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WIN SOME, AND LOSE SOME IN AMERICA, ON A DAY LIKE ALL DAYS

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

--Reporting on the 4th of July on Fox News, comedian Jimmy Failla noted: "We are celebrating America's 246th birthday. That is right – America is now the same age as Joe Biden."



--Former U.S. Navy SEAL Rob O'Neill – a member of the team that killed arch-terrorist Osama bin Laden, and whom I had the pleasure of meeting at a Media Research Center event several years ago – has a blistering message for the Navy, which created an instructional video about using proper "gender pronouns." The video, according to the Navy, is meant to emphasize "the importance of using correct pronouns as well as polite etiquette when you may not be sure of someone's pronoun." But O'Neill said, "Let me make it simple: Your pronouns are 'shipmate/shipmates.' There. I just saved the taxpayers millions by avoiding ridiculously useless training. Anchors aweigh." A year ago, criticizing President Biden for claiming that "white supremacists were a greater terrorism threat than al-Qaeda," O'Neill responded, "This is the most dangerously inaccurate statement I have ever heard from a president."

--It is well known that the phrase "there are only two certainties in life: death and taxes" is attributed to Benjamin Franklin. But now, Fox News Contributor Lisa Boothe says there are three certainties – adding to the list "government lies."

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The late CBS journalist Walter Cronkite used to say, "it was a day like all days, filled with those events that alter and illuminate our times." June 24, 2022, was such a day – one in which we win some but also lose some. And "we were there."



The win – and it was an exciting win – came on that date from the U.S. Supreme Court, with its 6-3 decision to abolish Roe v. Wade. The loss, unfortunately, came six days later, with the court ruling 5-4 to allow President Biden to end former President Trump's "remain in Mexico" immigration policy for asylum seekers.

Still, during the final month of Supreme Court decisions for the just-ended term, many more decisions favored the conservative point of view. Among them are:

--In reversing the 1973 Roe v. Wade case, the justices supported Mississippi's restrictions on abortions by determining that the Constitution does not confer a right to abortion, and the authority to do so must be returned to the people and their elected representatives. The new case was Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization. Thomas Dobbs is the State Health Officer of the Mississippi Department of Health.

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--Even though the Leftist New York City Council passed a bill last December allowing green card-holding non-citizens to vote in local elections starting next year, on June 27, the New York Supreme Court struck down that measure as illegal. It could have allowed as many as 800,000 extra votes in the Big Apple.

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--And even though the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, and the Florida Legislature passed, and Governor Ron DeSantis signed, legislation banning abortions in the state after 15 weeks, Leon County Circuit Judge John Cooper blocked Florida's abortion law – that was set to go into effect on July 1 – saying it "violates the state's constitutional right to privacy." But the ban is now back in place, following a successful appeal from attorneys representing the state. What's next? If a jury in a capital murder case determines a suspect's guilt, and the media reports on the case, will Judge Cooper release the prisoner, saying his "Florida constitutional right to privacy has been violated"?

--What is it with these Florida judges? Another one – Seminole County Circuit Judge Wayne Culver – has been suspended from the bench for 60 days, received a public reprimand, and will be required to complete anger management counseling – all because during a court hearing in February, he lost his temper with a man and directed a profane verbal tirade toward him.

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- --Some liberal women are reportedly so upset about the Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision, they have decided to strike back by going on a "sex strike." Brilliant! Don't they realize that abstaining prevents the need for an abortion?
- --After poking fun at First Lady Jill Biden's comment comparing Latinos to "breakfast tacos," for which she soon apologized Florida Senator Marco Rubio announced that "Personally, I identify as a Cuban sandwich."
- --It is bad enough that National Public Radio spreads its bias on the airwaves. But to do so with our taxpayer funding? NPR. Perhaps we should call it Not Properly Reported.

More Two Cents next month.

- --The Court allowed by a 6-3 margin the state of Louisiana to keep the State Legislature's redistricting maps in place through the midterm elections, even though the Democrat Governor had vetoed the measure. But it may be 2023 before the Court resolves the issue, and the 2024 elections before the State Legislature redraws districts if that is what the court orders.
- --Ending a seven-year legal battle, the Court by another 6-3 margin, affirmed the right of former Seattle high school football coach Joe Kennedy to take a knee in silent prayer in public view



following football games. In their majority opinion, the court wrote that "The Free Exercise and Free Speech Clauses of the First Amendment protect an individual engaging in a personal religious observance from government reprisal," and the Constitution "neither mandates nor permits the government to suppress such religious expression." Kennedy had been fired by the Bremerton, Washington, School District, and Kelly Shackelford, President of First Liberty Institute, called the decision "a tremendous victory for Coach Kennedy and religious liberty for all Americans."

- --Determining that the Environmental Protection Agency cannot induce a shift toward cleaner energy sources using the approach that an Obama-era regulation sought to do, the Court issued another 6-3 ruling setting limits on how the agency can deal with power plants to regulate climate change.
- --In a 5-4 decision, the Court cut back part of a 2020 decision recognizing nearly half of the state of Oklahoma as a native American reservation and ruled that it can prosecute non-Native-Americans in Indian country.
- --In a unanimous 9-0 decision, the court sided with doctors who had been accused of over-prescribing medications, but challenged their convictions on drug distribution charges, saying that prosecutors must prove "beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant knowingly or intentionally acted in an unauthorized manner."
- --The Court also ruled 6-3 that police will no longer have to pay money damages if they fail to advise suspects on their rights prior to obtaining incriminating statements that could be used in the future to prosecute. Los Angeles County Sherriff Carlos Vega won his case after appealing a lower court decision that revived a lawsuit that had been lodged by a suspect who had been accused of sexual assault while working in a hospital. The hospital employee, Terence Tekoh, accused Vega of not advising him of his rights before he had given the officer a full written confession, saying Vega violated his Fifth Amendment rights, which protects against self-incrimination.
- --With Conservative and Liberal justices coming together, the Court unanimously ruled that the Biden Administration's Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) illegally reduced prescription drug reimbursements to hospitals by \$1.6 billion per year in a program aimed at helping poor patients. This win for the hospitals serving low-income patients allows

them to seek the improperly withheld funding from the federal government.

- --The Court ruled 8-1 that Republican lawmakers in North Carolina can intervene to defend the state's voter ID law against legal challenges.
- --Striking down New York State's restrictive Second Amendment law, the Court ruled 6-3 that the law, which required people to show a "special need" in order to obtain a license to carry a concealed handgun outside the home, was unconstitutional.
- --In a huge win for parochial education in a case brought by the Institute for Justice, the Court struck down a Maine education policy that made K-12 schools with religious instruction ineligible for taxpayer-backed tuition aid. It ruled 6-3 that educational choice programs must be neutral regarding religion. This means it will be easier to bring these programs to hundreds of thousands more families across America who need a free and genuine choice to send their children to whichever school religious or secular, public or private suits them best, and Maine's so-called sectarian exclusion violated constitutional religious protections.
- --Addressing what rights criminals have in seeking appeals, the Court ruled 5-4 against inmates, holding that a transportation order requiring the state to take them to a medical facility is not appropriate in aid of a federal court's adjudication of a habeas corpus action when the prisoner has not shown that the desired evidence would be admissible in connection with a particular claim for relief. It appears prisoners were seeking opportunity to appeal their sentences by claiming they are wrongfully imprisoned.
- --The Court in a 5-4 vote sided with the technology industry and blocked a Texas law that barred large social media platforms like Facebook and Twitter from removing posts based on the viewpoints they express.

LET ME BE FRANK By Space Coast Tusk Designer Frank Montelione

THE DISMANTLING ON AMERICA

The devolving history of our Nation starts with a country that was prospering, had a government that was responsive to its citizens, low mortality rates and, in genera



citizens, low mortality rates and, in general the envy of other nations.

From there we have seen the dismantling of our once proud Nation. Since the election of Joe Biden we have devolved to near Third World Nation Status.

Originally the three "worlds" came into being during the Cold

War. First, nations aligned with the United States and were defined as Capitalist. The Second were countries aligned with the Soviet Union and were classified as having totalitarian governments. Those identified as Third World Nations were not aligned with either the First or Second World Nations.

Today, the term Third World Nations generally refers to countries that suffer from high mortality rates, poor governance, are politically unstable, are economically unsound, in some cases they have fewer natural resources, and they may rely on other countries to stabilize their economy.

Am I defining nations in Central America or Africa? No, this is what our own Nation has become. Our government is a nonfunctioning one, in which you are either a Republican or Democrat and neither side communicates with the other and neither side is willing to compromise on the most basic of our needs, but feet are firmly planted in the sand and progress has come to a standstill.

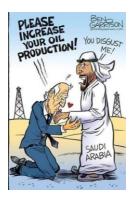
We are in a state of anarchy. As stated in one publication, "the term anarchy comes from the ancient Greek word anarchos, meaning "without rulers." As used today in political science and the area of international relations, anarchy can refer to the reduction or total absence of conventional government rule. It also can refer to any country or community that is temporarily or permanently under no system of governmental control.

Criminals have taken control of many cities due to the fact that attorneys general are not prosecuting violators. Seeing no consequence for their illegal actions the criminals are ruling the streets. According to National Library of Medicine, "The homicide rate in the U.S. was 7.5% higher than the homicide rate in other high-income countries combined."

