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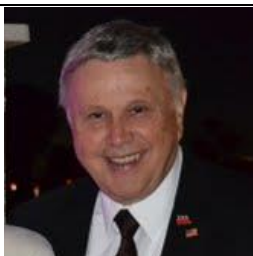
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BIDEN STATE OF UNION ADDRESS AND HUCKABEE SANDERS RESPONSE

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK:

MY TWO CENTS

By Stuart Gorin



--According to our White House correspondent, Punxsutawney Phil, on February 2 President Joe Biden saw his shadow, so that means America will have two more years of inflation, immigration problems, and classified document searches. Then Phil also declared to the crowd gathered at Gobbler's Knob that there was yet another cache of documents marked "Classified" discovered in his underground home.

--During a recent speech about the Family and Medical Leave Act anniversary, Joe Biden came up with this gem of a statement: "More than half the women in my administration are women." Now since many on the Left do not have the ability to define the word "woman," some question whether the President was actually channeling some of that "wokeness."

--Even though the FBI arrested pro-life activist Mark Houck in 2021 and charged him with "a federal violation" for a skirmish with a Planned Parenthood volunteer outside of a Pennsylvania clinic, this past January 30, a federal jury acquitted him of all charges.

--Leave it to the lame stream media to criticize Florida Governor Ron DeSantis every chance they get. After DeSantis proposed – just proposed – that juries in the state be allowed to approve the death penalty even if the vote is not unanimous, and that it expand to cover offenders who rape children, the Vox Media website called them "unconstitutional proposals" that would make it "much easier for the government to kill people."

--Everybody – with the possible exception of comedienne Whoopi Goldberg – knows the difference between the two

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President Joe Biden delivered his State of the Union address at the U.S. Capitol on February 7 that lasted an hour and 12 minutes, and included comments that Republicans said were not true. He concluded with "the State of our Union is Strong,"

Some of the things Biden mentioned, according to factcheck.org, were a boast that the 12.1 million jobs created in his first two years were more than the number of jobs added in four years under any president; saying that "take-home pay has gone up," but the rise is not as fast as inflation; saying the deficit has been cut by a record \$1.7 trillion, but most of that was due to expiring emergency pandemic spending; repeating a claim popular among Democrats suggesting that some Republicans would "sunset" Medicare and Social Security, but the claim exaggerates the support for a proposal from Florida Senator Rick Scott that would have brought up all federal legislation for a vote every five years; and saying the U.S. is "replacing poisonous lead pipes that go into 10 million homes in America, 400,000 schools and childcare centers," but the law didn't provide enough funding to replace all lead pipes.

Then newly-elected Arkansas Governor and former White House Press Secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders gave a 13-minute Republican response from her office in Little Rock.

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Senators Scott in Congress. Mentioning “black Tim Scott, right?” Goldberg said, “Cause there are two Scotts and I don’t know how to differentiate them without a picture.” Her co-host interjected: “Rick Scott (a white man from Florida) and Tim Scott (a black man from South Carolina).” An amused Tim Scott told Goldberg that to clear up any confusion with his friend and colleague, “despite he and I sporting similar hairstyles (both are bald) and representing the South, we are two different people.”

--Now that the board of directors has forced out James O’Keefe, the founder and head of the organization, it’s time to change the name of Project Veritas to Project Mendacium – from the Latin word for “truth” to the one for “lie.” Many supporters – this Editor included – will be changing their donations to whatever name O’Keefe will be giving to whatever organization he starts next.

--More Two Cents next issue.



She called for a new generation of Republican leadership in her party's response to Biden's remarks. Seeking to draw a generational contrast with Biden, she pointed to the economy and inflation.

Following are excerpts of her remarks:

(Begin Excerpts)

Forgive me for not believing much of anything I heard tonight from President Biden. From out-of-control inflation and violent crime to the dangerous border crisis and threat from China, Biden and the Democrats have failed you...Let us reaffirm our commitment to a timeless American idea: that government exists not to rule the people, but to serve the people...

I’ll be the first to admit, President Biden and I don’t have a lot in common. I’m for freedom. He’s for government control. At 40, I’m the youngest governor in the country. At 80, he’s the oldest president in American history. I’m the first woman to lead my state. He’s the first man to surrender his presidency to a woke mob that can’t even tell you what a woman is.

In the radical left’s America, Washington taxes you and lights your hard-earned money on fire, but you get crushed with high gas prices, empty grocery shelves, and our children are taught to hate one another on account of their race, but not to love one another or our great country. Whether Joe Biden believes this madness or is simply too weak to resist it, his administration has been completely hijacked by the radical left. The dividing line in America is no longer between right or left. The choice is between normal or crazy. It is time for a new generation of Republican leadership....

President Biden inherited the fastest economic recovery on record. The most secure border in history. Cheap, abundant,

home-grown energy. Fast-rising wages. A rebuilt military. And a world that was stable and at peace. But over the last two years, Democrats destroyed it all. Despite Democrats’ trillions in reckless spending and mountains of debt, we now have the worst border crisis in American history....

Beyond our border, from Afghanistan to Ukraine, from North Korea to Iran, President Biden’s weakness puts our nation and the world at risk. And the President’s refusal to stand up to China, our most formidable adversary, is dangerous and unacceptable. President Biden is unwilling to defend our border, defend our skies, and defend our people. He is unfit to serve as as commander in chief....

Republicans believe in an America where strong families thrive in safe communities. Where jobs are abundant, and paychecks are rising. Where the freedom our veterans shed their blood to defend is the birthright of every man, woman, and child. These are the principles Republican governors are fighting for. And in Washington under the leadership of Senate Republicans and Speaker Kevin McCarthy, we will hold the Biden administration accountable....

During my two and a half years at the White House, I traveled on every foreign trip with the President. A trip I will never forget was on December 25, 2018... We boarded Air Force One in total darkness – there were no lights on the plane, no lights on the runway, our phones and computers shut down and turned in. We were going completely off the grid. Nearly twelve hours later in the pitch-black of the night, we landed in the war-torn part of western Iraq. The only light you could see was coming from about a mile away in a dining hall where hundreds of troops – who were in the fight against ISIS – had gathered, expecting to celebrate Christmas with senior military leadership from around the region. They had absolutely no idea that the President and First Lady were about to walk into that room. And when they did – it was a sight, and a scene, and a sound I hope I never forget. The room erupted. Men and women from every race, religion, and region, every political party, every demographic you can imagine started chanting in perfect unison over and over and over again, ‘USA, USA, USA.’ It was a perfect picture of what makes our country great....

America is great because we are free. But today, our freedom is under attack, and the America we love is in danger. President Biden and the Democrats have failed you. It’s time for a change. A New Generation of Republican leaders is stepping up, not to be caretakers of the status quo, but to be change makers for the American people.

(End Excerpts)

FLORIDA GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS INAUGURAL ADDRESS EXCERPTS

(NOTE: These excerpts were inadvertently left out of the January issue.)

Using a copy of the Bible of the American Revolution that was printed in 1782 for his swearing-in on January 3, **Florida Governor Ron DeSantis** took the oath of office for his second term in Tallahassee. He borrowed the treasured Bible from its owner, conservative commentator **Glenn Beck**.



Other members of his administration also taking their oaths of office for a second term were **Lieutenant Governor Jeanette Nunez**, **Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis**, and **Attorney General Ashley Moody**. New **Commissioner of Agriculture Wilton Simpson** also was sworn-in.

DeSantis, delivering his second Inaugural Address, touched on many of the themes that have catapulted him to national recognition since he first became governor. He referred to the importance of law and order in society in the context of the increasing levels of violent crime plaguing many major American cities. He also took aim at woke culture, committing to continue his fight against radical Leftist ideals in classrooms at every level of education.

Following are excerpts of his remarks:

(Begin Excerpts)



From the Space Coast to the Suncoast, from St. Johns to St. Lucie, from the streets of Hialeah to the speedways of Daytona, from the Okeechobee all the way up to Micanopy, Freedom lives here, in our great Sunshine State of Florida!

It lives in the courage of those who patrol the streets and keep our communities safe, it lives in the

industry of those who work long hours to earn a living and raise their families, it lives in the dedication of those who teach our children, it lives in the determination of those who grow our food, it lives in the wisdom of our senior citizens, it lives in the dreams of the historic number of families who have moved from thousands of miles away because they saw Florida as the land of liberty and the land of sanity....

In captaining the ship of state, we choose to navigate the boisterous sea of liberty rather than cower in the calm docks

of despotism. We face attacks, we take hits, but we weather

the storms, we stand our ground, and we do what is right....

We have articulated a vision for a free and prosperous state. We have, through persistence and hard work, executed on that vision. We have produced favorable results. And now we are here today because the people of Florida have validated our efforts in record fashion. Florida shows that results matter. We lead not by mere words, but by deeds.

We said we would ensure that Florida taxed lightly, regulated reasonably, and spent conservatively -- and we delivered. We promised we would enact big education reforms -- and we delivered. We said we would end judicial activism by appointing jurists who understand the proper role of a judge is to apply the law as written, not legislate from the bench -- and we delivered. We promised to usher in a new era of stewardship for Florida's natural resources by promoting water quality and Everglades restoration efforts -- and we delivered. We said we would stand for law and order and support the men and women of law enforcement -- and we delivered. We promised to remedy deficiencies in Florida's election administration and to hold wayward officials accountable -- and we delivered. We said we would support the areas in Northwest Florida stricken by Hurricane Michael -- and we delivered. And when Hurricane Ian came last year, the state coordinated a massive mobilization of response personnel, facilitated the fastest power restoration on record, and even quickly rebuilt key bridges that had been wiped out by the storm. We have stood by the people of Southwest Florida, and we will continue to do so in the weeks, months and years ahead....

We are No. 1 in these United States in net in-migration. Florida is the No. 1 fastest growing state. We are No. 1 in new business formations. Florida is No. 1 in tourism. We are No. 1 in economic freedom. Florida is No. 1 in education freedom. And we rank No. 1 in parental involvement in education. Florida also ranks No. 1 in public higher education. This is a record we can all be proud of....

Florida has accumulated a record budget surplus, and we need to enact a record amount of tax relief, particularly for Florida families who are grappling with inflation. We must ensure school systems are responsive to parents and to students, not partisan interest groups, and we must ensure that our institutions of higher learning are focused on academic excellence and the pursuit of truth, not the imposition of trendy ideology. Florida must always be a great place to raise a family — we will enact more family-friendly policies to make it easier to raise children and we will defend our children against those who seek to rob them of their innocence.

