making America Great is not a talking point. It’s a call to action, and we need to make the hard choices necessary to keep it great for the next generation of citizens, born or naturalized, but all deserving of our best. Let’s build the wall and then open the door to those who want to join in the life of this great nation.”

--**Family Research Council President Tony Perkins**

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“I did not vote for Donald Trump in 2016. I voted third party. Some of my concerns about President Trump remain. I still struggle on the character issue and I understand Christian friends who would rather sit it out than get involved. But I also recognize that we cannot have the Trump Administration policies without President Trump and there is much to like.... In 2016, we knew who the Democrats were and were not sure of who Donald Trump was. Now we know both and I prefer this President to the alternative. I will vote for Donald Trump and Mike Pence. And, to be clear, it will not be just because of what the other side offers, but also because of what the Trump-Pence team has done. They’ve earned my vote.”

--**“The Resurgent Editor” Erick Erickson**

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“On May 13, 2013, Dr. Kermit Gosnell was convicted in Philadelphia of 3 counts of first degree murder for snipping, with scissors, the necks of infants who had been born alive, and 21 counts of felony late-term abortion, among other charges. His unlicensed staff members were convicted of “theft by deception” for performing medical procedures – abortions – for which they were untrained and unqualified.... On January 22, 2019, almost everything Gosnell and his staff did was legalized by the state of New York. He was convicted of killing breathing infants that had already been born. It is now legal in New York to kill an infant that survives an abortion. He was convicted of allowing untrained and unlicensed non-medical personnel to perform abortions. It is now legal in New York for non-physicians or any ‘health professionals’ (undefined) to perform abortions. He was convicted of performing at least 21 late-term abortions past

the legal limit of 24 weeks. It is now legal in New York to terminate a pregnancy up until the due date. In New York, there is no longer any such thing as a ‘late-term’ abortion.”

--**Nick Searcy**, director of the film “Gosnell: The Trial of America’s Biggest Serial Killer”

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“Students overwhelmingly support free speech rights as a general principle, but that support hollows out when they are asked more specific questions about those rights. This is troubling because it suggests a surface-level understanding of the free speech protections that underlie the First Amendment and an unwillingness to see them applied to the protection of expression some find offensive or objectionable.”

--**Foundation for individual Rights in Education (FIRE) Director of Communications Nico Perrino**

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“As more and more government employees have moved to exercise their right under the Janus U.S. Supreme Court decision to stop subsidizing union boss activities, the National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation (NRWLDF) continues to take on Big Labor for resisting the precedent and violating the Constitution. Foundation staff attorneys are litigating class action lawsuits to assist hundreds of thousands of public sector workers across the country trapped in forced dues by union ‘window period’ schemes, a tactic in which union bosses attempt to limit workers’ First Amendment rights to a narrow window of time.”

--**NRWLDF President Mark Mix**

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“How can people who high-five each other over the barbaric murder of beautiful, full-term human babies see themselves as morally superior to you? Only one way: They steal the ‘moral’ label from you by accusing you of being immoral – immoral for wearing a MAGA hat at a prolife march, immoral for wanting to stop endless caravans of unknown migrants from invading our national home, immoral for not agreeing that confused men are actually women, immoral for not agreeing that up is down and evil is good. Unfortunately, the ideas animating today’s Democrat leaders are so toxic that they will accommodate no genuine dialogue with them, since that would serve only to annihilate their arguments and agenda.”

--**WND Managing Editor David Kupelian**

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“There was never any plausible evidence that Donald Trump or his campaign collaborated with Russia to win the presidency. The FBI had no legal basis to initiate its investigation. Facts were invented or exaggerated. Laws were perverted or ignored. The law enforces became law breakers....When powerful forces in government abuse their positions of trust to subvert the legal process, and when the media acts in concert to condone or conceal corrupt behavior, democracy is threatened. Reverence to the rule of law is lost.”

