Eye on the World April 27, 2019

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Luke 21:34-36—"But take heed to yourselves, lest your souls be weighed down with self-indulgence, and drunkenness, or the anxieties of this life, and that day come on you suddenly, like a falling trap; for it will come on all dwellers on the face of the whole earth. But beware of slumbering; and every moment pray that you may be fully strengthened to escape from all these coming evils, and to take your stand in the presence of the Son of Man" (Weymouth New Testament).

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An article by Katie Pavlich titled "Christians Are the Most Persecuted Religious Group in the World" was posted at townhall.com on April 23, 2019. Following are excerpts of the article.

In light of the horrific Easter Day attacks on Sri Lankan Christians over the weekend, where Islamic suicide bombers killed at least 300 people and injured hundreds more, it's important to take a look at the plight of Christians around the world.

According to a Pew Research Center Poll, Christians have become the most persecuted religious group in the world.

■ Christians remain the most persecuted religious group in the world, new figures from the Pew Research Centre show.

■ The Centre's report on religious harassment in 2016 found that Christians were harassed in 144 countries, up from 128 the year before.

■ The Centre reported that the number of countries with "high" or "very high" levels of government restrictions on religion also rose, from 25 per cent of countries in 2015 to 28 per cent in 2016: 55 of the 198 countries examined by the research.

■ The report says: "This is the largest percentage of countries to have high or very high levels of government restrictions since 2013, and falls just below the 10-year peak of 29% in 2012.

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An article titled "Muslim Refugees Flee Sri Lankan Homes Over Attack Fears" was posted at japantimes.co.jp on April 25, 2019. Following is the article.

Hundreds of Muslim refugees in western Sri Lanka have taken refuge in mosques and a police station after facing intimidation following the deadly Easter bombings, activists said Thursday.

At least 359 people died in Sunday's coordinated suicide blasts, including more than 100 Christians attending mass at St. Sebastian's church in Negombo on the island's west coast.

The attacks have been condemned by leaders of the country's Muslim minority, but the community has been left in fear of a backlash.

Scores of Ahmadi Muslims who settled in Negombo after fleeing persecution in their home countries have been thrown out of their accommodation by landlords, according to officials.

"Today these refugees have become refugees again in Sri Lanka. They have been displaced for a second time," Ruki Fernando of Inform, a Sri Lankan human rights group, told reporters.

The refugees are from Pakistan, Afghanistan, Yemen and Iran. Ahmadis have faced repeated attacks in these countries by hard-line Islamist groups who do not consider them to be Muslim.

Fernando said homeowners had evicted the refugees because they feared their properties would be targeted by groups seeking revenge for the bomb blasts which were carried out by extremist Islamists.

Many others have fled of their own accord, fearing for their safety.

"Some unknown people broke into their houses in Negombo and beat them," Fernando told reporters.

He said numbers had yet to be verified but around 700 refugees were believed to have sought shelter in one Negombo mosque.

Around 120 were at a police station while several hundred more were at another mosque in Gampaha, 25 kilometers (15 miles) from Negombo.

He said that dozens got on buses to leave Negombo on Wednesday but turned back after they were advised against heading to the capital Colombo over security fears.

"People are scared. They are in a vulnerable position and don't have basic facilities," said Herman Kumar from Unity of Negombo Citizens, a group trying to foster communal harmony in the city.

The comments came at a news conference in Colombo where community leaders from Sri Lanka's different religions urged unity and calm as tensions simmer on the island. "We appeal to all communities to come together and protect each and every person," Kumar said.

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An article titled "Doctors at Ebola Epicenter in Congo Threaten Strike After Deadly Raid" was posted at japantimes.co.jp on April 25, 2019. Following is the article.

Doctors at the epicenter of Congo's Ebola crisis are threatening to go on strike indefinitely if health workers are attacked again.

The march on Wednesday comes after a Cameroon national working for the World Health Organization was killed last week on assignment in eastern Congo.

Dr. Kalima Nzanzu said he wants residents to know that the doctors and other medical staff are in eastern Congo to help fight the current Ebola outbreak. He urged government authorities to provide greater security for the Ebola response.

