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### PRESIDENT BIDEN SIGNS THE SO-CALLED “RESPECT FOR MARRIAGE” ACT

#### FROM THE EDITOR’S DESK:

#### MY TWO CENTS

By Stuart Gorin



--Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Gorins: Stuart, Barbara, and Fleur De Lis.

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--Congratulations to Colorado District 3 Congresswoman Lauren Boebert, our Lincoln Reagan Dinner speaker this year. Her re-election bid was so close that the state called for a just-concluded recount – winning over her Democrat challenger by 546 votes out of the more than 327,000 cast. “Republicans have been entrusted with the majority, and we must now prove we can take the temperature down in DC by leading not only with strength but grace,” she said.

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--Here is a thought to ponder that a reader sent me: “We don’t let athletes bet on games they have the ability to influence. Why do we allow Congress to invest in companies they regulate?”

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Enshrining federal protections for same-sex couples in the United States, President Biden on December 13 signed legislation to “safeguard marriage equality” after Congressional Democrats – supported by a large number of RINOs – passed the measure in Congress for the first time in history.

To celebrate “this historic bill,” Biden invited prominent gay and lesbian couples and such “musical guests” as drag queen activists to the White House for the signing ceremony.

The vote for the so-called “Respect for Marriage Act” – “Disrespect for Marriage Act”? – was 258-169 in the House of Representatives and 61-38 in the Senate.

The new law requires that the federal government and all states recognize marriages if the pair was wed in a state where the union was legal. It also cements protections for interracial couples. And it repeals the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act, which had recognized marriage as “only a legal union between one man and one woman as husband and wife.”

But to secure the Republican support, it did include an amendment outlining some protections for religious liberties.

There were 39 RINOs in the House supporting the measure: Kelly Armstrong of North Dakota; Don Bacon of Nebraska; Ken Calvert, Mike Garcia, Darrell Issa, Jay Obernolte, and David Valadao of California; Kat Cammack, Carlos Gimenez,

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--The non-partisan – but still a Democrat – Mayor Robert Berry, of Eureka Springs, Arkansas, announced his city park will not be allowed to set up a Nativity Scene this Christmas – an annual event in the park for more than 70 years – because a threatened lawsuit from one unnamed resident claimed the scene “violated his First Amendment rights.” But major public backlash ensued, and it caused the mayor to relent, so the Nativity went back up. “We appreciate the emails and phone calls received from all over the country,” Berry said later. “And we wish everyone peace and goodwill toward all during this holiday season.”  
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The Brevard Republican Executive Committee held a combination dinner-dance Christmas Party (complete with Santa Claus) and a thank-you to members for their hard work campaigning during the midterm election. The cost to attend the December 9 event was \$40 a person, and some members – miffed that they would have to “pay” for their “thank you” – chose to boycott the event. It was their loss – missing out on a most enjoyable evening with more than enough delicious food and champagne at the Convention Center location. The miffed ones didn’t even seem to realize that they pay no dues to belong to the organization and didn’t bother to think about where the funds would come from for the rental, food, service and music.  
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More Two Cents next month.

and Michael Waltz of Florida; Mike Carey, Anthony Gonzalez, David Joyce, and Mike Turner of Ohio; Liz Cheney of Wyoming; John Curtis, Blake Moore, and Chris Stewart of Utah; Rodney Davis of Illinois; Tom Emmer of Minnesota; Brian Fitzpatrick of Pennsylvania; Mike Gallagher and Bryan Steil of Wisconsin; Andrew Garbarino, Chris Jacobs, John Katko, Nicole Malliotakis, and Elise Stefanik of New York; Tony Gonzales of Texas; Jamie Herrera Beutler of Oregon; Ashley Hinson and Mariannette Miller-Meeks of Iowa; Nancy Mace and Tom Rice of South Carolina; Peter Meijer and Fred Upton of Michigan; Dan Newhouse of Washington State; Mike Simpson of Idaho; and Ann Wagner of Missouri.

In the earlier Senate vote, 12 RINOs joined all 50 Democrats. The “Dirty Dozen” were Roy Blunt of Missouri; Richard Burr and Tom Tillis of North Carolina; Shelley Moore Capito of West Virginia; Susan Collins of Maine; Cynthia Lummis of Wyoming; Lisa Murkowski and Dan Sullivan of Alaska; Rob Portman of Ohio; Todd Young of Indiana; and the “ever-popular” Willard “Mittens” Romney of Utah.

“This bill, which provides no protection or benefits that same-sex couples don’t already enjoy,” said Ryan Bangert of the Alliance Defending Freedom, “deceptively gives lip service to religious liberty while undermining the First Amendment freedoms that belong to each of us.”

Kelly Shackelford of First Liberty said this “dangerous and deceptive” bill paints a target on millions of people of faith

who believe marriage is the union of one man and one woman. “As our legal experts have made clear, this bill is a threat to religious liberty,” he said. “It punishes the free exercise of religion by letting radical activists harass faith-based institutions in court because of their religious beliefs about marriage.”

Gary Bauer of Campaign for Working Families added that Biden “held a big party at the White House for the (Dis)Respect for Marriage Act. The bill has nothing to do with respecting marriage. Its purpose is to restrict religious liberty and rights of conscience.”



## LET ME BE FRANK By Space Coast Tusk Designer Frank Montelione

### How Did We Lose In Georgia?

Frustration abounds in Georgia – frustration with campaigns, frustration with the Georgia Republican Party. It reminds me of the saying: Water, water everywhere, but not a drop to drink. Samuel Taylor Coleridge wrote those words to describe the predicament of the ill-fated hero of his poem who was stuck on a ship in the middle of a becalmed ocean.

Here it’s about Republicans everywhere, but not a contact can you make. I’ve lived in Georgia for almost 9 years. As soon as we arrived here, we found the Gwinnett County, GA Republican Executive Committee. Gwinnett is one of the largest counties in the state. I introduced myself as a former long standing Vice Chair of BREC in Florida, and former State Committeeman.

After attending two meetings, I was very confused as to what meetings we were attending since there were two meetings a month. We met with the Chair, Treasurer and Vice Chair. It was explained to us that the meetings we attended were business meetings and the second meeting of the month was the Executive Committee meeting. Huh?



We asked what the criteria was for joining the Committee and I was flabbergasted by the response. Apparently, your check book is all you need. Since this is an open primary state, you need not designate party affiliation

when registering to vote. No references were needed, nothing was needed other than writing a check. When we asked how they determine who is a Republican, we were told they look at the primaries and see who pulled a “Republican Ballot” and ASSUME you are a Republican. My next question was “How many Democrats are on the Committee?” We never attended another meeting.

During the special elections held in 2020 to determine the Senator for the State, the choices were Kelly Loeffler (R) and

Raphael Warnock (D). There were signs everywhere for Warnock. Campaign workers were out knocking on doors for Warnock. Phone banks were set up. I saw Warnock's staff at various shopping areas with bullhorns and registration forms.

What did I observe for Loeffler – NOTHING! No signs, no campaign events, no phone calls, NOTHING!

I called the Republican State GOP office. As Brevard County Chairman Rick Lacey can attest to what you get when you call, there is "Sorry we can't come to the phone. Please leave your name and phone number and someone will get back to you". The recording doesn't even say something as simple as "You've Reached the Republican Party... so you can't even be sure you have the right number. Needless to say no one calls back. I left messages online; I tried to email or contact in some way the officers in the State Party, but only get a generic reply. I resorted to calling the Governor's office. I thought given my credentials I deserved a response from someone.

I was contacted by email from the Public Relations officer of the Party, who said he" would be glad to talk to me. Please call me anytime". He left the same phone number that says "I can't come to the phone..." Back to the Governor's office. Finally, the State Chair calls. I said to him that the easiest thing to start with was to fix the recording. He wasn't aware that it said what it does. "You're the Chairman, don't you ever go into the office?" We talked about the signage problem. His answer was that this county has a heavy minority population. Again, Huh? "So, you've written off this County?"

Fast forward to 2022, and another Senate Campaign. When voting in an open primary state, you walk into the polling site, show a valid photo ID and you are asked what "ticket" do you want? Republican or Democrat? Rumor had it in many open primary states that Democrats pulled Republican tickets to vote for the weakest candidate. We wound up with Herschel Walker in Georgia, Mehmet Oz in Pennsylvania, Blake Masters in Arizona and Don Bolduc in New Hampshire.

