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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK:

MY TWO CENTS

By **Stuart Gorin**

The concern is IF. Not Rudyard Kipling's famous IF, but the Russian Collusion Hoax IF. How many readers really believe that IF any one of the other 16 presidential candidates had won the 2016 Republican primary, and IF he or she also had gone on to stop the HRC "coronation" in the general election, that the Demonrats and Lamestream Media would have accepted the decision and not called for a special investigation? Yes, President Trump bore the two-year brunt – but he would NOT have been the only one.

Remember 2008 and 2012? The Lamestream Media loved RINOs John McCain and Mitt Romney – UNTIL they won their respective primaries, and then they turned against them.

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Writing about the "Touchy-Feely" former Vice President, "National Review" says Democrats should "stand behind" Joe Biden, because "it's a lot better than standing in front of him."

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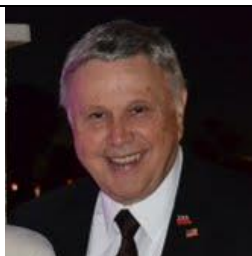
So, Pocahontas Warren wants an end to student debt and free college for all. Okay, how about all of the loony leftist professors at our institutions of higher learning forgoing their pay and teach for free????

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We learned in the Bible that the Seven Deadly Sins are Lust, Gluttony, Greed, Laziness, Wrath, Envy and Pride. That was yesterday. Today's Seven Deadly Sins are ABC, CBS, NBC, MSNBC, CNN, the New York Times and the Washington Post.

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More Two Cents next month.



Gaveling down the 2019 session "Sine Die" on May 4 (one day more than the required 60-day session), the Florida State Legislature passed and sent to Sunshine State **Governor Ron DeSantis** a \$91.1 billion budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, plus 195 additional bills that cleared both legislative chambers.



At press time, DeSantis still had a few days left to either sign the budget bill, veto it, or use his line-item vote to trim items from it.

According to the monitoring website LobbyTools, legislators filed 3,571 bills and 2,997 amendments during the 61-day legislative session. Among the many bills that failed to pass both chambers were an anti-fracking measure, major abortion legislation, raising to 21 the age for buying tobacco and e-cigarettes, and financing septic-to-sewer conversions.

Among the measures that did pass were:

-A \$783 million increase in K-12 education funding.

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-Defining sanctuary policies and stripping local governments of their autonomy over whether to cooperate with federal immigration authorities detaining immigrants.

-Spelling out the requirement that felons who want their voting rights restored in Florida be required to pay all court costs, fees and fines, and make required restitutions.

-\$682.6 million in water quality and protection.

-\$1.8 billion for Hurricane Michael recovery efforts.

-Establishing back-to-school sale tax “holidays.”

-Establishing three programs to import prescription drugs from Canada.

-Expansion of the Guardian Program to include teachers among the staff and faculty who can carry a gun on campus.

-Adding religion to the list of things that cannot be discriminated against, and requiring public schools and colleges to treat incidents of anti-Semitism the same as racism.

--Texting while driving will be a primary offense, and it will be illegal to use or hold a cell phone while driving through a school or construction zone.

-Requiring public school districts to accept a permanent change of station order for a member of the U.S. Military as proof of residency for the serviceman or servicewoman's dependents to attend public school, and enabling an active duty member or dependent to qualify for in-state tuition.

At the end of the session, DeSantis tweeted his thanks to the Legislature for an immigration bill “that upholds the rule of law and addresses sanctuary cities and counties in Florida. We are a stronger state when we protect our residents, foster safe communities and respect the work of law enforcement.”



By press time, among the bills that he did sign were: the texting-while-driving measure; reducing the tax on commercial leases in the state; authorizing the medical use of marijuana; allowing teachers to carry a firearm in school; requiring released felons to repay all financial obligations before having the right to vote restored.; coverage for

insurance and death benefits for firefighters diagnosed with cancer; moving rule making for aging programs from the Department of Elder Affairs to the Agency for Health Care Administration for hospice care, assisted living facilities, adult family care homes and adult day care programs; and increasing the penalty for a person who kills or causes bodily harm to police, fire, or search-and-rescue dogs or police horses.

DeSantis did veto one bill on environmental regulation. Originally it addressed issues with contaminated recyclable materials, but a provision was added that includes a moratorium on local regulation of single-use plastic straws until 2024.

DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN...

...Donald Trump was business partners with the Russian government and his company got \$53 million from the Russian government investment fund called Rusnano that was started by Vladimir Putin and is referred to as "Putin's Child?" Oh, wait, that wasn't Trump; **it was John Podesta.**

...Donald Trump received \$500,000 for a speech in Moscow and paid for by Renaissance Capital, a company tied to Russian Intelligence Agencies? Oh, wait, **that was Bill Clinton.**

...Donald Trump approved the sale of 20 percent of U.S. Uranium to the Russians while he was Secretary of State which gave control of it to Rosatom, the Russian State Atomic Energy Corporation? Oh, wait, **that was Hillary Clinton.**

...Donald Trump lied about that and said he wasn't a part of approving the deal that gave the Russians 1/5 of our uranium, but then his e-mails were leaked showing he did lie about it? Oh, wait, **that was Hillary Clinton and John Podesta.**

...Donald Trump got \$145 million from shareholders of the uranium company sold to the Russians? Oh, wait, **that was Hillary Clinton and the Clinton Foundation.**

...Donald Trump accepted millions in donations from Russian oligarchs like the chairman of a company that's part of the Russian Nuclear Research Cluster, the wife of the mayor of Moscow and a close pal of Putin's? Oh, wait, **that was the Clinton Foundation.**

...Donald Trump failed to disclose all those donations before becoming the Secretary of State, and it was only found out when a journalist went through Canadian tax records? Oh, wait, **that was Hillary Clinton.**

...Donald Trump told Mitt Romney that the '80s called and it wanted its Russian policy back. The Cold War is over? Oh, wait, **that was President Obama.**

Man, Trump's ties to Russia are really disgusting!

REPUBLICAN PARTY'S GREATEST MOMENTS IN HISTORY

For those who don't know – erroneously thinking these were Democrat actions – or else just need a refresher course, www.lifewbuzz.com lists 19 examples of the greatest Republican Party moments in history. In chronological order, they are:

- 1) President Lincoln, the first Republican president, signing the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863.
- 2) Victory ending the Civil War in 1865.
- 3) Republican President McKinley winning the Spanish-American War in 1898.
- 4) Republican President Teddy Roosevelt taking U.S. control of the Panama Canal in 1904.
- 5) Montana electing Jeanette Rankin the first Republican Woman to the U.S. Congress in 1916.
- 6) Republican Congress ratifying the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote in 1920.
- 7) Construction of the Hoover Dam under Republican President Coolidge in 1928.
- 8) Republican Jesse Owens winning four Olympic gold medals in Berlin in 1936.
- 9) Republican Jackie Robinson becoming the first black major league baseball player in 1947.
- 10) Republican President Eisenhower began construction of the Interstate Highway System in 1956.
- 11) Eisenhower and Republican Congress desegregating U.S. public schools in 1957.
- 12) Hawaiian Republican Hiram Fong becoming first Asian-American U.S. senator in 1959.
- 13) Republican Congress passing the Civil Rights Act of 1960.
- 14) Republican President Reagan signing tax cut legislation in 1981.
- 15) Efforts by Republican Presidents Reagan and Bush leading to Soviet Union collapse in 1991.
- 16) Bush coalition leading to Gulf War forcing Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein out of Kuwait in 1991.
- 17) Congressional Republicans forcing passage of welfare reform bill in 1996.

