





### A Newsletter for Conservative Republicans

FLYING HIGH...AND DIGGING AND BORING TO KEEP BREVARD COUNTY RED AND GET CONSERVATIVES ELECTED

Editor and Publisher: Stuart Gorin

Designer and Assistant Publisher: Frank Montelione

Number 147

February 2022

# FLORIDA SENATOR RICK SCOTT VISITS WITH BREC MEMBERS IN ROCKLEDGE By Space Coast Tusk Editor Stuart Gorin

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

Vice President Kamala Harris' staff members are dropping like flies. Over the past year, her chief representative, her head of communications and her



deputy head of public affairs have all resigned. Several other higher-ups also have quit, saying they were just moving on to pursue other opportunities. And now, this month, Harris' chief speech writer announced she, too, is leaving. One would think serving in the office of the vice president of the United States would be a prestigious position to have. Could it be that Harris has an aggressive, virulent personality that rubs people the wrong way?

-0-

Dr. "Flip-Flop" Fauci, who lied to Congress about funding gain-of-function research on coronaviruses at the Wuhan Institute of Virology, doesn't believe he's done anything wrong, even though people are growing tired of his actions and comments. Speaking to the left-leaning "Washington Post," Fauci said his critics are just "bad" people who are "rebelling" against society because of the "pain" and "suffering" they feel inside. He added that anyone who disagrees with him has some type of mental or personal issues. So, what kind of issues do the people who AGREE with him have?

Oh, those Royals! Charlotte Briggs, who served as Prince Andrew's maid in the 1990s, revealed that the oddest part of her Buckingham Palace job was spending an hour every day arranging the grown man's collection of 72 teddy bears. She said it was drilled into her how the stuffed animals had to be placed on the royal bed and around the room. "Everything had

Continued On Page 2

Highlighting points on how members of the Brevard Republican Executive Committee can help ensure that the party can regain control of Congress in the November midterm elections, **Florida Senator Rick Scott** attended a meeting with them in Rockledge on January 21.



It was a "make-up" session for BREC's 2021 Lincoln-Reagan Dinner, where Scott was scheduled to be a keynote speaker, but had to bow out at the last minute because the Democrats called for Senate votes for which he had to remain in Washington.

Expressing optimism about the future of America – despite actions now being taken by the Biden Administration – Scott said it is critical for BREC members to volunteer to help Republican candidates in the mid-term elections – by talking to voters, making phone calls, and serving as poll workers or watchers.

The most important issues for the next election, he said, are to embrace jobs and employment, support for school choice, and our cities being safe places thanks to law enforcement. "Good people have to run good campaigns this year," he said.

Scott, who serves as chairman of the National Republican Senatorial Committee, travels the country in support of either electing or re-electing Senate candidates. One important part of that effort, he said, is re-electing his Florida colleague –

Continued On Page 2

#### **INSIDE:**

Norquist at Leadership Institute	page 2
Let Me Be Frank	page 3
Brevard Calendar of Events	<u>page 13</u>
Political Cartoons and Photos	pages 14 thru 18

to be just right," she told the Sun newspaper. "It was so peculiar...But he absolutely loved the teddies and was very clear about how he wanted them arranged."

-()-

Congratulations to the South Dakota State Legislature and Governor Kristi Noem, for joining Florida and eight other states to pass and sign legislation banning biological men from competing in women's sports in grades K-12 and in colleges and universities. Athletes or institutions that are affected by any violation of the bill are eligible to pursue legal action.

-0-

More Two Cents Next Month

**Senator Marco Rubio** – whose contest is competitive. "Marco is raising his money and is working hard," Scott said. "We have got to work for him, and we will win."

Covering ground similar to that of former **President Donald Trump**, Scott was critical of such Biden Administration efforts as our open southern border, COVID-19 vaccine mandates, the oil pipeline, taxes, and government regulations. He said it was "crazy" that Biden did away with the pipeline and tried to pass an elections "reform" bill that would end state control of free elections. The infrastructure bill, he added, "has very little to do with roads and bridges."

Previously serving as Florida's governor, Scott said it "helped" him learn about problems and the different way they were treated at the state versus the federal level.

As governor, he championed more than \$10 billion in tax cuts and cut thousands of regulations that led Florida businesses to create nearly 1.7 million new jobs. The unemployment rate dropped from 11.3 percent to 3.3 percent, and investments were made in education, the environment and public safety. He was required to balance the state budget but said that things are "a bit different" in Washington.

"We just take your money. There is no accountability, and we just waste it. It is not a little bit. These are trillion-dollar bills. It is just staggering how they spend money," Scott said, adding that "the only compromise the Democrats want" is to raise taxes.

What he wants the Senate to do, Scott said, is "cut taxes and reduce fees" for citizens. He suggested that BREC members keep up with the Senate by visiting <a href="www.nrsc.org">www.nrsc.org</a>.

As America marked one year under Biden's failed leadership, Scott joined his colleagues to highlight the president's broken promises to the American people, urging him to redirect his administration, fix his raging inflation and supply chain crises which are raising prices on hardworking families, secure the open southern border that's allowed two million people and record amounts of drugs to illegally enter the U.S. and stand

up for our allies after the disastrous withdrawal from Afghanistan.

Scott is a very wealthy man, but one who grew up in public housing as his adoptive father and his mother struggled to support their family. Then, following service as a radar man in the U.S. Navy and graduating from the University of Missouri at Kansas City (a branch of the Editor's alma mater), he opened several businesses and ran a large healthcare company. He is married to his high school sweetheart, Ann, and they have two daughters and six grandchildren.

Choosing to serve rather than earn, Scott uses his quarterly salary as a politician for charitable donations.



**BREC Chairman Rick Lacey** said he was excited to be able to pull Scott off the campaign trail for his one-hour appearance. "He is flying across the country helping 34 Senate candidates, and for us to get him to come here and spend the time wish us is just fantastic," Lacey said.

After Scott's visit to Brevard County, it was reported that earlier in the month, the U.S. Senate unanimously passed his resolution supporting Cuban democracy activists, and condemning the torture, imprisonment and oppression that the illegitimate communist Cuban regime is subjecting innocent Cubans to every day. Scott is demanding that the president take action to secure humanitarian medical visits for Cuba's political prisoners.

#### NORQUIST STRESSES TAX REFORM AT LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE EVENT

Grover Norquist, founder and president of Americans for Tax Reform, told a breakfast meeting of supporters of the Virginia-based Leadership Institute on February 2 that by keeping the 60-vote filibuster at the U.S. Senate intact, the Democrats cannot change labor laws to force employees to pay unwanted union dues, or election laws to do away with voter ID and other practices.



What Republicans, and even Independents, want from Government, Norquist said, "is to be left alone."

He said Americans for Tax Reform – which was created in 1985 at the request of **President Ronald Reagan** – opposes all tax increases as a matter of principle. "We believe in a system in which taxes are simpler, flatter, more visible, and lower than they are today. The government's power to control one's life derives from its power to tax. We believe that power should be minimized," he added.

