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RIP George H.W. Bush: America remembers a great President and a great man. Reading, watching and observing all the tributes, stories and memories of so many about President Bush reminds one of character, service and honor. I was blessed to meet, support and spend some time with the President. He actually introduced me to Dr. Pepper, one of the great loves in my life!

As we remember President Bush the man, lets not forget the dignity he brought to public service. His life truly served as source of inspiration and a point of light to many. God bless.

Mueller Investigation - Such a Waste: As stated below "Robert Mueller and his special counsel investigation to thank. After nearly two years of hunting he has ensnared much small game but no large mammals. He has never produced any evidence that Trump colluded with either the Russian government or individuals "tied" or "linked" to Moscow. Paul Manafort is a tax cheat; Michael Cohen is a two-faced crook; members of a president-elect's cabinet occasionally meet with foreign leaders; Russians posted misleading things on Facebook; most people will stumble if asked enough questions about enough topics. These not exactly astonishing conclusions are the sum total of Mueller's efforts."

Florida & Georgia Challenge: The latest election fiascos happened in the great states of Florida and Georgia. They are uniquely positioned to address the blatant disregard by partisan election officials of the law, rules and regulations that are designed to insure a open and fair elections.

We should all challenge and demand that state and local officials step up and take the steps necessary to make sure this kind of gamesmanship never happens again. Unless the process is fair to all, transparent and honest the by default cause the principles of democracy to be challenged. That's bad for our country.

This is fresh in everyone's mind. We have first hand accounts of what when wrong and how hard it was to determine what was actually going on. Florida and Georgia have a chance to lead the nation is practical, honest, transparent reform...a challenge they should gladly accept and be an example to a grateful nation!

-Saul Anuzis

George H.W. Bush, 41st president of the United States, dies at 94

George H.W. Bush, the 41st president of the United States and the father of the 43rd, was a steadfast force on the international stage for decades, from his stint as an envoy to Beijing to his eight years as vice president and his one term as commander in chief from 1989 to 1993. The last veteran of World War II to serve as president, he was a consummate public servant and a statesman who helped guide the nation and the world out of a four-decade Cold War that had carried the threat of nuclear annihilation.

His death, at 94 on Nov. 30, also marked the passing of an era.

Although Mr. Bush served as president nearly three decades ago, his values and ethics seem centuries removed from today's acrid political culture. His currency of personal connection was the handwritten letter — not the social media blast.

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George W. Bush's grief for his dad, George H.W. Bush, is both intimate and historic

This was new. Americans had never watched a president say goodbye to another president who was also his father. And the moment proved to be as personal as it was historic.

As George W. Bush spoke before the casket containing the body of George H.W. Bush at Washington National Cathedral on Wednesday, his face was a map of pain. He held his composure until the end of his eulogy. Then his voice shook and, finally, he broke down and sobbed.

Amid the commanders in chief, past and present, the honor guards and the trappings of state, the 43rd president at the pulpit was nothing more than a boy crying for his dad.

"Through our tears, let us know the blessings of knowing and loving you, a great and noble man, the best father a son or daughter could have," Bush said, slumping in his grief.

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Pence Delivers Beautiful Tribute To George H. W. Bush

On Monday, speaking at the ceremony at the U.S. Capitol to commemorate the life of George H. W. Bush, the 41st president of the United States, Vice President Mike Pence told a beautiful story about Bush and Pence's son Mike, who is a Marine aviator, that occurred only months before Bush passed away. The story was a tribute to the class, elegance and strength of the man who served his country in so many ways.

With Bush's family looking on, the reaction of the family to Pence's speech was a touching reminder of how genuinely close the family was and is. Pence stated:

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Mueller strikes out trying to nail Trump – Flynn sentencing memo is a big nothing

A sentencing memo that Special Counsel Robert Mueller filed in U.S. District Court in Washington Tuesday recommending little or no prison time for President Trump's former National Security Adviser Michael Flynn doesn't implicate the president in any wrongdoing.

