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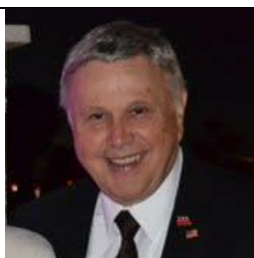
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FLORIDA GOVERNOR DESANTIS SWORN IN; LAYS OUT VISION FUTURE

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK:

MY TWO CENTS

By Stuart Gorin



Here's the difference between Plan A and Plan B:

PLAN A: President Trump Avoids Impeachment and Finishes His Term.

PLAN B: 1. Trump is Impeached and Convicted. 2. Pence becomes President. 3. Pence pardons Trump AND appoints him Vice President. 4. Pence resigns. 5. Trump becomes President and appoints Pence as Vice President. 6. Liberal Heads EXPLODE.

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Talking on television about the "Russian collusion" fiasco, political commentator **Michelle Malkin** came up with this gem:

"The dossier is a fake.

Mueller is a snake.

Comey is a flake."

And I laughed so hard, I began to ache.

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Following is a list of all the developed nations of the world that offer birthright citizenship to the newborn babies of tourists and "illegal" aliens:

1. The United States

2.-200. NONE of the world's other developed nations

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For his years of service to the citizens of Massachusetts, Fox News Channel's recent documentary series on the late "Chappaquiddick Teddy" Kennedy referred to him as "The Lion of the Senate". Or did the announcer mean "The Lyin' of the Senate"?

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More TWO CENTS next month.

It was "A Bold Vision For A Brighter Future" in Tallahassee on January 8, as the sun shone down brightly on Florida's historic Capitol Building.

That was the theme for the inauguration of Republican former **U.S. Congressman Ron DeSantis** as the Sunshine State's 46th Governor.



The outdoor program began with the Florida Cabinet members taking the oath of office. First up was incoming Commissioner of Agriculture Nikki Fried, the only Democrat elected to state-wide office. She was followed by **Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis**, who was re-elected to office; former **Judge Ashley Moody**, elected Attorney

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General; **State Senator Jeanette Nunez**, the incoming Lieutenant Governor; and finally, DeSantis himself, who was sworn-in by Florida's **Chief Justice Charles Canady**. Outgoing **Governor Rick Scott**, who was among the dignitaries in the audience, and his wife, Ann, left the ceremony immediately following DeSantis' installation so he could fly to Washington and take his own oath of office as Florida's new junior U.S. Senator.

DeSantis, during his first speech as governor, vowed to spearhead efforts to clean up the state's waterways and natural resources, impose fewer taxes on individuals and businesses, and expand vocational training opportunities for students. He also pledged to help crack down on illegal immigration by getting rid of sanctuary cities.

Turning to the crowd of about 3,000 people attending the inaugural ceremony, DeSantis said, "I take the helm of the ship of state as a Florida native, a veteran of our nation's military, conscious of my own deficiencies, mindful of the great trust that has been placed on me and thankful for so many of you who have prayed for me. I will not be a rudderless vessel in this endeavor."

And at a luncheon with Florida's legislative leaders and cabinet officials following his remarks, the new governor discussed his plans to work with them to continue to build on successes and address the challenges that lie ahead.

"Use the authority that you have," DeSantis said. "Have a system where the branches are competing with one another. There needs to be that kind of healthy debate. That's really I think the way things are supposed to work." He added that he does not want a replica of the system that exists in Washington.

While DeSantis said he was canceling a parade as part of the inaugural ceremonies, he did point out that the 2019 Inaugural Committee is giving \$150,000 to Operation 300, a nonprofit organization that provides aid to military families who have lost loved ones in combat.

Operation 300 was founded in the memory of **Navy Seal Aaron Carson Vaughn**, who was killed in the Tangi River Valley of Afghanistan.

"To honor his memory, Vaughn's family chose to give back to the families of those who lost their loved ones in service to our country. Parents **Billy and Karen Vaughn**, along with Aaron's widow, **Tara Vaughn Baldwin**, continue to run Operation 300 in his memory," a news release said.

DeSantis added: "Thanks to our dedicated Inaugural Committee and sponsors, Operation 300 will be able to further their mission to honor the memory of our fallen heroes and brighten the lives of those they have left behind."

Following are extensive excerpts of DeSantis' inaugural address:

(Begin excerpts)

Being charged with leading a state with so much promise, all I can promise is the sweat off my brow, a full heart, my best judgment and the courage of my convictions. I will not be a rudderless vessel in this endeavor; my compass will be the principles reflected in the constitutional oath I have just taken, and for which Americans have given their lives: that our rights are endowed by God, not government; that we the people loan power to government under the Constitution in order to protect our rights; that government's role is not to run our lives for us but to provide what Lincoln called an "open field and fair chance for one's industry, enterprise and intelligence"....

I am also fortunate to be succeeding our new U.S. Senator, Rick Scott, who stood here eight years ago at a time of great economic turmoil and pledged to put people back to work. Today, a million and half more Floridians have jobs and our economy is one of the best in the nation. Senator, your laser-like focus on improving Florida's economy has meant so much in the lives of so many in our state. You are leaving a strong foundation from which we here today can build. I wish you and Ann fair winds and following seas in our nation's capital; I know you will be a champion for Florida in the U.S. Senate....

Florida competes with other states to attract investment, jobs and opportunities for our citizens. Too many states have sought to match runaway public expenditures with ever-increasing levels of taxation. This creates a vicious cycle that leads productive citizens to flee, repels investment and leaves their people overburdened, with less opportunity to prosper, and badly damages the fiscal health of these states....

Let's promote a virtuous cycle whereby low taxes, a reasonable regulatory climate, a sensible legal system and a healthy environment attract jobs, business and investment – particularly in the areas of technology, manufacturing and finance. An expanding economic base will yield more high-paying jobs for our citizens and is the best way to generate the revenue needed for public priorities like education, protecting our natural resources and infrastructure....

People want to come to Florida because of its natural beauty. Tourism is not only a pillar of our state's economy, it helps spread the tax burden to non-Floridians, limiting taxes on our citizens. But this could be in jeopardy if we do not solve our pressing environmental problems....

For Florida, the quality of our water and environmental surroundings are foundational to our prosperity as a state – it doesn't just drive tourism; it affects property values, anchors many local economies, and is central to our quality of life. The water is part and parcel of Florida's DNA. Protecting it is the smart thing to do; it's also the right thing to do. I will lead the efforts to save our waterways. We will fight toxic blue-green algae, we will fight discharges from Lake Okeechobee, we will fight red tide, we will fight for our fishermen, we will fight for our beaches, we will fight to restore our Everglades and we will never ever quit, we won't be cowed and we won't let the foot draggers stand in our way....

We also resolve to support education. Florida should place a greater emphasis on vocational and technical training, as there is honor in jobs that require vocational skills and those who work hard in these trades make great contributions to our society and should have our admiration. Skills-based education should also include training in computer science and technology, as these skills will continue to be in demand for the foreseeable future....

We must rediscover the value of civics education. Our founding principles are what enables a nation conceived in liberty to long endure; their preservation is why so many Americans have laid down their lives in battles near and far. How can we ensure that government of the people shall not perish from the earth if we fail to provide all of our students with the foundational knowledge needed for properly discharging the duties of citizenship? One key element of our civic tradition is the distinction between the three branches of government. As a recovering U.S. Congressman, I understand and respect the powers afforded to the Legislative Branch. Our legislators are independently elected and do not work for me; but I hope they will work with me to meet the needs of the people of Florida....

In no area is legislative initiative more needed than in the field of health care. The escalating cost of medical care, prescription drugs and health insurance has wreaked havoc on family budgets, priced many out of the market entirely, and has put significant stress on our state budget. The current system is riddled with perverse incentives, intrudes on the doctor-patient relationship and is mired in bureaucracy and red tape. The people of Florida deserve relief....

I also understand that the role of the judiciary, while important, must be limited. It is a self-evident truth that in our constitutional system, courts lack the authority to legislate, but for far too long Florida has seen judges expand their power beyond proper constitutional bounds and substitute legislative will for dispassionate legal judgment, damaging the constitutional separation of powers, reducing the power of the people and eroding individual liberty. To my fellow Floridians, I say to you: judicial activism ends, right here and right now. I will only appoint judges who understand the proper role of the courts is to apply the law and Constitution as written, not to legislate from the bench. The Constitution, not the judiciary, is supreme....

