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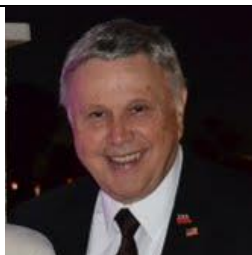
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**FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK:
MY TWO CENTS**
By **Stuart Gorin**



I was outraged to learn from the Center for Public Integrity and the "Tampa Bay Times" that at least two Sarasota, Florida-based nonprofit organizations supposedly for fallen or injured law enforcement officers – The Law Enforcement Officer Relief Fund and the International Union of Police Associations, AFL-CIO – raised \$106.3 million in donations, but spent \$82.3 million on "fundraising services", and only a small amount for their intended purpose. Readers, be aware of the organizations to which you donate.

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Impressionist and Barack Obama imitator **Reggie Brown** appeared on **Mike Huckabee's** TV program recently and talked about his dog, Bo. He amused the audience by saying, "What many of you may not know is that his full name is Bo Diddley, which stands for my initials, plus the amount of support I get from Fox News."

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An amusing comment from Huckabee was that the reasons for the Dems to impeach the President changed more often than a baby's diaper needed changing – and often for the same reason.

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It was **Louisiana Republican Senator John Kennedy** who came up with this impeachment gem: House Speaker Nancy Pelosi gave President Trump "a fair and balanced firing squad."

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The new name for the Dems' impeachment efforts: "Up Schiff's Creek Without a Paddle."

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More Two Cents next month.

Focusing on the environment and education, **Florida Governor Ron DeSantis** addressed the opening of the 2020 session of the State Legislature, as well as a television audience on January 14.



He called for funding water resource projects at the \$625 million level on a recurring basis for three years, and for appropriate penalties for those who spew untreated wastewater into Florida's waterbodies.

DeSantis also recommended that the Legislature set a minimum salary for public school teachers at \$47,500, to help retain many of the good teachers we have now, as well as make it easier to get talented college graduates to enter the teaching profession.

Also addressing the opening of the 60-day legislative session, **Senate President Bill Galvano**, a Republican from Bradenton, called for the Senate members to exchange and debate ideas while maintaining civility and decorum, and show "that we can put aside personalities and politics for good policy." He added that "We are not a microcosm of Washington, DC, but instead will continue to be an example for Washington, DC."



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House Speaker Jose Oliva, a Republican from Miami Lakes, thanked the members of the House for the trust and confidence placed in him, and he reaffirmed his commitment “to conduct the business of this House with decorum and integrity and with equal respect for all.” He said he looked forward to working together “to once again pass a budget with a reduced per-capita spending, a robust tax break and a stronger commitment to our reserve balances.”

Following are extensive excerpts of DeSantis’ State of the State Address:

(Begin Excerpts)

It brings me great satisfaction to report on the promising prospects of our public affairs and to commend the members of the House and Senate for your efforts to make Florida successful.

- Florida’s unemployment rate is near a historic low
- We have a AAA credit rating
- Florida’s public university system is ranked #1 in the nation
- We are rated one of the top states in the nation for fiscal health
- Florida’s crime rate is at an almost 50 year low
- And we have no state income tax....

Maintaining fiscal health will provide the type of durable foundation required for the expansion of our economic base, which means more opportunities for the people of Florida.

Florida is in the process of realizing a vision that has been widely desired but stubbornly elusive. We have strong momentum and need to keep it going. We can keep it going by addressing three main areas: First, we should fund water resource projects at the \$625 million level on a recurring basis for three years. This will provide needed certainty for these key initiatives and will help us leverage more federal support. Second, the Legislature should pass the comprehensive water quality legislation I have proposed. The bill represents the initial recommendations of the Blue-Green Algae task force that I launched upon taking office. It is based on sound science and provides a roadmap to reduce nutrients in our water. Third, those that spew untreated wastewater into Florida’s waterbodies need to be deterred from doing so by appropriate penalties. Too many municipalities have failed to invest in needed upgrades to their water infrastructure in part because it is cheaper to violate the law and pay a nominal fine. This is unacceptable and needs to change. We at the state level will also be doing our part to fortify our infrastructure in our areas most vulnerable to increased flood risks....

Over the past year, my administration has been focused on education – and for good reason. Low taxes and a healthy business climate are important in attracting investment in Florida, but so too is our ability to produce top-flight talent –

through our colleges and universities, through workforce education opportunities and through strong K-12 schools....

Thanks to the leadership of our **Commissioner of Education Richard Corcoran** we have launched an initiative to make Florida the nation’s leader in workforce education by 2030 and, thanks to your support, we are off to a good start. Vocational education is making a comeback in our high schools and students in districts such as Miami-Dade can graduate with industry certifications in fields like electrical and HVAC. Apprenticeship programs also offer a great way to equip Floridians with skills that merit gainful employment....

Our approach to K-12 education rests on (1) recruiting and retaining great teachers, (2) promoting educational choice so parents, particularly low-income parents, can place their child in a good school, and (3) measuring results through accountability. I am recommending we take a bold step of setting a minimum salary for public school teachers at \$47,500, bringing Florida from the bottom half of states to number 2 in the nation. This will make it easier to get talented college graduates to enter the profession and will help us retain many of the good teachers we have now. My plan will lead to a substantial pay increase for over 100,000 current teachers throughout the state....

We are also proposing to replace the Best and Brightest bonus program with a new initiative that will be more equitable – and more generous – so that we can reward our strong-performing teachers and principals. My proposal places an emphasis on bonuses for teachers and principals in Title I schools, with bonuses available of up to \$7,500 and \$10,000, respectively. These initiatives will build on the success we enjoyed in 2019. Last year, we faced the prospect of thousands of Florida families toiling on waiting lists for various scholarship programs....