Our own Attorney General, who once aspired to being a Supreme Court Justice, refuses to prosecute or even investigate lawlessness in front of Justices' homes, which is a clear violation of Federal Code 1507. The law states that anyone "with the intent of interfering with, obstructing or impeding the administration of justice or with the intent of influencing any judge, in the discharge of his duty" cannot picket near a judge's residence.

Republicans on the House Homeland Security Committee want answers about a new Department of Homeland Security policy that lawmakers say requires them to get privacy release waivers from criminal non-citizens accused of terror and assassination plots, in order for DHS to give them information about the threats. In a letter to DHS Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas, obtained by Fox News Digital, Republicans on the committee say the agency "has implemented a new policy requiring Members of Congress to obtain signed privacy release waivers from criminal non-U.S. citizens, including those illegally in the United States, and submit that waiver to the Department before the Department will provide the Committee with general information about the threats posed by such individuals." I'm not sure whether to characterize these reports under lawlessness, anarchy or under a dysfunctional government.

A new report by the Council on Criminal Justice tracks that in 2021, the homicide rate rose by 5 percent, an increase, but by a much smaller margin than in 2020, when homicides rose by 29 percent.



Third world nations are often short on natural resources and rely on other nations to provide the resources needed for a good economy. While we are rich in these resources this administration has put a stranglehold on our energy resources. We, at one time, were net energy exporters. We have been reduced to begging Middle East Countries and Venezuela to increase their production of oil to sell to us.

As of June 23, 2022, the total U.S. national debt was \$30.4 trillion, after crossing the \$30 trillion mark for the first time in February. At the end of 2019, prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the national debt was \$23 trillion. One year later, it had risen to \$27.7 trillion. Since then, it has increased by more than \$2 trillion.

Third World Countries also have an unstable and inconsistent economy, 9.1% inflation rates, and high gas prices which aids in the increase of products from lipstick and tires to almost any item found in your grocery store that depends on trucks to deliver virtually everything on the shelves. Wild uncontrolled spending by the Democrat Congress facilitated the inflations upward spiral we are in.

The administration's answer to our economic woes is the mantra "Putin's Inflation, Putin's gas prices, Putin's interference in the agriculture supply chain." Putin, Putin, Putin, Putin. There is no coherent policy to correct the United States economy. The answer is to spend more. The Republicans need viable candidates and November can't come soon enough. My fear is that we will be in a stalemate with the White House veto pen at the ready that will stifle any significant proposals to bail out the sinking ship of state.

With the right candidate, 2024 can turn that sinking ship around. We, on the conservative side, have a strong bench. The lineup is bright if we manage the campaigns properly. Keep up the fight. We need to write a new chapter for the future history books and return the United States to the once great and proud Nation we once were.



The BREC Corner By Chairman Rick Lacey

Our Brevard Republican Executive Committee meeting on July 13 focused on a detailed video presentation of Poll Watcher Training by **Republican Party of**

Florida Election Integrity State Director Wyatt Farrar. The training session covered all the do's and don'ts for Poll Watchers and listed the suggested activities for volunteers to

follow at the polls. As a result, every attendee at the meeting is now eligible to sign up as a poll watcher for Election Day. The Election Integrity Committee discussed their recent activities, and Alan Ross presented a resolution that was overwhelmingly voted on by the Brevard Republican Executive Committee.



Wyatt Farrar

Special thanks went to **District 4** Chair Juliet Qureshi and her team for an unbelievable job with the 2022 BBQ and Straw Poll event on June 25. Despite the fact that there are few Republican-contested races, this event hosted a record turnout as well as a record set for raising donations. Attendees enjoyed raffles, prizes, music, a BBQ lunch, and the opportunity to meet and greet elected officials like **State Senator Debbie Mayfield**, **State Representative Thad Altman**, and dozens of candidates. Also, Republican Clubs in Brevard County were able to promote their organizations.

Members were especially encouraged by **District 5 Chair Norace Lindsay** and I to sign up to help elect the three Brevard School Board members whom we endorsed earlier – namely **Megan Wright** in District 1, **Gene Trent** in District 2 **and Katye Campbell** in District 5. We are underdogs in all three contests and need every member to do their part in electing these three Conservative Candidates.

Joe Katz, the new Regional Field Director was introduced, and he asked for our help in re-electing Florida Governor Ron DeSantis.

Committeewoman of the month for July was awarded to **Juliet Qureshi**, and Committeeman of the month to **Roger Osborn**, both for their hard work at the BBQ and Straw Poll event.

Volunteers are needed to organize the upcoming 2022 Lincoln Reagan Dinner, so let us know if you can help.

Vice Chair Cindy Roberts swore in 9 new members, setting a new record for BREC membership.

Another record was set this month – Brevard County now has 62,000 more registered Republicans than Democrats! The Red Wave is coming!

RENDEZVOUS WITH REPUBLICAN WOMEN By BFRW President Jill Gentis



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WOMEN

The Brevard Federated Republican Women on July 6 held a forum featuring Republican candidates

running for the two open seats on the Brevard County Board of Commissioners in the August 23, 2022, primary.

Participating in the forum were three competing for District 2: **Tom Goodson, Dave Netterstrom,** and **Chris Hattaway**; and four competing for District 4: **David Armstrong, Rob Feltner, Sandra Sullivan** and **Margaret Mary Steciuk.**

BFRW member **Peggy Duffy** presented four relevant questions prepared by the BFRW Executive Committee. Each candidate, in turn, had one minute to respond. The questions were: 1. Why do you wish to become a County Commissioner for your District? 2. What do you think are the most significant issues facing Brevard County today and how does your experience uniquely quality you to solve these issues? 3. What is your position regarding the Referendum eliminating the 3% charter cap on property taxes? 4. What is your position regarding Impact Fees?

Each candidate answered the questions extemporaneously (candidates were not provided with the questions in advance) with varying degrees of detail or vagueness, especially concerning the 3% charter cap. Although there was no clear winner, candidates did provide insight into their campaign positions. Government and politics reporter **Ralph Chapoco** covered the forum and published a summary in "Florida Today."

Another Candidates Forum co-sponsored by BFRW and open to all candidates for the Board of Commissioners, was scheduled for July 25 at the Space Coast Association of Realtors building at Pineda Plaza Way in Palm Shores.

Dixie Riepl, PhD Education and Scholarship Chair, and her committee chose two outstanding high school graduates to receive BFRW Educational Scholarships.

The Barbara Davis Scholarship was presented to **Heidi R. Salmon**, a 2022 graduate of Melbourne High School. Heidi will attend the University of North Florida in Jacksonville where she will major in Public Administration and Psychology.

The Bradley Moore Memorial Scholarship was presented to **Kaila Rose Maconaghy**, a 2022 graduate of Merritt Island High School. Kaila will attend Eastern Florida State College and then plans to go on to the University of Central Florida where she will pursue her interest in Psychology and Early Childhood Education. This award was sponsored and presented by **Patricia Moore-Carroll**, 2nd vice president, in memory of her son.

We also had the opportunity to hear from **Grace Glass**, Brevard County campaign manager for **Florida Governor Ron DeSantis.**

The next BFRW Luncheon Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 3, at the Space Coast Convention Center. **Rachael Sadoff**, Clerk of the Brevard County Court and Comptroller, will speak about the demands of her office and how she and her staff serve the Brevard community.

Two more high school graduates will also be honored with BFRW Scholarships.

Reservations can be made by calling our 24-hour reservation line at 321-727-1212 or purchased on-line at www.brevardfederatedrepublicanwomen.org.

AN UPDATE FROM MY OFFICE By Florida State Senator Tom Wright

Following the end of the 2022 Legislative Session in March, I

have been busy meeting with constituents and fellow elected leaders in both my Volusia and Brevard offices. I have also had a great time attending various legislative updates, open houses, tours, ribbon cuttings and much more.



My office has also stayed hard at work addressing various constituent issues

dealing with the different state agencies that we have. Please remember, if you are ever experiencing issues dealing with any state agencies, you can contact my office at 386-304-7630 or by email at wright.tom.web@flsenate.gov.

I would also like to share with you a major accomplishment from this past Legislative Session – passage of SB 1954/HB 1435: Code and Traffic Enforcement. This bill was aimed at putting a stop to disruptive and dangerous unpermitted "pop-up events" that were being organized on social media at locations around our state. One example of these events was an unpermitted truck week in Daytona that resulted in reckless driving, physical altercations, public indecency, shootouts and more.

Following these events, **Representative Tom Leek** and I met with 21 law enforcement agencies which detailed the desperate need for this bill. With its introduction, Sheriffs or Chief Law Enforcement Officers can now enact special events zones to address the concerns of previous events. Within these special event zones, traffic infractions will be doubled, a vehicle may be towed for any criminal traffic violation or noncriminal traffic infraction, cities may recover the costs of a special event zone from the event organizers, and designated law enforcement officers may enforce occupancy limits.

At least one special event zone has already been utilized to stop the mayhem seen from past events and I have heard incredible feedback on the results. Within that first special event zone, law enforcement officers had to write over 900 citations and tow away 70 vehicles. This new law is a tangible resource for our local city leaders and law enforcement agencies to protect our citizens and the beautiful communities we call home.