We will always remain a law-and-order state, we will always support law enforcement, and we will always reject soft-on-crime policies that put our communities at risk. Florida is now in a golden era for conservation of our treasured natural resources. Our momentum is strong and we will finish what we started — we will leave Florida to God better than we found it...

We seek normalcy, not philosophical lunacy! We will not allow reality, facts, and truth to become optional. We will never surrender to the woke mob. Florida is where woke goes to die!...

Florida is proof positive that We the People are not destined for failure. Decline is a choice. Success is attainable. And freedom is worth fighting for. Now fighting for freedom is not easy because the threats to freedom are more complex and more widespread than in the past — the threats can come from entrenched bureaucrats in D.C., jetsetters in Davos, and corporations wielding public power. But fight we must.

We embrace our founding creed that our rights are not granted by the courtesy of the State but are endowed by the hand of the Almighty. We reject the idea that self-government can be subcontracted out to technocratic elites who reduce human beings to mere data points. We insist on the restoration of time-tested constitutional principles so that government of, by and for the people shall not perish from this earth....

We will be on our guard. We will stand firm in the faith. We will be courageous. We will be strong! And we thank God and are proud to be citizens of the great Free State of Florida!

(End Excerpts)

LET ME BE FRANK
By Space Coast Tusk Designer
Frank Montelione



First, allow me to be a little cerebral at the beginning of this “treatise”. Many years ago, I read “Democracy In America”. The author is Alexis de Tocqueville (1805–1859), a French political philosopher and statesman. In the two-volume set he praises American democracy and warns of the “tyranny of the majority”.

His warning stuck with me. He feared that when a majority of like-minded “individuals” came together, it would lead to a society that would develop highly abstract political ideas and build a bureaucracy that robs the individual of the power to think for themselves except for the most trivial of matters”. His feared “...one finds in the human heart a depraved taste for equality, which impels the weak to want to bring the strong down to their level”.

De Tocqueville warned that modern democracy may lead to inventing new forms of tyranny. His fears seem to have come to pass. Today, rather than leaving the private lives of a particular individual, our centralized government has created a “nanny state” which our leaders have determined that they have the right to direct our lives from cradle to grave, from birth to death dictating what the “majority” thinks is best for all regardless of an individual’s beliefs. They try to justify

their actions by using key words and phrases like, “it’s for the children”, “it’s racist”, “green energy”, “follow the science” and “cancel culture”.

We’re no longer identified as individuals. I was taught in school that the pronouns were “I”, “we”, “he”, “she”, “hers”, “his”, “them” and “they”. Now we are forced to consider “non-binary”, “gender-binary”. When introducing herself, a woman might say “I use she/her pronouns.” I’ve filled out medical forms where I’m my sex at birth followed by sex I

identify as. Then there is also “Income Inequality”, “Social Promotion”, “Bailouts” and many other phrases that want to make you throw the TV out the window.

School boards and teachers’ unions are telling parents they have no say in their child’s curriculum. Johnny comes home from school and mom asks how his day went and what happened in school today. Little Johnny says, “I now prefer to be called Jane and teacher says what happens in school is none of your business!”

Saul Alinsky famously wrote “Rules for Radicals”. One of those rules is “Ridicule is man’s most potent weapon. There is no defense. It is almost impossible to counterattack ridicule. Also, it infuriates the opposition, who then react to your advantage. Nothing more to say about that. He also said, “If you push a negative hard and deep enough it will break through into its counter side; this is based on the principle that every positive has its negative.” We see this in advertisements pushed by the radical agenda of the left every day on our TVs. “Alternative Lifestyles” are being forced on us and on our children.

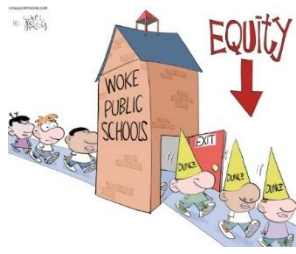
A viral text claims Nikita Khrushchev made a speech stating, “Your children’s children will live under communism. You Americans are so gullible”on September 29, 1959. Whether he said this or not, America has brought up our children to believe in “participation awards”. No need to work to improve yourself, the government will take care of it. Rejection is not part of today’s youth’s lexicon. Socialism is the new elixir.

Here is where I age myself: those of us old enough remember Maynard G. Krebs, a character in the “Dobbie Gillis” series portrayed by actor Bob Denver. His revulsion of conventional social forms is signified by his reactions to three words: “work”, “marriage”, and “police”. Whenever the word “work” is mentioned, even in passing, he cries “Work?”; and jumps with fear or even faints. We have developed a society of Maynard Krebs’.

Legend holds that the British fifes and drums played “The



World Turned Upside Down” at the conclusion of the American Revolution. We might think of reviving that tune to use today to describe the capitulation of our society to the “woke” left.



There are pockets among our patriots trying our best to combat this, but our children and young adults have been acclimated and indoctrinated to the believe America suffers from systemic racism, trans-phobia, and welfare inequality. They are being taught

by government schools and politically motivated teachers unions that espouse radical teachings regardless of parental objections. For example, ABC news reported that Governor DeSantis himself has implemented policies in schools that have been criticized for limiting discussion and curriculum on race, systemic oppression, gender and sexual orientation with the Parental Rights in Education Law and the now-blocked Stop W.O.K.E Act. He argues these laws give parents more say in what their kids learn in schools.

Last month, a Georgia State Representative introduced a bill that would prohibit certain curriculums, such as critical race theory and the 1619 Project from being taught in Georgia public schools. On February 17 Georgia Senator Carden Summers, told the Senate Education Committee that Senate Bill 88, is needed to keep teachers from indoctrinating their students about changing gender identity and to keep teachers from hiding a student’s gender identity change from parents. I hear there were aliens who landed on earth. After surveying the planet, they left because they could not find intelligent life forms here. They got to leave. We are left here to fight the battle.



**The BREC Corner
By Chairman Rick Lacey**

Brevard Republicans start 2023 with great news. We are still celebrating our HUGE victory for **Governor DeSantis, Senator Rubio, Congressman Posey** and our Brevard

Republican Team.

Every Brevard Republican candidate except one received over 61 percent of the vote. Our endorsed School Board swept to victory as well. Today we have over 198,500 registered Republicans in Brevard and I am confident we will reach my goal of 200,000 this year.

Last month, **Treasurer Sharon Rose, State Committeewoman Kim Adkinson** and I presented a check to **Jennifer Taylor**, Chief Operations Officer for the National Homeless Veterans Support group, for \$2,004 that we collected at our December meeting.



Several BREC committees, including Election Integrity, IT and Social Media, Voter Registration, Events and Fundraising, are gearing up for a very busy year. Also, there will be two new projects for 2023. First, the 30 percent project, where we will contact the 30 percent of Republicans who missed voting last year and concentrate on helping them vote in 2024. Second, in March, two BREC members will be appointed to be liaisons with many of our elected Republican officials in the county. If you are interested in either of these projects, contact me.

Finally, the RPOF held their biannual organization meeting and elected **Christian Ziegler** as Chairman and Evan Powers as Vice Chairman. Looking forward to seeing everyone at our next BREC meeting, Thursday, March 9.



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

Grace Glass, who served as Brevard County Republican Field Organizer for the campaigns of both **Florida Congressman Bill Posey** and **Governor Ron DeSantis**, shared her perspective of Black history in the United States at our February 1 meeting to highlight our observance of Black History Month.



She related a question she was asked by a Nigerian pastor while visiting that country in 2016. He wanted to know if she intended to vote for Hillary Clinton in the 2016 election because she was a woman, despite clear differences with Donald Trump. It was then that Glass realized that she supported Hillary because of a single-issue and it was a Nigerian man from a third world country to help her change her view on politics.

This question is relevant in the political experience of individuals, a people, and a nation today. Glass said that the people of every nation have experienced some level of hostility. It is an undeniable fact that Black Americans experienced oppression more than 100 years ago, but they have experienced great progress as a people since then. No

one today should feel victimized or feel guilty because none of us were there at the time, she said, adding that “today, because Abraham Lincoln gave us the 13th Amendment in 1863, Black Americans forever became ‘free and free indeed’ -- free to make our own choices and to pursue our own dreams.”

Today Black Americans have made great strides, moving from being completely illiterate in the 1860’s to excelling in entertainment, building, architecture and education. There is still a long way to go, but Black Americans don’t need or want your pity. If you want to help, do so, but not out of pity. Pity is an insult to the people you want to help and a spiritual, emotional and physical insult to yourself.

Glass believes that we must change the narrative history where slavery and oppression of the past are acknowledged as historical facts, without dwelling on these facts today. Mistakes were made by individuals, by governments, by politicians, by law enforcement that were real, she said. There is no reason to ascribe to the victim mentality.

Glass grew up in a broken home, by drug-addled parents, and many siblings. She became the family peacekeeper, which involved sacrifice. She had to sacrifice her own views to the greater good of her family. She said individual sacrifice for the greater good brings forth an avenue of prosperity in happiness and peace. Many Black Americans have become prosperous; money is present, popularity is present, but their peace is bankrupt, she said. Sacrifice of a people preserves peace for generations. There is no correlation between economic prosperity and hostility.

She compared the Black American journey to that of the Jewish people after being freed by the Egyptians following 400 years of enslavement. The Jewish people are who they are today because of the struggle and hardship they experienced, and the sacrifice and hard work they endured to face hostility and become a better people. If the Jewish people had stayed in Egypt, they would have been given kind assistance, but would have never become a proud people they are today, she said.

There can be beauty coming out of the pain of oppression, Glass said, and Black Americans have experienced great pain and great pride. She said the measure of success today is income and occupation. In the present, Black Americans are not the oppressed victims of the past. This idea is espoused by the enemy, whose only way to survive is to continually remind people of the gruesome thing that kept them down. Black Americans are “free and free indeed” to make those economic and occupational choices that will make us the proud Americans we can be.

In conclusion, Glass announced that she is a newly appointed State employee in Tallahassee, whose responsibility is to interview, research and vet every person who requests access to Governor DeSantis and his family.

The meeting ended with an update about the Veteran’s “Stand Down to Stand Up” event, the Children’s Christmas VMC event, and the Equine Therapy Program by member **Dorothy Kiernan Walsh Pearsall, CPC**. These events were all supported by BFRW donations.

The BFRW Bi-Annual BFRW VETERANS MILITARY DINNER fundraiser will be held on March 18th at the Space Coast Convention Center, in Cocoa. The event will be Hosted by retired **Coast Guard Rear Admiral Wayne Justice**, and will feature retired **Army Lieutenant Colonel Frances Presley Rice** as the keynote speaker.