To our veterans and the men and women in our armed forces, Florida values not only your service in uniform, but also the contributions you make to our state. To our men and women in law enforcement, I will stand with you to protect our communities. You put your life on the line in defense of others; you deserve support, not condemnation. To our local and federal law enforcement partners, the state of Florida will work with you to keep our people safe, particularly the safety of our schools. We must never turn a blind eye to those who represent a danger to our schools and community; we cannot sacrifice the safety of our people at the altar of social experimentation....

We will stand for the rule of law. We won't allow sanctuary cities. And we will stop incentivizing illegal immigration, which is unfair to our legal immigrants, promotes lawlessness and reduces wages for our blue-collar workers. We also cannot allow Florida's reputation to be further tarnished by the repeated failure of a small number of counties to conduct elections in a transparent, lawful manner. A generation of botched elections is enough....

If we meet the challenges that lie before us; if we overcome the tribalism that has dominated our politics; if we set the interests of hard-working taxpayers as our true north, then I have no doubt that the state of Florida will cruise to bright new horizons. We will see that rising sun. So Sail on, O' Ship of State, for the future of Florida is strong and great. God bless you, and may God bless the great state of Florida.

(End excerpts)

TRUMP CALLS FOR BORDER SECURITY; THEN END TO GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

President Trump told a nationally-televised audience from the Oval Office on January 8 that despite the security and humanitarian crisis that exists on our southern border, the country remained in a partial government shut-down because Democrats refused to work with his administration to solve border security, even though their leaders did favor such action before he assumed office.



The president urged Americans during his ten-minute address to call Congress and tell them to “secure our border,” because it is “a choice between right and wrong. Justice and injustice.”

As expected, Democrat leaders Nancy Pelosi in the House and Chuckie Schumer in the Senate demanded and received airtime following Trump's speech to refute the president, accusing him of appealing to “fear, not facts; division, not unity,” and calling for him to re-open government first, and then they could talk about border security.

Appearing on the “Hannity” program on Fox News, author and radio personality **Mark Levin** referred to the two as “pathological liars” who are “part of the scam artists. They get amnesty, legalization, citizenship, and never secure the border.”

Earlier, Campus Reform's **Cabot Phillips** produced a video of students on the campus of American University in Washington, DC, reacting with disgust when they were read

quotes regarding illegal immigration and the border wall. In response to the quotes – which they assumed came from President Trump -- the students called them “hateful,” “dehumanizing,” “problematic” and “jingoist.”

Imagine the snowflakes’ shock and horror when they learned the quotes – actually from several years ago – were spoken by Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, then Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, and former President Barack Obama.

Following is the text of Trump’s remarks:

“My fellow Americans. Tonight, I am speaking to you because there is a growing humanitarian and security crisis at our southern border. Every day customs and border patrol agents encounter thousands of illegal immigrants trying to enter our country. We are out of space to hold them and we have no way to promptly return them back home to their country. America proudly welcomes millions of lawful immigrants who enrich our society and contribute to our nation. But all Americans are hurt by uncontrolled illegal migration. It strains public resources and drives down jobs and wages.

“Among those hardest hit are: African-Americans and Hispanic Americans. Our southern border is a pipeline for vast quantities of illegal drugs, including meth, heroin, cocaine and fentanyl. Every week 300 of our citizens are killed by heroin alone, 90% of which floods across from our southern border. More Americans will die from drugs this year than were killed in the entire Vietnam War.

“In the last two years, ICE officers made 266,000 arrests of aliens with criminal records including those charged or convicted of 100,000 assaults, 30,000 sex crimes, and 4,000 violent killings. Over the years thousands of Americans have been brutally killed by those who illegally entered our country and thousands more lives will be lost if we don’t act right now. This is a humanitarian crisis, a crisis of the heart and a crisis of the soul.

“Last month, 20,000 migrant children were illegally brought into the United States, a dramatic increase. These children are used as human pawns by vicious coyotes and ruthless gangs. One in three women are sexually assaulted on the dangerous trek up through Mexico. Women and children are the biggest victims by far of our broken system. This is the tragic reality of illegal immigration on our southern border. This is the cycle of human suffering that I am determined to end.

“My administration has presented Congress with a detailed proposal to secure the border and stop the criminal gangs, drug smugglers and human traffickers. It’s a tremendous problem. Our proposal was developed by law enforcement professionals and border agents at the department of homeland security. These are the resources they have requested to properly perform their mission and keep America safe. In fact, safer than ever before.

“The proposal from Homeland Security includes cutting-edge technology for detecting drugs, weapons, illegal contraband

and many other things. We have requested more agents, immigration judges, and bed space to process the sharp rise in unlawful migration fueled by our very strong economy. Our plan also contains an urgent request for humanitarian assistance and medical support. Furthermore, we have asked Congress to close border security loopholes so that illegal immigrant children can be safely and humanely returned back home. Finally, as part of an overall approach to border security, law enforcement professionals have requested \$5.7 billion for a physical barrier. At the request of Democrats, it will be a steel barrier rather than a concrete wall.

“This barrier is absolutely critical to border security. It’s also what our professionals at the border want and need. This is just common sense. The border wall would very quickly pay for itself. The cost of illegal drugs exceeds \$500 billion a year. Vastly more than the \$5.7 billion we have requested from Congress. The wall will always be paid for indirectly by the great new trade deal we have made with Mexico. Senator Chuck Schumer, who you will be hearing from later tonight, has repeatedly supported a physical barrier in the past along with many other Democrats. They changed their mind only after I was elected president.

“Democrats in Congress have refused to acknowledge the crisis. And they have refused to provide our brave border agents with the tools they desperately need to protect our families and our nation. The federal government remains shut down for one reason and one reason only because Democrats will not fund border security. My administration is doing everything in our power to help those impacted by the situation. But the only solution is for Democrats to pass a spending bill that defends our borders and reopens the government. This situation could be solved in a 45-minute meeting. I have invited congressional leadership to the White House tomorrow to get this done. Hopefully, we can rise above partisan politics in order to support national security.

“Some have suggested a barrier is immoral. Then why do wealthy politicians build walls, fences and gates around their homes? They don’t build walls because they hate the people on the outside, but because they love the people on the inside. The only thing that is immoral is the politicians to do nothing and continue to allow more innocent people to be so horribly victimized. America’s heart broke the day after Christmas when a young police officer in California was savagely murdered in cold blood by an illegal alien who just came across the border. The life of an American hero was stolen by someone who had no right to be in our country.

“Day after day, precious lives are cut short by those who have violated our borders. In California, an air force veteran was raped, murdered and beaten to death with a hammer by an illegal alien with a long criminal history. In Georgia, an illegal alien was recently charged with murder for killing, beheading and dismembering his neighbor. In Maryland, MS-13 gang members who arrived in the United States as unaccompanied minors, were arrested and charged last year after viciously stabbing and beating a 16-year-old girl.

“Over the last several years, I have met with dozens of families whose loved ones were stolen by illegal immigration. I’ve held the hands of the weeping mothers and embraced the grief-stricken fathers. So sad. So terrible. I will never forget the pain in their eyes, the tremble in their voices and the sadness gripping their souls. How much more American blood must we shed before Congress does its job?”

“For those who refuse to compromise in the name of border security, I would ask, imagine if it was your child, your husband, or your wife whose life was so cruelly shattered and totally broken? To every member of Congress, pass a bill that ends this crisis. To every citizen call Congress and tell them to finally, after all of these decades, secure our border. This is a choice between right and wrong. Justice and injustice. This is about whether we fulfill our sacred duty to the American citizens we serve. When I took the oath of office, I swore to protect our country. And that is what I will always do so help me God. Thank you and good night.”

GRUTERS ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF REPUBLICAN PARTY OF FLORIDA



At the annual RPOF meeting in Orlando on January 12-13, the leader of the Sarasota County Republican Party, **Joe Gruters**, was elected the new chairman of the Republican Party of Florida, replacing **Blaise Ingolia**, who chose not to run for another term.

Gruters, who also serves in the Florida State Senate, is a certified public accountant and a strong supporter of both **President Trump** and **Florida Governor Ron DeSantis**. “I am honored and humbled to have received the vote of confidence from my fellow Republicans to lead the Florida GOP during this exciting time for our party,” Gruters said.

“After a close, yet successful midterm election for Republicans, I have learned that united, we are unstoppable,” he added. “That is why I look forward to getting to work closely with every county chairman, every state committee man and woman, as well as every elected official to make history once again in 2020.”

Underscoring his loyalty to the president, Gruters handed out red “Keep Florida Great” hats ahead of the vote.

Another Sarasota County Republican, **Christian Ziegler**, was elected RPOF vice chairman, and **Kristy Banks** of Franklin County was re-elected secretary.