The memo isn't a "smoking gun" showing President Trump colluded with Russians to win the 2016 presidential election or did anything else illegal. In fact, the memo isn't even a squirt gun. In terms of President Trump's conduct, it amounts to nothing of any significance.

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Mueller Withheld "Details That Would Exonerate The President" Of Having Kremlin Backchannel

It appears that special counsel Robert Mueller withheld key information in its plea deal with Trump's former attorney, Michael Cohen, which would exonerate Trump and undermine the entire purpose of the special counsel, according to Paul Sperry of RealClearInvestigations.

Cohen pleaded guilty last week to lying to the Senate intelligence committee in 2017 about the Trump Organization's plans to build a Trump Tower in Moscow - telling them under oath that negotiations he was conducting ended five months sooner than they actually did.

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The crisis Mueller is sowing

If people have come to this conclusion, the rest of us have Robert Mueller and his special counsel investigation to thank. After nearly two years of hunting he has ensnared much small game but no large mammals. He has never produced any evidence that Trump colluded with either the Russian government or individuals "tied" or "linked" to Moscow. Paul Manafort is a tax cheat; Michael Cohen is a two-faced crook; members of a president-elect's cabinet occasionally meet with foreign leaders; Russians posted misleading things on Facebook; most people will stumble if asked enough questions about enough topics. These not exactly astonishing conclusions are the sum total of Mueller's efforts.

The recent news that Trump or his associates were interested in developing real estate projects in Moscow as late as June 2016 and that Cohen lied to investigators about it is more of the same nonsense. I have no doubt that Trump may once have dreamed of building one or more skyscrapers in Russia. I also have no doubt that at some undisclosed point he has asked one or more of his hirelings to look into the possibility of building a luxury casino on Mars. Does that mean that he is a Manchurian candidate whose tenure in office is dedicated solely to advancing the interests of the Red Planet and enriching himself and his family into the bargain? Winning a successful outsider bid for the presidency of the United States seems like a very circuitous route to obtaining a building permit.

At the very least, this sort of logic should cut both ways. If you want to talk about what it means to be financially "compromised" in office, ask yourself what President Hillary Clinton might have been willing to do on behalf of the governments of Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and Oman, to say nothing of a vast international assortment of shady tycoons.

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Judicial Watch keeps an eye on Mueller investigation

We owe a lot to Judicial Watch. Remember, without them, Hillary's sneaky private email server likely would never have come to light. And in these waning days (we hope) of the Mueller investigation, as witnesses start to fight back, lawyers associated with the watchdog group Judicial Watch continue to have their hands full. Founder Larry Klayman is representing conservative writer Jerome Corsi in his criminal and ethics complaint against Robert Mueller, while president Tom Fitton has been analyzing

the case against Trump based on Mueller's charges against sleazy ex-Trump lawyer Michael Cohen.

Judicial Watch also is suing the Justice Department for records of all meetings in 2016 between law firm Perkins Coie and former FBI general counsel James Baker, after the DOJ failed to respond to their Freedom of Information Act request last month. Recall that Perkins Coie, representing Hillary and the DNC, paid oppo research firm Fusion GPS, who paid British ex-spy Christopher Steele, who presumably paid...Russian informants, who made up sleazy stories. THERE'S your Russian collusion, right there. And Judicial Watch would like to know what the top lawyer for the FBI was doing meeting with the lawyers for Hillary and the DNC. Baker testified under oath, Fitton says, that they had a meeting "about Russia."

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House Democrats plan a witch hunt against Trump

Next month the circus officially comes to Washington when Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., is expected to go from being the U.S. House minority leader to become speaker of the House, once the newly elected Democratic majority takes office.

After Pelosi and her new majority are sworn-in, their subpoena cannon will be loaded and pointed at the White House. The Democrats will mount one politically driven investigation after another, backed by billionaires George Soros and Tom Steyer, along with other rich far-left donors.