The organization created the Taxpayer Protection Pledge, a written promise by legislators and candidates for office that commits them to oppose any effort to increase income taxes on individuals and businesses. It is offered to every candidate for state and federal office and to all incumbents. To date, nearly 1,400 elected officials – from state representative to governor to U.S. Senator – have signed the Pledge.

Politicians often run for office saying they won't raise taxes, but then quickly turn their backs on the taxpayer, Norquist said, so the idea of the Pledge is to make them put their nonew-taxes rhetoric in writing.

Democrats, Norquist said, always "throw money on the table" and ask Republicans for their bipartisan support for measures. He said compromise with the Democrats is possible, but only if it means "going slower, but still moving in the right direction."

He told the Leadership Institute supporters – some of them on a zoom conference call – that "we need to build coalitions, but people do not have to agree on everything." As examples, he said someone could support guns or education or religious liberty without supporting all of the topics. But compromising only on what the Left wants, he added, "means we lose."



Separate from the February 2 breakfast meeting, Leadership Institute founder and president **Morton Blackwell** issued a report stating that LI's Campus Reform program – involving student journalists revealing the truth about the Left's bias, indoctrination and abuse on college campuses across the country – sparked 18

victories over abusive professors being disciplined or fired, biased school policies being dropped, and free speech being protected.

Blackwell explained six of the victories in his report. They are:

- Tulane University had been giving "priority" to "Black" and "People of Color" job applicants, but then removed this discriminatory language from job descriptions;
- Florida State University cancelled a course being offered on "White Womanhood" called "History of Karen," which had been advertised using a KKK photo;
- 3) The University of North Carolina at Wilmington condemned the social media post of a leftist professor who put "Blow Up Republicans" on his Facebook page, and was forced to resign from the board of a local nonprofit;
- Virginia Tech removed from teaching a professor who "apologized" for her white skin in a course syllabus;
- Auburn University confirmed the appointment of a Christian student to the Student Government Association after the group first denied it because of his personal beliefs; and
- 6) Old Dominion University after a firestorm of criticism prompted by Campus Reform reporting –

forced the resignation of a criminal justice professor who had defended pedophilia in class.

Blackwell also reported that since 2017, LI's Normandy Coalition – a group of 30 legal defense, conservative non-profit, and national conservative and libertarian youth organizations – has been supporting students on college campuses with speaker grants, training, on-campus assistance and legal counsel.

To date, he said, the coalition has reached 754 campuses, with 5,274 speakers at 12,109 events.



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

Decisions, decisions, decisions.

Question – How can world-altering decisions be made when skeletons are emerging from

the closet over the Biden family's financial decisions.

Who owns Joe Biden? What do China and Russia have over the Bidens?

A search of Hunter Biden's qualifications shows that his only prerequisite for many of the positions he has held was that his father was Senator, Vice President and now President. Influence peddling is one of Hunter Biden's greatest qualities.



Going over the employment history of Hunter is a quick study, starting with a disgraced Military career cut short due to use of Cocaine.

Moving to an Amtrack Board Member because he, according to Senator Tom Carper (D, Delaware), "...Hunter Biden has spent a lot of time on Amtrak trains. Like his father, and like our Congressman, Mike Castle and myself, Hunter Biden has lived in Delaware while using Amtrak to commute to his job as we commute to our job in Washington almost every day of the week. You know, you learn a lot about what could work and what would work better at Amtrak by riding trains and talking to the passengers, the commuters, the passengers, the folks who work on the trains and make them work every day."

There is Hunter landing a position on a natural gas company named Burisma, gaining him \$50,000 a month. Hunter had no apparent qualifications for the job except that his father was the vice president and involved in the Obama administration's Ukraine policy.

Moving over to his career change in China. In 2013 he and his father Joe, then vice-president, met with Banker Jonathan Li

for a "cup of coffee". Amazingly, 12 days later Hunter is on the Board of one of China's largest state banks, BHR, with a 10% stake in the bank. What he brought to the bank was "based on his interest in seeking ways to bring Chinese capital to international markets." He left the board in 2020 but retained his 10% stake in the company.

And let's not forget his gift as an artist, using straws for his paintings. At least we know he had a great understanding of how to use straws. The only difference was that instead of inhaling with a straw he was blowing paint onto a canvas with them.

Here's where that leaves our Country. The Chinese – who Joe Biden during his presidential campaign said, "I mean, you know, they're not bad folks, folks. But guess what? They're not competition for us."

The Administration's push to replace fossil fuels vehicles for electric further enriches China. According to The American Thinker, "Not only must the energy to charge those cars come from somewhere, but the cars also won't work without a battery — and those batteries are entirely dependent on cobalt...Hunter's role in selling a massive cobalt mine to a Chinese Communist Party-owned company. You see, in 2016, an investment firm founded by Hunter Biden with several Chinese partners was cut into a complex \$3.8 billion transaction that transferred 80 percent of Congo's Tenke Fungurum mine from an American company to Beijing-backed China Molybdenum."

President Joe Biden, Hunter Biden's father, was the sitting vice president when the deal was struck.

A bit of a backstory, Russia was about to invade Ukraine with little resistance from the west. China is building the largest military in the world. Putin's intent is to reconstitute the USSR. China insists that Taiwan is a part of their nation. Taiwan is by far the largest supplier of the chips needed to power much of what we have become dependent on.

How about the computer chips needed for everything from video games and cell phones to electric vehicles?

I'm sure you've noticed the gas prices. Russia uses its vast natural supplies of crude oil as a major export product. In spring 2021 imports of Russian oil to the United States hit its highest level in a decade, becoming the second-largest exporter of oil to the US later that year.

Countries like Russia and China only respond to strength. At the slightest sign of weakness, the wolves move in. We are now in one of the weakest positions in the world of power and strength. Russia's prime minister recently said "your 'f'\*\*ing' sanctions don't mean anything to us." China continues to claim sovereignty over the South China seas and has been threatening Taiwan with daily fly overs of military jets. If Russia is successful in its invasion, why wouldn't we think that Taiwan is next?

War with either is not in our best interests. But, as Ronald Reagan posited, "We know only too well that war comes not when the forces of freedom are strong, but when they are weak. It is then that tyrants are tempted."

The sharks are circling and the captain of our ship of state is putting chum in the water.



## THE BREC CORNER By Chairman Rick Lacey

The March 8 special election for City Council in Palm Bay was the main focus of our February BREC meeting, which had a record attendance. **Kim Adkinson**,

**Kathy Meehan** and **Norace Lindsay** strongly encouraged members to sign up as volunteers for this critical election and help elect **Peter Filiberto** City Councilman. Members can help is several ways – namely, door to door campaigners, phone bank volunteers, sign waivers, election day coverage or as a poll watcher. Volunteers who have been working this past month were recognized at the meeting.

During our Membership meeting, we had a discussion of election Integrity Issues which are very important to many members. A motion was approved to ask members to watch the "Defend Florida" press conference video and to "Take Action" – email or call your Florida State legislators.

Here is the link to the press conference video: <a href="https://rumble.com/vtxgir-defend-florida-press-conferencelivestream-february-3-11-am-est.html">https://rumble.com/vtxgir-defend-florida-press-conferencelivestream-february-3-11-am-est.html</a>.