Eastern Congo is a highly volatile area where a variety of armed groups operate. Mistrust of government authorities has complicated the efforts to contain the deadly Ebola disease since the outbreak began in August. Some residents also falsely accuse foreigners of bringing Ebola to the area.

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■ An article titled "Extra Security in Paris As Yellow Vest Anger Mixes With Notre Dame Mourning" was posted at yahoo.com on April 20, 2019.

■ An article by Angela Charlton and Michel Euler titled "Yellow Vest Anger Burns in France, Fueled by Notre Dame Fire" was posted at apnews.com on April 20, 2019.

■ An article by Edith M. Lederer titled "Iran Minister: Trump's Aim Is Talks, Bolton Wants Conflict" was posted at apnews.com on April 24, 2019.

[■] An article by Naaman Zhou, Haroon Siddique, Alison Rourke and Mattha Busby titled "Authorities Warned on April 4 of Potential Attacks, Sri Lankan Minister Says—As It Happened" was posted at theguardian.com on April 22, 2019.

[■] An article by Ryan W. Miller and Jorge L. Ortiz titled "Sri Lanka Bombings Were 'In Retaliation' for Christchurch Attack, Defense Minister Says" was posted at usatoday.com on April 23, 2019.

[■] An article by Tom DiChristopher titled "Oil Rises 1.1% to Nearly 6-Month High, Settling at \$6.30, on Trump's Iran Crackdown" was posted at cnbc.com on April 22, 2019.

■ An article by Brian Sozzi titled "Coca-Cola Is Launching a Full-Scale Attack on Starbucks" was posted at yahoo.com on April 23, 2019.

■ An article titled "Trump Vows to 'Reciprocate' Against EU Tariffs After Harley Reports Nearly 27% Drop in Profit" was posted at cnbc.com on April 23, 2019.

■ An article titled "Ten of Thousands Attend Jewish Passover Blessing at Western Wall" was posted at yahoo.com on April 22, 2019.

■ A Reuters article titled "Disaffected Venezuelan Military Tell of Rising Desertions to Brazil" was posted at reuters.com on April 24, 2019.

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An article by Terence P. Jeffrey titled "Liberals Tell Supreme Court How Illegal Immigration Increases Their Power" was posted at cnsnews.com on April 24, 2019. Following is the article.

Liberals in the U.S. House of Representatives and various state and local jurisdictions are asking the Supreme Court to join them in making a remarkable prediction: Next year, they argue, unless the court acts now to restrain the Department of Commerce, vast numbers of illegal aliens will violate a U.S. law that has profound constitutional consequences.

This widespread law breaking, they predict, will impact federal elections for at least 10 years.

And, these liberals contend, the bad guys in this situation will not be the illegal aliens violating the law but the federal agency trying to enforce it.

We are talking about the 2020 census.

Nancy Pelosi's House of Representatives summarized the basic constitutional provision at stake in a brief submitted to the court in the case of the Department of Commerce v. New York. The court heard oral arguments on Tuesday.

"The Constitution's Enumeration Clause, as modified by the Fourteenth Amendment," the House said, "confers on Congress the responsibility to conduct every ten years an 'actual Enumeration' of the 'whole number of persons in each State.'"

Based on next year's enumeration, the current 435 House seats will be reapportioned among the states, with each getting a minimum of one.

The "whole number of persons" cited in the Constitution does not distinguish between citizens and noncitizens or legal and illegal immigrants.

The census is meant to count literally all persons living in the United States.

To carry out this function, as Solicitor General Noel Francisco told the court in his own brief, Congress has enacted laws. One broadly delegates to the secretary of commerce the power to conduct the census "in such form and content as he may determine."

Others place legal responsibilities on U.S. residents.

"Individuals who receive the census questionnaire are required by law to answer fully and truthfully all of the questions, and the government must keep individual answers confidential," Francisco explained, summarizing 13 U.S.C. 9(a) and 221.

Historically, the census has routinely asked demographic questions and for many decades specifically asked about citizenship. California Attorney General Xavier Becerra admitted in his own brief that at some point in the past it was constitutional for the census to ask about citizenship—and could be again someday.