Congressional oversight of the executive branch is an important part of our system of checks and balances. But oversight only works if it's seen as a legitimate fact-finding exercise.

The major problem for this incoming Democratic-controlled House is that the Democrats have already concluded that their investigations should all come to the conclusion that President Trump must be impeached.

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Sen. Ted Cruz, others announce bill to fund \$25 billion border wall

.S. Sen. Ted Cruz with three other senators introduced a bill Wednesday that is aimed at fully funding a wall along the US-Mexico border.

Cruz, along with Sen. Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.), Sen. Mike Rounds (R-S.D.) and Sen. John Kennedy (R-La.) introduced the WALL Act -- the first legislation that would identify funding sources for the border wall.

"I have long called for building a wall as a necessary step

in defending our border and stopping the flow of illegal immigration into our country," Sen. Cruz said in a press release from the United States Senate. "The overwhelming majority of Texans and Americans want to see the border secured. The WALL Act would fully fund the border wall by closing existing loopholes that provide illegal immigrants with federal benefits and tax credits, without affecting the benefits and tax credits used by Americans."

If passed, the bill would fund President Donald Trump's proposed \$25 billion border wall and provide specific ways to fund it. Sen. Kennedy claims that enacting certain changes with the WALL Act, American taxpayers will save \$33 billion. The changes proposed in the bill are as follows:

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Democrats Struggle To Relate To Voters Due To 'How Smart We Are'

Sen. Mazie Hirono (D-HI) said on Tuesday that Democrats have a hard time connecting with voters because of how "smart" Democrats are and because Democrats "know so much."

Hirono made the remarks while answering a question from journalist Dahlia Lithwick at the "Bend Towards Justice" conference in Washington, D.C. about what Democrats need to do to make their voters care more about the judicial system.

"One of the things that we Democrats have a really hard time is connecting to people's hearts instead of here [points at brain]," Hirono began. "We're really good at shoving out all the information that touch people here [points to brain] but not here [points to heart]."

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The U.S. Just Became a Net Oil Exporter for the First Time in 75 Years

America turned into a net oil exporter last week, breaking 75 years of continued dependence on foreign oil and marking a pivotal -- even if likely brief -- moment toward what U.S. President Donald Trump has branded as "energy independence."

The shift to net exports is the dramatic result of an unprecedented boom in American oil production, with thousands of wells pumping from the Permian region of

Texas and New Mexico to the Bakken in North Dakota to the Marcellus in Pennsylvania.

While the country has been heading in that direction for years, this week's dramatic shift came as data showed a sharp drop in imports and a jump in exports to a record high. Given the volatility in weekly data, the U.S. will likely remain a small net importer most of the time.

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In a war with Russia, both sides could focus on this 60-mile stretch

There are a number of potential vulnerabilities in NATO territory if the Cold War ever goes live, but three countries are especially scared of an attack to close the Suwalki Gap, a spot where NATO territory is only 60 miles wide with Belarus on one side, Russia's Kaliningrad Enclave on the other, and relatively flat ground with little forest or natural defenses in the middle.

If Russian tanks and other forces quickly span the gap and dig in, they could cut Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia off from the rest of Europe and NATO for easy digestion, leaving the rest of NATO to decide whether its worth it to risk their own troops re-securing them.

These sorts of geographic and political choke points aren't new. Cold War weapons development was heavily influenced by the Fulda Gap, one of Soviet Russia's most likely routes of advance if they invaded western Europe. And in World War II, France fell so quickly partially because it had counted on holding Germany at the Albert Canal and River Meuse in Belgium, but Germany had gotten Belgium to rescind its alliances with France before the invasion.

But the Suwalki Gap is a particularly vulnerable and important point. Kaliningrad is a Russian enclave that borders the Baltic Sea, and Belarus is a historic ally of Russia. Russia could easily muster troops in both areas for a mad dash across the line, and it could do so quickly and with little warning.

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