**Treasurer Sharon Rose** presented an update on our success in voter registration at multiple events and noted that we set a new record of 59,000 more registered Republicans than Democrats in Brevard County.

State Committeeman Mike Thomas and the Election Integrity Committee presented an update on all the work they have done to secure the future of voting in Brevard County. February also saw a new record in the number of new members being sworn in as Committee men and women -32 in one month.

And **Bob Touchston** was presented the award for Committeeman of the month and **Carol Vyhonsky** as Committeewoman of the month for February.



## RENDEZVOUS WITH REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Some hearts tick and some beat fiercely; our February 2 meeting speaker has a heart that beats deep into the Republican Party.

**Vennia Francois,** our luncheon speaker, was an outstanding student, is an attorney, and is the Republican candidate for the Florida State House, District 44 seat.

Ms. Francois shares her background: "I am a first-generation American, born, raised, and educated in Orlando. This community is my home. I decided to run because we can do so much more in Tallahassee. We deserve the best leadership available to represent our diverse area of the state. I'm also



running to safeguard faith, family, and freedom so we can continue to experience the American dream."

Her first election attempt was in District 7, at a time when there were 9 candidates. François stated, "that was the best time of my life running against Val Demings in the election," even though she withdrew from the race.

Why not District 10, since she lived her life, went to school, and was raised there. Everyone knew the Francois name. After remunerating on the change, she started calling her major supporters and donors stating what she was thinking of doing. The response was "we don't care where you run, we support you because we know no matter what you will carry our values to DC, and you will be our voice."

That's when she made the announcement, "we are going to switch gears."

Then she went door knocking and people were literally crying "oh, my gosh, we have a candidate we can actually get behind and support. "When door knocking and talking with the people, she never let them know she was a Republican – she just discussed the issues.

"We need to know the issues that are important to African Americans, and to learn how to listen before speaking," she said.

Why? Are we people that talk and no action? She has seen what a difference going to door to door, knowing where to meet them where they are, going into their churches going to a different church each Sunday. Church is where they are. Once they know you care about them and not just their vote and care about changing their lives, they will trust you, she said.

"We need to be a part of their community for life do outreach and continue to draw them in. This is how you reach out to minorities; it can be done, and they are waiting for us," François added.

They look and say, "are we better off than when Republicans were in charge?"

Gas, grocery, rent, things are failing in the classroom. What is wrong? It's like our world is on its head, like the world is upside down.

Again, Ms. Francois is excited to be where women do things really well.

"Every politician depends on us, the Federated Republican

Women," she said. "We roll up our sleeves, we are boots, heels, we are definitely on the ground, and they know that we don't compromise."

#### AUDACITY AND IDIOCY

This month's "winners" are:

--Despite claims by White House mouthpiece
Jen Psaki that the Biden administration is not
soft on crime, action speaks louder than words. The federal
watchdog group Open the Books, reports that the
administration has allocated a \$164 million contract to the
left-wing Vera Institute for Justice, which is used to fund
lawyers for illegal aliens and undocumented minors. So who
else funds the Institute? Why, none other than George Soros'
Open Society Foundation.

--U.S. District Court Judge Victoria Roberts, for ordering a Holocaust survivor and other plaintiffs to pay \$159,000 in legal fees to a group of protesters who for nearly two decades regularly harassed an Ann Arbor, Michigan, synagogue, saying their anti-Semitic messages – signs reading "Jewish Power Corrupts," "Stop U.S. Aid to Israel" and "No More Holocaust Movies" – were "protected speech under the First Amendment." Roberts said the protesters were entitled to the highest level of constitutional protection, "even if it disturbs, is offensive, and causes emotional distress." The lawsuit brought against the protesters was determined to be "meritless and frivolous," but the plaintiffs plan to appeal, and the case could go to the Supreme Court.

--"Montreal Gazette" writer Josh Freed, for traveling to Florida for a luxury vacation away from his COVID-restricted Quebec, Canada home, but then complaining in his newspaper that "horrors of freedom" awaited in the Sunshine State, because people didn't act like they did at home – instead, they did "such insane things as eating at restaurants and going to the gym." He also said he was "shocked" that the local newspapers "dared to report on other news than COVID." So, why did he bother to leave his lockdown area?

--New York City actress Jacqueline Guzman, for vulgarly complaining on social media about the "inconvenience of road closures" as the New York Police Department honored the funeral procession for slain officer Jason Rivera. She ranted that one cop "died for probably doing his job incorrectly," and police "kill people who are under 22 every single day for no good reason and we don't shut down the city for them." Following a massive outcry against her, the company she worked for – Face to Face Films – said it does not support or condone Guzman's remarks, and promptly fired her.

--Clemson University admissions counselor Monica Rozman, who has been "reassigned" while an investigation was underway, for ranting on social media about Republican applicants to the school, calling them "an oppressive group of white supremacy and misogyny." The university stressed that

it is committed to evaluating applicants on merit and not on political affiliation.

--Democrat officials in King County, Washington, for using taxpayer funds to buy buildings to set up "homeless hotels" without notifying neighborhood residents or even conducting background checks on the vagrants they house. Typically, the sites have been accompanied by an uptick in crime and open air drug use. Their latest effort now involves an inn in the Seattle suburb of Kirkland that is directly across the street from several day care centers and schools.

#### YOU CAN'T MAKE THIS UP

(65)

This month's mind-blowing examples are:

--During the Trump Administration, the Chinese technology company Huawei

received a trade blacklist because of national security concerns. Fast-forward to the present, and the firm has a lobbyist – paying him millions of dollars to urge the current White House to rescind the blacklist. So who is the lobbyist? It's none other than Tony Podesta, the brother of former Obama White House Counsel John Podesta.

- --Despite House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's claims that we have a "moral obligation to address climate change," and her belief that aviation adds to the problem, according to Federal Election Commission filings, Madame Speaker shelled out nearly \$500,000 for ten private flights during a 14-month period. Practice what you preach??
- -- Through a federal program that idiotically aims to "cut drug use," the Biden Administration will be funding the controversial distribution of crack pipes aka "safe smoking kits" to "underserved communities" in the U.S.
- --After Los Angeles Police confirmed that at least 82 guns were stolen from the Lincoln Heights rail yard, and the site was strewn with debris and litter stretching as far as they eye could see, California Governor Gavin Newsom told a news conference that "This is organized theft. These are organized gangs of people that are coming out." But Newsom quickly corrected himself, asking gangs to forgive him for inadvertently speaking of them with disapproval and contempt. "Forgive me for saying 'gangs,' that's not a pejorative," he said. "They're organized groups of folks that move from site to site."
- --The principal of Northside Elementary School in Midway, Kentucky, has informed parents that since not enough minorities were serving on the school council, he was calling a special election for "an additional minority parent." In order to run for the position, he said, a candidate must be either American Indian, Alaskan-Native, African American, Hispanic, or Pacific Islander. Additionally, he said, "our teachers also will select an additional teacher representative as well."
- --An unidentified man in Clay County, Florida represented by The Child & Parental Rights Campaign is suing the

county school superintendent and officials at Paterson Elementary School, as being responsible for bullying that led to his 12-year-old daughter twice attempting suicide. The school leaders are accused of giving the girl weekly meetings concerning supposed "gender identity crisis" which he was not told about, and that they encouraged other students to refer to the girl as a boy with a male name.