Commissioner Corcoran has spent the past year working with stakeholders throughout Florida to develop a superior approach that will focus on strong standards, high-quality curriculum, streamlined testing and a renewed emphasis on American civics. We will be unveiling the new approach in the coming days. I can reveal that one key to our replacement of Common Core will be a renewed emphasis on American civics and the US Constitution. This means understanding the source of our rights, the theory of the Declaration of Independence, the structure of the Constitution and key amendments such as the Bill of Rights, the post-Civil War amendments and the Nineteenth Amendment. This also means developing an appreciation for how these enduring principles animated key points in American history:

- such as the fight for independence more than 240 years ago;
- the leadership of President Lincoln during the civil war;
- the activism of the suffragettes who succeeded in securing voting rights for women (an anniversary we celebrate this year);

- the defeat of Nazi totalitarianism during WWII;
- the crusade led by Dr. King for civil rights for African-Americans; and
- the titanic ideological struggle against, and eventually defeat of, the tyranny represented by Soviet communism....

In this season of opportunity, we can say there is more out there to achieve for our state – and there is no reason why we can't seize this moment and deliver for the people of Florida.

(End Excerpts)

SECOND AMENDMENT FORUM DENOUNCES RED FLAG LAWS

Concerned that a number of Republicans in the Florida Legislature say they are conservative but vote with their liberal Democrat colleagues – especially on the issue of gun control – a panel of strict constitutionalists when it comes to the Second Amendment participated in a packed-audience forum on January 6 in Cocoa, where they urged attendees to inform legislators to push back on restrictions such as the so-called Red Flag law.



The Republican Liberty Caucus of Central East Florida (RLC-CEF) and the Trump Club of Brevard co-sponsored the “2A Gun Rights Preservation Forum,” whose panelists included **Brevard County Sheriff Wayne Ivey**; **Royce Bartlett**, host of the “Shooting Straight” radio show; **State Representative Anthony Sabatini** from Lake County; Orlando pro-Second Amendment attorney **Kendra Parris**; and **Bob White**, chairman of both RLC-CEF and the Republican Liberty Caucus of Florida. WWMB radio host **Bill Mick** served as the panel moderator.

At issue was the gun legislation enacted after the Valentines’ Day 2018 shooting at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, in which 17 students and adults were killed. The measure passed by the State Legislature then included not allowing anyone under the age of 21 to purchase a weapon, and enactment of Red Flag law allowing law enforcement, with the consent of a judge, to confiscate firearms if an individual is thought to pose a risk.

Noting that chapters of the Republican Liberty Caucus

throughout Florida would be presenting similar panel discussions in their areas, White said there are “real threats” with the pushback against the “gun grabbers” in Tallahassee and the BAWN (Ban Assault Weapons Now) group trying to place a Constitutional Amendment banning semi-automatic weapons on the Florida ballot.

Susan Hodggers, president of the co-sponsoring Trump Club, describing the Second Amendment as a non-partisan issue,” said voters “need to pay attention to the elected officials on how they vote. Don’t let party affiliation and empty promises sway your vote.”



Bantering with the panelists as he threw them questions and asked for responses, Mick noted that there are sheriffs in Florida – Ivey among them – who say they are in “sanctuary counties” and they will not enforce anti-gun measures. Mick said he preferred using the title “constitutional counties” instead since the Second Amendment is part of the Constitution.

The panelists said they believe the current legislation violates the Constitution, and its risk protection orders violate the due process rights under the 4th and 14th Amendments.

Ivey, pointing out that “what we cherish is under attack,” said, “We have to stop being the Silent Majority and start being the Vocal Majority. And we have to send the right people to Washington and Tallahassee.” Saying that pressure has to be placed on legislators, he charged that the State Senate is “looking to put citizens at risk.” Government has to respond rather than react, he added. “Parkland never should have happened,” Ivey said. “Opportunities are being missed to protect students.”



Bartlett said Americans “need to present an armed united front,” and “from sea to shining sea is a lawful carry zone.” He noted that every gun law passed in the United States since 1934 is illegal, and said we cannot count on the legislatures and the courts to defend the Constitution. Noting that some people are trying to use

the First Amendment to try to save the Second, he called them “constitutionally dyslexic.” Gun-free zones, Bartlett added, “are target-rich environments.”

Sabatini, stating that his county is pro-Second Amendment, said he favors not only Constitutionally-permitted carry of a

firearm, but also open permit-less carry. Calling the Red Flag law “egregious,” he said it is being abused, and is “the biggest



perversion of justice.” Registration rather than confiscation, he said, “is the extent of what might be proposed in Florida,” but he added, “the air in the room is on the side of gun control right now.” A former member of the Florida National Guard at age 19, Sabatini said he was most offended by the ban on

firearm sales to people under age 21.

Parris, who focuses on fighting Red Flag laws in her legal practice, and focuses on risk protection order cases, said it is “troubling” how easy it is for a police officer to obtain one. “In my experience,” she said, “it’s phone calls to a judge, and in about 20 seconds, they are granted 99 percent of the time.” Noting that much of the language in the law is “ambiguous” she pointed out that risk protection orders from the courts does not necessarily mean the use of guns is involved. It is an expansion of police power, Parris said, “and people need to be aware of their rights, even if they are not a gun owner.”



White said that while “what happened in Parkland was a failure at every level of government,” liberal officials and the media “tried to put the blame on us.” Calling the situation “a mess,” he said the law was “a diversion away from that failure.” White urged the standing-room-only crowd of around 500 attendees to send

postcards to **Senate President Bill Galvano** and **Infrastructure and Security Committee Chairman Tom Lee** – both Republicans – who are opposing new gun control measures under consideration.