"To be clear," Becerra said, "California does not contend 'that each and every' past census with a citizenship question was 'conducted in violation of the Enumeration Clause,' . . . or that such a question could never properly be added to any census in the future."

So, why did California, the U.S. House of Representatives and other governmental jurisdictions around the country decide to argue the issue in court when Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross decided to include a citizenship question in the 2020 census?

The first premise in their argument is that the citizenship question will cause some people to disobey the law that requires them to answer census questions.

The House put it to the Supreme Court this way: "No logical leap is required here: given the potential immigration consequences of being identified by the government as lacking legal immigration status, common sense explains the reluctance of noncitizens to self-identify on a government form."

The second premise is that if people "lacking legal immigration status" do not complete the census form, certain states and jurisdictions will lose congressional seats and federal funding.

The California state legislature put this candidly.

"California is expected to lose at least one seat in the House of Representatives and possibly more," it told the court.

"Depending on the experts' estimated undercount attributable to the additional question," it said, "that number could be as high as a loss of three seats."

"Because many federal programs are based on population, California and its local jurisdictions will lose significant federal funding," it said.

Harris County, Texas, was blunter.

"Given its raw population growth since 2010 of more than half a million people, Harris County is on track to gain an additional congressional seat," it told the court.

But: "Under any scenario, in the re-apportionment following the 2020 Census Texas will most likely lose a congressional seat in Congress it otherwise deserves under the Enumeration Clause if the citizenship question is added. Indeed, Harris County alone has enough undocumented people to populate an entire congressional district."

Put bluntly: Harris County told the Supreme Court it stands to gain power in the U.S. Congress because of the large number of illegal aliens living within its borders.

The administration argued to the court that those who brought the case against the citizenship question do not even have standing to do so.

"[T]heir asserted injuries are not fairly traceable to the Secretary's decision to reinstate the citizenship question," Francisco told the court. "None of the respondents' alleged injuries will materialize if individuals completely and truthfully answer the census questionnaire, as required by federal law. The alleged injuries thus depend not just on third-party action, but on third-party action that is unlawful."

Whether or not the court allows Commerce to ask the citizenship question, this case illuminates a fundamental point about illegal immigration.

Those pushing this suit believe their political interests are advanced by making sure all illegal aliens are counted. By the same logic, their political interests would also be advanced by increasing the number of illegal aliens in their jurisdictions.

If all of the illegal aliens in the United States were to suddenly obey the law and go home, California would lose congressional seats.

Harris County would lose one, too.

Does that help explain why some politicians in Washington, D.C., do not want to secure the border or enforce the immigration law?

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An article by Burt Prelutsky titled "The Myth of Wind Power" was posted at patriotpost.us on April 20, 2019. Following are excerpts of the article.

Ever since Al Gore and his gang of climate scammers came on the scene in the 1990s, we have been fed a steady diet of lies and false promises.

We were told that the oceans would rise as the polar caps melted and that cities and states bordering the Pacific and Atlantic would be underwater. We were told that the corpses of polar bears who had drowned would be washing up by the thousands on the coast of Alaska. We were told that the human race was doomed by rising temperatures.

What's most remarkable about the hoax is that there was a deadline announced. The apocalypse was to take place within a decade. Now, two decades later, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez is giving us until 2030 to shape up or we're all goners.

Even someone as cynical as I am would never have imagined that the con men and women would still be able to pass off this nonsense as gospel after all this time. The old line about whether you're going to believe me or your lying eyes seems to sum up the situation pretty well.

I mean, if I told you that the world would end on Thursday at 3 p.m., and you found that nothing had happened by 3:01, you would know I was lying. But when it comes to the weather, apparently there is nothing that can shake the child-like faith of those on the Left. No matter how often Cassandras like Al Gore, A O-C and the self-proclaimed weather mavens at the U.N., are shown to be liars pushing a Socialist agenda as spelled out in the Paris Accords, the airheads remain stubbornly oblivious to the truth.

