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GOVERNOR DESANTIS SIGNS FLORIDA STATE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-23

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

--Yes, there IS a God. The latest person to test positive for COVID-19, despite being fully vaccinated and doubleboosted, is -- drum roll, please - Dr. Anthony Fauci.



--In a blow to the progressive prosecutors movement, voters in San Francisco on June 7 indicated by a 60-40 vote they had had enough violent crime in the city during the past two years. They recalled District Attorney Chesa Boudin, who sent nonviolent drug offenders to treatment instead of jail, spared juveniles from being prosecuted as adults, and scrutinized police "misconduct." Burglaries had risen 45 percent and homicides increased 37 percent during Boudin's time in office. To quote the phrase made famous on Donald Trump's old "The Apprentice" show on TV: "You're fired!"

Meanwhile, in Los Angeles, the campaign to recall District Attorney George Gascon, another progressive DA, needs to collect 67,000 more signatures over the next month to qualify placing his recall effort on the ballot. Recall campaign spokesperson Tim Lineberger said the news out of the Bay Area would embolden volunteers, and Gascon and Boudin's failed social experiments "have destroyed communities while doing nothing to meaningfully reform the system. If L.A. County voters sign and return their recall petitions, Gascon will be walking the same plank in the near future."

--The Virginia-based website patriotpolitical.com reports that in covering the Democrats' January 6 Pelosi committee hearing, the "New York Times" slipped up and admitted that when polls show voters' attention is focused elsewhere, the Continued On Page 2 Addressing government officials and supporters at a news conference in The Villages on June 2, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis signed the Florida State budget for fiscal year 2022-2023, which begins this July 1.



The budget – which is 8 percent larger than the current one – totals \$109.9 billion, which allows for \$1.24 billion in tax relief to Florida families and sets aside \$16 billion in state reserves.

"Our state budget continues our commitment to allocating historic funding for education, infrastructure, public health, public safety, and our environment," DeSantis said, adding that "Florida has preserved freedom and kept the economy open, which has enabled the state to outperform the nation in jobs,

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hearing will give Democrats "a platform for making a broader case about why they deserve to stay in power," and to try to convince voters that "Republicans are dangerous, and also to stop Trump from running for President again in 2024."

--Double Standards Rule. After former **Trump** Administration Assistant to the President Peter Navarro was arrested by the FBI, handcuffed, leg shackled, strip searched and jailed for the "Contempt of Congress" crime of failing to comply with the January 6 Committee's witch hunt subpoena, former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee wondered why, during the Obama administration, Attorney General Eric Holder - who had the same "Contempt of Congress" charges brought against him for failing to respond to a Congressional subpoena of documents relating to Operation Fast and Furious Gun Trafficking events - wasn't treated the same way. Nothing happened in his case, Huckabee said, adding that "Republicans have got to stand up for "Constitutional standards." -()-

--More than 5,000 special needs athletes participated in the Special Olympics USA Olympic Games in Orlando, Florida, June 5-12 — after Special Olympics International (SOI) dropped its requirement that they needed to show proof of COVID-19 vaccinations in order to compete. Florida Governor Ron DeSantis had threatened to slap SOI with \$27.5 million in fines for violating the state's anti-mandate law. "Your rights or your freedom should not be circumscribed by your decision to take or not take the vaccine," DeSantis said at news conference. "You should be able to go to a movie theater, you should be able to go to a restaurant and be able to do what you want to do, without having to produce medical papers, and certainly without being excluded from participating in society."

--When it comes to cycling, weightlifting, volleyball, swimming, and track and field, a growing number of female athletes are voicing their concerns about letting biological males compete in women's events. In the last 19 years, according to washingtonstand.com, there have been at least 28 separate girls' and women's sports titles that have been won by or included biological male athletes who identify as transgender.

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--After the restaurant chain Pizza Hut recommended a book about a child drag queen in its BOOK IT reading program for children – calling for exploring the "uniqueness" of every person and celebrating "individuality," the backlash began. Foundation for Liberty and American Greatness President Nick Adams slammed the betrayal and asked "every single American" to boycott "woke pizza." Syndicated talk show host Joe "Pags" Pagliarulo asked whether the company is "looking to lose millions of customers." And ACT! For America Founder and Chair Brigitte Gabriel called on making "full woke" Pizza Hut "full broke."

--After college, I was proud to serve in the U.S. Army, and over the years looked forward to veteran celebrations. But times have changed, and I shake my head at today's military leadership: welcoming HIV-positive individuals to serve; discharging the COVID unvaccinated; pushing LGBTQ propaganda, etc. and etc. What is this world coming to?

More Two Cents next month.

growth, and business formations. Our commitment to freedom has paid off. Our responsible fiscal policies have put the state in a strong position to make the record investments needed to support growth and opportunity in spite of the reckless fiscal and monetary policies of the Biden administration."

The legislation prioritizes the freedoms of Floridians to live, work, and have successful businesses in the state. Florida has record levels of reserves while continuing to make historic investments in education, infrastructure, and other programs.

But utilizing his authorized "veto pen," DeSantis eliminated \$3.1 billion in spending on "pet projects" that state legislators had added to the bill when it passed in March at the end of their initial session.

Among the vetoed measures were a \$1 billion proposed reserve account intended to help state agencies meet rising costs for services; \$850 million for new prison and hospital construction projects; dozens of hometown water and sewer projects, renovations for city halls, court houses and police and fire stations; construction of the University of South Florida's Environmental and Oceanographic Sciences Research and Teaching Facility; aid to local governments; purchase of two new state aircraft; funds for university scholarships; building deficiencies at public broadcasting stations; and a new spring training facility for the Tampa Bay Rays baseball team.

Another veto was for the construction and funding of a Moffitt health center in Pasco County, which DeSantis said he did not support because it would "tie the state to a long-term, 30 year-commitment that inhibits budget flexibility. Instead, he said, Moffitt and two other hospitals will be receiving an additional \$37 million in cancer funding.

With his vetoes, DeSantis said his message was clear: "We're making sure we're protecting your money." But he did endorse most of the State Legislators' spending measures, including across-the-board pay raises for state employees and school teachers, sales tax holidays for back-to-school purchases and hurricane preparation, federal coronavirus aid from Congress that will be used for a gas-tax break.

In addition to the budget bill, DeSantis signed a number of other measures through the current month, covering such topics as IRAs, property rights and insurance, building safety, the Florida Gaming Control Commission, aircraft, the electronic filing of taxes, the Office of the Judges of Compensation Claims, information technology, health, motor vehicle title fees,

collective bargaining, the state-administered retirement systems, the state group insurance program, the inflation fund, the trust fund, the Capitol complex, the Judicial Branch, Soil and Water Conservation Districts, specialty licenses plates, and immigration enforcement.

And on the same day that Democrats began pushing for a special session on gun violence, he signed a bill adding to the state's long list of school safety reforms enacted since the Valentine's Day mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. The bipartisan-supported measure adopts a number of additional recommendations by the task force created in the wake of the shooting deaths of 17 students and faculty at the Parkland high school on February 14, 2018. The new bill will improve safety in Florida schools as well as improve student mental health programs. It extends through 2026 the Parkland school's Public Safety Commission, requiring all safe school officers to complete crisis intervention and training to improve knowledge and skills for response and de-escalate incidents on school premises, and requiring that school districts annually certify that at least 80 percent of school personnel received mandatory youth mental health awareness training.

Other bills the Governor signed in June covered the Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development Council; time limitations for juvenile detention cases; the Florida Gaming Control Commission; pro-consumer measures to help alleviate rising insurance costs and crack down on frivolous lawsuits; grants through the My Safe Florida Home Program to provide homeowners with relief for hurricane retrofitting; increasing the safety of condominiums; increasing transparency by requiring all structural inspections reports and reserve studies be part of an association's official record; establishing a felony for touching a 16- or 17-year old in a lascivious way; a measure to increase access to higher education and employment for military veterans; and a push to re-establish the Florida State Guard to help respond to natural disasters.

The property insurance costs in Florida that were the subject of a second special session of the State Legislature resulted in three days of meetings that led to bills signed by Governor DeSantis that included measures related to reinsurance, roof solicitation, roof underwriting, bad faith, attorneys' fees, insurer regulation and transparency, and building safety codes.



LET ME BE FRANK By Space Coast Tusk Designer Frank Montelione

You're traveling through another dimension – one not only of sight and sound but of mind. It's a journey into a wondrous land whose boundaries are that

of imagination. That's a signpost up ahead: your next stop: the Biden Zone!

For those who are familiar with the Twilight Zone, you recognize the introduction. Or more recently, the Netflix' series, "Stranger Things," where the premise is that we are in

the "Upside Down" fighting Vecna, who has been named as one of the greatest villains in Dungeons & Dragons.

Inflation, gas prices at all-time highs, shortage of baby formula, open borders, death threats against sitting Supreme Court Justices, leaked drafts of Supreme Court decisions, crime out of control, the 2020 summer of riots, and what is this administration focusing on — Donald Trump and the January 6 riots.

Make no mistake about the January 6 hearings. It is not about the mob, it's about what part Donald Trump had to do with it. This is a Committee where the Republicans chosen by the Minority Leader, Kevin McCarthy, were not allowed to sit.