THE BREC CORNER By Chairman Rick Lacey



Welcome to the Roaring 20’s! The Brevard Republican Party begins 2020 with excitement and energy as we kick off the new year unified behind the Greatest American President since Lincoln. It is my hope that every good Republican will join us in the re-election of **Donald J. Trump** for President.

Our first Brevard Republican Executive Committee (BREC)

meeting was held January 8 and featured **District 51 State Representative Tyler Sirois**, who not only presented our members and guests with an outlook of the upcoming Legislative agenda in Tallahassee but hosted a great display of food and drink from the Olive Tree.

Sirois discussed several important issues, including The Indian River Lagoon, Collegiate Athlete Pay, Gun Control, Health Care Reform and the Budget, and said he will “never cast a vote that undermines our Constitutional rights.”

I discussed our campaign plan for this year. Part of our activities for the coming months include staffing our headquarters, attracting new members and meeting the Chairman’s goal of having 50,000 more Republicans than Democrats registered in the county. Also, mark your calendar for our Straw poll/BBQ/picnic on Saturday, June 20 at the Melbourne Auditorium.

In addition, I had the pleasure of introducing **Tory Renza**, our new RPOF field coordinator for Brevard County, and I thanked **Bill Boykin** for designing a new handout for attracting new Republicans to join BREC.

Our Committeeman of the month – **John Dreska** – was unable to attend the meeting, but Committeewoman of the month **Joyce Loyd** was present, and both were recognized for their commitment to supporting our Party.

Posing with me are four new BREC members who were sworn-in at the end of the meeting.



Two days later, I attended the Annual Meeting of the Republican Party of Florida (RPOF) at the Wyndham Harborside in Jupiter, Florida.

RPOF Chairman Joe Gruters announced that last month’s Statesman Dinner with President Trump raised more than \$3.5 million for our party – a new record. In addition, **Peter Feaman** was re-elected as National Committeeman in a close vote over **Chair of Chairs Evan Power**. Both of these candidates are excellent, and it was a shame only one could win. **Kathleen King** was re-elected unanimously as National Committeewoman.

RPOF members were treated to presentations by **Florida District 26 State Senator Ben Albritton**, and **Florida House District 77 Legislator and Majority Leader Dane Eagle**. **Florida 18th U.S. Congressional District Representative**

Brian Mast, who lost both of his legs while serving his country in the war, also gave an inspiring speech, which got every member jumping from their seats in applause.

One final note – Remember that Florida is a Closed Primary state. Ask your No Party Affiliation friends and neighbors to re-register as Republicans by February 18 in order to vote in the March 17 Presidential Preference Primary.

AUDACITY AND IDIOCY

--The disgusting publishers of the pornographic magazine "Hustler," for sending to multiple congressional offices its official 2019 Christmas card depicting joyous onlookers as the President lay dead in the street, and a man holding a smoking handgun saying, "I just shot Donald Trump on Fifth Avenue and no one arrested me."

--Classless, loony-left actor Robert De Niro, for saying during a podcast interview on "civility in politics" that someone should shove a bag of feces in President Trump's face. He's "only" an actor? So was John Wilkes Booth.

--Mark Galli, editor-in-chief of "Christianity Today," for endorsing the Dems' impeachment support, and writing that President Trump should be removed from office as a matter of "loyalty to the Creator of the Ten Commandments" and that evangelicals who support him should "remember who you are and whom you serve." In response, evangelist and missionary Franklin Graham – the son of the late Reverend Billy Graham, who founded "Christianity Today," said his father would not agree with Galli's opinion, and would be "very disappointed," and added that the last vote his father cast was for Donald Trump. Several days later, Galli announced his "retirement" from "Christianity Today."

--Obama-appointed Federal District Judge Loretta Copeland Biggs, for striking down a voter-approved amendment to the North Carolina Constitution mandating voter ID, for what she called "unconstitutional" suppression that reflects the Tar Heel State's "sordid history of racial discrimination." Biggs' ruling ignores that fact there would be no charge to obtain an ID – even for her.

--Democrat Movita Johnson-Harrell, the first Islamic woman elected to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, for stealing more than \$500,000 from a non-profit for the mentally ill she worked for, perjury, and tampering with public records. She pled guilty and resigned from the state legislature.

--The on-line publication teenvogue.com, for using its Christmas edition to horrifically inform its core readership – girls aged 13-17 – on "the right way" to have anal sex.

--Moronic "social justice warriors" in West Brookfield, Massachusetts, for convincing left-leaning Facebook to shut down the page of Blue Star Farm, a non-profit shelter for abused and neglected horses, that depended on the page as its primary fundraising tool. The morons complained to the

agreeing social media giant that the horses should be left free to just wander the fields. As a result, the farm, which had been in existence for many years, is being forced to close.

--Leftist UCLA urban planning professor Kian Goh, for writing that "if we want to keep cities safe in the face of climate change, we need to seriously question the ideal of private homeownership." She said that urban development makes the fires in California "even more destructive," and advocated instead for "more collective cities" with public housing that would put more power into the federal government.

THIS AND THAT

THE TRUMP IMEACHMENT HOAX. At press time, the House Democrats were deep into their hoax impeachment of President Trump, after House Speaker Nancy Pelosi sat on their two articles for a month before forwarding them in a "triumphant march" to the Senate side of the U.S. Capitol Building. Once on the Senate side, however, the House "managers" failed in their several attempts to get the full Senate to call additional witnesses at the opening of the "trial." This, of course, should have been done on the House side first. We will have additional "hoax" information in the February "Space Coast Tusk."

