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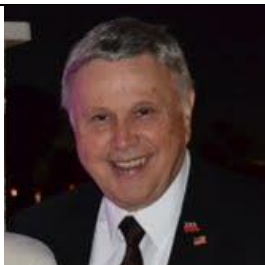
### PRESIDENT TRUMP: A MASTERFUL SOTU AND IMPEACHMENT ACQUITTAL

By Stuart Gorin, Space Coast Tusk Editor

#### FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK:

#### MY TWO CENTS

By Stuart Gorin



Following President Trump's phenomenal, masterful State of the Union speech in Congress on February 4, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi was so enthralled that she tore up the Articles of Impeachment against him on national television. FAKE NEWS. What she actually ripped was her copy of what the President delivered. But the next day, justice was served when the U.S. Senate voted to acquit President Trump of both articles.

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I believe I am not alone when I say in my eight decades on this earth there are a few things I have done that I regret. One of my most frustrating was the time and effort spent campaigning in 2012 for the election of RINO presidential candidate Willard "Mittens" Romney. After successfully begging President Trump to support his recent Senate race in Utah, Mittens showed his thanks by being the only alleged Republican to cross the line and vote for Trump's conviction on one of the two articles. I never would have voted for a Democrat for president in 2012 but wish I had instead written in the names of either Beetle Bailey or Dagwood Bumstead on my ballot.

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In Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, on February 2, the world's most famous groundhog – Punxsutawney Phil – emerged from his Gobbler's Knob home to a large, cheering crowd and failed to see his shadow, which indicates an early Spring....and four more years of President Trump.

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More Two Cents next month.

Declaring that "The State of our Union is stronger than ever before!," **President Donald Trump** delivered a masterful address at the U.S. Capitol building on February 4 before enthusiastically cheering and applauding Republican legislators, their Democrat colleagues who sat on their hands, and a nationally televised audience who, according to the media, generally viewed it as positive.



The following afternoon, Trump was not in attendance on the Senate side as he was easily acquitted of both articles of impeachment sent over by the Democrat House. On Article 1, which alleged abuse of power, the not guilty vote was 52-48, with Utah's Willard Romney being the only Republican to cross over and join the 47 Democrat Senators to vote guilty. On Article 2, alleged obstruction of power, the not guilty vote was 53-47.

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Three U.S. presidents in history have now been impeached, but none has been convicted and removed from office. It would require a two-thirds majority, or 67 votes, today. That became moot on both articles on February 5 with the 34<sup>th</sup> not guilty vote. The Senate roll call was done alphabetically by last name regardless of political affiliation or state represented. The privilege of casting the deciding vote both times – number 34 – went to **Kansas Republican Senator Jerry Moran**.

In a historical twist of fate, when Democrat Andrew Johnson, the 17<sup>th</sup> U.S. President, faced impeachment in 1868, a single, deciding vote saved him – cast by **Kansas Republican Senator Edmund Ross**.

The outcome for Trump followed months of House hearings, witness statements, Intelligence Committee members' q-and-a, Judiciary Committee members' q-and-a, compilation of more than 28,000 pages of documents, a simple majority vote by the full House, a document signing ceremony by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi with multiple pens that she handed out to colleagues, a ceremonial walk from the House side of the Capitol to the Senate side to hand over the articles, control of the Senate portion of the impeachment being led by **Chief Justice John Roberts**, an unsuccessful attempt by the Democrats to allow witnesses to speak on the Senate side, hours of statements by the House managers and the President's team of defense attorneys, hours of statements by individual Senators, and finally the actual votes – for acquittal.

Trump, who decried the impeachment as a “hoax” and a “witch hunt” was overjoyed at the outcome, tweeting that he had done “nothing wrong” to warrant impeachment. He said he wanted to “apologize to my family for having them go through a phony, rotten deal by some very evil and sick people.”

At the State of the Union the evening before the acquittal, the President chose to not mention the impeachment. Instead, he focused on past foreign and economic policy achievements and his plans for the future.

Presidents make a practice of introducing special guests in the balcony audience during State of the Union addresses, and this one was no exception. One such person was long-time Conservative radio talk show host **Rush Limbaugh**, who recently announced he is suffering from advanced stage-four lung cancer. After the President spoke of Limbaugh's talent and devotion to American values, he had wife **Melania Trump** place America's highest civilian honor – the Presidential Medal of Freedom – around the neck of Rush, who was visibly moved. There was an extended standing ovation in the gallery and on the floor.

Among other people in the gallery whom the President recognized were Venezuelan President Juan Guaido; Brexit leader Nigel Farage; Tuskegee Airman USAF Brigadier General Charles McGee; Philadelphia student Janyiah Davis, who has been awarded a scholarship to a better school; and

the family of U.S. Army Sergeant First Class Townsend Williams, who surprised them at their seats by returning from a tour in Afghanistan.



Following are extensive excerpts of Trump's State of the Union address:

(Begin Excerpts)

“I am thrilled to report to you tonight that our economy is the best it has ever been. Our military is completely rebuilt, with its power being unmatched anywhere in the world – and it is not even close. Our borders are secure. Our families are flourishing. Our values are renewed. Our pride is restored. And for all these reasons, I say to the people of our great country, and to the Members of Congress before me: The State of our Union is stronger than ever before! The vision I will lay out this evening demonstrates how we are building the world's most prosperous and inclusive society – one where every citizen can join in America's unparalleled success, and where every community can take part in America's extraordinary rise. From the instant I took office, I moved rapidly to revive the United States economy – slashing a record number of job-killing regulations, enacting historic and record-setting tax cuts, and fighting for fair and reciprocal trade agreements. Our agenda is relentlessly pro-worker, pro-family, pro-growth, and, most of all, pro-American. We are advancing with unbridled optimism and lifting high our citizens of every race, color, religion, and creed. Since my election, we have created 7 million new jobs – 5 million more than Government experts projected during the previous administration....

“Under the last administration, more than 10 million people were added to the food stamp rolls. Under my Administration, 7 million Americans have come off of food stamps, and 10 million people have been lifted off of welfare. In 8 years under the last administration, over 300,000 working-age people dropped out of the workforce. In just 3 years of my Administration, 3.5 million working-age people have joined the workforce....

“Opportunity Zones are helping Americans like Army Veteran Tony Rankins from Cincinnati, Ohio. After struggling with drug addiction, Tony lost his job, his house,

and his family – he was homeless. But then Tony found a construction company that invests in Opportunity Zones. He is now a top tradesman, drug-free, reunited with his family, and he is here tonight. Tony: Keep up the great work....

“One of the single biggest promises I made to the American people was to replace the disastrous NAFTA trade deal. In fact, unfair trade is perhaps the single biggest reason that I decided to run for President. Following NAFTA’s adoption, our Nation lost one in four manufacturing jobs. Many politicians came and went, pledging to change or replace NAFTA – only to do absolutely nothing. But unlike so many who came before me, I keep my promises. Six days ago, I replaced NAFTA and signed the brand new United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) into law. The USMCA will create nearly 100,000 new high-paying American auto jobs, and massively boost exports for our farmers, ranchers, and factory workers....

“I also promised our citizens that I would impose tariffs to confront China’s massive theft of American jobs. Our strategy worked. Days ago, we signed the groundbreaking new agreement with China that will defend our workers, protect our intellectual property, bring billions of dollars into our treasury, and open vast new markets for products made and grown right here in the United States of America. For decades, China has taken advantage of the United States, now we have changed that but, at the same time, we have perhaps the best relationship we have ever had with China, including with President Xi....