Instead, the defenders of this Committee point to the two "Republicans" (read that as RINOs) that are seated – Liz Chaney, an avowed Trump hater, and Adam Kinzinger. The Speaker touts a "bi-partisan committee" with 7 Democrats and 2 Republicans who have been critical of President Trump and voted to impeach him. Hardly bipartisan in any way, shape or form.

What you don't see is that the basic methods of hearings are not being followed here. There was no rebuttal witness allowed. There was no evidence allowed to refute any of the Committee's charges. There is only a guilty until proven innocent mentality on the sham Committee.

Lost in all this is the fact that at least 543 defendants have been charged and more than 200 have been indicted by Grand Juries plus 300 who have pleaded guilty to charges relating to the January 6 "insurrection." Questions about what Nancy Pelosi knew, why the Capitol Police were not prepared given that information was transmitted about the possibility of the events was known in advance, why wasn't the National Guard deployed even when it was offered, will all go unanswered.

Americans notoriously suffer from "short term memory disorder." Fatigue is a major factor in this. So how do you keep their interest in these hearings? Hire a professional TV Executive to build an event that might bring attention back to January 6. So enter James Goldston, former president of ABC News. He was to frame the public hearings as a blockbuster investigative special. I don't know how much he was paid, but he failed miserably.

As reported in" The Federalist," CBS, NBC, and ABC, which switched their regular prime-time programming to air the House Select Committee on January 6's first public hearing,

saw huge ratings decline, according to Nielsen figures. ABC, whose fall schedule normally includes Grey's Anatomy at 8 p.m., took in the largest haul of viewers with 4.8 million, while NBC and CBS carried 3.5 million and 3.3 million, respectively.

What is the true goal of the hearings? Mark this as evidence – a candidate for Governor in Michigan, Ryan Kelly, was arrested and charged with 4 misdemeanor counts for simply being present on the Capitol steps on January 6. Now add to the evidence the call for stacking the Supreme Court by increasing the number of Justices on the Court. There is evidence that some Democrats would do away with the Electoral College. And the obvious attempt of possible criminal indictments against Donald Trump and keeping him from ever running for public office again.

A note on the Electoral College. The Founding Fathers compromised on the election to National Office as to whether the Congress should elect the President and Vice President and the popular election of said offices. They feared that low population states would not have a voice in these elections and were concerned about the possibility of "mob rule." Over the years, at least 700 attempts were made to either alter the College or do away with it. Recently there have been two elections where the candidate who won the popular vote and lost the Electoral College. Both saw Republicans succeed. The list of Democrats who have called for the abolishment grows by the year. The list includes Hilary Clinton, Elizabeth Warren, Pete Buttigieg, Cory Booker, Kirsten Gillibrand, and Bernie Sanders.

Imagine that without the Electoral College, we would be subject to being led by a government chosen by only the most populist of states, such as California, New York and Colorado. Add to that list Connecticut and Massachusetts plus cities like Chicago. That is a frightening vision.

As for the subject at hand, the January 6 Committee, if we had abolished the Electoral College, Donald Trump would never have been president. Their remedy? The Popular Vote, where we would perpetually be ruled by Democrats selected by the popular vote of a few Blue States.

The hearings are a colossal waste of taxpayer money. Rather than holding public hearings about things that directly impact us every day, such as inflation and gas prices, the Democratled Congress focuses on an event almost a year-and-a-half old – an "insurrection" that changed nothing. America is behind the rest of the world, not because of the January 6 events, but because of the failures of the Biden Administration. How about public hearings on the failures of our current leadership to safeguard the American way of life?

I opened with Rod Serling and the Twilight Zone. I'll end with this: At the end of an episode entitled "I Am The Night," he said: "A sickness known as hate. Not a virus, not a microbe, not a germ – but a sickness nonetheless, highly contagious, deadly in its effects. Don't look for it in the Twilight Zone – look for it in a mirror. Look for it before the light goes out altogether." Prophetic words we need to take heed of.



THE BREC CORNER By Chairman Rick Lacey

Great News! Our Brevard Republican Executive Committee continues to grow at record numbers. With 19 new members sworn-in on June 8, we are getting close

to having 300 members.

More great news! Thanks to our Sharon Rose and her voter registration team, we are close to having 62,000 more registered Republicans than Democrats in Brevard County.

At the encouragement of the Republican Party of Florida (RPOF), our Committee overwhelmingly voted to endorse 3 Conservative candidates for the Brevard School Board. By more than a 2/3 vote, we endorsed **Megan Wright** (in District 1), **Gene Trent** (in District 2) and **Katye Campbell** (in District 3). Please help us elect this excellent team and restore conservative, common sense leadership to our School Board!

In addition, we voted in favor of the resolution that **Alan Ross** presented, and **Richard Nink** seconded, supporting increased measures to insure election integrity.



Remember to invite your friends and neighbors to our 2022 BREC BBQ and Straw Poll this Saturday, June 25th at the Melbourne Auditorium.

Finally, Congratulations to **Henry Pareja**, selected as

Committeeman of the Month for June, and to **Joanne Young**, as Committeewoman of the Month.



RENDEZVOUS WITH REPUBLICAN WOMEN By BFRW President Jill Gentis

The Brevard Federated Republican Women, at their

June 1 meeting, held another "Candidates Day" forum featuring the School Board candidates running in the non-partisan August 23 primary. Participating in the forum were: Megan Wright, District 1; Courtney Lewis, Shawn Overdorf and Gene Trent, all in contention for the seat in District 2; and Katye Campbell, a current School Board member and candidate for re-election in District 5.

BFRW member **Peggy Duffy** presented six relevant questions, and each candidate in turn had two minutes to respond. The questions were: 1) What makes you the best candidate for School Board? 2) How do feel about raising property taxes to provide raises for School teachers and staff? 3) Can you identify two wasteful spending items that should be immediately cut? 4) What would you do to remove CRT curriculum from our schools? 5) As a School Board member, how will you ensure that parent's rights are protected and

recent changes in the law are implemented at the classroom level and that compliance is verified including instruction? 6) If you do not win a seat on School Board, will you support the candidate who does for the sake of the children? Each of the candidates articulated an informative response designed to help attendees determine which were the better possible

candidates to be chosen on August 23. We also had the opportunity to hear Robyn Hattaway, a Republican candidate for Florida House District 30, speak



about her platform.

In Florida, June is now the "Month of the Father." We were very honored to have State Representative Thad Altman, the committee chair that developed the bill, speak about HB 7065. This HB will provide nearly \$70 million in grants to assist fathers to find a job, to transition from being in jail and to get parenting

education. In Florida and across the country, one in four children have no father, stepfather, or adoptive father in their house. The lack of fatherly guidance is the root cause for many of the state's problems. "From poverty to crime to incarceration, just about every negative outcome that we see that faces boys here and across the country can be linked back to an absent father in the home" said House Speaker Chris Sprowls.

In what has become an annual BFRW tradition, everyone posed for a birthday video and signed birthday cards to be forwarded to President Donald Trump in time for his birthday on June 14. This is also our national Flag Day. What a coincidence!

The next BFRW Luncheon Meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 6 at the Space Coast Convention Center. We will sponsor another "Candidates Day," which will be an opportunity for the Brevard County Commission candidates to talk about their positions on the most pressing issues in the county. We will also be honoring the recipients of our Annual Scholarships for graduating High School scholars. Reservations can be made by calling us at 24-hour reservation line at 321-727-1212 or be purchased on-line at www.brevardfederatedrepublicanwomen.org.

AUDACITY AND IDIOCY

Here are June's "winners":

--House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, for appearing on the "RuPaul's Drag Race All Stars 7" television program and heaping high praise on the

contestants – who gushed with adoration for her speaking of "the joy and beauty drag queens bring to the world." Pelosi added, "It is my honor to be here, to say to all of you how proud we all are of you. Your freedom of expression of yourselves in drag is what America is all about. I say that all the time to my friends in drag." Does that include any of her fellow representatives?

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--Stefany Guido, the librarian at Sterling Middle School in Loudon County, Virginia, for defending making the book "Seeing Gender" available for students. One chapter in the book, "Sex Work is Not a Bad Term," says that "prostitution is a job like being a store clerk, an architect or a freelance writer." One appalled teacher told police that the librarian "started talking about how there's kids who come to the library who do sex work, and this makes them feel validated." These are middle school students, and the investigation continues.

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-- The University of Florida School Library, for naming one of their study rooms after Karl Marx, the father of Communism, honoring him as a "philosopher, radical economist, and revolutionary critic." Fortunately, the Leadership Institute's Campus Reform was on the scene, even in great conservative states like Florida, to fight the radical Left's rampant run on campuses, and citizen outrage generated so much pressure that the school backed off and removed Marx's name from the study room.