Bob White, chair of the State of Florida Republican Liberty Caucus, will speak at our luncheon meeting on March 1st at the Space Coast Convention Center in Cocoa.

Reservations for both events can be made at www.brevardfederatedrepublicanwomen.org.



THE MAYFIELD MINUTE
By Florida State Senator
Debbie Mayfield

Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, Senate President Kathleen Passidomo and House Speaker Paul Renner highlighted their intent to pass the largest tax relief proposal in state history, saving families an historic \$2

billion, which would be up to \$1,000 a year for the average family.

“Inflation continues to burden Florida families and we must fight back against rising costs by cutting the sales tax on necessary items.” DeSantis said. “We are able to provide this record \$2 billion in tax relief because of our smart fiscal policies and strong reserves. It is important that we pass savings on to the families so they can keep more of their hard-earned money in their own pockets.”

The tax relief proposal includes a “Freedom Summer” tax holiday which will run from Memorial Day through September 4, on such items as admission to concerts, movies and sporting events; admission to state parks and museums; boating and water activity supplies; camping and fishing supplies; sports equipment; and residential pool supplies.

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Pushing back against the tactics of liberal elites who suppress free thought in the name of identity politics and indoctrination, DeSantis also announced legislation for the 2023 Session to further elevate civil discourse and intellectual freedom in higher education.

His proposal will ensure that Florida’s public universities and colleges are grounded in the history and philosophy of Western Civilization; prohibit discriminatory programs and

barriers to learning; and course correct universities' missions to align education for citizenship of the constitutional republic and Florida's existing and emerging workforce needs.

DeSantis was joined by Passidomo and Renner in a press conference to announce the legislation to protect residents from the woke environmental, social and corporate governance movement, which is a direct threat to the American economy and individual economic freedom.

They also announced comprehensive reforms to decrease frivolous lawsuits and prevent predatory practices of trial attorneys that prey on Floridians, including truckers and small businesses. These measures include eliminating one-way attorney fees and fee multipliers for insurance and protecting small businesses from paying exorbitant damages.

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Brevard County officials are working to strengthen area beaches from future storm damage and to repair erosion caused by Hurricanes Ian and Nicole. Approximately 1,700 truckloads of sand were being brought in from Fort Pierce, with a major focus on the 1.5 mile stretch of the Sebastian Inlet situated between Brevard and Indian River counties.

Sebastian Inlet River District officials say the \$1.3 million project, which is being paid for with ad valorem taxes, is much cheaper than dredging would cost. They said some beach access points would be temporarily closed while the work was being done, and it was expected to be completed by March 1.

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Sanford State Senator Jason Brodeur has introduced legislation in the Senate Committee on Criminal Justice to address the prosecution and punishment of criminal offenses relating to heroin, fentanyl and fentanyl-related substances. The next stop for Senate Bill 280 is the Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice.

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Brevard Schools Foundation, Embraer Foundation and the Eau Gallie High School Aviation Training Program have partnered to educate and train the next generation of aviation mechanics. Embraer Foundation provided a \$12,500 grant to fund program services, supplies, tools and equipment, and the students will gain the foundational knowledge and skills to become entry level aviation technicians and assemblers.

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Representatives of several Brevard County City Chambers of Commerce, citizens groups, and residents will travel to Tallahassee for a three-day advocacy trip beginning March 21 to meet with the county's members of the Florida Legislature and receive session updates, as well as discussing issues important to the county and state.

AN UPDATE FROM MY OFFICE

By Florida State Senator Tom Wright

February has been a very busy month, but the most significant part was Special Session 2023B. The Florida Legislature

convened for a special session to address several major topics and I am proud to say that we were able to unite with Governor Ron DeSantis to implement strong legislation for the betterment of Floridians.



With Senate Bill 2-B, we provided emergency loan funding to communities impacted by Hurricanes Ian and Nicole. The bill provides for the transfer of \$650 million to the Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund to be used in a declared state of emergency.

Senate Bill 4-B provides the statewide prosecutor a specific outline of the election crimes that fall within their jurisdiction to ensure no criminal activity will fall through the cracks. The bill provides the power to investigate and prosecute such election-related crimes if the offense occurs in or affects two or more judicial circuits.

Senate Bill 6-B creates the Unauthorized Alien Transport Program within the Division of Emergency Management. This program will facilitate the voluntary transport of inspected unauthorized aliens within the United States. The flood of undocumented migrants strains state and local resources, yet sanctuary policies are established in many states. These states and cities have no firsthand knowledge to the disastrous effects of the Border Crisis.

House Bill 7-B removes from Florida Statutes provisions that were addressed in, or more restrictive than, NCAA rules governing the compensation for the use of a student-athletes Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL). This gives players the right to publicity that ordinary citizens already have, but that the NCAA previously didn't allow. Players can accept money from businesses in exchange for using them in products or advertisements and can also promote themselves or other companies in public appearances.

One of the most discussed bills from Special Session 2023B was House Bill 9-B. This legislation addresses the Reedy Creek Improvement District, which now covers approximately 25,000 acres in central Florida. Created in 1967, this special district was created solely to exempt the Walt Disney Company from many state laws in return for their promised investment in Florida. House Bill 9-B restructures and amends the charter of the Reedy Creek Improvement District, renaming the district the Central Florida Tourism Oversight District.

This bill replaces the current landowner-elected board with a five-member board appointed by the Governor, subject to Senate confirmation. This legislation further specifies that any member of the board must not be an affiliate of any theme park or entertainment complex within the last three years, must be a Florida resident, and establishes limits for their term. This bill removes the broad sweeping powers and authorities of Reedy Creek and brings them in line with the laws of Florida. The Florida legislature found it important that

this district serve the public interest and be held accountable to the people of Florida, instead of boardrooms in California.

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. My office is always here to fight for you and listen to the concerns you have.

REMEMBER WHEN

By Heritage Isle Republican Club President Mike Hoagland



Remember when we chose to focus our efforts on local elections and made the Brevard County School Board a priority? The thought was we would try to assist in the education of our youth with the idea that they would become the future leaders of this country. The goal was to find board candidates that would promote education over indoctrination. Our efforts, along with other organizations, resulted with the board going from progressive liberal leadership to conservative leadership. This led to the termination of the superintendent and new leadership has ensued.

We will have to be diligent with the 2024 elections as the liberals are not pleased. We will keep our membership informed of events and issues as they unfold.

Now, since **Governor Ron DeSantis's** re-election, he has a great number of educational initiatives either completed or progressing through the Florida Legislature. His goal is to educate, not indoctrinate, our youth.

As I have stated previously, the University of Florida has a new conservative president. New College in Sarasota, Florida has a new conservative board of directors with a goal of creating a Hillsdale College type of balanced conservative education. The Governor has had the "Stop the Woke Act" passed by our legislature. Florida's 28 state college presidents all have stated their support for this act. Of course, there is an active minority screaming and crying. These are the liberal Marxist indoctrinators/educators that have been pushing their ideology on students. The American Association of University Professors is calling for an investigation what they call "political and racial attacks" by Governor DeSantis on higher education. As stated before, all Florida college presidents are in agreement with the Governor. Why are these out-of-state professors involved in Florida?

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Our Governor has made news by cancelling an advanced placement course called African American studies. The leftists are going crazy, but the media will not correct the record. Included in the curriculum is queer theory, CRT, diversity, equity and inclusion. In other words, ideology is what is in this course. DeSantis said to rewrite the curriculum to include history only. Three high school students are suing the Governor and the state over the decision to cancel this course as it is written. The Marxists are going nuts.

The Florida Education Department is reviewing all course materials at all grade levels to ensure our youth are educated and not indoctrinated. Pornography is being removed from school libraries. They will ensure appropriate materials at the grade level.

A major initiative is the "Teachers' Bill of Rights". It provides liability protection for teachers in the event of lawsuits while taking actions to maintain order in their classrooms. Teachers would have to be advised that they do not have to belong to a union. Dues would no longer be collected by the School Board. Teachers will have to send a check to the union if they choose to continue membership. The governor is proposing a significant raise for teachers. Join us!

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As we know, COVID (China Virus) exposed the ideologies included in our children's educational curriculum at every grade level. We thought reading, writing, and arithmetic were what our youth are learning. How wrong we were. Governor DeSantis has made education an important part of his agenda. He is reforming education in Florida at every level to include primary, secondary and the university system. Virtually every public institution will be included in his efforts to have our children educated and not indoctrinated, He is getting hammered with criticism from the Marxists and Leftists. Al Sharpton is in Florida trying to explain our Governor's "racist" actions for canceling the Black History Advanced Placement course in high school.

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Brevard Republican Executive Committee Chairman Rick Lacey will be the speaker at our March 2 meeting. He can address many of our issues regarding all the moving parts to our next election. The 10 am meeting in the Heritage Isle Clubhouse Ballroom will include coffee and donuts. Bring questions.

AUDACITY AND IDIOCY

This month's "winners" are:

--MSNBC 'Morning Joe' co-host Joe Scarborough, for reacting to Joe Biden's State of the Union address more as a cathartic group therapy session than as serious analysis, by calling Republicans "stupid" and "the dumbest political party that's ever existed," while labeling them "jackasses" for daring to object to Biden's lie about them cutting Social Security and Medicare. Ironically, or even ridiculously, prior to joining the Leftist TV network, Scarborough actually was a Republican Member of Congress, allegedly representing Florida.



--Two police officers in Alpharetta, Georgia, for handcuffing and arresting U.S. Army veteran Jeff Gray, who was holding a "God bless the homeless vets" sign in front of city hall, absurdly saying he was engaged in illegal "panhandling." The Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression (FIRE) is

suing the officers on Gray's behalf. "Speaking out in public areas is a core First Amendment right, whether government officials recognize it or not," said attorney Harrison Rosenthal. "If our cities won't teach officers to do their job properly, FIRE will."

--Derek Lennox, the principal of St. Joseph's Catholic High School in Ontario, Canada, for suspending and then excluding from school 16-year-old student Josh Alexander, who tried to return to school anyway, and wound up being arrested, handcuffed, placed in the back of a police car, and detained. The student's "crime" was protesting against transgender people using women's restrooms and during class debates, expressing his belief that God created only two genders, which the principal claimed to be "bullying" toward some students.

--Minnesota District Judge Jacob Allen, for his "excessive" sentence of six months in jail for a man convicted of multiple rapes of two little girls ages four and nine: plus, a great, big 200-hours of community work service. And the man's plea deal does not even require him to register as an offender against minor children on the Minnesota state registry.