AUDACITY AND IDIOCY

"Winners" for the month include:

--Far-leftist former MSNBC host Keith Olbermann, for outrageously calling for the dissolution of the U.S. Supreme Court because it dared to overturn New York's restrictive concealed carry regulations, tweeting to his followers to "ignore the court" and obscenely suggesting what should happen to those members who supported the move.

--RINO Utah Senator Willard "Mittens" Romney, for his divisive Independence Day op-ed titled "America is in Denial," in which he suggested that President Joe Biden "is a genuinely good man," and that "a return of Donald Trump would feed the sickness, probably rendering it insurable." Romney, who can't

seem to figure out which side of the aisle he truly stands on, also wrote that Americans are dismissing threats to the country and wasting water supplies, and he called for leadership "from everyone except the political class." -()-

-- The Harris Teeter and Kroger grocery store chains, for stopping the sale of pro-American and pro-Second Amendment merchandise in their stores because a few woke, fragile snowflakes complained. In response, online users reminded the chains' executives that when you "go woke, you often go broke."

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-- The Escondido, California, City Council - which owns and subsidizes the California Center for the Arts in Escondido – for standing behind a decision to display a "work of art" deemed anti-police. Titled "Three Slick Pigs," it features a sculpture of three pigs in police uniforms, dancing and cross-eyed, as they stand in front of an image of officers in riot gear. The piece reportedly has been criticized or denounced by the city's Mayor, City Manager, and Chief of Police. In response, the center argued that it operates as an "independent, not-for-profit foundation," and that the city does not review or approve its artistic choices.

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-- A number of media outlets - including, but not limited to, the Washington (Com)Post, Salon, the Huffington Post, Jezebel and the U.K. Independent – for absurdly claiming that Missouri Senator Josh Hawley is "transphobic," because "he thinks men can't get pregnant."

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-- "The New York Slimes," for referring to newly elected Texas Congresswoman Mayra Flores as a "far-right Latina...a new brand of Texas Republicans walking the halls of Congress." In a classy response, Flores said, "I feel that nobody really cares about the New York Times, especially in my district, where we're worried about health care. We're worried about the cost of gas, the cost of food. That's what we're worried about, not the New York Times." She also made it clear she does not consider the paper to be "a legitimate news organization" and said she refuses to "give them any attention."

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--Ohio's liberal Oberlin College, for refusing to pay a judgment of more than \$31 million to Gibson's Bakery for falsely accusing it of being racist, and then racking up more than \$4 million in additional fines. The school wants the Ohio Supreme Court to cancel the debt, which the lawyers for the bakery are opposing, and no date has been announced for the court to hear the case. In 2019, a jury found that Oberlin and former Dean of Students Meredith Raimondo were culpable for claiming "racism," when the bakery confronted three black Oberlin College students who were caught stealing wine from the store in 2016. The suspects were arrested and admitted they were shoplifting, but the school responded with sanctions against the 135-year-old family business, crippling it.

--Alleged "centrist" political scientist Norman Ornstein at the American Enterprise Institute, for absurdly tweeting: "The only surprise in the Texas GOP Platform is that it doesn't call for a reinstatement of slavery."

YOU CAN" T MAKE THIS UP

--Speaking at the White House about a new executive order on abortion, Gaffer Joe Biden repeatedly lied about the Supreme Court decision overturning Roe v. Wade. He said the justices were "playing fast and

loose with the fact," that the decision "wasn't about the Constitution or the law," and that the decision to overturn Roe "was an exercise in raw political power." But then came the gaffes. He read a quote from the majority opinion in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization, in which the majority noted the American electorate is comprised of a majority of women. But after reading the quote, Biden said "repeat the line," a cue apparently on the teleprompter from which he was reading. Video of the speech even shows Biden leaning into the camera to seemingly get a clearer view of the teleprompter. Throughout his speech, Biden also said "end of quote" - three times, in fact - after he recited a quote. "End of quote" is a normal cue that appears on teleprompters to inform whoever is reading that the quote is over.

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- -- Biden also has released more than five million barrels of oil from our historic emergency oil reserves release that is aimed at lowering Americans' domestic fuel prices. Did it help with our rapidly rising prices? Of course not! The oil barrels were sent instead to China, India, Italy and the Netherlands. It's not "Keep America First." It's "Keep America FROM BECOMING First."
- --After First Lady Jill Biden tweeted that with Roe v. Wade, "For nearly 50 years, women have had the right to make our own decisions about our bodies. That right was stolen from us." In response, retired Lieutenant General Gary Volesky, the Army's former top spokesman and a current contractor to advise active-duty officers as a senior mentor, tweeted: "Glad to see you finally know what a woman is." But that was too much for the Biden administration's Woke Army, and Volesky was suspended from his contract and placed under investigation. -()-
- --So what, truly, does the Democrat-run city of Orlando, Florida, believe about America's Independence Day? First, the city issued this gem: "A lot of people probably don't want to celebrate our nation right now, and we can't blame them. When there is so much division, hate and unrest, why on earth would you want to have a party celebrating any of it?" What followed was so much backlash, that Orlando came out with a second statement: "The City of Orlando sincerely regrets the negative impact our words have had on some in our community. We understand these words offended some of our residents, which was not our intent. We value the freedoms we have in this country and are thankful to the men and women who have

fought and continue to fight for those. We take pride in celebrating the 4th of July to express our gratitude to those men and women and honor the country we live in." What, then, was the purpose of the first statement?

--Massachusetts Senator Elizabeth Warren – AKA "Pocahontas" and AKA "Chief Ranting Shrew" – claimed that with the Roe v. Wade verdict, the U.S. Supreme Court "burned its legitimacy," and she called for adding more Justices. If one could be a genuine Native American, would she like to be the selectee?

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--It seems Congresswoman Alexandrea Ocasio-Cortez – AOC to you – doesn't practice what she preaches. Her cornerstone platform is "tax the rich" – take money from wealthy Americans and redistribute it to her socialist pet projects. But she is "one of the rich, herself." And she reportedly has defaulted on her own taxes for five years – owing the IRS about \$2,500 – which includes penalties – stemming from a now-defunct publishing company she ran before becoming a legislator.

--After two teenagers, aged 16 and 15, broke into a residence in East Hartford, Connecticut, and physically attacked and injured the homeowner, he retrieved a registered handgun and fatally shot the intruders. Police said the homeowner, who was cooperating with their investigation, apparently had no knowledge of his attackers. Meanwhile, the Hartford Public Schools issued a statement on the incident, saying, "We are deeply saddened by the loss of members of our Hartford Public Schools community. We are prepared to provide proper support and resources for students and staff affected by this tragedy. Our thoughts are with our former students' families, friends, and loved ones during this difficult time." The school made no mention of the homeowner victim of the break in.

--Despite his demands that Americans give up fossil fuels in the name of so-called "climate change" when he was President, Barack Obama now doesn't want anyone to know what just happened at his \$12 million beachfront mansion in Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts. He is purchasing three massive propane tanks to fuel the property as nationwide, energy prices continue to surge. It's a case of Don't Do As I Do, Do As I Say." -0-

--Woke Scottish officials turned down a donation from a man in his 60s who was a routine blood donor, because he refused to answer one question on a new official form that was required to be filled out. Absurdly, the question was: "Are you pregnant, or have you been pregnant in the past six months?" Told to go home, the man responded, "It is nonsensical, and it makes me angry because there are vulnerable people waiting for blood, including children, and in desperate need of help. But they've been denied my blood because of the obligation to answer a question that can't possibly be answered."

--According to PatriotPulse.net, "former White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki flouted professional ethics and the idea of public service by maintaining her position while negotiating with MSNBC to host a cable news program. She should have left the Biden administration, but carried on, answering questions from future colleagues, and also leaving open the question of if she was answering questions on behalf of the administration or if she couched her answers so as not to offend MSNBC's left-wing audience. The media should have pushed back, but journalists were afraid to call out Psaki for two reasons. The first is that they are supportive of a Democrat President and want to see the Party succeed. The second, and more sinister reason, is they want to get booked on Psaki's show, so they did not want to upset her by calling out the blatant conflict of interest." -0-

--At a Dollar General store in Dayton, Ohio, an armed robber confronted a store clerk. But the clerk, who also had a weapon, fatally shot the robber. What was the response from the robber's siblings? They said the clerk had no business bringing his own gun to work. Another case of "don't do as I do; do as I say?" -0-

--A 13-year-old girl, Shiloh Catori, placed second in a woman's skateboarding competition held in New York City on June 25, missing out on the \$5,000 cash prize. That money went instead to the first-place "winner" – 29-year-old Ricci Tres, a biological male who "identifies" as a woman.

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--It must have galled House Speaker Nancy Pelosi on June 27 to have to swear into office new Texas Republican Congresswoman Mayra Flores, who was joined by her family for the swearing-in ceremony. As the group gathered for photos, Pelosi elbowed Flores' young daughter out of the way. It caused Flores to tweet: "I am so proud of my strong, beautiful daughter for not allowing this to faze her. She continued to smile and post for the picture like a Queen."

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--Executives at Halifax Bank in the United Kingdom had to learn the hard way the adage "Go woke, go broke," when they not only forced employees to wear nametags spelling out their "preferred pronouns," they even informed customers that "If you disagree with our values, you're welcome to close your account." The public relations blunder started a stampede for the exit, with more than 10,000 former customers going on social media to say they did so. One even reported that with his family business moving to another bank, his transfer value in U.S. currency exceeded a half-million dollars.

