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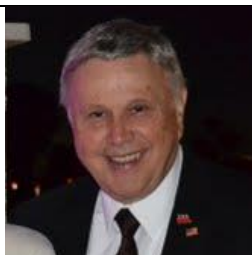
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TRUMP VISITS THE VILLAGES IN FLORIDA, SIGNS MEDICARE IMPROVEMENT

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



Prior to the breakup of the old Soviet Union, when martial law was instilled in Warsaw, my old organization – the late, lamented U.S. Information Agency – produced a documentary film titled “Let Poland Be Poland.” Today, it’s time for the Dems and RINOs to update the adage to: “LET TRUMP BE TRUMP.”

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According to former **New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani**, the reason why Fox News Contributor Judge Andrew Napolitano dislikes the President so much is because he was not nominated for a U.S. Supreme Court vacancy. But we can put him on the list for next time – right after Judge Marilyn Milian of “The People’s Court.”

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Now that the young singer has turned to the hard left, it’s time to change her last name from Swift. Taylor Sluggish? Taylor Poky? Taylor Tardy?

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After the late Arizona Senator John McCain, it was “dèjà vu all over again” with now Utah Senator Willard Mitt Romney and his sidekick, former House Speaker Paul Ryan. In 2008 and then again in 2012, I cast my presidential ballots for them, unaware of the NeverTrump position all three would later take. In 2016, at least, I did not have to vote for a RINO.

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What an evolution the Dems are going through – first liberal, then left, then progressive, then Socialist, and now Marxist (and I don’t mean “Groucho”)!

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More Two Cents next month.

Visiting The Villages, a Republican stronghold in Florida on October 3, President Trump signed an executive order designed to modernize Medicare by providing more care delivered by phone or other digital platforms, and thus lower the number of emergency room visits.



“We are going to protect Medicare for you, for everyone in The Villages, for every senior across this magnificent land,” the President said, adding that there will be more plan choices in 2020, and the overall goal is to reduce the cost of premiums and deductibles for doctor visits.

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Speaking to supporters both inside the Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center and others congregated in the town square outside the building, Trump said his plan is counter to the “Medicare For All” program being touted by many Democrat presidential candidates. “These people on the other side,” he said, “want to take your health care away and give you lousy health care.”



Trump added. “They may go by different names like single-payer or the so-called public option. They want to raid Medicare to fund a thing called ‘Socialism.’ Every one of these plans involve rationing care, slashing quality and massively raising taxes.

He said his executive order would expand options, increase access to new medical technologies and cut back on needless regulations so doctors can spend less time on paperwork and more “on the patients they love.”

Discussing the proposal by **Florida Governor Ron DeSantis** – who attended the event – to import drugs from Canada, the President said more announcements would be coming about lowering prescription prices, and other states should sign “certificate of need” repeals as Florida did.

Thanking Trump for supporting his prescription drug plan, DeSantis said, “In Florida, we are committed to finding innovative ways to keep healthcare costs low.”



Trump, deviating slightly from his Medicare remarks, also referred to the impeachment talks taking place with Democrat legislators in Washington. “It’s corruption what’s going on right now. It’s pure corruption,” he said. Speaking about the upcoming 2020 election, he added that is why the Democrats “do the impeachment crap, because they know they can never beat us fairly.”

The impeachment inquiry – heavily supported by the lamestream media – was launched after a whistleblower – with only second-hand information – contacted Democrat legislators with “concerns” about a phone call Trump made in July to the president of Ukraine.

When the crowd began chanting “four more years,” Trump responded with a smile, “You want to drive them crazy? Don’t do four more years. Say eight more years. Sixteen would do it good. You’d really drive them to the loony bin.”

The same way the Dems talk about “fear of irrevocable consequences” in the 2020 election, residents in The Villages do as well, but in their case, it is for Trump’s re-election, and they have his back.

Trump supporters who spoke to the media had these comments:

--“In The Villages, if anything, it has gotten people more determined not to let them get away with it. People have had enough of this. They see the President is doing good things and the economy is going well.”

--“He’s doing nothing more than protecting us under the law. It’s just fine.”

--“Among all the negativity that surrounds him from many different kinds of people – from Antifa to the radical Democrats – he still gets things done. I don’t think there’s any man I’ve ever known that could do that.”

--“Three words: impeachment – for what? The President’s been investigated since before he got into office. Let’s be fair, if President Trump did something, then he did something. But let him do his job.”

--“The impeachment inquiry is political theater. The Villages is overwhelmingly, wholeheartedly pro-Trump.”

One week later, during a nearly two-hour rally in Minneapolis before thousands of cheering fans on October 10, Trump said he would fight “to win the great state of Minnesota in 2020,” called the impeachment inquiry against him “a brazen attempt to overthrow our government,” termed the media “blatantly dishonest,” and strongly criticized several Democrats in office. He also spoke glowingly of police officers, many of whom were in the audience.

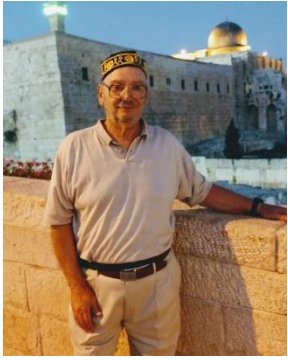
The President later tweeted: “Last night’s rally in Minneapolis was HUGE. It was so great to see thousands of patriotic Americans who are fired up to win in 2020 and Keep America Great. Minnesota is going to be crucial to our efforts in 2020.”

Campaign For Working Families President Gary Bauer

said Trump “presented the 2020 election as a stark choice, and correctly so in my view, between those who want to preserve religious liberty, free markets, the sanctity of life, our Second Amendment rights and our national sovereignty against those demanding open borders, abortion-on-demand, socialism and gun control.”



ASS'T TUSK PUBLISHER FRANK MONTELIONE DISCUSSES SECURITY ON HIS RECENT TRIP TO ISRAEL - SMILE AND NOD



I recently took a trip to Israel and made a side trip to Petra, which is in Jordan. Israel maintains a strained but peaceful treaty with Jordan. While leaving Israel and entering Jordan is a relatively simple matter of going through passport control and security when both leaving Israel and entering Jordan returning was far from a simple matter of showing your passport or visa and stating reasons why you were in Jordan.

Prior to the trip, when I was picked up by a private driver, she warned me that entering Israel may be a challenge. She advised me to simply **smile and nod** when faced with questioning from the security personnel and passport control on the Israeli side of the border. She warned that they may take your passport and disappear into a back room for up to 45 minutes. "Smile and nod," she added.

The process is: Given that I have metal in my body from various surgeries through the years, I always let security know. First questions are always "Where and when did you have the surgery?" At the Jordanian side of the border – First questions are always "Where and when did you have the surgery?" Then, "Why were you in Jordan?"; "How long was your stay in Jordan?"; "Did anyone give you anything to bring into Israel from Jordan?"