--“The Russia Hoax” author **Gregg Jarrett**

UPCOMING BREVARD COUNTY EVENTS

- February 27 – BREC District 2 meeting, Cocoa Beach Library, 6 pm.
- March 1 – Federated Republican Women in Action meeting, Memaw’s BBQ, Palm Bay, 6 pm.
- March 4 – Republican Liberty Caucus of Central East Florida meeting, Memaw’s BBQ, Melbourne, 7 pm.
- March 6 – BREC District 4 meeting, Government Complex Building C, Viera, 7 pm.
- March 7 – Heritage Isle Republican Club meeting, One Senior Place, Viera, 12:30 pm.
- March 7 – Trump Club of Brevard meeting, Tequila Azul Restaurant, Viera, 6 pm.
- March 11 – Brevard Federated Republican Women meeting, Duran Golf Club, Viera, 11 am.
- March 11 – The Space Coast Patriots meeting, Merritt Island Library, 6 pm.
- March 12 – BREC District 3 meeting, Copper Chimney Restaurant, Palm Bay, 5:30 pm.
- March 13 – BREC District 1 meeting, Blue Heron Restaurant, Great Outdoors, outside Titusville, 6:30 pm.
- March 14 – BREC District 5 meeting, Dunkin Donuts, 192 & I-95, West Melbourne, 6:30 pm.
- March 18 – New Millennium Conservative Club meeting, Suntree-Viera Library, 6:30 pm.
- March 19 – North Brevard Republican Club meeting, Blue Heron Restaurant, Great Outdoors, outside Titusville, 7 pm.
- March 21 – Republican Women’s Network of South Brevard meeting, Eau Gallie Yacht Club, 11 am.
- March 21 – Space Coast Young Republicans meeting, Double D’s BBQ, Rockledge, 6:30 pm.
- March 25 – The Ronald Reagan Clubs meeting, Tuscany Grill Restaurant, Suntree. 7 pm.
- March 27 – Space Coast Republican Club meeting, Red Lobster, Merritt Island, 11 am.
- March 28 – ACT! For America Space Coast Chapter meeting, Government Complex Building C, Viera, 6:30 pm.
- The Brevard Republican Executive Committee March meeting is being replaced by the five district meetings listed above.
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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

Leave it to Fox News television host **Greg Gutfeld** to put the State of the Union address in perspective. Showing his audience a picture of the stone-faced Dem women in white in attendance, he called them “a fighting force of dental hygienists,” and said, “every time I looked at them, I felt like I was having my teeth cleaned.”

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The IRS tax return asked: “Do you have anyone dependent on you?”

One man answered: “2.1 million illegal immigrants, 1.1 million crack-heads, 4.4 million unemployable scroungers, 80,000 criminals in over 85 prisons, plus 650 idiots in Washington, and the entire group that call themselves politicians”.

The IRS responded: “Your answer is unacceptable.”

The man then sent back: “Who did I leave out?”