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--The Biden Justice Department has brought a lawsuit against the state of Arizona in order to block a law passed by the State Legislature and signed by Governor Doug Ducey, that would force residents of the state to provide proof of citizenship in order to vote in federal elections. The lawsuit argues that the requirement is "a textbook violation" of both the National Voter

Registration Act and the Civil Rights Act.

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--Veteran journalist David Mastio, who used to be Opinion Editor at Gannett's "Useless A Today," tweeted in response to the paper referring to "pregnant people," that "People who are pregnant are also women." But that so offended the woke powers at the newspaper that they demoted him, saying his tweet "calls your judgment into question." So Mastio left "Useless A Today," and now is much happier as Executive Editor at "Straight Arrow News."

--Three women who trashed the fast-food Bel-Fries restaurant in New York City – angry about being charged a \$1.75 fee for extra sauce - have been arrested and charged with robbery and criminal mischief after they destroyed the counter area, injured employees with bottles and stools, pulled down a plastic barrier, and dumped sauce all over the restaurant. One of the women even punched a police officer in the face during the arrest, and was additionally charged with assault, resisting arrest, obstructing governmental administration, and disorderly conduct. Moronic customers in the restaurant cheered the chaos, with one even reportedly calling the incident "a sign of solidarity with the oppressed."

--As part of the Woke Disney plan to re-engineer the discourse around children and sexuality, the company's latest effort is an animated Disney+ series Baymax, which features a transgender "man" who menstruates. Company leaders have been bragging about promoting an LGBTQ agenda, and CEO Bob Chapek has promised to continue fighting Florida's Parental Rights in Education law, saying the company "will work to get the legislation repealed."

--Following Leftist, moronic Internet tweets that Anne Frank – the Jewish, Dutch teenaged girl killed in a Nazi concentration camp during World War II, and whose diary was published after the war – had "white privilege," a large number of reactions fortunately tore apart the absurd assumption. Just a few were: "How delusional does this identity politics discourse get?"; "That makes the concept of 'white privilege' sound insane."; "You don't know what 'white' means. Race isn't real. It's made up."; "An immediate contender for all-time worst tweet."; "The woke Left is legitimately so insane."; "It can't get stupider than this, right?"; and "It's time to shut the Internet down. Completely."

-- A gay couple in Pasadena, California – Albert and Anthony Saniger – is suing HRC Fertility and specialist Dr. Bradford Kolb, because they were "assured" they would be able to select a male embryo for the in vitro fertilization of a woman surrogate to give them the son they wanted, but the baby that was born turned out to be a girl. They charge that the clinic and doctor "negligently, recklessly, and/or intentionally" transferred a female embryo to the gestational carrier. -0-- A 23-year old unnamed American tourist cheated death after falling into Italy's legendary Mount Vesuvius volcano, when he tried to retrieve the cellphone he dropped while illegally taking a selfie. Local guides had to rappel down to get him, and a chopper was used to take him for treatment to a hospital. He and three others with him face charges of "invasion of public land," for climbing to the top of the 4,000-foot volcano without tickets and using a path that was clearly marked as forbidden.

--No thanks to New York's loopy bail-reform laws, two men reportedly tied to the Mexican Cartels – Luis Estrada and Carlos Santos – were caught in New York City with 165 pounds of crystal meth valued at approximately \$1.2 million, but then released, charged only with second-degree criminal possession of "a controlled substance." No word on whether or not they were also allowed to keep their loot.

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-- The Clay County, Florida, School Board cut short parent Bruce Friedman's announcement that he would be reading "pornographic" content from a book found in his son's school library. A school board member stopped him, saying the problem is that people were watching the meeting at home, and it would not be appropriate. Blasting this decision by the school board, syndicated radio host Todd Starnes said, "If the book is too racy for grown adults to read during a public school board meeting, it has no business being in a school library."

THIS AND THAT



C. Reed Knight, Jr. with Congressman Posey

A NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM. More than a hundred supporters of Florida 8th District Congressman Bill Posey attended a benefit in his honor at the Institute of Military Technology in Titusville on June 29, touring the massive museum and enjoying a dinner prepared by Orlando's 4 Rivers BBQ. Guides explained to small groups on tour

that they were viewing many thousands of rifles, pistols, machine guns and bayonets – each identified by year of creation and country of origin around the world – as well as dozens of cannons, tanks, trucks, and personnel carriers that were used in several wars over the years. The massive collection is owned by C. Reed Knight, Jr., of Knight Armament Company, who continues to add to his collection as items become available. At dinner, when Posey thanked his supporters, he said that in Congress, he is part of "the spiritual battle taking place for the heart and soul of America." Seeking another term in office, he has no Republican primary opposition, but he pointed out there are two women competing to be his Democrat opponent in November. Two of the biggest problems America is facing today, he said, are the teaching of Critical Race Theory in our schools, and the massive amount of deadly fentanyl that is being brought across our border. Posey pointed out that the Leftists' "Bible" is "Rules for Radicals," which author Saul Alinsky dedicated "to Satan." The Congressman also reminded his audience that the last time he spoke to the House of Representatives, the only thing that people remembered was his closing phrase – "Let's Go, Brandon."

FLORIDA BILL SIGNINGS. Among the latest group of bills passed by the Florida State Legislature that Governor Ron DeSantis signed into law include: Making it a third-degree felony to steal 10 or more items across five separate thefts within 30 days, and upgrading it to a second-degree felony if the number of items stolen tops 20; Expanding eligibility requirements for the



Bright Future Scholarship Program to include paid work experience as a substitute for service hours; Strengthen renter safety with Miya's Law, named for Miya Marcano, a young woman and Orlando student who was killed in her apartment by a maintenance worker who entered with an apartment key fob; Support for Religious Institutions; Enhancement of two-way radio communication systems; Regulation of smoking by counties and municipalities; Grandparent visitation rights; Transparency of guardianship data; Homestead property tax exemptions for classroom teachers, law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, child welfare professionals and service members; Boating safety; and Certification of best management practices on golf courses.

RINOS AND THE 2nd AMENDMENT (CONTINUED).



The 11 RINOs mentioned in last month's newsletter as joining with their Democrat Senate colleagues to vote in favor of funding for states to implement anti-Second Amendment red flag laws, were added to by three more just prior to the Senate vote that occurred after the June Space Coast Tusk went to

press. The three extra Senators were Joni Ernst of Iowa, Todd Young of Indiana, and Shelley Moore Capito of West Virginia. There was not enough time for Senators to actually read the 80page bill - which could lead to efforts by the government to confiscate firearms from law-abiding gun owners - and the Senate forwarded the measure to the House by a 64-34 vote. That action was quickly followed by the House of Representatives – which was aided by 14 more RINOs in that branch (far too many) to give Speaker Nancy Pelosi a 234-193 victory. The House RINOs included Liz Cheney of Wyoming; Adam Kinzinger of Illinois; Fred Upton and Peter Meijer of Michigan; Mike Turner, Steve Chabot, Anthony Gonzalez and David Joyce of Ohio; Chris Jacobs and John Katko of New York; Brian Fitzpatrick of Pennsylvania; Maria Salazar of Florida; Tony Gonzales of Texas; and Tom Rice of South Carolina. President Biden was then quick to sign the unconstitutional measure into law. The two most glaring violations of Second Amendment rights are the expanded background checks on would-be purchasers between the ages of 18 and 21 and the millions of dollars in funding that states would be provided with to enforce "red flag laws." condemning the legislation, the National Rifle Association said in a statement: "This legislation can be abused to restrict lawful gun purchases, infringe upon the rights of law-abiding Americans, and use federal dollars to fund gun control measures being adopted by state and local politicians."

NANCY PELOSI'S JANUARY 6 COMMITTEE'S LIST OF TOP 7 WHOPPERS. According to WND.com, seven whoppers top the list of false allegations about the Democrats' January 6 Committee: First on the list was the claim that President Trump incited the January 6 riot at the U.S. Capitol. But protesters entered there before Trump finished speaking at a rally away from the site. Second was the claim the deployment of the National Guard was delayed, but in fact, Democrat officials rebuffed attempts to dispatch the military, even though Trump signed an order to deploy 20,000 troops if they are requested. Third, there was a claim that former New York Police Commissioner Bernie Kerik was in Washington to talk about overturning the November 2020 election results, but he was in New York that day. Fourth, there is the claim that Pennsylvania Republican Congressman asked Trump for a presidential pardon for that day, but Perry called that "an absolute shameless and soulless lie." Fifth was the claim that Georgia Republican Congressman Barry Loudermilk led a "reconnaissance mission" into the Capitol a day earlier, but police said there was no evidence of that. Sixth was the claim that Wisconsin Republican Senator Ron Johnson was involved in a conspiracy to force alternate electors on Vice President Mike Pence, but he never handed such slates of alternate electors to the Vice President. And seventh, there was the already debunked claim that when Trump finished speaking, he tried to grab the steering wheel of the presidential limo to go to the Capitol rather than back to the White House.

CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR. Just days after the passing of the last living World War II recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor – Hershel "Woody" Williams – President Biden presented medals to three U.S. Army Vietnam veterans and one posthumously on July 5. During a somber White House ceremony, he recounted the acts of bravery of the four men, one of whom was killed in action three months after he helped evacuate his platoon from a village while under heavy enemy fire.. The living World War II recipients are Major John Duffy, Specialist Five Dwight Birdwell, and Specialist 5 Dennis Fujii. The posthumous addition was to the late Staff Sergeant Edward Kaneshiro. There are now 66 living medal recipients.