U.S.-IRAN. Following the targeted strike killing Iranian General Qasem Solemani, who was responsible for the 2012 Benghazi attack that killed our U.S. ambassador and three others, plus the deaths of more than 600 U.S. soldiers in other attacks, Iran launched retaliatory missiles towards two U.S. military bases in Iraq. President Trump then went on national television to report that no American soldiers were injured or killed, and there was only minimal damage to the bases. (It was later reported that 11 U.S. soldiers were treated for concussions.) Advanced early warning systems and dispersal of armed forces were to thank for this outcome, he said. Trump also stated that "Iran appears to be standing down." The president reminded the world that Iran is the epicenter of terrorism in the Middle East, and that sanctions against Iran would remain in place as long as their violent activities and "nuclear ambitions" continue. The President also called for NATO to "break away from the remnants of the Iran Nuclear Deal" and become more involved in the Middle East. He said he wants to see a new, peaceful and economically prosperous deal with Iran rather than clinging to past ambitions and stated his desire to see America and Iran join forces to continue the fight against ISIS. Finally, Trump reminded everyone that America has become energy independent under his administration, and he also mentioned that new hypersonic missiles were under development and our military technology continues to improve and lead the world.

U.S. SENATE CONFIRMATIONS. On January 8, the U.S. Senate confirmed the nomination of businessman **Michael DeSombre** to be U.S. Ambassador to Thailand, and on December 19 last year, the nomination of businessman **David Fischer** to Morocco. Also on December 19, the following career Foreign Service Officers were confirmed to be U.S.

Ambassadors: **Peter Haymond** to Laos; **Kelly Degan** to Georgia; **Alina Romanowski** to Kuwait; **Robert Gilchrist** to Lithuania; **Carmen Cantor** to Micronesia; **Yuri Kim** to Albania; **Leslie Tsou** to Oman; and **Roxanne Cabral** to the Marshall Islands.

THE REPUBLICAN CLUB OF BREVARD. Discussing “The Left’s Alliance With Islamism” with members of the Republican Club of Brevard on January 22, retired **Colonel**



Bill Prince, who served with both the U.S. Army and the Central Intelligence Agency, said it poses an existential threat to our Republic. Comparing the two ideologies, Prince explained that while the Left favors freedom from religion, is anti-war and celebrates diversity; Islamism has blasphemy laws, practices Jihad and believes in Sharia. Still, he said, the two opposing ideologies are united against us. Quoting the terrorist Carlos the Jackal, he said, “Only a coalition of Marxists and Islamists can destroy the United States.” Islamism, Prince said, is a totalitarian ideology that is separate from the Islamic religion. He said fundamentalists created “Islamophobia” that involves the use of slurs and attempt to shut down legitimate debate. Prince said that while Russian revolutionary Vladimir Lenin brought together a number of groups to form what he called the Social Democratic Party in 1895, after the revolution was successful in 1917, he changed the name to the Communist Party. Regarding the current presidential campaign, Prince said the one by avowed Socialist-Democrat Senator Bernie Sanders is “very dangerous.” In 2016, he said, Sanders’ supporters formed “Our Revolution,” which is aided by the Democrat Socialists of America, the Communist Party USA, and the Freedom Road Socialist Organization. It also has partnered with the Justice Democrats to challenge moderate Democrats in elections. Women in Congress that we have to watch, he said, include Alexandria Ocasio Cortez, Ilhan Omar and Rashida Tlaib – all of whom have views opposite to our founding principles. For additional information, Prince recommended the audience members read two books: **Dennis Prager’s** “Still the Best Hope: Why the World Needs American Values to Triumph” and **David Horowitz’** “Unholy Alliance: Radical Islam and the American Left.”

BERNIE SANDERS AND HIS STAFFER. While self-described Socialist-Democrat Bernie Sanders, the Vermont Senator running for president, says that as a “patriot,” he believes America’s job “is to build the United Nations,” the Iowa field organizer on his campaign staff took a far-different tact. Project Veritas went undercover to film Kyle Jurek

calling for extreme violence. Among Jurek’s statements were that those who oppose Sanders’ agenda will die for it, just as was done in Cuba...that if Sanders doesn’t get the nomination at the DNC Convention, f-ing Milwaukee will burn and the cops will be f-ing beaten....that if the President is re-elected, more f-ing cities will burn....that Trump supporters need to be “re-educated,” as was done in Nazi Germany and in Soviet gulags....that there should be a violent reaction against people who use “offensive” free speech....and that members of the media and pundits should be dragged out of their offices by their hair and set on fire in the streets. So what was the Sanders campaign’s reaction to Jurek’s outrageous expletive-deleted comments prior to the upcoming Iowa Caucuses? Misty Rebik, the campaign Iowa State Director, said Iowans “don’t care about political gossip.” Rebik refused to answer whether “political gossip” covered calls for violence.

ARIZONA JUNIOR RIFLE TEAM. To support its travel to the National Matches at Camp Perry, Ohio, in July, the Arizona Scorpions Junior High Power Rifle Team is raffling off an M1 Garand rifle, which has a Harrington & Richardson receiver with new wood stock and Criterion barrel, and all other metal is re-parkerized GI. It is calibered in 30.06. The drawing will take place after the 128th annual Washington’s Birthday match at Ben Avery Range in Phoenix on February 16. Team members, parents and coaches are not eligible to participate in the rifle raffle. The team is sponsored by the Arizona State Rifle & Pistol Association, and it is open to NRA High Power-classified Arizona youth between the ages of 14 and 20. The kids shoot AR-15 style A2 and A4 rifles shooting bullseye targets across the course at 200, 300 and 600 yards. The rifle team members are fine young Americans. One former member is currently flying for the Navy; a second for the USAF; two are currently attending the Naval Academy; two are Marines; one is in the Arizona National Guard; and one is in the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit. For more information on the team, visit <http://www.arizonajuniorhp.com/>, and to purchase raffle tickets on-line, visit <https://www.shop.asrpa.com/category.sc?categoryId=100>.