Evan Power of Leon County was elected chairman of the County Chairmen’s Caucus of all 67 counties in the Sunshine State, and Brevard County’s **Rick Lacey** was elected vice chairman. In the elections for the 8th Congressional District Caucus, **Elly Manov** of Indian River County is the new chairman, and **Mike Thomas** of Brevard County is the new vice chairman.

UPDATE FROM THE



The entire membership gathered at the January 9 meeting in support of **President Trump**, and the group photo was to be sent to the White House.



BREC Chairman Rick Lacey said volunteers are needed for three committees in preparation for the next election: Fundraising (in order to be able to support Republican candidates in county elections); Voter Registration (with the goal of increasing Brevard County’s 179,000 registered Republicans to 190,000 by the 2020 election); and Membership (to sign up at least one Republican contact in every precinct in the county).



Lacey also announced the selection of Committeewoman and Committeeman of the Month: **Barbara Gorin** and **Paul Oddo**. Gorin was chosen for her volunteer efforts in helping to set up and daily staff an information booth outside one of the early voting sites, as well as participate in candidate sign-

waving efforts at major county intersections; and Oddo, for his tireless work as BREC Secretary, maintaining membership rolls and keeping track of membership applications

BREC Vice Chairman Mark Hutchins, who joined Lacey in presenting certificates to the selectees, stressed to the membership that in non-partisan municipal elections in the county, “we have to make sure that Republicans are elected,” and all Republican clubs in Brevard County need to be supported.

State Committeeman Mike Thomas said the By Laws Committee was in the process of compiling proposed changes to the BREC By Laws.

BREC Treasurer Sharon Rose said the audit of the committee’s annual expenses will be completed by the April 1 due date.

Two new members were sworn-in at the end the BREC meeting.

Following the meeting, District 4 members caucused to fill the vacant position of district secretary, selecting **John Murphy** for the position.

REMEMBERING RON ZIEGLER



Sadly, following a long battle with cancer, **Brevard Republican Executive Committee (BREC) Parliamentarian and Precinct Committeeman Ron Ziegler** passed away on January 16 at age 82.

Very active in his Heritage Isle community in Viera, Ziegler also served as president of the Heritage Isle Republican Club (HIRC); vice president of the Heritage Isle

Residential Villages Association (HIRVA); and vice chairman of the community’s tennis club.

The Philadelphia native was a retired attorney, and earlier in his life, a Republican precinct committeeman in Pennsylvania, a member of the U.S. Army Reserves, a past National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans, and a graduate of Temple University and the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

He is survived by his widow, Leona; son, Dr. Brian Ziegler; sister, Barbara Friedman; and six grandchildren. Funeral services – in front of an overflow crowd of relatives and friends – were held at Florida Memorial Life Event Center in Rockledge.

Among the tributes paid to him:

BREC Chairman Rick Lacey: “Ron was thoughtful, friendly and could always be counted on to add a touch of humor to a discussion. I will miss him.”

HIRC Secretary Carol Meehl: “Ron held a strong active presence in our Club, the Community and County. His efforts and contributions to the Republican Party were many.”

HIRVA President Barbara Wong: “We will always remember Ron as the reliable, willing, hard-charging, legal mind who never missed a beat nor hesitate to tell it like it is. His dedication and commitment in serving our community will be sadly missed.”

Amen to that, R.I.P. Ron!

AUDACITY AND INHUMANITY

Here are this month’s “winners”:

--CNN Pentagon Correspondent Barbara Starr, for her lame criticism of U.S. military troops in Iraq who asked visiting President Donald Trump to sign their red Make American Great Again caps, saying the action was “very much against military policy and regulation,” She added that “troops are not supposed to be involved in political activities.” The President, of course, had no problem with the requests, and the Media Research Center accused CNN of a double-standard, pointing out that the network would have reacted differently during the Obama administration. Here is President Trump’s response to the criticism, not only from CNN, but others as well: "CNN & others within the Fake News Universe were going wild about my signing MAGA hats for our military in Iraq and Germany. If these brave young people ask me to sign their hat, I will sign. Can you imagine my saying NO? We brought or gave NO hats as the Fake News first reported!"

--A leftist group calling itself “the Democrat Coalition – the nation’s largest grassroots Resistance organization” – which has demanded that Special Counsel Robert Mueller impeach, arrest and jail President Trump, even though he does not have the power to do any of these things. The group tweeted several of its members singing “We wish you a Mueller Christmas, and impeachment next year.” But this wasn’t well-received on the Internet and replies to it included comments such as “this is very embarrassing and extremely unhelpful,” and “Well at least now we know the DNC didn’t waste any money on singing lessons”. It’s clear that the Dems aren’t yet finished embarrassing themselves in their hatred for Trump.

--Democrat Congresswoman Pramilla Jayapal of Washington State, for appearing on MSNBC and accusing President Trump of “blatantly lying” about immigration plans, outlandishly saying he wanted America to be ethnically cleansed of all immigrants, legal or illegal, and all “folks of color.”

--U.S. District Judge in New York Jesse Furman, an Obama appointee, for ruling that Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross is not allowed to ask about citizenship on the 2020 Census, because he “violated a statute that requires him, in circumstances like those here, to collect data through the acquisition and use of administrative records instead of through direct inquiries on a survey such as the census.”

--Officials at the University of Missouri – the Editor’s alma mater during earlier years of sanity – for finding a male student guilty of sexual harassment in violation of Title IX’s civil-rights law, simply because he asked another student out on a date, and he is physically larger than she is. According to a deposition about the case, his “physical size” meant that “he was perceived as having power over her.” Reporting on this absurdity, “National Review Online” called the incident a total abuse and misuse of Title IX and pointed out that most men are bigger than most women anyway.

--Four liberal colleges, for offering the five most politically biased courses in 2018, as determined by the Leadership Institute’s Campus Reform: Harvard Law School, for classes on impeachment and removal of President Trump, and for ways to “push back against” the president’s strategies; San Diego State University, for a criminal justice course called “Impeachment, Removal and Special Counsel”; the University of Illinois, for a journalism class on Trump’s “disinformation campaign” and “running war” against the media; and the University of Maine, for offering tuition-free credit to students willing to travel to Washington, to protest against then-Supreme Court justice nominee Brett Kavanaugh.

--Snowflake student senators at the University of New Mexico, who voted to pass a resolution condemning Education Secretary Betsy DeVos’ proposed Title IX changes, despite not even reading her 144-page document.

--The snowflake members of the Ethnic and Cultural Affairs Commission – a student government branch of the University of California at Davis – for a since-deleted Facebook message criticizing the posting of a photo of Natalie Corona, the young police officer who was fatally gunned-down in Davis, waving a Blue Lives Matter flag. The students outrageously had claimed the picture was “triggering” and “blatantly anti-Black.”

--The far-left, unelected bureaucrats running the Office of Children and Family Services in liberal New York State, for threatening the pro-life, privately funded charity New Hope Family Services with its ability to place children with the adoptive parents of a birth mother’s choice, because New Hope only considers homes with traditional married families. New Hope, which has placed more than 1,000 children for adoption in loving homes, has filed a lawsuit against the state in the U.S. District Court of New York.

--Hempstead Village officials on Long Island, New York, for taking a gun-buyback program to a whole new level – children could trade their water pistols, nerf guns and other toy

weapons for other toys in an effort to change the culture around gun ownership. One official said, “We want children to know guns are not a toy,” and another said, “It has to start at a young age. If we can get them to say, ‘It’s not cool to carry these toy guns,’ then maybe when they get older, they won’t ever carry a real gun.” But speaking on Fox News about the program, Brandon Tatum, a former Tucson, Arizona, police officer, disagreed, saying it is an “overreaction,” and “We need to teach our children about gun safety. We need to give them access to information on these topics.”

--The New York-based Association of Black and Puerto Rican Legislators, Inc., whose stated mission is to empower “African American and Latino youth through education and leadership initiatives by providing opportunity to higher education,” for collecting money from major corporations, but not providing a single scholarship to needy youth in two years. According to “American Patriot News,” a “New York Post” investigation determined the group instead spent \$500,000 on such items as food, limousines and rap music.

--Substitute teacher Heather Carpenter at a Sarasota County, Florida, elementary school, who was arrested and charged with third-degree felony criminal mischief for sabotaging a little girl’s birthday party by rubbing human fecal matter on tables and grills at Urfer Park. Reportedly, the woman had an on-going dispute with the girl’s mother – who is the principal at Phillippi Shores Elementary School. The damage to seven tables and two grills at the park cost the county more than \$2,000.