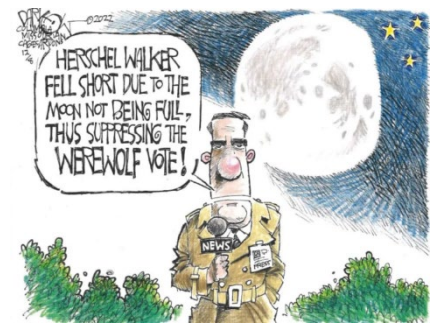
Walker was outspent by Warnock by at least three to one that we know about, probably more. Some of the money was spent on advertisements highlighting Walker's violent past. One was with his former wife saying he put a gun to her head. Warnock had tried to run his former wife down and was arrested for it. Did we make anything of that? Very little and too late.

We had a knock on the door from Warnock's campaign. Warnock cried Voter Suppression, which helped turnout record breaking voter turnout, even though the voting laws in Georgia make it very simple to vote. Georgia is "the poster child for a voter-suppression narrative that simply can't withstand serious scrutiny." That narrative is a "turnout strategy" designed "to keep black voters angry and paranoid." Regardless of the record turnout, Democrats cynically ignore that "the If I don't win, votes were suppressed narrative is a close cousin of the If I don't win, the election was rigged narrative that they rightly criticize." (One day I can devote a column to the voter suppressing falsehood.)

I know that many Trump fans read this column, but here in Georgia, his name is anathema to candidates. They used him in some ads when it could have easily been shown that a Trump endorsement was not going to help. In a CNN/SSRS survey of the Senate runoff, it was easy to see the effect Trump is having in Georgia. Among probable voters, Trump had a 39% favorable rating and a 54% unfavorable rating at the time of the poll.

One of Trump's nemesis, Governor Brian Kemp, won easily, but the voters split the ticket. Is anyone in the Georgia GOP listening? Again, Warnock's campaign machine out worked the Walker campaign. Take signs for instance. In my neighborhood, I counted up to almost a dozen Warnock signs of various designs. Not a single Walker sign. I called the Walker campaign and was told they had put out 300 signs a week and they are all stolen. Really? I can imagine some signs, but 300 a week?

So, who is to blame – the RNC for getting involved in the race too late? The State GOP? I think I've said enough about them. The Hollywood elites who financed Warnock to the tune of \$100 million? Donald



Trump? Or the weak candidate in Walker? As you can see, there is enough blame to go around. Has the Georgia State GOP learned a lesson? That's easy to answer, call the office and still be told "we'll get right back to you". Mark my words, Georgia will soon be listed in the Blue column if things don't change.

## THE BREC CORNER By Chairman Rick Lacey

Wrapping up an extremely RED year for Brevard and Florida, BREC members held their 2022 Organization meeting December 14 at the Space Coast Realtors Building in Melbourne. With over 200 members in attendance, I was re-elected without opposition as Chairman, along with **Cindy Roberts** as Vice Chair, **Paul Oddo** as Secretary and **Sharon Rose** as Treasurer. I was personally extremely moved and honored to receive this support from what I regard is the best Republican Committee in Florida.



*Lacey With Santa*

In addition, I want to recognize the generous BREC members who donated \$2,003 in our annual collection for the National Homeless Veterans Support, an organization led by **George Taylor Jr.** (started by his late father, **George Taylor Sr.**) that

has performed miracles for our local veterans who are facing tough challenges in their lives.

**State Committeeman Mike Thomas** has been appointed head of a committee to research and recommend Bylaws for the future.

Next, voting by district, BREC members elected the following District officers: in District 1, Chair **Kim Osburn**, Vice Chair **Cindy Olsen**, Secretary **Roger Osburn**; in District 2, Chair **John Weiler**, Vice Chair **Brian Lober**, Secretary **Mike Wilson**; in District 3, Chair **Kathy Meehan**, Vice Chair **Jo Solley Hansen**, Secretary **Marc Arrigo**; in District 4, Chair **Xiaoqi Wang**, Vice Chair **Karen Colby**, Secretary **Mary Benton**; in District 5, Chair **Dave Fosdick**, Vice Chair **Salvador "Henry" Pareja**, Secretary **Mary Sutphin**.

Last, but not best of all, BREC held its 2022 Christmas and Hanukkah Party on January 9 with more than 150 members and guests celebrating our great victory during an evening of music, dining and cocktails. I especially want to thank everyone who donated an unwrapped toy for our annual collection to help Santa, who made an appearance at our event.



**Brevard  
Federated  
Republican  
WOMEN**

**RENDEZVOUS WITH  
REPUBLICAN WOMEN  
By BFRW President  
Jill Gentis**

Each December, **Patti DiBella** organizes the decorating of small Christmas trees for the families of veterans. This year, BFRW women decorated more than 70 trees, double the number decorated and distributed last year.

We opened our December meeting remembering the service and sacrifice of all who perished during the surprise attack at Pearl Harbor by the Imperial Japanese Navy on December 7, 1941, given by **Elaine Bridgman**. **Terri Nieves**, Veterans Liaison, opened our meeting with a special poem, "A Christmas Prayer", and implored God to bless all present and especially to guard and protect our serving military and their families, and to our speaker, who is a Godly man.



Our guest speaker, **Larry Wilcoxson**, is a senior advisory consultant to Republican **Congressman Byron Donalds**, who represents the 19th District in Naples. Wilcoxson is no stranger to politics. He campaigned for the Florida House in 2010. Although he lost, he stayed active in the Tea Party and became a strong Republican

Party supporter. He spoke about the emerging "Black and Red" wave and its significance in Republican politics.

Wilcoxson opened his talk with a simple question, "Can you handle the truth?" because "That's all I know how to say - only the truth". And blunt and forthright he was. He was raised by a hard but loving and staunch conservative mother, yet "no Republican knocked on her door - it's the same problem we have today." He believes that there is a big difference between staunch conservatives and Republicans. Most black people are conservative. "There are way more black conservatives than the media would like you to believe. My message is Do not negate individuals who look like me. Look at our principles and what we believe in." In the last election the highest number of young, energetic black men ran for Congress on the conservative side.

Wilcoxson asked and answered another question: "Is Chicago Liberal - no, Chicago is lost." He said that there is no 'grass roots' in Chicago. No one wants to live in a lawless land, but in Chicago everyone is scared, and no one wants to do the work. In Florida we have 'grass roots'.

We know how to do the work. I believe in women (no offense to men), but they do the work! When Byron Donalds ran for his seat, he and I did the work. Although Republican Naples is only 3 percent black, we concentrated on Cape Coral, a community that is very conservative and are strong supporters of Trump. We won there and won the election by 775 votes."

He said that In Washington DC, Byron and I do not "play along to get along. We go to DC, vote, and go back home. If you stay in DC, you become part of the problem. DC is like the old Jim Crow South. Both parties like to keep separation between the Republicans and Democrats. They do not take the time to read and understand the policies and politics at hand. They just vote the party line. I wish we had a Pelosi on the Republican side. She gets things done!"

Wilcoxson closed his remarks with, "We must take back the House in 2024! Now, the Democrats own the House and the Senate. It is crazy polarized politics. For example, Tim Scott wrote a bill, and it didn't pass, then a Democrat wrote the exact same bill and it passed. Our only hope is that someone across the aisle will cave-in. We can and do work with the moderate Democrats to do what's right - not what's popular. How did this happen? Republican voters sat back because they thought there would be a great 'Red Wave', so they didn't put in the work and many just stayed home and didn't vote. We must put in the work to get the results we want."

At our January 4, 2023 meeting, **Patti Febro**, from **Congressman Bill Posey's** office, will speak about "What you need to know about the District Office. Also, the 2023/2024 Executive Officers Installation Ceremony will be conducted by Ms. Febro.

Reservations can be made at [www.brevardfederatedrepublicanwomen.org](http://www.brevardfederatedrepublicanwomen.org).



## FRWA IS “A CLUB OF ACTION”

By Recording Secretary  
Carol Vyhonsky

At our December 2 meeting, our speaker, **Jeff MacMakin**, said history is taught in schools in a boring way, which makes students uninterested. Thankfully, he had a history teacher who went “off the curriculum” when teaching it and made it interesting. He stated that history “changes you when you learn it. It helps you find your place.”