“As we restore American leadership throughout the world, we are once again standing up for freedom in our hemisphere. That is why my Administration reversed the failing policies of the previous administration on Cuba. We are supporting the hopes of Cubans, Nicaraguans, and Venezuelans to restore democracy. The United States is leading a 59-nation diplomatic coalition against the socialist dictator of Venezuela, Nicolás Maduro. Maduro is an illegitimate ruler, a tyrant who brutalizes his people. But Maduro’s grip of tyranny will be smashed and broken. Here this evening is a man who carries with him the hopes, dreams, and aspirations of all Venezuelans. Joining us in the gallery is the true and legitimate President of Venezuela, Juan Guaidó. Mr. President, please take this message back to your homeland. All Americans are united with the Venezuelan people in their righteous struggle for freedom! Socialism destroys nations. But always remember, freedom unifies the soul....

“In the gallery tonight, we have one of the Space Force’s youngest potential recruits: 13-year-old Iain Lanphier, an eighth grader from Arizona. Iain has always dreamed of going to space. He was first in his class and among the youngest at an aviation academy. He aspires to go to the Air Force Academy, and then, he has his eye on the Space Force. As Iain says, ‘most people look up at space, I want to look down on the world.’ Sitting beside Iain tonight is his great hero. Charles McGee was born in Cleveland, Ohio, one century ago. Charles is one of the last surviving Tuskegee Airmen – the first black fighter pilots – and he also happens to be Iain’s great-

grandfather. After more than 130 combat missions in World War II, he came back to a country still struggling for Civil Rights and went on to serve America in Korea and Vietnam. On December 7th, Charles celebrated his 100th birthday. A few weeks ago, I signed a bill promoting Charles McGee to Brigadier General. And earlier today, I pinned the stars on his shoulders in the Oval Office. General McGee: Our Nation salutes you....

“The next step forward in building an inclusive society is making sure that every young American gets a great education and the opportunity to achieve the American Dream. Yet, for too long, countless American children have been trapped in failing government schools. To rescue these students, 18 States have created school choice in the form of Opportunity Scholarships. The programs are so popular, that tens of thousands of students remain on waiting lists. One of those students is Janiyah Davis, a fourth grader from Philadelphia. Janiyah’s mom Stephanie is a single parent. She would do anything to give her daughter a better future. But last year, that future was put further out of reach when Pennsylvania’s Governor vetoed legislation to expand school choice for 50,000 children. Janiyah and Stephanie are in the gallery this evening. But there is more to their story. Janiyah, I am pleased to inform you that your long wait is over. I can proudly announce tonight that an Opportunity Scholarship has become available, it is going to you, and you will soon be heading to the school of your choice....

“Over 130 legislators in this chamber have endorsed legislation that would bankrupt our Nation by providing free taxpayer-funded healthcare to millions of illegal aliens, forcing taxpayers to subsidize free care for anyone in the world who unlawfully crosses our borders. These proposals would raid the Medicare benefits our seniors depend on, while acting as a powerful lure for illegal immigration. This is what is happening in California and other States – their systems are totally out of control, costing taxpayers vast and unaffordable amounts of money. If forcing American taxpayers to provide unlimited free healthcare to illegal aliens sounds fair to you, then stand with the radical left. But if you believe that we should defend American patients and American seniors, then stand with me and pass legislation to prohibit free Government healthcare for illegal aliens...

“Almost every American family knows the pain when a loved one is diagnosed with a serious illness. Here tonight is a special man, someone beloved by millions of Americans who just received a Stage 4 advanced cancer diagnosis. This is not good news, but what is good news is that he is the greatest fighter and winner that you will ever meet. Rush Limbaugh: Thank you for your decades of tireless devotion to our country. Rush, in recognition of all that you have done for our Nation, the millions of people a day that you speak to and inspire, and all of the incredible work that you have done for charity, I am proud to announce tonight that you will be receiving our country’s highest civilian honor, the Presidential Medal of Freedom. I will now ask the First Lady of the United States to please stand and present you with the honor. Rush, Kathryn, congratulations! As we pray for all

who are sick, we know that America is constantly achieving new medical breakthroughs. In 2017, doctors at St. Luke's hospital in Kansas City delivered one of the earliest premature babies ever to survive. Born at just 21 weeks and 6 days, and weighing less than a pound, Ellie Schneider was born a fighter. Through the skill of her doctors – and the prayers of her parents – little Ellie kept on winning the battle for life. Today, Ellie is a strong, healthy 2-year-old girl sitting with her amazing mother Robin in the gallery. Ellie and Robin: We are so glad you are here. Ellie reminds us that every child is a miracle of life. Thanks to modern medical wonders, 50 percent of very premature babies delivered at the hospital where Ellie was born now survive. Our goal should be to ensure that every baby has the best chance to thrive and grow just like Ellie. That is why I am asking the Congress to provide an additional \$50 million to fund neo-natal research for America's youngest patients. That is also why I am calling upon the Members of Congress here tonight to pass legislation finally banning the late-term abortion of babies....

“A better tomorrow for all Americans also requires us to keep America safe. That means supporting the men and women of law enforcement at every level, including our Nation's heroic ICE officers. Last year, our brave ICE officers arrested more than 120,000 criminal aliens charged with nearly 10,000 burglaries, 5,000 sexual assaults, 45,000 violent assaults, and 2,000 murders. Tragically, there are many cities in America where radical politicians have chosen to provide sanctuary for these criminal illegal aliens. In Sanctuary Cities, local officials order police to release dangerous criminal aliens to prey upon the public, instead of handing them over to ICE to be safely removed....

“My Administration has undertaken an unprecedented effort to secure the southern border of the United States. Before I came into office, if you showed up illegally on our southern border and were arrested, you were simply released and allowed into our country, never to be seen again. My Administration has ended Catch-and-Release. If you come illegally, you will now be promptly removed. We entered into historic cooperation agreements with the Governments of Mexico, Honduras, El Salvador, and Guatemala. As a result of our unprecedented efforts, illegal crossings are down 75 percent since May – dropping 8 straight months in a row. And as the wall goes up, drug seizures rise, and border crossings go down....

“My Administration is restoring the rule of law and re-asserting the culture of American freedom. Working with Senate Majority Leader McConnell and his colleagues in the Senate, we have confirmed a record number of 187 new Federal judges to uphold our Constitution as written. This includes two brilliant new Supreme Court Justices, Neil Gorsuch, and Brett Kavanaugh. My Administration is also defending religious liberty, and that includes the Constitutional right to pray in public schools. In America, we do not punish prayer. We do not tear down crosses. We do not ban symbols of faith. We do not muzzle preachers and pastors. In America, we celebrate faith. We cherish religion. We lift our voices in prayer, and we raise our sights to the Glory of

God! Just as we believe in the First Amendment, we also believe in another Constitutional right that is under siege all across our country. So long as I am President I will always protect your Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms....

“My Administration is also strongly defending our national security and combating radical Islamic terrorism. Last week, I announced a groundbreaking plan for peace between Israel and the Palestinians. Recognizing that all past attempts have failed, we must be determined and creative in order to stabilize the region and give millions of young people the change to realize a better future. Three years ago, the barbarians of ISIS held over 20,000 square miles of territory in Iraq and Syria. Today, the ISIS territorial caliphate has been 100 percent destroyed, and the founder and leader of ISIS – the bloodthirsty killer Al-Baghdadi – is dead! We are joined this evening by Carl and Marsha Mueller. After graduating from college, their beautiful daughter Kayla became a humanitarian aid worker. Kayla once wrote, ‘Some people find God in church. Some people find God in nature. Some people find God in love; I find God in suffering. I've known for some time what my life's work is, using my hands as tools to relieve suffering.’ In 2013, while caring for suffering civilians in Syria, Kayla was kidnapped, tortured, and enslaved by ISIS, and kept as a prisoner of Al-Baghdadi himself. After more than 500 horrifying days of captivity, Al-Baghdadi murdered young Kayla. She was just 26 years old....