EXPERTS’ EXCERPTS



Managing Editor David Kupelian, writing on the Lunatic Left in America at WorldNetDaily.com:

“Consider the forces arrayed against Trump. There’s the entire ‘mainstream news media’ – a grotesque euphemism for the servile and frankly contemptible propaganda wing of the Democrat Party. They are entirely dedicated to unseating Trump and

protecting and promoting whoever becomes the Democratic presidential nominee – who, by the way, could very well be Hillary Clinton, should the Democratic convention become deadlocked. Then there’s the ‘Deep State’ as well as the Democrat Party that currently controls the House of Representatives – that is to say, the permanent governing class

in Washington, D.C., which has total contempt for the rabble out there (i.e., hard-working, tax-paying, God-fearing, gun-owning American voters). They believe they alone possess the divine mandate to rule America in perpetuity. These are the same people who corrupted and weaponized all the most important organs of government (the FBI, CIA, IRS, Justice Department, etc.)...And of course there is America's horrendous educational system, almost entirely in the hands of the far left, which is busily indoctrinating and traumatizing the next generation of Americans. This is true not only of our many Marxist colleges and universities (which historian William Lind has called "small, ivy-covered North Koreas"), but also of our public high schools, middle and elementary schools where children learn to hate America and Christianity, but are taught that sexual anarchy is freedom. This extends all the way down to pre-school, where our innocent and trusting little toddlers are subjected to demonic 'drag queen story hour' indoctrination sessions. And then – as if this battle wasn't already lopsided enough – consider that people of this same elitist leftwing mindset have stealthily taken over the internet through their mega-monopolies like Google, Facebook and others...Perhaps most urgently concerning right now – even though you hear almost nothing about it from the rest of the media – is this: Leaders of Google, the most powerful company in the world, believe Trump's 2016 electoral triumph represented a huge failure on their part. They think they just didn't try hard enough on Hillary Clinton's behalf... Everything is riding on this November's election. If the Democrat candidate wins, America will go dark for a very long time, if not forever. Great civilizations live and die, they don't last forever – not if they continually violate the laws of God and common sense and economics and morality and the lessons of history. That, unfortunately, pretty well summarizes the platform of today's Democrat Party.”



Conservative speaker **Evan Sayet**, writing on President Trump at www.townhall.com:

“My Leftist friends (as well as many ardent #NeverTrumpers) constantly ask me if I’m not bothered by Donald Trump’s lack of decorum. They ask if I don’t think his tweets are ‘beneath the dignity of the office.’ Here’s my

answer: We Right-thinking people have tried dignity...We tried statesmanship...We tried propriety. And the results were always the same. This is because, while we were playing by the rules of dignity, collegiality and propriety, the Left has been, for the past 60 years, engaged in a knife fight where the only rules are those of Saul Alinsky and the Chicago mob. I don’t find anything ‘dignified,’ ‘collegial’ or ‘proper’ about Barack Obama’s lying about what went down on the streets of Ferguson in order to ramp up racial hatreds because racial hatreds serve the Democrat Party. I don’t see anything ‘dignified’ in lying about the deaths of four Americans in Benghazi and imprisoning an innocent filmmaker to cover your tracks. I don’t see anything ‘statesman-like’ in weaponizing the IRS to be used to destroy your political

opponents and any dissent. Yes, Obama was ‘articulate’ and ‘polished’ but in no way was he in the least bit ‘dignified,’ ‘collegial’ or ‘proper.’ The Left has been engaged in a war against America since the rise of the Children of the ‘60’s. To them, it has been an all-out war where nothing is held sacred and nothing is seen as beyond the pale... It has been a war they’ve fought with violence, the threat of violence, demagoguery and lies from day one – the violent take-over of the universities – till today. The problem is that, through these years, the Left has been the only side fighting this war. While the Left has been taking a knife to anyone who stands in their way, the Right has continued to act with dignity, collegiality and propriety. With Donald Trump, this all has come to an end. Donald Trump is America’s first wartime president in the Culture War... It’s wonderful to see that not only is Trump fighting, he’s defeating the Left using their own tactics. That book is Saul Alinsky’s ‘Rules for Radicals’ – a book so essential to the Liberals’ war against America that it is and was the playbook for the entire Obama administration and the subject of Hillary Clinton’s senior thesis....Trump’s tweets may seem rash and unconsidered but, in reality, he is doing exactly what Alinsky suggested his followers do. First, instead of going after ‘the fake media’ – and they are so fake that they have literally gotten every single significant story of the past 60 years not just wrong, but diametrically opposed to the truth, from the Tet Offensive to Benghazi, to what really happened on the streets of Ferguson, Missouri – Trump isolated CNN....He made it personal. Then, just as Alinsky suggests, he employs ridicule which Alinsky described as ‘the most powerful weapon of all’....So, to my friends on the Left – and the #NeverTrumpers as well – do I wish we lived in a time when our president could be ‘collegial’ and ‘dignified’ and ‘proper’? Of course I do. These aren’t those times. This is war. And it’s a war that the Left has been fighting without opposition for the past 50 years. So, say anything you want about this president – I get it, he can be vulgar, he can be crude, he can be undignified at times. I don’t care. I can’t spare this man. He fights.”