Walk across a "DMZ" of about 100 yards and go through Israeli security. From there to Israeli Passport Control. First questions are always "Where and when did you have the surgery?" then "Why were you in Jordan?"; "How long was your stay in Jordan?"; "Did anyone give you anything to bring into Israel from Jordan?"

Fortunately, I wasn't challenged, but during all the repeated questioning I remembered the advice of just smile and nod. There were people who were ordered to sit on the side while their passports disappeared into back rooms.

The ordeal didn't stop there. The most southern city in Israel is Eilat. The city has a small airport. On my last day in Israel, I had to travel from Eilat to Tel Aviv for a connecting flight to the States and home. At the Eilat airport, I again let them know about the surgeries. "Where and when did you have the surgery?" then "Why were you in Jordan?"; "How long was your stay in Jordan?"; "Did anyone give you anything to bring into Israel from Jordan?"

My passport disappears into a back room and a security supervisor reappears with it 15 minutes later. "Where and when did you have the surgery?" then "Why were you in Jordan?"; "How long was your stay in Jordan?"; "Did anyone give you anything to bring into Israel from Jordan?"

I finally make the flight and we're off to Tel Aviv. After negotiating my way to the Delta International Gate and going through security, once again, it was "Where and when did you have the surgery?"; then "Why were you in Jordan?"; "How long was your stay in Jordan?"; "Did anyone give you anything to bring back from Jordan?"

Finally I was on the plane and an 11-hour flight to JFK in New York. I wanted to kiss the ground and thank God I'm back in my own country and have put all the security issues behind me. As I leave the International Terminal to go to the Domestic Terminal, I went through security and U.S. Passport Control. "Where and when did you have the surgery?" then "Why were you in Jordan?"; "How long was your stay in Jordan?"; "Did anyone give you anything to bring back from Jordan?"

As I made my way to the Domestic Terminals, I thought "surely this is all behind me and it's smooth sailing to Atlanta". Foolish me.

At Domestic Security it was like a broken record: "Where and when did you have the surgery?" then "Why were you in Jordan?"; "How long was your stay in Jordan?"; "Did anyone give you anything to bring back from Jordan?"

I so wanted to say there are thousands crossing illegally every day on our southern border and I can't even get into my own country.

Israel has border walls or fences all along the width and breadth of the country. As you can see, they take security seriously. All nations bordering Israel except one are enemies of Israel. It is a lesson for our leaders to learn.

While those entering the United States are not coming from enemy nations, there is still a real concern that we **MUST** know who is entering our nation. It seems to be an inconsistency that while a documented citizen must go through all the necessary scrutiny to return from a foreign nation, an undocumented alien only needs to show up at our border, and there are those in Congress who feel questioning them is not required or needed.

It was a trip of a lifetime. I fully intend to return. When I do, I know that there is a key phrase that must always be kept in mind everywhere: "Smile and nod".

THIS AND THAT

POLITICAL JOTTINGS AND DOTTINGS. Since last month's newsletter, the U.S. Senate on September 26 confirmed attorney **Eugene Scalia** – the son of the late **Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia** – as Labor Secretary, succeeding **Alex Acosta**, who resigned in July amid outcry over an earlier plea deal for financier and convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein, who committed suicide in prison in August. At the time of the plea deal, Acosta was serving as U.S. Attorney for Southern Florida....The Senate also confirmed business executive **Ryan McCarthy** as Secretary of the Army; businesswoman

Lana Marks as U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of South Africa; and the following Career Foreign Service Officers as Ambassadors: **John Carwile** to Latvia, **Erin McKee** to Papua New Guinea, **Anthony Godfrey** to Serbia, and **Herro Mustafa** to Bulgaria....On September 24, the Senate confirmed businessman **Joseph Cella** as U.S. Ambassador to Fiji....And on September 17, confirmed U.S. Ambassadors were entrepreneur **Kenneth Howery** to Sweden and businessman **John Rakolta** to the United Arab Emirates.

U.S. SUPREME COURT. On October 7, the U.S. Supreme



Court began its traditional First Monday in October opening of its fall session, announcing several cases it will hear during the current term, including June Medical Services v. Gee, a Louisiana case that requires doctors performing abortion

privileges at a nearby hospital; and President Trump's 2017 decision to terminate the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, an executive order undoing one by former President Barack Obama that delayed any enforcement against those brought to the U.S. illegally as children ("Dreamers"). Arguments that the high court heard during its first week included Harris Funeral Homes, Inc. v. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, involving the termination of a biological male employee who sought to identify as a woman; and cases involving employees fired due to their sexual orientation. Justices have given Trump three significant temporary victories recently, including the go-ahead to his denial of asylum to Central Americans traveling through Mexico; agreeing that immigrants with criminal records could be held indefinitely; and allowing the President to divert military funds to construct a border wall. Final decisions on these and many other cases are expected in the spring, as the 2020 election cycle intensifies.

EDWIN MEESE III. President Trump on October 8



presented the Presidential Medal of Freedom – the nation's highest civilian honor – to **Edwin Meese III**, who served as U.S. Attorney General under **President Ronald Reagan** and has served at the Heritage Foundation for a

quarter-century as the Ronald Reagan Distinguished Fellow Emeritus. He also is the namesake of Heritage's Meese Center for Legal and Judicial Studies. During the White House ceremony, Meese said in accepting the honor that "throughout my life and career, my aim has been to remain committed to the Constitution, the rule of law and the conservative American values that have made America 'the shining city upon a hill.'" A White House statement said Meese "has long been a thought leader and strong conservative voice on

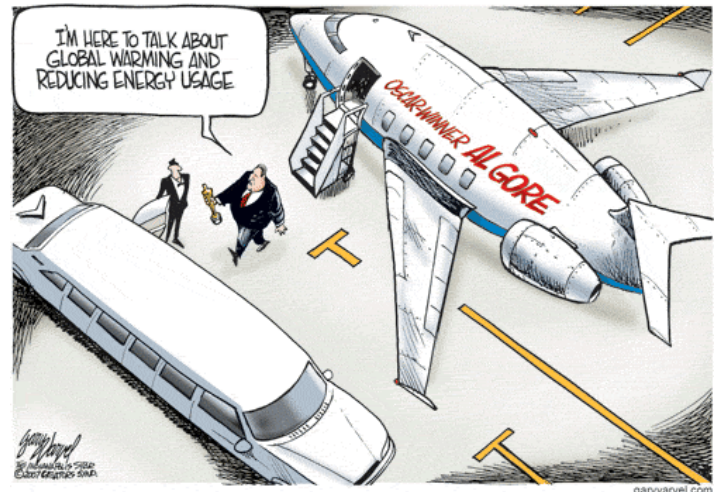
matters of law and policy...As Attorney General, he promoted Federalism and the original public understanding of our Constitution."