--Since 1947, one of the residence halls on campus at Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas, has been named Beretta Hall, in honor of Sallie Ward Beretta, the first woman to serve on the university system's Board of Regents. But School President Denise Trauth has announced that the building's name is being changed to Mesquite Hall, because the "Review and Recommendations Task Force" called for the removal of Beretta's name despite her contributions to the school, as she also had ties to the United Daughters of the Confederacy (a "no no" in today's "woke culture" world).

--Members of the Prince William County, Virginia School Board sat stone-faced when Jeffrey Darr, the father of a 13-year-old girl who was sexually assaulted in school, expressed outrage that the boy involved in the incident was only suspended for one day "for improper touching." Darr said he wanted to know the school's definition of sexual assault, because "my daughter was told that if it's above the clothes, it's not sexual assault. That's the way the county does the kids here? That's messed up." When the board members refused to respond, and Darr was asked to "step aside," he said, "I want the public to know, that's why I've come here." That prompted School Board Chair Babur Lateef to say, "We won't be answering you, but you can certainly keep asking."

--In an era when men can say they are women and be given an open door to women's swim teams, locker rooms and showers, it is not surprising that the leftists on ABC's "The View" – namely co-hosts Sunny Hostin and Joy Behar – can claim that when it comes to the U.S. Supreme Court, they do not believe that Justice Clarence Thomas is black, or that Justice Any Coney Barrett is a woman. In an amusing retort, "Newsbusters" journalist Nicholas Fondacaro referred to the "vile nastiness of The View coven."

--A group of law school students at Georgetown University are demanding a safe space to cry on campus and have catered food delivered while they protest the school's suspension of Professor Ilya Shapiro, for tweeting a criticism of President Biden's announcement that he would nominate a black woman to the U.S. Supreme Court. While endorsing D. C. Circuit Court Judge Sri Srinivasan for the position, Shapiro said that because of the announcement, the nominee would be a "lesser black woman."

--The crowd-funding website GoFundMe is up to its old tricks. After the anti-vax truckers organization claimed nearly \$10 million in donated funds, GoFundMe ruled it would not pay the request because the group "engaged in hateful behavior" and was "in violation of our terms of service." At first, it said the funds would be directed to organizations it preferred, such as Planned Parenthood and Black Lives

Matter, but then GoFundMe said the donations would be returned instead. One reader suggested that the proper name for the website is "GoFu..Me."

--It's taken a few years, but the State University New York-Fredonia campus, is now finally investigating leftist Professor Stephen Kershnar for posting videos on social media extolling the virtues of pedophilia. He argued that young children can consent to having sex with adults, just like they engage in sports. The school has actually known about Kershnar since 2015, when he published a book called "Pedophelia and Adult-Child Sex: A Philosophical Analysis."

#### THIS AND THAT



THE U.S. SUPREME COURT. On February 14, the U.S. Supreme Court by a 5-4 vote, overturned a federal appeals court panel that blocked an Alabama redistricting map drawn by the Republican-held State Legislature. Chief Justice John Roberts

joined the court's three-member liberal bloc in dissent. The conservative majority rejected the claim that the map violates any citizen's voting rights, primarily because the court didn't have "a complete briefing from both parties." Currently, Alabama's House contains 6 Republicans and just 1 Democrat, and the redistricting map prevents the chances of another left-wing politico gaining a seat.... In an 8-0 ruling on January 24 (Justice Barrett was not involved in the case), the Court said that offering prudent investment options to employees of a company does not categorically bar a claim alleging that other options are imprudent – meaning having higher fees – or that the selection of options as a whole is imprudent. The case - Hughes v. Northwestern University means that retirement plan providers are not immune from claims against what they offer. The court thus refused to protect larger institutions over the interests of individual Americans.

**TRUMP RALLY**. Facing a massive crowd in Conroe, Texas (near Houston) on January 29, former **President Donald Trump** – as he has done in other locales – criticized actions by the Biden administration on such topics as the coronavirus, the economy, attempts to weaken our election laws, the Soros-



supported attorneys general in a number of states, illegal aliens pouring into the country through open borders, efforts to defund the police, Critical Race Theory being taught in our schools, and foreign policy. What most conservatives are already thinking and asking, Trump said, is "Why are we protecting Ukraine's border when we are allowing our own border to be violated?" The U.S. border, he added, "should be number one." Noting that there was peace while he was president, Trump explained how his administration got rid of ISIS and was not on the verge of war with Russia. He also predicted that the 2022 midterms will be "a landslide" for Republicans and the House of Representatives will turn back red, which will hinder Democrats from passing bills. If he decided to run for president again, and if elected, Trump said he would consider pardoning those prosecuted for attacking the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021. "We will treat them fairly," he said. "And if it requires pardons, we will give them pardons, because they are being treated so unfairly." Trump also criticized members of the news media, stating that "the press is the enemy of the people." Texas leaders who are seeking re-election and who have Trump's support were called up to speak briefly at the rally. These included Governor Greg Abbott, Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick, Attorney General Ken Paxton and Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller.

NAVY SEALS. Six former Navy SEALS are running for the House of Representatives this November, all with the objective of unseating House Speaker Nancy Pelosi. Their joint ad says they have protected Americans from enemies all over the world, and now have "one grave threat left to defeat." It says that as much as President Joe Biden has disgraced himself and his country with his miserable handling of world affairs as well as the economy at home, Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer have been doing their best to destroy the country from within. The SEALS are: Eli Crane, running in Arizona's 1st Congressional District; Brady Duke in Florida's 7th Congressional District; Ed Thelander in Maine's 1st Congressional District; Ryan Zinke in Montana's 1st Congressional District; Morgan Luttrell, in Texas' 8th Congressional District; and Derrick Van Orden in Wisconsin's 3rd Congressional District.

NATIONAL RIGHT TO WORK LEGAL DEFENSE FOUNDATION. It took 11 years, but 100 current and former nurses in Rhode Island have received refunds of forced union dues that were taken out of their hospital paychecks and illegally used to support union lobbying efforts. The United Nurses and Allied Professionals (UNAP) union had continued to charge even non-union members despite a U.S Supreme Court ruling, and even one by the National Labor Relations Board, against it forcing anyone to pay for the funding of union lobbying. But the union ultimately caved, paying back with interest the thousands of dollars taken from the Rhode Island nurses. Mark Mix, president of the National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation, which represented the nurses in their battle, said he was motivated by the stories of brave individuals who stand up to union bullies.

**SAN FRANCISCO SCHOOL BOARD**. San Francisco voters on February 15 successfully recalled three school board members who had fought over remote learning, renaming schools, and making changes to the admissions process at the city's most elite public high school. Ousted were School Board President Gabriela Lopez, Commissioner Faauuga Moliga and Commissioner Alison Collins from the seven member panel – each by at least 72 percent of the votes cast.