“Every day, America's men and women in uniform demonstrate the infinite depths of love that dwells in the human heart. One of these American heroes was Army Staff Sergeant Christopher Hake. On his second deployment to Iraq in 2008, Sergeant Hake wrote a letter to his 1-year-old son, Gage: ‘I will be with you again,’ he wrote to Gage. ‘I will teach you to ride your first bike, build your first sand box, watch you play sports and see you have kids also. I love you son, take care of your mother. I am always with you. Dad.’ On Easter Sunday of 2008, Chris was out on patrol in Baghdad when his Bradley Fighting Vehicle was hit by a roadside bomb. That night, he made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Sergeant Hake now rests in eternal glory in Arlington, and his wife Kelli is in the gallery tonight, joined by their son, who is now 13 years old. To Kelli and Gage: Chris will live in our hearts forever. The terrorist responsible for killing Sergeant Hake was Qasem Soleimani, who provided the deadly roadside bomb that took Chris's life. Soleimani was the Iranian Regime's most ruthless butcher, a monster who murdered or wounded thousands of American service members in Iraq. As the world's top terrorist, Soleimani orchestrated the deaths of countless men, women, and children. He directed the December assault on United States Forces in Iraq and was actively planning new attacks. That is why, last month, at my direction, the United States Military executed a flawless precision strike that killed Soleimani and terminated his evil reign of terror forever....

“War places a heavy burden on our Nation's extraordinary military families, especially spouses like Amy Williams from



Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and her 2 children – 6-year-old Elliana and 3-year-old Rowan. Amy works full time, and volunteers countless hours helping other military families. For the past 7 months, she has done it all while her husband, Sergeant First Class Townsend Williams, is in Afghanistan on his fourth deployment to the Middle East. Amy’s kids have not seen their father’s face in many months. Amy, your family’s sacrifice makes it possible for all of our families to live in safety and peace – we thank you. (At this point, President Trump surprised the family by having Sergeant Williams, just back from deployment, come down the steps and join them) ....

“We are Americans. We are the pioneers. We are the pathfinders. We settled the new world, we built the modern world, and we changed history forever by embracing the eternal truth that everyone is made equal by the hand of Almighty God. America is the place where anything can happen! America is the place where anyone can rise. And here, on this land, on this soil, on this continent, the most incredible dreams come true! This Nation is our canvas, and this country is our masterpiece. We look at tomorrow and see unlimited frontiers just waiting to be explored. Our brightest discoveries are not yet known. Our most thrilling stories are not yet told. Our grandest journeys are not yet made. The American Age, the American Epic, the American Adventure, has only just begun! Our spirit is still young; the sun is still rising; God’s grace is still shining; and my fellow Americans, the best is yet to come!”

(End Excerpts)

**The BREC Corner**  
**By Rick Lacey**

Lincoln’s Birthday was a perfect day to hold our February BREC meeting. Especially after a great week for President Trump with an acquittal from the U.S. Senate, a bungled Iowa Caucus by the Democrats, and one of the best State of the Union speeches ever delivered.



Three big projects were announced for the membership:

First, a Trump-themed fundraiser aboard the Victory Casino Cruise ship on Saturday, February 29th. Tickets are \$50 for single passenger and \$75 per couple, and includes a full lunch buffet, complimentary parking, and live entertainment by a Beatles cover band.

Second, a year-long campaign to convert NPA (No Party Affiliation) voters to Republican. This year there are two primary elections for Registered Republican voters, March 17th for President and August 18th for the General Primary.

The Committee was asked to remind NPA voters of our closed primary in Florida.

Third, an ALL HANDS ON DECK request for volunteers for all 10 early voting locations from March 2nd to March 14th.

There will be a Location Captain for each one to ensure sufficient personnel to sign up Republican volunteers for the 2020 election, register voters and acquire signatures for petitions for our Republican candidates. We also need help obtaining 10 pop-up tents and tables for every early voting location.

The BREC meeting welcomed **Patrick Gavin** from **Representative Bill Posey’s** office, who requested help in obtaining the necessary petition signatures for the Congressman, and **Brevard School Board Director Matt Susin** gave a rousing report about proposed legislation in Tallahassee and informed the BREC of the achievements of several of our schools regarding ROTC programs.

**BREC Secretary Paul Oddo** announced a quorum and distributed the minutes. **Treasurer Sharon Rose** provided a financial report and urged members to either attend the February 29th fundraiser or make a donation to the Republican Party. **Vice Chairman Mark Hutchins** swore in 7 new members and joined in presenting **Julie Mackinson** as the Republican Committeewoman of the month and **Bill Boykin** as Committeeman of the Month.



**AUDACITY AND IDIOCY**

--William Kristol, the never-Trump former editor of the now-defunct “Weekly Standard” news magazine, for “coming out of the political closet” and switching affiliation from the Republican Party to the Democrats.

--Leftist “entertainers” Jay-Z and Beyonce, for attending the Super Bowl game and making it a point to remain seated during the playing of the National Anthem, in “honor” of their friend former NFL quarterback Colin Kaepernick.

--Iowa’s Democrat Attorney General Tom Miller, for releasing from prison a convicted sex offender who molested as many as 15 young victims, because he now identifies as a woman, so he “is no longer a threat because ‘they’ have different hormones.” The convicted offender, Joseph Matthew Smith, received transgender treatment for the last two years at Newton Correctional Facility and started using female pronouns.

--Snowflake University of Florida students, for protesting the presence of Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, who was on the Gainesville campus to teach a course on religious protections within the First Amendment

--Swiss Air Lines, for bowing to pressure from LGBT activists and ending its long relationship with chocolate manufacturer Läderach over its owner's affiliation with pro-life, Christian causes. The airline had been providing passengers with small boxes of its world-famous chocolates as a way of saying thanks for flying with us. Last year, LGBT activists also attacked a Läderach boutique in Basel, Switzerland, with butyric acid, which forced the shop to close for several days.

--Clayton High School social studies teacher Kate Lyons, in Clayton, Missouri, for taking 21 students to Iowa to meet with, and "canvas" for, Democrat presidential candidates prior to the Iowa Caucuses, and tweeting about the events, while ignoring questions about Republican candidates.

--The Tredyffrin/Easttown School District in Chester County, Pennsylvania, for overreacting and calling police when a student pretended to shoot her teacher with her finger. As a result, there is now a police record on file against a six-year-old girl with Down Syndrome, whom authorities believe did not really know what she was doing.

--Officials at Saline High School in Saline, Michigan, and its School Board, for suspending four students, and recommending two of them for expulsion, for using "inappropriate and offensive language" in a private snapchat conversation at their homes on a weekend, and which had nothing at all do with the school. The students and their parents are suing the school officials in U.S. District Court, asking for a declaratory judgment, damages and injunctive relief for the violation of their constitutional rights to due process and free speech.

--Democrats in the Virginia House of Delegates, for storming out of their legislative session to protest an opening prayer by the Reverend Robert Grant, Jr., who condemned abortion and gay marriage in his remarks.

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## THIS AND THAT

### FLORIDA PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY.

Early voting at 10 locations throughout Brevard County March 2-14. Primary voting day at precinct locations March 17.

### PRESIDENTIAL COMMUTATION AND PARDONS.

On February 18, **President Trump** commuted the prison sentence of former Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich, who had served half of a 14-year prison sentence on federal corruption charges, so he could go back home with his family. The president also issued several pardons, including to former New York Police Commissioner Bernard Kerik, who was found guilty of tax fraud charges in 2010; former San Francisco 49ers owner Eddie DeBartolo, Jr., who was

convicted more than two decades ago in a gambling fraud case; and former investment banker Michael Milken, who was known as the "Junk Bond King," and who plead guilty in 1990 to racketeering and securities fraud charges.

**SENATE CONFIRMATIONS.** The U.S. Senate, on February 11, confirmed the nominations of the following career U.S. Foreign Service Officers as U.S. Ambassadors: Todd Chapman to Brazil; Dorothy Shea to Lebanon; Donald Wright to Tanzania; and John Hennessey-Niland to Palau.