18) Republican President Bush retaliating in Afghanistan for the 9/11 terror attacks in 2001.

19) Republican Condi Rice becoming the first female African-American Secretary of State in 2005.

And this list does not even mention the post-Civil War Republican-led U.S. Congress passing the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution abolishing slavery and involuntary servitude in 1865; the 14th Amendment defining citizenship in 1866; and the 15th Amendment prohibiting denial of the right to vote based on race in 1869.

THIS AND THAT

FAKE NEWS RUSSIAN COLLUSION. Demoncrats in Congress and the media continue to push for investigation of President Trump's "collusion involvement" with Russia, even though the two-year-long Special Council report found no such evidence. The Demonrats have even gone after **Attorney General Bill Barr**, threatening to have him arrested if he refuses to break the law and release protected information from Robert Mueller's 400-plus page report. Conservatives, meanwhile, are waiting for the Inspector General's report into allegations that high-ranking FBI and DOJ officials and members of the Clinton team broke several laws, including giving false information to the FISA Court. As Fox News opinionist **Sean Hannity** says, "Stay turned."

TRUMP NOMINATIONS. During this past month, **President Trump** has made the following nominations: former Border Patrol chief and veteran FBI agent **Mark Morgan** to head U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE); **Family Research Council President Gary Bauer** to the U.S. Committee on International Religious Freedom; and the following career Foreign Service Officers to ambassadorial posts: **Erin McKee** to Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu; **John Carwile** to Latvia; **Philip Goldberg** to Colombia; **Roxanne Cabral** to the Marshall Islands; **Kelly Craft** to the United Nations; and **Jessica Lapenn** to the African Union.

TRUMP CLUB OF BREVARD. In honor of **President Donald Trump**'s birthday on June 14, members of the Trump Club of Brevard will celebrate with signs, flags and banners waving for his 2020 reelection campaign. Trump patriots are invited to join, and the event will take place in Melbourne on the four corners at the intersection of Wickham Road and Pineda Causeway 5-6 pm on Friday, June 14.



Immediately reacting to stop a Soros-funded effort to blacklist conservative media outlets, the Media Research Center exposed the Poyner Institute's false publication of a report declaring that 29 right-leaning news outlets and organizations – the MRC among them – were "unreliable news websites." The report's call to action was for advertisers to blacklist these websites, suggesting that "Advertisers don't want to support publishers that might tar

their brand with hate speech, falsehoods or some kinds of political messaging.” Meanwhile, numerous untrustworthy left-wing sites were left off the list. But after MRC published that this smear report was written by Barrett Golding of the anti-conservative and recently discredited Southern Poverty Law Center, and it was posted on the Drudge Report, which exposed it to 20 million readers, Poyner disabled access to its own list and issued a letter of apology admitting its “methodology” had “weaknesses.” Additionally, **MRC Founder and President Brent Bozell** tweeted: “Busted: George Soros is the man behind a ‘journalism institute’ that is blacklisting conservative media organizations. Typical radical left dishonesty. Fake media rides again!” The website is www.mrc.org.

U.S. SUPREME COURT. In decisions announced this month: the U.S. Supreme Court ruled 5-4 that a class action lawsuit against Apple, Inc., may proceed. The consumer plaintiffs claim Apple monopolized the market in violation of federal antitrust law by requiring that apps be sold through its App Store and extracting an excessive 30 percent commission on purchases. This could lead to billions of dollars in damages and put at risk the company's lucrative way of selling apps.... The Court also ruled 5-4 that one state cannot unwillingly be sued in the courts of another state, overruling a 40-year precedent. The case ends a long-running dispute between Nevada inventor Gilbert Hyatt, a former California resident, who sought to sue California's tax agency for being too zealous in seeking back taxes from him. Earlier, Hyatt won a judgment in Nevada courts.

GOSNELL MOVIE AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

Phelim McAleer, Ann McElhinney and Magda Segieda – co-producers of the movie “Gosnell: The Trial of America’s Biggest Serial Killer” – brought the film to the White House last month for a screening before some of the biggest names in the pro-life movement. It is the true story of Philadelphia abortion doctor Kermit Gosnell, who was convicted in 2013 of murdering three infants born alive, manslaughter in the death of a patient undergoing an abortion procedure, 21 felony counts of illegal late term abortion, and 211 counts of violating a 24-hour informed consent law. He was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole. **President Trump** invited some of the biggest names in the pro-life movement to the screening. McElhinney said the film “has already changed hearts and minds around the country,” and “We are incredibly grateful that the White House recognized

the importance of this film.” She urged supporters to get the pro-life message out by purchasing DVD copies of “Gosnell” to share with others, adding that Walmart has ordered “an enormous number” for its stores. The co-producers are seen in the photo with **Christine Wechsler**, the Assistant District Attorney who investigated Gosnell. After the screening, **Joe Grogan**, head of the President's Domestic Policy Council, spoke to the attendees about what the administration is doing to push pro-life policies. Early this month, at the Life Fest Film Festival in Hollywood, **Nick Searcy** won the “Best Director” award for the film.



At the National Rifle Association national convention in Indianapolis on April 29, **Executive Vice President Wayne LaPierre** was re-elected unanimously and unopposed by the organization's Board of Directors. Outgoing **NRA President Oliver North** tried unsuccessfully to have

LaPierre removed from his long-held post alleging financial misconduct, and then in a letter read to the membership, North announced he would not retain the presidency. Board member **Carolyn Meadows** was elected the new NRA President; **Charles Cotton** the First Vice President; and **Willes Lee** the Second Vice President. Speaking at the convention on April 26, **President Donald Trump** announced that the United States will withdraw its support for a United Nations treaty regulating the multi-billion-dollar global arms trade. “We will never allow foreign bureaucrats to trample on your Second Amendment freedom” with this “badly misguided treaty,” Trump said. The United States signed the U.N. arms trade treaty during the Obama administration in 2013, but it was never ratified, and the NRA has long claimed the treaty poses a threat to the Second Amendment. Pledging to defend it, Trump said, “In recent days, Democrats have proposed banning new guns and confiscating existing guns from law abiding citizens. What they don't tell you is the bad guys don't give up their guns. And you're not going to be giving up your guns either.” Earlier, **Vice President Mike Pence** told the convention attendees that “when this president's story is written, when he finishes his term of office, six years from now, I believe history will record that no other president in all the modern era has done so much for so many in so little time. President Trump has delivered.” The website is www.nra.org.