--School district officials in Jurupa Valley, California, for firing tenured teacher Jessica Tapia for the "crime" of refusing to follow the district's policy of keeping the gender identities and "preferred pronouns" of students a secret from their parents. Tapia has legal representation with the Pacific Justice Institute and is awaiting the go-ahead to file a lawsuit against the school district.

--Officials at California's Culver High School, for eliminating Honors English Classes in order to foster racial equity, arguing that "not enough" Black and Latino students signed up for the course. Students who looked forward to taking the honors class, and their parents, are not happy with the decision.



YOU CAN'T MAKE THIS UP

--There is nothing new about balloons. Going back to the days of the Trump administration, a small circle of intelligence officials at the Pentagon reportedly monitored a series of "mysterious objects" suspected to be balloons, but the incidents were never reported to the White House. Why not? According to www.thefederalistwire.com, there is a belief that some agents within the federal government having a high security clearance are compromised by the Chinese communist regime.

--Minnesota Muslim Congresswoman Ilhan Omar planned a support rally for the victims of the East Palestine chemical spill, but then cancelled it once she learned that East Palestine is not in the Middle East, but "is just a small town in Ohio," where "some trains did something. Who cares?"

--Left-wing MSNBC propagandist Andrea Mitchell, while interviewing Vice President Kamala Harris, falsely claimed that Florida Governor Ron DeSantis opposes the teaching of slavery in schools, and got Harris – whose ancestors, ironically, were slave owners – to proclaim that "Any push to censor America's teachers and tell them what they should be teaching in the best interests of our children, in partnership with the parents of America, is, I think, wrongheaded." But in reality, DeSantis supports lessons on slavery, even stating that "Florida statutes require teaching all of American history including slavery, civil rights, segregation. It's important that that's taught. But what I think is not good is to scapegoat students based on skin color. It's not good to distort American history by saying that the American Revolution was fought to defend slavery, which is not true." And calling Mitchell's deliberate mischaracterization "shameful," DeSantis' press secretary, Bryan Griffin, said it "exemplifies everything wrong with corporate media. They're not accidentally terrible at their jobs – they're maliciously intent on deceiving people."

--An Arizona woman named Melody Jennings had an idea – what if we organize ballot drop box watch parties, just like football game tailgate parties, in order to monitor the insecure boxes that Democrats love so well? She went on social media, and the idea took off like wildfire, as groups of people organized in a number of states just before the 2022 mid-term elections. But reacting to the move, Democrat attorney Marc Elias – he of "Russian collusion" fame – filed a lawsuit before the Arizona Supreme Court against Jennings, arguing that it is "illegal" for citizens to sit in a public place and watch a drop box. The Democrats apparently believe our elections are so "safe and secure," they don't want citizen patriots watching any part of the process.

--Putting California tax dollars to work, the director of Student Support Equity and Inclusion for the state's Acalanes Union High School District – Lynna McPhatter-Harris – hosted a "coming together" event for staff members – but white people were excluded. The invitation email stated: "We are looking forward to seeing our people of color in the district. Please invite any employee of color to this event. We have avoided inviting people that are not of color as there remains feelings of uneasiness and mistrust and we need this to be a safe space for our people of color." Ironically, the director's title mentions the word "Inclusion." Columnist and radio host Todd Starnes calls it "part of a nationwide trend in education – literally re-segregating people in the name of diversity."

--California baker Jennifer Angel, who identified as a social justice advocate, died from injuries sustained during a violent robbery in Oakland, and her family and friends announced that to honor her work toward an ecologically sustainable society where "people are free and equal," and because she did not believe in state violence or incarceration as an effective or just solution to social violence and inequity, they do not want the criminals linked to her death to be arrested or prosecuted.

--More from the so-called "Golden State." California state lawmakers are considering a bill to prevent law enforcement

agencies from using police K-9s from being put in situations where they could bite someone – namely in cases of apprehensions, arrests and crowd control. Democrat Representatives Corey Jackson and Ash Kalra introduced the proposed legislation by saying it could “help end a practice with a troubling history involving Black communities and police dogs.”

--According to Townhall.com, in the trove of emails found on Hunter Biden’s laptop, one in particular stood out because it was long and well-informed about Ukraine, Russia and the United Kingdom that was unlike any other email he had sent. It reportedly contained classified information which “almost certainly” came from his father, who was then Vice President. The 2014 email that Hunter sent to his Burisma business partner contained nearly two dozen data points about the political and strategic situation in Ukraine that sounded like something produced by the State Department rather than anything he ever wrote before. For example, he “wrote” that “The strategic values to create a land bridge for RU to Crimea won’t directly affect Burisma holdings, but it will limit future UK exploration and utilization of offshore opportunities in particular. It will also further destabilize the UK nationally and for whatever government is in power, and the U.S. will respond with even stronger sanctions.” Fancy original writing for someone who two months earlier could not even pass a scheduled drug test for using cocaine.

--When a dozen Catholic high school students wearing blue beanies with the words “Rosary PRO-LIFE”, accompanied by their chaperones from Greenville, South Carolina, visited Washington, DC, and wanted to see the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum, they were reportedly mocked by museum staff members, who proclaimed that they were in a “neutral zone,” where political or religious messages were not allowed. A security guard then escorted them out of the museum. In response, Jordan Sekulow, executive director of the American Center for Law and Justice, said, “This is a clear and egregious abuse of the First Amendment, which protects their right to free speech without government interference, and we are ready to take action. A government institution cannot censor an individual’s speech, much less speech from the inherently Christian pro-life position.” The resulting publicity then led a museum spokesperson to state: “Asking visitors to remove hats and clothing is not in keeping with our policy or protocols. We provided immediate training to prevent a re-occurrence of this kind of incident and have determined steps to ensure this does not happen again.”

--Officials at Arizona State University – that alleged bastion of liberty and freedom – arrested Tim Tizon, a now-former ASU student – on charges of trespassing and violating school policy, for the “crime” of handing out copies of the U.S. Constitution on campus. What a terrible way to influence impressionable minds, eh? The Liberty Justice Center is representing Tizon in his fight for his rights.

--A 67-year old farmer in Uganda – where polygamy is legal – is now worried about how he will support his family in the coming months. Musa Hasahya has 12 current wives, 102

children – ranging in age from 6 to 51 – and 568 grandchildren to care for. The “News Break” article reporting his story did not mention what crops or livestock he farms.

--A Paulding County, Georgia, daycare owner – Goldia Lipsky – was jailed without bond and charged with counts of aggravated assault, and first-degree and third-degree cruelty to children, following accusations – supported by a video – of her attacking five children in her Reach For the Sky Academy. The children are ages 8 months to 3 years.

--Even though the U.S. Constitution prohibits non-citizens from voting in federal elections, it does not say anything about local ones. So in Vermont, after the left-leaning state legislature approved immigrants casting these ballots, the State Supreme Court upheld the decision.

--Hearing that Florida Congressman Matt Gaetz is requesting that fellow Judiciary Committee members join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance every day, Karen Johnson – who is also known as “Whoopie Goldberg” on the leftist TV show “The View” – declared on the air that doing so “would be a waste of time.” The Jolt Florida website says Goldberg is “an expert on wasted time,” since millions of Americans watch her show every week.

--Principal David Johnson of New York’s Nyack Middle School said he was “horrified and apologetic” upon learning that the school cafeteria provided students with a meal of chicken and waffles with a watermelon-themed dessert to kick off Black History Month. He said the menu “reflected negative stereotypes concerning the African-American community.” Reporting on the incident, conservative commentator Todd Starnes said, “No one has been able to explain exactly why that particular menu is racially offensive. Who knew that chicken and waffles would trigger such a massive case of indigestion among the perpetually offended Generation Z crowd?”

--After a whistleblower announced on television that the FBI was investigating “radical, traditional” Catholics and their possible ties to the “far right white nationalist movement,” a vocal backlash led the bureau to retract the information. The whistleblower, a former special agent named Kyle Seraphin, said there had been an unsubstantiated assumption by the FBI that “a preference for the Catholic Mass in Latin instead of the vernacular and a number of more traditional views on other world religions can amount to an ‘adherence to anti-Semitic, anti-immigrant, anti-LGBTQ and white supremacist ideology.’” The retracted information had relied heavily on analysis from the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC), a far-left, scandal-ridden organization, and even included a direct copy of the SPLC list of “Radical Traditional Catholicism Hate Groups” as an appendix to its text.

--After the Family Heritage Alliance announced that the safest place for children are in families that have a married mom and dad, South Dakota Democrat Congresswoman Erin Healy went on Twitter to call the group “extremist” for its

“dangerous and un-American belief.” No word was given on the circumstances of Healy’s birth.

THIS AND THAT



PATRIOT AWARDS DINNER. More than 150 supporters of the Liberty Bell Museum gathered in Melbourne on February 23 for the Honor America Patriot Awards Dinner. **Melbourne City Councilman and retired U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel Tim Thomas**

conducted the program, at which five patriots were honored for their support. Recipients speaking briefly at the event were **Cozette Merritt**, founder of Cape Canaveral Ladies; **Don Pearsall**, the founder and CEO of Veterans Connections; his wife, **Dorothy Walsh-Pearsall**, an advocate for numerous Veterans programs; and 97-year-old retired **U.S. Army Major George Rosenfield**, for his support of Honor Flight and Jewish War Veterans. A fifth honoree, **George Taylor, Jr.**, who runs the National Veterans Homeless Support, was unable to attend the festivities, and his award was accepted by his wife, **Jennifer**. Also speaking on the program were **Melbourne Mayor Paul Alfrey** and **Jay Freeland**, president of Honor America, Inc., which runs the Liberty Bell Museum. Located at 1601 Oak Street in Melbourne, the museum welcomes group tours from schools, Scouting organizations and churches. Contact honoramericaf@gmail.com for information.

EAST PALESTINE, OHIO TRAIN DERAILMENT. After a 50-car Norfolk Southern train derailed in East Palestine, Ohio, and a massive fire released vinyl chloride and other toxic chemicals into the area on February 3 – with residents becoming ill and animals dying – the Federal Emergency Mismanagements Agency (FEMA) made news by refusing requests for aid in the cleanup and recovery, saying Ohio is not eligible for assistance “at this time.” But then former **President Donald Trump** announced he would be visiting the area, thus guaranteeing the attendance of hordes of media representatives. And the same evening as Trump’s announcement, FEMA suddenly experienced a change of heart. **Ohio Governor Mike DeWine** announced that FEMA will be deploying a Senior Response Official along with a Regional Incident Management Assistance Team (IMAT) to support ongoing operations, including incident coordination and ongoing assessments of potential long-term recovery needs. However, Norfolk Southern officials still had not agreed to meet with residents, and the “For the People” law firm of Morgan and Morgan has filed a class action lawsuit against the train company, comparing the leak to “chemical warfare.”

REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN FIELD GROWS. Joining former **President Donald Trump** this month in announcing their candidacy for President in 2024 were former **South Carolina Governor and U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley**, and millionaire investor and author **Vivek Ramaswamy**.

FLORIDA VERSUS NEW YORK. When New York City Mayor Eric Adams learned that **Florida Governor Ron DeSantis** would be speaking in New York at a conference on law enforcement, he took issue with the visit and sent him the following message: “Welcome to NYC, a place where we don’t ban books, discriminate against our LGBTQ+ neighbors, use asylum seekers as props, or let the government stand between a woman and health care. We’re happy to teach you something about values while you’re here.” Within minutes, DeSantis spokeswoman **Christina Pushaw** responded: “Nice rhetoric – but here’s the reality: More Americans fled NYC than any other metro area last year. More Americans moved to Florida than any other state. You know this, Mayor Adams, and you’ve talked accurately about crime pushing people out of NYC. Florida’s crime rate meanwhile is at a 50-year low. Maybe it’s you who can learn from Ron DeSantis?” And Bryan Griffin, DeSantis’ press secretary, wrote: “Based on your policies, it’s fair to assume you value lawlessness and political agendas in classrooms. Based on migration rates out of New York and into Florida, it’s also fair to conclude that many people don’t agree with those values. Florida values freedom, life, and truth.”

INSIDER TRADING BILL.

Reintroducing his 2022 insider trading bill in the U.S. Senate, **Missouri Senator Josh Hawley** has cleverly designated it the “Preventing Elected Leaders from Owning Securities and Investments Act.” Shortening this to the first letter of each word, the name of the measure is the “PELOSI Act.” Its objective is to ban lawmakers and their spouses from holding and trading individual stocks, and force political figures to return profits to American citizens. Pelosi and others have been on the hot seat for getting very rich, and for allegedly using their positions of influence to correctly invest in certain stocks. Wealth seems to grow exponentially while the politicians are in office.



BILL TO BLOCK SCHIFF. In another cleverly-titled measure, **Florida Congressman Matt Gaetz** has re-introduced a bill to block Democrat Representative Adam Schiff – who was given the nickname “Pencil Neck” by former President Donald Trump – from receiving classified information. The proposed legislation is called “Preventing Extreme Negligence with Classified Information Licences Resolution,” or the “PENCIL Resolution.”



MEDIA RESEARCH CENTER. A new report from the Media Research Center says the search

engine Google has been caught red-handed rigging search results and other features in favor of Democrat candidates and

against Republicans in the 2022 midterm elections. **MRC President Brent Bozell** said, “If this isn’t election interference, I don’t know what is.” The report said Google is used for 92 percent of all Internet searches, and in 10 of the 12 closest U.S. Senate races, the Republican candidate’s campaign website appeared far lower on Google’s list – if at all – than the Democrat’s. Meanwhile, other search engines – such as Big and DuckDuckGo – gave relatively equal treatment of all the candidates. In House races, Google listed the campaign websites of 7 of the 10 most prominent critics of Big Tech far beyond the first page, but put two-thirds of their opponents’ websites in the first six items. “These algorithms don’t write themselves,” said **Dan Schneider**, vice president of MRC Free Speech America. “There’s a person who drafts the code to produce the result they want. For Google, we know what they want – to boost Democrats and bury Republicans.” **Hans von Spakovsky**, an election law expert at The Heritage Foundation, said search engine manipulation could be viewed as an in-kind campaign contribution, and that is illegal.



COVID-19 SHOTS. Addressing the House Oversight and Accountability Committee on February 8, **South Carolina Republican Congresswoman Nancy Mace**

joined a long list of Americans who have expressed regret over taking the Coronavirus vaccine. She said Twitter executives did a disservice to all Americans by refusing to allow all viewpoints about the vaccine to be discussed and suppressed expert opinions from doctors and censored those who disagreed with the CDC. Mace added that the long-term effects she developed from taking the vaccine include asthma, hand tremors and heart problems that doctors cannot explain, and “I don’t think they are ever going to go away. And I know that I am not the only American who has those kinds of concerns.”



PHIL ARCHER. In his February “Monthly Brief” newsletter, **Florida 18th Judicial Circuit State Attorney Phil Archer** lists scams that residents should beware. Archer says scammers offer sham “guarantees” to get you out of debt quickly and cleanly. Some take the money and run, others string victims along. The Federal Trade

Commission has shut down scores of shady schemes, but the problem persists with new bad actors jumping in. Here are some warning signs: 1) Be wary of debt relief companies that asks for fees up front, before it settles any debts. 2) The company guarantees it can eliminate debt or reduce it by a particular amount in a set short period of time. 3) Any company that advises you to cut off communication with creditors. 4) A company that won’t send or disclose information about services until getting your financial info, including credit cards, account numbers, and balances....

Regarding property title fraud, Florida is seeing a disturbing increase in property owners (especially seniors) being targeted by criminals who impersonate owners and change the name on a deed. Here’s how: Anyone can download a blank Quit Claim Deed, add their name as the grantee, and forge the signature of the rightful deed holder as the grantor. Then using a fictitious or unscrupulous notary public, it can be notarized and recorded in the county’s public records division. If the actual owner doesn’t notice that the record has changed, the fraudster can then sell or rent the house, borrow against the equity, or take out a mortgage, among other options. Regarding romance scams, loneliness and isolation have created the perfect scenario to take advantage of singles looking for love, according to the Better Business Bureau, and a survey conducted by Wells Fargo. In the most common form, the scammer posts super attractive photos and profile details stolen from real Facebook or other accounts. They then reach out to the victim via social media or a dating app. Often they’ll claim to be out of the country, or in the military stationed overseas, essentially catfish scams designed to gain the victim’s trust. They claim to quickly fall in love, make plans for the future, and then ask for money needed for medical, travel or other expenses. In some cases, the scammers ask for revealing photos (extortion), ask for personal info (identity theft), or send attachments that infect computers with malware. Avoid “too hot to be true” profiles, and do not give out personal information or share financial information or send money to anyone you haven’t met in person.



Peter Wood, President of the National Association of Scholars (NAS), told attendees at the Leadership Institute’s monthly Wake Up Club breakfast program on February 1 that America is now “waking up” to what a bad deal higher education in the U.S. has become. College presidents on many campuses, he said, are “spineless creatures” who allow the existence of critical race theory and political correctness, but not the expression of free speech. Florida, Wood said, is an example of a state where strives in education are occurring, thanks to efforts being put in place by **Governor Ron DeSantis**. Wood has headed the NAS since 2009 and has been a strong advocate of comprehensive reform. The non-profit organization seeks to reform higher education by advocating for open intellectual discourse and increased conservative faculty representation. The four purposes of higher education, Wood noted, are to endow culture, shape character, pursue truth and prepare for practical vocation. He pointed out that NAS upholds civil debate in America’s colleges and universities, and faculty members and students must have the freedom to pursue academic research and the freedom to question and think for themselves. For additional information, visit the website: www.nas.org.



PETER FILIBERTO. There was joy among Brevard County Republicans when Palm Bay residents elected Peter Filiberto to fill a vacant seat on the City Council, and then re-elected him without any opposition from either party. But all of that changed this month, after police stopped him on a motorcycle – and he was charged with reckless driving, DUI, driving with a suspended license, no motorcycle endorsement, refusal to submit to a breath test, and possession of cocaine packed in his shoe and sock. He was jailed that night and released on bond the next day for an upcoming trial. Filiberto failed to attend the next Palm Bay City Council meeting, where his colleagues voted unanimously to ask Florida Governor to remove him from the council with cause, since under Florida law, only the governor has the power to remove locally elected officials from office. But the next day, Filiberto resigned his post. Now the City Council will select a replacement to fill the position before another special election can be held.



ROBERT BURNS. According to “Florida TODAY,” a political consultant in Brevard County named Robert Burns is facing a long list of election law violations over electioneering and a defunct PAC he used during the 2020 election cycle. Investigators for the Florida Elections Commission – which is considering 12 cases against Burns – said he failed to file months of finance reports for his short-lived Friends of Florida organization. They said this involves failure to disclose tens of thousands of dollars in contributions and to properly disclose political ads paid for with PAC funds. Burns reportedly has run election campaigns for both Republicans and Democrats. One race, for a challenger to State Representative Randy Fine, was marked with bitter public accusations of sexual charges and counter charges. Regarding the other cases against Burns, he has agreed to pay fines in several of them and was still negotiating the others. The newspaper said it was unclear whether the cases had been referred to law enforcement, but Fine has called on the State Attorney to open criminal proceedings. Burns had admitted to using some of the money he collected for gambling, but that he believed this was personal funds paid for campaign and consulting services. Speaking with the newspaper, he denied he was trying to hide anything, and blamed his failure to file the disclosures on his mental health, which he said suffered from family-related issues, the early COVID-19 pandemic and his struggles with post-traumatic stress disorder from his time as a combat medic in the U.S. Army.



REPUBLICAN LIBERTY CAUCUS OF CENTRAL EAST FLORIDA. Discussing with club members the upcoming session of the Florida State

Legislature, **Bob White**, chairman of the Republican Liberty Caucus of Central East Florida, said on February 6 that the organization supports several of the early proposed legislative bills but opposes others. There is support, he said, for having partisan, rather than non-partisan elections of district school boards; for reducing to eight years term limits for District School Members; for providing the recall of county officers and commissioners with a vote by residents in a non-charter county; and with changes, support for expanding the Florida Family Empowerment Scholarship program; and for stopping the collection of financial data on firearm and ammo purchases and imposing fines on credit card companies that collect data on those purchases. Among the proposals that the organization opposes, White said, are the proposed measure for concealed carry of weapons and firearms without a license – calling it NOT a Constitutional Carry bill because it does not allow open carry or address the prohibition of carrying on school campuses, as well as not addressing the unconstitutional Red Flag statute. Another proposal that RLC opposes, White said, involved the Florida First Production Partnership Program, which would offer tax rebates, but with the government picking winners and losers. And he said there are a number of Democrat-filed firearm bills that violate our right to own and bear arms.... White also urged members to attend the RLC Florida Lobby Days in Tallahassee on March 14-15, which will involve Capitol meetings with House and Senate leaders and members, attending legislative committee meetings, and attending a Liberty Reception at the James Madison Institute.