Candidates parrot the nonsense

When every Democratic contender for the 2020 presidential nomination rallies around the Green New Deal, you have to question if they have the slightest idea what it entails. We've all heard the jokes about farting cows and people having to take the train from California to Hawaii if A O-C's agenda were ever turned into legislation. The Democrats call it bold and original. Sane people call it nutty and dangerous.

■ 8.2% wind and solar up to 100%

As Ed Hiserodt wrote in an open letter to Ms. Ocasio-Cortez that recently appeared in *The New American*, we in the U.S. currently receive 6.3% of our electrical power from the wind and 1.9% from solar. By 2030, the 29-year-old member of Congress insists we derive 100% of our energy from those two sources or face extinction.

Non-industrial nation

Even if we decide it's worth the financial cost, which we would if extinction was really the alternative, it would mean an end to air travel, beef products and an acceptance of the U.S. becoming a non-industrial nation, the equivalent of Ethiopia and Haiti.

Do these people not understand that there is nothing predictable about the sun or the wind? There are lots of places where sunshine is nearly as rare as unicorns and unless the wind is blowing harder than 10 miles an hour, it lacks the power to generate a sneeze.

I was always aware that those giant wind turbines that destroy the environment and the landscape in the California desert near Palm Springs killed birds by the tens of thousands, but I had no idea how noisy they are.

Noisy turbines in Massachusetts

In Falmouth, Massachusetts, the town spent \$10 million installing the turbines, but the constant noise was creating health problems for the residents so they spent \$2 million having the damn things removed.

■ Liberal Ted Kennedy objected

And as you may recall, when the state decided to place a turbine near the family compound in Hyannisport, Sen. Ted Kennedy, who, as a liberal, naturally paid lip service to alternate forms of renewable energy, let the local authorities know he wasn't about to let his ocean view be destroyed by the massive monstrosity.

You can bet that would also be the case if anyone even considered placing one of these confounded contraptions anywhere near the homes of Chuck Schumer, Nancy Pelosi, Kirsten Gillibrand, Cory Booker or, yes, even Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez.

Earning the right

Bert Black let me know about an object lesson that was conducted in 2005 by Martha Cothren, a History teacher at Robinson High School in Little Rock, Arkansas.

On the opening day of school, she had all the desks removed from her classroom.

When the teenagers flocked in for the first class of the day, they asked her where the desks were. She replied: "You can't have a desk until you tell me how you earn the right to have a desk."

Someone suggested: "By our grades."

"No," Mrs. Cothren replied.

Someone else guessed: "By our behavior?"

"No, it isn't even by your behavior."

And so it went, class after class. The kids began phoning their parents. By early afternoon, the local TV crews were showing up to report on the crazy teacher and the missing desks.

During the final class of the day, Martha Cothren addressed the students seated on the floor: "During the course of the day, no one has been able to tell me just what he or she has done to earn the right to sit at the desks that are ordinarily found in this classroom. Now I am about to tell you."

With that, she walked to the door and opened it. Twenty-seven G.I.s, all in uniform, entered the room, each one carrying a desk. They placed the desks in rows and then lined up next to the wall.

The teacher then said: "You didn't earn the right to sit at these desks. These men, these heroes, did it for you. They placed the desks here for you. They went halfway around the world. Giving up their own educations and interrupting their careers and leaving their families, so you could have the freedom you have. Now it's up t you to sit at them. It is your responsibility to learn, to be good students, to be good citizens. They paid the price so that you could have the freedom to get an education. Don't ever forget it."

Mrs. Cothren was awarded the Veterans of Foreign Wars Teacher of the Year for the state of Arkansas. She is the daughter of a WW II POW.

Perhaps nothing better illustrates how far we've fallen in the past 14 years than the fact that before teaching this very important life lesson, she first ran her idea past the school principal and the Little Rock Board of Education and got their okay. Can you imagine a teacher keeping her job today if she made her snowflakes sit on the floor?

For that matter, can you imagine a high school where a teacher would even be permitted to teach American History from a patriotic perspective?

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An article by Burt Prelutsky titled "First Do No Harm" was posted at patriotpost.us on April 22, 2019. Following are excerpts of the article.