FIRE has praised **Florida Governor Ron DeSantis** for calling on the Sunshine State's colleges and universities to adopt a free speech resolution in the model

of the “Report of the Committee on Freedom of Expression” at the University of Chicago. This Chicago Statement, FIRE said, affirms that a university is “committed to free and open inquiry in all matters, it guarantees all members of the University community the broadest possible latitude to speak, write, listen, challenge, and learn.” In signing the resolution outlining this commitment while surrounded by administrators from institutions across the state, DeSantis said, “Our state's higher learning institutions can lead the way



in promoting open discussion and civil discourse.” A news release from the governor’s office’s stated that all of Florida’s 12 public universities and 28 state colleges are expected to support the initiative. The website is: www.thefire.org.

BREVARD COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER BLAISE TRETTIS. Speaking at the New Millennium Conservative Club on May 20, and at the Heritage Isle Republican Club on May 2, **18th Judicial Circuit Public Defender Blaise Trettis** said the 96 employees in his offices in Brevard and Seminole counties – including 61 attorneys – have a “huge amount of work” representing defendants in criminal cases, but 98 percent of the cases involve plea bargains that do not go before a jury. Additionally, he said, 20 percent of those arrested go free without being charged with a crime. “We always start with a presumption of innocence,” Trettis said. The public defender and his state attorney counterpart are elected officials in Brevard and Seminole, but in some counties the positions are appointed. “I favor the use of elections, because we are then accountable to the people,” Trettis said. “With appointments there is no accountability.”



Barbara Gorin, seen here with Trettis, leads both organizations he addressed – chair of the New Millennium Conservative Club and president of the Heritage Isle Republican Club. Relating the history of the office of public defender, Trettis explained that prior to 1963 it did not exist. A man named Clarence Gideon, who was arrested in Florida on a

petty theft charge told the judge he could not afford an attorney and asked if one could be provided to him. The judge said no, he would have to defend himself. He did not know how, was convicted, and was sentenced to prison. While there, he sent a handwritten note to the U.S. Supreme Court requesting legal help, and the justices determined he did not have a fair trial. Gideon was re-tried, this time with a qualified attorney assigned to represent him, and he was acquitted. That case – which was made into a movie – “Gideon’s Trumpet” starring Henry Fonda – set the stage for the creation of the Office of Public Defender nationwide. It still is not free, Trettis explained, because defendants are charged \$50 at the beginning of a case and \$100 at the end. Discussing Amendment 4 to the Florida Constitution – which passed in the 2018 election to restore voting rights to non-violent felons who complete their sentences and make full restitution – Trettis explained that the supporters of the movement lied to get the measure on the ballot and then convinced liberal judges to declare that restitution amounted to a “poll tax” and should not have to take place. Fortunately, Trettis said, the 2019 State Legislature passed a stronger measure requiring restitution before voting rights could be restored.



With dozens of precinct committeemen and women in attendance, **Brevard County**

Sheriff Wayne Ivey, joined by several other elected county officials, cut the ribbon opening the new BREC headquarters in Melbourne on May 11. **BREC Chairman Rick Lacey** said the new facility at 478 N. Babcock Street is more visible and roomier than the former office, and he called the grand opening – which also included displaying the party’s giant inflatable elephant – “the start of us re-electing the greatest president we’ve ever had” At the BREC meeting on May 8, Lacey announced that the speaker for the May 29 Lincoln-Reagan Dinner would



be former Trump White House Press Secretary **Sean Spicer**, and that dinner attendees would receive a copy of Spicer’s new book “The Briefing: Politics, the Press and the President.” The event will be at the Radisson at the Port Resort in Cape Canaveral, with a reception beginning at 6pm....**Port**

Canaveral Commissioner Robyn Hattaway briefly addressed the meeting about activities taking place at the Port, including the new Junior Port Ambassador Program in which high school students will be selected to participate in maritime and hospitality projects and even such activities as welding....Lacey presented the Committeeman and Committeewoman of the month awards to **Norman Youngs** and **Paula Estridge**....He also announced that instead of a BREC meeting in June, the five districts will each hold their separate gatherings....Five new BREC members were sworn-in by **Vice Chairman Mark Hutchins**.



REPUBLICAN LIBERTY CAUCUS CENTRAL EAST FLORIDA. The organization’s officers were re-elected to another term at the RLC-CEF meeting on May 6 in Melbourne. They include **Bob White**, chair; **Rocket Weiler**, vice-chair; and **Steve Lindsley**, secretary-treasurer. Also, on the

Board of Directors, District 1’s **Nick Tomboulides**, District 2’s **John Weiler**, District 4’s **Steve Hennis** and District 5’s **Jeff Bailey** were re-elected. The District 3 chair is temporarily vacant. White announced that the annual Constitution Day Dinner will be held September 14 at the Hilton Rialto in Melbourne, and the keynote speakers will be **Byron and Erika Donalds**. He is a member of the Florida State Legislature, and she is founder and chairman of the Florida School Choice Movement.

FEDERATED REPUBLICAN WOMEN IN ACTION. **Rob Medina**, the director of Community and Military Relations for **Florida Congressman Bill Posey**, told the



Federated Republican Women in Action meeting in Palm Bay on May 3 that with the election of President Trump, “we have gotten back what I thought we had lost,” and the 2020 election will be critical – both to reelect the president and to win back the House. This is a “call to action,” he said, in which we have to share our

ideology with the voters. “We are all called to serve,” Medina added, stressing that Congressman Posey’s staff is ready to assist anyone with help they need at any time from government agencies such as the Veterans Administration, the Social Security Agency, or any other office.

TRUMP 2020 ELECTION KICKOFF IN CENTRAL FLORIDA. Stating that it is his job to see that all 67 Florida counties are “ready to win” in 2020 for President Trump, **Christian Ziegler**, the Vice Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida, kicked off the Trump 2020 Election Campaign on May 1 addressing several hundred supporters in Brevard County’s Barefoot Bay. Ziegler said there will be two battles going on at the same time – the liberal Democrats vs. the conservative Republicans who want low taxes and to be left alone; and the elites vs. the normals. In both cases, he said, the media will be involved on the other side. This fall, Ziegler said, grassroots activities will begin in earnest. He said one way to grow the Republican Party is to flip pro-Trump independents to our side, so they can vote in the primary election. Since Florida is a closed-primary state and needs to remain that way, he said, we have to fight the Democrats’ open primary initiative threat. Joining Ziegler at the kick-off were party officials from both Brevard and Indian River counties.... In other Republican Party of Florida news, **Jennifer Locetta** has been named the new executive director of the state party. She previously worked on President Trump’s political team; Florida Governor Ron DeSantis’ election campaign, and as executive director of the Republican Party of Sarasota.



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“Stand for Life” organized by the Space Coast Young Republicans on April 23 featured remarks by **Brevard District 2 County Commissioner Bryan Lober**, foster and

adoptive mother **Bonnie Ferguson** and **Bay West Church Pastor Jim Campbell**. Lober, who joined his colleagues earlier this year to unanimously vote to defund the Children’s Services Council of Brevard, explained that he does not “hate

children,” but that the commission did not believe the 10-member unelected council misused taxpayer funding that it was provided for nearly three decades. The juvenile welfare board was created by Florida statute in 1990 to oversee funding for its programs, he said, but did not account properly for its spending of more than \$100 million. Even when it was abolished this year, he said, the council members held back \$23,000 that is now in litigation. Lober said the primary roles of government are to provide funding for public safety, infrastructure, and necessary regulations. Using tax money to fund charities, he added, is not the role of government. Ferguson told the event attendees that she and her husband have fostered 23 children in the past seven years in addition to raising several of their own, and find the experience very rewarding. Campbell spoke on the value of adoptions as a way to combat abortions, explaining that he, himself, was adopted as an infant, and now he and his wife have adopted children...The Florida Federation of Young Republicans’ annual state convention will run May 31-June 2 in St. Augustine, and the Space Coast YR delegation will vote for members of the executive board and important organizational items. The keynote speaker at the convention will be **Florida Congressman Michael Waltz**, a combat-decorated Green Beret and former White House and Pentagon policy advisor.