**OATH BREAKERS HALL OF SHAME.** The Republican Liberty Caucus of Florida announced the creation of the "Oath Breakers Hall of Shame" and installed as the inaugural class of inductees five Florida State Senators for advocating for "more needless and dangerous gun control in violation of their oath of office to uphold the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Florida." **RLC Florida Chairman Bob White** said the "dubious distinction" earners are Florida Senate President Bill Galvano, the driving force behind gun control legislation who accepted \$500,000 from Democrat presidential candidate Michael Bloomberg's gun control PAC; Senate Infrastructure and Security Committee Chairman Tom Lee, whose committee approved the "abhorrent and completely unacceptable" Senate Bill 7028 calling for universal background checks and strengthening Florida's red flag law which RLC considers a gross violation of the due process rights afforded American citizens under the U.S. Constitution; as well as State Senators Keith Perry, Ed Hooper, and Travis Hutson. "We expect Democrats to violate their oath and vote for gun control, but it's totally unacceptable for Republicans to do so," White said. "We've never been afraid to hold our party and elected Republican officeholders responsible for their votes and their positions, and we're not about to stop now. It is their gross violations of their oath of office that has required this extreme measure." But, he added, "membership in the Hall of Shame doesn't have to be permanent. You may vote your way into the Hall, but you can vote your way out as well."

### FOUNDATION FOR APPLIED CONSERVATIVE LEADERSHIP.

More than a dozen political activists attended a day-long political leadership school program in Viera on January 25, run by The Foundation For Applied Conservative Leadership (FACL) and sponsored by the Republican Liberty Caucus. Subjects that were covered included the real nature of politics, or why just "educating" people alone won't result in change; the biggest lie in politics, and how the political class uses your convictions against you; how to work effectively at the state and national Capitols to get a bill sponsor and a roll call vote despite the leadership; and how to put pressure on legislators. To keep information from falling into the wrong hands, actual details will not be given here. FACL will be holding additional classes in the future. For more information, visit the website: [www.facl-training.org](http://www.facl-training.org).



The Foundation for Individual Rights in Education has issued its annual list of the 10 Worst Colleges for Free



Speech in the United States. **Robert Shibley**, FIRE’s executive director, said that “Our hope is that one day creating this list will be difficult, not because of the sheer number of contenders, but because of how few colleges and universities are eager to censor.” In alphabetical order, the current list is: Babson College in Wellesley, Massachusetts; Doane University in Crete, Nebraska; Harvard University; Jones College in Ellisville, Mississippi; Long Island University Post, in Brookville, New York; Middlebury College in Vermont; Portland State University in Oregon; Syracuse University; the University of Connecticut; and the University of Scranton in Pennsylvania. Detailed descriptions of each college’s speech-chilling misdeeds are available at [www.thefire.org](http://www.thefire.org). FIRE also issued its Lifetime Censorship Award – reserved for those colleges that are so frequently contenders for the annual worst list that they deserve special recognition – to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, in Troy, New York, for its brazen, years-long record of censoring its students and its total disinterest in protecting the very student rights that it promises.

**NEW MILLENNIUM CONSERVATIVE CLUB. Bob**



**White**, chairman of the Republican Liberty Caucus of Florida as well as the Republican Liberty Caucus of Central East Florida, explained to members of the New Millennium Conservative Club on February 17 that RLC is a national organization created in 1991 as the “conscience” of the Republican Party, and whose goal is to return it to its Jeffersonian roots. The

organization has no problem, he said, calling out Republican legislators whose behavior is indistinguishable from that of Democrats. White said that while most Republican organizations remain neutral in state and local contested primary elections, RLC will endorse candidates who support the Constitution, limited government and free market economics. At the state level, he said, RLC favors proposed legislation involving constitutional issues, especially Second Amendment and immigration, and lobbies legislators for their support. Regarding gun rights, White explained that aspects of the law passed two years ago following the Parkland school shootings need to be changed, especially the “red flag” risk protection orders used by gun control advocates to infringe on citizens’ rights. At the present time, he said, private gun sales in the state are legal and do not have to be recorded, but some individuals want to change that. But if that did happen, White pointed out, “only law-abiding citizens would go along with it.” Concerning legislation on the use of E-Verify to ensure that immigrant prospective employees in the state are here legally, White added he is not happy that some state legislators want to exclude its use by agriculture and manufacturing companies. State legislative committees consider many hundreds of bills each year, but only around 100 each year make it through the full House and Senate to be sent to the governor for signature or veto.



**ACT! FOR AMERICA SPACE COAST CHAPTER.** Stressing that there is a difference between a Muslim practicing his Islamic faith and an Islamist whose totalitarian ideology is separate from the Islamic religion, retired **U.S. Army Colonel Bill Prince**

reiterated to the Space Coast Chapter of ACT! For America on February 13 the theme of “The Left’s Alliance With Islamism” that he has been discussing with other groups in the area. Prince, who served not only in the Army but also with the Central Intelligence Agency, spent years working in the Middle East, and said he has many friends of the Islamic faith, including those who helped save his life in several instances. The Left-Islamism alliance, he said, poses an existential threat to our Republic, because even though the two groups are polar opposites on such matters as religion, the treatment of woman, and the homosexual lifestyle, both share totalitarian demands, revolutionary designs, and a commitment to “social justice.” He said they both hate capitalism, liberty, and constitutional democracy. Prince said that while Islam goes back more than 1,000 years in history, Islamism is an ideology developed just 75 years ago by the Muslim Brotherhood, an unindicted terrorist organization. What we have, he added, is “the fight of our lives” in this ideological war against the West. Prince quoted the terrorist Carlos the Jackal as saying, “Only a coalition of Marxists and Islamists can destroy the United States.” He also noted that when Russian revolutionary Vladimir Lenin brought groups together in 1895, he called them the Social Democrat Party, but after the revolution against the Czar was successful in 1917, he changed the name to the Communist Party. Prince also said that he interrupted his military and CIA career to get a Master’s Degree at Harvard, where as a Conservative Republican he “buted heads” with the liberal professors, but still earned the Dean’s Award for Academic Achievement....



**Space Coast Chapter Vice President Tony Verzi**, giving his monthly report to the group on “Frauds, Crooks, Criminals & Illegals,” included information on four “American doctors” in Michigan who were found guilty in a \$150 million rip-off of Medicare. The “doctors,” who worked for Tri-County Group, a company owned by Co-conspirator Mashuyat Rashid, administered unnecessary back injections to patients in exchange for prescriptions for medically unnecessary opioids. Some of the opioids from the prescriptions, Verzi said, were later resold by drug dealers.



**REPUBLICAN CLUB OF BREVARD.** For a “Women in Power” discussion with the Republican Club of Brevard on February 5, two of Brevard County’s constitutional officers – **Superintendent of Elections Lori Scott** and **Property Appraiser Dana Blickley** – spoke about operations of

their respective offices. The third member of the triumvirate – **Tax Collector Lisa Cullen** – was unable to attend due to illness. Scott said that “we have a paper trail in Florida,” so it is not possible for the county or the state to suffer like the fiasco that followed Iowa’s caucuses. Even with Brevard’s 109 polling locations, she said, she expects her office to be able to release final vote tallies in all races about 45 minutes after polls close. She said she is also responsible for a thousand pieces of voting equipment, and the training of 1,350 poll workers. Florida will have its presidential preference primary on March 17, its general primary on August 18 and the general election on November 3. The county also will have 10 early voting locations as well as the option to vote by mail. Scott said she expects 60 percent of voters will cast their ballots before each election day. No Party Affiliation (NPA) voters comprise about a third of the county’s voting population, and they cannot vote for party-affiliated candidates in primaries, she said, so there are efforts underway to get these voters to change their registration. Scott said her observation is that more NPAs are switching to Republican than to Democrat. For additional information, visit the official website: [www.votebrevard.com](http://www.votebrevard.com). Blickley explained that various property tax exemptions are available to qualified applicants, and some renew automatically each year as long as the qualifying conditions do not change. The general homestead exemption and the additional one each reduce the annual tax assessment in the county by \$25,000. Homestead can be a problem for snowbirds or others who own more than one property either in or out of the state, she said, because the law allows for only one homestead exemption per person, and the penalty for claiming more than one, when caught, is steep. Blickley said someone who makes legal changes to a homestead property – such as a refinance or a title change – then had to refile for the exemption, and the deadline to do so each year in March 1. Blickley said her office has recently transformed her old filing and recording system, and information is now available at a faster rate. She noted that the Property Appraiser’s office does share data with other organizations, and that includes the elections, tax, sheriff and court offices. The website is: [www.bcpao.com](http://www.bcpao.com).