Since traditional leftist journalism awards organizations never honor conservative journalists, the Media Research Center decided to create their own award program – the MRC Bulldog Awards. **MRC Founder and President Brent Bozell** announced that "As the liberal media celebrate themselves with

Pulitzers, we wanted to shine a light on the real truth-tellers who are greatly dedicated to informing the American public on stories the legacy media ignores." This year, the first six Bulldog Award winners are: 1) Author, TV host and radio host Mark Levin, for the "Outstanding Radio Talk Show Host Award"; 2) Former Secret Service agent and current TV host Dan Bongino, for the "Outstanding Podcast Award"; 3) "New York Post" writer Miranda Devine, for the "Outstanding Columnist Award"; 4) "The Daily Wire" writer Luke Rosiak, for the "Outstanding Investigative Journalism Award"; 5) "Reload" blog writer Stephen Gutowski, for the "Outstanding Blogger Award;" and 6) "Washington Free Beacon reporter Drew Holden, for the "Outstanding Social Media Personality Award." So, who needs Pulitzers when there are Bulldogs?

EIGHT THINGS MORE POPULAR THAN EPIC **FAILURE CNN+.** The spectacularly unpopular CNN+ news channel did not even survive its first month on cable TV. CNN's wacky leftist opinion panels rather than hard news didn't help the network; neither did its plan for a monthly fee for the Plus service. The Media Research Center's "Watchdog" points out that less than 10,000 viewers signed up for the service and compares it to New Coke and the Edsel. So the plug was quickly pulled. Kevin Tober and Curtis Houck of MRC's NewsBusters team tongue-in-cheek put together an impressive list of "Eight Things More Popular Than Epic Failure CNN+." They are: 1) A Kickstarter campaign for potato salad made more money – more than \$55,000 – in its first month than did CNN+, which offered the service for just \$2.99 at the start. 2) More people died falling out of bed between 1999 and 2014 than ponied up for CNN+. 3) An Instagram account called @daily otis that posts a picture of the same cow every day has five times the audience of CNN+. 4) Tuvalu, a 10-square-mile island halfway between Hawaii and Australia in the Pacific Ocean, has more people than CNN+ has subscribers. 5) There's a YouTube video of paint drying – and nothing else – that has nearly twice as many viewers as the entire CNN network – 1.1 million. 6) The number of kids who call NORAD wanting to know the whereabouts of Santa Claus on Christmas Eve is 13 times the number of people who signed up for CNN+. 7) Australia's Bureau of Statistics says there are "close to 48,000" Jedi in the country. That's close to five times the number of people who subscribe to CNN+. And 8) Over 118 million people - far more than the number of CNN viewers - are estimated to be subscribed to Play World of Warcraft, a popular video game.

GASOLINE SAVINGS SCAMS. State Attorney Phil Archer of Florida's 18TH Judicial Circuit, reports in his July "Monthly Brief" that readers should beware scammers who follow the headlines with the high cost of fuel dominating the news. It should be "no surprise," Archer said, that discount fuel scams are everywhere, especially on social



media. These scammers, he said, are calling residents and inviting them to sign-up for a government fuel cost assistance program using their checking accounts. But instead of filling their tanks, these crooks are draining their bank accounts. Gas card offers are also being used to target victims, Archer said, and both Shell Oil and Speedway are warning consumers about fake fuel card offers and sweepstakes entries that are circulating on social media. Fake apps that mimic actual fuel rewards programs, he noted, are being offered via unsolicited links in texts, emails and other platforms.

KUDOS DEPARTMENT. A Liberty Station bathroom stall in San Diego, California – site of a charity 5K race – is not the safest, most sanitary location in which to deliver a baby. But that is where **Border Patrol Agent George Huertas**, an emergency medical technician, quickly went. He located the woman, borrowed rubber gloves from a janitor, delivered and cleaned up a baby boy, stimulated his breathing, and waited for the arrival of medical personnel to take over care of the mother and child. Afterward, Huertas only told a few of his colleagues about the birth and downplayed the incident. Michael McEwan, his commanding officer, said he "responds to those in need on and off duty, and is a strong advocate for those under his care."



Discussing at the July 6 meeting of the Heritage Isle Republican Club the major issues that were before the Florida State Legislature this year, State

Senate Majority Leader Debbie Mayfield, who represents

Brevard County, said education was the "huge issue" before the legislators. This was true, she said, especially with passage of the Parents' Bill of Rights – which Governor Ron DeSantis signed – prohibiting sex orientation teaching through the third grade. If parents learn that any school is not following this procedure, and a school board doesn't listen to a complaint, Mayfield said,



the matter can be brought to the attention of the Florida Board of Education. Adding that the teaching of Critical Race Theory is prohibited in Florida schools, she said parents have to watch out for what is actually in the curriculum. A topic still to be discussed in the legislature is that "parents should be able to get vouchers to send their children to any school they want," Mayfield said. She also noted that if any big storm hits the state during the upcoming hurricane season, "there is plenty of money in our reserves fund to cover expenses." Improvements in the area of election integrity, she said, include requiring counties now to clean up their voter rolls annually, and that requested mail-in ballots be sent back with copies of a valid Florida driver license. On the Second Amendment subject of Constitutional Carry, she said that for the next session, the Governor" will work with us to get it right." The difference between just passing a bill and getting something inserted into the Florida Constitution, she pointed out, is that if the other political party assumes power in the future, a bill can be repealed, but "it is harder to change an item in the Constitution." Mayfield, who said she "loves representing people" in Tallahassee, added that in addition to passing a state budget for the year, the Legislature was required to draw maps of new districts following the ten-year census. With that drawing, she said, she hopes the 40-member Senate will be able to increase its number of Republicans from 24 to 27....Brevard County



School Board member **Matt Susin**, a second speaker on the meeting agenda, agreed with Mayfield that parents should have the choice about what type of school to send their children to. He said that after he learned about the home schooling process, he became proud of this community's practices. Another thing that made him proud, Susin said, was that when he was a

teacher, it was his students who successfully fought for the State Legislature's passage of the "All American Flag Act" in reaction to Florida schools having Stars and Stripes flags that were made in China. Today, he stressed, ALL flags in all Florida schools are made in the USA. Expressing criticism of liberal projects that had been appearing in Florida classrooms, he said the Democrat 1619 Project stating that the United States only began with the introduction of slavery, is "the biggest hoax I've ever seen." And speaking of the liberal teachers and principals who are willing to bring Critical Race Theory to our schools, he said, "We make laws to reprimand and remove them." He also expressed opposition to schools having coronavirus mask mandates and support for LGBTQ programs. Currently part of the 2-3 Republican minority on the Brevard School Board, Susin called for voters to elect a Republican candidate in at least one of the non-partisan districts that will be on the August 23 primary election ballot, as well as re-elect Katve Campbell in District 5. He pointed out that there is some overlap between the five County Commission districts and the five School Board districts in Brevard County, and said not only that he wished they would mirror each other, but also that the School Board should be increased in size, with all voters electing two more atlarge members....Newly elected HIRC President Mike **Hoagland** had an interesting take on the "China Coronavirus" situation – praise – because without it, and with schools being shut down, "we would not have learned about what had been going on there."

FEDERATED REPUBLICAN WOMEN IN ACTION. At the July 1 meeting of the Federated Republican Women in Action, the guest speaker was **Nathan White**, a candidate for Palm Bay City Council Seat 4, who said he wants to "End Waste and Restore Trust" in Palm Bay. White has attended almost every City Council meeting for years and has been producing videos in which he offers a meeting "recap." Noting that Palm Bay has a huge budget of \$232 million, but of that amount only \$750,000 per year has gone toward road maintenance, he said that "money is not the issue, PRIORITY is" ... The Club also presented Military Tribute banners – that had been on display at the Palm Bay City Hall from Veterans Day in 2012 until Memorial Day 2022 – to two recipients: retired **U.S. Air Force** Master Sergeant Mary Shaffer and current U.S. Navy Petty Officer Alex Rodriguez. We deeply thank them for their service.... FRWA is a Club of ACTION, with a presence outside of voting sites in Palm Bay on every day of early voting and on election day, promoting Republican candidates. We also actively participate in other community events throughout the year, sharing our Republican values. FRWA is also part of the Palm Bay Parks and Recreation "Adopt-A-Park" program and meets to clean up our adopted city park once per month. Our

members are active in attending City Council and other government meetings and speaking out on the issues. The next scheduled meeting at MeMaw's BBQ in Palm Bay will be on August 5 at 11:15 am. Guests are welcome and there is no cost to attend. Visit FRWABrevard.org for more information and to RSVP....Submitted by FRWA Recording Secretary Carol Vyhonsky.