SEVERAL PAGES OF PERTINENT POLITICAL CARTOONS AND PHOTOS FOLLOW

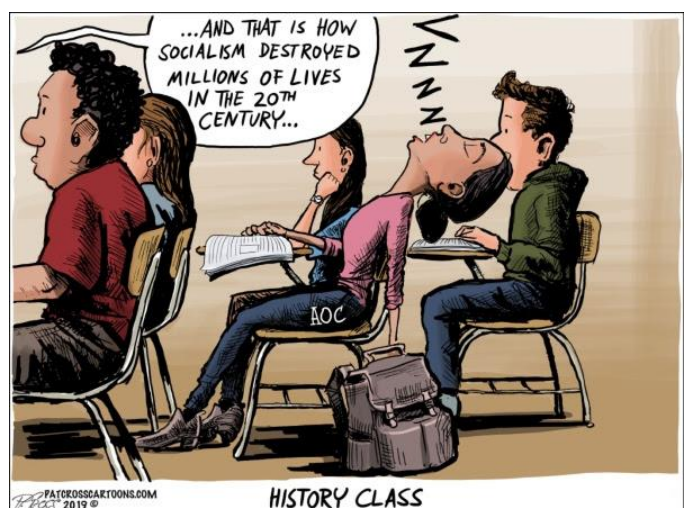
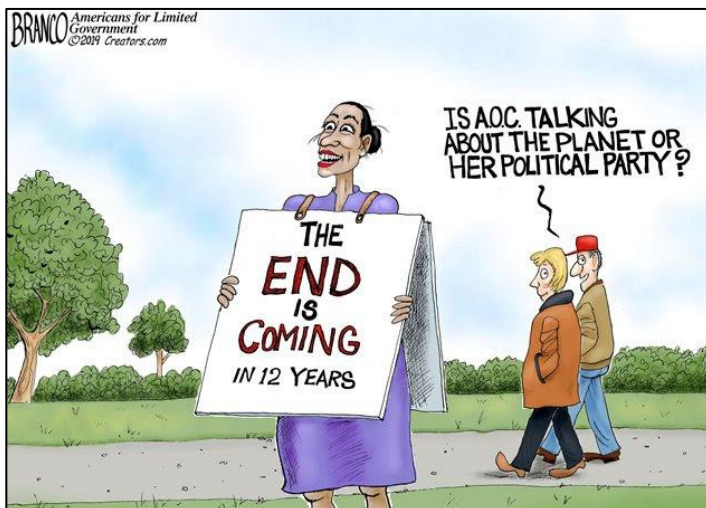
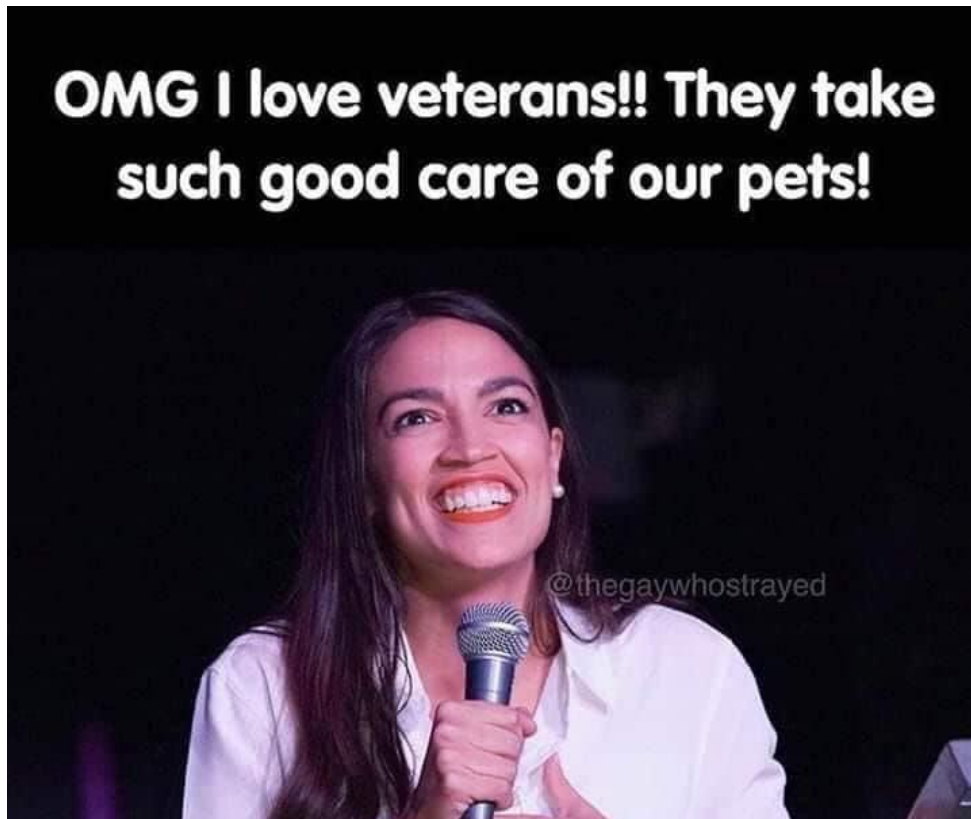


Several Americans have been seen sneaking into Canada.
Canada's Prime Minister has made the decision to build a wall.



Trump should tweet that he will grant citizenship to every illegal immigrant that swears to vote GOP. We will have that wall up by New Year's Day.







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ELIZABETH WARREN'S APPROVAL RATING CONTINUES TO DROP



IN THE LATEST TOTEM POLLS

NO POLITICIAN WHO SUPPORTS GUN CONTROL SHOULD GET ARMED PROTECTION PAID FOR BY THOSE THEY ARE TRYING TO DISARM.



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