**RONALD REAGAN CLUBS.** Retired **U.S. Army Brigadier General Ernest Audino**, who considered his assignment in Iraq, where he commanded a team of advisors embedded with Kurdish Peshmerga in the Iraq Army, as the most significant one in his career, spoke to the Ronald Reagan Clubs meeting on January 27 on the volatility of Iran. When the U.S. pulled out of Iraq in 2011, he said, Iran became the dominant power in Iraq. The Obama administration



gave Iran what it wanted – a nuclear deal and plenty of cash. “That was a strange time for us,” Audino added, but also noted that President Trump has cancelled the nuclear deal. Following the takedown of terrorist leader Soleimani, he said, Iran’s missile attack on the U.S. base in Kirkuk that injured several U.S. military members “crossed a bright red line and the Iranians knew it.” The U.S. and Iran have been in an undeclared war for 40 years, and we can take two prudent steps, Audino said: 1) increase the number of troops stationed in Iraq to protect assets and allies, and 2) reconsider U.S. aid dedicated to training and equipping the Iraqi Security Forces, because it now includes Iranian proxy units. “There is no need to take that military aid worth \$1.4 billion off the table, but send it to our loyal and effective ally, the Kurdish Peshmerga,” he said. A West Point graduate, Audino currently serves as District Director for **Florida 6<sup>th</sup> District Congressman Michael Waltz**.

“**GENTLEMEN, START YOUR ENGINES.**” Even though rain postponed completion of the Daytona 500 NASCAR race in Florida on February 16, the massive, sell-out crowd on hand at the Daytona Speedway appreciated and cheered having special guest **President Trump** – accompanied by his wife, **Melania** – on hand as the Grand Marshal to announce the start of the race. Addressing the cheering crowd, he said, “These fierce competitors will chase the checkered flag, fight for the Harley J. Earl Trophy, and make their play for pure American glory.” Riding in the



presidential limo known as “The Beast,” Trump led the field of 40 racers in the traditional pace lap prior to the event. But leave it to alleged journalist Maggie Haberman of the “The York Slimes (Times)” to rain on the parade before the actual precipitation occurred. Haberman criticized the president for “using the official apparatus of government for what appears to be a political event.” In return, Haberman herself received numerous negative responses, such as “This is just an absurd characterization of what’s actually happening here and describing it this way betrays a real bias;” “To be blunt, get a life, Maggie. Obama went to a #MarchMadness game and that was fine. Relax. I know the #Daytona 500 is the opposite of what The Times represents readership-wise, but chill;” “Keep up the solid journalisming!;” “What did you want him to ride in? An Uber?;” and “So what do you call it when you use journalism as a politics apparatus for the Democrat Party?”



## EXPERTS' EXCERPTS

### Republican Party of Florida Chairman Joe Gruters,



writing on the state not forgetting Democrat Congresswoman Val Demings' role in the President's impeachment at "Florida TODAY":

"**President Trump's** agenda has delivered win after win for the American people. Since his historic 2016 election, we've seen record-low unemployment -- including for African Americans,

women, and Hispanics – over six million new jobs, and a foreign policy that puts America first. Democrats understand that they have no chance of beating such a winning record at the ballot box. Desperate for political power and hell-bent on overturning the will of the 63 million Americans who voted for President Trump, they've turned to an un-Democratic and un-serious impeachment hoax. They know that they can't take President Trump on and have decided instead to try and take him down. Florida's own Representative Val Demings of Orlando has taken center stage in this far-left sham as one of Nancy Pelosi's handpicked impeachment managers. Demings wasted no time in revealing the depths of her hyper-partisanship, immediately calling for Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell's recusal from the impeachment process. This extreme view is a damning indictment of Demings' ability to fairly adjudicate any impeachment-related matter. It is disappointing – but perhaps unsurprising – to see Demings dive headfirst into the far-left's circus. After all, she came out for impeachment a year before Democrat leadership did. Demings is clearly comfortable ignoring issues that actually matter to Floridians in favor of joining the left's doomed attempt to subvert the Democratic process. Maybe if Demings spent as much time listening to her constituents as she does chasing an impeachment pipe dream, she'd understand that impeaching President Trump is not in the interest of Floridians. Here in the Sunshine State, the Trump administration's policies have delivered a record-low unemployment rate of 3 percent, with Latino unemployment also clocking in at a record-low of 4.2 percent. **Governor Ron DeSantis** has worked closely with President Trump to take full advantage of the Trump economy and push common sense, pro-growth policies. It's no coincidence that he's among the most popular governors in the country. Floridians are responding to conservative leadership with resounding approval. In light of this fact, how can Demings seriously consider impeaching our conservative president to be in the interest of her constituents? Of course, it's a rhetorical question. Demings, along with her comrades on the far left, is fundamentally out of touch with American voters.... Unfortunately for the left, they can't undo the damage they've done. Voters will remember this bad faith attempt at subverting the democratic process long after Adam Schiff spouts his last conspiracy theory.... Voters see the process for what it is: a fact-free political hit job, devoid of any basis in

reality, a useless waste of taxpayer dollars dragging along at the expense of important legislation....Florida won't forget Demings' role in this unfortunate chapter of history, and America won't forget the Democrats' cynical witch hunt at the ballot box in November."

"National Review" senior writer **David Harsanyi**, writing on why the Trump impeachment failed, in the Heritage Foundation's DailySignal.com:



"It's comforting, no doubt, to believe that Donald Trump has survived the impeachment trial because he possesses a tighter hold on his party than did Barack Obama or George W. Bush or any other contemporary president. In truth, Trump, often because of his own actions, has engendered less loyalty than the average president.... The chances of any party's removing its sitting president without overwhelming evidence that fuels massive voter pressure are negligible.... Perhaps if the public hadn't been subjected to four years of interminable hysteria over the United States' imaginary descent into fascism, it might have been less apathetic toward the fate of 'vital' Ukrainian aid that most Democrats had voted against when Obama was president. And perhaps if institutional media hadn't spent three years pushing a hyperbolically paranoid narrative of Russian collusion – a debunked conspiracy theory incessantly repeated by Democrats during the impeachment trial – the public wouldn't be anesthetized to another alleged national emergency.... Beyond the public's mood, the Democrats' strategy was a mess. House Democrats and their 17 witnesses set impossible-to-meet expectations, declaring that Trump had engaged in the worst wrongdoing ever committed by any president in history.... Even if Trump's actions had risen to the level of removal, Representatives Adam Schiff and Jerrold Nadler were terrible messengers to make the case. These are not the politicians you tap to persuade jurors; they're the politicians you pick to rile up your base. Despite all the fabricated praise directed at Schiff over the past couple of weeks, the man reeks of partisanship.... House Democrats, by their own admission, rushed forward. They justified taking shortcuts by warning that the country was in a race to stop Trump from stealing the 2020 election just as he had allegedly stolen the 2016 election. That wouldn't have been a big deal if House Speaker Nancy Pelosi hadn't exposed the supposed need for urgency as a ruse, by withholding the articles of impeachment from the Senate for weeks. She did so despite having zero standing to dictate the terms of the trial, no constitutional right to attempt to dictate them, and no political leverage. In the end, she got nothing from Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell for her trouble. Meanwhile, Democrats had spent most of the House hearings focusing on difficult-to-prove specific criminal offenses of 'bribery' and 'extortion' – poll-tested words that were taken up after the House realized 'quid pro quo' didn't play as well with the public....As soon as the upper chamber took up impeachment,

Democrats began dropping one ‘bombshell’ leak after the next – the same strategy they deployed during the Brett Kavanaugh hearings – to drag out the spectacle and maximize the political damage....The Constitution, a document under attack by the very people claiming to save it from the president, worked exactly as it should. The House is free to subpoena all the ‘vital’ witnesses Republicans have supposedly ignored, and then send a new batch of impeachment articles. Impeachment isn’t tantamount to a ‘coup’ any more than Senate acquittal is unconstitutional or corrupt. Pretending that democracy is on the precipice of extinction simply because you didn’t get your way, though, is nothing but histrionics.”