BREVARD REPUBLICAN PARTY STRAW POLL AND **BBQ.** Hundreds of Brevardians attended the Republican Party's biannual straw poll and BBQ in Melbourne, Florida, on June 25, using the occasion to meet candidates for office, visit their election tables, vote in a primary election straw poll, enjoy a BBQ lunch from Dustin's, participate in raffles for prizes, and have their pictures photo-shopped with President Trump. Welcoming the crowd, Brevard Republican Executive Committee Chairman Rick Lacey said, "This year, we will ride the Red Tidal Wave and restore Conservative, Common Sense Government to the people." As expected in the straw poll, Republican incumbents facing no primary opposition were huge winners in their respective races – namely, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, Senator Marco Rubio, Congressman Bill Posey, Attorney General Ashley Moody, Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis, District 8 State Senator Tom Wright, and District 33 State Representative Randy Fine. Contested Republican race winners were Wilton Simpson for Florida Commissioner of Agriculture, Robyn Hattaway for District 30 State Representative, Robert Brackett for District 34 State Representative, Tom Goodson for District 2 Brevard County Commission, and Rob Feltner for District 4 Brevard County Commission. In non-partisan races, the straw poll winners were Megan Wright for Brevard School Board District 1, Courtney Lewis for Brevard School Board District 2, Katye Campbell for Brevard School Board District 5, Kelly Ingram for Clerk of County Court Judge Group 2, and Renee Torpy for Clerk of County Court Judge Group 4.

THE 2000 MULES FILM. Tony Verzi of ACT! For America is hosting a showing of Dinesh D'Souza's film about the 2020 election, along with a discussion, on Saturday, August 6 at the Italian American Club, 1471 Cypress Avenue, Melbourne, Florida, beginning at 7pm. Refreshments will be available.

EXPERTS' EXCERPTS

Reporter **John Kruzel**, writing on the Supreme Court concluding a revolutionary term, in "The Hill":

"The Supreme Court this term seemed to embody William F. Buckley's adage that 'a conservative is someone who stands athwart history, yelling Stop.' In a country of 330 million people and 390 million guns, the



conservative supermajority returned America to a historical moment of looser firearm laws. It delivered the country to an era where religious schools, even those which openly discriminate

against LGBT students, must be eligible for state funding that is available to nonreligious schools. And at a time when an unwanted pregnancy can be medically terminated at home, the court has allowed states to make swallowing an abortion pill a crime. The court's monumental decisions this term shook the country and moved it sharply in a conservative direction, say observers from across the spectrum.... Before a historic series of rulings it was clear the Supreme Court, in its first full term with six conservative justices, was going to move to the right. It just wasn't clear how far it would go or how fast. That picture came into focus quickly over the last two weeks, as the high court's supermajority issued a landmark decision erasing the nearly 50year-old 'constitutional right to abortion' by overturning Roe v. Wade. The decision to strike down Roe was the most earthshaking, but it was hardly alone. The court also enshrined a right to carry a handgun in a ruling striking down New York's concealed carry permit law. It curbed the authority of the Environmental Protection Agency and executive agencies more broadly. It issued rulings expanding religious liberty. The decisions sent chills through progressives and Democrats, as they were welcomed by conservatives. More broadly, they raised questions about the degree to which the court is in touch with the broader populace, and whether most of the electorate thinks the founding era is the best source of wisdom to guide a modern pluralistic democracy....This court term marked a breakthrough moment for the conservative legal movement's well-funded and norm-shattering effort to groom a generation of conservative lawyers, elevate reliable allies to the Supreme Court and reshape American life in fundamental ways. Yet the 6-3 conservative supermajority Supreme Court at various points sought to downplay the transformational nature of their actions, as well as an internal dissension among the justices that was clear from their own written opinions. Writing for the majority in overturning Roe v. Wade, Justice Samuel Alito emphasized that his ruling was narrowly aimed at abortion. He insisted the decision would not threaten protections for same-sex marriage (Obergefell v. Hodges), sex between gay couples (Lawrence v. Texas) or the right to contraception (Griswold v. Connecticut). But Justice Clarence Thomas, in a concurring opinion, wrote that the reasoning underlying the opinion should call those other decisions into question. Thomas has long rejected the wellestablished principle that the Due Process Clause of the 14th Amendment protects not only procedural safeguards but also substantive rights. Legal experts said the court's approach to law this term raised legitimate questions about whether rights that are seen as having a thin historical record and which are not explicitly referenced in the Constitution - so called unenumerated rights - remained on firm footing after the decision."



Heritage Foundation senior legal fellow Hans Von Spakovsky, writing on requiring election audits at "The Patriot Post":

"Financial audits are standard practice in the business world. Election audits also should be standard practice in every state after every election. Audits would determine whether the election was administered honestly, fairly, accurately and in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. Yet audits of election agencies, procedures and systems are almost nonexistent in America. The very concept of comprehensive election audits has been criticized and opposed by some election officials and even by the current U.S. Department of Justice. Why would officials oppose such audits, unless they fear they will turn up embarrassing mistakes, incompetence, or malfeasance? The Justice Department's opposition to the Arizona state Senate's audit of Maricopa County was a purely partisan action that had no legal merit. Election audits are well within the constitutional authority of states. It should be understood that what some election officials refer to as audits are not, in fact, audits. Simply recounting, by hand, ballots that were counted by a computer scanner on Election Day is not a comprehensive audit. Yes, that can ensure that the scanners were operating and tabulating the vote correctly. However, it cannot tell whether the ballots were cast by eligible, qualified voters. If noncitizens or people living outside a jurisdiction are able to register and vote without being detected by election officials, a simple recount will not alert authorities that illegal ballots were cast. Election audits should be conducted by independent, experienced experts. Obviously, you cannot have election officials audit their own performance.... To ensure the integrity of our elections, it would be best for every election jurisdiction, from counties to townships, to be audited after every election. That may not be possible due to cost and a lack of experienced auditors. But states could implement a system that audits a number of different jurisdictions within the state on a rotating and random basis, guaranteeing that every election jurisdiction would be audited at least once every few years. A mandatory audit system like this should also require election officials, as well as third parties who provide election services and equipment, to cooperate fully with auditors or risk being fired. Comprehensive election audits would make sure election officials took all steps necessary before the election to ensure only eligible individuals cast ballots, which entails checking legal residence, age, citizenship and other requirements. Auditors would check that all voting equipment was subjected to testing both before and after the election, was not connected to the internet at any time during the voting and tabulation period, and that no unapproved software or malware was added before or after the election. Auditors would make sure all election observers were given complete access to the entire voting and tabulation process, including the handling of absentee ballots, to ensure compliance with all voter ID, signature-matching and other legal requirements.... Comprehensive election audits should become a routine occurrence in our elections. They are necessary to ensure the proper conduct of the entire election process and to assure the public, candidates, political parties and the media of the honesty and integrity of our elections."

Columnist **Laura Hollis**, writing on the Mad Titans of Climate Change at "The Patriot Post":

"Here in the real world, we have our own class of self-appointed deities trying to run

the planet, including Bill Gates and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Klaus Schwab and his World Economic Forum, the army of World Economic Forum minions who have made their way into national governments across the globe, and the World Health Organization. These puny gods and the countless others who preach their dogma demand that we worship at the altar of 'climate change,' implementing policies they espouse without question, allegedly to save us all from destruction. Here are six 'gems' of our lives over which the mad titans of 'climate change' seek control: energy, food production, housing, currency, laws/law enforcement and governance. In each, they are demanding the implementation of policies that they insist will 'save the planet.' These elites display the kind of arrogance that always precedes catastrophe. They assume that they are so brilliant and omniscient that they can anticipate every eventuality, every possible snag. Any student of history should be able to debunk that claim.... An outgrowth of environmentalism generally, the 'climate change' movement has adopted many of environmentalism's more extreme tenets, including population reduction.... A digital currency can be manipulated by those in control of it, and actual wealth frozen or taken from those who oppose the regime. As we've already seen in other contexts here in the United States, law-abiding citizens can be targeted by law enforcement for defending their property characterized themselves or 'insurrectionists' or 'domestic terrorists' for protesting what they believe to be illicit or ill-advised government actions. And the sovereignty of independent nations is the ultimate impediment to global implementation of the goals being advanced by the 'climate change' demigods. Then again, maybe policy failure is part of the plan. An outgrowth of environmentalism generally, the 'climate change' movement has adopted many of environmentalism's more extreme tenets, including population reduction. Despite the spectacularly wrong predictions of his 1970 bestseller 'The Population Bomb,' author Paul Ehrlich is still considered the granddaddy of population-themed environmentalism. Ehrlich maintains that the ideal population of Earth is less than 2 billion people, an attitude that science writer Alex Berezow has described as 'openly misanthropic (and) vaguely genocidal'.... History shows that megalomaniacal ideologues -- consider Pol Pot, Mao Zedong and Josef Stalin -- do not care how many millions of people die in pursuit of their failed ideologies....The threats we are facing are real. Those who want global control over our nations and our lives must never get it."