--Newly sworn-in California Governor Gavin Newsom, for proposing on his first day in office to extend state health care to more illegal aliens in his state by raising the age limit for Medicaid coverage from 19 to 26. Never mind the cost to taxpayers.

--Democrat Virginia Governor Ralph Northam, for proposing legislation to repeal his state’s requirement that voters show photo ID, alleging that the current law creates “unnecessary barriers that make getting to the ballot box difficult.” That’s true, IF the voter is not eligible in the first place!

--Massachusetts attorney Dana Goldblatt, who called police “violence workers” during a contentious Northampton City Council meeting during which officials were discussing acceptance of a \$13,000 gift of ammunition for the Police Department from Walmart. She referred to Walmart as an “arms dealer”, claiming that guns and ammo would be flowing through the city “like water”, and even said that citizens should be able to decide how many police officers were needed in the city. As a result, Walmart officially rescinded its donation pledge.

--CNN analyst Areva Martin, who went on air accusing Fox News host David Webb of benefitting from “white privilege” in getting hired for his job as a “white male,” and then having to listen to him explain to her that if she would have watched Fox News, she would have realized that he is, in fact, black. “You should have been better prepped,” Webb said, and Martin awkwardly explained that her staff had given her “wrong information.”

THIS AND THAT

SCOTT SWEARING IN. Vice President Mike Pence officiated at the swearing-in of former **Florida Governor Rick Scott** as the Sunshine State's newest U.S. Senator on January 8 at the Old Senate Chamber on Capitol Hill. Scott delayed his ceremony five days, until new **Florida Governor Ron DeSantis** took his own oath of office in Tallahassee, and



– joined by his wife, Ann – he flew to Washington, D.C. A Scott spokesman said the delay was deliberate, “in order to keep his promise to fight for Floridians every day of his term.” Scott defeated Democrat Senator Bill Nelson last November to join **Republican Senator Marco Rubio** in serving Florida.

FLORIDA SUPREME COURT. By press time, **Florida Governor Ron DeSantis** had named **Barbara Lagoa**, chief judge of the 3rd District Court of Appeal in Miami, and **Robert Luck**, of the same appellate court, to fill two of three current vacancies on the Florida Supreme Court. Both said they would adhere closely to the state constitution, and both face a merit retention vote in 2020.

MORE ON THE STEELE DOSSIER, MEDIA MATTERS. The website www.wnd.com quotes talk radio host **Larry O'Connor**, in an analysis for the Washington Times, explaining why, during the 2016 election campaign, the Clinton team did not use any of the negative information in the phony dossier written by former British agent Christopher Steele. That was “not the mission of the creators and commissioners of the Steele dossier,” O'Connor said. “It was, instead, to harm Mr. Trump if he won the election.... The insurance policy is to repair the damage after Mr. Trump wins. Just in case Mr. Trump wins.” He said the plan “was conceived months before and put into action by none other than the Clinton presidential campaign.” Additionally, The Washington Times' **Rowan Scarborough** reported that Steele told a British court he was not hired to thwart Trump's chances to win, but to undermine the legitimacy of his presidency should he win. Clinton's legal advisers engaged the activists at Fusion GPS and Steele, Scarborough said, “to provide legal advice on the potential impact of Russian involvement on the legal validity of the outcome of the 2016 U.S. presidential election.” O'Connor added that “the reason for the project in the first place, and the very real impact of Mr. Steele's efforts, was to delegitimize and undermine the presidency of Donald Trump. And with the help of an all-to-

willing mainstream media, so far the insurance policy has paid off.” Earlier, WND also reported that the wave of censorship of conservative voices on the Internet by tech giants Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Apple, mirrors a plan concocted by a coalition of George Soros-funded, progressive groups to take back power in Washington from President Trump's administration. It said a confidential, 49-page memo for defeating Trump by working with the major social-media platforms to eliminate what it called “right wing propaganda and fake news,” was presented in January 2017 by Media Matters founder David Brock at a retreat in Florida with about 100 donors. The “Washington Free Beacon,” WND said, obtained a copy of the memo, “Democracy Matters: Strategic Plan for Action,” by attending the retreat, and it said the memo spells out a four-year agenda that deployed Media Matters along with American Bridge, Shareblue and Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (CREW) to attack Trump and Republicans. The strategies are impeachment, expanding Media Matters' mission to combat “government misinformation,” ensuring Democratic control of the Senate in the 2018 midterm elections (which it failed to do), filing lawsuits against the Trump administration, monetizing political advocacy, and using a “digital attacker” to delegitimize Trump's presidency and damage Republicans.

BLUEWARE SAGA CONTINUES. On December 20, a three-year prison sentence was given to Rose Harr, the former CEO of the software company BlueWare, that was tied to a public corruption case involving former Brevard County Clerk of Courts Mitch Needelman. The case centered around prosecutors' claims that Needelman gave a document scanning contract worth more than \$8 million to BlueWare in 2012 in exchange for campaign contributions. Harr had been convicted of bid tampering and conspiracy to commit bribery, and earlier in 2018, a third person, former BlueWare executive William Dupree, pleaded guilty to bribery charges in exchange for others being dropped, and was sentenced to 26 months in prison. Needelman himself was convicted of similar charges in 2017, and faced up to 40 years in prison, but the decision was vacated based on jury misconduct. Prosecutors are pushing for a new trial in his case.

HERITAGE ISLE REPUBLICAN CLUB. **Mark Hutchins**, the new vice chair of the Brevard Republican Executive Committee, told the Heritage Isle Republican Club on January 3 that the party has “a big challenge ahead for the 2020 elections,” and it is critical to get young people involved in Republican issues. Otherwise, he said, we could lose the country in 10 or 15 years. He added that in Brevard County – which he called “a bulwark” in retaining key positions in Florida – there are still more than 100,000 residents registered as no party affiliation, and “we have to get them involved as well.” Hutchins urged the club members to reach out to neighbors in this effort. Discussing the problems with socialism that are growing in the country, he noted that they began in the public schools in 1962 when opening exercises with the Bible were dropped, and also students who don't know the U.S. Constitution are being sold “this socialist utopia,” which it isn't. The problem with today's media, he

added, is that networks such as CNN and MSNBC do not carry news of what President Trump is accomplishing. Instead, he recommended going on-line and reading “The Drudge Report” and “Breitbart News.”



RLCCEF Chairman Chairman Bob White said at the group’s January 7 meeting that next month, members will vote on a proposed amendment to the club bylaws to change the number of Board Directors from 3 to 5, and to provide that one each will be elected from each of the 5 Brevard County Commission Districts....White also announced that in order to attract new members from the northern and southern portions of Brevard County, half of the meetings in 2019 will take place in other locations. He said the February 4 meeting will be at the Frog Bones Double Tapp Grill, 404 S. Harbor City Blvd., the March 4 and May 6 meetings revert back to Memaw’s BBQ, 600 E. Eau Gallie Blvd., and the April 1 meeting will be at the Blue Heron Restaurant at the Great Outdoors outside Titusville. That sequence, he added, will continue for the rest of the year....**RLC National Chairman Matt Nye** announced he has created a new website for the group – www.rlccef.com, which will be providing members easier access to information not only about RLC meetings and speakers, but also other organization’s events in Brevard County.



ACT! FOR AMERICA SPACE COAST CHAPTER. National security consultant and speaker **Chris Gaubatz** told the Space Coast Chapter of Act! For America on January 10 that there is a parallel between Marxism and Islamic Jihad. He said the Marxist-Progressive-Socialist movement of the 1930s

“set the stage” for the Jihadist movement today that is the warfare against non-Muslims in an effort to globally establish Islamic states under sharia law. Both movements favor global governance, and do not believe in borders or national sovereignty. This jihad movement, Gaubatz said, works “hand-in-hand with the mainstream media,” and after an attack, it uses the media to



interview a Muslim guest who says it has “nothing to do” with the Islamic religion. In this way, he added, any backlash is considered “Islamaphobia” in the effort to shut the message down. And, he said, local law enforcement then is forced to take “diversity training.” Gaubatz – who trains law enforcement on the severity and dangers of the jihadi movement in the United States – was the lead undercover researcher in 2008 by infiltrating the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) headquarters in Northern Virginia as a “Muslim intern.” For six months he preserved more than 12,000 pages of evidence and 300 hours of covert audio/video recordings that revealed clear patterns of CAIR’s fraud, sedition and terrorism. This led to his father, **Dave Gaubatz**, a career federal counter-intelligence agent, and investigative journalist **Paul Sperry**, to publish a book called “Muslim Mafia,” which has led to years of still-unresolved law suits – not that the material isn’t factual, but instead on how it was obtained. Chris Gaubatz stressed that Americans are fighting today for a constitutional republic with laws based on Judeo-Christian values, and President Trump is the one person at the national level who sees what is going on, but he cannot do it alone. Gaubatz urged the chapter members to talk to people and get involved in the effort against jihad....Also on the program, **Tony Verzi**, the chapter vice president, reporting on “Frauds, Crooks, Criminals, & Illegals,” said the Trump Administration is stepping up investigation of citizen frauds, and he cited three examples – Abdi Ali Gure, a medical care company owner in Bloomington, Minnesota, who submitted more than \$260,000 in false claims for state-funded medical assistance; Debasish Muhur, who bought customers’ food stamps for half of their value and redeemed them at full value for three years, pocketing \$1.7 million; and Haythan Fakhri, a Dearborn, Michigan, pharmacist who billed Medicare for \$1.2 million for medications both charged to deceased persons or never dispensed.



