

## Political Happening *By Larry Lambert*

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According to Spaceweather.com last week there was a complete solar eclipse over Antarctica and no one saw it. Here is what it looked like from Paarl, South Africa.

In Kansas there is an average of 54 abortions every day. Out of state abortions makes up 3/4. In Kentucky there hasn't been a legal abortion since Aug. 2022. It could have been that way here. In the nation 50 abortion centers closed down after Congress de-funded Planned Parenthood for a year.

Thousands of Americans are not being paid now that the government is shut down again. The Democrat demands lack common

sense. They want law enforcement to show ID but they don't want voters to have to show ID and they want reforms that protect illegals at the expense of American taxpayers. If the left wouldn't dox ICE agents maybe they wouldn't need to wear masks but the left fully intends to destroy ICE agents and sometimes their family if they can get their identity. In the interim, agency's like TSA agents, FEMA and Coast Guard are unfunded. Last fall when

the Government shut down some of the Democrat demands were things like \$3.9 million to go to LGBTQ advocacy in the Balkan Islands, \$2 million to organize feminism in Africa, \$2.9 million for desert locust reduction in Africa, \$13.4 million to go to civic engagement in Zimbabwe in Africa and \$24.6 million to go to climate research in Honduras. How does this have anything to do with welfare of the U.S. American taxpaying citizens?

Twelve million dollars in fraud is being investigated in Massachusetts.

Back in 2018 the Republicans in Colorado's legislature lost their one seat majority in their Senate. Now the Colorado legislature is considering legalizing prostitution. It is impossible to overstate how important local elections are and the left's war on the family.

Secretary of State Marco Rubio recently made a speech over in Europe. The speech portrayed the Trump Administration in a positive

light so the legacy media ignored the speech.

Since September 2nd there has been more than 140 men killed in 42 strikes on drug traffickers.

The main stream media tries to cover up the mental illness of those who are transgender shooters.

The estimate is 30 Christians in Nigeria are killed by Islamism every day.

Ten to Fifteen years ago one fifth of Americans couldn't find the U.S. on a world map. I hope that number has gotten better.

The main stream media is doing its best to rehabilitate Alexandra Ocasio Cortez after a disastrous debate on the world stage recently but the New York Times ran cover for her.

In a 6-3 decision the Supreme Court blocked President Trump's use of an emergency law to impose tariffs on U.S. trading partners. We knew there would be at least 3 automatic votes against tariffs. Before 1913 and Federal Income Tax the United States lived on tariffs alone.

There is talk about a mil-

itary strike on Iran. A reminder that Iran would like to eliminate the 7 million Jews in Israel and the American people would be next on their list.

In March of 1956 cousin Kinda was the flower girl and I was the ring bearer for Gerald and Donna Fay Duntz's wedding here in Smith Center. It snowed between 40 and 50 inches that month. Dad said they had to put chains on the truck to bring me to town.

The National Voter Registration Act. requires STATE offices that give out Medicaid, food stamp, or welfare benefits to ask beneficiaries if they want to register to vote. Around 25% of those beneficiaries do. The Kelly administration has mailed out over one million unsolicited voter registration packets. Even if they didn't ask for a form, the Governor's agencies sent them one anyway. This is intentional. People dependent on the government for their survival overwhelmingly vote Democrat. Governor Kelly is putting her thumb on the scale,

using tax dollars to flood the system with applications in hopes of harvesting votes, regardless of the risks to election security.

The Governor vetoed a bill that recognizes biological reality that restrooms and locker rooms in public buildings be designated accordingly. Thanks to Kansas citizens giving the Republicans a super majority in the legislature the House override was 87-37 (84) required and the Senate veto override numbers were 31-9. (27 required for an override). A common sense legislation the Governor is OK with will be requiring cell phones to be shut off in school classrooms.

25 was the number that attended the Town Hall last Saturday. There was room for more.

AWANA clubs began in 1950.

God created three pillars, the Church, the Home and the Government. The American Church is the secret to America's strength.