ACT FOR AMERICA SPACE COAST CHAPTER. On April 11, author and retired financial adviser **John Michael Chambers** explained to the ACT! For America members that President Trump is the existential threat to the global power structure that seeks to control us, and he is winning that battle. The global cabal, he said, seeks one world government and controls most of the leftwing media. Chambers – who wrote “Trump and the Resurrection of America” – noted that the administration’s accomplishments to date include the tax cuts; deregulation; judicial appointments; lowest unemployment in history; economic growth; and leaving the Paris Accords and the Iran deal. He said a disruptive uncomfortable truth that we face involves the cost and perils of illegal immigration: 30 percent of all federal inmates are illegals; and illegals have been involved in one million sex crimes; and reportedly five to eight million illegals voted in the 2016 election. But the president is restoring power to the people, Chambers added. He strives to awaken, inspire, motivate, unify, and empower individuals to help resurrect America and bring about a safer, saner world for posterity. His website is: www.johnmichaelchambers.com.



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DESANTIS FAMILY. Florida Governor Ron DeSantis and his wife Casey, along with their children Madison and Mason, welcomed more than 500 children, parents and mentors at the Florida Capitol during Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day on April 25.

AUDACITY AND INHUMANITY

--John Lansing, the Obama-appointed head of the U.S. Agency for Global Media (USAGM), for ironically proclaiming his support for “press freedom” shortly after firing Television Marti journalists and producers for airing a broadcast critical of leftwing billionaire George Soros. Television Martí and its radio counterpart operate under the Office of Cuba Broadcasting (OCB) and comprise one of USAGM’s five international multimedia networks – the others being the Voice of America (VOA), Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (RFE/RL), Radio Free Asia and Middle East Broadcasting. (NOTE: The Editor worked for a time back in the day at VOA, when it was part of the late, great U.S. Information Agency.)

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--Liberal Fox News anchor Shepard Smith, for hanging up on the air with French elected official Philippe Karsenty during a discussion of the Notre Dame Cathedral fire. Karsenty said, “You need to know that for the past years, we’ve had churches desecrated each and every week all over France. So, of course, you will hear the story of political correctness which will tell you it’s probably an accident.” At that, Smith became indignant and replied, “We’re not doing that here. Not now. Not on my watch,” and he terminated the call.

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--Executives of the New York (Damn)Yankees, for suspending the 7th Inning stretch playing of the recording of the late, great Kate Smith singing “God Bless America.” This tradition since 9/11 was halted over allegations of racism because someone discovered that back in the early 1930’s, Smith (as did the black singer Paul Robeson) recorded a song called “That’s Why Darkies Were Born” – a Broadway show tune that was considered satirical. So why isn’t it satire today? Following the Yankees’ decision, executives of the Philadelphia Flyers hockey team dropped Smith’s recording as well.

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New Jersey’s Democrat Governor Phil Murphy, for signing into a law a bill legalizing assisted suicide that will force the state’s beleaguered taxpayers to cover the cost.

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--Executives of the Bank of America – according to the most recent available financial documents – for donating more than \$50,000 to Planned Parenthood, meaning that a portion of the interest the bank earned on every person’s account, is helping to fund abortions.

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--Last year, Massachusetts State Judge Shelley Joseph allowed an illegal immigrant to escape her courtroom through the back door in order to evade deportation authorities waiting in her courtroom to pick him up. Now suspended without pay, Joseph has been charged by federal prosecutors with obstruction of justice and perjury in a 19-page indictment. ICE did arrest the migrant later. Charging the judge made the national news, but viewers of NBC and CBS didn’t learn about it on those network news programs. The Media Research Center calls this “real obstruction.”

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--Officials at La Plata High School in Maryland, for giving a failing grade to student Caleigh Wood simply because as a Christian, she refused to profess in writing that “There is no god but Allah, and Muhammad is the messenger of Allah.” Teachers at the school profess that “most Muslims’ faith is stronger than the average Christian.” Lower courts have backed the school district to teach Islam, so on behalf of Wood, the Thomas More Law Center has petitioned the U.S. Supreme Court to decide “whether any legal basis exists to allow public schools to discriminate against Christianity while at the same time promote Islam.” The law center’s president, Richard Thompson, said, “I’m not aware of any school which has forced a Muslim student to write the Lord’s Prayer or John 3:16: ‘For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.’”

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--The left-wing administrators of Mount Holyoke and Smith colleges in Massachusetts, for placing their joint police chief, Daniel Hect, on administrative leave for the “crime” of stating on his Twitter account that he liked tweets from President Trump and the NRA. Snowflake students complained, and Hect was bullied into apologizing for his “huge mistake” in order to keep his job.

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--Snowflake students at George Washington High School in San Francisco, for urging the city’s United School District to erase a 1936 mural of our First President at the school because it “traumatizes students and community members,” saying the mural is “offensive and demeaning to African Americans and Native Americans.” Maybe the students should not be allowed to have any U.S. dollar bills!

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--The College Council at Williams College in Massachusetts, for the double-standard of giving the Students for Justice in Palestine chapter on campus registered student organization (RSO) status, while denying that status to the Williams Initiative for Israel.

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--Philosophy professor Claire Katz, for alleging at a Texas A&M University roundtable discussion that Christian practices and traditions are to blame for “anti-Semitism and Islamophobia” in America.

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--Pearson Education, the British-owned publishing and assessment service to schools and corporations that has numerous U.S. brands in its portfolio, for distributing a textbook titled “By the People: A History of the United States.” The final section of the book, “The Angry Election of 2016,” is especially critical of the president, saying, “Most thought that Trump was too extreme a candidate to win the nomination, but his extremism, his anti-establishment rhetoric, and, some said, his not very hidden racism connected with a significant number of primary voters.” An unnamed Pearson spokesperson defended the textbook, saying it underwent “rigorous peer review to ensure academic integrity.” Yeah, leftist peer review.

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--Officials at Farmor’s School, a Church of England elementary school in Gloucestershire, for firing a teacher identified only as Kristie, who challenged on Facebook the institution’s adoption of LGBT practices. She had asked friends to sign a petition expressing opposition to the government’s mandatory “Relationships and Sex Education” program. The Christian Legal Centre in the United Kingdom is defending her, saying, “This case is about the freedom to hold Christian views about what it means to be human.”

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--British Columbia Supreme Court Justice Francesca Marzari, for finding a Canadian man guilty of “family violence” and subject to arrest, for continuing to refer to his daughter as “she” after the teen’s school counselor reportedly urged her to identify as a boy and testosterone injections were begun at BC Children’s Hospital against the father’s wishes.