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-- The unnamed forewoman of the jury that found former Hillary Clinton campaign lawyer Michael Sussmann not guilty of lying to the FBI, for telling the media at the conclusion of the trial that she believed the case "was essentially a waste of time," and should not have been prosecuted. "There are bigger things that affect the nation than a possible lie to the FBI," she added. Confusingly, the forewoman also claimed the government "succeeded in some ways and not in others" in proving its case, although she did not elaborate on what she meant, and it is unclear how the government could have both succeeded and failed to do so in this case. It was also determined that three of the jurors in the Washington, D.C. trial were financial Clinton supporters, and one has a daughter who played on the same school sports team as Sussmann's daughter.

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--Officials of Granada Hills Charter High School in Los Angeles, California, for not only barring students not vaccinated against the coronavirus from attending class on campus, but those who were seniors were blocked from the senior prom, senior awards day, and other school events. Then, at the time of graduation, the 70 unvaccinated seniors – out of a graduating class of about 1,100 – were banned from walking in their outside graduation ceremony. And the school officials didn't even care that eight of these students are not vaccinated because they have special needs and the vaccines pose specific dangers to them.

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--Officials at Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan, for wrongfully evicting from campus housing student Inara Ramazanova, forcing her to spend her final semester at home, for the "crime" of sharing information on social media about request a COVID-19 vaccine

accommodation. The university accused her of "conspiracy or collusion" under its code of conduct, and placed a disciplinary record in her student file, which could potentially affect her future academic or professional pursuits. First Liberty Institute, which is representing her, told the school in a demand letter that it violated her rights under the First Amendment, which protects free speech and religious exercise, and under the federal Fair Housing Act, which prohibits both religious discrimination in housing, and taking actions against a person for aiding others in having their religious rights in housing respected.

--Former 911 dispatcher Sheila Ayers has been fired for failing to assist an employee of the Tops Friendly Market in Buffalo, New York, who whispered a frantic call for help during a mass fatal shooting there last month. Even though the employee said, "He's still in the store, he's still shooting! I'm scared for my life, please send help," Ayers asked in a nasty tone, "Why are you whispering, you don't have to whisper," and then hung up the phone. Following an investigation, Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz said local dispatchers are trained to treat whispering callers as if they are in immediate danger, and "The 911 operator was inappropriate." -()-

--Caroline Pennington, the CEO of GROWL, an animal rescue organization, was arrested after police searched her Richland County, South Carolina, home and uncovered 30 dead animals left alone in cages for months. A neighbor told authorities there was a "smell of death" coming from her home, and Sheriff Leon Lott called the situation appalling and heartbreaking, saying Pennington "betrayed the trust of [the] innocent animals [that] relied on her."

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--Police in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho – based on a telephone tip -- for arresting a large group of right-wing men and charging them with suspicion of "wanting to riot" at a gay pride event, even though nothing was actually carried out, and though nationwide, police frequently allow left-wing extremists to get away with actual rioting.

--Palestinian Authority TV, for creating special television quizzes in which contestants were given the equivalent of \$28 in Jordanian currency if they gave the "correct" answer to questions as "Palestine" instead of "Israel," because they say that "Israel does not exist." Questions covered such topics as the borders of the country involved, the highest mountain in the country, the size of the country, and its four seas.

YOU CAN'T MAKE THIS UP

--As a massive caravan of 15,000 COVIDinfested illegal aliens headed through Mexico to our southern border – with no requirement



to get vaxed before entering our country – the White House occupant announced his plan to "keep America safe" - before

the caravan arrived, to fire 4,000 of the U.S. Border Patrol's 21,000 agents because they elected not to get vaccinated.

--While Speaker Nancy Pelosi's House Committee keeps investigating the January 6, 2021 riot at the U.S. Capitol, a former top adviser to that committee - former Virginia Congressman Denver Riggleman – said there was "no direct evidence" indicating it was a premeditated attack, and there was "no smoking gun" indicating that former President Trump planned for the Capitol to be overrun by supporters. Riggleman added, "That probably was going to be very difficult to even find based on the limited authorities of Congress as far as getting data and things like that." Yet the committee continues to spend tax-payer funds on their effort.

-- To mark the beginning of "LGBTQ Pride Month" on June 1, Speaker Nancy Pelosi decided to issued a statement accusing Republicans of "targeting trans children" and "bullving LGBTO students." She said that "As right-wing forces attempt to silence LGBTQ voices and threaten to wind back hard-won progress, the struggle against hate remains as urgent as ever. And on our nation's highest court, a Republican-appointed majority is poised to severely weaken the right to privacy, which poses a direct threat to marriage equality." Pelosi added, "Democrats have long been proud to march and fight alongside tireless LGBTQ advocates, whether combating the HIV/AIDS crisis, repealing 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' or enacting landmark hate crime legislation."

-- Despite taking an oath of office to protect the law and punish those who break it, Virginia prosecutor Steve Descano – a radical financially supported by left-wing extremist and billionaire George Soros - said he will "never prosecute a woman" for aborting a child. While the job of a prosecutor is to protect the law and punish those who break it, apparently that duty doesn't apply when the law is broken to kill an innocent child. Republican Virginia Governor Glenn Youngkin is "staunchly, unabashedly" against abortion, and if the state decides to criminalize it following the potential overturning of Roe V. Wade, Descano said he has no plans to actually do his job.

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-- In Norway, after Christina Ellingsen, a representative of the feminist organization Women's Declaration International (WDI), criticized a trans activist group for teaching children that males can be lesbians, she is being interrogated by police for hate speech, and if charged and convicted, could go to prison for three years. WDI contends that "A man posing as a woman cannot be a lesbian, and a woman is an adult human female. It is physically impossible to change sex. Gender identity refers to a person's subjective convictions, and to persecute women for refusing to accept subjective convictions they do not agree to, is a human rights violation."

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-- Texas Democrat State Representative Terry Meza has introduced a bill to repeal the Lone Star State's "Castle Doctrine," which allows a homeowner to use deadly force against an armed intruder who breaks into his home. "I'm not saying that stealing is okay," Meza explained. "All I'm saying is that it doesn't warrant a death penalty. Thieves only carry weapons for self-protection and to provide the householder an incentive to cooperate. They just want to get their loot and get away. When the resident tries to resist is when people get hurt. If only one side is armed fewer people will be killed." If her crazy law would actually pass, a homeowner's obligation is to flee at the first sign of intrusion, but if that is not possible, must cooperate with the intruder, and if violence breaks out, it is the homeowner's responsibility to make sure no one gets hurt. The best way to achieve this is to use the minimum nonlethal force possible because intruders will be able to sue for any injuries they receive at the hands of the homeowner." She actually added, "In most instances, the thief needs the money more than the homeowner does. On balance, the transfer of property is likely to lead to a more equitable distribution of wealth. If my bill can help, make this transfer a peaceful one, so much the better." Karl Marx? How about the Marx Brothers?

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--It is bad enough that New York's unelected liberal Democrat Governor Kathy Hochul not only ignored destructive violence at a pro-life Christian pregnancy center in Buffalo and instead earmarked \$35 million in taxpayer funds to increase security at abortion clinics, but the Leftist New York State Legislature went a step further — passing a bill to investigate pro-life pregnancy centers for the absurd reason they do NOT perform abortions.

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--Contending that the ideology behind them is "not consistent with the church's social and moral teachings," Bishop Robert McManus of Worcester, Massachusetts, issued a formal decree that the Nativity School of Worcester can no longer call itself Catholic while flying the Black Lives Matter and rainbow LGBTQ pride flags. He said the flying of these flags in front of the private middle school "sends a mixed, confusing and scandalous message to the public about the Church's stance on these important moral and social issues." Opposing the decision, school officials said they would appeal it "through the appropriate channels provided by the Church in circumstances like this."

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--After teenager Sami Sheen posted a photo of herself in a string bikini to followers on adult websites with the caption "Click on the link in my bio if u wanna see more," her mother, actress and reality TV star Denise Richards defended her daughter's actions and mused that perhaps she should get herself an account, too.

THIS AND THAT

ERROR CORRECTIONS. No thanks to an errant spellcheck program, there was an error in the May issue lead

item on a deadly new drug, in which the word "nitazenes" was changed to "citizens," which made no sense but was not caught. We also did not catch three words in the newsletter that were originally misspelled: fentanyl and Watchdog in the same article, and Tucker Carlson (using Carleson instead) in the last item in the You Can't Make This Up section.

FLORIDA REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL **DEBATES**. With 21 candidates qualified for the Republican Primary Ballot on August 23 for open seats in Florida's 4th, 7th, 13th, and 15th Congressional Districts, the Republican Party of Florida will host several debates. Television host Mark Levin will moderate the first two on July 23 at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Hollywood, Florida. To participate, a candidate must poll at five percent or greater in a poll to be conducted on July 13 or alternatively, raised and publically reported at least \$100,000 in campaign contributions by that date. Florida Governor Ron DeSantis said the debates will be a good opportunity for "credible" candidates in those primary races to make their case to Republican voters.