DOROTHY HUKILL LEGACY. On October 2 – the one-

year anniversary of **Florida State Senator Dorothy Hukill** succumbing to cancer – her family and friends announced creation of the Dorothy L. Hukill Foundation, to help Florida students achieve their higher education dreams. Hukill's son, Jonathan, said the non-profit organization will start by offering scholarships and grants to deserving students, helping with everything from providing assistance for college entrance exams to mentoring, internship prospects, and community service opportunities. This could be represented in a variety of ways, such as students' commitments to public affairs, political science, teaching, military service, social work, and other public service education. Hukill's 14-year legislative career began in 2004 as a member of the House, where she served for eight years before being elected to the Senate. Much of her policy focus was on education issues, which included chairing the Senate Education Committee during her final years in the chamber. Previously, she served people through Ponce Inlet Town Hall, Port Orange City Hall, and as a lawyer and a teacher. People interested in supporting the foundation are being asked to email hukillforever@gmail.com or reach out on Facebook.



CLIMATE HYPOCRITE AWARDS. Coinciding with Global Climate Week the end of September, **Oklahoma Senator Jim Inhofe** announced that First Place in the Climate Hypocrite Award competition goes to former Vice President Al Gore, who beat out New York Congresswoman Alexandria



Ocasio-Cortez, who finished in Second Place. "It is easy to get swept up in the rhetoric of climate alarmists, but it's important to remember the facts," Inhofe said. "Climate alarmists are eager to tell Americans that they need to take radical action, including going vegan, ending air travel, not having children and eliminating fossil fuels and nuclear energy, but they aren't willing to back up their data or take the actions they prescribe to everyone else." Discussing Gore's

“victory,” Inhofe said he “has earned the grand prize of America’s greatest climate hypocrite. Whether it’s Gore’s chartered jets around the country or the fact his home uses up to 34 times more energy than the average American household, he’s never wavered in his calls for everyone else to, ‘...make [environmental] changes in their own lives.’ The actual ‘Inconvenient Truth’ is his hypocrisy – it is beyond absurd but typical of Hollywood elites.” Speaking of AOC, Inhofe said she is “well known for bad ideas but also for climate hypocrisy. Despite claiming, ‘The world is going to end in 12 years if we don’t address climate change’, she



doesn’t seem to have any problem frequently utilizing rideshare apps or airfare over ‘eco-friendly’ public transit and walking. Her radical Green New Deal would put countless Americans out of work – it would end America as we know it – but AOC doesn’t think twice about living lavishly in her luxury apartment building, taking a car one mile to work, and believing her \$174,000 taxpayer-funded salary should be higher.”

AIR FORCE HERO. Enroute to a ceremony honoring him



as one of 12 U.S. Airmen of the Year, **Technical Sergeant Kenneth O'Brien**, a native of Bunker Hill, Indiana, had the opportunity to perform yet another heroic deed. O'Brien was being honored at the Air Force Association’s Space and Cyber Conference in National Harbor, Maryland, for 1) in Thailand, helping to free the Thai soccer team that got stranded in a cave last year by being the first person to make contact with the trapped survivors; 2) in South Korea, rescuing a person from a burning vehicle; and 3) also in Korea, serving on President Trump’s security detail during his summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. It was on his plane enroute from Asia to the U.S. that incident number four occurred – a passenger’s baby started choking, and O'Brien successfully performed CPR to clear the breathing passage, saving the baby’s life. The commander of the 320th Special Tactics Squadron, Lieutenant Colonel Charles Hodges, said of O'Brien: “He continues to step up when there is a need for leadership and action. This incident demonstrates without a doubt that O'Brien epitomizes the Air Force’s core values and rightly deserves the honor and selection as one of the Air Force’s 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year.”



BREVARD FEDERATED REPUBLICAN WOMEN. Gold Star Father **Billy Vaughn** told the Brevard Federated Republican Women meeting in Viera on October 14 that he and his family created Operation 300 in 2012 to

honor his son, **Navy Seal Aaron Carson Vaughn**, who was one of 30 members of the U.S. military to lose their lives in a 2011 helicopter crash in Afghanistan while on a mission that to this day remains unexplained by the U.S. government. Vaughn said Operation 300, a charitable organization, brings several dozen children of fallen military heroes from throughout the United States to a weekend adventure camp in Martin County, Florida, seven times a year. Children ages 6-18 are included, and some of them return more than once. The all-expense paid trip also includes the widowed mothers of the children, who are put up at a local hotel. Meanwhile, Vaughn said, the children are led by mentors and chaperones who fish, swim, camp and shoot archery with them. “Our mission is to provide mentorship to children of the fallen, honor the sacrifice of those who’ve given their all for our freedom, and promote patriotism and service in our communities,” he said. Asked if girls are able to participate as well as boys, Vaughn asked back with a smile: “Have you ever been able to tell a young girl she cannot do something?” Vaughn said his son was extremely fearless and was prepared to do what needed to be done in life. He said that legacy inspired the creation of Operation 300, the name of which was based on the 480 B.C. Battle of Thermopylae, at which 300 Spartans battled against an invading army of more than 300,000 Persians. For more information, visit the website: www.op300.org.



ACT! FOR AMERICA SPACE COAST CHAPTER.



Native New Zealand author, filmmaker and public speaker **Trevor Loudon** – who now lives in Florida and is on track to become an American citizen – implored members of the Space Coast Chapter of ACT! For America on October 10 that they must do “everything in their

power they can to save America in 2020” by helping President Trump get re-elected. The 2016 election, he said, was “a stay of execution for the United States,” and it is the world’s “frontline for freedom.” Loudon said what is commonly regarded as mainstream political policy “is in fact driven and guided by hidden subversive elements.” He has researched radical left, Marxist and terrorist movements and their covert influence on mainstream politics for more than 30 years. Speaking of the Democrat Party – which is no longer the party of Presidents Harry Truman and John F. Kennedy – he said it now consists of “defunding the U.S. military, Obamacare, the Iran Nuclear Deal, normalization of relations with Cuba, Islamic refugee re-settlement, \$15 minimum wage, fracking bans, pipeline shutdowns and the push for



illegal alien amnesty.” These are all consistent, he said, “with far-left and Islamist agendas.” Loudon said he believes these forces “must be exposed and countered, as America’s continued role as a bastion of freedom is pivotal for the future of western civilization.” He added that the Democrats thrive on “division and misery,” and if they lose this next election, “they will be out of power for years.” Implying that more than 100 communist sympathizers are currently in Congress, Loudon said just one of the driving forces behind the effort to bring Marxism to that body is a man named Steve Phillips, who is the founder of Democracy in Color, a political organization dedicated to race, politics and the multicultural progressive New American Majority. Calling Phillips “Barak Hussein Obama’s guru,” Loudon said he also actively supports Democrat presidential candidates Julian Castro, Corey Booker and Kamala Harris, as well as unsuccessful gubernatorial candidates Andrew Gillum in Florida and Stacy Abrams in Georgia. But referring to the Left’s move as its “Tet offensive,” its “last gasp,” Loudon said, “We have to call their bluff. So we have a choice – fight for our country or sit back and hope President Trump can win it.” But, he added, “it is within our grasp.”