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--The Royal Canadian Mint, for its new move into “Social Justice Warriordom,” releasing a “Two men Kissing” dollar coin to celebrate “50 years of progress for LGBTQ2 Canadians.” The Mint called the move a “key milestone for lesbian, gay, transgender, queer and two-spirited people.” It wasn’t too long ago that the Canadian coins were called “Loonies.”

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--The University of Virginia Cavaliers basketball team, winners of the NCAA championship, for being the latest sports team to reject a White House invitation. Pro or collegiate, many athletes these days turn down the opportunity

to meet and be honored by President Trump – their loss, not his.

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--A faculty council at Chicago’s DePaul University, for passing a resolution condemning philosophy professor Jason Hill for writing an article in “The Federalist” that was pro-Israel. Hill said he made the point that Israel was “the only democracy amidst a bunch of illiberal and primitive regimes that do not respect the inalienability of human rights and individual rights,” and students and faculty took offense at that.

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--The unnamed officials of the Mason City, Ohio School District, for declaring that the local high school will no longer recognize a class valedictorian or salutatorian – which schools all across America have been doing for many decades – in an effort to “reduce competitiveness and improve overall mental health” among the fragile members of the student body.

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--California restaurants that are adding a one percent “voluntary” tax to diners’ bills “to help combat climate change.” The extra charge is only optional if diners actually complain about it. This non-government program reportedly funds a “healthy soil” program in which farmers remove carbon from the atmosphere. Didn’t realize the Brooklyn Bridge is in California!

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--“Washington Post” fashion critic Robin Givhan, for writing: “To wear a MAGA hat is to wrap oneself in a Confederate flag. The look may be more modern and the fit more precise, but it’s just as woeful and ugly.”

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--The Rugby Australia team and a supporting three-member Rugby League panel, for canceling the \$4 million contract of superstar rugby player Israel Folau, a devout Christian, who posted a biblical warning on Instagram that “Drunks, homosexuals, adulterers, liars, fornicators, thieves, atheists and idolators – Hell awaits you.” The league panel called his statement a “high-level breach” of the league’s code of conduct. Folau, a huge star in the sport, was considering filing a lawsuit, which could financially cripple the sporting body.

EXPERTS’ EXCERPTS

Columnist **Marc Thiessen**, writing on how impeaching the president will only help him, at www.patriotpost.us:



“President Trump has called the Mueller investigation a ‘witch hunt’ nearly two hundred times on social media alone. Well, the special counsel concluded he was not a witch. After carefully scrutinizing any links between the Russian government and the Trump

campaign, Robert Mueller definitively declared ‘the investigation did not establish that the Trump Campaign conspired or coordinated with the Russian government in its election interference activities.’ He didn’t do it. Still, several leading Democrats have called for Trump’s impeachment on obstruction-of-justice charges. This is absurd.... For two years, Trump watched as the investigation dragged on, weighing down his presidency. He had to endure being accused of ‘treason’ and crimes of ‘a size and scope probably beyond Watergate.’ He listened as members of the House and Senate intelligence committees, and former intelligence officials, led Americans to believe that they had seen secret evidence showing he had colluded with Russia – evidence he knew did not exist. Of course, he wanted the investigation to end. But he didn’t end it. He didn’t obstruct justice because nothing was obstructed. Mueller was allowed to finish his work. The White House cooperated, sharing millions of pages of documents and giving Mueller access to dozens of senior officials. The fact that Trump railed against Mueller to aides and told White House counsel Donald McGahn to fire Mueller (which McGahn did not do and Trump did not press the matter) is not evidence of obstruction; it is evidence of exasperation. The president has a right to vent in private to his staff. Remember, the only reason Mueller knew about his private exchanges with McGahn is because Trump put no restrictions on McGahn’s cooperation.... As a result of this cooperation, the special counsel’s report contains some embarrassing moments for the president. But it also proves that Trump was telling the truth when it came to the central question of the investigation: He did not conspire with Russia. If Democrats want to pursue impeachment nonetheless, then to quote Ronald Reagan quoting Clint Eastwood: ‘Go ahead, make my day.’ Impeachment over anything other than a conspiracy with Russia will backfire with the American people and help ensure Trump’s reelection. First, it will fail, because two-thirds of the Senate will not vote to convict the president. Second, Trump’s supporters will see an impeachment effort as an attempted coup d’état, energizing his base ahead of the 2020 election. And third, it will be seen as partisan and unfair by persuadable voters, who will not appreciate politicians second-guessing the conclusions of an impartial investigation.”



Historian **Lee Edwards**, writing about the failures of socialism at the Heritage Foundation’s www.dailysignal.com website:

“Some conservatives may be discouraged by the latest surveys confirming that nearly one-half of millennials are receptive to living under

socialism and regard capitalism as a captive of greed. In fact, they present us with a golden opportunity to educate all Americans about the manifold failures of socialism and the miraculous advances the world has made under free enterprise. For example, the Canadian psychologist Jordan Peterson revealed at a Heritage Foundation event that between 2000 and 2012, ‘the rate of absolute poverty in the world fell

by 50%.’ That is, ‘the poor in the world are getting rich at a rate that is absolutely unparalleled in all of human history’....Conservatives must step forward to tell the truth about capitalism: the better life it has brought to billions of people, the diversity and freedom of choice it celebrates, the individual responsibility it encourages, the continuing miracle of Adam Smith’s ‘invisible hand,’ its rejection of government planning that always leads to dictatorship....Here are some of the most telling failures of socialism: One, socialism has never succeeded anywhere, including the Marxism-Leninism of the Soviet Union, the National Socialism of Nazi Germany, the Maoism of Communist China, the Chavez-Maduro socialism of Venezuela. It has never come close to anywhere near Marx’s ideal of a classless society. Two, Marx has been wrong about nearly everything he predicted. The nation-state has not withered away. Capitalism didn’t break down as a result of the Industrial Revolution. Workers haven’t become revolutionaries but capitalists. The middle class hasn’t disappeared; indeed, it has expanded exponentially around the world. Marx’s attempt to use Hegel to create a “scientific socialism” has been an abject failure. Three, socialism denies the existence of an essential human trait – human nature. Marx borrowed from the Enlightenment to declare that human nature was malleable, not constant. Christian theology with its idea of a fixed God-given nature infuriated Marx. The socialist state established by Lenin tried for seven decades to create an entirely new human being – Soviet Man. In December 1991, Mikhail Gorbachev gave up trying and dissolved the world’s most spectacular failure in human engineering. Four, socialism depends not upon the will of the people but on the dictatorship of the Party to remain in power.... Given the ignorance of so many of our fellow, especially young, Americans, telling the truth about socialism has become an imperative. If we do not, Sanders, Ocasio-Cortez, and their fellow travelers will fill the vacuum with their misleading rhetoric. This is the truth about socialism: It is a pseudo-religion founded in pseudo-science and enforced by political tyranny.”