Speaking about Brevard County, he mentioned the beaches and the coquina (shells broken up into sand); and Titusville’s (Windover area) old cemetery that was found with a big discovery of textiles used thousands of years ago. Many of these textiles are on display at the Brevard Museum of History and Natural Sciences in Cocoa. He discussed that when the explorer DeSoto and crew shipwrecked off the coast of St. Augustine, the Indians who inhabited the land helped them.



One incident of the Revolutionary War happened in Florida, MacMakin said, and it was off the coast of Cape Canaveral. There was a gun battle between American and British ships. There is a monument commemorating this incident outside the Brevard Military Museum in Merritt Island, he said, and “We were untouched by the Civil War. He informed us that Brevard County is named after Theodore W. Brevard, who was one of the first Comptrollers in Florida and was instrumental in Brevard County being created. Titusville, MacMakin said, was the first big settlement in Brevard County. A man named John Sams built a house in Melbourne in 1875 and had it sent on a barge to Merritt Island, where it is to this day. It is now a historic site called “Sams House,” and is considered the oldest standing home in Brevard County. The area that is now Front Street in Melbourne, he said, used to be the entire town.

Discussing the history of the Melbourne Causeways, MacMakin stated they were once made of coal tar which would ignite and sometimes cause fires. Buckets were actually placed along the sides of the road so drivers could get water from the river to put out any fire that might start, he said, adding that the causeways were converted to concrete in the 1930’s. The Eau Gallie causeway was a swing bridge, which the Walt Disney company bought and part of it is at Magic Kingdom today. Deseret Ranch, north of 192, is the largest ranch in the U.S., and it extends all the way to St. Cloud. Tours are available.

Regarding Palm Bay, which used to be called the town of Tillman, Mr. MacMakin discussed some history of Palm Bay, which used to be the town of Tillman, which was incorporated by rancher John Tillman., but later became re-incorporated as Palm Bay. The Tillman canal system still exists and goes all

the way up to Melbourne. General Development Corporation came in and began developing the land, MacMakin said.

Our members also voted to elect new FRWA Board members for the 2023-24 term. The new Board members are: **Helen Voltz**, President; **Jan Snyder**, 1st Vice President; **Sue Sheppard**, 2nd Vice President; **Bonnie Magee**, Treasurer; and **Charlene Horton**, Recording Secretary. The new officers will be sworn in at the January meeting.

Members also approved some amendments to the FRWA Bylaws, and Associate member **Richard Goolsby** was recognized by FRWA for his hard work and dedication in volunteering for the past election (door knocking, sign waving, working at our tents, poll watching, etc.)

FRWA also participated in the Palm Bay Holiday Lights Parade on December 3rd.

Our next scheduled meeting is on Friday, January 6th at 5:30 pm at MeMaw’s Bar-B-Q in Palm Bay. Meetings are free and guests are welcome; however, an RSVP is required.

Please visit [www.FRWABrevard.org](http://www.FRWABrevard.org) for more information and to RSVP.



## THE MAYFIELD MINUTE

By Florida District 19 State Senator  
Debbie Mayfield

In addition to bills passed by the Special Session of the Florida State Legislature involving property insurance, **Governor Ron DeSantis** also signed one to provide a 50 percent credit to

Floridians who utilize the state’s turnpike system with 35 or more transactions each month.

DeSantis also announced that Florida’s world-class education system is first in the nation for parent empowerment, according to the Center for Education Reform’s Power. Each state was ranked using three criteria: choice programs, charter schools, and innovation.

“We are proud to protect parents’ rights to be involved in a child’s education,” the governor said. “This recognition continues to show that Florida is a national leader in school choice, parent empowerment, and education as a whole.”  
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## First Lady Casey DeSantis

announced that the Florida Disaster Fund has raised more than \$60 million in donations to help with recovery in the communities impacted by Hurricane Ian. “It has been heartwarming to witness individuals and organizations come together from all over the country to generously help Floridians rebuild and recover,” she said, adding that the money “reflects the



graciousness and incredible commitment from good people to provide relief and hope.”

The Florida Disaster Fund, which the First Lady spearheads, is the state’s private fund overseen by Volunteer Florida.-0-



**Florida Attorney General Ashley Moody** has launched a state-wide Child Safety Initiative to help in locating and reuniting with their families’ children who go missing. Moody said, “it is vital that law enforcement quickly receives accurate identification information in these nightmare scenarios.”

A Child ID Kit, she said, allows parents to record fingerprints, DNA, photographs and other information about their children. Parents can then safely store these kits and hopefully never use them. However, should something go wrong, these kits can be quickly provided to law enforcement to help speed up search efforts.

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It was three years ago on December 20 that then-President Donald Trump established the U.S. Space Force as the first new branch of the armed services in 73 years. It resulted from widespread recognition that Space was a national security imperative.

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Florida Attorney General Ashley Moody has released a new “Scams at a Glance” resource to help residents spot and avoid gift card scams. Consumers reportedly planned to spend nearly half of their holiday budget on gift cards, but the Federal Trade Commission reports that these scams amount to more than 25 percent of cases that it investigates. These include payment schemes in which an unsolicited caller demands payment with gift cards; fake cards that fraudsters create on fake websites; and compromised cards for which thieves record numbers and PINs of gift cards in stores.

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The Florida Department of Juvenile Justice offers a wide array of services to help youth and families – from prevention services for at-risk youth to working to rehabilitate serious juvenile offenders in residential commitment programs. The Department utilizes a data-driven, evidence-based approach to address juvenile delinquency.

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Brevard Ocean Rescue Chief Eisen Witcher is reminding residents and visitors that rip currents continue to be dangerous, even for experienced swimmers, because the ocean floor remains unsettled due to recent storms. Sadly, several drownings off Brevard beaches have occurred this month. According to Brevard Ocean Rescue, county lifeguards perform 450 rescues annually. In Brevard County, lifeguards are only posted at Alan Shepard Park, Cocoa Beach Pier, Lori Wilson Park, Minuteman Causeway and Paradise Beach. In Indian River County, they are post on Golden Sands, Humiston Park, Jaycee Park, Round Island Park,

Sebastian Inlet Park, Sea Grape Trail, South Beach Park, Tracking Station Park, Treasure Shores Parks, and Wabasso Beach Park.

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**Florida’s Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis** is appealing to residents to search the unclaimed property website -- [www.fltreasurehunt.gov](http://www.fltreasurehunt.gov) – to determine if there is any forgotten money or property. Since he took office in 2017, more than \$1.8 billion in unclaimed property has been returned.

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The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles reminds drivers of these safety tips: never drive impaired, check your tires; buckle up; register your emergency contact information; observe and obey all speed limits; remember parking lot and shopping safety; and if you think you are being followed, drive to a safe location and flash your lights and sound your horn.

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The City of Melbourne will honor residents, business owners and immediate family members of those actively serving in the U.S. military; Veterans; and those who lost their lives in the line of duty. Between May 1 and July 4 of this year, the city will display street pole banners in Downtown Melbourne, each featuring a name, photo, branch of service, and years served.



**AN UPDATE FROM MY OFFICE  
By Florida District 8 State Senator  
Tom Wright**

December was a busy month between still working on recovery efforts from the Hurricanes, Special Session, events, legislative and budget priorities for next Session, the holidays and more.

Following the results of the Special Session, I am proud of the work that the Legislature was able to accomplish together. We have made meaningful changes to property insurance that will help to combat the rising cost of premiums. We took steps to reduce the chance of frivolous litigation, which is a driving factor of rising premiums, by eliminating assignment of benefits and one-way attorney fees.

These rising premiums have a detrimental effect on the finances of Florida residents and the Legislature is committed to finding equitable solutions that will ease the burden on our constituents. We also took actions that will strengthen Citizens Property Insurance to ensure that Floridians always have an option while these changes take effect to stabilize the insurance marketplace.

Outside of property insurance, we were also able to address immediate concerns that have stemmed from damages related

to Hurricanes Ian and Nicole, as well as offer some relief to Florida commuters.

The Legislature enabled Floridians the ability to receive property tax refunds for destroyed or uninhabitable homes. We also made \$750 million in state funding available for local government and individual assistance to provide FEMA Public Assistance Grant matching funds, stormwater and wastewater system repair, housing assistance, insurance deductible assistance and beach management and erosion control.

The Legislature was also able to help provide relief for frequent Florida commuters by appropriating \$500 million to fund a toll savings program that will issue a 50% credit for customers who engage in 35 plus toll transactions a month.

Overall, the Florida Legislature and Governor DeSantis took large steps to help stabilize the insurance marketplace in our state and to provide assistance to the Floridian families who need it most right now.