REPUBLICAN LIBERTY CAUCUS OF CENTRAL EAST FLORIDA. Brevard County Clerk of Courts **Scott Ellis**, no fan of the state’s use of absentee ballots in elections,



told the Republican Liberty Caucus of Central East Florida on October 7 that such ballots “are killing us.” He decried the fact that any citizen can request an absentee ballot for any reason, and once he or she does, one is automatically sent to the person for every election for eight years. The

opportunity for fraud exists, he said, when people who may not vote at all are contacted at their front door and urged to fill out the ballots for the candidates of the door knocker’s choice. When he was in the Air Force years ago and stationed away from home, Ellis said, he had to request such a ballot each time and had to explain why he was away from home. “We will go from being a nation of pioneers to a dependent nation if we lose the White House and the Senate in 2020,” he added, and he urged the members to tell their kids and grandkids that if they vote in Socialists, they will face



years of tyranny. It would be like France in 1789 and Russia in 1917, he said. Discussing the controversy over the Brevard County Commissioners agreeing to exceed the voter-supported tax cap in the next budget for the Sheriff’s Office, Ellis said he wants to litigate the matter – not because of the extra amount of revenue, but because the Commission made the increase annually for the next ten years. Any increase should be justified each individual year, he said. Ellis also talked about the court case of his predecessor, Mitch Needelman, who was found guilty of bribery, bid tampering and official misconduct in 2017, but whose conviction was

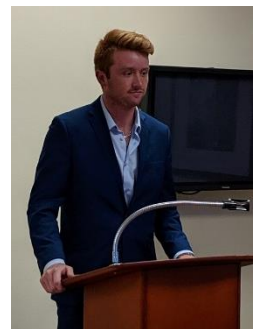
overturned due to jury misconduct. The State Attorney’s Office is preparing to retry the case, and Ellis said he expected a new trial to take place next Spring.

HERITAGE ISLE REPUBLICAN CLUB. Warning



members of the Heritage Isle Republican Club on October 3 of the dangers of more than 50 years of creeping Socialism in our country, **Mark Hutchins**, Vice Chair of the Brevard Republican Executive Committee, said the problem includes the insidious indoctrination of the youth in our schools and universities, and the infiltration of the Socialist

agenda in our media, entertainment, music, news, marketing, and even our businesses. “This started with the Christian Bible being removed from the schools,” he said. “This was necessary to begin the phase in of the Atheistic doctrine of Socialism. This is what you have to understand. The core of the doctrine of Socialism is anti-God, Anti-Christian. Make no mistake, Socialism is a “religion” and its converts are very devoted.” Hutchins said the individual is the preeminent power within God’s guidance, yet the Socialist does not believe the individual has that God-given right. This, he said, is where all of the political correctness we have in our country originates, and “This is where government programs that want to control every aspect of our lives come from.” Hutchins added that we have to educate ourselves on the Constitution, the writings of our founders, so that when the Socialist agenda is injected into our laws and society, that we recognize these incremental moves of the enemies. “We have in this country faced many dangerous times, he said, “but this time it is coming from the inside and that is what makes it so very dangerous.” If we don’t act now, if we don’t stand up now, he said, “our very near future will turn down a path that none of us want.” Noting that we have been “given a reprieve with the election of Donald Trump,” Hutchins said this is by no means a permanent fix, but, “He has ripped the mask off and now we see the enemies of the Republic for who they are. Now is the time to stand.” Hutchins also spoke of the importance of Republican candidates winning the non-partisan municipal races in the 2019 election. While the election does not involve residents of Heritage Isle, he still urged them to stress to friends or relatives living in those municipalities to vote for those candidates, because “Democrats want Florida, and Brevard County in particular, to flip from red to blue.” Following Hutchins’ remarks, the new Republican Party of Florida field organizer in Brevard, **Dean Faulkenberry**, said the focus now is on voter registration – signing new voters and encouraging independents and Democrats to switch to Republican – and that will be followed by having volunteers knock on doors and wave signs at busy intersections. He also said he is focusing on getting support from members of college Republican clubs.



Establishing such clubs in high schools is difficult, he said, because administrators insist faculty members must be willing to sponsor them. Faulkenberry also said it is important for Republicans to use social media as a way to reach potential voters.

TRUMP CLUB OF BREVARD. District 3 Commissioner John Tobia



– who is often the only “no” vote on the five - member all-Republican Brevard County Commission – on October 2 discussed with the Trump Club of Brevard some of the issues on their agenda. Unanimous 5-0 votes that he did sponsor last year, Tobia said, were on measures to allow law-abiding citizens to carry weapons on government property, and for businesses that receive taxpayer funding assure that the E-

verify program be used to confirm their employees are U.S. citizens. Not a fan of taxpayer funding being used to support Community Redevelopment Agencies, Tobia said he is happy when these long-term projects expire and are not renewed. He also opposed use of taxpayer funding for charitable organizations, saying this is the “wrong way” to appropriate monies, which only should be used for critical projects. He added, however, that these uses of taxpayer funding are slowly being eliminated. Topics upcoming for County Commission consideration are language to keep sex offenders away from businesses in the county that cater to children; placing on voters’ ballots a definition that critical needs only be valid for one budget cycle; and that wording be placed on the ballot that a supermajority vote be necessary to raise taxes....**Rick Lacey**, Chairman of the Brevard Republican Executive Committee, said that volunteers who wish to participate in the Breast Cancer Awareness Walk in Viera on October 26 will be given special t-shirts to wear, and that the Republican Club of Florida Statesman Dinner hosted by **Florida Governor Ron DeSantis** will be held at Disney World on November 9. He added that a phone bank set up at BREC headquarters in Melbourne is being used to call residents in the municipalities that will hold city elections on November 5....**Shane Norcross**, a candidate for the non-partisan Rockledge City Council, asked for support for his campaign, even if the members do not live in his district.

LET’S EAT BABIES. When New York Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez held a town hall meeting in Corona, Queens earlier this month to listen to and discuss issues with her constituents, one woman got up and praised AOC for her support of the Green New Deal, but then said that was not going far enough. She suggested that we need to “start eating babies” to solve the climate change issue. “We only have a few months left,” she said. “We don’t have enough time! We have to get rid of the babies! We need to eat the babies!” Wow. But later, a political satire group, the LaRouche Cult, took credit for the stunt, saying that they were referencing an 18th century Jonathan Swift work – “A Modest Proposal” – that said the Irish should eat their babies to

combat famine. After AOC learned this, she labeled the woman a “Trump supporter.” It figures.