Conservative columnist Patrick J. Buchanan. writing his on www.buchanan.org website that the New York Times is telling Joe Biden it is "Time to Go":

"Democrats will not miss the message that the Times is ready to bolt on Biden, and if Democrats wish to win and keep Donald Trump out of the White House, they need

a new horse to ride. This one is lame. When President Joe Biden retired in Rehoboth Beach on Saturday night, he likely did not expect to find a severed horse's head under his bed covers. But there it was, courtesy of The New York Times. 'At 79, Biden is Testing the Boundaries of Age and the Presidency' ran the headline over Sunday's devastating front-page story. Biden officials and White House aides acknowledge, the story ran, that, 'Mr. Biden looks older than just a few years ago ... His energy level ... is not what it was, and some aides quietly watch out for him. He often shuffles when he walks, and aides worry he will trip on a wire. He stumbles over words during public events, and they hold their breath to see if he makes it to the end without a gaffe'.... It is not too much to infer from this stunning piece on the front page of the Times that America's newspaper of record, a citadel of liberalism, has decided it is now fair game to confront Biden on the age-and-infirmities issue. Nor is it too much to say that the Times is giving its own belated validation to claims made for many months by conservative media that Biden is neither physically nor cognitively capable of handling the duties of his office, let alone to serve a second term, which would end in 2029 with Biden at 86 years of age. Yet, make no mistake. With this article, the Times has provided cover for, and given sanction to, ambitious Biden rivals to take on the Democratic president in the way Sens. Gene McCarthy and Robert F. Kennedy took on Lyndon Johnson in 1968 and Ted Kennedy took on Jimmy Carter in 1980....Ironically, on the oped page of Sunday's Times, columnist Frank Bruni seemed to be warning against a wide-open race for the nomination, which the Times news division seemed to be encouraging. Wrote Bruni: 'Biden's age, dismal approval rating and seeming inability to inspire confidence in the party's ranks have created an extraordinary situation in which there's no ironclad belief that he'll run for a second term, no universal agreement that he should and a growing roster of Democrats whose behavior can be read as preparation to challenge or step in for him. I've never seen anything quite like it'...Moreover, the longer Biden delays an announcement that he is not running again in 2024, the more he will appear to have been pushed out when he does make it, as he will. Why? Because his competitors and rivals, not to let someone else steal a march on them, are going to begin behaving as what they are: contenders for Joe's job, whether he runs or not."

Producer and creator **Greg Hunter**, writing on PhD Dr. David Martin's political analysis of the CV19 vaccination, at www.usawatchdog.com:

"Dr. David Martin has a deep medical science and investment resume. Dr. Martin also runs

company $(M \cdot CAM)$ International) that

David Martin

finances cutting edge innovation worldwide. He is also one of the key people seeking justice in lawsuits suing medical companies and the federal government involved in delivering the so-called vaccines for CV19. In simple terms, according to Dr. Martin, the CV19 vaccines are 'bioweapons.' Big Pharma and the government knew it and also knew it would cause massive deaths and

permanent injuries. Dr. Martin says, 'It's going to get much

worse. It is not a Corona virus vaccine. It is a spike protein instruction to make the human body produce a toxin. The fact of the matter is the injections are an act of bioweapons and bioterrorism. They are not a public health measure. The facts are very simple. This was premeditated.... How many will die from the CV19 bioweapons? Dr. Martin says, 'By their own estimate, they are looking for 700 million people globally, and that would put the U.S. participation in that of the injected population as 75 million to 100 million people. There are a lot of reasons why they hope it will be between now and 2028 because there is this tiny little glitch of the illiquidity of the Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid programs. So, the fewer recipients of Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, the better. Not surprisingly, the recommendation was people over the age of 65 were the first ones to get injected.... The dirty secret is there are a lot of pilots having micro vascular and clotting problems, and that keeps them out of the cockpit, which is a good place to not have them if they are going to throw a clot for a stroke or a heart attack. The problem is we are going to see that exact same phenomenon in the healthcare industry and at a much larger scale. So, we now have, along with the actual problem of people getting sick and people dying, we actually have that targeting the healthcare industry writ large. Which means we are going to have nurses and doctors who are going to be among the sick and dead. That also means the sick and the dving are also not going to get care.' Dr. Martin and his group are suing everybody from President Biden along with the FDA, CDC, Pfizer, Moderna and many others over the deaths and injuries from the CV19 bioweapons fraudulently passed off as 'vaccines'...This is actually a criminal act. This is an act of domestic terror, and it is an anti-trust violation. This is racketeering. This is old school racketeering, and it is no different than the mob in the 1920's. This is old school racketeering for personal gain and profit at the expense of human lives. You need to call it what it is, and it's organized crime. I would say the Nazis were better than the people who are doing this. The real question is why did American citizens develop a weapon to kill Americans and get paid to do it? That is a morally outrageous question, and, unfortunately, almost no one is asking it."

THOUGHTS TO PONDER

"Really BAD NEWS FOR THE WORLD! Former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe is dead. He was assassinated. His killer was captured and will hopefully be dealt with swiftly and harshly. Few people know what a great man and leader Shinzo Abe was, but history will teach them and be kind. He was a unifier like no other, but above all, he was a man who loved and cherished his magnificent country, Japan. Shinzo Abe will be greatly missed. There will never be another like him!"

--Former **President Donald Trump**, on Japan's loss of his friend and ally, the longest-serving prime minister in his country's history, who sought to re-establish power on the global economic and foreign policy stage
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"President Joe Biden was sharply criticized for using the assassination of former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe as

an occasion to denounce 'gun violence'....Nearly 12 hours after Abe was shot and almost six hours after officials confirmed Abe had died, Biden released a statement commemorating Abe, whom Biden worked with as Vice President.....The inclusion of 'gun violence' is particularly jarring because Japan imposes strict anti-gun laws, thus making gun violence in Japan almost nonexistent. Quoting others: By political commentator and columnist Ben Shapiro: 'This is perhaps the stupidest thing he has ever said, and that is saying something.' By conservative writer Tiana Lowe: 'Abe's death is a tragedy for democracy and capitalism around the world, and Biden's decision to hijack his death for domestic political expedience is more than malicious. It's moronic.' By 'Tablet Magazine' Chief Technology Officer Noam Blum: 'Calling the assassination of a major world leader 'gun violence' is governing by Twitter. Just the dumbest f***** thing for a president to say.' And by writer Brad Polumbo: 'Extremely cringe to work in gun violence, given the fact that Japan nearly completely prohibits gun ownership.""

-- "The Blaze" Weekend Editor Chris Enloe, with more on the Abe assassination

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"Two lawyers who successfully argued the landmark Supreme Court case affirming a constitutional right to be armed outside the home have been forced out of their Washington, D.C., law firm. Amid pressure from clients and other attorneys at the firm, Kirkland & Ellis LLP, no longer will handle Second Amendment cases, Politico reported. Former Solicitor General Paul Clement and Erin Murphy, who argued successfully before the Supreme Court in New York State Rifle & Pistol Association Inc. v. Bruen, said they had to resign. 'We were given a stark choice: either withdraw from ongoing representations or withdraw from the firm,' Clement said in a statement reported by Politico. 'Anyone who knows us and our views regarding professional responsibility and client loyalty knows there was only one course open to us: We could not abandon ongoing representations just because a client's position is unpopular in some circles.' The announcement of the dropping of gun cases and the resignations took place on the day the Supreme Court ruled 6-3 to strike down New York's law requiring anyone who wishes to obtain a concealed-carry permits to demonstrate a 'proper purpose' to have weapons outside the home."

--Author **Art Moore,** on why two successful attorneys left their "Woke" law firm

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"We lived to see it. Many of us never thought we would. This day should be celebrated for generations to come. The overturning of Roe v. Wade is a momentous milestone in American history. It is the largest single step forward for human rights in America in well over half a century. It is the largest stroke against the arbitrary taking of human life in America since the abolition of slavery in 1865. True, by overruling Roe, the Supreme Court did not ban abortion; it only restored power to the elected governments to do so. State governments will have to take the next step."

--"National Review" senior writer **Dan McLaughlin**, on the demise of Roe v. Wade
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"Abortion enthusiasts have been telling so many lies since the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, it's hard to take them seriously. Now President Biden and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi are salivating at the prospect that 'abortion is on the ballot,' as opposed to inflation, crime, border security and all the issues that have the Democrats under water and without a viable policy. But abortion may not be the electoral game-changer they hope for, and largely that's because the lies they tell themselves and their supporters have caused them to lose touch with the reality of America."

--Syndicated columnist **Miranda Devine**, on the Democrats' abortion lies

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"How many jobs, businesses, and start-ups will never exist because there was no one there to fill or found them? How many books will never be written, songs never be composed, and world-changing inventions never exist because those who could have created them lost their lives to abortion? The tragedy is that we will never know. But if 60 million more people had been born instead of aborted, we would likely have an economy 20-30 percent larger, adding \$5 trillion to our GDP, Social Security and Medicare would be fully solvent rather than headed for bankruptcy because of contributions to these programs by young workers to support retirees. The rage and hatred expressed by the Left and by Democrat elected officials reveals far more about them than it does about the issue of abortion."

--Faith & Freedom Coalition Founder and Chairman Ralph Reed, on abortion affecting America

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"By my observation, all current effort is directed toward making sure Trump is not carrying the Republican banner. The daily deluge of texts from the various Republican fund beggars, using Trump as the bait, are so insulting as to surely have been scripted to drive away Trump support. 'Are you no longer a Republican?' 'Why haven't you sent money?' are the themes repeated ad nauseum. It is as if they were the work of the DNC. It is now known that the DNC is contributing millions in campaign funds to weak GOP candidates in hopes they will win primaries and become the easier opponent to beat. It is the greatest hope of DNC they can get Governor Ron DeSantis to go for President in '24 and leave Florida open to a Democrat Socialist takeover. This not only would wipe out their most ardent and effective opponent to the Marxist coup but turn Florida over to Charlie Crist and everything Floridians despise about the current Socialist crowd."