As we approach the 2023 Session, I look forward to sharing what is happening in the Florida Legislature with you. Should anyone ever need the help of my office, please do not hesitate to reach out at 386-304-7630 or email at [wright.tom@flsenate.gov](mailto:wright.tom@flsenate.gov). My office is always here to fight for you and listen to the concerns you have.



**REMEMBER WHEN**  
**By President Mike Hoagland**  
**Heritage Isle Republican Club**

Remember when **Harry Taylor**, speaker at our last monthly meeting, informed us that there is no empirical or scientific proof that human activity is a cause for climate change. As a renowned

climatologist, I think we can rely on his conclusions. Of course, there has always been and always will be climate change. It was not that long ago that the earth was in danger because of ozone depletion. Harry addressed that as well explaining the fallacy of those claims.

Why do certain groups tell us the sky is falling? Global warming is their mantra. I say we should follow the money. We went from \$1.87 for a gallon of gas before the Biden (Obama) administration took office. They virtually shut down the fossil fuel energy sector overnight. Why? The environmentalists control the energy agenda of this administration. Biden shut down various pipeline projects. He gave no new drilling permits on federal lands. He leveraged Wall Street and big lenders to follow ESG guidelines. As a result, developers found it difficult to get funding for exploration. Environmentalists and the EPA sue or make it extremely difficult to even get approval to explore. Biden will say there are an existing 6,000 permits. Without funding or EPA approvals, developers can't afford to drill. This strategy has allowed the administration to shove the "Green New

Deal" down our throats which is where we need to begin following the money.

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The problem we face today, is that we can't afford the communal experiment that the liberal democrat progressives want to implement in our country. We simply could not recover. They certainly don't understand the historical precedents which have been great failures.

How do the democrats put forth their ideology? They call the United States a democracy which we are not. We are a republic. Our founders were brilliant. They lived through failed systems having come from the European influence. Thomas Jefferson said, "A democracy is nothing more than mob rule, where 51% can take away the rights of the other 49%,". John Adams said, "a republic is a government of laws." Our constitution was created to give protection to individuals. We see that tested every day. The media, democrats, bureaucrats use the term democracy for a reason. They very much want to do away with our constitutional protections. It amazes me that people vote for democrats.

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We are reaping the results of decades of inferior education in our public schools with their liberal ideologies. The media that exists today supports these destructive ideologies with the misinformation they spew. Our history is being rewritten, our culture is being diluted, our constitution is being criticized as outdated. People have no understanding of the meaning of "constitutional republic". An undereducated public will result in the situation we find ourselves. We have more illegals coming into our country than some states have residents, The illegals can further change our country. To what end? Democrats and globalists will be able to take down our country as we know it.

Now you can see why we have focused on our local efforts on the Brevard County School Board. We helped flip the board from liberal /progressive to conservative. We can at least place our efforts where there will be long term benefits to our country. There will be a fight in the 2024 elections to maintain this majority.

**AUDACITY AND IDIOCY**

Here are the Christmas month's "winners":



--The 4-3 majority leftists on the North Carolina State Supreme Court, for eroding election integrity by striking down a 2018 state constitutional amendment requiring voters to show a valid photo ID before being allowed to cast their ballots, claiming in an 89-page ruling that the constitutional amendment's intent was to discriminate against black voters. The justices ignored the fact that countless Americans of all colors are required to have some form of ID to: apply for welfare, food stamps, or a job; rent a house, apartment, hotel room or car;

drive; buy alcohol; pick up a prescription; get on an airplane; enter many buildings; or adopt a pet.

--The Darien, Connecticut School Board, for overruling concerned parents and voting in favor of keeping the crossdressing book "Julian Is a Mermaid" in a second-grade classroom's curriculum. The woke school board ruled that the material was "appropriate" for seven- and eight-year-old students despite parents' objections, and that it supports their "core values" of diversity and inclusion. The school board consists of elected members who apparently think they know better than parents how to educate other people's children, and who don't much care what you may or may not want your child exposed to.

--Mass General Brigham, a wealthy but "woke" health-care system in Massachusetts, for imposing a "code of conduct" on patients that threatens them with action for "offensive comments about others' race, accent, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or other personal traits." In response to some "violations," MGB warns, it may ask patients to "make other plans for their care," and ban them for any future care. Failing to use "preferred pronouns," the group warned, could be considered to be harassment, and disputing the existence of systemic racism could, in fact, be determined to be "racist."

--The owners of Metzger's Bar and Butchery in Richmond, Virginia, for canceling a private party for the Christian ministry group The Family Foundation, 90 minutes before it was scheduled to start, because their LGBTQ staff members refused to provide service for the event. In addition to calling the group to cancel it, the owners also posted a message on their social media page that they "found out it was a group of donors to a political organization that seeks to deprive women and LGBTQ persons of their basic human rights in Virginia. We have always refused service to anyone for making our staff uncomfortable or unsafe and this was the driving force behind our decision." Is it boycott time?

--Oregon's outgoing Democrat Governor Kate Brown, for commuting to life in prison the sentence of every death row inmate in the state, with zero input from Oregonians and the State Legislature. Brown said she has "long believed that justice is not advanced by taking a life, and the state should not be in the business of executing people – even if a terrible crime placed them in prison," and added, "This commutation is not based on any rehabilitative efforts by the individuals on death row. Instead, it reflects the recognition that the death penalty is immoral."



### YOU CAN'T MAKE THIS UP

--A "committee" at Duke University Hospital in Durham, North Carolina has denied a lifesaving kidney transplant for a 14-year-old girl diagnosed with a genetic kidney disorder, after the hospital agreed to perform the surgery, The committee "recommended" she first take the experimental Covid

vaccine, which her family refuses for religious reasons, because it was developed from kidney cells harvested from born-alive aborted babies, who were murdered to create the mRNA shots. The family now is going to have to travel out-of-state for a kidney transplant and pay travel costs and other expenses for a kidney donor. The "Conservative Zone" website says we cannot forgive and forget when it comes to the lockdowns and economic destruction, and we cannot forgive and forget when it comes to these examples of medical fascism in America.

--It took nearly six years, but a Federal District Judge and a federal jury ruled that long-time flight attendant Charlene Carter has been wrongly terminated from her dream job for her pro-life and religious views, and Southwest Airlines was ordered to reinstate her with full seniority and benefits. She also had been required to continue paying union dues to Transport Workers Union Local 556 – and both the airline and the union were ordered to pay her hundreds of thousands of dollars. Her "crime" was complaining on social media that union members used union funds to travel to a pro-abortion march, and she was fired for allegedly violating the company's harassment policy. So, what is Southwest's response? A spokesman indicated the airline intends to appeal the verdict to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

--After Christine Gauthier, a 52-year-old retired military veteran and 2016 Paralympian, asked the Canadian government for assistance to install a wheelchair lift in her home, Veterans Affairs Canada came up with a different suggestion. VAC instead offered her a medical assistance in dying kit. Gauthier then wrote directly to Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, saying the offer was "concerning" to her, and she had been attempting to get the wheelchair lift for half a decade. Trudeau reportedly declared the VAC letter was unacceptable and assured her the government took the necessary actions to help her.

--In Norway, lesbian artist Tonje Gjevjon is under police investigation and faces hate-speech charges punishable by up to three years in prison – for posting on Facebook that it is impossible for a man to become a lesbian. Her statement was challenged by Christine Jentoft, a transgender male activist who claims to be a lesbian mother. And in America, we are more concerned about who will appear in the upcoming Super Bowl.

--People who depend on the Cambridge Dictionary for definitions of words may be confused about the term's "man" and "woman." Now, the dictionary refers to "man" as "an adult who lives and identifies as a male though they may have been said to have a different sex at birth;" and a "woman" as "an adult who lives and identifies as female though they may have been said to have a different sex at birth."

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### THIS AND THAT

**FLORIDA PROPERTY INSURANCE** Following a three-day special session of the Florida State Legislature, **Governor**



**Ron DeSantis** on December 16 signed new property insurance legislation that passed both chambers. The bill stabilizes a failing marketplace for insurance in the state, gets rid of one-way attorney fees and the assignment of benefits, encourages settlements, helps homeowners by reducing insurance company claim time to 60 days, strengthens the insurance market to allow more companies to offer insurance in the state, and gives the Florida Office of Insurance Regulation the ability to fine and discipline insurance companies for customer abuse or wrongdoing. Calling the reform measure a “win” for Florida, the Tallahassee-based James Madison Institute, which has worked for the past dozen years to have the state provide effective solutions to the property insurance market, published thanks to **House Speaker Paul Renner** and **Senate President Kathleen Passidomo** for “shepherding complicated policy deftly.”