U.S. SUPREME COURT. In a June 13 announcement by the U.S. Supreme Court, the Justices ruled 9-0 against immigrants who are seeking their release from long periods of detention while they fight deportation orders, and 6-3 that the immigrants have no right under federal

law to band together to argue for their freedom.... In another 6-3 ruling, the Court determined a criminal defendant's double-jeopardy claim was rejected. He had been prosecuted first in a Court of Indian Offenses and then later in federal court... On June 8, the Court ruled 6-3 to reject a lawsuit against a Border Patrol agent who confronted a man complaining about the use of excessive force....On June 6, the Court affirmed 7-2 that the Medicaid Act permits a state to seek reimbursement from settlement payments allocated for future medical care; affirmed 8-0 that Congressional enactment of a significant fee increase that exempted debtors in two states violated the uniformity requirement of the bankruptcy clause; and by a 9-0 ruling it reversed and remanded the death sentence of a Texas inmate, rejecting his arguments that Texas state courts had failed to determine whether he had received ineffective assistance of counsel at his trial and sentencing. He had been charged with capital murder during an attempted carjacking while under the influence of PCP-laced marijuana.

RINOS AND THE SECOND AMENDMENT. Republicans In Name Only? Reprobates Involving Nefarious Operations? Which is it really? The Democrats got their opportunity in Congress to whittle away the Second Amendment when 11 RINOS in the Senate agreed to support gun control legislation – to institute red flag laws and invest in mental health and school security in hopes of preventing future gun violence. Once 10 RINOS join all 50 Dems, any bill will automatically have the 60-vote threshold needed for passage. And they will not care that the Supreme Court has already declared red flag

laws to be unconstitutional, since authorities confiscate weapons even if a crime has not been committed. Texas Senator John Cornyn – who falsely claims to support the Second Amendment – led the effort to hash out an agreement with anti-gunners on the other side on restricting the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding American citizens. The other RINO Senators - Fox News' Tucker Carlson calls them "pompous buffoons" – are Minority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, Thom Tillis of North Carolina, Susan Collins of Maine, Bill Cassidy of Louisiana, Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, Pat Toomey of Pennsylvania, Roy Blunt of Missouri, Richard Burr of North Carolina, Rob Portman of Ohio, and Willard "Mittens" Romney of Utah. Five of them will avoid the wrath of their constituents, having already announced their retirement. The others, who haven't, should be primaried the next time they run. The Patriot Pulse website points out that the RINOs supporting this legislation "are waving the white flag on a fundamental issue to their voters, and Joe Biden is more than happy to sign this gun grab into law."



COVID VACCINES FOR BABIES AND TODDLERS. Florida Congressman Bill Posey joined a group of his colleagues in the House and Senate in signing a letter to the Food and Drug Administration calling for answers regarding Emergency Use Authorization approval for use of the COVID-19 vaccines in children ages five and under. The legislators want to

know why the FDA has lowered the efficacy bar for youngest children, how many lives are estimated to be saved in this age group over the next year, how will the FDA evaluate potential tradeoffs of serious vaccine injuries versus serious COVID outcomes, how many healthy children in this age group without pre-existing medical conditions have died or been hospitalized from COVID or its variants, and why has the FDA been so slow to release the hundreds of thousands of pages of data from pre-approval manufacturer studies and post-approval adverse events data. Posey said he is "concerned that in a rush to mandate a one-size-fits-all policy, the FDA is failing to consider that this age group is least at risk for complications from COVID and that the CDC estimates 68 percent of those under five have already had COVID." He added that "If we don't receive answers, it is right to assume they haven't asked basic benefit and risk questions about using this vaccine for millions of children who are at very little risk from COVID."



Determining that California's gender quota law for corporate boards is unconstitutional, a California court ruled last month in favor of a Judicial

Watch filing in the case of Robin Crest et al. v. Alex Padilla. The challenge was to a 2018 law known as Senate Bill 826, which required every publicly held corporation headquartered in California to have at least one director "who self-identifies

her gender as a woman" on its board of directors. The law also required corporations to have up to three such persons on their board, depending on the size of the board. Judicial Watch had argued that the quota for women on corporate boards violates of Equal Protection Clause the Constitution...and California Superior Court Judge Maureen Duffy-Lewis agreed. The Court found that "putting more women on boards demonstrated that the Legislature's actual gender-balancing, discrimination." Judicial Watch is a Washington, D.C.-based organization that files Freedom of Information Act lawsuits to investigate government misconduct.



Campus Reform, which is part of the Virginia-based Leadership Institute, reports that a private school in St. Augustine, Florida – Flagler College – is creating the Institute for Classical Education, to teach "quantitative reasoning, writing, and historical

literacy," and the \$5 million funding for it comes from the Freedom First Budget, which **Florida Governor Ron DeSantis** signed on June 2. As expected, Leftist academics are opposed to the move, calling it "the use of taxpayer dollars to implant conservative ideology in public institutions." A better way to look at it is that the program is committed to helping students think for themselves.... On June 1, during LI's Wake Up Club Breakfast, **Mark Mix**, president of the

National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation (NRTWLDF), gave attendees an overview of 20th century actions in the labor movement. Mix said that during the Franklin Roosevelt administration first term, the National Industrial Recovery Act passed Congress, but the U.S. Supreme Court found it to be unconstitutional. Union



power existed in the United States from 1935 to 1945, he said, but during the next year, five million workers went on strike. The landmark Wagner Act (introduced by New York Senator Robert Wagner) was passed in 1935 as the National Labor Relation Act, and it obligated employers to bargain collectively with unions selected by a majority of employees. But that was followed, Mix said, by the Labor Management Relations Act of 1947, better known as the Taft-Hartley Act, which is a federal law that restricts the activities and power of labor unions. Since then, he added, Right to Work Laws have been established in 27 states. "Right to Work," Mix said, is an important part of the dialogue. In 1955, he said, the National Right to Work Committee was formed, and today it is a coalition of 2.5 million workers and concerned Americans fighting to break the chains of forced unionism. The NRTWLDF, Mix said, provides legal assistance against forced union activities. That support was given to Mark Janus, a State of Illinois employee who disagreed with statements his union was making with his dues, and he wanted his money back. The case went all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court, which ruled 5-4 in 2018 that the application of public sector union fees for non-members to cover the cost of non-political union activities is a violation of the First Amendment right to free speech. Mix said that "freedom works when there are jobs and opportunities for all." For more information, visit the website: www.nrtw.org.



After more than two decades as the premier defender of free speech, due process, and academic freedom in higher education, the Foundation for Individual Rights in

Education (FIRE) is expanding its free speech mission beyond campus and is now the Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression. The \$75 million expansion initiative will focus on three main areas of programming: litigation, public education, and research. **Greg Lukianoff**, FIRE's President and CEO,

said, "America needs a new nonpartisan defender of free speech that will advocate unapologetically for this fundamental human right in both the court of law and the court of public opinion. FIRE has a proven track record of defeating censorship on campus. We are excited to now bring that same tireless advocacy to fighting censorship



off campus." Its new campaign, Faces of Free Speech, will last throughout the remainder of 2022, reaching Americans through national cable television, digital, and billboard advertising. It will be seeking off-campus free speech legal case submissions, and Americans who believe their free speech rights were violated can submit a case at thefire.org/alarm. It also will be hiring additional staff in support of our current and expanded mission. FIRE currently has 15 open positions. Principled free speech advocates can apply at thefire.org/jobs. Lukianoff added that "Our defense of freedom of speech and inquiry on campus will remain central to what we do and will grow in the coming years, but we have come to realize that defending the First Amendment and a culture of free speech off-campus is essential to protecting those values on-campus, just as much as fighting for those values on-campus is essential for preserving them off-campus. We need to remind older Americans that freedom of speech is still a value worth fighting for, and we need to teach younger Americans that everything from scientific progress to artistic expression, to social justice, peace, and living authentic lives requires the staunch protection of freedom of speech for all."



It was a victory for freelance writers and the Institute for Justice on June 9 when the Virginia Supreme Court ruled that the city of Charlottesville cannot tax

these writers like businesses. Novelist and nonfiction writer **Corban Addison**, who lives in the city, was forced to pay thousands of dollars in unpaid business license taxes, and with IJ, sued the city, arguing that these taxes cover infrastructure and other costs of bricks-and-mortar business, but makes no

sense for freelance writers. Charlotteville's code doesn't even include authors on its list of taxable occupations. There was victory first in state court, but that was appealed. Now, thanks to the High Court, Corban will receive a refund for the taxes he never should have been made to pay. **IJ President Scott Bullock** called the free speech victory "a win for writers, other freelance creatives, and taxpayers across Virginia."



