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### CONGRESSMAN BILL POSEY ADDRESSES TRUMP CLUB OF BREVARD

#### FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK:

#### MY TWO CENTS

By Stuart Gorin

This month, the Editor reached another milestone – celebrating my 80<sup>th</sup> with family and friends, and receiving complementary treats from Starbucks and the Pizza Gallery. Not so from the Gecko. All he presented was an increased auto insurance premium. When I inquired why, the response from Gecko's customer service rep was an indifferent "because you are now older."

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Former First Daughter Chelsea Clinton, who claims to be "a deeply religious person," declared in a town hall meeting that it is "un-Christian" to oppose abortions. Wow. Does she regret that her mother chose not to have one?

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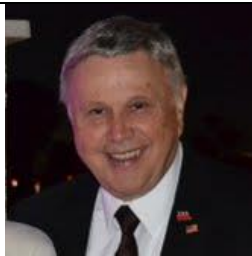
In the early days of Soviet Union terror, three-man committees known as troikas served in secret as judge-jury-and executioner. In the early days of the Trump Administration, Obama's officials James Comey of the FBI, James Clapper of National Intelligence and John Brennan of the CIA almost – but not quite – succeeded in forming their own troika.

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At press time, we still do not know the fate of Supreme Court nominee **Brett Kavanaugh**, the subject of a last-minute allegation of sexual misconduct more than 35 years ago by a leftist professor from California, who wrote a letter several months ago to her Senator. Diane Simestein (sorry, I meant Feinstein) didn't mention the letter during the confirmation hearings, but brought it up immediately before the scheduled vote. She even refused to show the letter to Republicans on the committee. Hopefully, all will be resolved so Kavanaugh can serve on the court. Stay tuned.

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More Two Cents next month.



By Space Coast Tusk Editor Stuart Gorin

**Florida 8<sup>th</sup> District Congressman Bill Posey** told attendees of the Trump Club of Brevard meeting in Viera on September 19 that as a member of the Congressional Freedom Caucus, he enjoys supporting the president because "he gets results."

The Trump Administration, Posey said, "is doing everything right," pointing to the highest pay increase for our troops in nine years, huge improvements in the economy, the lowest unemployment figures in 30 years, and elimination of many Obama-era presidential directives. "Trump is the first non-traditional president we've ever had," he said.



Noting that even though Republicans hold majorities in both Houses of Congress and occupy the White House, that does not mean we are in control, Posey said, because cloture rules in the Senate allow for 60 votes to pass a measure, and the Republican lead there is just by two votes.

Another problem Posey referenced was that for every law Congress does pass, unelected bureaucrats in the government account for ten others. These measures, he said, are reported in the thick Congressional Records that are published every day. Hardly any member of Congress reads them, and most discard them, but Posey said he decided to toss them in the corner of his office instead, and watch the pile grow. During the past four years, he said, the piles of Records totaled 70 linear feet.

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Posey said that since being sworn into office for the first time in 2009, his top priority has been to make Congress and Washington more accountable and transparent. It took him six years, but he was able to get Congress to pass a rule allowing members to have 72 hours to review legislation before voting on a measure.

He said his rule in Congress about passing “Too Big To Read” bills has been “If I can’t read it, my vote is NO.”

Concerning measures that change existing wording in a bill, it is next to impossible to understand what the actual changes are, Posey said, and he has been calling for a comparative print rule to show the changes separate from the original.

“They still are not doing that,” he said, but “this type of transparency will bring greater accountability to Washington.”

Eight years ago, Posey said, he co-sponsored and helped draft legislation to require an audit of the Federal Reserve. The bill was partially enacted into law, and he said he is now working with like-minded colleagues to get the rest of it approved.

A strong supporter of the space program, Posey said America must remain at the forefront of space research and exploration, especially to keep much-needed, high-paying jobs on the Space Coast and not cede the ultimate military high ground to Russia, China or anyone else. Congress did pass his Race to Space Act to eliminate red tape and ensure that the Department of Defense and commercial space launch companies can more efficiently launch at Cape Canaveral. For eight years, he said, there was no funding authorization for space, “and now it is back on track.”

Support of our veterans is another of Posey’s priorities, as he is a member of the House Military Veterans Caucus, and is engaged with a bipartisan coalition to ensure that the nation fulfills its commitments to those who have served in uniform.

“We have had strong, robust funding for our veterans, even during these tight budget times,” he said. “Veterans’ benefits are earned benefits.”

Discussing the Indian River Lagoon, which is being degraded by red tide and muck, Posey pointed out that the estuary is just one of 28 in the United States, and he lead a bipartisan effort in Congress to enhance research coordination across all levels of government to improve matters and to fund research, planning and restoration initiatives.

Posey closed his remarks urging Trump Club members to remain active in supporting Republican candidates in the general election, especially since the Democrats are going all out this time. “We need volunteers to wave signs, ring door bells, make phone calls, display yard signs, put bumper stickers on their cars, and write letters to the editor,” he said. Every election, somebody always says “this is the most important election ever.” This time – it’s true.

On August 25, Posey – who has a Democrat opponent on November 6 – opened his Brevard County campaign

headquarters at 1252 Sarno Road in Melbourne, with an ice cream social for his supporters – a sweet way to get them to sign the volunteer lists.