HERITAGE ISLE REPUBLICAN CLUB. One day after speaking at the Brevard Federated Republican Women meeting in Cocoa, **Grace Glass**, who worked on the election campaign staffs of both **Florida Congressman Bill Posey** and **Governor Ron DeSantis**, told the Heritage Isle Republican Club meeting on February 2 that her new position with the Republican Party of

Florida in Tallahassee will be the Data Center Manager. She explained that she grew up as the youngest of 15 children in a Democrat family with parents who with God’s help became recovering drug addicts. It wasn’t until Donald Trump ran for president in 2016 that Glass realized she shared conservative Republican values – including being pro-life – and she voted for him as well as going to work on the Posey re-election team. Noting that the Left victimizes minorities, Glass said what they need are the resources to accept their challenges with dignity. She is young, smart, talented and positive, and is a person to watch as her political career progresses.

EXPERTS' EXCERPTS



Commentator and Historian **Victor Davis Hanson**, writing on 'The Establishment is the Revolution,' at AmericanGreatness.com:

"The current Left has no intention of "dropping out." Why would it? It now controls the very institutions of America that it once mocked and attacked – corporate boardrooms, Wall Street, state and local

prosecuting attorneys, most big-city governments, the media, the Pentagon, network and most of cable news, professional sports, Hollywood, music, television, K-12 education, and academia. In other words, the greatest levelers of influence and power – money, education, entertainment, government, the news, and popular culture – are in the hands of the Left. They have transformed legitimate debate over gay marriage into a hate crime. Transgenderism went from a modern manifestation of ancient transvestism or gender dysphoria to a veritable litmus test of whether one was good or evil. Students have no need to jam administrators' offices because the latter, themselves, are as radical as the protestors and often lead them on in a top-down fashion. Had they not long ago demonstrated they were perfectly willing to subvert meritocracy, free expression, and equality under the law, they would not be occupying their present positions.... The current generation of techies is effectively Stalinist. Big Tech now colludes with the FBI, the Democrat Party, and the bureaucratic state to suppress free expression, warp balloting, and serve as contractors of government surveillance. Currently, the most totalitarian people in America are likely to wear flip flops, have a nose ring or pink hair, and disguise their fascism with '60's-retread costumes. There are no 'armies of the night' marching on the Pentagon. Would-be demonstrators see no need, since radical identity politics, and gay, woke, and transgendered agendas are fast-tracked by the Department of Defense.... There are no protests against the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Bureau anymore by advocates of illegal immigration, because the Left owns the border. And it has utterly destroyed it. There is no border, no border enforcement, and no meaningful immigration law. As many as six million illegal entries during the first two years of the Biden Administration are proof enough of that.... The Left does not despise the FBI. It lauds it. And the bureau is no longer consumed with tracking down violent criminals and terrorists. Instead, it has become an enemy of parents worried about school indoctrination, or a retrieval service for lost first-family classified papers, laptops and diaries, or a Washington, D.C., cadre knee-deep in big money politics.... The new legal establishment has replaced the old by simply nuking centuries of jurisprudence. Violent repeat criminal offenders injure and maim innocents in the morning and are released by noon to prey again – themselves baffled that the state is even crazier than they are.... In sum, we are living in anarchy, as institutions themselves have become nihilistic and weapons of

the revolution. The Left, in viral fashion, took over the DNA of America's institutions, and used them to help destroy their creators...The common denominator to the anarchy? The hardcore Left is your FBI, CIA and Justice Department all in one. It is 'Nineteen Eighty-Four.' It is our era's J.P. Morgan. No wonder we are confused by the establishment anarchists and the anarchy they produce."

Former **U.S. Ambassador Stanley Escudero**, writing on Biden's Prostration Balloon for informal distribution:

"In the days of the Chinese emperors, lesser mortals were required to prostrate themselves before the imperial glory, a gesture of submission known in Chinese as the "kow tow". Biden has just revived a modern version of that practice. He just permitted a controlled Chinese spy balloon to cross our country, shooting it down only when it reached the Atlantic and possibly losing its spy package in the process. Let's think this incident through. Our military tracked this balloon from its launch in China, all the way across the Pacific Ocean, to the Aleutian Islands (which are American territory), into Alaska, across Canada and into the "lower 48". It could and should have been shot down over Alaska, which is mostly unpopulated, so no one would be at risk from falling debris and where we could have recovered any technological equipment which the balloon was carrying. There was ample time to decide what should be done about the balloon and prepare a plan before it reached our territory. But nothing was done. In fact, the Balloon's presence was not made public until it reached Montana and then only because it was noticed and photographed by a civilian and its presence could no longer be hidden. It was later admitted that this was not the first such Chinese balloon to fly over the United States and there are other such balloons over other countries. It became apparent that the balloon was under control when it stopped over our missile launching sites and then changed course to travel over the base from which our B-2 bombers are launched. Thus, its spying mission was undeniable, Amidst the public uproar Biden requested options from the Department of Defense and he personally decided not to bring it down. The rationale was that a balloon and sensing package 'as large as three school buses' would fall 'at a meteoric rate', endangering those below. This is not true. A few cannon holes in a balloon this big deflates it slowly and it would descend slowly, like a parachute, for most of its descent. It might even have been possible to control its point of impact, as we used to do some years ago when we used specialized aircraft to snag spy film packages dropped from spy planes or satellites. But the decision was made, and the balloon continued on its course. A supporting argument was made that the balloon constituted no security threat, the Chinese could see whatever they wanted from satellites anyway and it was implied that we had jammed its capacity to send so that it was not conveying



information it had gathered back to the Chinese. Therefore, why endanger anyone by shooting it down? But an espionage threat is a clear security threat and espionage is exactly what the balloon was sent to our airspace to perform. We might have successfully jammed its sending capacity, or we might not. But we cannot know this for sure unless and until we retrieve the sending equipment, which is presently at the bottom of the Atlantic, in pieces and doubtless damaged by salt water.... The Chinese have invested tens of millions of dollars in the Biden family – in son Hunter, brother James and, according to Hunter’s infamous laptop, to Joe Biden himself. And they must have God only knows how much material which could be used to blackmail the Bidens. This is only the latest of a series of Biden measures to give China a return on its investment. It is only further proof that the Biden family is a majority-owned subsidiary of the Chinese Communist Party...Afterwards, we shot down three smaller unidentified balloon packages over Alaska, Canada and the lower U, S. The Pentagon now suspects that they were benign, but has abandoned any search for their debris, perhaps to avoid having to admit that some or all of them were our own balloons."



Senior analyst **Laurence Sanford**, writing on China’s Gray Zone Tactics as a position paper for the American Security Council Foundation website:

“Gray zone tactics are coercive actions that are shy of armed conflict but beyond normal diplomatic and economic actions. The Chinese

Communist Party uses gray zone tactics worldwide to further its interests. It is particularly active against countries that border the South China Sea and the East China Sea. Countries affected include Japan, Taiwan, the Philippines, Indonesia, Brunei, Malaysia, and Vietnam. South China Sea Gray Zone tactics include: 1) Claiming the entire South China Sea based on a nine-dash line map that China designed and that only China recognizes. 2) Building military bases on islands and shoals. President Xi of China promised President Obama in the White House Rose Garden in 2015 that he would not militarize the islands and shoals of the South China Sea. 3) Denying fishing rights and energy drilling to neighboring countries through threats and force by the Chinese Navy, its Coast Guard, and the Chinese fishing fleet. 4) Challenging nations, including the U.S. Navy, over freedom of the seas and air passage. Over \$5 trillion a year in ship-borne trade passes through the South China Sea. The Philippines challenged China’s claim to the South China Sea in the United Nations Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague. In 2016, the Court ruled that China had no historic title over the waters and that it had breached the Philippines’ sovereign rights. China denounced the ruling and said its armed forces would defend its interests. The South China Sea contains vast quantities of oil and gas deposits. China is threatening countries that attempt to develop resources within their exclusive economic zones. China does not recognize any other nation’s EEZ claim within the nine-dash line map.... The East China Sea Gray

Zone tactics include: Taiwan --The People’s Liberation Army and People’s Liberation Army Navy surface vessels intrude into Taiwanese air and sea space in acts of intimidation. China claims that independent Taiwan is part of China and should be under Beijing’s control. President Xi has repeatedly vowed to incorporate Taiwan into China; not if, but when, is the question. Complicating the issue is that for many years, Taiwan itself claimed to be part of China as the Republic of China. President Biden has affirmed (the first time a U.S. president has done so) that the U.S. will come to the aid of Taiwan if the CCP launches military action against Taiwan.... Japan -- Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin claims Japan controlled Senkaku Islands, China’s inherent territory, Chinese Coast Guard ships regularly test Japanese resolve in protecting the islands. China recently passed a law giving its Coast Guard ships permission to fire upon foreign vessels operating within its claimed territorial waters. How does America counter CCP Gray Zone tactics? Not only do CCP tactics encompass the activities described above, but they include cyber, information, economic, and political activities. Recommendations to counter CCP Gray Zone activities: 1) Peace Through Strength - Build up military capabilities to fight a future war - not a past war. Sadly the U.S. has not won a war since World War II (i.e., Afghanistan, Iraq, Kuwait, Bosnia, Vietnam, and Korea.). 2) Work with key allies to develop responses. Cultivate a firm sense of direction and purpose. The U.S. should help regional partners assert their sovereign rights under international law in the South and East China Seas. The strategy should be multilayered and devise options to prevent violent actions. 3) Develop the culture and willpower to fight the ‘long war’. 4) Educate Americans on Chinese intentions and strategies. Learn to think like the opponent to counter the opponent.”