Somewhere along the line, a fair number of medical practitioners have decided that the Hippocratic Oath is null and void. Perhaps, they'd argue that they were forced to swear that their first obligation was to do no harm and that, therefore, they're under no moral obligation to abide by the oath. They might liken it to being forced at gunpoint to renounce their citizenship or, at the point of a Muslim sword, to renounce their religion.

How else to explain the psychiatrists who, without ever having had Donald Trump on their couch, declare him non compos mentis?

Social engineers posing as doctors

Worse yet are the social engineers posing as doctors who are giving 8-yearold girls sex hormones such as testosterone because the tots are allegedly claiming to be boys.

During a recent panel discussion, the audience was shown videos of doctors Ilana Sherer and Johanna Olson-Kennedy treating third and fourth graders. Dr. Olson-Kennedy has been given a \$5.7 million grant by the National Institute of Health to do research on the subject. I'm not sure that someone who argues for mastectomies on 13-year-old girls is someone I would trust to even be a crossing guard.

These doctors, who would have been quite at home working alongside Dr. Mengele, dispense gender-blockers the way kids toss peanuts to the monkeys at the zoo, arguing that children have every right to over-rule biology when it comes to their sexual identity.

The fact that these two monsters haven't had their licenses revoked tells you all you need to know about the medical establishment these days.

Complaints against Biden

Although some of his liberal colleagues have started suggesting that Joe Biden is perhaps being a little too hands-on when it comes to women, others, most of whom simply don't want to have to compete with him for the 2020 nomination, are hanging him out to dry.

Mika defended Biden

But not Mika Brzezinski, who is also known these days as Mrs. Joe Scarborough, as well as the co-host of CNN's "Morning Joe." She defended Biden by saying that his fellow Democrats were being guilty of "eating their young."

A very odd thing to say about Biden, who is 76-years-old. Perhaps she was fooled by the painted teeth and the hair plugs.

Supporters focusing on grown-ups

Getting back to Biden, as embarrassing as the present crescendo of women claiming he had made them uncomfortable in the past by hugging them, sniffing their hair and nuzzling their necks, I have a feeling his own people are massaging the message by focusing attention on grown-ups and not in children.

The problem I have always had with Joe isn't his bizarre behavior with adult women, but his constant fondling of prepubescent girls at public functions. At least grown-ups can slap him upside his head, but little girls are pretty much forced to stand there while the creepy stranger caresses their little shoulders and sticks his schnoz in their hair.

Suggestions to me about Mark Levin

After I took a swipe at Mark Levin's constant hollering on his radio show, a few people suggested I tune in on his Fox TV show, "Life, Liberty & Levin." The fact is I have. I thought it was okay, but if I were watching TV, there are things I'd prefer to watch. What I did discover is that when he chooses to, Levin can speak in a perfectly normal voice. Which, to my mind, proves that his screaming on radio is just a very annoying schtick.

One of his defenders suggested I might like to read one of his books. But, again, I had. Because I'm interested in the Supreme Court, I read his "Men in Black: How the Supreme Court is Destroying America." I found it a tough slog. So, the notion of reading a second Levin book never entered my head. As I see it, bore me once, shame on you. Bore me twice, shame on me.

The thing that really astonishes me is his constant call for a Convention of States. The notion that such a Convention could possibly be more effective than Congress in getting conservative measures passed strikes me as hopelessly naïve and highly dangerous. Liberals are far more likely to get their own wet dream resolutions passed by such an assembly; one, because they are far more united than we are; and, two, because they know how to fight dirty.

Wisconsin Supreme Court

I read a report that stated that a Conservative candidate for the Wisconsin Supreme Court defeated his Liberal opponent in a major upset. I took heart until I heard that his margin of victory was just 6,000 votes. The loser had already requested a recount. Any time an election is that close, you can count on boxes and boxes of ballots suddenly popping up in basements, attics and the trunks of '98 Chevys, all over Madison.

As things turned out, the Conservative held on to win. That strongly suggested that the Liberal had already cheated so much to make it a close election, there was nothing left in the tank. Or the trunk.