AUDACITY AND IDIOCY

--Leftist teachers from three elementary schools in “Sanctuary City” San Francisco, for taking children – some as young as five years old – to march in a “Close the Camps” protest, and coaching them to chant: “Who do we hate? Donald Trump.” BOTH Audacious AND Idiotic.

--Leftwing actor Mark Hamill, the original “Luke Skywalker” in “Star Wars,” for vulgarly criticizing Ivanka Trump in a social media post for “daring” to dress her three-year-old son Theodore in a Star Wars Stormtrooper costume. Who’s the three-year-old here?

--Another Hollywood leftie –Leonardo DiCaprio – for promoting his climate change cause at New York’s Global Citizen Festival, while blasting President Trump for pulling out of the Paris Climate Change Accords. Hypocrite DiCaprio then left the event and boarded his private jet.

--The New York City Commission on Human Rights, for bizarrely determining that anyone in the city who uses the term “illegal alien” will be fined as high as a quarter-of-a-million-dollars. It’s the commission’s latest attempt to fight “discrimination” and was expected to face a quick court challenge based on the First Amendment. U.S. law long has used the term “illegal alien” to refer to anyone not lawfully present in the country. What’s the fine for calling the members of the Human Rights Commission “morons”?

--The Philadelphia Mayor and City Council, for keeping mum about a video made of Muslim children at the city’s Muslim American Society Islamic Center, singing about and celebrating violent Jihad, performing anti-Semitic skits, and songs such as “We will chop off their heads...we will lead the army of Allah, fulfilling his promise.” And this in the “City of Brotherly Love.”

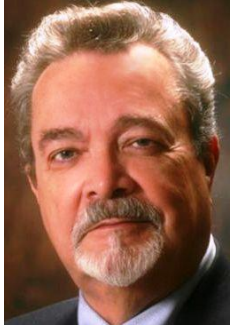
--City officials in Portland, Oregon, for the asinine decision – and spending many millions of dollars doing so – to remodel men’s restrooms in public buildings by doing away with all urinals, in order to “respect shared values” for anyone wishing to use the facilities.

--The National Football League, for yet another act of idiocy in fining New Orleans Saints linebacker Demario Davis more than \$7,000 (to be doubled if repeated) for wearing a headband under his football helmet that it says “violated” the NFL’s “personal message” policy. What caused the outcry? Davis, a devout Christian, wore the slogan “Man of God.”

EXPERTS’ EXCERPTS

Retired **U.S. Ambassador Stan Escudero**, speaking on the subject “AMERICA - A SECULAR REFLECTION OF THE DIVINE, UNDER THREAT,” to the Ronald Reagan Clubs meeting in Suntree, Florida:

“Few Americans have ever heard of Antonio Gramsci. That’s understandable. He died in 1937, having been an influential but somewhat obscure European Marxist theoretician. His views can be summed up as ‘socialist cultural hegemony’ and, without acknowledging his authorship, we see them reflected today in our educational system, in Hollywood, the media and the Democrat Party. This poses a life-or-death challenge to the philosophic foundations of the United States. Our Founding Fathers based the Declaration of Independence on divine principles given to humankind by our Creator – by God.... The Constitution can be changed by amendment, but the



divine principles laid out in the Declaration of Independence and which undergird the Constitution, cannot. The result of their application of divine principles to secular political realities is the strongest, most free, wealthiest and generally most successful nation in the history of the world. But the principled foundation of our country has been under siege for a long time.... Beginning in the mid-Nineteenth Century, Karl Marx and his successors confidently proclaimed that there is no God. This would negate all of the divinely inspired principles which underlie our Constitution and, without which, our nation or any nation would fall into individualistic chaos and anarchy....For the American socialist true believer, the problem thus becomes - how to transform a society which developed on the basis of divine principle into one which rejects the Divine and embraces the state. And that brings me back to Antonio Gramsci. We are seeing the institutionalization of Gramsci’s views in American culture today. Beginning in the late 1950’s and accelerated throughout the next several decades, the Marxist Left in America departed from Soviet interpretations of Marxism and shifted toward racism, the anti-war movement, identity politics and social justice as mechanisms for the manipulation of culture away from traditional American norms. In 1964-65, the Democrat Party, traditionally resistant to improvement in the status of African-Americans, shifted to provision of massive welfare benefits directed toward African-Americans and other minorities. At the same time, they changed our immigration law to encourage entry of larger numbers of impoverished and poorly educated persons likely to become dependent upon Democrat-originated welfare programs and cheap wages paid by businessmen who donate heavily to the Dems...The Democrats consciously sought out other identifiable groups who could be convinced that they are ‘victimized’ by American society and culture and that the route to enhanced status and perhaps revenge leads through the Dem Party. During this same period our colleges and universities, largely as a result of resistance to the Vietnam War and reaction to Watergate, began also to reject traditional American values and culture in favor of the Left. Leftist agitators found fertile ground in the fields of academe, advanced from students to faculty, began calling themselves ‘activists’ and directing the minds of students in ways that Gramsci would have applauded. Today we have reached the point on many campuses where faculty and students see

themselves as both victims and the vanguard of the victimized, where America is rejected and socialism is the norm, and where students must be protected from exposure to traditional American values and culture lest their pure understanding of a socialist world somehow be tainted....As journalism has morphed more and more into entertainment, the leftwing plague which has so corrupted Hollywood has infected the media as well. The so-called ‘Mainstream Media’ is largely a Far Left propaganda organ.... The election of Donald Trump was the reaction of traditional Americans in support of the principles which have for so long guided our nation forward and the impact of those principles on their daily lives. The so-called ‘resistance’ is the reaction of the socialist left to any reversal of any part of the leftward shift which they have gradually engineered over the past sixty or more years....As the country approaches the 2020 presidential contest, the Democrat Party continues its dramatic leftward thrust which was accelerated under the neo-Marxist Barack Obama. Almost two dozen self-proclaimed socialists stood as Democrats in their 2018 party primaries. The rising leaders within the Party (The so-called ‘Squad’) all share adherence to a worldview so far to the left that they would have been denounced as traitors only a few years ago.... Return to power of the now largely socialist Democrat Party would pretty much complete the destruction of our sublime combination of the spiritual and the secular and its replacement by a flawed utopian scheme which will assure a future of misery. But maybe we can avoid that. The first step in avoidance of this grim future has already been taken – the election of Donald Trump as President. His policies have already exceeded expectations and have returned America to a position of economic and military strength at home and abroad while resurrecting our country’s traditional values....But these hopeful developments cannot continue if the voters do not re-elect President Trump and send a much larger number of conservative Republican supporters of our President to the House and Senate in 2020....And we need to continue conservative governance of our country while maximizing conservative voices at state and local levels in 2024 and thereafter. The road ahead is long, hard and fraught with danger. But now is our moment to regain America. There may never be another.”