**George Mason University Professor Walter Williams**, writing on America Isn't a Democracy. In Fact, the Founders Feared Democracy at [www.cnsnews.com](http://www.cnsnews.com):

“If we've become a democracy, it would represent a deep betrayal of our founders, who saw democracy as another form of tyranny. In fact, the word democracy appears nowhere in our nation's two most fundamental documents, the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution. The founders laid the ground rules for a republic as written in the Constitution's Article IV, Section 4, which guarantees ‘to every State in this Union a Republican Form of Government.’ John Adams captured the essence of the difference between a democracy and republic when he said, ‘You have rights antecedent to all earthly governments; rights that cannot be repealed or restrained by human laws; rights derived from the Great Legislator of the Universe.’ Contrast the framers' vision of a republic with that of a democracy. In a democracy, the majority rules either directly or through its elected representatives. As in a monarchy, the law is whatever the government determines it to be. Laws do not represent reason. They represent power. The restraint is upon the individual instead of the government. Unlike that envisioned under a republican form of government, rights are seen as privileges and permissions that are granted by government and can be rescinded by government.... The framers gave us a Constitution replete with undemocratic mechanisms. One constitutional provision that has come in for recent criticism is the Electoral College. In their wisdom, the framers gave us the Electoral College as a means of deciding presidential elections. That means heavily populated states can't run roughshod over small, less-populated states. Were we to choose the president and vice president under a popular vote, the outcome of presidential races would always be decided by a few highly populated states, namely California, Texas, Florida, New York, Illinois and Pennsylvania, which contain 134.3 million people, or 41% of our population. Presidential candidates could safely ignore the interests of the citizens of Wyoming, Alaska, Vermont, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana and Delaware. Why? They have only 5.58 million Americans, or 1.7% of the U.S. population. We would no longer be a government ‘of the people.’ Instead, our

government would be put in power by and accountable to the leaders and citizens of a few highly populated states. It would be the kind of tyranny the framers feared. It's Congress that poses the greatest threat to our liberties. The framers' distrust is seen in the negative language of our Bill of Rights such as: Congress ‘shall not abridge, infringe, deny, disparage, and shall not be violated, nor be denied.’”

Political analyst **Steve Feinstein**, writing on Style is the Refuge of the Unintellectual at [www.medium.com](http://www.medium.com):



“The presidential election in November 2020 will be close, at least from a popular vote standpoint. Even if President Trump handily defeats his Democratic challenger in the Electoral College – whoever that challenger ends up being – the popular vote is likely to be within a very few percentage points, one way or the other. At first blush, the notion that President Trump would be anything other than an overwhelming victor in November seems illogical. Consider all the usual factors that determine whether or not a president is re-elected: 1) The Economy. By any measure, from any angle, the economy is extremely strong. Unemployment is at a 50-year low. Most economists feel that at around its current 3.5percent, unemployment is at its structural lower limit, that it really can't go much lower. The employment situation is strong across all demographic sectors, with Black and Hispanic unemployment at all-time historic lows and female unemployment at a half-century low. Wages are rising strongly as well, with the lower income categories showing significantly larger percentage gains than the upper income groups....2) Energy Independence. Ever since the days of the Arab oil embargoes of 1973 and 1979 with their long lines at the gas station and odd-even day gasoline rationing, this country has dreamt of the day that we would be ‘energy independent,’ producing enough of our own fuel so as to be largely independent of imports from other countries, with pricing remaining relatively stable and the country being mostly immune from geo-political upheavals around the globe. We're there, now. With domestic oil production having increased dramatically in the last 10-15 years (due mostly to technological innovations such as fracking and horizontal drilling (techniques that simply didn't exist a few years ago), the U.S. is for all practical purposes unaffected by events that happen elsewhere in the energy market... 3) Foreign Trade. With the passage of the USMCA Trade Agreement and the signing of the Phase One portion of the U.S.-China trade deal, American workers stand to benefit immeasurably from increased demand for American goods and a drastically-lowered incidence of illicit theft of American intellectual property. These are huge positive developments for the U.S. economy, especially the China deal. No president has ever dared take on China before....4) Most everything else is in President Trump's plus column as well. We are enjoying record-setting stock market performance, the real benefit of which is not just to individual investors. More importantly, the market's performance solidifies and secures the market-



based pensions of millions of teachers, firemen/policemen and city/state/federal workers. The military is being re-built and modernized after years of neglect and derision by Obama and the Democrats. Trump is addressing the matter of illegal immigration and border security to the resounding approval of most Americans and to the horrified consternation of partisan Democrats who see his actions as a threat to closing down a heretofore reliable supply of future Democratic voters....So why will the popular vote be close, perhaps even razor-thin? Because of 'style.' Democrats, having no actual basis for policy disagreements, object to President Trump's personal style. He's harsh. He can be personally insulting. He can be crude. He committed the sin of defeating Hillary Clinton and had the temerity to call her 'Crooked Hillary.' Sophisticated, distinguished American public servants simply shouldn't use disparaging nicknames. The Democrats have fabricated every measure of bogus charge and supposed crime to try to bring him down. The liberal mainstream media has been unrelenting in their negative coverage.... Unfortunately for President Trump and the country, these style-based unintellectual voters -- emotionally and rationally incapable and unwilling to connect the dots -- comprise a frighteningly large segment of the electorate. That's why the election will be close."



**Family Research Council President Tony Perkins**, writing on Fifth Third Bank scholarships on the Council's [www.frcaction.org](http://www.frcaction.org) website"

"700 kids. That's how many students would have lost their scholarships -- and a chance at a better life -- if Fifth Third Bank hadn't come to its senses. Instead, after a week of uncertainty, the company sat down with Florida

parents and pastors and decided not to listen to Florida's cultural bullies. It's one thing for a company to support LGBT extremism. It's quite another, the bank agreed, to hurt needy children in the process. Most kids had already left school for the weekend when they got the good news: one of the biggest contributors to the Florida voucher program wasn't dropping out after all. Fifth Third Bank -- who'd joined Wells Fargo in abandoning the scholarships -- had gotten an earful from the local community. And, after a few days of protests, rallies, and non-stop phone calls, the business finally relented: its \$5.4 million investment in school choice for the state would go on -- regardless of what the Orlando Sentinel and a handful of liberal lawmakers think. It was a major reversal for the bank, who threw the program into complete chaos earlier in the month -- all because parents had the option of using those scholarships for religious schools, who (not surprisingly) have religious beliefs. Democrat Representatives Anna Eskamani and Carlos Guillermo Smith apparently object to that and have been harassing corporate donors to drop their contributions over those schools' biblical views on marriage and sexuality....When Fifth Third's leaders finally listened to reason and reinstated their donations, **Florida Republican**

**Senator Marco Rubio**, who's been an outspoken champion of the program, was thrilled. "I am glad to see Fifth Third Bank putting students and their families above destructive identity politics," he said. "It shows people can raise their voice and overcome the insane 'woke' agenda that drives our politics and culture. School vouchers provide opportunities for low income and special needs students, and I am proud of all the Floridians that stood up for these children"....The results speak for themselves. In these past 18 years, students are graduating and getting into good universities.