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## AUDACITY AND INHUMANITY

This month we “dishonor”:

--Former President Barack Obama, who used remarks delivered at the University of Illinois to attack Republican members of Congress, accusing them of embracing "wild conspiracy theories like those surrounding Benghazi." But it did not take long for former Army Ranger Kris Paronto, who was a private security contractor working at the CIA annex in Benghazi and who is credited with saving 20 people during the 2012 attack there, to write on Twitter: “Benghazi is a conspiracy @BarackObama?! How ‘bout we do this, let’s put your cowardly ass on the top of a roof with 6 of your buddies & shoot rpg’s & Ak47’s at you while terrorists lob 81mm mortars, killing 2 of your buddies, all while waiting for U.S. support that you never sent.” For criticizing the former president, Twitter suspended Paronto’s account, even though U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens was one of the four Americans killed during that “wild conspiracy theory.”

--One-time Republican Congressman, but now a turned-leftist MSNBC host, Joe Scarborough, for stating on the anniversary of 9/11, “Forget about knocking down buildings in the financial district, forget about running planes into the Pentagon – those are tragedies, but those tragedies bring us closer together....President Trump is tearing more at the fabric of America than attacks on the Twin Towers did, making him a far greater threat to the idea of America.”

--Portland, Oregon’s leftist Mayor and Police Bureau Commissioner Ted Wheeler, whose restrictive orders to the city’s police officers is to ignore calls for help from federal law enforcement personnel under attack.

--The staff of left-wing Texas Democrat Beto O’Rourke – who is challenging Senator Ted Cruz in the general election – for renting a VFW hall for a campaign rally in the town of Navasota, and then having the gall to request that the post take down the American flags in the building ahead of the event. The VFW Post Commander’s reply was not “no,” it was “hell no.”

--Leftist former Florida high school student David Hogg and his activist comrades on the Maine People’s Alliance and the Mainers for Accountable Leadership, for establishing a fund reaching hundreds of thousands of dollars for a Democrat challenger to Maine Republican Senator Susan Collins, IF – and only if – she votes to confirm Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the U.S. Supreme Court. Collins will not face re-election for two more years, but the loonies are trying every pressure they can muster against this qualified jurist’s confirmation – specifically because he is President Trump’s choice.

--The folks who run the giant credit company Mastercard, for pressuring the folks who run the web company Patreon to suddenly close the account of best-selling author Robert

Spencer, because he writes about problems caused by Islamic jihad. Spencer said he believes Mastercard is targeting “accounts that have been smeared by the hard-Left propagandist hate group the Southern Poverty Law Center.”

--Procter is Gambling with its reputation. The giant cleaning agents and hygiene products company sells Pampers, which for many years featured Sesame Street characters on its packaging. But in political correctness gone wild, P&G has bowed to pressure that the characters are “too masculine,” and replaced them with more “gender neutral” figures.

## PROPOSED FLORIDA CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS



Proposed constitutional amendments on the Florida November 2018 ballot originated from three specific sources: the Florida Legislature (Amendments 1, 2 and 5), citizens’ initiative (Amendments 3 and 4) and the Constitution Revision Commission (CRC) that meets every 20 years (Amendments 6 through 13).

In order to pass, each amendment requires a 60 percent voting majority. While the Legislative and citizens’ proposals are single-subject amendments, the CRC chose to combine several initiatives into “bundled” amendments.

The following descriptions of the proposals come from the Tallahassee-based James Madison Institute, which explains pros and cons, but does not recommend which way citizens should vote.

**AMENDMENT 1: Increased Homestead Property Tax Exemption** -- A Yes vote on this measure exempts home values between \$100,000 through \$125,000 from property taxes – other than school taxes – which increases the maximum homestead exemption to \$75,000. A No vote keeps the current homestead exemption structure and retains the \$50,000 exemption. Pro: A Yes vote on Amendment 1 lowers taxes and puts more money back in the pockets of Floridians.

Con: To give money back to the taxpayers, local leaders must adjust to a lower revenue stream.

**AMENDMENT 2: Limitations on Property Tax Exemptions Ballot Language.** Pro: The non-homestead real property limitation caps the year-to-year increase at 10 percent. Con: opponents of the amendment could argue that the funds stemming from property taxes are vital to the well-being of the state.

**AMENDMENT 3: Voter Control of Gambling in Florida.** Pro: This gives Florida voters the ability to authorize any expansion of casino gambling. Con: Holding a vote for any expansion of casino gambling leads to unnecessary referendums.

**AMENDMENT 4: Voting Restoration Amendment Ballot Language:** This amendment restores the voting rights of Floridians with felony convictions after they complete all terms of their sentence including parole or probation. The amendment would not apply to those convicted of murder or sexual offenses. Pro: It re-enfranchises individuals who have paid their debt to society in full. The current system is a bottleneck that has disparate impacts on felons who are unable to navigate the system. Con: A process to award felons their voting rights already exists in Florida, approved by the State in 2011.

**AMENDMENT 5: Supermajority Legislative Vote Required to Impose, Authorize, or Raise State Taxes or Fees Ballot Language.** Pro: Many attribute Florida’s prosperity to the state’s low-tax and business friendly environment. Taxes imposed on businesses and the citizens of Florida should be handled with the highest degree of discernment; requiring more than a simple majority affords this decision a greater consensus. Con: While making it more difficult to raise taxes might initially seem like a prudent move, it could restrict the government’s ability to raise funds.