# **HERITAGE ISLE REPUBLICAN CLUB. Brevard Republican Executive Committee Chairman Rick Lacey,**



at Heritage Isle Republican Club meeting on February 3, said the party's focus until March 8, will be doing everything it can to get Republican candidate **Peter Filiberto** elected to the non-partisan Palm Bay City Council. Volunteers will be making phone calls to voters, delivering door hangers, waving signs on street corners, and staffing

tents outside of polling stations to assist voters. Filiberto received BREC's endorsement at last month's meeting. One day after the non-partisan election, Lacey said, the focus will shift to the August 23 primary election for the 2022 mid-term elections. The critical elections in November, he said, are the re-election of Florida Governor Ron DeSantis and Senator Marco Rubio, and we have to get more Republican voters involved. In 2018, he said, out of eight million votes cast in Florida, DeSantis only defeated his Democrat opponent by 32,000 votes, and **Senator Rick Scott** only won his race by 10.9 million votes. While registered Republicans in Brevard County do outnumber Democrats 191,000 to 132,000, there also are 117,000 registered as no party affiliation. And since Florida is a closed primary state, Lacey said an effort wiil be made to get them to change their affiliation to Republican. The problem, he said, is caused by the Department of Motor Vehicles, which automatically registers voter at the same time they get their Florida drivers licenses and car tags. If someone fails to mention a specific political party, that person is

automatically registered as NPA, and cannot vote for primary candidates.... **Josiah Gattle**, president of the Space Coast Young Republicans, said his organization is actively involved in local elections. The recent Cape Canaveral Mayor's race won by **Wes Morrision**, he said, is an excellent example. "We have to swing over young people to vote Republican," Gattle said. He



noted that the very active SCYR Club has 124 members in Brevard County, and their focus is on winning and swinging elections.... A third visitor to the Heritage Isle Republican



Club, Chandler Langevin, who is challenging District 52 State Representative Thad Altman in the August 23 primary, said the biggest issue facing Republicans in the election is not the Left; it is the "cowardly and lazy" RINOs in office throughout the country.



## SPACE COAST CHAPTER. Liberty Sentinel Media CEO Alex Newman,

speaking to the Act! For America Space Coast Chapter on February 2, discussed his research into the



subjects of transhumanism, artificial intelligence, one world government plans, and the great reset – all of which would lead to the dehumanization of the human race.

Technology leaders play a major role in the practice. The U.N. World Economic Forum, which touts these projects, predicts by the year 2030, Newman said, people will own nothing, and whatever anyone wants will have to be rented and delivered by drones. Groups supporting these efforts, he said, include California's Bohemian Grove; Yale University's Skull and Bones; and David Rockefeller's non-profit think-tank, the Council on Foreign Relations. Rockefeller, he added, once said he was "proud to be a part of the Bill Gates of Hell." Billionaire George Soros, another supporter transhumanism, said he believed China should rule the New World Order. Concerning vaccine passports, Newman said they had been in the planning stage for a long time - before anyone even heard of Covid. "It is a solution looking for a problem," he said. Calling the transhumanist agenda "insane," Newman said, "We need to be educated to keep from losing every battle. And he urged everyone to "protect your children - get them out of government schools, which are indoctrinating and radicalizing them" ....Space Coast Chapter Vice President Tony Verzi, in his monthly "Frauds,



Crooks, Criminals and Illegals" column, wrote that in the last 30 years of America's corrupted immigration policies, "It is very obvious that it is a manufactured crisis. Caravans of Latin American illegals don't just come out of nowhere, The world migrants are nothing more than expedient tools to the global elites, crony capitalists, profit-producing religious groups and the so-

called non-profit groups. The players are always the same: the U.N., U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the USCCB, Jewish and Evangelical Christian Refugee Resettlement contractors, drug cartels, and human traffickers. Times may change, but the parties responsible don't."

RONALD REAGAN CLUBS. Political activist and speaker

Trevor Loudon told the members of the Ronald Reagan Clubs in Melbourne on January 31 that Americans are living "in the most critical time in history," and "the future of Western civilization depends on you." Explaining that we are facing a revolution from the Left, and don't have much time to turn things around, he said,



"if we lose America, we lose everywhere. This is the last stand." Following the 2020 election during which the Democrats gained control of Congress, Loudon pointed out,

every major committee is being led by a Marxist who does not have America's best interests at heart. "Wokeism" also is an example of Marxism, he said, and the aftermath of the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis was "planned turmoil," which is leading freedom on "the road to socialism." The Black Lives Matter movement is a communist phenomenon as well, Loudon said. The election of Governor Ron **DeSantis** in 2018 helped save Florida in a close race, and now "we have to preserve this state and DeSantis," he added, "Lose Florida and lose the country" .... Speaking of our defense against losing our country, Ronald Reagan Clubs President Dale Young said the first action is to consider every major media and social media report as a total falsehood. If masks and vaccines worked, he asked, "why would they continue to report climbing cases or deaths from the pandemic? Why are repeated jabs needed since they are to inoculate against getting Covid? Why is the medical industry so opposed to the remedies proven to work? Why do they insist on 'vaxing' children at an early age who have practically no chance of getting the virus? Why are some states mandating masks and vax for regular meetings but not for huge sports or political events? Why are illegal immigrants by the hundreds being secretly relocated throughout the U.S. without benefit of vaccination or quarantine or legal application?" Young said members should make known to their local legislative authority they will "not stand for this nonsense another day."

SPACE COAST REPUBLICAN CLUB. The Chaplain of



the Space Coast Republican Club, **Savitrie George**, told the club members at the January 22 meeting that the Democrat party, which now controls the White House and holds the majority seats in both branches of Congress, is a party that is "anti-God." To combat evil, she said, "We must pray for this country. The battles we

have are both natural and spiritual." There is a four-part pathway to protect the United States and change it back to Republican values, George said. She identified these parts as:

1) Pray — an action known to the Founding Fathers in the earliest days of the nation; 2) Protect—the U.S. Constitution, using its law and order principles; 3) Participate — there is a great need for people to get involved; and 4) —Preserve — by prevailing, the battle will be won. George, who also serves as chaplain for the North Brevard Republican Club, holds degrees in Bible Theology and Christianity. As a teen-ager, she moved to the United States from her native Trinidad and is now a proud U.S. citizen.