Environmentalist **Michael Armenia** Environmentalist **Michael Armenia**, writing on a real new deal for "The Space Coast Tusk."



"House Democrats introduced Resolution 109: The Green New Deal in February 2019. It conflated fantastical social and energy ideas promising economic security; jobs for all; quality health care; affordable housing, food, clean water and clean air. Near term costs in trillions were surmised -- with no fiscal analysis for this utopia. The GND proposes solar and wind generators to replace fossil and nuclear electricity. But the plan doesn't address energy requirements for civilization's needs like fertilizer, fresh water, cement, and steel. The resolution doesn't address energy to produce the billions of solar and wind generators covering landscapes near every city. These generators are not environmentally friendly. They require enormous amounts of fossil (or nuclear?) energy to manufacture, taking many decades to build and more to reach carbon neutrality, thus abrogate every climate mitigation goal, while raising temperatures far beyond IPCC climate scenarios. We have two energy choices to build GND's solar/wind utopia: fossil and nuclear energy. GND activists demand curtailment of fossil fuel. This leaves only nuclear. Germany failed miserably in replacing its nuclear plants with solar and wind. It now builds coal plants to keep the lights on. France, on the other hand, went completely nuclear in 15 years but is under ideological green political pressure to convert to solar/wind. U.S. commercial nuclear energy has been inextricably tied to solid-fueled, uranium pressurized-water reactors (PWRs). They supply 20 percent of U.S. energy, which is 80 percent of all U.S. carbon-free energy. PWR was chosen in the Manhattan Project from hundreds of designs to produce plutonium bomb materials. Only 2 percent of PWR uranium fuel is burned -- the remaining was harvested as 'waste' for plutonium nuclear weapons. PWR 'waste' reactors make little engineering sense for commercial power. The public knows little about other MP reactor designs. One is delightfully different from plutonium-producing PWRs. It is in the Molten Salt Reactor class, specifically the Liquid Fluoride Thorium Reactor. LFTR burns 99 percent of its fuel, does not make materials (including Plutonium) useful for a bomb, can't melt down and can't explode. The small amount of waste (the 1 percent not converted to energy) does not require long-term storage. Most of this 'waste' is useful for



medical imaging, cancer treatments, and industrial uses. So you might ask: (1) Did we build it? (2) Did we test it? (3) Why aren't we using it for a commercial, carbon-free, all-electric economy including transportation, heating/cooling, industrial and residential? (1) Yes, the Air Force funded it. (2) The Manhattan engineers built and tested it to power long range nuclear bombers. It was remarkably successful and inherently safe. (3) Not using it is all about politics and U.S. military needs. The military favored nuclear powered submarines (using small PWRs) to carry strategic weapons. The politics of not funding the MSR/LFTR for commercial power involved Richard Nixon's promises to the Departments of Energy and Defense to limit research funds to the Navy's PWR and one or two other designs with military utility. The MSR/LFTR went on the shelf in the 1970s. Circa 2002, NASA engineer Kirk Sorensen was looking for the ideal power plant for the first moon colony. He rediscovered MSR/LFTR at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Tennessee. He quickly saw the greater need to power the Earth with safe, carbon free energy. He quit NASA and formed his own startup to design and license MSR/LFTR. Read the surprising, compelling story of Manhattan Project engineer Alvin Weinberg, start-up Kirk Sorensen and others as they struggle to break the knot of U.S. regulations and mil-industrial politics to disrupt the fossil fuel industry and as a byproduct safely re-engineer (reverse!) global warming regardless of cause. It is in Richard Martin's book 'Super Fuel: Thorium, the Green Energy Source for the Future,' originally published in 2012.

(Note: Michael Armenia is a retired Navy Captain and industry Mechanical and Nuclear Engineer, energy research scientist for the U.S. Government and the Raytheon Corporation for 40 years, including design and testing of solar, wind, chemical/battery, fuel cell, and nuclear energy systems. He was a manufacturing engineer for production of Naval Propulsion reactors for ships and submarines. Armenia resides in Viera, FL and Newport, RI. He can be reached at CaptBirdFish@gmail.com.)

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## THOUGHTS TO PONDER

"At this writing, the severity of **Rush Limbaugh's** cancer is not disclosed, but any lung cancer is serious and when it's advanced it's a grave situation....He is unapologetically the True North for an entire movement, the clarion call of personal liberty, a champion of national defense and a defender of a civil society. Millions around the country turn their radios on at noon every day, as they have week after week, month after month, year after year, to hear his take on whatever current event is dominant, knowing he'll always come through. The good he'll applaud with style, the bad he'll eviscerate if necessary."

--**Media Research Center President and Founder Brent Bozell**

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"Democrats hate Donald Trump and have been working to impeach him since Day One of his administration. They don't care what the charges are. They don't care what the Senate

does. They don't care that the American people elected him president in 2016 in an Electoral College landslide. This is nothing but a political attack. It's wrong, and the process needs to change. It should be harder – much harder – for either political party to take the process our Founders created as a last resort against a tyrannical leader and use it instead for the tyranny of a political majority."

--**Florida Republican Senator Rick Scott**

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"The only witness we heard from who had direct knowledge of the conversation in question, testified that President Trump did not want a quid pro quo and confirmed that the aid to Ukraine was released without the launching of any investigation that the President's detractors say he was seeking. The two articles of impeachment in the resolution – abuse of power and obstruction of Congress – are broad and cite no specific crimes that the President committed....We all know this shameful impeachment began the moment the President was elected, long before he ever had a single telephone call with any foreign government."

--**Florida 8<sup>th</sup> District Congressman Bill Posey**

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"From here on out, most presidents will not get impeached when the opposite party holds the House. This is a new political game that will play out for decades to come."

--Former **White House Chief of Staff Reince Priebus**

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"Iowa Democrats held their caucuses...The party that wants to run the country proved they couldn't organize a 2-car funeral, run a 1- monkey circus, boil water, or take a simple show of hands and phone in the results. Caucuses aren't that difficult. You show up at a school gym, library, or church fellowship hall and show your support for a candidate usually with a show of hands. It gets counted and reported and bang – it's over....But Democrats found a way to make it less successful than the launch of the original Obamacare website, the maiden voyage of the Titanic, or this year's football season for the Arkansas Razorbacks."

--TV host and former **Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee**

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"There's an old saying that in our justice system, 'you can indict a ham sandwich.' But after the recent decision at the Department of Justice not to prosecute former FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe for lying, we're seeing that for this saying to be true, there has to be one caveat: '...UNLESS the ham sandwich is part of the anti-Trump swamp.' In that case, the sandwich will remain unindicted and will walk free, to be picked up by CNN or MSNBC, where it will be hired as a paid contributor."

--Another Huckabee quotes

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"For months, Democrats and the press have been in a feedback loop of self-congratulatory back-patting. Guided by elite opinion on social media, Democrats marched themselves off a cliff to applause from the left. They now face a President

with higher approval ratings than Obama had when he began his campaign for a second term.”

--Conservative blogger and radio host **Erick Erickson**

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“Republicans stand for freedom and opportunity for everyone, so Americans of all races can go as far as their dreams and determination will take them. Democrats use and abuse Black Americans, destroying the Black family and convincing them that they need the heavy hand of government to survive....It’s time to recover our history, revive our dream and rewrite the destiny of the African American people. I started the New Journey PAC ([www.newjourneypac.org](http://www.newjourneypac.org)) to make Black America Republicans Again. The battle lines have been drawn by liberal Democrats and their friends in the media.”