Columnist **Adriana Cohen**, writing on support for President Trump in realclearpolitics.com:

“Being a conservative in perhaps the most liberal state in the country, Massachusetts, I’m often asked why I support the president by those on the left, some of whom think he’s a racist, misogynist, homophobe, criminal and, for good measure, a bully. I laugh and say, ‘It’s because none of those things are true!’ and then hit them with facts, not #FakeNews. Let’s start with the absurd allegation that President Donald Trump is anti-women. ‘If that were true,’ I ask, ‘why has he created millions of jobs for women?’ Under the Trump administration, the unemployment rate for women is 3.5 percent, the lowest in 66 years. Hence the poverty rate for women has fallen to record lows.... Last month, the president signed into law up to 12 weeks of paid parental leave for federal civilian employees, which will go into effect this year.



Undoubtedly, this most benefits women, who disproportionately care for children. It's also a stepping stone toward the president's broader goal of implementing paid family leave for all Americans, which will benefit women across the nation by not penalizing them financially for caring for their families. Since Trump took office, nearly 7 million Americans have been lifted off food stamps, which means millions of women have transitioned from poverty and government dependence to a career and self-reliance....My liberal friends will then pivot and say, 'But Democratic lawmakers and cable news experts say he's a racist!' To which I counter that thanks to the president's leadership with the economy, the black unemployment rate is also at a historic low. The president has delivered on criminal justice reform, giving thousands of those wrongfully incarcerated a second chance at life while also implementing a number of initiatives that support the nation's historically black colleges and universities....Now, would a racist be uplifting minorities and empowering them with enhanced housing and education opportunities, block grants, access to small-business loans, jobs, higher wages and tax breaks while also rebuilding their communities? No. And when it comes to allegations of homophobia, the Trump administration last year launched a global crusade alongside LGBTQ groups and human rights organizations to decriminalize homosexuality around the world.... When I hear, 'Trump's a criminal,' from some on the far left, I remind them that in America everyone is innocent until proven guilty by a jury of their peers. Since the president has occupied the Oval Office, he's been subjected to a daily deluge of investigations including a 22-month special counsel probe that found 'insufficient evidence' of criminal mischief. Undoubtedly, if any of these partisan investigations had found a scintilla of evidence of criminal wrongdoing, he would've been charged long ago. Grasping for straws at this point, some of my Democratic friends will say, 'OK, I guess you're right, but he's still a bully.' To which I respond that if you were to have the entire Washington establishment against you and the #FakeNewsMedia accusing you of treason and other accusations that are heinous, false, defamatory – and hurtful – would't you fight back, too? That's usually where the debate swiftly ends and they change the subject. Bottom line: Plain and simple facts, not blind hatred fed by #FakeNewsMedia, should be one's guiding light leading into the next election."



Political commentator **Tammy Bruce**, writing on failure and chaos with bail reform in New York in "The Washington Times":

"While the nation has been distracted by Democrats in Washington as they try to remove a duly-elected president from his office, that same political party continues to put its stamp of chaos on the city and state of New

York. Let this sink in: Thousands of hardened criminals and dangerous suspects are walking free or will be soon in the Empire State thanks to what was dubbed a new 'bail reform' law. This new law allows the immediate release, without bail, of what the people of New York were told were accused

'nonviolent felonies' and certain misdemeanors. The new law does more than eliminate bail requirements of thousands of suspects; it ties the hands of judges eliminating their ability to use their own discretion. Instead, judges are forced to release suspects with the simple hope that they will show up in court for their next hearing.... here's just a taste of the kinds of suspects who Democrats think should be allowed to roam the streets:

- Using a child to commit a controlled substance crime.
- Criminal sale of a controlled substance in or near a school. In other words, someone dealing drugs to children in school.
- Third-degree assault as a hate crime.
- Reckless assault of a child by a day-care provider.
- Menacing as a hate crime.
- Criminal obstruction of breathing, which means, of course, strangling someone.
- Various degrees of arson.
- Killing a police dog or police horse. Keep in mind police dogs and police horses are officers of the law, but now you can kill one and be treated as though you are a jaywalker.
- Pointing a laser at an aircraft.
- Money laundering in support of terrorism, multiple counts....

Former NYPD Commissioner Bill Bratton had this to say during a radio interview on 'bail reform': 'It's a mess. It's more than a mess, it's a disgrace in terms of what they put forth and as the public learns more about it the outrage will build and hopefully they'll reform the reforms'....The obvious immediate simple solution would be to give judges discretion about whom to release into the community. But this legislating of failure and chaos is not new. Somehow for Democrats, there's no consideration of the impact of their folly on other people. Whether it be Obamacare and the loss of health insurance, with premiums that skyrocketed by thousands of dollars after promising the opposite. We now have the 'criminal justice' reform gaslighting the population into supporting something that is actually the complete opposite of what is promised. In other words, it's another day in another city and another state that is controlled completely by Democrats."

THOUGHTS TO PONDER

"Despite the Democrats' nonstop hysterical obsession with reversing the 2016 election, Donald J. Trump is still president, the stock market is at an all-time high, unemployment at an all-time low, America is again respected internationally ... and the Democrat Party, including its propaganda wing called the 'mainstream media,' have gone stark raving mad. And with their farcical impeachment charade seemingly backfiring – just the latest phase of their ongoing coup against Trump, preceded by the multi-year Russia-collusion hoax, the worst

political scandal in U.S. history – Trump appears to be heading into the 2020 in a fairly strong position for reelection.”