## From the Blue Side

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This week we would like to begin with a word of gratitude. We would like to first thank all veterans past and present who have fought for our freedoms. We are also grateful for the thirty plus community members, including Smith, Phillips and Osborne county representation that came to our Monday night meeting to meet Chris Mann and Mark Schaukowitch.

Chris Mann proved to be a servant of the people stating that he is not a politician but has chosen to run for Kansas Attorney General because he feels the call to serve. Chris has served the public first as a law enforcement officer and second as a prosecuting

attorney in which he has prosecuted a broad range of cases from DUIs to murders. Chris also served as a prosecutor for the Kansas Securities Commission where he helped protect consumers and seniors by holding white collar criminals accountable. We are all too familiar with the numerous scams and fraud that all of us or our loved ones are affected by on a daily basis. Chris played a key role in advocacy and passage of significant drunk driving legislation in Kansas as well. He will ensure no politician or special interests are above the law. His opponent, Kris Kobach is using the office of Attorney General's Office for political gain and is a career

politician. We are so appreciative that Chris is coming to the rural communities to talk with constituents as we most often get left out of the conversations in our area.

Mark Schaukowitch, although we cannot vote for him as his district is west of us, we were thankful that constituents from Phillipsburg were there to hear his platform. Mark spoke regarding his stance on the rise of property tax and the effects on rural communities and the importance of reducing the mill levy and keeping tax payer dollars in our rural communities. We are wishing Mark a successful campaign.

We would also like to point out that Kansas Senator Roger Marshall (R) had

private events in Kansas and abruptly cancelled them due to the fact that the event became publicized so he snuck out. We are sure he is scared to face all constituents after what happened in Oakley, Kansas last year when he refused to answer a Veterans question regarding if veterans benefits would remain intact. Ask yourself, is Roger Marshall doing what is best for Kansas or is he more worried about keeping his neighbor/President Trump happy (Roger Marshall splits his residence between Florida and Kansas). There are several excellent Kansas residents opposing Marshall this mid-term. Do your research!

Kansas House Democrat leader, Brandon Woodard, wants Republicans to focus on cost and not culture wars. "Kansas sent us here to lower costs for families, not to wage partisan culture wars. At a time when Kansans are struggling with higher prices for groceries, housing, healthcare, Republicans continue to choose political wars over real solutions. In addition to its flawed process, SB 244 targets a small and vulnerable group of Kansans while creating sweeping and unintended consequences across our state. This legislation will affect shared hospitals, nursing homes, rehabilitation and treatment rooms, dorm rooms and sporting events. Kansans are watching as day after day in Topeka, Republicans continue to push a divisive agenda that does nothing to lower costs for families."

The Trump Administration loses in court again as the Supreme Court ruled that President Donald Trump does not have the authority to impose sweeping global tariffs without congressional approval, upending one of his key policies and issuing a rare constraint on his attempts to expand presidential powers. The 6-3 ruling means that President Trump's IEEPA tariffs, including the "Liberation Day" tariffs are illegal. The ruling shields US taxpayers from that major tax increase and nearly three-fourths of the new tax revenue the Trump administration hoped to raise from tariffs.

ICE - There is significant, widespread opposition from state and local governments, community leaders, and advocates regarding the establishment of new ICE detention facilities, particularly regarding plans to convert industrial warehouses into large-scale detention centers. Those opposed often citing humanitarian concerns and the strain on local infrastructure. Mississippi Senator Roger Wicker (R-Miss.) expressed opposition to Secretary of Homeland Security Kristi Noem regarding a proposed ICE detention center in Byhalia, MS. Wicker argued the facility would threaten the local economy and infrastructure. Noem agreed to stay out of Mississippi. Kansas City, Missouri passed an ordinance that will keep ICE from being able to build a detention facility in the city. It's hard to believe we are in the year

2026 and our Government is hastily turning huge warehouses into holding cells for men, women and children.