Newsmax TV host **Wayne Allyn Root**, writing on the TV ad that guarantees a Trump landslide, on www.thegatewaypundit.com:



“Democrats need to get rid of that pesky electoral vote requirement and keep blocking Trump’s border wall. That’s their only ticket to popular victory – fill the nation with illegal alien voters....None of it will matter for the 2020 election, if President Trump and the RNC run the TV ad I’ve created....Run this TV ad day and night and President Trump will be re-elected by a country mile – both electoral and popular. The TV commercial I envision starts with beautiful, precious little children running towards an ice cream truck – with their proud parents watching nearby. Everyone is happy, smiling, playing, dancing, dreaming of the delicious ice cream they are about to eat. The parents watch their kids while they walk towards a McDonalds next to the

ice cream truck. Suddenly, the children are happy no more. They are hysterical, shocked, crying, screaming. They run back to mommy and daddy. They've been told, no more ice cream, ever. Because of the Green New Deal, Democrats have banned milk and killed all the cows...therefore no more ice cream.... The parents look dazed too. They've just found out they can never again eat burgers, or cheeseburgers, or hot dogs, ever. Democrats have killed the cows and banned meat. Suddenly, a dazed neighbor comes running onto the scene to report the town's steakhouse has been shut down. He reports the owner has been arrested by the meat police. The families race to the supermarket next door to find one last taste of cheese, butter, cream cheese, yogurt. But thanks to Democrats, it's all gone. The dairy row says, 'Closed. Dairy is banned due to the Democrat Green New Deal.' When they come out to their cars to leave, their cars are gone. Towed to scrap yard. Cars are now illegal. They run on filthy fossil fuel that has been banned by Democrats. Cut to scene of the family arriving home on a donkey cart, burning candles to light their way. But their home is gone. In its place is a tent. The Green New Deal has knocked down all their homes. Everyone will live in tents until new energy-efficient homes can be built by robots. The children are crying hysterically. The parents are shocked, dirty and defeated. The ad ends with this message – 'Vote for Trump and every GOP candidate up and down the ticket like your job, your income, your children's future depends on it. Because it does. It's Trump, or the end of America and the great American middle class.' Dear President Trump: I have 20 more TV ads just waiting for you. Call my agent. Let's do lunch."



Florida Republican Senator **Rick Scott**, writing on Democrats' Tolerance of Anti-Semitism Exposes Their Intolerance, in "National Review" magazine:

"An old hatred is finding a new home on the far left, and Democrat leaders have failed to condemn it forthrightly. The New York Times was widely

criticized after publishing a blatantly anti-Semitic cartoon. And while the image was certainly shocking, it isn't surprising given where we are today. Something has changed; we are living in a scary time in which anti-Semitism is being tolerated. I cannot comprehend why anyone would be anti-Semitic. The media love to decry the president for everything he says, but they seem to have fallen oddly silent when it comes to the new anti-Semitism on the left. What we saw at the New York Times merely reflects my fear that anti-Semitism is finding a home in America on the far left. I'm proud to represent Florida, which is home to the third-largest population of Jewish Americans in the country. Unfortunately, we saw anti-Semitism and hate rear its ugly head in Florida last year. I was the first governor in Florida history to make major investments to secure our Jewish day schools after a series of bomb threats. And after the shooting at the synagogue in Pittsburgh, I ordered state troopers to increase patrols at religious institutions all across the

state....In a major departure from the norm, every major Democrat candidate for president refused to go to the annual AIPAC conference in Washington, D.C. This is unprecedented. It turns out that Democratic candidates for president were afraid to offend the sensibilities of the far-left anti-Semites among them. Democrats in Congress supported the Iran deal, which posed a significant threat to Israel. Popular Democratic celebrities have joined the so-called BDS movement which aims to 'Boycott, Divest, and Sanction' our closest ally and the only democracy in the Middle East, Israel. The state of Florida has aggressively opposed the BDS movement, and the first bill passed after I entered the U.S. Senate was a strong rebuke of the anti-Semitic movement. Twenty-three Democrats voted against the bill. In an even more disturbing national display of cowardice, the Democrats in Congress failed to take any action against Representative Ilhan Omar (D., Minn.) after her anti-Semitic and hateful comments, allowing her to keep her plum appointment on the Foreign Affairs Committee....Make no mistake, the failures of the Democrat party to denounce hate and intolerance have exposed the truth about the party. Its politicians claim to be accepting and inclusive, but in reality they care more about political correctness than standing up for truth....The Democrat party has taken more than a few steps on the road to insanity lately, with the Green New Deal, Medicare for All, reparations, and lately the sudden ambivalence about anti-Semitism. The last rational person to leave the Democrat party should turn the lights out."

Former **Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker**, writing on Republicans need to wake up to Democrats' nationwide judicial power grab, on www.foxnews.com:



"Former President Barack Obama and Attorney General Eric Holder won't tell the truth when it comes to their redistricting strategy, but here it is: Pick a state, any state, and sue until it's blue. They have spent years and millions of dollars selling the false narrative that Democrats draw 'fair maps' while any and all Republican-drawn maps are 'partisan gerrymanders.' While rhetorically cute, their primary goal has nothing to do with fighting gerrymandering as they repeatedly claim, but to put redistricting in the hands of unelected, unaccountable bureaucrats and lifetime-appointed judges.... There are plenty of unelected federal judges presiding over these redistricting cases who will enthusiastically toss out constitutionally drawn maps to help elect more Democrats. That's exactly what happened recently in both Michigan and Ohio, despite the entirely dubious and suspect arguments from the left. It will also not be a surprise if liberal federal panels do the same thing in other states in the coming weeks. In recent years, we've seen this over and over again and it's time that Republicans wake up to the reality of the Democrats' nationwide judicial power grab. The most glaring example in my mind is what happened in Wisconsin. Democrats spent millions litigating

against our policies while simultaneously working to elect radical left-wing activists to our state Supreme Court. They wanted nothing more than to undo all that Republicans had accomplished for Wisconsin over the past eight years. Republicans fought back and stalled their plans, but the long battle to keep Wisconsin heading in the right direction has only just begun. If Republicans fail to fight back nationally – instead of pushing back as we did in Wisconsin – we will find ourselves in a perpetual minority for a generation. That is why I became the National Finance Chairman for the National Republican Redistricting Trust. We must engage on this issue now before it's All Americans who believe judges should call balls and strikes rather than create new law out of thin air should be concerned with the Michigan and Ohio courts' overreach. Judges have unnecessarily thrown Michigan and Ohio's political system into a state of chaos and uncertainty just as the Supreme Court is considering these same arguments in other cases. The Supreme Court can and should swiftly bring clarity and restore reason to what has been profoundly flawed processes....State legislatures, who are elected and accountable to the people they serve, have the long-standing right to draw their own districts, for their own state, as they see fit within the confines of the law. While we trust the Supreme Court will recognize, and eventually correct, the judicial activism we've recently seen in Michigan and Ohio, and this disingenuous national litigation strategy from the left, we can all agree that preserving the rule of law is paramount to preventing the Democrats' cynical attempt to bend the Constitution to solve their party's political problems."

THOUGHTS TO PONDER

"The Media has lost what's left of its collective mind. Like a madman in a straight-jacket locked in a padded room, they're bouncing around furious, frustrated, and frothing at the mouth. Their whole *raison d'être* for the last two years poof, gone.... They've believed, against all evidence, that the President of the United States was working as a foreign agent. It's absurd and insane and they succeeded in convincing their viewers of the lie. The Mueller investigation was a loss for America. It created a nation of conspiracy theorists. It poisoned politics further. What a mess."