--**James Golden, AKA Bo Snedley, Rush Limbaugh’s** screener and producer

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“If we are going to trust the citizens to vote for our leaders, should we require some basic knowledge?...If there were a campaign to encourage people not to vote unless they know about the basics of government and American history – while at the same time giving them the information they should have for free in easy to understand booklets and videos – it could do much to increase voter literacy. People would not be required to “take the course,” but could be given a certificate after taking a short test on the Internet. It would need to be done on the honor system. Most people take pride in what they have learned, and being a certified literate voter should be no exception.”

--**Institute for Global Economic Growth and Improbably Success Production Chairman Richard Rahn**

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“**Pam Bondi’s** breakdown of the corruption concerns surrounding Hunter Biden's business dealings in the Ukraine during the Senate impeachment trial were so effective, that even CNN chief legal analyst Jeffrey Toobin had to give her credit for it. During the White House defense team's opening arguments Monday (January 27), the former Florida attorney general argued that questions about potential corruption surrounding the Bidens' dealings in the Ukraine while Joe Biden was vice president and Hunter Biden was employed as a board member at the Ukrainian natural gas company Burisma were indeed legitimate.”

--**Blaze TV Congressional Correspondent Nate Madden**

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“These are the four chief elements, the four pillars, of the founding (175 years ago) of Hillsdale College: learning, character, faith and freedom. The college’s founders saw these things not as items on a discrete list, but as a description of the complete human being and of the well-lived human life....College is about thinking, and the refinement and informing of the intellect is its first purpose.”

--**Hillsdale College President Larry Arnn**

## UPCOMING BREVARD COUNTY EVENTS

February 29 – Brevard Republican Party Fundraiser Victory Casino Cruise, Port Canaveral, 11 am.

March 2-14 – Presidential Preference Primary Early Voting.

March 2 – Republican Liberty Caucus Central East Florida meeting, Frog Bones Double Tapp Grill, Melbourne, 7 p.m.

March 3 -- Trump Club of Brevard meeting, Kelley's Burgers, Melbourne, 6:30 pm.

March 4 – Brevard Federated Republican Women meeting, Holiday Inn Expo, Space Coast Convention Center, Cocoa, 11 am.

March 5 – Heritage Isle Republican Club meeting, One Senior Place, Viera, 10 am.

March 6 – Federated Republican Women in Action meeting, Memaw’s BBQ, Palm Bay, 11:15 am.

March 9 – The Space Coast Patriots meeting, Merritt Island Library, 6 p.m.

March 11–Brevard Republican Executive Committee meeting, Brevard School Board Headquarters, Viera, 7 pm.

March 12 – ACT! For America Space Coast Chapter meeting, Government Complex Building C, Viera, 6:30 p.m.

March 16 – The New Millennium Conservative Club meeting, Suntree-Viera Library, 6:30 pm.

March 17 – Presidential Preference Primary Election in Florida.

March 17 – North Brevard Republican Club meeting, La Cita Country Club, Titusville, 7 pm.

March 19 – The Republican Women’s Network of South Brevard meeting, Eau Gallie Yacht Club, 11 a.m.

March 19 -- Space Coast Young Republicans Club meeting, Frog Bones Double Tapp Grill, Melbourne, 7 pm

March 20 – Space Coast Republican Club meeting, Red Lobster, Merritt Island, 11 a.m.

March 23 – Ronald Reagan Clubs meeting, Frog Bones Double Tapp Grill, Melbourne, 7 pm.

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## 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](http://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](mailto:spacecoasttusk@gmail.com).

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## COMICAL CLOSER

Hillary Clinton goes to a gifted-student primary school in New York to talk about the world. After her talk she offers question time. One little boy puts up his hand. Hillary asks him what his name is. "Kenneth," he says. "And what is your question, Kenneth?" she asks.

"I have three questions," he says. "First -- whatever happened in Benghazi? Second -- why would you run for president if you are not capable of handling two e-mail accounts? And, third -- whatever happened to the missing six billion dollars while you were Secretary of State?"

Just then the bell rings for recess. Hillary informs the kiddies that they will continue after recess. When they resume Hillary says, "Okay, where were we? Oh, that's right, question time. Who has a question?"

A different boy -- little Johnny -- puts his hand up. Hillary points to him and asks him what his name is. "Johnny," he says. "And what is your question, Johnny?" she asks.

"I have five questions," he says. "First -- whatever happened in Benghazi? Second -- why would you run for president if you are not capable of handling two e-mail accounts? Third -- whatever happened to the missing six billion dollars while you were Secretary of State? Fourth -- why did the recess bell go off 20 minutes early? And, fifth -- where's Kenneth?"

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**IF JOE BIDEN KNOWS HOW TO FIX AMERICA, WHY DIDN'T HE TELL OBAMA?**



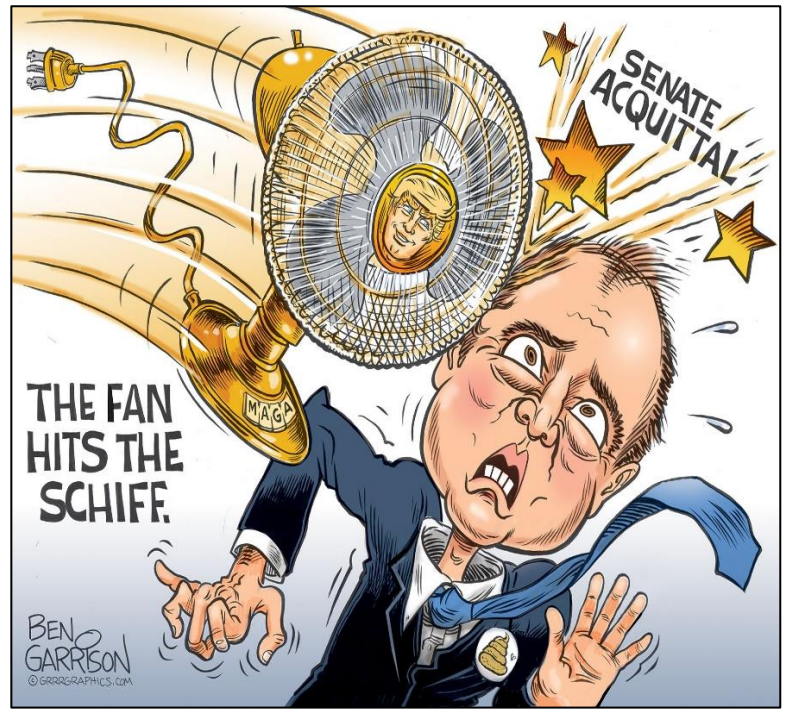
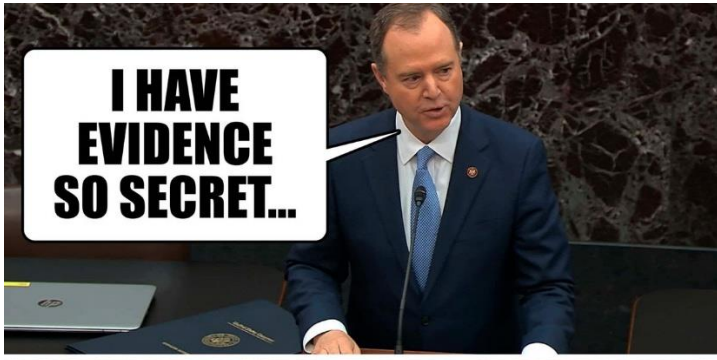
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**If all the accusations  
against President  
Trump were true he'd  
dang near qualify to be  
a Democrat!!! 😂**

You have to really  
admire Trump, does  
anybody realize he  
just made all the  
Democrats attend  
Rush Limbaugh's  
award ceremony 🏆  
LOL

**Democrats are  
scared that  
American  
Voters are  
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the 2020  
Election.**