Republican Liberty Caucus National Chairman Matt Nye, writing on Libertarians Achieving the most within the Republican Party at www.cato-unbound.org:



“For humans to survive and thrive, they must acknowledge reality, and their place in it, before they can determine and act on the things necessary to improve their condition. Likewise, in politics, we as lovers and defenders of liberty must acknowledge the facts before we can effect change. One of those facts is this: the system is rigged in favor of

two parties. In closed-primary states like Florida, being registered third-party leaves you voiceless in the primary, and

in my own Republican-dominated county, the primary is the ballgame. You might not like it – I know I don't – but it is a fact of reality. I'm not condoning it, or saying it is right, only that it is so. The electorate isn't kind to third parties. The fact is, elected 'big L' Libertarians are very rare birds, especially when you get into state and federal offices...Herein lie the second and third problems (facts): lazy voters and math. Most partisan voters vote their party affiliation straight down the ballot. In most places there are more combined Republican and Democrat voters than non-partisan voters. This makes it very hard, even impossible, to capture the majority if you're running third party in the general election. In addition to the lazy voter and math problems, the Libertarian Party brand has been badly tainted during the last few cycles....By putting forth the Johnson/Weld ticket in 2016, the Libertarian Party made clear it had lost its way ideologically, and for the first time that I can remember in my lifetime, defended candidates based on their ability to fund-raise and their 'electability.' Johnson failed the quintessential libertarian personal liberty test by insisting bakers should be forced to bake cakes for gay couples. Weld was a proven big government gun-grabber during his tenure as governor of Massachusetts, and when stumping seemed to have more in common with Hillary Clinton than with classical libertarian ideals. The Libertarian Party I remember reading about when I was in high school wouldn't have let these two into a convention, much less put them on a presidential ticket. I'm not saying the Republican Party doesn't have its issues. For a party that has traditionally proclaimed itself to be for less government, lower taxes, and more personal freedom, its record of delivering on said promises is spotty at best. Compromise on basic principles, cheating, cronyism, and outright corruption can be found at almost every level of the party. Those in power pull out all the stops to retain it.... You can count on the fingers of both hands the number of Republican members of Congress that hold fast to the Constitution. But look at the impact they have on the party and the national dialogue writ large! Imagine a half-dozen Rand Pauls in the Senate, or a few dozen Justin Amashes and Thomas Massies in the House. This is why I choose to work within the Republican Party. Not because I'm 'compromising' or 'selling out' as I'm so often accused of doing by Libertarian Party members, but because I'm playing the hand I was dealt; and that hand, if played correctly, could result in a real jackpot someday....While I don't begrudge those liberty lovers who choose to pursue their political goals through the Libertarian Party, I do believe them mistaken by ignoring the facts of reality. The facts are, pursuing the third-party approach has resulted in minimal influence on public policy at best, and nothing but electoral losses at the state and federal levels for almost 50 years."



Heritage Foundation Senior Legal Fellow Hans von Spakovsky, writing on how the impeachment process works, for Fox News:

"What exactly is impeachment? And how hard would it be to impeach the president and actually remove him from

office? The average American understandably isn't an expert on impeachment. Only two presidents have been impeached by the House – Andrew Johnson in 1868 and Bill Clinton in 1999. But neither man lost his job. Impeachment is complicated and takes time. Parliamentary democracies can quickly remove a prime minister when a majority of lawmakers cast a vote of no-confidence in the leader. But in the U.S., the impeachment process is a much tougher task to accomplish....As outlined in The Heritage Foundation's 'Guide to the Constitution,' impeachment is the process set out in Article II, Section 4 of the Constitution for Congress to remove from office the president, vice president, and 'all civil Officers of the United States' for 'Treason, Bribery, or other high Crimes and Misdemeanors.' There is also a second process that applies only to the president. The 25th Amendment provides for the temporary transfer of the powers of the presidency to the vice president if a president is unable to discharge the duties of his office, such as due to a physical or other disability....Only the House can pass a resolution of impeachment alleging that a president has committed 'high Crimes and misdemeanors.' Such a resolution, which requires only a simple majority vote, is similar to a criminal indictment by a grand jury – it is an unproven list of charges that a president has engaged in actions that warrant his impeachment. If the House passes such an impeachment resolution, then the process moves to the Senate. Under Article I, Section 3 of the Constitution, the Senate has the 'sole Power to try all impeachments.' The Senate, in essence, becomes a trial court with all of the senators sitting as the judge and jury. Based on historic practice, members of the House can act as prosecutors. It is important to note, however, that it is entirely up to the Senate to decide whether to hold a trial. There is no obligation under the Constitution to do so. This means that even if the Democratic majority in the House votes to impeach Trump, the Republican majority in the Senate could decide to not even consider removing him from office....If the Senate decides to hold an impeachment trial, the Constitution says the chief justice of the Supreme Court shall preside over the proceeding. It takes a vote of 'two-thirds of the Members present' in the Senate to convict any federal officer subject to an impeachment charge, including the president. The two-thirds vote to convict means that 67 votes are needed in the 100-member Senate to remove the president and other federal officers from office. That is a very high hurdle that's probably impossible to leap over in the case of Trump.... The most important point to understand about impeachment is that it is not a legal proceeding like a federal criminal prosecution. And none of the formal procedural or evidentiary rules that apply to both criminal and civil trials in the federal courts are applicable in an impeachment trial.... Impeachment is primarily a political process. If a majority of Americans do not believe that the impeachment of a president is warranted because no actual wrongdoing has occurred (or the public believes that the alleged wrongdoing is not sufficiently serious to warrant removal from office), there seems little doubt that members of Congress pushing impeachment will be unsuccessful and may suffer damaging political consequences at the ballot box. Members of Congress should be wary of abusing the impeachment

authority in such a manner, because it could imperil the stability of our constitutional structure by removing a duly elected president. Whether you are a Republican or Democrat, and whether you support or oppose Trump, you should oppose making impeachment a frequently used move against presidents of the United States. Someday, a president you think is doing a great job could be targeted.”