**AMENDMENT 6: Rights of Crime Victims and Judges Ballot Language:** Creates constitutional rights for victims of crime; requires courts to facilitate victims’ rights; authorizes victims to enforce their rights throughout criminal and juvenile justice processes. Requires judges and hearing officers to independently interpret statutes and rules rather than deferring to a government agency’s interpretation. Raises mandatory retirement age of state justices and judges from seventy to seventy-five years; deletes authorization to complete judicial term if one-half of term has been served by retirement age. Pro: If the amendment were to pass, crime victims would benefit from: the right to due process and fairness; the right to be free from intimidation; and the right to be reasonably protected from the accused. This effort recognizes increases in life spans and accommodates for a longer working career for judges. Con: Florida’s Constitution already offers a subsection that details victim’s rights – albeit unclearly. Additionally, the legislature guarantees a certain set of rights and safeguards for crime victims. Judges outsource many decisions to administrative law judges because they have a better understanding of the issues.

AMENDMENT 7: First Responder and Military Member Survivor Benefits; Public Colleges and Universities. Pro: The measure serves to increase financial transparency in educational institutions across the state. Universities often cloak hikes in tuition prices through nebulous fees. It would require a supermajority vote by the board of trustees to raise the cost of tuition and other fees. Con: The language does not define what specific death benefits would be conferred upon the aggrieved groups. Opponents may not dispute the value of providing financial assistance to our fallen veterans but would prefer more clarity before etching language into the state's constitution.

AMENDMENT 8: School Board Term Limits and Duties; Public Schools. This proposal was struck down by the Florida Supreme Court and will no longer appear on the ballot.

AMENDMENT 9: Prohibits Offshore Oil and Gas Drilling; Prohibits Vaping in Enclosed Indoor Workplaces. Ballot Language: Prohibits drilling for the exploration or extraction of oil and natural gas beneath all state-owned waters between the mean high-water line and the state's outermost territorial boundaries. Adds use of vapor generating electronic devices to current prohibition of tobacco smoking in enclosed indoor workplaces. Pro: Floridians seeking to protect one of our most marketable resources – our beaches – could be in favor of this portion of the measure. The prohibition on drilling would extend from the coast to the edge of the state's territorial waters. The amendment also addresses the updates in smoking technology. The current language of the Constitution places a ban on traditional forms of smoking, and this measure would add vaping to the list. Con: Neither those in favor of oil-drilling nor vaping seem pleased with this pairing. Meanwhile, many proponents rightly point to the fact that oil and gas exploration provide positive economic impacts to the state and help keep our retail electricity rates much lower than most other places. Opponents view vaping as a public health issue and oil drilling as an economic one.

AMENDMENT 10: State and Local Government Structure and Operation Ballot Language: Requires legislature to retain Department of Veterans' Affairs. Ensures election of sheriffs, property appraisers, supervisors of elections, tax collectors, and clerks of court in all counties; removes county charters' ability to abolish, change term, transfer duties, or eliminate election of these offices. Changes annual legislative session commencement date in even-numbered years from March to January; removes legislature's authorization to fix another date. Creates Office of Domestic Security and Counterterrorism within Department of Law Enforcement. Pro: This would foster consistency across the state and allow voters to elect officials in vital municipal positions. Con: Those opposed to the measure would contend that by choosing to combine these initiatives, the CRC bundled relatively straightforward directives with a fairly contentious issue: county governance.

AMENDMENT 11: Property Rights; Removal of Obsolete Provision; Criminal Statutes. Pro: This amendment organizes

some outdated sections of the Florida Constitution in need of cleaning up. Con: Issues arise due to bundling. The irrelevant language sits bundled with an unrelated issue: the Savings Clause. Those opposing the repeal of the Savings Clause would argue that there is a need for consistency in criminal sentencing and in the legal system – despite any shortcomings.

AMENDMENT 12: Lobbying and Abuse of Office By Public Officers. A Yes vote on this measure prevents public officers from lobbying for compensation during their term and for six years thereafter. Pro: This measure would extend the current limitation on public officials from two years to six years. Con: Those opposed to this measure would highlight some shortcomings found in the ballot language. First, that there are a handful of current and recent lawmakers who also serve as attorneys tied to lobbying firms or lobbyists themselves; this measure restricts the ability to find gainful employment. Even some supporters of the amendment find the six-year limitation to be rather excessive. Moreover, its passage would not necessarily solve the issue, but rather simply force people to become more creative in their lobbying efforts.

AMENDMENT 13: Ends Dog Racing Ballot Language: Phases out commercial greyhound dog racing in connection with wagering by 2020; Other gaming activities are not affected. Pro: Those in favor of this measure highlight the costs associated with regulating the greyhound racing industry, and the numerous concerns regarding the ethical treatment of the animals used in the industry. Con: There are currently 12 greyhound tracks in Florida which employ roughly 3,000 Floridians. If this measure were to pass, it could threaten the livelihood of many hard-working individuals.

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## THIS AND THAT



**RLC-CEF CONSTITUTION DAY DINNER.** The scheduled speaker for the September 23 Constitution Day Dinner held by the Republican Liberty Caucus of Central East Florida – **Judge Andrew Napolitano** – was a last-

minute cancellation due to Fox News needing him all day for coverage of the Supreme Court nomination of **Judge Brett Kavanaugh**. Former **Texas Congressman Ron Paul** was selected as the replacement speaker, and the October “Space Coast Tusk” will carry an article on the event.