**BREVARD COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION.**

The 2023 meeting of the Brevard County Legislative Delegation will take place in Viera 5:30-9:30 pm on January 11 at the Board of County Commissioners Chambers. Its purpose is to provide local government entities, community organizations, and county citizens with the opportunity to publicly share issues that are important to them in anticipation of the 2023 legislative session. It will begin with local bill proposals by delegation members and presentations by local government entities, followed by appearances from members of the public. This will be the only scheduled meeting of the delegation prior to the 2023 Legislative Session, which begins on Tuesday, March 7, 2023.



**REAL ARIZONA ELECTION RESULTS?**

The popular former television newscaster **Kari Lake**, who ran as a Republican for governor in Arizona – where massive glitches occurred in Election Day polling stations – is suing the state for election fraud after it was reported that the Democrat candidate, Secretary of State Katie Hobbs, was declared “the winner” by the media. The Lake campaign is now gathering depositions from witnesses, poll watchers, and disenfranchised voters about what happened in Maricopa County on election day, but it is unclear whether a court will listen to her case. According to the website [www.LeftRightIQ.com](http://www.LeftRightIQ.com), an “unexplained glitch” indicated that throughout the state, a candidate for State Treasurer received 101,410 more votes than a candidate for governor, and 67,584 more than did a U.S. Senator running for re-election. Do those kinds of numbers make sense? The website reports that 30 percent of poll tabulators failed on election day in Maricopa County – but only in heavily-weighted Republican neighborhoods. Thousands of voters gave up in

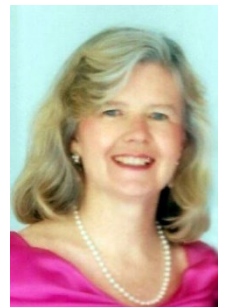
frustration and went home after waiting hours to try to vote. And, the website asks, “Has that ever happened in any statewide election, in any U.S. state, in all of American history? Ever? Seriously? Uganda has more above-board elections than this.”



**HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH IN FLORIDA.** Delayed due to Hurricane Ian, **Florida Governor and Mrs. Ron DeSantis** celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month on December 7 by inviting to the Governor’s Mansion students who won art and essay contests about Hispanic Heritage, as well as teachers who won awards for being exceptional educators. Their awards were \$1,500 gifts from Volunteer Florida. “Hispanic Floridians have played a tremendous role in the history of our state,” said First Lady Casey DeSantis, “and it is important that we honor those contributions and teach our students about those pieces of history.”

**REMEMBERING GRETA MCLAUGHLIN.**

The founder and first chair of Brevard County’s New Millennium Conservative Club, **Greta McLaughlin**, passed away peacefully on November 21, at age 82. At NMCC meetings, which were held in the Suntree/Viera library, she provided club members with a continuous, monthly flow of speakers – politicians, government officials and other residents with interesting backgrounds. McLaughlin also formerly served as a District Chair for the Brevard Republican Executive Committee. And she was a published author, writing three historical novels based on her Irish and Scottish ancestry – “Celtic Country,” “Celtic Cries,” and “Celtic Crossovers: A Saga of Two Families, War, Love.” A native of New York, McLaughlin graduated from Dominican College with a Bachelor of Arts, and Iona College with a Master of Science in Education. With her husband, William, and their three children – Deirdre, William, and Jeanne – she moved to Melbourne, Florida, in 1990. She became an Associate Professor at Brevard Community College (now Eastern Florida State College) and Florida Tech. Her experience led her to encourage her children and five grandchildren to aim high in their educational pursuits. She enjoyed traveling with her husband, and they visited Ireland and Scotland several times, along with many other European countries. She also was very proud of, and spoke often about,



her nephew, **Dan McLaughlin**, a senior writer at “National Review Online” and a fellow at National Review Institute. His writings on politics, baseball, and law have also appeared in numerous other newspapers, magazines, websites, and legal journals. Greta McLaughlin has been laid to rest in Rockledge’s Florida Memorial Gardens. She will be greatly missed.

**ARIZONA SENATOR KRISTEN SINEMA.** “I know some people might be a little bit surprised by this, but actually, I think it makes a lot of sense,” said Arizona Senator Krysten Sinema, as she announced she will leave the Democrat Party and officially register as an Independent. “It will provide a place of belonging for many folks across the state and the country, who also are tired of the partisanship,” Sinema added, “When politicians are more focused on denying the opposition party a victory than they are on improving Americans’ lives, the people who lose are everyday Americans.”

**THE WORST QUOTE OF THE YEAR.** Going through all of the biased outbursts from lefty hack hosts, anchors, reporters and pundits in 2022, the Media Research Center has declared that for the second year in a row, the winner of “The Worst Quote of the Year” is CNN host Don Lemon. When CBS’ Stephen Colbert said on the air that “you guys aren’t allowed to be liberal anymore under new CNN CEO Chris Licht’s leadership,” Lemon’s absurd response was: “I don’t think we ever were liberal.” **MRC President Brent Bozell** said his comment was “even more absurd coming from the man who has spent his CNN career attacking conservatives and advancing the left’s agenda.” Last year, Lemon’s award-winning worst quote was: “If you voted for Trump, you voted for the person who the Klan supported. You voted for the person who Nazis support. You voted for the person who the alt-right supports. That’s the crowd that you are in.”

## LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Addressing the Leadership Institute’s Wake Up Breakfast Meeting on December 7, **Will Estrada**, president of the Parental Rights Foundation, said the organization believes that one blessing of liberty is the freedom of parents to raise their children without undue government interference.



“Our vision is to secure this liberty by educating those in government and the public at large on the important role that parental rights holds in ensuring that the freedom, opportunity, prosperity and civil society of America continue to flourish from generation to generation,” he said. The foundation advances the right of parents to direct the upbringing, education and care of their minor children through research, education, advocacy, and legal representation. Parental rights, Estrada said, “are good for children, good for families, and good for society.” By embracing these rights, he said, “Teachers, administrators and school boards can set their students on a path to success. Partnering with parents, rather than opposing them, is the key

to this success,” he added. At the current time, he said, 15 U.S. states have adopted legislation affirming that parental rights are a fundamental right, and the organization is working toward increasing that number. Estrada, who is also an attorney, previously worked for the U.S. government. He is a member of the U.S. Supreme Court bar, the California bar, and the District of Columbia bar. For more information, visit the website: [www.parentalrightsfoundation.org](http://www.parentalrightsfoundation.org).

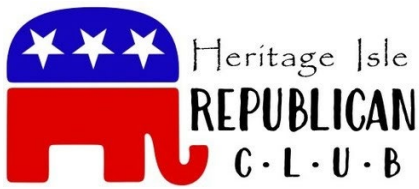
**HEALTHFEEDBACK.** Ethan Huff writes at [www.naturalnews.com](http://www.naturalnews.com) that the American Red Cross is indiscriminately mixing vaccinated blood with unvaccinated blood, which means that a recipient will receive all the spike proteins and other toxins produced by the shots in the person who received them. The Red Cross claims that since the Covid-19 vaccine does not enter the bloodstream, it poses no safety risks to the recipient. Huff said there were concerns that the Red Cross might be poisoning people with tainted blood, and it can no longer be trusted. Meanwhile, an organization called healthfeedback.org has “reviewed” this and other articles written by Huff and found all of them – as well as many other writers’ works – to be “incorrect.” Healthfeedback.org identifies as “a worldwide network of scientists sorting fact from fiction in health and medical media coverage.” It also – surprise, surprise – is associated with none other than the United Nations’ World Health Organization.



**REPUBLICAN LIBERTY CAUCUS OF CENTRAL EAST FLORIDA.** At the December 5 Christmas Party of the Republican Liberty Caucus of Central East Florida, **Chairman Bob White** presented the club’s annual

Jefferson Cup Award to **Tina Descovich**, co-founder of the national Moms For Liberty organization. The award – a replica of the ornate drinking vessel used by President Thomas Jefferson, is given for dedication to the Jeffersonian principles of limited government, lower taxes, free and fair markets, and personal freedoms and responsibilities. The cup award was actually announced at the RLCCEF Constitution Day Dinner in September, but Descovich was out of town then. Expressing her appreciation here, she said she supported the Jeffersonian principles at an early age and never wavered from them. RLCCEF member **Connie Smith** took the picture of her receiving the award in front of the partying club members.