Issuing a report on "12 People Canceled by the Left After Expressing Conservative Views," the Heritage Foundation said cancel culture runs rampant in today's America. A 10-year-old tweet that mysteriously "resurfaces," a past campaign donation, or even the slightest critique

of any of the left's sacred tenets seems to be enough to draw the attention of an angry mob – or even get someone fired. With more and more people being "canceled" by the Left, it's important to remember those folks who've lost their livelihoods to cancel culture. Here are the 12 victims of cancel culture who were targeted for voicing a conservative view: 1) John Gibson, the former president of American gaming studio Tripwire Interactive, became a victim of the petulant mob when he lost his job for tweeting in support of Texas' new pro-life legislation. 2) Nathan Silvester was a police officer working in Bellevue, Idaho, who was fired after he posted a TikTok mocking NBA star LeBron James for his statements following the death of Ma'Khia Bryant, a 16-year-old black girl, who was fatally shot by a white police officer in southeast Columbus, Ohio. 3) Scott Cawthon was the creator of the hugely successful "Five Nights at Freddy's" video game series who was canceled in June after fans decided to search Open Secrets, a website that lists political donations, for information regarding campaign contributions. 4) David Flynn, the popular head football coach at Dedham High School in Dedham, Massachusetts, lost his job after sending an email to school officials expressing concern that his daughter's world geography and history classes contained curriculum and materials that were unrelated to the topics and were inherently political. 5) Gina Carano was fired from her leading role on Disney and Lucasfilm's "The Mandalorian" after the actress posted a story on her Instagram comparing the current political climate to Nazi Germany. 6) Kieran Bhattacharva was a student at the University of Virginia School of Medicine who was banned from campus after he questioned a speaker's definition of microaggressions during a panel discussion. 7) Ryan Anderson is the author of the bestselling book "When Harry Became Sally," which details the rise in transgender and LGBT ideology in the U.S. that was removed from Amazon's digital marketplace after the company claimed it framed "LGBTO+ identity as a mental illness." 8) Kate Hartson was the editorial director of the Center Street imprint, a conservative publishing entity under the larger Hachette Book Group umbrella. She was known for buying the rights to publish books by controversial figures associated with former president Donald Trump, including his son Donald Trump Jr. and Corey Lewandowski. 9) Austin Tong was a student at Fordham University in New York who came under fire for a series of social media posts he made that went against leftist orthodoxy, as reported by the Fordham Observer. 10) Peter Vlaming was a French teacher at West Point High School in Virginia who was fired for not using a transgender student's preferred pronouns. 11) Timothy Gordon was a teacher at Garces Memorial High School, a private, Catholic school in Bakersfield, California, who was fired from his job after he made comments critical of the Black Lives Matter movement, specifically calling it a terrorist organization. 12) Adrianna San Marco was a student at Syracuse University in New York who lost her job writing for her local newspaper after she wrote an op-ed piece for another conservative outlet denying the existence of institutional racism and that police unfairly targeted black people, as reported by Fox News.

A SCAM TO BEWARE. 18th Judicial Circuit State

Attorney Phil Archer, in his June Monthly Brief, warns people to beware "summer slim down scams." With warm weather approaching, Archer writes, many Americans are eager to slim down, and scammers, as always, are attempting to make the biggest loss in our wallets. He points out that according to the Federal



Trade Commission, bogus diet products and programs accounted for nearly 30 percent of all complaints in the category of health care scams. He writes: "Some scammers create websites that look like legitimate magazines and news outlets but fill them with phony articles claiming celebrities have achieved amazing results from various diet pills or herbal supplements. Others utilize social media, posting bogus stories or quietly paying 'influencers' to promote unproven products. Watch out for 'Free Trial Offers' with hidden charges, costly subscription plans, and money-back guarantees that the FTC warns will be almost impossible to collect. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has discovered that numerous weight-loss products contain drugs such as sibutramine, that was taken off the market because it can significantly increase blood pressure and raise the risk of heart attack and stroke. Even those marketed as 'natural' or 'herbal' can contain ingredients that are toxic in large doses."

SEVEN EXAMPLES OF LOGIC AND COMMON SENSE. These are shared by a reader: 1) Eleven teens die each day because of texting while driving. Maybe it's time to raise the age of Smartphone ownership to 21. 2) If gun control laws actually worked, Chicago, Los Angeles and New York would be Mayberry, USA. 3) The Second Amendment makes more women equal than the entire feminist movement. 4) Legal gun owners have about 300 million guns and probably 2 trillion rounds of ammo. Seriously, if we were the problem, you'd know it. 5) When JFK was killed, nobody blamed the rifle. 6) The National Rifle Association murders 0 people and receives (\$0) nothing in government funds. Planned Parenthood kills 350,000 babies every year and receives \$500,000,000 in tax dollars annually. 7) There is no problem with vigorous background checks when it comes to firearms. While we're at it, let's do the same when it comes to immigration, Voter ID, and candidates running for office.



RPOF VICTORY TEAM
Caron McCullough, the
Community Ambassador for
Florida Freedom Keepers in
Brevard County, is now
helping to organize volunteers

for the Republican Party Of Florida Victory Team! Right now, she said, "We are doing a short survey at each door to help the party determine data regarding two of our favorite elected officials -- Governor Ron DeSantis and Congressman Bill Posey – and along the way, we get to meet some interesting people! It has literally



'opened doors' for me to tell people about Dinesh D'Souza's documentary '2000 mules' (many haven't heard of it - even Republicans!!), the Republican Liberty Caucus Constitution Day Dinner, the Brevard Republican Executive Committee picnic and straw poll, and the 'Space Coast Tusk'! We want to get the party members that aren't connected to be more engaged, and there is no better way than meeting them face to face! It's also a great way to plant seeds with people that are reconsidering their choice of being Independent or Democrat. Please reach out at 407-346-0203 if you would like to spend even just an hour knocking on doors! Let's engage and educate voters that don't come to all the clubs and events - yet! Hope to see you soon!"

LATE CHANGES IN BREVARD REPUBLICAN PRIMARY RACES. Chandler Langevin, who announced earlier as a candidate for the Florida House of Representatives seat in District 32, has suspended that race, and said instead that he will be a 2024 candidate for the seat in District 33, which will be vacant that year due to term limits. In the primary race for the Brevard County Commission Seat 4 – being vacated due to term limits – newly announced Republican candidates joining the contest are **David Armstrong** and **Margaret Steciuk.**



Kayte Campbell, the Brevard County School Board District 5 member who is running for re-election, told the Heritage

Isle Republican Club on June 2 that in light of current events

regarding school shootings, there are safety protocols in place to keep them from happening here again, but she added that she could not divulge all of the security methods in place. Campbell pointed out that while August 23 is primary election day in Florida, for non-partisan school board races, it IS the actual election day, so people have to start paying attention now. She also said that Brevard County kept schools



open during COVID and is now back to normal.... Another speaker at our meeting, **Sandra Sullivan**, a Republican



candidate in our District 4 for the Brevard County Commission, to succeed term-limited **Curt Smith**. Sullivan said she has been attending County Commission meetings and speaking at hearings for the past four years, and is committed to fiscal responsibility, government transparency, no

tax increases, less government, and a capitalist free market. She said the stars on her logo represent patriotism; the eagle represents land of the free and home of the brave; and the wave at the bottom is the Indian River Lagoon, which needs to be fixed. Sullivan's comments, said Club President Mike **Hoagland,** were insightful and detailed. She is a conservative who deserves consideration.... Hoagland also said things will "get better" if our members get involved in the midterm elections with "candidates who believe in what we believe in." And he noted that at the July HIRC meeting, the speakers will be Brevard District 19 State Senator Debbie Mayfield and Brevard Republican Executive Committee Chairman Rick Lacey. Our meetings, Hoagland added, "are lively and open to comments. We also have a number of committees that need volunteers. Be part of the movement to place our country on the right path."

EXPERTS' EXCERPTS

Associate Editor Niall Stanage, writing on seven other Republican presidential contenders in 2024 in "The Hill":

"Former President Trump is still the dominant figure in the Republican Party but his stranglehold is loosening. Trump-backed candidates have had a



mixed record in GOP primaries so far this cycle, with highprofile losses in Georgia, Nebraska and a key South Carolina district undercutting many other wins. The work of the House Select Committee on Jan. 6 also places Trump's role in the insurrection squarely in the spotlight. To be sure, Trump leads early 2024 polls by a wide margin. But there is no guarantee that the ever-unpredictable Trump will enter the race. And there is a growing consensus among Republican insiders that, if he does so, he will face a serious challenge. So, if the 2024 GOP nominee ends up being someone other than Trump, whom might it be? Florida Governor Ron DeSantis is Trump's most serious rival at this early stage. The Florida governor has a multilayered appeal. Conservatives loved his pushback against mask and vaccine mandates during the pandemic. He has embraced the culture wars with vigor, including his advocacy of legislation that liberal critics dubbed the 'Don't Say Gay' bill.... Former Vice President Mike Pence is in the spotlight, whether it's welcome or otherwise. Though praised by many beyond the GOP, there could be a problem in a presidential primary. Pence's main calling card in such a race would be his closeness to Trump while in office – but the most fervent Trump supporters won't

easily forget what they see as a betrayal on January 6....Former United Nations Ambassador Nikki Haley. Noone in Republican politics doubts that Haley, who was twice elected as South Carolina's governor before becoming U.S. ambassador to the United Nations during the Trump administration, has her mind set on higher office. Haley has long been seen as a rising star...Texas Senator Ted Cruz ended up in second place to Trump in the 2016 nominating process. Cruz is a down-the-line conservative, and his pugnacious political persona enthuses his supporters. But he also has a habit of rubbing people the wrong way. Cruz's speech at the 2016 Republican National Convention, in which he conspicuously failed to endorse Trump, still sticks in the throats of many of the former president's supporters.... Former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo's presidential ambitions seem crystal clear. Within a couple of months of President Biden assuming office, Pompeo was visiting Iowa and helping fundraise for a Republican in New Hampshire, traditionally the two first-to-vote states in the primary process. Pompeo's time as secretary of State and, prior to that, as CIA director, gives him plenty of experience to highlight if the political conversation turns to foreign affairs or national security.... South Carolina Senator Tim Scott. If Republicans want a nominee who can unite the pro-Trump and Trump-skeptical wings of their party, and perhaps broaden its appeal among the electorate at large, Scott could be a real contender. Conservatives like Scott's record and upfrom-his-bootstraps personal story, even political opponents often like him personally, and he is the sole Black Republican senator.... South Dakota Governor Kristi Noem took office in January 2019 but only really came to national attention when she railed against COVID-related lockdowns, insisting that 'more freedom, not more government is the answer.' If Noem decided to seek the White House, she would be one of the most ostentatiously Trumpian candidates in the field. Noem would plainly be a risk, especially given her relatively scant experience on the national stage. And South Dakota, far from the epicenters of media and money, is not the easiest state from which to launch a presidential campaign."