**FLORIDA GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT.** Addressing more than 100 supporters in Melbourne, Florida, on August 29 –one day after easily winning the Republican Primary Election for a U.S. Senate seat – **Florida Governor Rick Scott** said his Democrat opponent, Senator Bill Nelson, failed to stop more than 7,000 job losses at the Kennedy Space Center when the Obama administration shut down the shuttle program. “He went along because it was party politics,” said Scott, who is known as the “Jobs Governor” for helping to create more than 1.6 million jobs in Florida during his seven-plus years in office. The Melbourne event was held at Sorenson Moving

and Storage, and company owner Scott Sorenson expressed



gratitude for the governor turning the state's economy around, adding that his company "has tripled in revenue, warehouse space and, most importantly, jobs." During his senate campaign, the governor said, he has visited all 67 counties in Florida. Regarding the race to replace him in the governor's mansion, Scott said **Republican Congressman Ron DeSantis** is going to focus on "doing what we've done and continue to have job growth in this state." He said more jobs mean money for education, the environment and transportation, and he said he is going to do everything he can to make sure DeSantis is the next governor. Scott, who noted that Melbourne was his first campaign stop during his initial gubernatorial campaign, spent time after his remarks speaking individually with many of the rally attendees. Then, on September 19, as part of his "Let's Make Washington Work" tour, Scott returned to Brevard County with a campaign stop at Shiloh's Steak and Seafood Restaurant in Titusville. Scott said that **Brevard County Sheriff Wayne Ivey**, who attended the rally, is among the Florida law enforcement officers who are aggressively working "to make sure we have good laws" and he is supportive of school safety legislation approved by the Florida Legislature. Ivey said in his remarks that Scott has always been accessible, and "there is nobody else we want to send to Washington."



**MONKEY SEE, MONKEY DO.** Liberals went crazy after the August 28 Florida primary election, when **Congressman Ron DeSantis**, the winning Republican gubernatorial candidate, said his state should not "monkey this up by trying to embrace a socialist agenda with huge tax increases and bankrupting the state." He was referring to his Democrat rival, Tallahassee Mayor Andrew Gillum, an avowed Socialist who also is calling for a single-payer health care system and abolishing ICE. Since Gillum is African-American, the lib politicians and media immediately began the "racist" attack. Now DeSantis could just as easily said "muck this up" or any other phrase, but racist? Terms like "monkey around" and "monkeying with" are used in all types of situations to denote

working with, adjusting or fooling around with something. Merriam-Webster online dictionary defines it as "to do things that are not useful or serious: to waste time." DeSantis said of his phrase: "It has zero to do with race. It has everything to do with whether we want Florida to continue to go in a good direction, building off the success, or do we want to turn to left-wing, socialist policies, which will absolutely devastate our state?" And the Dems never said anything like that? How about the compilation that includes former President Barack Obama ("parties who monkey around with elections"), Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer ("monkeying around with health care"), Illinois Senator Dick Durbin ("there's no monkeying around with numbers here"), and Maryland Senator Chris Van Holland ("so we can avoid any monkey business with slush funds"). Other "monkey" users have been Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders, California Representative Adam Schiff, Florida Senator Bill Nelson, Rhode Island Senator Sheldon Whitehouse, former Massachusetts Senator John Kerry, former Obama press secretaries Jay Carney and Josh Earnest, and former Clinton White House press secretary Mike McCurry. And – last, but not least – Andrew Gillum himself, with this gem: "the ongoing FBI investigation is a monkey on the (Tallahassee city) commission's back." Are they all "racist"?



**SPACE COAST FRIENDS OF NRA.** **Brevard County Sheriff Wayne Ivey** will be the special guest speaker at the

26<sup>th</sup> annual dinner and auction held by the Space Coast Friends of the National Rifle Association. The September 29 event will be held at the Radisson Convention Center in Cape Canaveral, and will feature a 6 pm social hour with games, a 7:30 pm dinner and an 8:30 pm auction of weapons and other prizes. The cost for the buffet dinner is \$55, and reservations or additional information may be obtained from **Mark Laderwarg** at 321-288-7891 or [mladerwarg@aol.com](mailto:mladerwarg@aol.com). "By attending a Friends of the NRA event," Laderwarg said, "you provide invaluable support to firearms education and training programs in your local community and across the country. Since its inception in 1992, Friends of NRA has held more than 19,000 events, reached over 3.5 million attendees, and raised more than \$230 million for the NRA Foundation." This is the charitable arm of the NRA, and monies are returned to the community in the form of grants to assist youth programs, woman's shooting programs, 4H Clubs, JROTC rifle teams, Eddie Eagle gun safety programs and local police training. A report on the evening's events will appear in the October "Space Coast Tusk".

**FAKE SHOOTING NEWS.** During the 2015-16 school year, the Obama administration's Department of Education reported that "nearly 240 schools" in the United States that year had at least one incident involving a school-related shooting, and more than 100 were "a homicide involving a student, faculty member or staff member." However, according to WND.com, an investigation by National Public

Radio – contacting every one of the schools listed in the report – found that more than two-thirds of the incidents “never happened.” NPR said it was only able to confirm 11 incidents, either through the schools or media reports.