--Political observer **Dale Young**, on anti-Trump Democrat strategy -0-

"President Biden really does not want the public to know about his federal takeover of election administration. Dozens of members of Congress have repeatedly asked for details, to no avail. Good government groups, members of the media, and private citizens have filed requests under the Freedom of Information Act. Not a single one has been responded to. All signs indicate a concerted effort to keep the public in the dark until at least after the November midterm elections...There are several major problems with Biden's secret plan, critics say. It's unethical to tie federal benefits to election activity. It's unconstitutional to have the federal government take authority that belongs to the states and which Congress has not granted. And, given that all 50 states have different laws and processes governing election administration, it's a recipe for chaos, confusion, and fraud at a time when election security concerns are particularly fraught."

-- "The Federalist" Editor-in-Chief Mollie Hemingway, on Democrat election plans

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"To the hard Left, Christians are racists, Nazis, fascists, and terrorists. For years, many in the leftwing media have referred to Christians as 'The American Taliban.' In reality, however, what's actually going on is that the Left has always been at war with Almighty God and His laws and His ways. They are in perpetual rebellion against the Creator of the Universe because Marxism – by definition – amounts to hatred and rejection of God so that human 'saviors' can create paradise on earth, with them in charge. That, in turn, always ends up being hell on earth – with the 20th century being the bloodiest century in human history, thanks to the very types of God-rejecting utopians who currently want to rule America."

---**WND Editor-in-Chief David Kupelian**, on the Democrats' number one enemy

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"California Governor Gavin Newsom, apparently suffering from delusions of presidential ambitions, ran an ad in Florida accusing Republicans of crushing freedom (like the freedom to kill babies just before they're born, or the freedom of teachers to tell small children about graphic sexual practices) and urging people to move to California, where 'we still believe in freedom.' Unless, of course, you want to be free to go to church or open your business without being arrested, or free from fear of violent criminals and crazy homeless people, or free from the highest gas prices in the America, or free to refuse a vaccine you don't trust, or free to walk alone on a beach without getting arrested for not wearing a mask, or free to take your kids to a park without worrying that they'll step on drug needles or human feces, which is why so many people are fleeing California for states like Florida...In fact, about the only freedom Californians still enjoy is the freedom to move out. But liberals there are desperately trying to pass an 'exit tax' to make them keep paying even after they leave."

--Television host and former **Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee**, on California freedom?

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"Have we reached the ultimate stage of absurdity where some people are held responsible for things that happened before they were born, while other people are not held responsible for what they themselves are doing today?"

--Economist and social theorist **Thomas Sowell**, on reaction to life's double standard

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"The Biden administration hosted the White House Congressional Picnic at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. It was the first time the shindig has been held for two years – meaning, of course, it's Joe Biden's first time as picnicker-in-chief. He started off the event as only Joe Biden could: Joking (kind of) that he keeps forgetting he's the president. 'Every time I hear Hail to the Chief, I wonder, where the hell is he?' Biden said. 'You think I'm joking, I'm not'.... If there's a kernel of truth in this joke, however, there's an easy solution: We can stop confusing President Biden by simply substituting 'Pop Goes the Weasel' for 'Hail to the Chief' for the remainder of his term. Not only would we not run the risk of befogging the poor man's psyche, but it also even feels a bit more apt."

--"The Western Journal" commentary writer **C. Douglas Golden**, on Biden's attempt at humor -0-

Confusing Quote of the Month

"We will work together and continue to work together to address these issues, to tackle these challenges, and to work together as we continue to work, operating from the new norms, rules, and agreements that we will convene to work together on, to galvanize global action ... and I know we will work on this together."

--Vice President Kamala Harris, on climate change

UPCOMING BREVARD COUNTY EVENTS

- --August 1: Republican Liberty Caucus of Central East Florida meeting, Frogbones Double Tapp Grill, Melbourne, 7 pm.
- --August 2: Moms For Liberty meeting, Frogbones Double Tapp Grill, Melbourne, 6:30 pm.
- --August 3: Brevard Federated Republican Women meeting, Space Coast Convention Center, Cocoa. 11 am.
- --August 4: Heritage Isle Republican Club meeting, Heritage Isle Clubhouse, Viera, 10 am.
- --August 5: Federated Republican Women in Action meeting, MeMaw's BBQ, Palm Bay, 11:15 am.
- --August 6: Republican prayer meeting conducted by Savitrie George, Chaplain of the Space Coast Republican Club, to pray for Brevard County and the upcoming 2022 elections, Police Hall of Fame, Titusville, 10:30 am to noon.
- --August 8: Space Coast Patriots meeting, Merritt Island Library, 6 pm.
- --August 10; Brevard Republican Executive Committee meeting, Space Coast Association of Realtors Building, 2950 Pineda Plaza Way, Melbourne, 7 pm.

- --August 13-20 Brevard County Early Voting Primary Days, 8:00 am to 6:00 pm week days; 8:00 am to 4:00 pm weekends.
- --August 16: North Brevard Republican Club meeting, American Police Hall of Fame, Titusville, 7 pm.
- --August 18: Republican Women's Network of South Brevard meeting, Eau Gallie Yacht Club, Indian Harbor Beach, 11:30 am.
- --August 22: Ronald Reagan Club meeting, Frogbones Double Tapp Grill, Melbourne, 6 pm.
- --August 23: Florida Primary Election Day, 7 am 7 pm.
- --August 25: Space Coast Young Republicans meeting, time and location TBD.
- --August 27 Space Coast Republican Club meeting, Red Lobster, Merritt Island, 11:30 am.

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COMICAL CLOSERS

The IRS returned a man's tax return for an apparent incorrect answer. In response to the question, "Do you have anyone dependent on you?," he wrote, "9.5 illegal immigrants, 1.1 million crack heads, 3.4 million unemployable scroungers, 80,000 criminals in 85 prisons, plus 850 idiots in Washington." The IRS stated the answer was unacceptable, so the man wrote back, "Who did I leave out???"

If you take the phrase "Election Results," and rearrange the letters, you get, wait for it: "Lies – Let's Recount." -0-

A police officer was being cross-examined by a defense attorney during a felony trial, and the lawyer was trying to undermine his credibility. The Q-and-A follows:

Q: 'Officer, did you see my client fleeing the scene?'

A: 'No, sir. But I subsequently observed a person matching the description of the offender, running several blocks away.'

Q: 'Officer, who provided this description?'

A: 'The officer who responded to the scene.'

Q: 'A fellow officer provided the description of this so-called offender. Do you trust your fellow officers?'

A: 'Yes, sir. With my life.'

Q: 'With your life? Let me ask you this then, officer. Do you have a room where you change your clothes in preparation for your daily duties?'

A: 'Yes sir, we do!'

Q: 'And do you have a locker in the room?'

A: 'Yes, sir, I do.'

Q: 'And do you have a lock on your locker?'

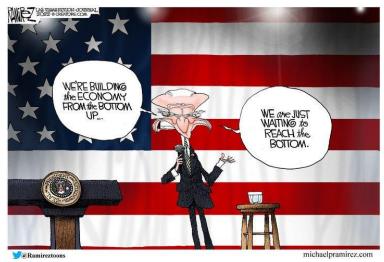
A: 'Yes, sir.'

Q: 'Now, why is it, officer, if you trust your fellow officers with your life, you find it necessary to lock your locker in a room you share with these same officers?'

A: 'You see, sir, we share the building with the court complex, and sometimes lawyers have been known to walk through that room.'

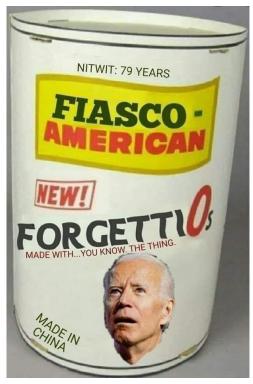
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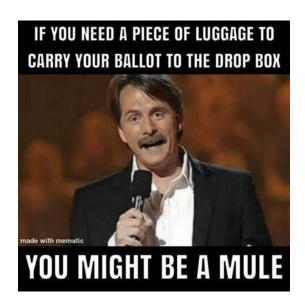






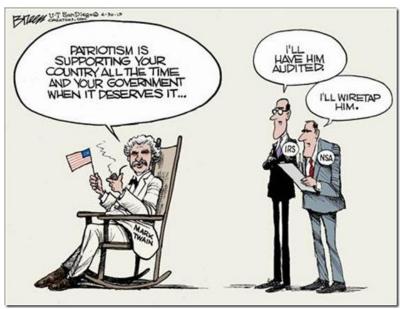


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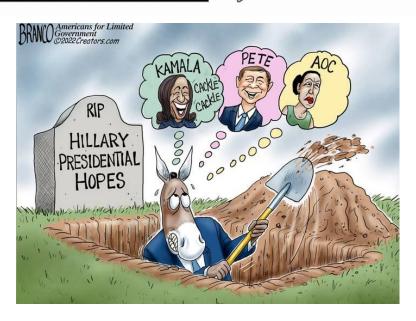


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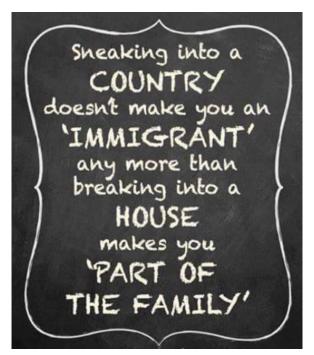














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