SPACE COAST PATRIOTS. Royce Bartlett, host of the “Shooting Straight” radio program and a staunch supporter of the Second Amendment, told the Space Coast Patriots on January 14 there are three threats to liberty in our country: politicians, the media, and gullible Americans. These threats, he said, feel like “a gathering

storm” is approaching. A number of politicians, he said, unfortunately are passing law that are against our freedoms, but they, themselves, are breaking them. Some of these laws – especially those that adversely affect the Second Amendment – are not what our Founders envisioned, but instead are what they warned us about, Bartlett explained. He said members of the media will not listen to common sense, and are willfully ignorant, so you cannot change their minds. But it is the group of gullible citizens, who have



been brainwashed, that can be won over with education, he said, and he urged the Patriots to join in the effort to talk to them. Bartlett noted that the Democrats – who have just taken over leadership in the House of Representatives, have prepared a stack of anti-gun laws, and it is time to send a declaration to the federal and state governments enumerating the rights that appear in the Constitution. Passage of anti-gun legislation need to be defied non-violently, he said, while maintaining “the spirit of resistance as our forefathers did.” Bartlett said victims of shootings in “gun-free zones” should sue the federal government for not providing them the protection enumerated in the Constitution. We see violent crime increases in these zones, he said, and a 60 percent decrease where citizens are allowed open or concealed carry. Bartlett is one of the instructors in a basic defensive pistol class that is taught at the American Police Hall of Fame in Titusville, Florida. The class, he said, is designed to give citizens a solid foundation of concealed carry and defensive techniques. Course attendees, he added, “will learn safe and proper weapon manipulation; the principles of marksmanship; how to engage multiple targets; the proper use of cover and concealment, moving and shooting; and how to interact with authorities during critical incidents.” Bartlett is available for more information at royce.bartlett@rtba.us.



After the legislative council at the U.C Irvine voted to ban the American flag from flying in the student government's main lobby, citing our flag being used as an “offensive weapon of nationalism, colonialism, and imperialism,” the Leadership Institute’s college watchdog Campus Reform swung into action. It broke this shocking story and its reporting provoked a national outcry. Then LI’s campus organizer for California, David Blair, rallied two conservative student groups at the university, supplying them with flags, sign-making materials, and a plan to organize Americans in a successful protest on campus. As a result, less than a week after the story broke, three members of the legislative council changed their votes, and said they would not ban the American flag. The radical left lost this effort in their push to try to convince students that America is something to be ashamed of. Too often, conservatives let these displays go unchallenged, but fortunately, this time was not one of them. For more information about LI, visit the website: www.leadershipinstitute.org.



In a victory for 130,000 families who participate in two of the nation’s largest educational choice programs – Florida’s Tax Credit Scholarship Program and the McKay Scholarship Program for Students with Disabilities – the Florida Supreme Court has ruled that both are safe from constitutional attack. The Institute for Justice (IJ) fought for nearly a decade for Florida to join 10 other state supreme

courts to uphold educational choice.

IJ President Scott Bullock said the decision will keep scholarship students in the schools that best meet their needs and clears the way for new and expanded choice programs to be introduced during this legislative session. “It is also an exciting start to what IJ hopes will be a watershed year for the educational choice movement,” Bullock added. “We are working hard to bring our fight against state Blaine Amendments to the U.S. Supreme Court, and our educational choice team is counseling policymakers across the nation with the goal of expanding educational options for families in as many states as possible.” The website is: www.ij.org.



QUESTIONS, QUESTIONS.

--If only 11 million people have Obama-Care, how will 24 million people die if it is repealed? Will an additional 13 million people be randomly shot, poisoned, or spayed?

--If Donald Trump deleted all of his emails, wiped his server with Bleachbit (like Hillary) and destroyed all of his phones with a hammer, would the Mainstream Media suddenly lose all interest in the story and declare him innocent (like Hillary)?

--If Liberals don't believe in biological gender and promote transgenders, then why did they march for women's rights?

--How did the Russians get Debbie Wasserman Schultz and the DNC to steal the Primary from Bernie Sanders? And how did Russia get Donna Brazile to leak debate questions to Hillary Clinton in advance of the debates?

--If Democrats don't want foreigners involved in our elections, why do they think it's all right for illegals to vote? And why do they accept donations from foreigners?

Does anybody have the answers?

EXPERTS' EXCERPTS



Former Arkansas Governor **Mike Huckabee**, speaking about the topic of impeachment on his Trinity Broadcasting Network television show:

“One of the words that we have heard tossed around a lot from some prominent Democrats is the word ‘impeachment.’ The more I hear the Democrats and the media – but then

I repeat myself – say impeachment, the more I’m convinced they have no idea what it means and how it works. It’s a little scary that so much has been entrusted to so few who know so little, and that would be members of Congress. A president

cannot be impeached just because you don't like his policies or his personality. That's what elections are for. If you don't like the leader you have, you can work really hard for two, four or six years – depending on the office – and vote someone else in. If we decided just to throw out the results of an election because it didn't go our way, we would have a government that would be in a bigger meltdown than the one we have now....While the Constitution defines the basis of impeachment being high crimes and misdemeanors, there is little more to go on as to what would constitute grounds for impeachment. But I know of no legitimate legal scholar who thinks that not liking a president is basis for impeachment. Oh, yeah, there are some numbskulls on CNN and MSNBC who threw the term out there daily, but we're not talking about big thinkers. We're talking about little stinkers, and some of them are little more than hate-filled partisan hacks. Most people do not realize that impeachment is not removal from office. Impeachment is the equivalent of indictment in criminal court. It is not proof of guilt. It is merely formal charges being filed that then would require a majority of the House of Representatives to vote for.... If the House were to impeach, and let me say, with the angry Trump-hating partisans in the majority, it's actually possible, then the charges after that would have to be taken before the U.S. Senate. The chief justice of the Supreme Court would preside at the trial. Then the Senate becomes the court room, the evidence is presented by House members, and it is refuted by the president's lawyers or Senators who will defend him. The Senate has to vote by a two-thirds super majority to expel the president....It ultimately would do more damage to the accusers than to the accused. But with the Republicans holding a majority of seats in the Senate, it would require every Democrat and at least 14 Republicans to vote to expel the president. I'm going to let you in on a little secret. There is a better chance President Trump will stop tweeting and assume the personality of Mr. Rogers than his ever being convicted by this Senate. It ain't gonna happen."



Editor-at-large **David Keene**, writing on **Utah Senator Orrin Hatch**, in "The Washington Times":

"President Trump awarded Senator Orrin Hatch, the longest-serving Senate Republican ever, the Medal of Freedom. In doing so, Mr. Trump emphasized the high personal regard in which he

holds Mr. Hatch, but the medal was deserved not just because the president likes the senator, but because Orrin Hatch deserves recognition as a Senate great at the end of a distinguished career....Orrin Hatch of Utah is retiring after serving in the Senate for 42 long years during which he has chaired and served as ranking Republican of three of the most important committees in the Senate: the Judiciary, Labor and Finance Committees. He has fought for the confirmation of conservative judicial nominees, written a major revision of the tax code and successfully fought off big labor's attempts to

gut the nation's labor laws. He ran briefly for president in 2000, but not so secretly coveted a seat on the U.S. Supreme Court for decades. By the time a president was ready to give such an appointment serious consideration, his age dictated a search for a younger nominee. Mr. Hatch, a Mormon, and successful attorney, moved to Utah from Pennsylvania in the late '60s. He played a major role in Ronald Reagan's 1976 effort to wrest the Republican presidential nomination from President Gerald Ford, and when that race ended, declared himself a candidate for the Senate. In a multi-candidate field his Reaganite credentials made all the difference.... He opposed the Equal Rights Amendment and was a consistent champion of those fighting for the rights of the unborn. In the '80s and since, he has been a staunch advocate of a Balanced Budget Amendment and foe of expensive and wasteful government spending. When judicial appointees from Robert Bork to Brett Kavanaugh have run into the leftist buzz saw, he's always had their back.... He is a conservative in the Reagan tradition, which is to say that he is both a gentleman who could work across party lines without forgetting who he was or abandoning his core principles. Orrin Hatch is one of the most decent men to be found in that once noble calling and will be missed."