### DEEP STATE RESISTANCE.

According to “The Washington Times,” Project Veritas has begun an undercover investigation of “deep state” resistance, and filmed State Department bureaucrat Stuart

Karaffa proclaiming on a hidden camera that he is part of the anti-Trump opposition, and his “job” is to “resist everything at every level.” Karaffa, a management and program analyst at State with the Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations as well as a member of the Democrat Socialists of America, was filmed at a restaurant talking to two Project Veritas undercover agents. “I have nothing to lose. It’s impossible to fire federal employees,” Karaffa reportedly said, adding that he starts sending out Democrat Socialist messages at 5:31 pm, after his day officially ends. Project Veritas chief **James O’Keefe** said, “Make no mistake. This guy is a radical,” and he alleged that by conducting political activity in the workplace, Karaffa is breaking federal law. The newspaper said the “Deep State” has become a rallying cry for Trump-supporting conservatives, who say there are cabals of Democratic and Barack Obama loyalists inside the federal bureaucracy who plot to subvert Mr. Trump, principally by leaking to the news media. Project Veritas boasts a series of scoops, such as voter fraud in New England, and Democratic operatives talking about how they coordinate with the Hillary Clinton campaign to pay people to disrupt Trump rallies. In a second video, Department of Justice paralegal Allison Hrabar, who reportedly uses government owned software and computers to push a socialist agenda and punish people she disagrees with, admits that federal government employees are using their power to resist President Trump. She also said “there’s a lot of talk about how we can like, resist from inside” at the Department of Justice. That video also shows a meeting with another DSA member, Cliff Green, who states that Hrabar uses the government’s Lexis Nexis account to find home addresses to stage DSA protests targeting non-DSA members. For more information, visit the website: [www.projectveritas.com](http://www.projectveritas.com).

### ACT! FOR AMERICA SPACE COAST CHAPTER.



Citizen activist and Florida Citizens Alliance advisor **Karen Schoen** told the Space Coast Chapter of

ACT! For America on September 13 that the volunteer alliance is “united by the belief that education is foundational to the preservation of liberty” and that “our establishment education system is failing America’s students academically, civically and morally.” She said children not only in Florida, but throughout the nation are being indoctrinated in a public

school system that “undermines their individual rights and destroys our founding principles and family values.” Fully 50 percent of Florida’s 2.8 million public school students cannot read or do math at grade level, Schoen said. “We are living the results of these failed mediocre school programs,” she said. “We can see the incompetence and lack of responsibility and common sense in government, business and industry.” Schoen urged the ACT! members to subscribe to [www.floridacitizensalliance.com](http://www.floridacitizensalliance.com), join the legislative outreach as a watch dog, and help review textbooks that our schools are using. They are focusing more on indoctrination than education, she said.



**NFL PLAYERS.** Why are we not watching NFL games anymore? Why are these millionaire “college educated” geniuses protesting? A recent polling of 585 players indicated that nearly all of them were unsure. Here are just three of the unnamed responses: 1) “We’re protesting America becoming capitalistic instead of equal.” 2) “Myself is kneeling to show that just because I’m American don’t mean I got to act like one.” 3) “Me and my fellow players are protesting the Constitution of Independence because of what it does to people of color.”

**BUT HERE IS A GOOD REASON TO KNEEL.** A jewelry shop in Sturbridge, Massachusetts advertised this way on a billboard:



**SMINK-LOBER.** Here’s the latest chapter in that great saga “Politics Makes Strange Bedfellows.” After Democrat-former Independent-former Republican **Jack Smink** lost his party’s nomination for the Brevard County, Florida District 2 County Commission seat, he was required by local ordinances to take down his campaign signs or face fine assessments. He had a number of big, wooden ones scattered throughout his district, and his decision to paint over his name and give some of them to attorney **Bryan Lober**, the Republican primary victor who will challenge the Democrat winner in November, resulted in Smink being declared persona non grata in the party and being forced to give up his Democrat precinct committeeman position. Now, once again, he is declaring himself an independent. “They never accepted me as a Democrat. I wasn’t wanted. I left before they asked me to leave,” Smink

said. An appreciative Lober thanked Smink for the campaign sign gesture on his Facebook page.

## EXPERTS' EXCERPTS



Political analyst **Ben Crystal**, writing on the **Brett Kavanaugh** controversy on "Personal Liberty Digest":

"I don't believe Christine Blasey Ford was assaulted, sexually or otherwise, by Brett Kavanaugh. I don't believe that he and somewhere between one and three others – she's surprisingly hazy on the details, considering their import – stood by while he locked Ford in a room and slobbered and pawed over her like a Kennedy on mescaline. I don't believe that Kavanaugh, about whom no other allegation of anything more serious than liking basketball has ever surfaced, has ever assaulted anyone. I don't believe that uncorroborated accusations of high school tomfoolery by witnesses who are hazy on the details ought to be enough to stop Kavanaugh from renewing a library card, much less joining the Supreme Court. I don't believe that Ford withheld such an explosive incident throughout Kavanaugh's rise through the ranks of the federal judiciary. I don't believe that she now remembers telling her husband six years ago that she was worried Kavanaugh might someday serve on the Supreme Court. I don't believe that Senator Dianne Feinstein – who knew about these allegations months ago – held on to them out of respect for Ford's privacy, which I don't believe Ford ever actually wanted. I don't believe that the Democrats, who are now insisting that Ford be allowed to make these allegations without having to repeat them in front of the Senate panel charged with determining Kavanaugh's fitness, are doing so for any reason other than her story will fall apart under real scrutiny. I don't believe that the party of the Clintons, Al Franken, Keith Ellison, Bob Menendez and Harvey Weinstein gives a damn about Professor Ford. I don't believe that she means more to them than any of the other women whom they've used up and then thrown out like yesterday's tuna casserole....I don't believe that the FBI, whose jurisdiction in this matter is pretty much non-existent, should be given an unspecified amount of time to investigate Ford's allegations, especially considering Feinstein sat on them for eight weeks, ample time for the wrong agency to conduct a thorough look at a guy whom they've already thoroughly vetted....I don't believe that allegations, which the accuser herself admits she can't recall with any degree of specificity, are anything more than a hail Mary, thrown by the people who have turned the rest of Kavanaugh's hearings into a farce. I don't believe they deserve anything more than a curt dismissal."