#### **EXPERTS' EXCERPTS**

"The American Spectator" Editor-in-Chief Emmett Tyrrell, writing on President Biden's gaffes now matter, in "The Washington Times":

"Accuracy is making a comeback. The plagiarist-in-chief gave a long off-thecuff press conference, complete with



misstatements and canards, and now his listeners around the world are apprehensive that the Russians may take him at his word and launch an invasion of Ukraine. White House spokesmen have spent days walking back the plagiarist-inchief's misstatements, but he happens to be the president of the United States and as he himself has said, his words matter. The electorate elected in 2020 a 77-year-old man with a lifelong record of plagiarism, lying about his achievements (and other people's failings) and, well, dishonesty in public and in private. The electorate elected him because they disliked the language of his opponent. They chose a plagiarist with a habit of telling lies - at times big lies - over a very effective president who had a habit of telling little lies.... We are stuck with the plagiarist-in-chief until 2024 unless we are unlucky and then we shall have Vice President Kamala Harris to deal with. Finally, our first female president. How did we get into such a mess?.... Mr. Biden has been given a pass on what he says in public for years. Preposterousness passes from his lips so often that I have even coined a word for his propensity to utter gaffes: 'gaffable.' Mr. Biden is a gaffable buffoon. What inspired me was one four-week period in the autumn of 2008 when he was campaigning against former Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. During that period, he claimed in an interview with CBS' Katie Couric that Franklin Roosevelt was the president during the 1929 crash of the stock market, and that Roosevelt immediately 'got on the television' to address the American people. By the way, when Mr. Biden uttered this absurdity, Ms. Couric's face betrayed no hint that she recognized that Herbert Hoover was president in 1929 and that there was no national television audience in existence. Mr. Biden's gaffes continued. In a debate with Mrs. Palin he was caught claiming erroneously that the helicopter in which he was riding was forced down by enemy fire along the Afghanistan-Pakistan border. The press eventually reported the helicopter was forced down by inclement weather. Then he got into a kerfuffle during his debate with Palin in which he said the United States 'drove Hezbollah out of Lebanon.' It did not.... In the past, Joe's gaffes aroused little concern. There was mild laughter, perhaps. There was a rude rebuke or two from people such as me. Yet it was all taken in as good fun. Now things are different. Mr. Biden is president of the United States. What was once considered a gaffe from the gaffable one is now considered national policy. There are people at the State Department, at the Pentagon, at the National Security Council, sitting around tables trying to explain the inexplicable. Also there are people in Beijing and the Kremlin trying to put Mr. Biden's gaffes to good use. I have no doubt they will. These missteps will not go away, and it is not reassuring to contemplate Kamala sitting in the wings to save us."

Senior writer **David Harsanyi**, writing on President Biden being no Bill Clinton at www.nationalreview.com:

"You never know. Incumbents are difficult to beat. Events change the political landscape in unanticipated ways, and Republicans have a gift at blowing it. Maybe Biden's popularity will bounce



back to Clinton levels – which hit a 73 percent high in 1999. On the other hand, you're probably living in a hermetically sealed bubble if you believe Biden's political instincts or talents come anywhere close to Bill Clinton's. For starters, the Biden presidency lacks the kind of underlying excitement and partisan loyalty that helped prop up Clinton, Barack Obama, or Donald Trump, even when their popularity waned. Biden is an accidental president - a man who was shielded from basic questions and barely campaigned for the presidency. The expectation for millions was that he would be a moderating, unifying force. The opposite is true. Recapturing that support is going to be tough.... Like Biden, Clinton lacked principles, but used that flexibility to move toward the national consensus rather than chase the approval of the activist base. Many people remember the famous Sister Souljah moment, but Bill basically fired his own wife after her unpopular socialized-medicine scheme threatened to sink his presidency. Once the 'Republican Revolution' was won, Clinton compromised with the House GOP on major policy issues.... Clinton signed both the Defense of Marriage Act and the welfare-reform bill – one of the foundations of the GOP's 'Contract with America.' After re-election, Clinton declared 'the era of big government' over. Clinton was the beneficiary of an economy saved by the supply-side policies of the 1980s. And, for the most part, he didn't undermine his good fortune. Certainly, it's impossible to imagine Clinton obsessing over a process argument if the electorate was anxious about inflation. Clinton led his party. Biden is led by it. And nothing indicates that the president, who only one year into his term is already accusing anyone who opposes his efforts to blow up the Senate (including moderate Democrats) of being modern-day Bull Connors, is going to be taking up any moderate causes, much less conceding any progressive ones. Biden doesn't have Sister Souljah moments, he drops 40-year policy positions overnight to placate left-wing Twitter pundits and donors. A lot of Clinton's problems were self-inflicted, spurred by lasciviousness or a propensity for down-market corruption. That said, the man could charm the nation or feel your pain. Joe Biden's problem is that he's always going to be Joe Biden."



Political analyst **Michael Barone**, writing on Family Trumps 'Equity' at www.americandigest.com:

"'California should abolish parenthood, in the name of equity." That's the headline of a Ventura County Star column by Zocalo Public Square's Joe Mathews. 'Want true equity?' the San Francisco Chronicle headlined the same

column three days later. 'California should force parents to give away their children.' The column's thesis was not mischaracterized by either headline writer. (It's a longstanding practice in journalism that reporters and columnists don't write headlines. Non-journalists find this bizarre, but that's the way it has always been.) Mathews points out that advantaged parents pass on their advantages to their children. The 'solution,' he says, is 'making raising your own

children illegal.' Or 'universal orphanhood,' as he writes a few paragraphs down. 'Handovers of babies' would be mandatory. In support, he cites the Greek philosopher Plato (children should be 'possessed in common') and California Governor Gavin Newsom (policy should be formulated through 'an equity lens'). Random Twitter sightings indicate some very smart conservatives are taking this column or the headline both literally and seriously, and perhaps some California-style lefties are as well. They are not tipped off by the writer's insistence that his proposal is 'modest' – an obvious reference to Jonathan Swift's 1729 'Modest Proposal' essay advocating that the children of the poor be sold to feed the rich....Mathews' article, properly understood, is an argument that no society can have all good things at once - that there is not a direct conflict but a definite tension between the sets of ideas that are subsumed into the political labels of 'family' and 'equity.' You see this in the vulgar political arena where cultural conservatives have long invoked 'family values' and where woke progressives have increasingly demanded not just 'equality' of treatment but 'equity' in results. You see it also in the exalted world of academic theory. The political scientist John Rawls shaped the view of many liberals with his insistence that society should be governed by rules devised as if we had no knowledge of our positions in life, what he labeled his 'original position.' It follows, Rawls argued, that government should always redistribute from those with much to those with little and provide all citizens with guaranteed equal incomes and wealth, even at the cost of inefficiency and impoverishment. The problem with Rawls's philosophy is that people are not, never were and never will be in his 'original position.' They are born, as any parent can tell you, with differing inclinations and capacities. They are shaped inevitably by parents or caregivers, and they are favored or disfavored by circumstances beyond their control.... Some Democrats have been insisting 'equity' comes before 'family.' 'I don't think parents should be telling schools what they should teach, 'former Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe proclaimed in debate. Most voters disagreed. McAuliffe lost to Republican Glenn Youngkin in a state President Joe Biden carried by 10 percent.... The Democrats' argument is that parents should defer to educators' expertise. Their subtext is that many parents are backwardly traditionbound. But no one cares more for a child than his or her parents, and educators' expertise has often proven bogus. Thus liberal columnist Jonathan Chait demolishes the teachers union-imposed school closure 'catastrophe,' and Youngkin renounces the only-in-liberal-America mandatory masking of students. In a free society, 'family' trumps 'equity.'"