Political commentator **Michael Reagan**, writing on the gig economy, which relies on temporary and part-time positions filled by contractors and freelancers, for “The Patriot Post”:

“The IRS is so kind. Our most beloved federal agency has delayed until next year a new income-reporting law it has carefully designed to squeeze the last drops of tax revenue out of many of us. The new IRS rule is aimed at millions of self-employed people and small business people who sell goods or services on places like eBay, drive part-time for Uber or earn income through social media companies like Airbnb. Right now, the requirement for having to report this kind of side-hustle income to the taxman are transactions where payments exceed \$20,000, or more than 200 transactions per year. But starting in the 2024 tax year, the IRS will tighten the screws on the little guys that make the gig economy go. Anyone who makes \$600 or more selling an old roll-top desk on eBay or working as a free-lance writer for a blog site will be required to report their income to the IRS. The companies they use to sell their stuff online, like PoshMark, or that they work for, like Uber, also will be

required to issue them a 1099-K form and tell the IRS so their income can be taxed. The new \$600 1099-K reporting rule, which also affects all payments over \$600 between individuals that are made using third-party payment systems like Venmo or PayPal, was delayed for a year. How it became law is a perfect example of how our politicians and the federal government operate. It was buried nearly 200 pages deep in the Democrats' \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, which runs to nearly 250 pages of legalistic bureaucratic mumbo-jumbo.... The IRS said they pushed the 1099-K changes back to 2024 because they wanted to give businesses time to prepare for the changes. Yeah, right. The delay was really a result of the loud stink raised by people who engage in the gig economy, angry taxpayers and especially the lobbyists of the Internet companies who would now bear all the costs of record keeping.... The new \$600 cutoff rule won't touch the rich, of course. The big fish can always hire accountants and lawyers to avoid a tax. Or they can get their political pals in Congress to slip little loopholes into the tax code that get them off the hook to Uncle Sam. But the new 1099-K rule will hurt the young, the poor, the small business person, the self-employed and the middle class. They're the ones who'll lose income. They're the ones who'll have to report the sales of their dad's old shirt on PoshMark — or be turned into criminals The way things work in Washington. It won't surprise me if IRS agents start showing up our garage sales."

THOUGHTS TO PONDER

"With strong bi-partisan support, the House of Representatives approved H. Con. Res. 9, which denounces socialism in all its forms, and opposes the implementation of socialist policies in the United States of America. Incredibly, 86 Members of Congress voted against opposing socialist policies, which is almost unbelievable, except that the Democrat party has been slowly spoon-feeding these radical ideas to the public and have been successful to date in passing unprecedented trillions of dollars to implement social programs that transfer wealth from the middle class to the powerful and restructure our country from the inside-out. I was proud to co-sponsor and vote for the passage of this important resolution because America's founding principles stand opposed to socialism. We stand for liberty and the American Dream, for the opportunity to pursue success and happiness, the rule of law, and the principles of representative self-government. Socialism disregards individual liberty for the good of the state – it steals more than it promises to deliver."

--**Florida Congressman Bill Posey** on Congressional denunciation of socialism

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"A woman stepping in to protect and defend her aging husband, to make sure he's not taken advantage of or made to look bad, is not a big deal. There are caregivers all across America who do just that every day with their spouses, and that's okay. But this is not a normal situation we're talking

about.... With each passing day, it becomes clearer that the person running this country isn't Joe Biden but instead his aggressive handlers, with Jill Biden taking on the lead handler role. Considering there are polls out there that have indicated that a majority of the American people have questions about Biden's physical and mental fitness to preside over this country, this is something that is going to be a key if not major issue going into 2024 for the Biden re-election campaign team."

--RedState.com writer **Sister Toldjah** on all is not well in the Biden White House

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"A group funded by billionaire Charles Koch will work to support a Republican presidential nominee other than Donald Trump, concluding in a strategy memo that 'we need to turn the page on the past.' The organization, Americans for Prosperity, has stayed out of the last two presidential cycles but has concluded it needs to engage now as Mr. Trump mounts his third consecutive White House run. The memo doesn't mention the former president by name but is unambiguous in its purpose. 'To write a new chapter for our country, we need to turn the page on the past,' the document reads. 'So the best thing for the country would be to have a president in 2025 who represents a new chapter. The American people have shown that they're ready to move on, and so AFP will help them do that.'"

--"Wall Street Journal" writer **Alex Leary**, on Americans for Prosperity urging a different presidential candidate

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--"A non-profit organization that poured money from Mark Zuckerberg into election offices during the 2020 presidential election is now offering 'non-partisan' assistance for election offices. The group, the Center for Tech and Civic Life, alongside various other left-wing non-profits and companies, formed an \$80 million initiative called the U.S. Alliance for Election Excellence, which targets election offices with grants, training, resources and consulting services, even in states that block public funding for election offices. The Alliance claims to be non-partisan, but a review of documents by the Honest Elections Project and the John Locke Foundation show that the group is designed to 'systematically influence' aspects of the election administration and push progressive voting policies."

--"Daily Caller" contributor **Bronson Winslow**, on liberal group using legal "magic trick" to fund election offices

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"So 19-year-olds shouldn't have to pay student debt because they can't understand the student loans they sign. But 4-year-olds can change gender whenever they feel like it. Got it."

--Conservative actor **Kevin Sorbo**, on examples of Democrat inconsistency

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"The House GOP released the opening salvo from its new select committee on the weaponization of the DOJ and FBI. Former Democrat congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard was on

hand as one of the witnesses for the hearing, and at one point, she shared an account of a woman approaching her during her 2020 presidential campaign, asking whether she was working for Vladimir Putin... Years later, Utah Senator Mitt Romney would make nearly the same accusation, claiming that Gabbard was spreading ‘treasonous lies’ in response to some of her commentary on the conflict in Ukraine. During the aforementioned hearing, Gabbard was finally given an official perch from which to respond, and she absolutely ripped Romney apart, saying, ‘I challenged him to back this serious allegation up with evidence. What was this based on? There was no response, no explanation, no evidence, and certainly no apology’.... Romney is the worst kind of politician. He’s a spineless former Democrat who seeks affirmation from the mainstream media over accomplishing anything substantial for the party he claims to represent. I’d take one Tulsi Gabbard over ten Mitt Romneys.”

--“Red State” writer **Bonchie**, on Romney’s baseless accusation about Gabbard

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“Sorry, I lost my train of thought.”

Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg’s unfortunate choice of words after delaying, and then finally coming, to view East Palestine, Ohio’s toxic chemical derailment.

UPCOMING BREVARD COUNTY EVENTS

--March 1: Brevard Federated Republican Women meeting, Space Coast Convention Center, Cocoa, 11 am.

--March 2: Heritage Isle Republican Club meeting, Heritage Isle Clubhouse, Viera, 10 am.

--March 3: Federated Republican Women in Action meeting, McMaw’s BBQ, Palm Bay, 11:15 am.

--March 7: Opening day of 2023 Florida State Legislative Session in Tallahassee.

--March 7: Moms For Liberty meeting, Frogbones Double Tapp Grill, Melbourne, 6:30 pm.

--March 8: Brevard Republican Executive Committee meeting, Space Coast Association of Realtors Building, Melbourne, 7 pm.

--March 13: Space Coast Patriots meeting, Merritt Island Library, 6 pm.

--March 14-15: Republican Liberty Caucus Florida Lobby Days in Tallahassee.

--March 16: Republican Women’s Network of South Brevard meeting, Beachside Hilton, Hwy AIA, 11:30 am.

--March 16: Space Coast Young Republicans meeting, location TBD, 6:30 pm.

--March 18: Brevard Federated Republican Women Veterans and Military Appreciation Dinner, Space Coast Convention Center, Cocoa, 5 pm.

--March 21: North Brevard Republican Club meeting, American Police Hall of Fame, Titusville, 7 pm.

--March 25: Space Coast Republican Club meeting, Red Lobster, Merritt Island, 11:30 am.

--March 27: Ronald Reagan Club meeting, Frogbones Double Tapp Grill, Melbourne, 6 pm.

The Republican Liberty Caucus of Central East Florida will not meet in March, and instead will participate in the RLC Florida Lobby Days in Tallahassee.

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

COMICAL CLOSERS

First Lady Dr. Jill Biden is well-known as an avid fan of Philadelphia sports teams, and she attends games in person. When the Philadelphia Phillies played the Houston Astros in the World Series last fall, and after taking a 2-1 game lead they lost it in three straight contests, she was there. And when the Philadelphia Eagles led the Kansas City Chiefs at halftime in the Super Bowl this month, only to lose it at the end of the game, she was also there. Now neither of these events are comical. But what IS comical is the new nickname that Philadelphia fans gave her online – Doctor JINX.

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To prepare for his long-awaited visit to survey the damage left in the wake of the East Palestine, Ohio, train derailment disaster, the satirical “Babylon Bee” said Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg’s team briefed him on the catastrophe by using a wooden toy train set.

"We figured this would be the best way to help him understand," said top Buttigieg aide Michael Fitzpatrick, "Dealing with complex problems with a lot of moving parts and sensitive elements isn't exactly Secretary Buttigieg's strong suit. These little wooden toys from Ikea really come in handy."

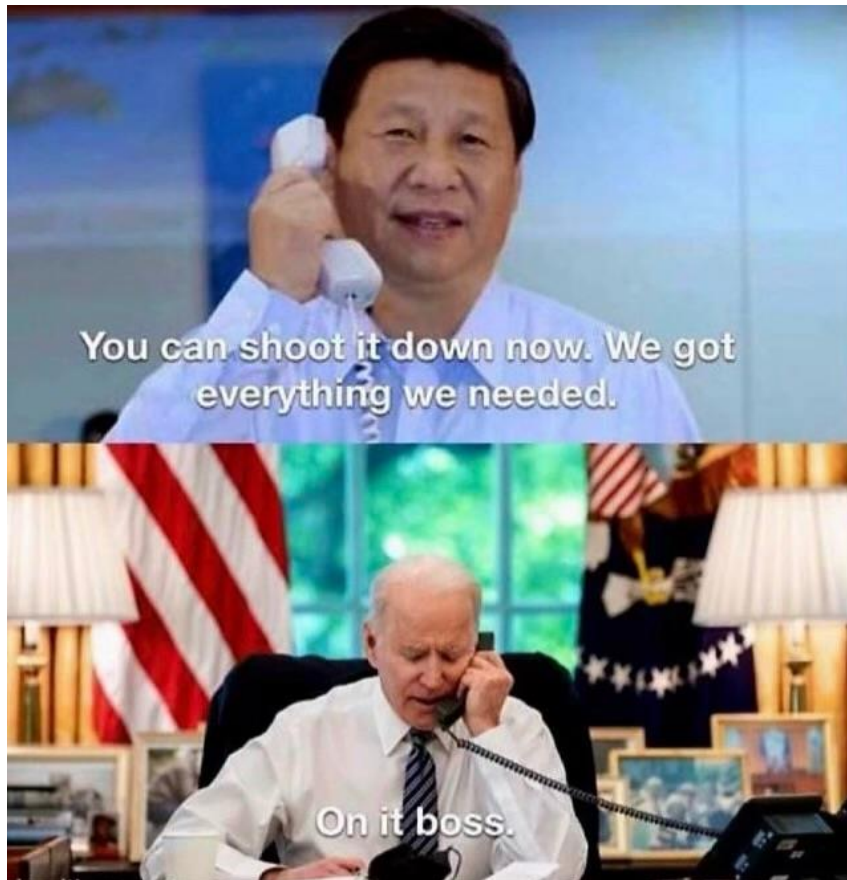
The Secretary's excited response to the derailment re-enactment was: "Chugga chugga chugga — TOOT TOOT! Uh oh! Choo choo go boom! Wooo Wooooooo!, I'm a conductor!"