Fox News legal analyst **Gregg Jarrett**, speaking with radio talk show host **Rush Limbaugh** about his new book "The Russia Hoax: The Illicit Scheme to Clear Hillary Clinton and Frame Donald Trump" in "The Limbaugh Letter":



"There is nothing that will motivate people in Washington more than the threat of power forfeited. That was the motive of these top officials at the FBI and the Department of Justice in their scheme to clear Clinton and frame Donald Trump. Trump had vowed to drain the swamp, and the swamp didn't want to be drained. They would lose their positions of power. So instead, they came up with a scheme that involved abusing their positions of power to subvert the rule of law and undermine the democratic process.... I think we know enough now to know that people abused their positions of power, and the law enforcers became the law breakers. Trump is really the victim in all of this, not the villain. For example, the use of the dossier improperly and I believe illegally in front of a FISA court, knowing that it was unverified, that's a violation of six different felony statutes. The people who signed the warrants are James Comey, Andrew McCabe, Sally Yates, Rod Rosenstein. All of these people could be charged with abuse of power, perjury, false and misleading statements, obstruction of justice, major fraud and conspiracy to defraud the U.S....I dug deep into federal regulations and the FBI regulations and I learned that the FBI was violating its own rules and regulations in launching the probe. There was no probable cause, no credible evidence of crimes, no plausible intelligence to justify a counterintelligence investigation, The FBI invented facts, exaggerated others....The media was complicit in all of this. They drove the narrative of collusion. Collusion is not even a crime in a political campaign, and there's no evidence of any other relevant crimes....The media and Democrats, which is redundant I realize, say, 'Oh, it's a violation of campaign laws, because the information that the Russian lawyer provided is a thing of value.' They're absolutely incorrect. The Federal Election Campaign Act is very specific. Foreign nationals may volunteer services in a political campaign, and information is not a thing of value under the law...People put the terms 'Russian meddling' together with 'collusion.' The Russians did meddle. I don't argue that's the hoax. The hoax is this notion that Trump and Putin colluded to influence and win the election....The media is supposed to be a part of the checks and balances. But when they misuse their positions of prominence, systems can be unduly influenced, the law can be subverted, misdeeds can be covered up, all of this is really the story of the Russian hoax."

**Campaign for Working Families President Gary Bauer**, writing on the "New York Times" op-ed by an anonymous White House official, in his End of Day email report:



"The 'New York Times' has hit a new low. It regularly relies on anonymous sources for its hit pieces, overstates their real authority and often turns out fake news in the process. But now it has printed an entire column from an anonymous source – someone claiming to be a 'senior official' in the Trump Administration who is 'working diligently from within to frustrate parts of [Trump's] agenda.' It would be interesting to know just what it is that this individual is 'working diligently to frustrate.' Is it the

president's attempts to secure our border by building a physical barrier? Is it his obvious desire to fire Obama operatives and deep state denizens at the Justice Department? Was it his often stated desire during the campaign to pause Muslim immigration until we figure out how to better vet those who mean us harm and hate our values? Is it Trump's desire to rollback Obamacare, end the government's hostility to faith or stop the flow of tax dollars to Planned Parenthood? Here's what we know for sure: This individual, whoever he is, is a coward. If you disagree vehemently with what the president is doing, your options are simple: Do what you are told or resign. Anything else is treachery and political sabotage. This sanctimonious author claims to be protecting the republic. But the author is actually undermining the republic, just like the rest of the deep state, by admittedly thwarting what 63 million Americans wanted when they elected Donald Trump.... The author of the Times piece invokes John McCain's name and writes about 'restoring honor to public life.' Honor and courage do not permit a third option of lying to the president while you sabotage his agenda. No president should have to tolerate this kind of betrayal. Yet it is becoming commonplace for bureaucrats to leak information, whether to the left-wing media or our enemies, whenever they vehemently disagree with administration positions.... An unelected bureaucracy acting without the consent of the governed by thwarting the will of the elected leadership is essentially a coup. It is also the best evidence of the urgent need to drain the swamp and shrink the size and scope of government.... The anonymous New York Times column was written to sow discord and to demoralize the president's supporters. Don't fall for it. Don't be discouraged. We knew draining the swamp would be hard and that the swamp would fight back."

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## THOUGHTS TO PONDER

"The Left fears that unless blacks continue to believe that Republicans are racists, they will not overwhelmingly vote for Democrats. And if they don't, Democrats will not regain the White House for the foreseeable future. The same holds true for depicting Republicans and Conservatives as women haters. There is no better way to persuade college-indoctrinated women to vote Democratic. And the same holds true for Latinos -- Republicans must be continuously labeled 'white supremacists' and 'xenophobes,' or they, too, may not reliably vote Democratic.... America is the least-racist multiracial, multiethnic nation in world history. The Left's constant need to locate racism where it doesn't exist is proof of this."