American Civil Rights Union senior fellow **Ken Blackwell**, writing on voter fraud damaging America's integrity in "The Orlando Sentinel":

"Two years before the very public 2018 voting integrity disaster in Broward County at the hands of election supervisor Brenda Snipes, the American Civil Rights Union – a Washington, D.C.-based civil rights

organization – filed suit against Snipes, alleging she violated civil rights and election law by failing to ensure and maintain accurate voter registration rolls. ACRU v. Snipes is scheduled for oral arguments before the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals in March. The high visibility of this case will again bring heated debate to concerns with Florida's voting system, its fairness to each vote cast, the honesty of those running the system and the state's critical role in national elections.... Florida has a fluid and diverse population of retirees, university students and ethnic and racial minorities. Large urban counties like Broward and Palm Beach have historically driven statewide election results, but smaller and middle-sized counties like Citrus, Collier, Pasco and Hernando are now expected to play an increasingly significant role. The critical question is how much can fraudulent ballots negate the value of a Florida citizen's vote, and is the state responsible for solving this problem? Are voting shenanigans isolated to Florida, or is systemic vote fraud activism, predominantly by liberals, leading to a diluted vote for the individual citizen and the conservative electorate in particular? ...According to recent Census data, there are over 3 million more registered voters than there are living adults in the United States. This gross inaccuracy of voter rolls makes it easy for fraud to be committed as the old joke 'dead men voting!' really is no joke

at all. Yet when conservatives call for cleaning up voter rolls, they are accused of voter suppression by their political opponents.... As the *ACRU v. Snipes* case proceeds, data painstakingly collected about multiple votes cast in Florida by single individuals, voters registered in multiple counties and states, and other serious voter roll discrepancies will be revealed. Although this is a Florida case focused on Broward County election supervisor Brenda Snipes and her questionable oversight of election integrity, it is truly a case for the nation. As Florida will continue to be a player in national elections, accurate and honest voting is critical. Voting is our most precious civil right, and it is a gift made possible by honest elections.”



Reporter **Lydia Wheeler**, writing on U.S. Supreme Court cases to watch in 2019, in “The Hill” newspaper:

“The justices are scheduled to wade into a dispute over a WWI memorial in Maryland that ignited the age-old debate over the separation of church and state, and they’ll hear a case involving a controversial citizenship question

in the 2020 Census...Here's a look at the top five cases to watch. Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals. The Trump administration has asked the Supreme Court to decide whether its decision to phase out the Obama-era DACA program is lawful. Federal district courts in California and New York have issued preliminary injunctions that force the administration to keep the program in place nationwide.... Transgender military ban. The government is asking the Supreme Court to hear its appeal of three district court orders that have kept the administration from enforcing its ban on transgender people serving in the military...Partisan gerrymandering. The justices will have an opportunity to determine when the use of politics in redistricting is so extreme that it’s unconstitutional. The court punted similar cases last term from Maryland and Wisconsin. A separate challenge out of North Carolina is also back before court. Republican lawmakers are appealing a second ruling from a three-judge district court panel striking down the state’s 2016 congressional maps. Common Cause and the League of Women Voters challenged the maps in two cases that were consolidated in the lower court....2020 census. The justices will hear arguments on February 19 in a dispute over whether Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross can be ordered to answer questions under oath in a lawsuit challenging his decision to add a citizenship question to the 2020 census. The administration argued it would be ‘highly unusual’ for a court to allow the questioning of Ross’s mental processes leading up to the Commerce Department’s decision. The agency oversees the Census Bureau.... Federal agency powers. The justices have agreed to hear arguments in a dispute over how much courts should defer to federal agencies in deciding legal challenges to ambiguous regulations. James Kisor, a Vietnam War veteran, is asking the court to overturn precedent that

directs courts to generally rely on the agency’s own interpretation of its own regulation. The lawsuit against the Department of Veteran Affairs stems from a dispute over disability benefits. Kisor argues the court’s precedent incentivizes agencies to promulgate vague and broad regulations, which they can later clarify through interpretive rules without having to go through public notice-and-comment procedures. The Trump administration, however, argues this is a poor case for the court to reconsider its precedent.”

Author **Tara Ross**, writing on the Electoral College at www.theblaze.com:

“In every presidential election, only one question matters: which candidate will get the 270 votes needed to win the Electoral College? Our Founders so deeply feared a tyranny of the majority that they rejected the idea of a direct vote for President. That’s why they created the Electoral College. For more than two centuries it has encouraged coalition building, given a voice to both big and small states, and discouraged voter fraud. Unfortunately, there is now a well-financed, below-the-radar effort to do away with the Electoral College. It is called National Popular Vote or NPV, and it wants to do exactly what the Founders rejected: award the job of President to the person who gets the most votes nationally.... Currently, a presidential election is really 51 separate elections: one in each state and one in D.C. These 51 separate processes exist, side-by-side, in harmony. They do not – and cannot – interfere with each other.... NPV would disrupt this careful balance. It would force all voters into one national election pool. Thus, a vote cast in Texas will always affect the outcome in California. And the existence of a different election code in Texas always has the potential to unfairly affect a voter in California.... And think of the opportunities for voter fraud if NPV is passed! Currently, an attempt to steal a presidential election requires phony ballots to appear or real ballots to disappear in the right state or combination of states, something that is very hard to anticipate. But with NPV, voter fraud anywhere can change the election results – no need to figure out which states you must swing; just add or subtract the votes you need – or don’t want – wherever you can most easily get away with it. And finally, if NPV is adopted, and winning is only about getting the most votes, a candidate might concentrate all of his efforts in the biggest cities, or the biggest states. We could see the end of presidential candidates who care about the needs and concerns of people in smaller states or outside of big cities.... To date, NPV already has the support of 10 states plus D.C. Together, that’s 165 electoral votes, leaving only 105 votes to go. It is time to stop this attempt to undo the way American presidents are elected, which will in turn undo America. The people behind NPV think they are wiser than every generation



of Americans that preceded them. They aren't.”



Reporter **Kat Timpf**, writing on the ten most ridiculous politically correct moments of 2018 in “National Review”:

“Apparently, there was a lot to be offended about in 2018 – including things that you’d think would be pretty innocuous....1) Long, adorned nails were deemed cultural

appropriation. ‘Vogue’ was accused of cultural appropriation for an online article on ‘Manicure Sculptures.’ Basically, the complaint was that long, adorned nails belong to ‘black culture’ – even though the fact is that this nail style was popular way further back in history, such as in ancient China. 2) ‘Pussyhats’ – all the rage in 2017 – were declared racist and transphobic in 2018. Some feminists started complaining that they were racist....3) A professor declared that small chairs in preschools are sexist, ‘problematic,’ and ‘disempowering’...I guess I must be pretty emotionally strong, because I can honestly say that there has never been any kind of chair to make me feel broken psychologically. 4) The University of Connecticut offered counseling to students upset at ‘even the thought of’ a Ben Shapiro speech. Yes – not even a speech itself, but ‘even the thought of’ a speech. 5) The phrase ‘long time no see’ was reportedly declared to be ‘derogatory’ towards Asians. A student at the University of Colorado was reportedly told that...despite the fact that we don’t even know the phrase’s origins. 6) The word ‘problematic’ was declared ‘problematic.’ According to an article written by a Dartmouth student... because it isn’t specific enough. 7) The phrase ‘as you know’ was deemed a microaggression. Academics at the U.K.’s Bath University were told that they should not use the phrase during lectures, because it might make some students feel so awful that they’ll do badly in their classes....8) Skinny eyebrows were called ‘cultural appropriation.’ According to a 2018 article in ‘Marie Claire’, tweezing your eyebrows to make them very thin is ‘cultural appropriation’ unless you’re a Latina. 9) A bathing-suit ad in Bristol, England, was declared ‘sexist’ because it depicted a woman in a bathing suit. And here I thought it was normal for product advertisements to feature the products they’re advertising. 10) ‘God bless you’ was listed as an anti-Muslim ‘microaggression.’ According to a guide written by a group of librarians at Simmons College in Boston, saying ‘God bless you’ after someone sneezes is a microaggression against Muslim people – and here I thought it was just the polite thing to do.”