--"**The American Spectator**" Publisher **Melissa Mackenzie**
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"One of the biggest failures of the Mueller probe concerns not what was in the final report, but what was not. Close readers will search in vain for any analysis of the central document in this affair: the infamous 'dossier.' It's a stunning omission, given the possibility that the Russians used that collection of reports to feed disinformation to U.S. intelligence agencies, sparking years of political maelstrom. The dossier – compiled by former British spy Christopher Steele on behalf of Fusion GPS, an opposition-research firm working for the Hillary Clinton campaign and the Democratic National Committee – fed to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the media the principal allegations of the 'collusion' narrative....The Mueller report exposes the dossier claims as pure fiction."

--"Wall Street Journal" columnist **Kimberly Strassel**

"How dare the Washington press corps accuse White House Press Secretary Sanders of lying after its own credibility has been fatally undermined by its single-minded determination to seek to dethrone Donald Trump, whatever the truth of the charges turned out to be. They perpetrated the hoax of the century by peddling reports of Russian collaboration with Trump and by repeating the fantastic claims of the Hillary-financed dossier. Sanders has defended the president loyally and well. She has managed to continue to be his ambassador to the media rather than theirs' to him – a feat almost unique in the annals of those who have held her job."

--Political analyst **Dick Morris**

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"The partisan warfare over the Mueller report will rage, but one thing cannot be denied: Former President Barack Obama looks just plain bad. On his watch, the Russians meddled in our democracy while his administration did nothing about it.... Why did Obama go soft on Russia? My opinion is that it was because he was singularly focused on the nuclear deal with Iran. Obama wanted Putin in the deal, and to stand up to him on election interference would have, in Obama's estimation, upset that negotiation. This turned out to be a disastrous policy decision."

--Public Relations firm partner **Scott Jennings**

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"Voter integrity hawks are hailing an investigation by the Texas secretary of state that uncovered 95,000 noncitizen residents who illegally registered to vote. Conservative groups say Secretary of State David Whitley's inquiry produced real numbers to support their years of lawsuits and research. They say noncitizen voter fraud is significant, as opposed to the left's contention that it is rare."

--"Washington Times" writer **Rowan Scarborough**

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"In the age of the Internet, where every bump and hiccup is recorded and archived (why no pundit in his right mind would ever run for anything), a candidate can never be sure that one of those bumps and hiccups will return from the past to bring him sever heart-burn. The man who would be king (or even president) faces the hard reality that there's no statute of limitations. In a reasonable world there would be, but none of us lives there."

--"The Washington Times editor in chief emeritus

Wesley Pruden

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"In an ironic way, I'm very grateful for the rise of people like Bernie Sanders and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. They've boiled down a lot of very bad ideas to bumper stickers that are absolutely foolish....As the left becomes more and more intrusive and more and more radical, I think there are a lot of people who look at this and say, 'I don't like the world the left is creating. They promised me a utopia, and it's looking a lot more like a dystopia'.... The left is pushing too far. I think President Trump has basically driven them insane, and they are now under the absolute delusion that because a lot of

people don't like President Trump, a lot of people, therefore, like radical left socialism, and that is not true."

--Conservative commentator and author **Ben Shapiro**

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"The left is absolutely out of control. Facing the left's intimidation, young conservatives are not even welcome on their own college campuses. Leftist professors demonize conservative students in class. Cowardly administrators silence their free speech. Conservative students even suffer physical attacks for their beliefs. This harassment and abuse have caused a 'silencing effect'.... No group is better poised to organize conservative young people than my Leadership Institute. Founded in 1979, LI helps 2,121 active campus conservative groups which now stand up for freedom as part of its unique nationwide network that spans all 50 states."

--**Morton Blackwell**, president and founder of www.leadershipinstitute.org

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"We need to reform the government-run school system that is leaving so many people behind. It's not a matter of spending money. We spend tons of money on education. In fact, we keep spending more and more money without getting any better results.... What we really need if we want to reform our school systems is choice and competition. And we can argue about what's the best way to do that: charter schools, vouchers, tuition tax credits. But we need to make sure that the school system operates for the children and that the parents are in control."

--CATO Institute senior fellow **Michael Tanner**

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"Scandal provides a way for defenders of the status quo to undermine the legitimacy of those who have been elected on a platform of challenging the status quo – diluting, as a consequence, the authority of the electorate....How this works is to see that most political scandals, sooner or later, are transformed into legal dramas."

--University of Nevada, Reno political science professor

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"The voter disenfranchisement allegations were always a smokescreen. Voter ID laws signaled to the organized left years ago that an unwelcome guest was now kicking around its sandbox and had popular ideas to boot. They were so desperate to maintain a monopoly, they latched onto claims that minorities were naturally less capable of obtaining IDs or following new laws for voting purposes."

--Public Interest Legal Foundation spokesman

Logan Churchwell

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"We live in incredibly consequential times. Everything is up for grabs. The late, great Charles Krauthammer used to say that American politics is fought between the 40-yard lines, meaning the band of differences between the two parties was relatively narrow. Now it is being fought on the entire playing field, between outright, self-declared socialists and defenders

of the traditional American order. The fight over what political and economic system we will live under is now well and truly joined, and at NR we are thoroughly committed to winning it."

--**National Review Editor Rich Lowry**

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"I don't think we can ever forget our defenders. It weakens our nation when we do. We saw that after Vietnam when we forgot our defenders and turned our back on them. I work each and every day to try to ensure that that doesn't happen again."

--Actor **Gary Sinese**

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"Some claim that putting America first is a reassertion of American exceptionalism. On the contrary, it is the antithesis. It makes America no different from all the other countries that define themselves by a particularist blood-and-soil nationalism. What made America exceptional, unique in the world, was defining its own nationalist interest beyond its narrow economic and security needs to encompass the safety and prosperity of a vast array of allies."

--Late columnist **Charles Krauthammer**

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"If President Trump is successful and able to reverse our nation's decline, he'll also reverse trends that absorbed for the federal government those powers that were reserved for our states. That means politics within our states will grow even more vital to the welfare of our nation. Members of the Republican Party of Florida can no longer afford the luxury of ignoring their civic responsibility. Members should no longer allow special interests to choose their candidates for elected office, and their issues on governance. Refuse to uphold your duty, refuse to take back that responsibility for ourselves, and we will only continue down the path to larger government and less freedom."

--Florida Freedom Caucus co-founder **Alan Levy**

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"In theory, the deep state should have been a nonpartisan meritocratic cadre of government officials who were custodians of a civil service that had often served Americans well and transcended changes in presidential administrations. ... In fact. The deep state grew increasingly political, progressive, and internationalist. Its members and cultural outlook were shaped by the good life on the two coasts and abroad. And every four or eight years, it usually greeted not so much incoming Republican or Democrat presidents as much as fusion-party representatives with reputable resumes, past memberships in similar organizations, and outlooks identical to its own."