Heritage Isle resident and retired scientist **Harry Taylor**, who spent 30 years working at the Goddard Space Center, studying the

ionosphere of Earth and Venus and supervising studies of the Earth Ozone Layer, told the Heritage Isle Republican Club on December 1 that for years, he has doubted claims of man’s ability to control our atmosphere and our climate. Taylor said that several years ago, he wrote a book that reviewed six other books done by scientists who did believe that Nature controls Climate. Global warming, he said, comes from nature and is not man-made. Saying otherwise, he added, is a Democrat “talking point,” one that focuses on the so-called “green new deal,” and puts our republic at risk. Taylor said despite the issues of the economy, inflation, taxes, national debt, illegal immigration and abortion, “the most important issue of wrongful Democrat governance” in our recent midterm election campaign was Man Made Climate Change. “I believe Liberal Policy and Wasteful Funding already undermine our Republic,” he said. “These actions promote Global Governance and mandates for Environmental, Social and Governance Equity.” Discussing the World Economic Forum, Taylor said U.S. corporations promote its globalism and markets expansion by inflating the price of goods. If implemented, he said, World Economic Forum power would control laws, currency, standards, and even population. Overall, Taylor concluded, “the fundamentals of the American Dream are greatly challenged.”



contents of his laptop on October 14, 2020,’ Shellenberger said. FBI Special Agent Elvis Chan sent 10 documents to former Twitter Head of Site Integrity Yoel Roth through a one-way channel hours before the Post article was published. Chan urged Roth that the documents were ‘not spam’ and asked him to ‘confirm receipt.’ Two minutes later, Roth replied: ‘Received and downloaded – thanks!’ There were so many former FBI alumnae working at Twitter in 2020 that they had created their own secret Slack channel. Former FBI General Counsel Jim Baker, who started working as deputy general counsel for Twitter in 2021, told Roth the materials from Hunter Biden’s laptop were either faked or hacked, even though the Post included a receipt from the repair shop signed by Hunter Biden. At least 10 percent of voters said knowledge of the story would’ve changed their mind about voting for Biden, according to a poll by the Media Research Center.”



Reporter **Caroline Downey**, writing on the Biden Team requesting Twitter to scrub scandalous information on Hunter Biden days before the 2020 election, in “National Review” magazine:

“In an email dated October 24, just days before the 2020 presidential election, the Biden campaign

reportedly demanded that Twitter scrub content critical of Hunter Biden from the site, according to a jaw dropping release of ‘The Twitter Files’ by new CEO Elon Musk. Twitter staff forwarded a request from the ‘Biden team’ to remove five tweets in particular....Three of the tweets, from since-suspended accounts, featured scandalous graphic images of the president’s son posing with his genitalia exposed, according to archives, which were leaked from the laptop that the ‘New York Post’ first uncovered. In one image, Hunter Biden’s nudity is blotted out by red digital paint. Hunter Biden abandoned the computer at a Delaware repair shop in April 2019. It contained messages showing that then-Vice President Joe Biden was introduced by his son to a top businessman at a Ukrainian energy firm ‘less than a year before the elder Biden pressured government officials in Ukraine into firing a prosecutor who was investigating the company,’ contradicting Biden’s claim that he had ‘never spoken’ to Hunter Biden ‘about his overseas business dealings’....The decision to scrub the report was made by top leadership of the company but without the knowledge of former CEO Jack Dorsey. Former head of legal, policy, and trust Vijaya Gadde was allegedly intimately involved.... Chaos ensued at Twitter as the move to suppress the story came under intense scrutiny. An analyst from Twitter’s global escalations team confirmed that initially, the story was scrapped on the grounds that it violated the company’s ‘hacked materials’ policy. Twitter took dramatic measures to thwart circulation of the story, removing links and warning that it could be ‘unsafe.’ According to journalist Matt Taibbi, Trump campaign staffer Mike Hahn demanded to know why Twitter was so adamant about silencing firsthand reporting

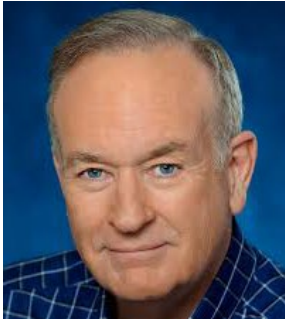
**EXPERTS’ EXCERPTS**



**Managing Editor Caleb Parke**, writing on the FBI paying Twitter taxpayer funds to censor conservatives, at the Starnes Media Group:

“The FBI paid nearly \$3.5 million in taxpayer funds to Twitter to censor conservatives, according to the latest ‘Twitter Files’ released. Twitter took down the New York Post’s bombshell Hunter Biden laptop story in October 2020, after the FBI repeatedly warned executives at the Big Tech company it would be coming, internal documents reveal. ‘Government paid Twitter millions of dollars to censor info from the public,’ Twitter CEO Elon Musk wrote in a tweet. Musk asked California Democrat Representative Adam Schiff, ‘As (outgoing) Chair of House Intelligence, did you approve hidden state censorship in direct violation of the Constitution of the United States?’ A lengthy ‘TWITTER FILES: PART 7’ on ‘The FBI & the Hunter Biden Laptop’ thread was posted by independent journalist Michael Shellenberger on December 19....The intelligence community ‘discredited factual information about Hunter Biden’s foreign business dealings both after and before The New York Post revealed the

and when former White House Press Secretary Kayleigh McEnany, who was deplatformed for citing the story, would be reinstated...Musk had teased his 2020 document dump when he responded to a tweet by Alex Lorusso, an executive producer at 'Newsmax', asking him to publicize Twitter's internal discussions surrounding the company's decision to censor Hunter Biden's laptop in the lead-up to the 2020 presidential election. 'Raise your hand if you think @ElonMusk should make public all internal discussions about the decision to censor the @NYPost's story on Hunter Biden's laptop before the 2020 Election in the interest of Transparency,' Lorusso tweeted at the time. Musk responded: 'This is necessary to restore public trust.' Many have long criticized Twitter for censoring conservative voices, and Musk's latest announcement could shed light on the internal sequence of events contributing to the story's censoring, considered by many to be one of the biggest of the 2020 election cycle. Since Musk assumed control of the social-media platform in late October, he has brought in numerous reforms, including cleaning house, testing a new verification system, and reinstating users who were banned under Twitter's old leadership."



Syndicated columnist **Bill O'Reilly**, writing on the prisoner exchange plan with Russia, on "The Drudge Report":

"President Biden loves to say, 'here's the deal.' But very often, the actual deal is nowhere near Mr. Biden's capacity to understand it. Take the Russian swap. It was maddening watching the TV pundits yodel, 'Biden left Paul Whelan behind.' Paul is the Michigan man who's languished in a Russian prison for four years, convicted of 'espionage.' The sad truth is that Joe Biden has absolutely no leverage with Putin whatsoever. I believe Biden is tied with Rapunzel on Putin's fear list. So, if Washington wanted Mr. Whelan and basketball player Brittney Griner released from confinement, Putin dictated the terms. Take it or leave it. With no options, Biden took Ms. Griner in return for freeing a brutal Russian arms merchant who was 14 years in American custody. When a radio interviewer asked me why Biden abandoned Mr. Whelan, I simply said that, short of war, the U.S. government cannot force Putin to do anything. Trump couldn't even get Paul Whelan released. So that's the deal, and Putin gets the win, although Biden gets progressive cred because Brittney is an African-American lesbian feminist. All the boxes. In the biggest deal sweepstakes - the welfare of America - Biden is making incredibly bad choices.... President Biden is completely under the influence of the progressive left, which controls the Democrat Party through massive donations by the likes of George Soros and Mark Zuckerberg. The radicals have bought not only Biden but Schumer and Pelosi as well. There is little opposition on the left to the extremists, no matter how destructive their proposals are. Think open borders. Most foreign nationals have zero ties to traditional America. So let's flood the zone with them. That fits right into

'the plan,' which is to change America into a brand new green country where the federal government runs the vast economic engine and dictates who gets what. Call it eco-socialism. In order to make that happen, younger Americans and immigrants have to buy into the concept that the USA is, and always has been, a racist nation bent on harming minorities and destroying the planet by using fossil fuels. That's the main play: America must disavow its traditions and change everything, including capitalism. No opposition is allowed, especially if you work in film, TV, or academia....At this point, I don't know who will win this civil war. I did not anticipate the Biden-induced border-collapse. I do know most Americans have no idea what the stakes actually are - tremendous loss of individual freedom - as the federal government dictates the free marketplace and freedom of expression in all forms. We are indeed living in perilous times."