Author **John Steele Gordon**, writing on Inflation in the U.S. in Hillsdale College's "Imprimis":

"Money is just another commodity, no different from petroleum, pork bellies, or pig iron. So money, like all commodities, can rise and fall in price, depending on supply and demand. But because money

is, by definition, the one commodity that is universally accepted in exchange for every other commodity, we have a special term for a fall in the price of money: we call it inflation. As the price of money falls, the price of every other commodity must go up.... Inflation has been around almost as long as money itself. In the disastrous third century, inflation wracked the Roman Empire as emperors, unable to pay the bills, increasingly debased the coinage. The once proud silver denarius became a copper coin only thinly plated in silver. Roman merchants demanded more and more denarii in exchange for goods as the coin's intrinsic value declined.... There was no inflation in the American colonies for the simple reason that the money supply was only a hodgepodge of foreign coins (most commonly the Spanish dollar), tobacco warehouse certificates, beaver and deer skins, wampum, and paper money printed by the colonial governments. Much trade was conducted on a barter basis. But when the American Revolution began, both the new state governments and the Continental Congress had to find ways to finance it. Having limited ability to borrow and to lay taxes, they quickly began printing money.... Until the Civil War, paper money was printed by banks, and it circulated at a value relative to the perceived soundness of the issuing bank. The United States minted copper and silver coins, but not high-value gold coins until after the California gold strike of 1848. In 1837, it set the price of dollars at \$20.66 per troy ounce of gold, putting the country on the gold standard.... The outbreak of World War I caused many disruptions in the American economy even before we entered the conflict two-and-a-half years later. With Russian grain exports blockaded, demand for American wheat soared, as did allied orders for ships, railroad rails, munitions, and other war matériel. As a result, prices rose nearly 100 percent in the first two years of the war. When the United States entered the conflict, the federal government set up a series of boards to negotiate prices with producers to see that prices stayed in check while assuring a supply of vital materials...The beginning of the Great Depression in 1929 brought not inflation but deflation, which can be an even bigger problem. When inflation is serious, people tend to spend money as soon as they get it, to avoid even higher prices in the future. But in a deflationary environment, people tend to postpone purchases in order to take advantage of lower prices in the future, further depressing the economy. The Federal Reserve had pushed up interest rates in 1928 and 1929 in order to tamp down speculation on Wall Street...By the late 1940s, with the government usually running modest budgetary surpluses and industry once again on a peacetime footing, inflation subsided and the economy grew quickly, doubling between the end of the war and the mid-1960s....Only when Paul Volcker became chairman of the Federal Reserve in 1979, and Ronald Reagan became president in 1981, did inflation end. The Federal Reserve sharply increased interest rates, pushing the economy into a deep recession. Unemployment hit 10.8 percent at its peak, the highest since the 1930s. But it worked. Inflation, which had been 13.5 percent in 1980, was down to 4.1 percent in 1984 and would stay low for the next few decades.... With the Biden administration continuing pandemic relief, which discouraged many from seeking work, and restricting oil and gas production, inflation set in. Supply chain disruptions also contributed.... Unfortunately for the Biden presidency...it created too much money and you get inflation. We are witnessing the proof of that right now."

#### THOUGHTS TO PONDER

"Floridians have benefited from the state's treatment sites and their access to treatment shouldn't be denied based on the whims of a floundering president. Without a shred of clinical data to support this action, Biden has forced trained medical professionals to choose between treating their patients or breaking the law. This indefensible edict takes treatment out of the hands of medical professionals and will cost some Americans their lives. There are real-world implications to Biden's medical authoritarianism — Americans' access to treatments is now subject to the whims of a failing president.... There's going to be a huge disruption, and patients are going to suffer as a result of this. And so we're going to work like hell to make sure that we can overcome the obstacles that HHS and the Biden administration are putting in."

--Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, reacting to the Biden Administration closing monoclonal antibody treatment sites -0-

"President Joe Biden claims the Republican Party doesn't stand for anything. That's quite a statement coming from someone who spent his first year in office floundering on the job. Where Biden and his fellow Democrats are attacking our national principles, sapping our national will and dimming our national future, Republicans are advancing a positive vision that can unite our country. We will undo his damage and unleash a new era of American strength and pride. Biden is right about one thing: Republicans stand opposed to his agenda. So do most Americans....Every American wants America to survive. That's why Republicans are fighting to defend our nation's founding principles. We know our country isn't perfect, but we also know the principles at the heart of our country are perfect.... What does the Republican Party stand for? Everything that makes America the best country in the world – everything that can make America even better. The real question is why Joe Biden, and the Democratic Party don't."

--Former **South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley**, on Republican vs. Biden positions
-0-

"In Florida we have been living relatively normal lives for some time now. Meanwhile, thanks to Biden and the federal government, millions of Americans in other states are still living under local authoritarianism — and still daydreaming about how much better their lives would be if America's Governor was in the White House right now....The fact is that if Ron DeSantis had been our president last year, every state would have had a rational voice in the room urging bureaucratic three-letter agencies to keep that state's businesses open and economy thriving — and to focus its health care efforts on treatments instead of only vaccines."

--Tampa Bay Young Republicans President Jake Hoffman, on America under a Ron DeSantis presidency -0-

"For those wondering why Joe Biden is soft on China, consider this never-before-reported revelation: The Biden family has done five deals in China totaling some \$31 million arranged by individuals with direct ties to Chinese intelligence – some reaching the very top of China's spy agency.... Email records show Hunter's businesses paying some of his father's bills while he was vice president of the United States."

-- Government Accountability Institute President Peter Schweizer, on the Biden family involvement with the Bohai Harvest RST Chinese investment fund; the Burnham Asset Management firm; the China Ocean Shipping Corporation; the CEFC China Energy firm; and CEFC's Patrick Ho, one of oil tycoon Ye Jianming's top lieutenants and an alleged spy chief.

-0-

"In Iowa, we've been fortunate to have strong leaders like Governor Kim Reynolds, who aren't afraid of a fight against Biden's overreach. Our neighbors in Democrat-run states like Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Illinois aren't as lucky. What's worse is that, day by day, Biden's divisions are making them seem less like neighbors across a state boundary and more like foreigners living in another country. It's clear as day that Biden was a Trojan horse delivered to the American people – an ineffective, ruthless, and authoritarian divider packaged as working-class Joe from Scranton."

--Michael Bousselot, a Republican Iowa House Representative, on Biden's failures in the White House -0-

"Elected office holders are not subject to the security clearance process. If the FBI did a Background Investigation on Kamala Harris, she never would have passed, because of her 40-year close ties with Marxists, Communists, Maoists, and Communist China. Harris would never have been approved for acceptance to any of the 5 Military Service Academies, been appointed to a U.S. Government Sub-Cabinet position, or would have been approved to fill a sensitive position for a high security defense contractor. Yet, since Joe Biden was elected, Harris could be a heartbeat away from being President."

--Retired **U.S. Marine Corps Major General Geoffrey Higginbotham**, on the Vice President's background -0-

"Third World-like jurisprudence in America is aimed at rewarding friends and punishing enemies, masked by service to social justice. We are in a dangerous revolutionary cycle. But the threat is not so much from loud, buffoonish one-day rioters on January 6. Such clownish characters did not for 120 days loot, burn, attack courthouses and police precincts, cause over 30 deaths, injure 2,000 policemen, and destroy at least \$2 billion in property – all under the banner of revolutionary justice. Even more ominously, stone-cold sober elites are systematically waging an insidious revolution in the shadows that seeks to dismantle America's institutions and the rule of law as we have known them."