We doubt that the NFL has any regrets about their selection for the Super Bowl half-time show as they are making global business decisions that affect their bottom line. Although Turning Point USA had approximately 25 million views across multiple platforms, Bad Bunny had over 128 million viewers the day of and 69 million views on YouTube within three days, with total social media consumption surpassing 4 billion. Once again, another culture war that was started by the far right. We have never seen it necessary to have an "alternate halftime show" until a performer who performs in Spanish was chosen. There have been half time performers who are not US Citizens (as Benito Antonio Martínez Ocasio is) and there were no alternative choices. This just shows how divisive President Trump likes to keep our country.

We are excited about spending the weekend of March 6-8 in Topeka at the annual Kansas Democratic Convention (aka Washington Days). We learned a lot last year and are looking forward to all of the buzz about the upcoming elections.

We would like to invite anyone interested in learning more to come to our next meeting on Monday, March 16th at 5 p.m. in the Vineyard Room at Pooches.

### Editorial

## Glimpse of Spring

The beautiful, warm sunshine these past few days have given me hints and glimpses of the beauty of spring.

Spring is the perfect time to get a fresh perspective on our surroundings.

New life springs from its winter slumber, and the signs of renewal are all around us, if we take the time to look close enough.

So true it is about many things that surround us, and as Mother Nature celebrates a new season of growth, so should we as free people.

So many hinderances, short-comings, wrong-doings and heavy burdens are experienced over the course of the year, and when Spring rolls around, we should not only clean out our attics but also our cluttered minds and hearts.

This is the perfect opportunity to take a long, hard look at what we are carrying around as "baggage" and weigh whether or not it is in our best interests to continue carrying that load.

Do those who have done you wrong over the last year claim a seat at your table? If not, why are you continuing to feed them with your thoughts and efforts? If so, should they still be able to have that seat?

Are the short-comings you've seen (and we all have, as we are all human) worth mentally laboring over? Or is it time to chalk it up to simply being a person, and move past that which is hindering your growth and progress through life?

Life will continue on its crazy path, whether we worry about what's to come or not. Are you worrying your life away, or are you taking things as they come, and rolling with the punches?

I'm the first to admit I hold the weight of the world on my shoulders at times, and am also the last to lay down the heaviness of yesterday in order to heal and move toward a better tomorrow. But it must be done!

In order to gain ground in life, we must, as humans, cast aside that which weighs us down, that which causes us unnecessary worry and strife, those who burden us with negativity, and work for a brighter tomorrow.

This is the reason for Spring! Rebirth, renewal and a hope that the world around us can once again brighten, if we only allow it to do so.

So forgive those who've wronged you, as forgiveness is for you and your well-being, not for them.

Apologize for those times you've wronged someone else, as apologies are essential to moving forward.

Take time to thank those who've helped you in hard times and supported you in good times. You can never put a value on a true and dear friend.

Gracefully and willingly let go of the heaviness of those you must cut loose, and do so without harsh words or hard feelings. Do so simply and quietly, as renewal and growth needs no pomp and circumstance.

Let worry blow away with the gusty Kansas wind, which is always easier said than done, but there will always be that which is bigger than you and I who will ultimately decide the happenings in our time here. Give it to God, and enjoy the short time we are blessed to have on this Earth.

We, as humans, and most especially as busy-minded Americans, can lose track of what it truly means to live simply each day, and often miss our blessings, even though they sit right in front of us. It's time to slow down, take time to look around and see what we have been given.

In times of need, that which is most valued will be seen, that which is most necessary will come our way. In times of joy, true beauty will shine bright and the gift of love will be bestowed on our hearts. In times of sorrow and grief, although our hearts may be heavy, the most unlikely of smiles, the warmest of embraces will warm our hearts and our lives in the most unexpected ways.

These are the purest gifts we can find in this thing called Life. The genuine expression of human compassion, the outpouring of love for one another, this is what living is all about. Take time to soak it up while there's still time left in your Life.

-Nickole Byers