Radio host **Bill Mick**, writing on politicizing tragedies helps no one, in "Florida Today":

"There is a time for politics. In the wake of a tragedy, when emotions are running high, is not it. Elected officials are quick to turn a tragedy into political discourse even before the facts of the situation at hand are known. While the recent shootings in

Buffalo, New York, and Uvalde, Texas, are the basis for the recent rhetoric, it's also true of natural disasters like floods, tornadoes and hurricanes. **President George W. Bush** was criticized for not going to New Orleans soon enough after Katrina. Yet, just what can an elected official do at ground zero of such an event? Provide comfort, reassurance, or promises of financial aid and assistance? Can those things not be done remotely and potentially even more effectively? I

would say so. In Uvalde, Governor Greg Abbott was holding a press conference relaying the latest, if inaccurate, information on the tragedy there. He was confronted by gubernatorial opponent Beto O'Rourke with a completely inappropriate tirade over gun policy in the state. Families were grieving and seeking information on what had happened and why their loved ones died. My point is that the situation in the immediacy of the tragedy is not one for political posturing or even clamoring for or against gun rights. In those critical hours after any tragedy, the government officials on the ground should be the ones providing the information. It will be sketchy at first and will come out in bits and pieces as responders work to put the entire picture together. This will often take days, not hours. Local officials are best equipped to gather and then provide the available information. Elected officials from outside the region are not those people. There is no need for any politician to go to an area impacted by any disaster. The higher the office, the less their presence is needed or desired. If their agency or government is able to provide resources or financial assistance, it can be done from their offices, homes or elsewhere via modern communication systems.... We are a divided nation and politicians would love the credit for finding solutions, even if it's not their role. Fast political action is rarely wise and is often disastrous. Florida has the sad distinction of standing as an example. After the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, the Florida Legislature crafted the Stoneman-Douglas School Safety Act in just three short weeks that remained in the legislative session. The support was near unanimous and then-Governor Rick Scott signed it without hesitation. It was, politically, the prudent thing to do. But was it the right thing to do? Hardly. The bill placed unfunded mandates on our school districts and sheriffs' offices, infringed on the rights of adult Floridians and those infringements, in spite of promises to the contrary, have not been rectified. They also did nothing to stop such an act from occurring again.... There is a time for politics, but it's not, nor should it ever be, immediate. Laws and budgets are in place for the immediate action in the wake of any emergency. They are sufficient for that first response. Anything above and beyond that should wait for the facts to be known, the cause(s) to be determined and the necessary action debated with an eye toward real solutions, not political advantage."



Actor Matthew McConaughey, writing on gun responsibility following the mass killing of children in his home town of Uvalde, Texas, in the "Austin American-Statesman":

"I believe that responsible, law-abiding Americans have a Second Amendment right, enshrined by our founders, to bear

arms. I also believe we have a cultural obligation to take steps toward slowing down the senseless killing of our children. It's time we talk about gun responsibility. There is a difference between control and responsibility. The first is a mandate that can infringe on our right; the second is a duty that will preserve it. There is no constitutional barrier to gun

responsibility. Keeping firearms out of the hands of dangerous people is not only the responsible thing to do, it is the best way to protect the Second Amendment. We can do both. Deprayed acts of violence, with guns as the weapon of choice, are ripping apart families, tearing at people's faith, and shredding the fabric of our society. We have an epidemic of indiscriminate mass shootings, of parents burying their children, of inaction, and buck-passing. Saving the unnecessary loss of lives is not a partisan issue. The need for mental health care, school safety, the prevalence of sensationalized media coverage, and the decaying state of American values are all long-term societal factors that must be addressed, but right now, we don't have the luxury of time. We need to focus on corrections and countermeasures that can also and immediately reduce the gun violence tragedies that have become too common in our country.... I believe: 1) All gun purchases should require a background check. Eightyeight percent of Americans support this, including a lot of responsible gun owning Texans....2) Unless you are in the military, you should be 21 years old to purchase an assault rifle. I'm not talking about 12-gauge shotguns or lever-action hunting rifles. I'm talking about the weapon of choice for mass murders, AR-15s. The killer in my hometown of Uvalde purchased two AR-15s for his eighteenth birthday, just days before he killed 19 students and two teachers....3) Red Flag Laws should be the law of the land. These measures, which are already in effect in 19 states and Washington, D.C., empower loved ones or law enforcement to petition courts to temporarily prevent individuals who may be a threat to themselves or others from purchasing or accessing firearms. 4) We need to institute a national waiting period for assault rifles. Individuals often purchase weapons in a fit of rage, harming themselves or others. Studies show that mandatory waiting periods reduced homicides by 17 percent.... Integrating gun safety training, safe storage proposals, and bolstering school safety are also beneficial, but are not government-only solutions. Companies. organizations, and responsible gun owners have a big role to play. I want to be clear. I am not under the illusion that these policies will solve all of our problems, but if responsible solutions can stop some of these tragedies from striking another community without destroying the Second Amendment, they're worth it. This is not a choice between guns or no guns. It's the responsible choice. It's the reasonable choice.... To find common ground on this issue, both sides are going to have to answer the call and reach for the higher ground of our collective responsibility. Business as usual isn't working.... For ourselves, our children, and our fellow Americans – we have a duty to be responsible gun owners. Please do yours and protect the Second Amendment through gun responsibility. It's time for real leaders to step up and do what's right."

Accuracy in Media Publisher Don Irvine, writing on Biden and the Media undermining Ukraine, in the AIM Report":

"As much as the media, anti-Trump academics, Never Trump Republicans and

Joe Biden allies claim, former President Donald Trump is not to blame for the current war in Ukraine. If anything, the Biden family likely enabled Russian President (i.e. dictator-for-life) Vladimir Putin and emboldened Putin to invade Ukraine. First, Biden's involvement in Ukraine does back to his time as Barack Obama's vice president. Under Obama's watch in 2014, Russia invaded Crimea and eastern Ukraine and the Obama-Biden administration declined to help Ukraine's military. Instead of sending weapons, such as anti-aircraft missile launchers, and other kinds of lethal aid, Obama and Biden sent night-vision goggles, Humvees, patrol boats, body armor, humanitarian assistance, and U.S. military trainers.... Second, Biden's son, Hunter, sat on the board of a Ukrainian energy company called Burisma from 2014-2019. Hunter had no prior experience in the gas or oil energy sector, but he was the son of Joe Biden, a former vice president.... A State Department official at the U.S. Embassy in Ukraine wrote a diplomatic cable that called Hunter Biden's board membership a significant conflict-of-interest that undermined U.S. efforts to root out Ukrainian corruption. But the Obama-Biden administration did not pressure Hunter to resign his board membership and let him earn a lot of money without much experience. However, the story about Hunter Biden's business dealings in Ukraine (and also China) was buried by Big Tech and the mainstream media. Conservatives point to this blatant censorship as one reason Biden won the 2020 election. Third, Hunter and Joe Biden's interference with Ukrainian politics undermined anti-corruption efforts in Ukraine, even if it was symbolic interference. For example, questions remain on how the Ukrainian military and government leaders were caught mostly off-guard by the Russian invasion.... Fourth, Biden did almost nothing to deter Russia from invading Ukraine despite satellite images clearly showing that the Russian military was building up personnel and vehicles at the Russian-Ukraine and Belarus-Ukraine borders.... As Putin knew, Biden would not take decisive action and would instead be indecisive like his former boss Obama was in 2014. Fifth, the Trump impeachment trial and fake Russiagate-Christopher Steele dossier stories portrayed Trump as a Russian stooge. These false narratives distracted the U.S. and Ukraine from adequately preparing for the worstcase scenario of stopping a Russian invasion.... It is a complex web, but the overall picture demonstrates that the Bidens weakened Ukraine when it needed help and attention after Russia's 2014 invasion. The 2022 midterm elections could be a bloodbath for Biden and the Democrats, as well as a rebuke to their allies in the media."



Author **Bob Unruh**, writing on January 6 "political prisoner" blasts Pelosi's hearing as "well-orchestrated" lie, at www.wnd.com:

"House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's stunt to use the nation's television networks to publicize to the American public the Democrat Party's claims about the January 6, 2021, riot at the Capitol,

and who her party wants the nation to punish, began June 9.