Rabbi Aryeh Spero, president of Caucus for America, writing on American Jews Need to Atone for Their Sins Against the President, at www.americanthinker.com:



“America has seen many presidents who have been good to Israel and the Jewish people. None has been better than Donald Trump. Beyond doubt, he has done unmatched and extraordinary things for Israel and has publicly spoken against anti-Semitism in the United Nations and repeatedly during his State of the

Union addresses.... Yet the establishment Jewish organizations and temples have too often falsely maligned him, and liberal American Jewry (about 70% of American Jewry) have been his most vocal critics. Actually, they are in the forefront against him, as often seen on television, in articles, and in speeches from non-orthodox rabbis on the pulpit. Even among regular liberal Jews, the railing against Mr. Trump is incessant, hysterical, mean, and full of hate. All of this constitutes gross, unprecedented ingratitude. Jewish Tradition frowns on ingratitude, indeed calls it a sin.... Adam Schiff: For the sin of bearing false witness, excessive lying, deceit, and tale-bearing against President Trump. Chuck Schumer: For the sin of raging ambition, forked tongue, and "standing idly by while the blood of your brothers" is spilt in Brooklyn and while Israel remains threatened by an Obama Iran deal you refused to fight against. Jerrold Nadler: For the sin of revenge, deceit, and falsehood against President Trump. Eliot Engel: For the sin of allowing an enemy of your people, Ilhan Omar, to remain seated and powerful on your House Foreign Affairs Committee. Richard Blumenthal: For the sin of sky-high arrogance, bullying, and using the law for injustice, and the sin of seeking to defame and destroy Brett Kavanaugh, an innocent man....Dianne Feinstein: For the sin of deceit and lying in trying to destroy Justice Kavanaugh, and the sin of trying to publicly humiliate Israel's prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu. Nita Lowey: For the sin of remaining silent while Rashida Tlaib, Ilhan Omar, and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez malign Israel and the Jewish people.... Bernie Sanders: For the sin of trying to impoverish and take away liberty from the American people in behalf of an imposed socialism/communism. And the sin of constant anger and economic hypocrisy. For the sin of being the first candidate for president to formally demonize Israel, hold high the banner of those wishing to destroy Israeli Jews, and make "kosher" anti-Israel bias. After all, it must be okay if a Jew like Bernie makes it part of his platform. For the sin of distorting history.... Hopefully, God will transform the darkness residing in their hearts, the toxin of TDS (Trump Derangement Syndrome), and they will be cleansed and spare

Mr. Trump, and the country, further abuse. Hopefully, some of Trump's detractors will leave the herd and join the almost 30% of American Jewry and over 70% of Israelis who enthusiastically see in President Trump a uniquely courageous force for innovation and good as well as the best hope to save Western civilization.”

THOUGHTS TO PONDER

“It’s been more than 20 years since the United States last went through impeachment proceedings, and that must have Washington Democrats feeling nostalgic. After all, quite a few of them from back then are still in Congress and are on the record stating how damaging impeachment is for the country. (Earlier Democrat quotes: Nancy Pelosi: ‘It’s about a punishment searching for a crime that doesn’t exist.’ Chuck Schumer: ‘My fear is that when a Republican wins the White House, Democrats will demand payback.’ Jerry Nadler: ‘An impeachment of a president is an undoing of a national election.’) We must be living in the Upside Down, because now Democrat leaders are changing their tune, just for the sake of politics. Their hypocrisy is a strange thing. Friends don’t lie. It’s time to stop putting the American public through this nightmare.”

--**Florida Congressman Bill Posey**

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"This is the reason you love Trump....This president, the point is, will not be intimidated. Whatever it is that upsets them, he doubles down on it, and gives 'em another dose of it while telling the truth.... But this is the stuff he does that just coalesces his support with his voters and his base. This is the stuff he does that they love. This is the pushback. This is the real guy who says what he really thinks unfiltered, that makes Trump so approachable and likable to so many people."

--Radio Talk Show Host **Rush Limbaugh**

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“The impeachment process was not placed in the Constitution so it could be used for crass, partisan gamesmanship, but was instead created to remedy serious misbehavior by federal officials. Members of Congress should be wary of abusing the impeachment authority in such a manner, because it could imperil the stability of our constitutional structure by removing a duly elected president.”

--Heritage Foundation senior legal fellow **Hans Von Spakovsky**

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“Our system of government is based on the Constitution, but that's not the system that runs this country. The Democrat's system is that any part of government that it runs gets total and unlimited power over the country. If the Democrats are in the White House, then the president can do anything. And I mean anything. He can have his own amnesty for illegal aliens. He can fine you for not having health insurance. He can use the IRS as his own police force and imprison citizens who speak against him.... His power is unlimited. He's a dictator. But when Republicans get into the White House,

suddenly the President can't do anything. He isn't even allowed to undo the illegal alien amnesty that his predecessor illegally invented. A Democrat in the White House has 'discretion' to completely decide every aspect of immigration policy. A Republican doesn't even have the 'discretion' to reverse him. That's how the game is played. That's how our country is run. Sad but true."

--Late head of the Department of Education at Eastern Michigan University **Dr. Jack Devere Minzey**

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"The impeachment talk in D.C. dominates the news so much, that liberal ice cream makers Ben & Jerry are launching a new flavor called Impeaches & Cream, and a famous classic rock band is renaming themselves The Impeach Boys....The only thing missing from having this called a real coup d'état is having the military changing the occupant of the White House at gunpoint instead of some partisan Democrats and co-conspirators in the press doing it with a bunch of crooked lawyers."

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

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"President Trump's criticism of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), and his insistence that the allies 'pay their fair share,' have received prominent play in the media. What has been forgotten is that American frustration with burden sharing within the alliance is a long-standing issue...In fact, the Trump administration's insistence that allies meet their commitments can be taken as a signal it does value the organization. Mr. Trump wants it to remain useful and relevant in a complex international security landscape."

--Retired **U.S. Army Colonel Deborah Hanagan**

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For some elected leaders in our country to ignore the rule of law and create a sanctuary that protects those who enter our country illegally is not only outrageous but in my opinion, is criminal and an immediate violation of the very oath they took to support, protect and defend our constitution. It's time to hold those accountable for those who create sanctuaries for criminals and it's time for Congress to stand with our federal law enforcement partners, instead of standing in the way of justice, and most importantly, in the way of protecting our citizens. Stop standing with criminals and start standing with heroic men and women who are putting their lives on the line every day to protect our citizens. Either become part of the solution or get out of the way."

--**Brevard County Sheriff Wayne Ivey**

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"At this point, I'm just assuming the left is fully aware that Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez is extremely ignorant, crazy, or both, because every time she opens her mouth or tweets something out, ridiculousness comes spewing forth like an exorcist scene. Take this tweet:... 'Mass incarceration is our American reality. It is a system whose logic evolved from the same lineage as Jim Crow, American

apartheid, and slavery. To end it, we have to change. That means we need to have a real conversation about decarceration and prison abolition in this country.'"

--"Red State" journalist **Brandon Morse**

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"Guns do not make you a killer. I think killing makes you a killer. You can kill someone with a baseball bat or a car, but no one is trying to ban you from driving to the ball game."