--Historian and Columnist **Victor Davis Hanson**

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"Taxpayer-funded abortion is unpopular with most Americans, and yet Planned Parenthood maintains a strong reputation as a health-care organization. Closing that gap, strategists say, requires Republicans to rebut the notion that a defunding effort is an attack on women's rights and to present

it as a diversion of money to community health centers that offer more healthcare and don't perform abortions....Pro-life voters believe defunding the group would remove the federal government's symbolic seal of approval from the group's provision of abortion."

--"National Review Online" staff writer **Alexandra DeSantis**
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"Democrats lied; Obama spied!"

--**Trump 2020 Press Secretary Kayleigh McEnany**, on the Russian collusion hoax

UPCOMING BREVARD COUNTY EVENTS

- May 29 – Brevard County Lincoln-Reagan Dinner, Radisson at the Port, Cape Canaveral, 6 pm.
- May 31-June 2 – Space Coast Young Republicans will attend the Florida Federation of Young Republicans' annual state convention in St. Augustine.
- June 3 – Republican Liberty Caucus of Central East Florida meeting, Frog Bones Double Tapp Grill, Melbourne, 7 pm.
- June 6 – Heritage Isle Republican Club meeting, One Senior Place, Viera, 9 am.
- June 7 – Federated Republican Women in Action meeting, Copper Chimney Restaurant, Palm Bay, 11:15 am.
- June 10 – Brevard Federated Republican Women meeting, Duran Golf Club, Viera, 11 am.
- June 10 – The Space Coast Patriots meeting, Merritt Island Library, 6 pm.
- June 10 – Brevard Republican Executive Committee District 2 meeting, Merritt Island Library, 6 pm.
- June 13- Brevard Republican Executive Committee District 1 meeting, Sonny's BBQ on SR 50, 6 pm.
- June 13 – ACT! For America Space Coast Chapter meeting, Government Complex Building C, Viera, 6:30 pm.
- June 14 - The Trump Club of Brevard will celebrate President Trump's birthday by waving signs in Melbourne on the four corners at the intersection of Wickham Road and Pineda Causeway 5-6 pm.
- June 17 – New Millennium Conservative Club meeting, Suntree-Viera Library, 6:30 pm.
- June 18 – North Brevard Republican Club meeting, La Cita Country Club, Titusville, 7 pm.
- June 20 – Republican Women's Network of South Brevard meeting, Eau Gallie Yacht Club, 11 am.

June 24 – The Ronald Reagan Clubs meeting, Tuscany Grill Restaurant, Suntree. 7 pm.

June 26 – Space Coast Republican Club meeting, Red Lobster, Merritt Island, 11 am.

The Brevard Republican Executive Committee (BREC) will not meet in June. Precinct committeemen and women in Districts 3, 4, and 5 should contact their district chairs for information on their respective district meetings.

ABOUT THE NEWSLETTER

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

COMICAL CLOSERS

A teacher asked her class how many of them were Bernie Sanders fans. Not really knowing what a Bernie Sanders fan is, but wanting to be liked by the teacher, all the kids raised their hands, except for Little Johnny.

So, the teacher asked Little Johnny why he has decided to be different...again, and he said, "Because I'm not a Bernie Sanders fan." Why not, the teacher asked, and Little Johnny said, "Because I'm a Conservative."

The teacher asked him why he's a Conservative, and he answered, "Well, my Mom's a Conservative and my Dad's a Conservative, so I'm a Conservative."

Annoyed by this answer, the teacher asked, "If your Mom was a moron and your Dad was an idiot, what would that make you?"

"In that case," Little Johnny replied, "I would be a Bernie Sanders fan."

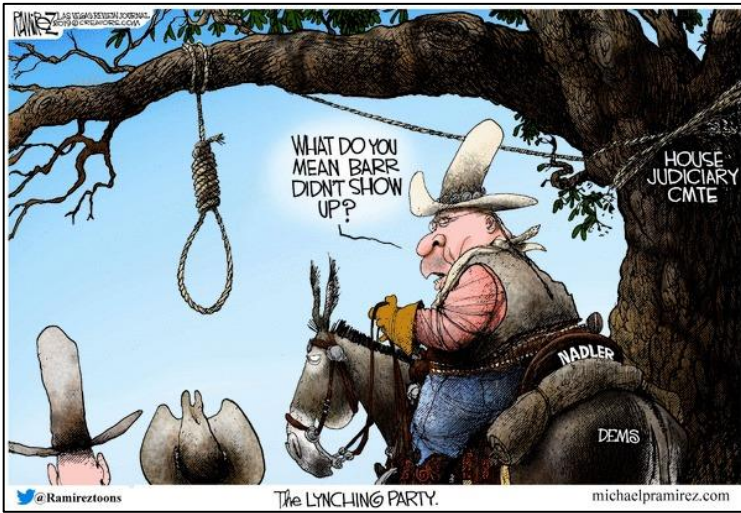
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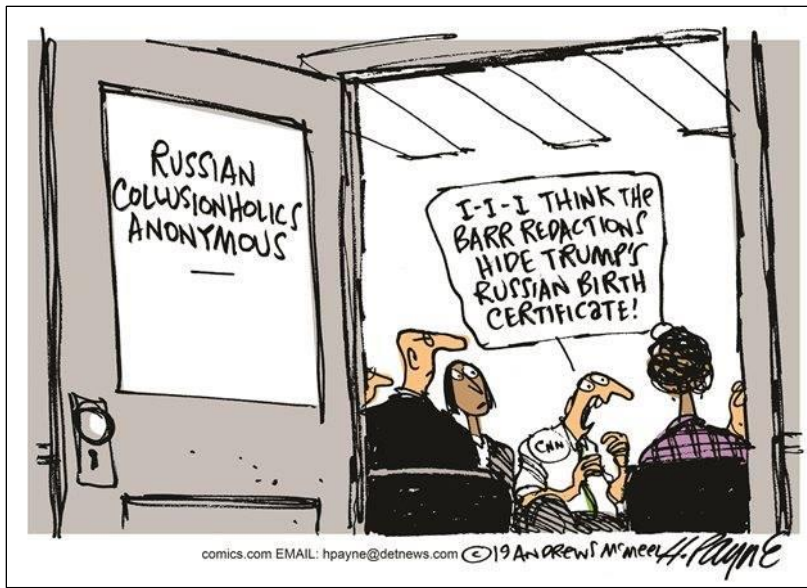
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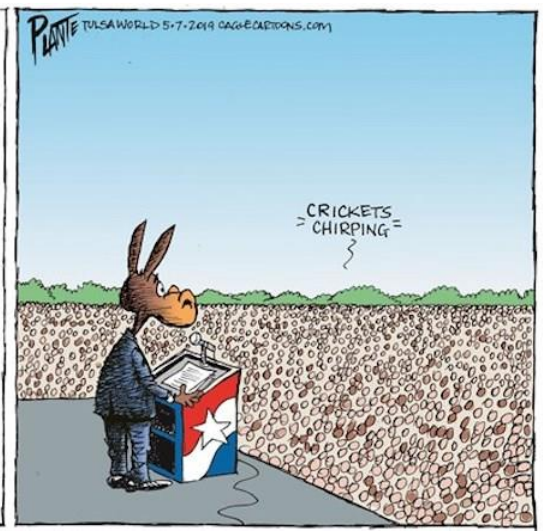
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