But Jeremy Brown, a self-described 'political prisoner' of the Democrats and their allies in influential international organizations like the United Nations, had no need to see her presentation to know what it was. 'A well-orchestrated and highly produced lie,' he charged. Brown, who has reported he was recruited by federal officials to be a spy on others at the January 6 events that day but refused, issued a statement to the 'Gateway Pundit' in advance of Pelosi's production, for which she's hired a former television executive to help stage. Brown is a Green Beret and former Republican candidate of Congress in Florida. He served his nation 20 years in the Army and reached the rank of Special Forces Master Sergeant. Pelosi appointed her commission, naming only Democrats and refusing GOP nominees, then picking two rabidly anti-Trump GOP members, to 'investigate' the January 6 events. There, many patriots were protesting what they perceived as an unfair election outcome. What is known about the 2020 election is that the results almost without doubt were influenced by the \$420 million in Mark Zuckerberg money that he handed out to mostly leftist elections officials, who often used it for get-out-the-vote efforts in Democrat strongholds. That money was distributed outside the channels of any regulation that normally applies to political campaign spending. Further, the legacy and social media corporations cooperated in suppressing accurate, but very damaging, reporting about Joe Biden, his son Hunter and the family's international business schemes just days before the election. Analysts have concluded that either of those actions alone could have pushed the election results into the Biden column. Even further, many local elections officials simply ignored their own state laws regarding mail-in and absentee ballots, counting them days after the voting was supposed to have been closed.... A multitude of investigations and reviews have found substantial misbehavior, prompted states to crack down on their voting procedures, and banish private money being used for elections. The report said Brown now is a 'political prisoner of the Biden regime in Florida,' following his arrest on September 30, 2021, at his home. He was charged with trespassing 'the invisible boundary around the U.S. Capitol on January 6th along with tens of thousands of fellow Trump supporters'. The 'Pundit' explained, 'As we reported months ago, Jeremy Brown refused to be an informant for the dirty FBI -- they wanted him to be one of their operatives at the January 6 Trump rallies. He refused. Jeremy released audio proof of his conversations with the FBI so they threw him in prison. Liz Cheney and Nancy Pelosi will lie to the American public in primetime about what happened on January 6, 2020. They will spin the truth and make up facts."

Another Unruh article at www.wnd.com, this one on Biden wanting boys to use girls' school showers:

"A commentary at 'PJ Media' slammed the Biden administration agenda for demanding that schools open their restrooms and showers to students of either sex, by highlighting what the administration actually is requiring. That would be that kids be allowed to starve if schools fail to cooperate with Biden's pro-transgender agenda. The report, by Matt Margolis, was headlined, 'Biden admin wants kids to

starve if schools don't let boys use girls showers and bathrooms.' That's based on the actual requirements demanded by Biden. That would be that if schools don't allow the open-to-anyone access to showers and such, those schools wouldn't qualify for the benefits of the National School Lunch Program, the report explained. 'The National School Lunch Program feeds approximately 30 million kids nationwide daily. But now, getting access to federal funds for the program will come with a huge catch: K-12 schools will have to allow boys into girls' bathrooms and locker rooms if they want to continue receiving funds for the school lunch program,' the report said. Biden said he was reinterpreting 'the prohibition on discrimination based on sex found in Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and in the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, as amended, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly the Food Stamp Program (7 USC § 2011 et seq.), to include discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity'....'PJ Media'' reported a similar move was attempted by the Barack Obama administration in 2016, when it claimed the federal government would "treat a student's gender identity as the student's sex for purposes of enforcing Title IX," and it said all students must be allowed to pick which showers – boys or girls – they would use. 'PJ Media' explained, 'This move was unconstitutional and was promptly reversed by the Trump administration. Title IX only refers to biological sex, not 'gender identity' or 'gender expression;' ergo, Obama's decree amounted to rewriting Title IX without congressional approval. Obama intentionally treated sex and 'gender identity' as the same thing in order to redefine a decades-old law when it suited his needs, and Joe Biden is now doing the same thing.' 'PJ Media' reported the comment from John Elcesser, chief of the Indiana Non-Public Education Association, 'It seems to be playing politics with feeding poor kids, which is really unfortunate' Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita explained that the administration's idea it can impose its sexual agenda comes from the Supreme Court's creation several years ago of the idea that 'sex' includes 'gender identity' in an employment discrimination case."

THOUGHTS TO PONDER

"Dinesh D'Souza's new documentary '2000 Mules' raises serious questions about possible skullduggery in the 2020 election, involving absentee ballots across multiple states. But neither the liberal media, nor election officials, nor law enforcement seem to have much interest in investigating that potential wrongdoing. The reaction has largely boiled down to 'nothing to see here!' or else to so-called fact checks that criticize the technology used to analyze the problems the film documents, rather than actually use the information D'Souza presents to investigate the credibility of the claims being made. But that is par for the course these days when it comes to potential election fraud, or even proven fraud."

--Heritage Foundation senior legal fellow **Hans von Spakovsky**, on the fraud that "dare not" speak its name

"In their haste to enact a nationwide gun-grab, Democrats have repeatedly dismissed the common sense approach of hardening the schools.... President Joe Biden proposed a ban on assault weapons and high-capacity magazines, enhanced background checks and even the repeal of legal immunity for gun manufacturers, all of which have been on the left's Christmas list for a long time, and none of which would be necessary if schools were appropriately secure. Thus, Biden conspicuously left out any mention of the Republican-backed solution of increasing the police presence at our schools....We know the real reason why the left dismisses talk of enhancing security at our schools: The U.S. government wants to disarm American citizens. Because a disarmed citizenry is a more compliant citizenry."

--"The Western Journal" writer **Elizabeth Stauffer**, on not enhancing school security
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"Our legislators have become so bitterly divided -- and so vicious in their verbal attacks on each other – that nothing crazies do should surprise any of us.... It's been building since the allegedly accident leak of a draft Supreme Court opinion overturning Roe v. Wade. Threats of violence against the conservative members of Court have risen – exponentially.... President Biden has 'condemned the action in the strongest language possible.' Meanwhile, his party members in the House of Representatives continue to delay a measure to enhance security for the Justices. The Speaker of the House has praised protesters' 'righteous anger' while demonstrating outside the homes of the Justices. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer went to far as to threaten that Justice Kavanaugh would 'pay the price' should the draft opinion be true. Neither of those sound much like a call for cooler heads to prevail. If there are any adults left in Washington, it's time for them to step forward."

--"The Outdoor Wire" digital network founder and owner Jim Shepherd, on a matter of enough trust -0-

"A Washington, D.C, jury acquitted Clinton campaign lawyer Michael Sussmann of lying to the FBI, and the verdict is no doubt a disappointment for special counsel John Durham. But the case did perform a public service by exposing a major part of the 2016 Russian collusion dirty trick that hadn't been previously told. The evidence was strong enough to bring an indictment, and it was reinforced by a text message in which Mr. Sussmann had told FBI general counsel James Baker that he represented no client. In truth he represented the Clinton campaign, as billing records showed. But Mr. Durham had charged Mr. Sussmann with lying to Mr. Baker in person, not in the text message, which the special counsel only obtained after he had filed the original indictment."

--The "Wall Street Journal Editorial Board," on the acquittal of Clinton campaign lawyer Michael Sussmann -0-

"A report that healthy young people are dying suddenly and unexpectedly from a mysterious syndrome has caught the eye of epidemiologists and analysts who have documented an alarming rise in excess deaths they believe is connected to the COVID-19 vaccines. Dailymail.com reported that in Australia, where some 95 percent of the population has been

vaccinated for COVID-19, people under the age of 40 are being urged get their hearts checked because they may be at risk of what is being called Sudden Adult Death Syndrome, or SADS."

--WND.com author Art Moore, on young people dying of a "mysterious syndrome"

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"Despite its lies about the spread of the SARS-CoV-2 virus and its cover-up of the pandemic's origin, China has been elected to the World Health Organization's executive board. U.N. Watch Executive Director Hillel Neuer, executive director of the non-profit U.N. Watch, noted China's election at the conclusion of the World Health Assembly apparently received no objections from member nations, Breitbart News reported. 'This is the regime that crushed those in Wuhan like Dr. Li Wenliang who courageously tried to warn the world about the coronavirus,' he wrote on Twitter. Li was the whistleblower in Wuhan, China, who was interrogated by police after he tried to warn his colleagues about the rapid spread in his city of a SARS-like respiratory disease. Wuhan police publicly censured him and seven other doctors on January 3, 2020, for 'making false comments on the Internet about unconfirmed SARS outbreak.' Days later he contracted COVID-19. And on February 7, 2020, one week after publicizing his experience with police on social media, he died at age 33."

--Another Art Moore thought, this one on China joining the WHO executive board -0-

"As a veteran, I am proud and honored to have served our great nation. As a retired veteran, I'm blessed and grateful to have made it through my time in the service relatively intact and in one piece. I have lost friends, classmates, and roommates who, while serving did give their last full measure of duty and devotion to this country. It is for them that Memorial Day was created. There is no easy way to cope with losing them too early. But we do honor their commitment and love of country when we take time to honor their memory. Which, speaking as a veteran is the same as it was for our forefathers; to strive for, and maintain that perfect Union they brilliantly crafted 246 years ago."