Marijuana in Illinois

In Illinois, if they haven't done so already, they will soon legalize what is blithely referred to as "recreational" marijuana. Heck, if it's recreational, it can't possibly destroy brain cells and bring on schizophrenia. Or so the politicians would have us believe.

All over the country, the hacks are doing everything in their power to apply lipstick to the piggish face of drug addiction, simply in order to bring the drug money flooding into their state coffers.

When you get right down to it, the only difference between the schmucks in our state legislatures and the punks on the street is that the punks don't feel it necessary to tell lies about the poison they peddle.

Finally, it occurs to me that our public servants don't serve, our reporters don't report, our teachers don't teach and our pundits, with precious few exceptions, don't pun.

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■ An article by Tyler Durden titled "\$220,000 for Every Man, Woman and Child—America Is Now 72 Trillion Dollars in Debt" was posted at zerohedge. com on April 25, 2019.

Finances

■ An article by Luke Stangel titled "Report: Apple Spends \$30M Per Month on Amazon Web Services to Keep Its' Cloud Software Running" was posted at yahoo.com on April 23, 2019.

■ An article by Ari Levy titled "Microsoft Hits \$1 Trillion Market Cap After Earnings Beat Estimates" was posted at cnbc.com on April 24, 2019.

Green New Deal

■ An article titled "New York Mayor Targets Classic Skyscrapers With Green New Deal" was posted at yahoo.com on April 22, 2019.

■ An article by Joshua Caplan titled "New York's Green New Deal Will Slash Red Meat in City Facilities by 50%" was posted at breitbart.com on April 24, 2019.

Illegal immigration

■ An article by Mark Stevenson and Sonia Perez titled "Migrant Caravan on the 'Beast' Train to Avoid Mexican Police Raids and Make It to U.S. Border" was posted at usatoday.com on April 24, 2019.

■ An article by Katie Pavlich titled "Illegal Aliens From Ecuador and Honduras Assaulted Border Patrol Agents This Week" was posted at townhall.com on April 24, 2019.

Comments about weapons

■ An article by Katherine Rosenberg-Douglas titled "Second Amendment 'Sanctuary County' Movement Expands As Organizers Take Aim at New Gun Laws" was posted at chicagotribune.com on April 17, 2019.

■ An article by Beth Baumann titled "Kamala Harris: If I'm President, Congress Will Have 100 Days to Enact Gun Control Laws" was posted at townhall.com on April 22, 2019.

Comments about Trump support

■ An article titled "Trump 'Not Going to Be Removed From Office for This': Terry Moran [Senior National Correspondent] on Mueller Report" was posted at abcnews.com on April 21, 2019.

Comments about Trump opposition

■ An article by Michelle Malkin titled "Beware Soros-Funded Hijacking of US Census" was posted at michellemalkin.com on April 24, 2019.

■ An article by Domenico Montanaro titled "Sanders Tops Democratic Fundraising As O'Rourke, Harris and Buttigieg Draw Big Sums" was posted at npr.org on April 2, 2019.

■ An article by Matt Vespa titled "Let's Face It: The Mueller Report Was Pretty Much Just a Taxpayer-Funded Opposition Research Project" was posted at townhall.com on April 18, 2019.

■ An article by Guy Benson titled "Analysis: Mueller Report Confirms No Collusion, Finds Aborted Obstruction Attempts, Punts on Charges" was posted at townhall.com on April 18, 2019.

■ A Reuters article by Sarah N. Lynch and Andy Sullivan titled "In Unflattering Detail, Mueller Report Reveals Trump Actions to Impede Inquiry" was posted at reuters.com on April 18, 2019.

■ An article by David Knowles titled "Romney 'Sickened' by Trump Administration 'Dishonesty' Exposed by Mueller Report" was posted at yahoo.com on April 19, 2019. ■ An article titled "Hillary Clinton: Mueller Report Is Beginning, Not the End" was posted at apnews.com on April 23, 2019.

■ An article by Rebecca Kaplan, Olivia Gazis and Ed O'Keefe titled "House Democratic Leaders Urge Caution on Impeachment As Members Plot Way Forward" was posted at cbsnews.com on April 23, 2019.