--**WND Managing Editor David Kupelian**

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“No matter how ‘sad’ or ‘prayerful’ the Democrats say they are about President Trump’s impeachment, let’s be clear: This is about politics, not saving the republic. Speaker Pelosi has all but admitted that several times in the past week. It’s shameful that our lawmakers in Washington are spending taxpayer resources – our hard-earned money – on political stunts that weaken our republic instead of advancing policies that make America stronger and freer.”

--**Front Line Strategies President Brett Doster**

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“Fossil fuels are the foundation of modern agriculture, infrastructure, medicine and transportation. They have contributed to a more than doubling of the average human lifespan, a deep decrease in poverty, and a huge increase in global food supplies over the past century...The National Bureau of Economic Research found that “the drop in natural gas prices in the late 2000’s, induced largely by the boom in shale gas production, averted 11,000 winter deaths per year in the United States.” This progress would be reversed if the Democrat candidates have their way and end fracking either immediately or in the near term.”

--The Heartland Institute senior fellow **H. Sterling Burnett**

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“The NFL may largely hate Donald Trump, but college football fans sure don’t. The President and First Lady were met with deafening applause as the pair walked on to the field just before the National Championship game featuring LSU-Clemson. Trump and his wife waved to the crowd as chants of ‘USA’ erupted from the stands, quieting only as Louisiana-born Christian music artist Lauren Daigle stepped up to the mic to perform the National Anthem.”

--**MRCTV Managing Editor Brittany Hughes**

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“Michael Bloomberg has rewritten the campaign manual, and instead of scrounging for funding (to run for the presidency), it is he who is dispensing large contributions to other politicians and government officials. In his days as Mayor of New York, these would have been called ‘BRIBES,’ but in the forgiving arena of politics, they are simply pursuit of his personal interests....That strategy has already surfaced here in Florida when Republican Senate President Bill Galvano received a half-million dollars from Democrat Bloomberg. One of the hottest issues on the docket for this next session is the curtailing of citizens’ rights under the Second Amendment – Gun Control – a top priority of Bloomberg. Galvano and the Florida Senate have already proposed and enacted legislation chipping away at the right to bear arms with totally ineffective feel-good knee-jerk measures to give the public the impression they are really addressing the problem. Not only are they ineffective; they are guaranteed to increase the danger from criminal behavior. When a community, business, or

organization post the sign ‘Gun-Free Zone,’ it is an open invitation to exactly the type of behavior they seek to prevent.”

--**Ronald Reagan Clubs President Dale Young**

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“Owning a firearm is a huge responsibility. The Second Amendment in the Constitution states the right to bear arms ‘shall not be infringed.’ The problem is not guns, but the weak laws passed in the legislature for those who commit crimes and those in the judicial branch of government that give weak sentences for crimes. Passing more gun laws will limit law-abiding citizens, and not reduce gun violence.”

--**Trump Club of Brevard President Susan Hodgers**

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“Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY) may have anticipated a long and prosperous career in Congress, but if the Democrats in New York’s state legislature have their way, the freshman member may be out of a job as soon as 2022. According to pollster Frank Luntz, New York is likely to lose a seat in Congress after the 2020 census and Democrats in the state legislature will have to redraw the state’s Congressional districts as a result. Although there are plenty of places to cut, New York Dems are reportedly eyeing Ocasio-Cortez’s Bronx district for elimination because she’s been out of sync with state-level Democrats who control the process.”

--DailyWire.com writer **Emily Zanotti**

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“The killing of Iranian terror-meister Qassem Soleimani in a targeted U.S. air strike in Baghdad will have a dramatic impact on the stability of the Iranian regime and its ability to conduct oversea terrorist operations. Soleimani was, in many ways, the irreplaceable man. Known as a charismatic leader – indeed, the only charismatic leader in Iran’s military today – he has no parallel among contemporary Iranian commanders. Former Iranian intelligence officers told me about Soleimani’s direct involvement in planning, financing and directing the September 11, 2012 attacks on U.S. diplomatic and intelligence facilities in Benghazi, Libya, where four Americans were killed. At the time, I called him the ‘Wizard of Oz of Iranian terror.’”

Foundation for Democracy in Iran Executive Director Kenneth Timmerman

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“The shooting during the communion service at West Freeway Church of Christ in Tarrant County, Texas, on the Sunday before New Year’s Day emphatically illustrates one salient cultural truth: it’s long past time for every church in America to arm itself in its own defense. While details are still emerging, a man opened fire with a shotgun and took down a communion server and a member of the church security team before he was shot to death by an armed servant of the Lord Jesus Christ. There’s some muscular Christianity for you, right there, Texas-style.... Since 1950, 98 percent of all mass shootings have taken place in gun-free zones like schools, theaters, and yes, churches.”

--“American Family Radio” talk show host **Bryan Fischer**
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“Two-thirds of all white guys voted for Trump. That means anytime you see three white guys walking at you, down the street towards you, two of them voted for Trump. You need to move over to the other sidewalk because these are not good people that are walking toward you. You should be afraid of them.”

--Idiotic filmmaker Michael Moore

UPCOMING BREVARD COUNTY EVENTS

February 4 – Trump Club of Brevard meeting, Kelly’s Burgers Restaurant, Melbourne, 6 pm.

February 5 – Brevard Federated Republican Women meeting, Holiday Inn Expo, Space Coast Convention Center, Cocoa, 11 am.

February 5 – Republican Club of Brevard meeting, The Tides Club, Satellite Beach, 6 pm.

February 6 – Heritage Isle Republican Club meeting, One Senior Place, Viera, 10 am.

February 7 – Federated Republican Women in Action meeting, Memaw’s BBQ, Palm Bay, 11:15 am.