--Radio talk-show host and writer **Dennis Prager**

"Our progressive politicians and opinion leaders proclaim their commitment to diversity almost daily, chanting the same refrain: 'Diversity is our strength'.... Diversity, of course, marches under the banner of tolerance, but is a bastion of

intolerance. It enforces its ideological liberalism with an iron fist that is driven by political correctness, the most ingenious (and insidious) device for suppressing freedom of speech and political dissent ever invented."

--Political science professor emeritus at California State University **Edward Erler**

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"According to NBC News, a growing number of lefty parents are bringing children up 'outside traditional gender norms.' Also outside traditional sanity. Not only are these kids taught to play with opposite-sex toys, they are raised from birth without knowing their sex. They're not babies; they're 'theybies'....In the latest version of liberal utopia, if a child makes it out of the womb alive, he or she or ze won't know his, her, or zir sex until the loon parents decide their offspring is ready to 'select' its gender. Folks, this is clearly a jobs program for psychiatrists, psychologists, and counselors, because theybies will need all the help they can get."

--Radio talk show host **Rush Limbaugh**

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"In these polarized times, Americans are not so much angry that newspapers and magazines fire reporters, or that Robert Mueller indicts those under suspicion. What bothers them is that our guardians of morality do not offer any principles to explain why some people's lives are harmed or destroyed, and others' lives are not. When there is no blind code of justice, people suspect that our institutions define wrong behavior and bad words as those in service to the wrong political agenda. And they are right."

--Historian and author **Victor Davis Hanson**

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"Every day we get another example of the fevered, leftist mindset. Here's the latest example. Donald Trump has nothing to do with what is building up to be a historic economic expansion, but he is somehow responsible for hurricanes. Just ponder that."

--**Campaign For Working Families President Gary Bauer**

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## UPCOMING BREVARD COUNTY EVENTS

Sept. 29 – Space Coast Friends of the NRA dinner and auction, Radisson Convention Center, Cape Canaveral, 6 pm.

October 1 – Republican Liberty Caucus of Central East Florida meeting, Memaw's, Melbourne, 7 pm.

October 3 – Trump Club of Brevard meeting, Government Complex Building C, Viera, 6 pm.

October 4 – Heritage Isle Republican Club meeting, One Senior Place, Viera, 12 pm.

(NOTE TIME CHANGE)



- October 8 – Brevard Federated Republican Women meeting, Duran Golf Club, Viera, 11 am.
- October 8 – The Space Coast Patriots meeting, Merritt Island Library, 6 pm.
- October 10 – Brevard Republican Executive Committee meeting, Government Complex Building C, Viera, 7 pm.
- October 11 – ACT! For America Space Coast Chapter meeting, Government Complex Building C, Viera, 6:30 pm.
- October 15 – New Millennium Conservative Club meeting, Suntree-Viera Library, 6:30 pm.
- October 16 – North Brevard Republican Club meeting, Blue Heron Restaurant, Great Outdoors, outside Titusville, 7 pm.
- October 18 – Republican Women’s Network of South Brevard meeting, Eau Gallie Yacht Club, 11 am.
- October 22 – Ronald Reagan Clubs meeting, Tuscany Grill restaurant, Suntree, 7 pm.
- October 24 – Space Coast Republican Club meeting, Red Lobster, Merritt Island, 11 am.
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## ABOUT THE NEWSLETTER

Through email, website and Facebook, we are now reaching more than 1,900 people on our ever-increasing distribution list. The newsletter goes to readers not only all over the country, but also across our borders and beyond. **Editor Stuart Gorin** and **Designer Frank Montelione** hope to see the numbers continue to grow as we pass on information. We continue to cover activities of the Brevard Republican Executive Committee, Republican clubs in the county, and conservative organizations, so both elected officials and the typical “man-in-the-street” are kept abreast of what is happening at the local, state and national levels. Since Republicans as well as Conservatives will never agree 100 percent on all issues – for example, differences between Conservative members and establishment Republicans – we will not necessarily support any writer’s positions, but will present them so you, the reader, can make up your own mind – fair and balanced. There is a link to this issue at [www.thetusk.org](http://www.thetusk.org) and several recent back issues are available in the archives on the same website. To sign up for your free subscription (or to unsubscribe, if you are so inclined), or to send your comments, suggestions or information to share, email: [spacecoasttusk@gmail.com](mailto:spacecoasttusk@gmail.com).

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## COMICAL CLOSERS

Chuck Schumer was visiting a Washington D.C. primary school and the class was in the middle of a discussion related to words and their meanings. The teacher asked Schumer if he would like to lead the discussion on the word “Tragedy,” and he asked the class for an example.

A little boy stood up and offered: “If my best friend, who lives on a farm, is playing in the field and a tractor runs over him and kills him, that would be a tragedy.” Schumer responded, “Incorrect, that would be an accident.”

A little girl raised her hand: “If a school bus carrying fifty children drove over a cliff, killing everybody inside, that would be a tragedy.” But Schumer explained, “I’m afraid not, that’s what we would refer to as a great loss.”