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Biden's Note Cards

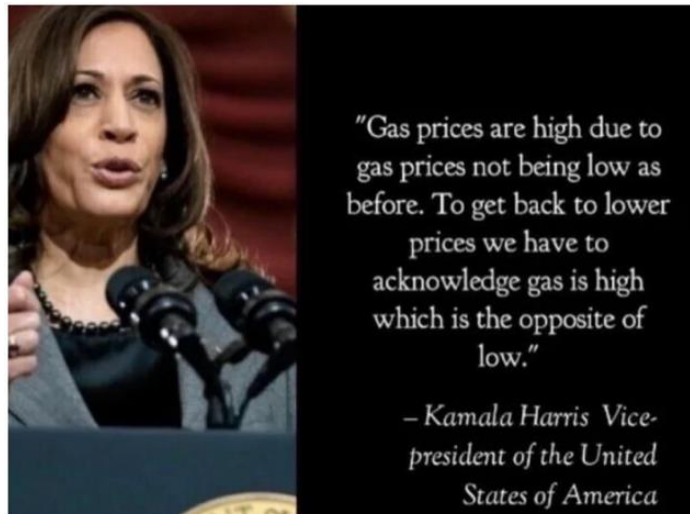
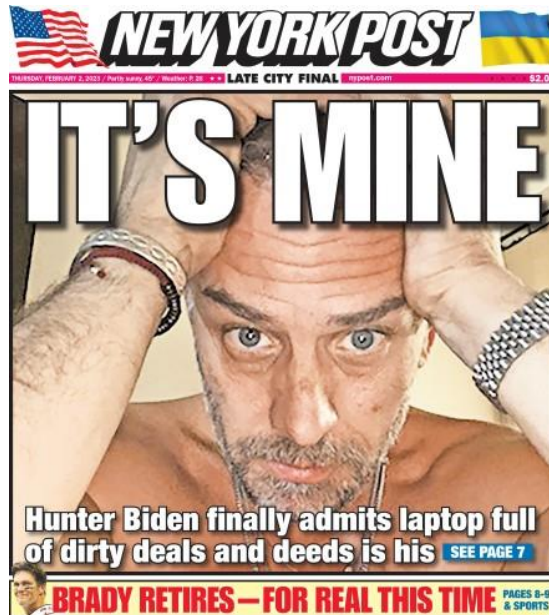
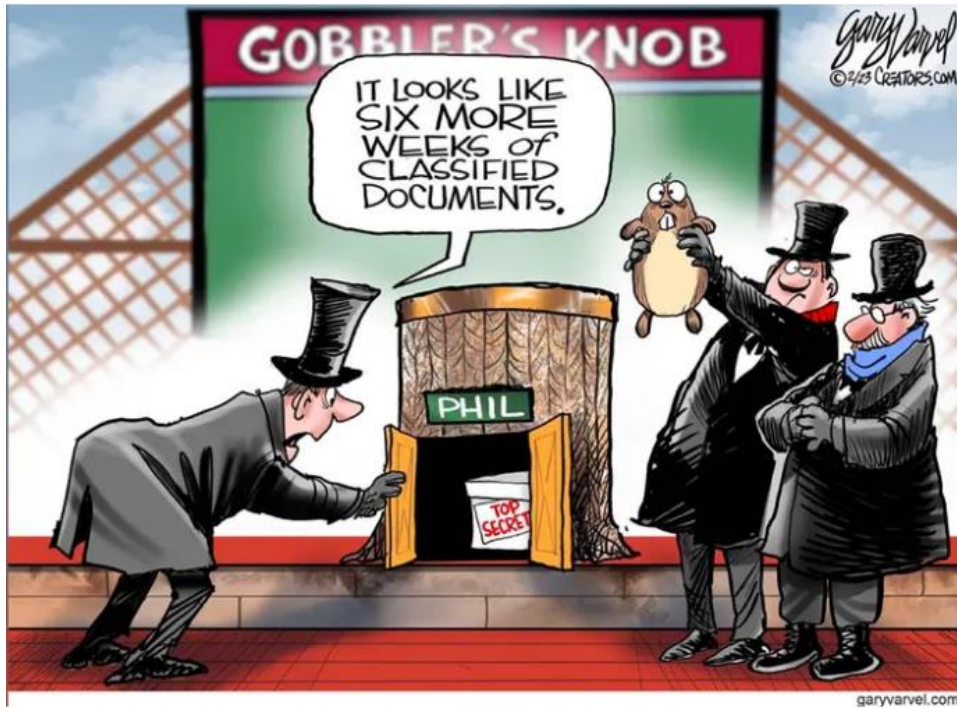
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GoodYear was pretty creative today, flying over the Daytona 500! 😂



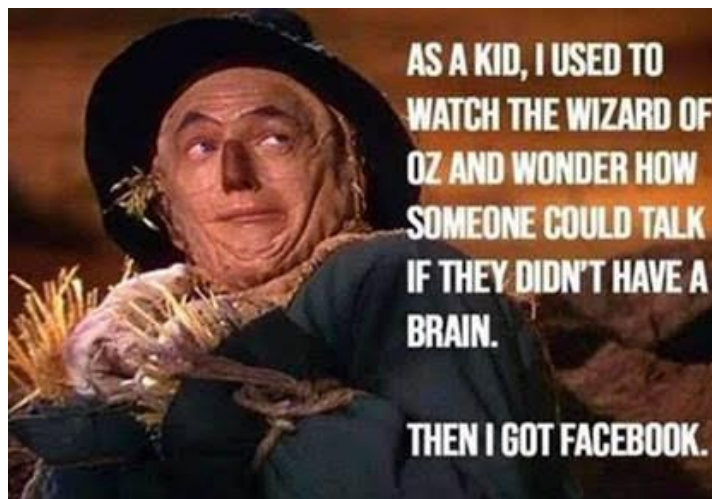


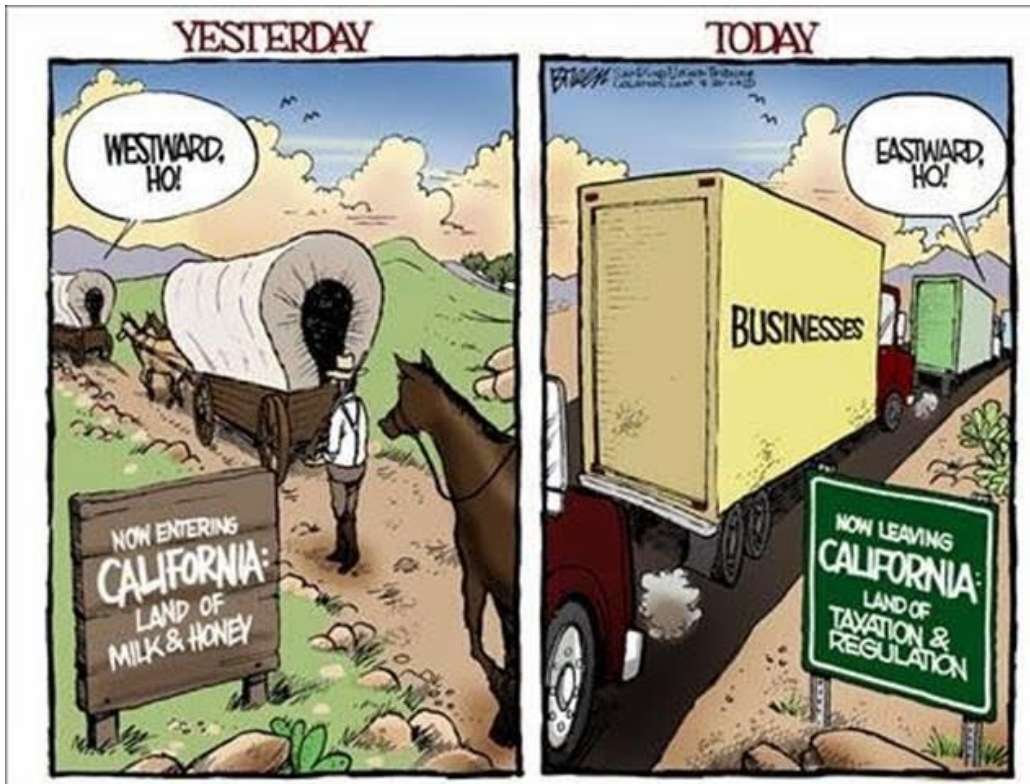


In my country I am forced to keep my mouth shut.



But here I am free to talk trash about this country in hopes that I can change it to a country where I am forced to keep my mouth shut.

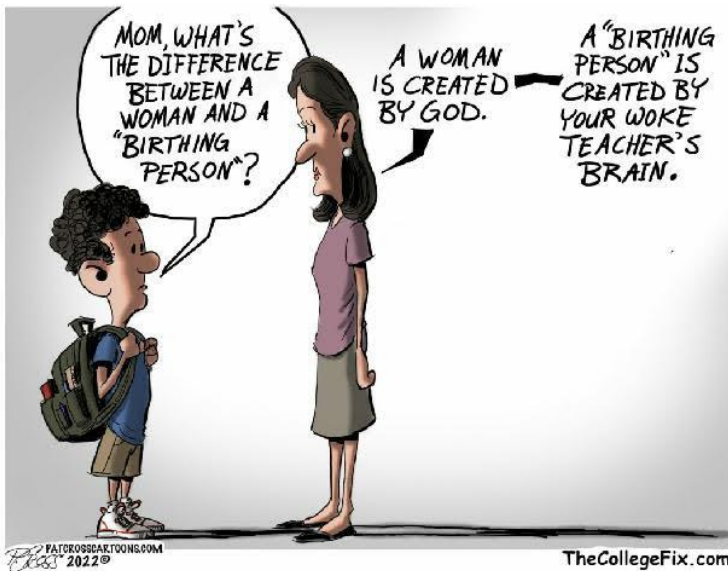




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Car and Driver says 95% of electric cars are still on the road. The remaining 5% made it all the way home.



So technically Moses was the first man to download files from the cloud using a tablet.