--Historian **Victor Davis Hanson**, on the real insurrectionists in America

"The future of a nation is decided by whoever shapes the hearts and minds of its children. Right now, progressives are advancing a radical agenda in education, presenting harmful ideologies to America's students like the divisive Critical Race Theory (CRT), pornographic sex education, LGBT ideology, and a pervasive anti-American sentiment. America's future looks bleak, but there is hope – if we stop the far Left's sinister effort and stand boldly to protect the next generation.... Our nation's children – including my grandchildren – need us to stand in the gap. As a retired lieutenant general of the U.S. Army, I fought for 36 years to defend the freedoms we have in this country. Now, as Executive Vice President of Family Research Council, I am continuing that fight in the realm of education."

--William Boykin, on FRC's stand to protect our children -0-

"Supporting the elimination of the filibuster has become the new litmus test for Democrats running for U.S. Senate in battleground races across the country. Democrats in Senate primary races in Florida, Wisconsin, North Carolina, Ohio and Pennsylvania have all pledged to change the filibuster or wipe it out altogether. Along with it, they are denigrating Democrat Senators Kyrsten Sinema of Arizona and Joe Manchin III of West Virginia as traitors for refusing to go along with the so-called 'nuclear option' to blow up the filibuster and ram through President Biden's new election laws in party-line votes."

--"The Washington Times" writer **Seth McLaughlin**, on the Senate's 60-vote rule

-0-

"Presidents' Day, celebrated this year on February 21, has evolved from a celebration of George Washington's birthday (February 22) to an amorphous celebration of all of our nation's presidents. But all of our nation's presidents are not worth celebrating (just think about the dismal first-year performance of the current one) .... Officially, the holiday is still "Washington's Birthday," and that is what it should be. It is time to scrap the now-accepted "President's Day." We should return to calling the holiday by its official name, celebrate it on Washington's actual birthday (this would likely take another act of Congress), and celebrate the man, not the office, for his indispensable role in the founding of our country."

--Author and attorney **Francis Sempa**, on transforming the celebration of a great man into an unwarranted reverence for an office

-0-

"Manhattan's new district attorney has implemented new procriminal policies that undercut the mayor's and police commissioner's mandate – just like all the other rogue prosecutors we have been warning about for almost two years. Alvin Bragg has taken his policies directly from the rogue prosecutor movement's required playbook...driven, he writes, in large part by the experiences he had growing up in Harlem in the 1980s – virtually identical with those of other Sorosbacked district attorneys :investing more in diversion and alternatives to incarceration; reducing pretrial incarceration; focusing on accountability, not sentence length; limiting youth being prosecuted in adult court; and actively supporting those re-entering society (which sounds good, but in practice means, among other things, seeking little to no probation or post-conviction supervision for offenders)."

--Attorneys **Cully Stimson** and **Zach Smith**, on policies wreaking havoc on Manhattan -0-

"Bodycam footage released through a Freedom of Information Act request shows federal contractors dropping off migrants at the Westchester County Airport in White Plains, New York last summer, with one contractor on the scene saying the Biden administration was 'betraying the American people.' New York Republican gubernatorial candidate Rob Astorino obtained the footage, a 51-minute clip from the body camera of Westchester Police Sergeant Michael Hamborsky....'Everything is supposed to be hush-hush,' one of the contractors tells Hamborsky at one point.... Hambursky asks a contractor why the operation is being conducted in high secrecy. 'You know why. Because if this gets out, the government is betraying the American people,' the contractor replies."

--National Review Online news writer **Zachary Evans**, on illegal aliens being transported in the U.S.

"White House spokesperson Jen Psaki should know by now that speaking the truth is much easier than spinning a yarn. Yet, this White House can't seem to bring themselves to admit crime is a problem. For the Biden administration, it's always the gun. Not the criminal illegally wielding a gun. Psaki made the stunning admission that the Biden administration doesn't feel crime is a pressing issue The White House has to address. Unless, of course, it comes to blaming the firearm industry and law-abiding gun owners.... Psaki didn't say that criminals were an issue. She said guns were causing the crime. This is a long-standing effort on behalf of the administration and their gun control cabal to paint with a broad brush all gun owners as the same as criminals and ignoring the administration's refusal to address crime."

--National Shooting Sports Foundation General Counsel Larry Keane, on the Biden Administration's attitude toward crime and guns

-0-

"Having just heard Joe Biden and Justice Breyer speak, it seems they got the wrong person to retire."

--Unknown Twitterer, commenting on the meeting by the two

#### UPCOMING BREVARD COUNTY EVENTS

- --March 2: Brevard Federated Republican Women meeting, Space Coast Convention Center, Cocoa, 11 am.
- -- March 2: Act! For America Space Coast Chapter

- meeting, Government Complex Building C, Viera, 6:30 pm.
- --March 3: Heritage Isle Republican Club meeting, Heritage Isle Clubhouse, 10 am.
- --March 4: Federated Republican Women in Action meeting, MeMaw's BBQ, Palm Bay, 11:15 am.
- --March 7: Republican Liberty Caucus of Central East Florida meeting, Frogbones Double Tapp Grill, Melbourne, 7 pm.
- --March 9: Brevard Republican Executive Committee meeting, Space Coast Convention Center, Cocoa, 7 pm.
- --March12: Florida Freedom Keepers meeting, Cocoa Library, 12 pm.
- --March 14: Space Coast Patriots meeting, Merritt Island Library, 6 pm.
- --March 15: North Brevard Republican Club meeting, American Police Hall of Fame, Titusville, 7 pm.
- --March 17: Republican Women's Network of South Brevard meeting, Eau Gallie Yacht Club, Indian Harbor Beach, 11:30 am.
- --March 21: New Millennium Conservative Club meeting, Suntree-Viera Library, 6:30 pm.
- --March 24: Space Coast Young Republicans meeting, Zarrella's Pizzam Cape Canaveral, 6 pm.
- --March 26: Space Coast Republican Club meeting, Red Lobster, Merritt Island, 11:30 am.

The Moms for Liberty and Ronald Reagan Clubs meetings: TBD.

#### ABOUT THE NEWSLETTER

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

There is a link to this issue at www.thetusk.org and several recent back issues are available in the archives on the same website. To sign up for your free subscription (or to unsubscribe, if you are so inclined), or to send your comments, suggestions or information to share, email: spacecoasttusk@gmail.com.

#### COMICAL CLOSER

Click here for brief Biden video.

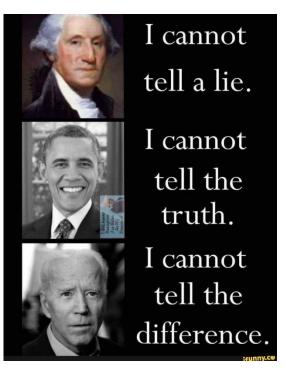
### SEVERAL PAGES OF POLTICAL CARTOONS AND PHOTOS FOLLOW























BIDEN TRAVEL AGENCY