**American Security Council Foundation Senior Analyst Laurence Sanford**, writing on "Paper Tiger," woke leadership in the U.S. military, for [www.worldtribune.com](http://www.worldtribune.com):



"Merriam-Webster defines 'Paper Tiger' as 'one that is outwardly powerful or dangerous but inwardly weak or ineffectual.' 'Paper Tiger' was used by China's Mao Zedong in describing American imperialism as all paper and not able to withstand wind and rain. Osama Bin Laden, another totalitarian, also used 'Paper Tiger' to describe American soldiers. In 2006, then-Senator Joe Biden used the term to describe North Korea. Is the U.S. military a 'Paper Tiger?' The term was widely quoted during the Vietnam War when the U.S. military never lost a battle but lost the war. South Vietnam was lost to totalitarian communism as Afghanistan was lost to another totalitarian government, the Islamist Taliban, for much the same reasons - corruption of the ruling class and lack of will to fight by the people.... The U.S. military expended billions of dollars and lost thousands of brave men and women in these wars, and yet somehow did not know they were on the wrong side of the people? Where were the intelligence agencies?....The finest military equipment in the world is toothless if it is not manned by the finest personnel. And the U.S. military tooth is being hollowed out at its core by woke, corrupt, and incompetent leadership.... A beginning indicator of woke military leadership occurred after Major Nadal Hasan murdered 13 fellow American soldiers in 2009 at Ft. Hood, Killeen, Texas. A general spokesperson decried the murders but added that the most important factor is maintaining military 'diversity.' Nothing was mentioned about Hasan's Islamic faith driving him to kill infidels. Hasan was a 'ticking time bomb' for promulgating Islamic terror, according to fellow officers. Yet his fitness reports did not reflect Hasan's advocacy; on the contrary, he was promoted to Major. Wokeness is corrupting all segments of American society but is particularly

pernicious in the military culture of top-down management and the implementation of the policy by enlisted men and women. The military was the first American societal segment to be desegregated, and the only colors that mattered were red, white, and blue. Now tribal headgear is allowed, skin color is a major factor in promotions, and politically correct thought is demanded. CRT, or Critical Race Theory, is a Marxist theory that race is a social construct, instead of biology, used to oppress people of color (POC). General Mark Milley, Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff, defended teaching CRT at West Point and other academies in order to understand 'white rage.' What about 'black rage'? Brown rage? Yellow rage? Red rage?...Now the military is failing to meet recruitment and retention quotas. Who wants to join an organization that insults you if you are white, forces you to be injected with Wuhan Virus unnecessary vaccines, suffer long deployments away from family, and be on a losing team? There are other negatives: Afghanistan? Iraq? Navy ships running aground? Aircraft carriers being waddling ducks for enemy missiles? The Air Force having only a tiny fraction of its aircraft being mission capable? The Army reducing fitness standards? Chinese President Xi recently ordered the Chinese military to 'comprehensively strengthen its preparation for war.' Our military leaders are more concerned about 'wokeness' and uniforms that are pregnancy suitable. Our political leaders continually underfund the military budget and spend billions on green policies to fight climate change. Peace Through Strength! Be an advocate! Contact your leaders! Be a leader!"

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## THOUGHTS TO PONDER

"Just when you thought our politics could not get more poisonous, a recent meeting in California suggests the past is mere prelude. The "Washington Post", which revealed the powwow, described it as Biden family 'allies' planning an offensive to blunt any investigation into the Bidens' alleged multimillion-dollar influence-peddling schemes. Republicans will see it more like the gathering of the Legion of (Democratic) Doom....The California meeting's host was none other than Hunter Biden's friend, agent and lawyer, Kevin Morris. After Hunter was placed under investigation for, among other possible charges, tax evasion, Morris reportedly paid off as much as \$2.4 million in back taxes for Hunter....Morris' plan could easily be taken as a declaration of all-out war on potential witnesses against Hunter Biden....The Post described the meeting as a "glimpse into a sprawling infrastructure that is rapidly, almost frantically, assembling to combat Republicans' plans to turn Hunter Biden into a major news story when the GOP takes over the House next year."

--Attorney and law school professor **Jonathan Turley**, on Biden allies' move to intimidate Hunter probe  
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"Ziegler was canned by a unanimous vote, just a day after a grand jury found the board guilty of having grossly mishandled two cases of in-school sexual assaults by a student back in 2021....While it's not shocking that Ziegler finally got the boot from his cushy \$323,000 job as the head of Loudoun County Schools, what is surprising is that it took this long --

and that Ziegler was fired without cause, meaning he'll continue to be paid his full salary for the entirety of the next year, including a \$12,000 vehicle allowance and his health and retirement benefits. Translation? This skeezy liar just got a massive check to take a year-long vacation on the taxpayers' dime, after covering up the rape of a teenager by a "trans" kid. No wonder no one with half a brain still trusts the government."

--**MRC-TV writer Brittany Hughes**, on Loudon County, Virginia, School Superintendent Scott Ziegler being fired by the School Board after lying about not being aware of the incidents  
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"A taxpayer-funded library in Dedham, Massachusetts is facing criticism after the library director refused to erect a Christmas tree because it made people feel 'uncomfortable.' Maybe they should have told the perpetually-offended snowflakes that it was a 'Gay Pride Tree.' There's a simple solution for this tomfoolery. Either the library puts up a Christmas tree or they lose their taxpayer funding. That's how you fight this war on Christmas."

--Columnist **Todd Starnes**, on snowflakes in Massachusetts  
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"Don't get between a mother bear and her cub. Death follows. It makes sense...she thinks you are a threat to her progeny, and God wants the species to survive. That is the instinct, and if the critter is more significant than you, you have a life-or-death problem. Human moms are no different. God gave her a strong instinct to protect her kids too. Several school boards and government officials didn't get that memo before, during, and after the COVID abuse. Vaccine mandates for not-at-risk children, Marxist Critical Race Theory, the celebration of the worst sexual perversion, and foolish mask mandates (even for athletics!). And what happened? The revolt of the POMs -- Pissed Off Moms. School boards and other elected officials felt their wrath in the recent elections.... Thanks to the lockdowns, many parents saw what was being (and not being) taught to their kids....It was a serious wake-up call. The 'woke' agenda came to light in all its ugliness. Especially Critical Race Theory, a flat-out racist, Marxist curriculum where white children were made to feel guilty for how they were born. Mask mandates for kids demonstrably hurt young children's development with scant evidence of disease prevention. And then there was the big vaccine blow-up. Kids were already becoming human pincushions, but when schools started discussing mandating COVID vaccines, many parents said, 'ENOUGH.'"

--**Foundation for Applied Conservative Leadership Executive Assistant Cari Jackson**, on Moms and School lockdowns  
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"As I've been telling you -- till I'm blue in the face for at least five years now -- we aren't living in a free society, with a free press, with free speech anymore. Big Tech is having its way with us. Twitter, under Elon Musk, has blown the doors open

on that. Google, Facebook, Amazon, Apple and the rest of the pirates have stolen all away from us!”

--WND Editor Joseph Farah, on the problems with free speech and free press

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### UPCOMING BREVARD COUNTY EVENTS

- January 2: Republican Liberty Caucus of Central East Florida meeting, Frogbones Double Tapp Grill, Melbourne, 7 pm.
- January 3: Moms For Liberty meeting, Frogbones Double Tapp Grill. Melbourne, 6:30 pm.
- January 4: Brevard Federated Republican Women meeting, Space Coast Convention Center, Cocoa, 11 am.
- January 5: Heritage Isle Republican Club meeting, Heritage Isle Clubhouse, Viera, 10 am.
- January 6: Federated Republican Women in Action meeting, McMaw’s BBQ, Palm Bay, 5:30 pm.
- January 9: Space Coast Patriots meeting, Merritt Island Library, 6 pm.
- January 11: Brevard Republican Executive Committee meeting, Space Coast Association of Realtors Building, Melbourne, 7 pm.
- January 17: North Brevard Republican Club meeting, American Police Hall of Fame, Titusville, 7 pm.
- January 19: Republican Women’s Network of South Brevard meeting, Beachside Hilton 3003 N Hwy A1A, 11:30 am.
- January 23: The Ronald Reagan Club meeting, Frogbones Double Tapp Grill, Melbourne, 6 pm.
- January 26: Space Coast Young Republicans meeting, Beergarten, Melbourne, 6:30 pm.