■ An article by Janet Hook titled "Kamala Harris Calls for Impeachment, Bernie Sanders Does Not" was posted at latimes.com on April 24, 2019.

■ An article by Aamer Madhani titled "Bernie Sanders Says Felons, Even Boston Marathon Bomber, Should Have Right to Vote in Prison" was posted at usatoday.com on April 23, 2019.

■ An article by Chris Gardner titled "Pete Buttigieg Sets L.A. Fundraiser Hosted by Gay Hollywood A-List" was posted at hollywoodreporter.com on April 22, 2019.

■ An article by Charles Duncan titled "Franklin Graham Tells 2020 Candidate Pete Buttigieg to Repent, Not 'Flaunt' Being Gay" was posted at charlotteobserver.com on April 24, 2019.

■ An article titled "California May Ban Schools From Suspending Students for 'Willful Defiance' " was posted at cbssacramento.com on April 23, 2019.

■ An article by Caleb Ecarma titled "Chris Christie: White Working-Class Trump Voters Could Hand 2020 Election to Joe Biden" was posted at mediaite.com on April 24, 2019.

Kamala Harris

■ An article by Astead W. Herndon and Matt Flegenheimer titled "Should a White Man Be the Face of the Democratic Party in 2020?" was posted at nytimes.com on April 20, 2019.

■ An article by Christopher Cadelago titled "The Rude Awakening Creeping Up on Kamala Harris [Meaning Joe Biden Infringing Upon Her Necessary Success in South Carolina]" was posted at politico.com on April 23, 2019.

■ An article by Li Zhou titled "Kamala Harris Needs to Unlock the Power of African American Women Voters" was posted at vox.com on April 24, 2019.

Irishman Robert Francis (Beto) O'Rourke

■ An article by Jeremy Wallace titled "Beto O'Rourke Tops \$9M in 18 Days on Presidential Campaign Trail" was posted at houstonchronicle.com on April 3, 2019.

■ An article by Jonathan Easley titled "Buttigieg Steals Beto's Thunder" was posted at thehill.com on April 22, 2019.

■ An article by Libby Watson titled "Big Money Beto Hosts Fundraiser With Tickets Up to \$25,000" was posted at splinternews.com on April 23, 2019.

■ An article by Brianne Pfannenstiel titled "Beto O'Rourke Hires 16-Person Iowa Caucus Staff As He Scales Up Organizing Efforts" was posted at desmoinesregister.com on April 24, 2019. ■ An article by Jonathan Martin titled "Pete Buttiegieg and Beto O'Rourke Stake Out Similar Turf in a Crowded Field" was posted at nytimes.com on April 24, 2019.

News about the media

■ An article by Leah Barkoukis titled "Media Obsessed With Impeachment After Release of Mueller Report" was posted at townhall.com on April 19, 2019.

■ An article by Guy Benson titled "Analysis: Pivoting Away From Collusion, Media Stampedes to Obstruction, Attacks on Bill Barr" was posted at townhall.com on April 19, 2019.

■ An article by Leah Barkoukis titled "Piers Morgan Blasts Dems, Media Over Reaction to Mueller Report" was posted at townhall.com on April 23, 2019.

■ An article by Nicholas Fondacara titled "CNN Town Halls: ZERO Questions on Anti-Christian Attack, 9 on Impeachment" was posted at newsbusters.org on April 23, 2019.

General interest

■ An article titled "FDA Approves New Treatment for ADHD Using Electrical Shocks to the Forehead" was posted at cbsnewyork.com on April 23, 2019.

■ An article by Jennifer Kabbany titled "University Hosts No-Whites-Allowed Faculty and Staff Listening Sessions—to Promote Inclusivity" was posted at thecollegefix.com on April 24, 2019.

■ An article by Deanna Paul titled "Frustrated Pilots Got Navy to Stop Dismissing UFO Sightings" was posted at washingtonpost.com on April 24, 2019.

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Isaiah 55:6-11—"Seek you the LORD while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. 'For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,' says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it."