February 10 -- The Space Coast Patriots meeting, Merritt Island Library, 6 p.m.

February 12 – Brevard Republican Executive Committee meeting, Brevard School Board Headquarters, Viera, 7 pm.

February 13 – ACT! For America Space Coast Chapter meeting, Government Complex Building C, Viera, 6:30 p.m.

February 17 – The New Millennium Conservative Club meeting, Suntree-Viera Library, 6:30 pm.

February 18 – North Brevard Republican Club meeting, La Cita Country Club, Titusville, 7 pm.

February 20 – The Republican Women’s Network of South Brevard meeting, Eau Gallie Yacht Club, 11 a.m.

February 24 -- Ronald Reagan Clubs meeting, Tuscan Grill Restaurant, Suntree, 7 p.m.

February 26 – Space Coast Republican Club meeting, Red Lobster, Merritt Island, 11 a.m.

The Space Coast Young Republicans Club will not meet in February.

ABOUT THE NEWSLETTER

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

COMICAL CLOSERS

The satirical humor site “Washington Beguiler” alleged the following interview with Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg:

“Yes, it’s true I am not a fan of President Trump. I find his presence in the White House to be an insult to America and I would love to see him taken out in chains.

“But that impeachment was a farce. The House Democrats went ahead with an inquiry and a vote with nothing. No evidence, no real charges, nothing to warrant the whole event. I’m very disappointed in them.

“I hate to say it but that whole impeachment was illegal BS. If a case like that ever appeared in my courtroom, I’d have thrown it out immediately and scolded the prosecution for wasting everyone’s time. The Democrats should possibly face consequences for their meaningless disruption of government.”

Sorry, it never happened!

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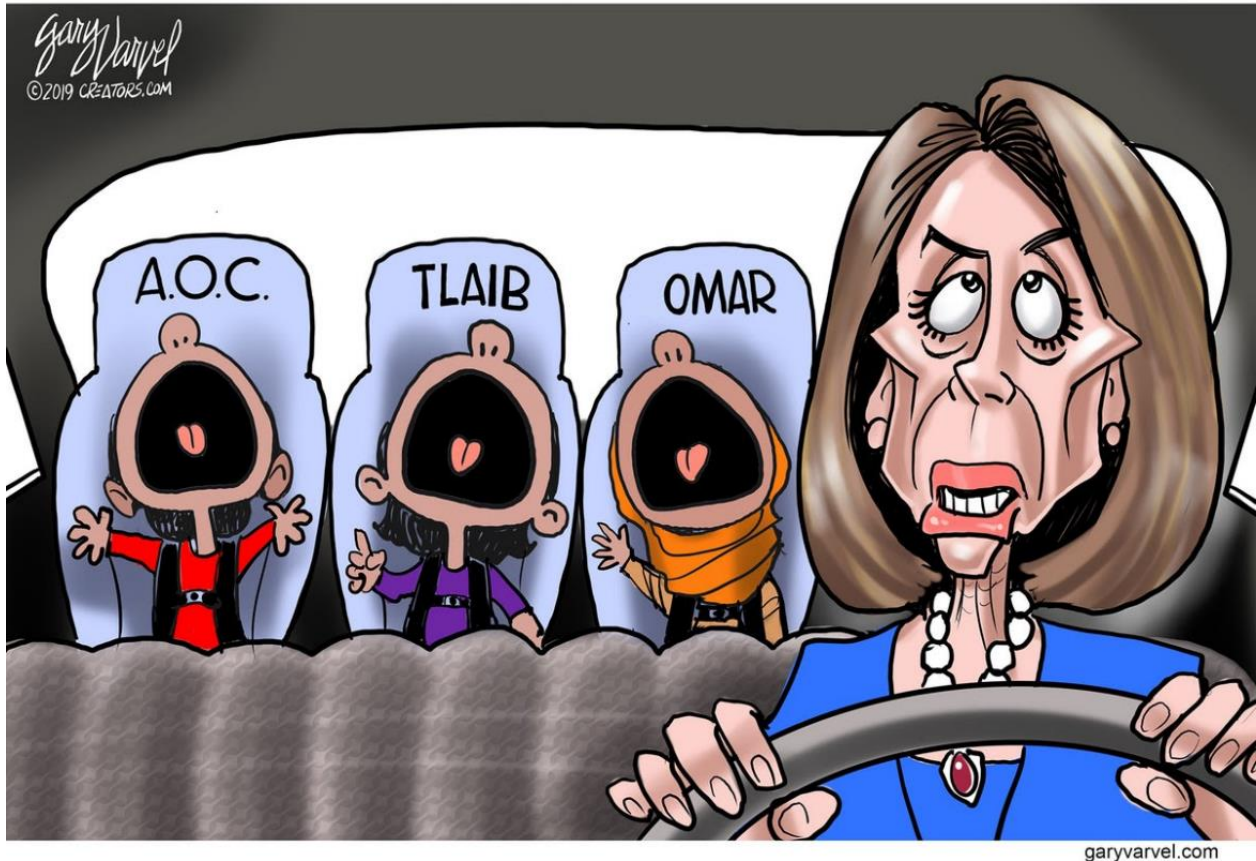
Q: How many Democrats does it take to change a lightbulb?

A: None. They don’t seem to see the light!





Backseat Drivers





**“BANNING STRAWS
WON'T ACTUALLY
STOP CALIFORNIA
DEMOCRATS FROM
SUCKING.”**

—BEN SHAPIRO



**Inoculate your kids against
socialism by having them
clean the bathroom.**

**Pay them \$10. Then take
away \$7 and give it to their
sibling who didn't help.**

**Socialism won't seem
so attractive then!**