THOUGHTS TO PONDER

“A secret trip to share Christmas love with the troops in Iraq took the media by surprise. While the media was gleefully chastising President Trump for sitting at the White House on Christmas day, while other presidents have made a point of visiting wounded soldiers around Washington, the president was making other plans....Just after midnight, Trump left

Washington on Air Force One, with a disguised call sign and a faked identifier code, headed to share the love in Iraq....As he hobnobbed with the troops 10,000 miles away, taking selfies and showing off First Lady Melania, the Trump-hating media over here was not satisfied. They’re never satisfied with this president.... Trump got his backdrop with the troops, something to crow about on the way home, and the media got to eat crow.”

--“The Resurgent” writer **Steve Berman**

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“It’s amazing to behold, but for a mild-mannered guy, Mitt Romney sure made a splash with a ‘Washington Post’ op-ed he published just one day before he took the oath of office as the newly-elected senator from the state of Utah. Amazing not so much because Romney is a GOP mainstay who openly and harshly criticized a sitting Republican president for lacking the character and temperament for the office – these are, after all, arguments we’ve heard a million times before – but because when it comes to firing broadsides against a president for undermining the institutions of the republic, Romney has nary uttered a peep on the subject. Until now. In case it never occurred to him, there were plenty of opportunities over the last several years for Romney to point out the manifest character flaws of the man he tried to replace as president back in 2012, namely one Barack Hussein Obama.”

--“The Resurgent” writer **Marc Giller**

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“The main thing that drives the Left crazy is that Trump is being successful.... Their alternative to the Trump agenda is pure, out-and-out socialism. It will not appeal to the mainstream.... America is not going to go down the Venezuela road. America is going to go down the Trump/Ronald Reagan road.”

--**South Carolina Senator Lindsey Graham**

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“I believe in what the president is doing. When he says that this is a national security problem, he’s absolutely correct. And that doesn’t come just from me – that comes from professionals who have been doing this their entire adult lives, serving the country on the border, protecting the citizens. They’re saying [the wall] works.”

-- Border Patrol chief during the Obama administration **Mark Morgan**

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“I’m tired of all the fighting in Washington. You can’t turn on the news or read the headlines online without being overwhelmed by all of the political squabbling (to put it mildly). The news media are so vicious and relentless in their fault finding and their attacks on the president. It’s just sickening. We have the potential for so much good and so much progress for our nation, but Washington is squandering it away over political agendas.”

--Evangelist and missionary **Franklin Graham**

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“While space may not currently be a contested environment, our adversaries seek new ways to challenge our security. Our

military's ability to defend these interests and guarantee our unfettered access to space is a critical national-security priority, and it is imperative we maintain the technological advantage. It is for these reasons that I support President Trump's vision for a Space Force....While many challenges remain, I am confident that the sixth branch of our armed forces will follow in the legacy of our other services, led by dedicated Americans committed to protecting our freedoms."

--**Louisiana Republican Congressman Steve Scalise**

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"There is nothing about the list of President Trump's supposed transgressions that negatively affects the lives of American citizens on a day-in/day-out basis. The better economy and rejuvenated coal/steel/energy industries, the improved military readiness and capability, the sense of confidence about their own personal circumstances, the rising wages – those do affect and improve the lives of real Americans on a daily basis."

--Political analyst **Steve Feinstein**

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"Flip-flops on contentious issues in politics are commonplace – a central part of the very fabric of our governing reality. Usually they're done for vote-getting reasons in the heat of a contentious election campaign. But not this time. Nancy Pelosi's and Chuck Schumer's flip-flop against their previous call for increased border security was made strictly for reasons of political and personal hatred of the opposition's leader. Denying Trump a highly-visible win has certainly been the goal before, but almost never has it been as personal as it is this time....This is about political animus, pure and simple."

--Another Feinstein analysis

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"On college campuses, professors and administrators use their positions of influence to indoctrinate students with left-wing, anti-American, and anti-conservative ideology. Conservative students are subject to intimidation, discrimination, and ridicule.... The Leadership Institute organizes and trains more conservative students than ever to fight for what's right – free markets, limited government, strong national defense, and traditional American values. LI-trained students stand up to the leftist bullies on campus and stick up for conservative principles. The Leadership Institute also identifies and trains conservative candidates, campaign staff, and volunteers – equipping them with the practical knowledge and nuts-and-bolts political skills they require to win in 2020 and beyond."

--**Leadership Institute President Morton Blackwell**

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"America's universities are supposed to expand young minds through free speech, debate, and robust thought. Instead, they're leftist indoctrination factories that punish dissenting speech and ban views that don't align with the socialists, communists, and Marxists 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 – or even anyone designated a Bad Thinker by people who can't

think at all. Instead of a battle of ideas, they're being taught to do real battle – to riot in the streets with black masks and baseball bats."

--Political commentator and author **Ann Coulter**

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"Mexico – unlike, say, Japan or Switzerland, which are far less naturally endowed and yet far wealthier – has never fully adopted Western paradigms of free-market economics, constitutionally protected free speech, due process, gender equity, private property rights, an autonomous press, government transparency, an independent judiciary, and religious diversity and tolerance. To the degree that Mexico can make strides toward these goals, its population will stabilize and become more affluent – and also become less likely to emigrate."

--Historian and author **Victor Davis Hanson**

UPCOMING BREVARD COUNTY EVENTS

- February 1 – Federated Republican Women in Action meeting, Copper Chimney Restaurant, Palm Bay, 11 am.
- February 4 – Republican Liberty Caucus of Central East Florida meeting, Frog Bones Double Tapp Grill, Melbourne, 7 pm.
- February 7 – Heritage Isle Republican Club meeting, One Senior Place, Viera, 12:30 pm.
- February 7 – Trump Club of Brevard meeting, Tequila Azul Restaurant, Viera, 6 pm.
- February 11 – Brevard Federated Republican Women meeting, Duran Golf Club, Viera, 11 am.
- February 11 – The Space Coast Patriots meeting, Merritt Island Library, 6 pm.
- February 13 – Brevard Republican Executive Committee meeting, Government Complex Building C, Viera, 7 pm.
- February 14 – ACT! For America Space Coast Chapter meeting, Government Complex Building C, Viera, 6:30 pm.
- February 18 – New Millennium Conservative Club meeting, Suntree-Viera Library, 6:30 pm.
- February 19 – North Brevard Republican Club meeting, Blue Heron Restaurant, Great Outdoors, outside Titusville, 7 pm.
- February 21 – Republican Women's Network of South Brevard meeting, Eau Gallie Yacht Club, 1am
- February 25 – The Ronald Reagan Clubs meeting, Tuscany Grill restaurant, Suntree. 7 pm.
- February 27 – Space Coast Republican Club meeting, Red Lobster, Merritt Island, 11 am.

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Through email, website and Facebook, we are now reaching more than 1,900 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

Unable to agree on immigration regulations, President Trump and Democrat Congressional Leader Nancy Pelosi decided to hold a three-day ice fishing contest with the winner having his or her process implemented. They used a remote frozen lake in northern Wisconsin for the challenge.

On Day 1, Trump caught 10 fish, and Pelosi had none.

On Day 2, Trump caught 20 fish, and Pelosi had none.