The room went silent. No other children volunteered. Schumer searched the room. “Isn’t there someone here who can give me an example of a tragedy?”

Finally, at the back of the room, little Johnny raised his hand and said: “If a plane carrying you and Mrs. Pelosi and The Obamas and Mrs. Clinton was struck by a ‘friendly fire’ missile and blown to smithereens, that would be a tragedy.”

“Fantastic” exclaimed Schumer, “and can you tell me why that would be a tragedy?”

“Well,” said little Johnny, “it has to be a tragedy, because it certainly wouldn’t be a great loss, and it probably wouldn’t be an accident either!”

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A young Texan grew up wanting to be a lawman. He was 6’ 2”, strong as a longhorn, and fast as a mustang. He could shoot a bottle cap tossed in the air at 40 paces. When he finally came of age, he applied where he had only dreamed of working: The West Texas Sheriff’s Department. After a series of tests and interviews, the Chief Deputy called him into his office for his final interview.

The Chief Deputy said, “You’re a big strong kid and you can really shoot. So far your qualifications all look good, but we have, what you might call, an “Attitude Suitability Test”, that you must take before you can be accepted. We just don’t let anyone carry our badge, son.”

Then, sliding a service pistol and a box of ammo across the desk, the Chief Deputy said, "Take this pistol and go out and shoot: six illegal aliens, six lawyers, six meth dealers, six Muslim extremists, six Democrats, and a rabbit."

"Why the rabbit?", the applicant asked.

"You pass," said the Chief Deputy. "When can you start?"

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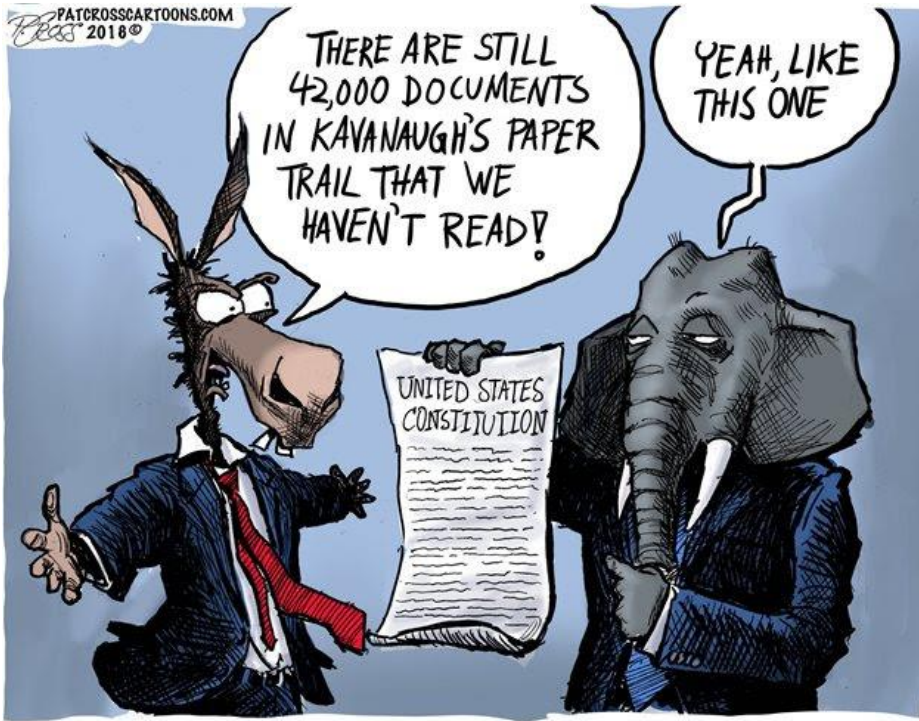
Question: What is the only GOOD THING about legalized abortions?

Answer: Less opposition in the next generation for Conservative Republican candidates.

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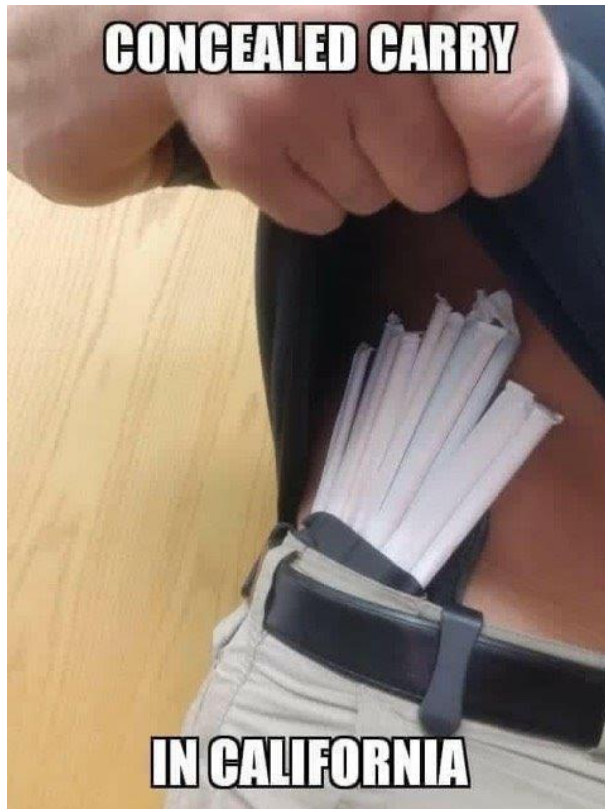


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