--The late television writer and broadcaster **Andy Rooney**

UPCOMING BREVARD COUNTY EVENTS

November 1 – Federated Republican Women in Action meeting, Memaw's BBQ, Palm Bay, 6:15pm

November 2 – Brevard Federated Republican Women Honor Our Veterans and Military Dinner, Hilton Rialto, Melbourne, 5 pm.

November 4 – Republican Liberty Caucus of Central East Florida meeting, Frog Bones' Double Tapp Grill, Melbourne, 7 pm.

November 6 – Trump Club of Brevard meeting, Tuscany Grill Restaurant, Suntree, 6 pm.

November 7 – Heritage Isle Republican Club meeting, One Senior Place, Viera, 9 am.

November 11 – The Space Coast Patriots meeting, Merritt Island Library, 6 pm.

November 13 – Brevard Republican Executive Committee meeting, Government Complex Building C, Viera, 7 pm.

November 14 – ACT! For America Space Coast Chapter meeting, Government Complex Building C, Viera, 6:30 pm.

November 18 – New Millennium Conservative Club meeting, Suntree-Viera Library, 6:30 pm.

November 19 – North Brevard Republican Club meeting, La Cita Country Club, Titusville, 7 pm.

November 21 – Space Coast Young Republicans meeting, Frog Bones' Double Tapp Grill, Melbourne, 6:30 pm

November 25 – Ronald Reagan Clubs meeting, Tuscany Grill Restaurant, Suntree, 7 pm.

November 27 – Space Coast Republican Club meeting, Red Lobster, Merritt Island, 11 am.

The Republican Women's Network of South Brevard will not meet in November.

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

While teams from the National Basketball Association were playing games in China – and league officials and executives kowtowed to Chinese treatment of the protesters in Hong Kong – one reader wrote that he believes the NBA stands for “No Backbone Anywhere.”

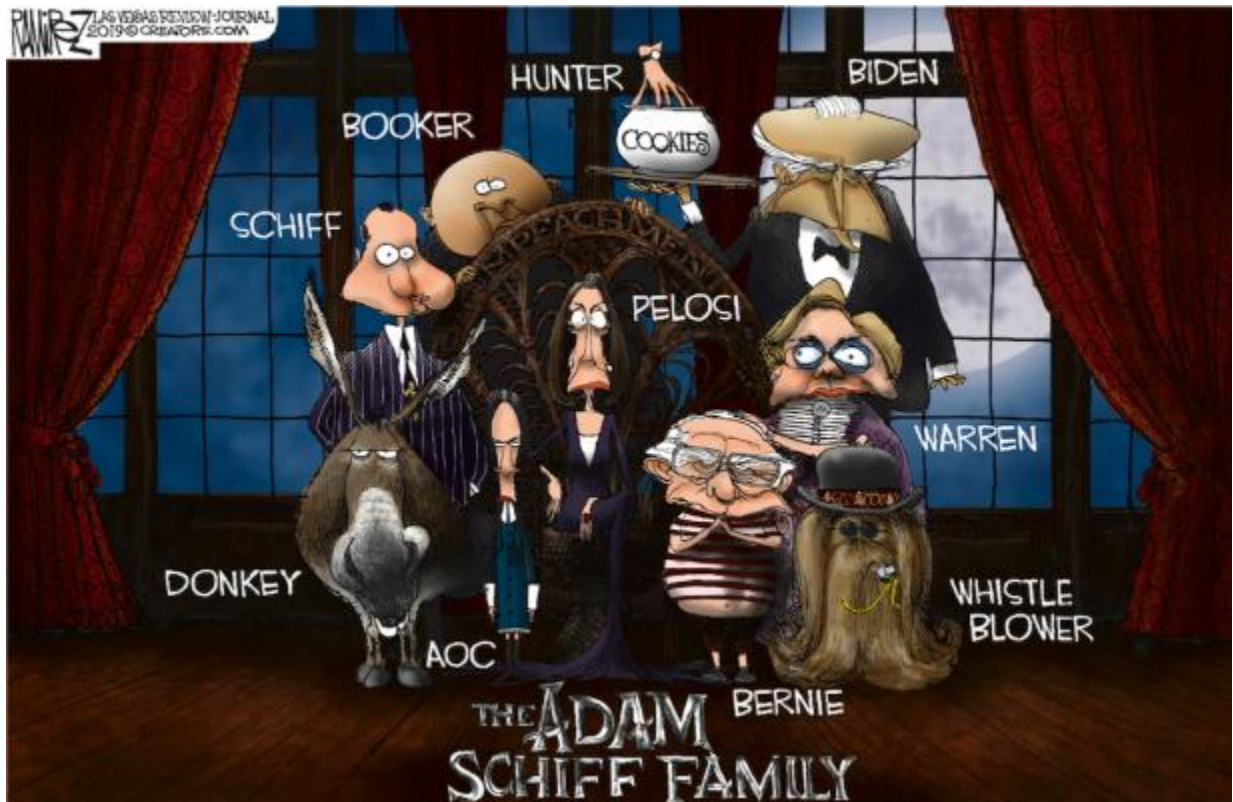
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On another issue, another reader wrote: “Men are from Mars, and Women are from Venus. All other made-up genders are from Uranus.”

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And on “National Coming Out Day,” a third reader wrote that he is an LGBT – favoring “Liberty, Guns, Bible and Trump.”

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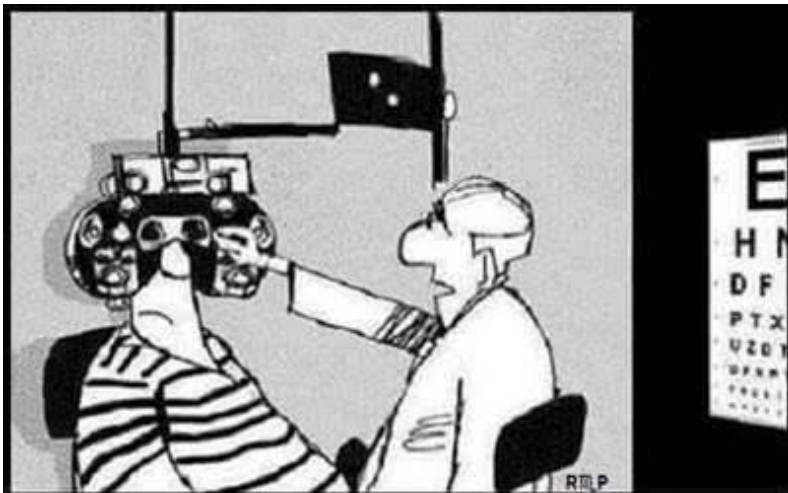


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PRETTY TIRED OF STUPID DEMOCRATS



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"Short sightedness, unable to focus, and blind to reality ... how long have you been a Democrat?"



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