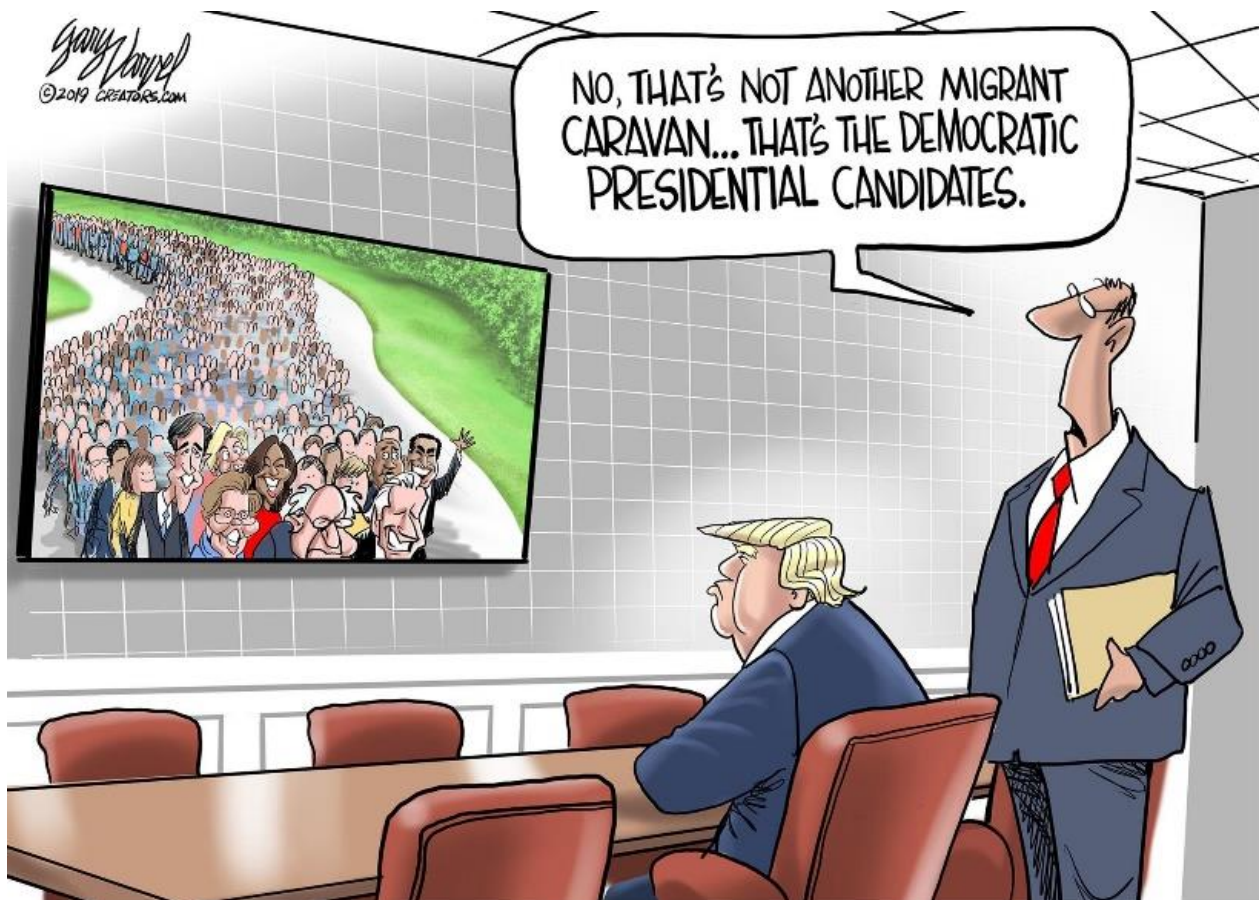
And on Day 3, Trump caught 40 fish, and Pelosi had none, so Trump declared himself the winner.

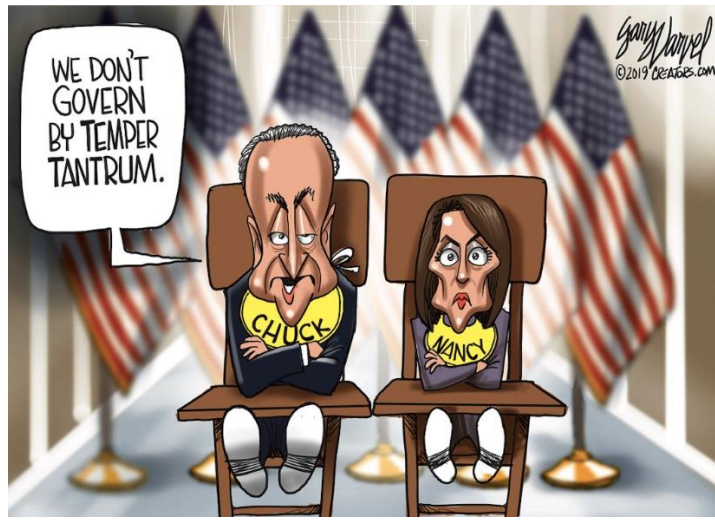
But Pelosi cried “foul,” and said the President had cheated – by cutting holes in the ice.

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Credit this to comedian Jimmy Failla: “We didn’t have enough money for Alexa, so we got this knockoff called Hillary that wouldn’t answer any questions, and you have to pay a speaking fee each time she talks.”

SEVERAL PAGES OF PERTINENT POLITICAL CARTOONS AND PHOTOS FOLLOW

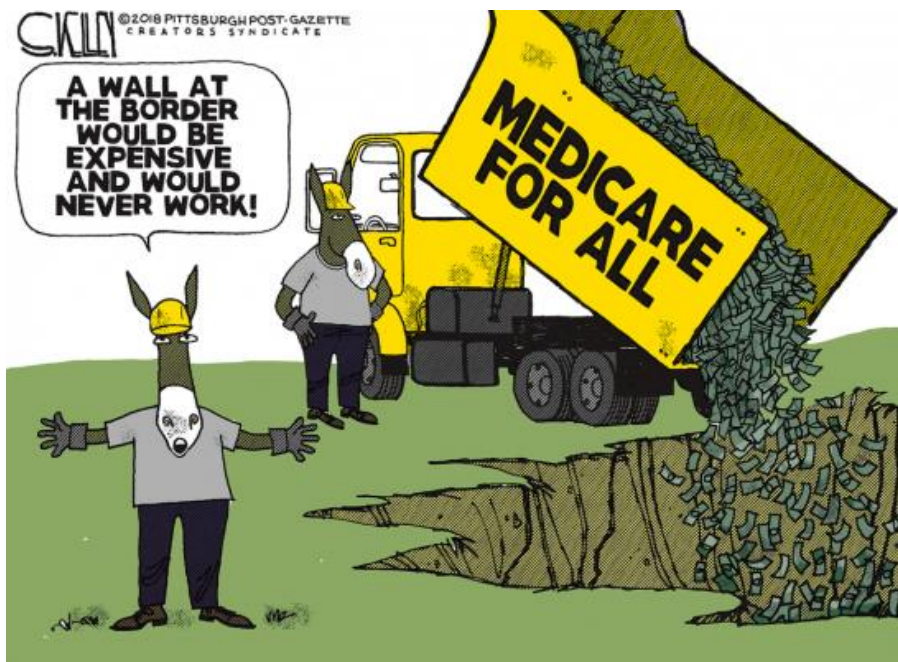


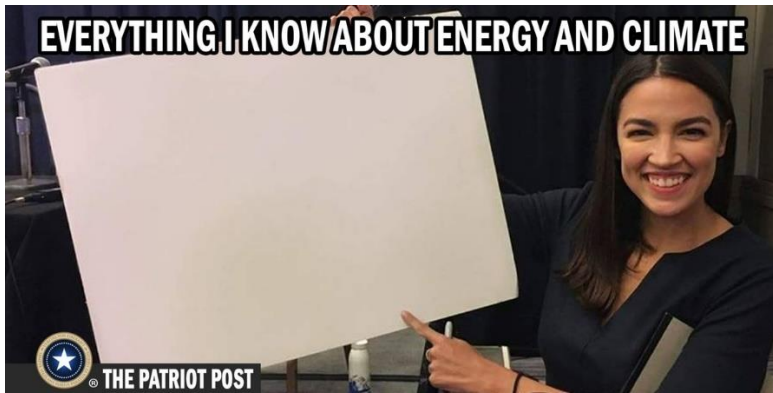


Since 1972, the government has built over 3,000 miles of “sound walls” along our highways to “protect” nearby homeowners from traffic sounds.



If the government can spend \$6 billion on walls to protect homeowners from traffic noise, why can't it spend \$5 billion to protect our *lives*?







WHY AN ELECTORAL COLLEGE ?

OUR FOUNDERS DID NOT WANT A REPEAT OF ENGLAND



KINGS, PRINCES, DUKES, EARLS, ETC. CONTROLLED THE CASTLES, AND THE SERFS WERE SLAVES TO THE ELITES IN THEIR CITIES.

OUR FOUNDERS KNEW IT WAS A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE NEW YORK, PHILADELPHIA, BOSTON, ETC. WOULD BE ABLE TO OUT VOTE THE SERFS. ONCE THAT HAPPENED THE MAYORS' AND CONGRESS MEMBERS OF THOSE CITIES WOULD BE THE NEW KINGS/ELITES OF AMERICA AND ENSLAVE THE NON-ELITES BY CONTROL OF THE GOVERNMENT.

WE HAD SOME PRETTY SHARP FOUNDERS THAT DECIDED A REPUBLIC WAS THE WAY TO GO AND NOT A PURE DEMOCRACY

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