--January 28: Space Coast Republican Club meeting, Red Lobster, Merritt Island, 11:30 am.

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**ABOUT THE NEWSLETTER.** Through email, website and Facebook, we are now reaching nearly 2,000 people on our ever-increasing distribution list. The newsletter goes to readers not only all over the country, but beyond. Editor Stuart Gorin and Designer Frank Montelione hope to see the numbers continue to grow as we pass on information. We continue to cover activities of the Brevard Republican Executive Committee, Republican clubs in the county, and conservative organizations, so both elected officials and the typical “man-in-the-street” are kept abreast of what is happening at the local, state and national levels. Since Republicans as well as Conservatives will never agree 100 percent on all issues – for example, differences between Conservative members and establishment Republicans – we will not necessarily support any writer’s positions, but will present them so you, the reader, can make up your own mind – fair and balanced.

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### COMICAL CLOSER

At the height of the Communists’ control of the Soviet Union, the most popular and effective personality on Moscow TV was an excellent weather forecaster named Rudolph Smirnoff. Not only was he always correct in his forecasting, he also was an ardent member of the Communist Party – so much so, that his nickname was “The Red.”

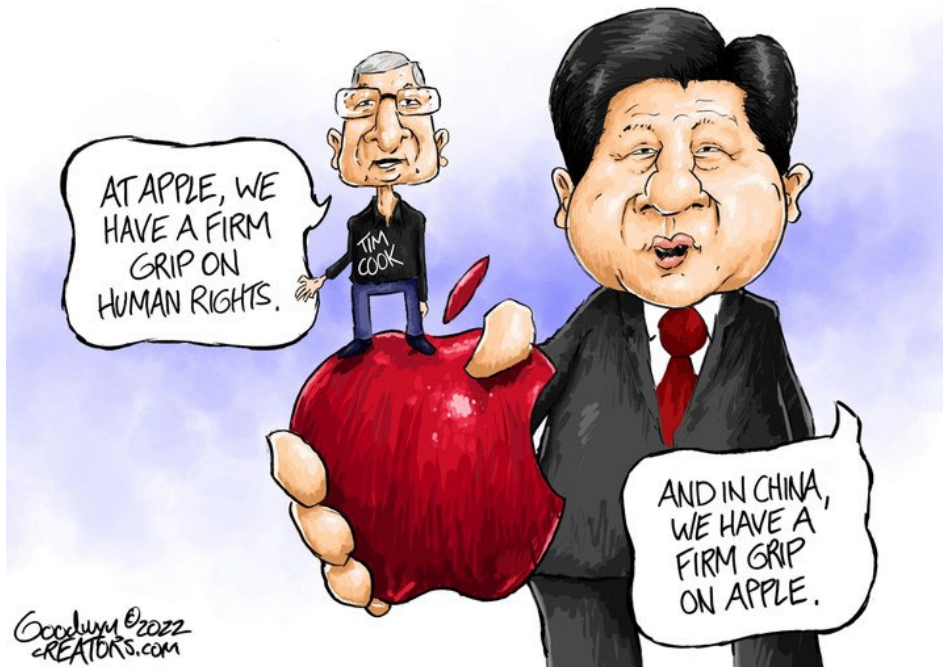
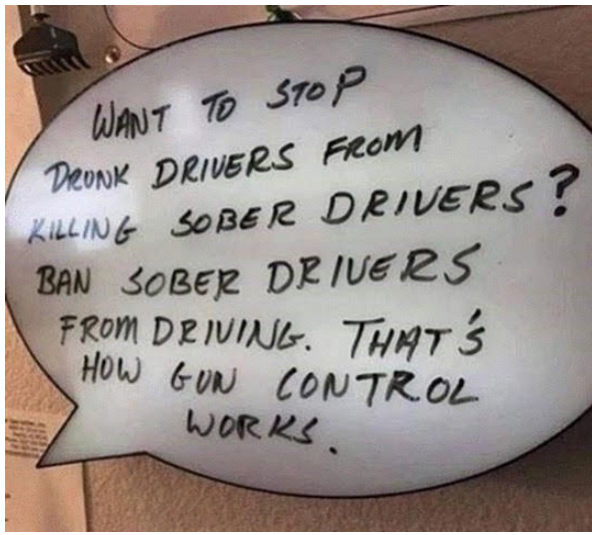
One morning, as he was preparing to leave home for work, his wife looked out the window and said she expected it to snow that day. He checked, but then said she was wrong – it would rain, but not snow. And while he was at work that day, the heavens opened up in Moscow and it poured and poured – rain, but no snow.

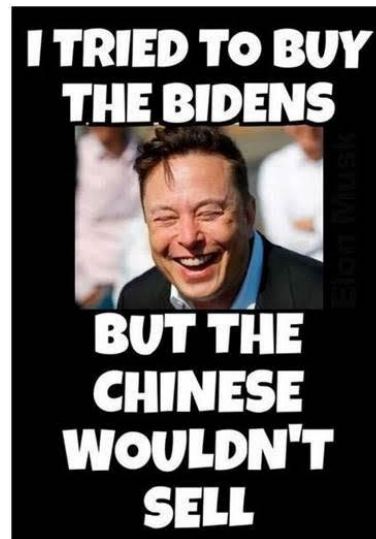
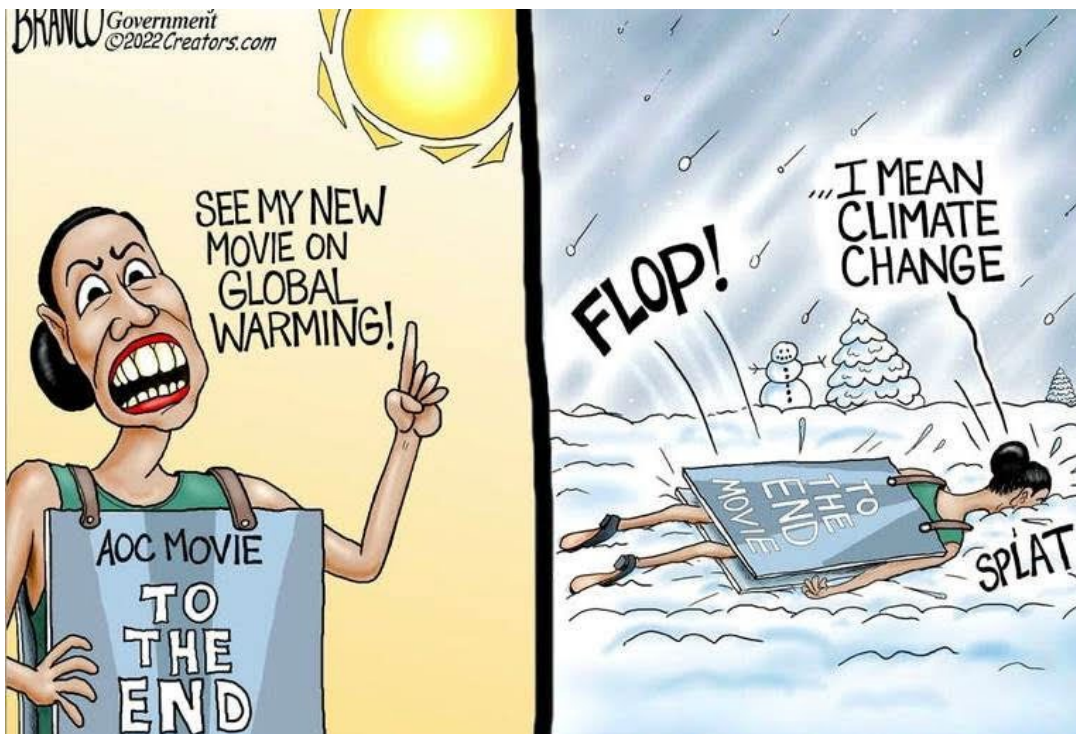
When he returned home, his wife apologized for her mistaken comment, and for doubting her weather forecaster husband. But he just took her in his arms, smiled, and knowingly said: “Rudolph the Red knows rain, dear.”

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