--Lieutenant Commander Jason McAlister, retired from both the U.S. Marine Corps and the U.S. Navy, remembering his fallen comrades on Memorial Day

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"If you're wondering where America's heroes rank on President Joe Biden's list of priorities, try below the rainbow flag. While federal agencies have been tripping over themselves to pledge allegiance to LGBT activism, two couldn't be bothered to recognize the fallen troops who make our freedom possible. Despite a government-wide tweet-fest over Pride Month, the departments of Justice and Treasury managed to ignore Memorial Day altogether. Thanks to social media, Americans are getting a good look at the main obsession of this administration, which has devoted more than 30 posts to LGBT extremism from its official accounts – but

couldn't spare half that attention to the men and women who gave all."

--Family Research Center senior writer **Suzanne Bowdey**, on federal agencies ignoring Memorial Day

"Have you ever ordered a product online that was advertised as 'Made in the USA' only to discover when you received it that it was made in China or some other foreign country? If so, American manufacturing companies are counting on you to let the Federal Trade Commission know about it. The FTC routinely fines companies trying to deceive the U.S. consumer, who may be led to believe they were buying a U.S.made product when it was foreign-made. The most recent example was on May 16, when the FTC fined the company Lions Not Sheep and company owner Sean Whalen \$211,335 for selling made-in-China merchandise that was represented as being made in America...In this case, it might have eventually been easier than usual to discover Sean Whalen's phony labels depicting his imported clothing and accessories as 'Made in the USA.' The complaint to the FTC alleges that Whalen posted videos on social media titled 'MADE IN AMERICA!' with the Chinese flag close by."

--Author **Roger Simmermaker**, on how a "Made in America" scofflaw got caught -0-

"Joe Biden's communications problems continue as he searches for anyone who can competently speak for him. To be fair, that's a tall task, though.... Jean-Pierre lies like all the rest, but her biggest issue is that she's just absolutely terrible at coming up with excuses for the president she works for. That was on full display after Jean-Pierre was asked to defend Joe Biden's use of the Defense Production Act to increase the production of solar panels. When pressed on what emergency justified such a move, the press secretary fell flat on her face, essentially admitting to the abuse of power. Jean-Pierre could have asserted that current energy prices and U.S. dependence on foreign sources denote a national security risk. That wouldn't have been true, but it would have at least sounded like a justification. Instead, because again, she's so bad at this, she fell back on a generic talking point about 'delivering for the American people' as if she's still a talking head on cable news. It's like she doesn't realize she's in the big leagues now."

--Red State.com writer **Bonchie**, on new White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre falling flat on her face -0-

"The Washington Post, June 1972: Two dogged reporters patiently dig into the details of a strange burglary at Democratic Party headquarters, diligently assemble facts, cultivate sources and put together a package of revelations that will lead to the first presidential resignation in history.... The Watergate anniversary is an inconvenient reminder of what the paper used to be. Just in the past couple of weeks, the paper's Twitter account falsely claimed George Floyd was 'shot and killed in police custody,' indicating that its social media is in the hands of dimwits who don't know the basic details of one of the

biggest stories of the decade, and the paper was forced to append an editor's note to its infamous Amber Heard op-ed from four years ago that resulted in what must be the most famous successful defamation claim in American history."
--"New York Post" columnist **Kyle Smith**, on "The Washington Post" then and now
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Gender-reassignment procedures could be fueling more suicides among the young, a new study from The Heritage Foundation finds. State policies that allow children to access so-called gender-affirming care without parental consent have created a significant increase in suicides, according to a new Heritage Foundation study.... A common argument of those in favor of so-called gender-affirming care is that such medical procedures prevent suicide....But the evidence from every major medical association is weak. With the transformation of so many institutions into ideological enforcers of causes extremely important to the left, is this a surprise?"

---"The Daily Signal" columnist Jarrett Stepman, on gender-

UPCOMING BREVARD COUNTY EVENTS

reassignment procedures and youth suicides

- --June 25: Brevard Republican Executive Committee Straw Poll and Barbeque. Melbourne Auditorium, 12 noon.
- --June 29: Night at the Museum for Florida Congressman Bill Posey, tour and Barbeque Fundraiser, Institute of Military Technology, Titusville, 5 pm.
- --July 1: Federated Republican Women in Action meeting, MeMaw's BBQ, Palm Bay, 5:30 pm.
- --July 2: 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.
- --July 5: Moms For Liberty meeting, Frogbones Double Tapp Grill, Melbourne, 6:30 pm.
- -- July 6: Brevard Federated Republican Women meeting, Space Coast Convention Center, Cocoa, 11 am.
- --July 7: Heritage Isle Republican Club meeting, Heritage Isle Clubhouse, Viera, 10 am.
- --July 11: Space Coast Patriots meeting, Merritt Island Library, 6 pm.
- --July 13: Brevard Republican Executive Committee meeting, Space Coast Association of Realtors Building, 2950 Pineda Plaza Way, Melbourne, 7pm.
- --July 19: North Brevard Republican Club meeting, American Police Hall of Fame, Titusville, 7 pm.
- --July 21: Republican Women's Network of South Brevard meeting, Eau Gallie Yacht Club, Indian Harbor

Beach, 11:30 am.

- --July 23: Space Coast Republican Club meeting, Red Lobster, Merritt Island, 11:30 am.
- --July 25: Ronald Reagan Club meeting, Frogbones Double Tapp Grill, Melbourne, 6 pm.

The Republican Liberty Caucus of Central East Florida will not meet in July. The Space Coast Young Republicans meeting: TBD.

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

COMICAL CLOSERS

New York Congresswoman AOC is said to have singlehandedly put an end to Dumb Blonde jokes, by allegedly saying the following:

- --"I don't remember what year the Cold War was, but I know it is in the winter."
- --"We're gonna make the Electoral College tuition free."
- --"So what if I don't know what Armageddon means. It's not the end of the world."
- --"Yes, I know that Europe uses Euros, and Africa uses Afros."
- --"OMG, I love veterans. They take such good care of our pets!"
- --"Nothing is built in America these days. I just bought a TV, and it said "Built in Antenna." I don't even know where the hell that is."
- --"I'm against studying Civics in school unless we also study

other cars. I mean, why should we show favoritism towards Honda?"

--Everyone wants me to read the Constitution, but it's written in cursive."
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A young woman brought her fiancé home to meet her parents. After dinner, her mother told the girl's father to find out about the young man, so the father invited him to his study for a talk, asking him about his future plans.

"I am a biblical scholar," he replied." The father said that was admirable, but asked "what will you do to provide a nice house for my daughter to live in?"

"I will study," the young man replied, "and God will provide for us."

"And how will you buy her a beautiful engagement ring, such as she deserves?," asked the father.

"I will concentrate on my studies," he replied, "and God will provide for us."

"And children?," asked the father, "How will you support children?"

"Don't worry, sir," he replied, "God will provide."

The conversation proceeded like this...and each time the father questioned, the young idealist insisted that God would provide.

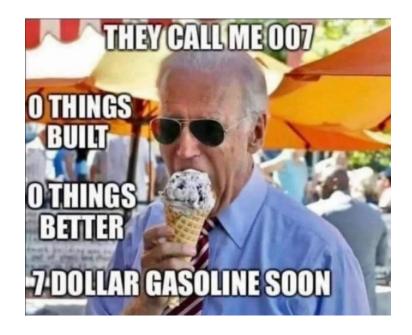
Later, the mother asked, "How did your talk go?," and the father answered, "He's a Democrat. He has no job, he has no plans, and he thinks I'm God."
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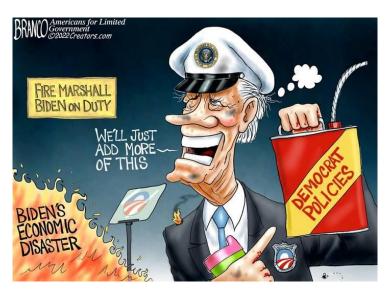
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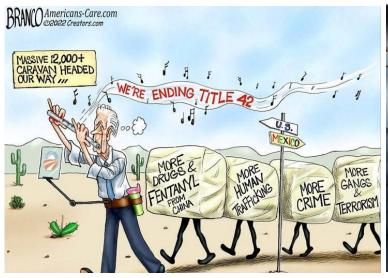
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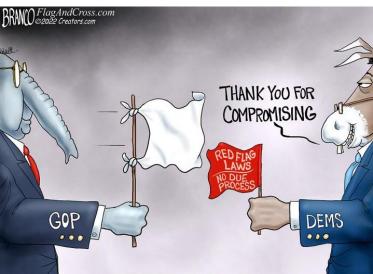








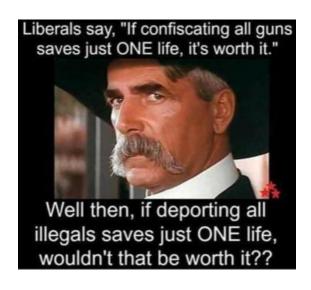








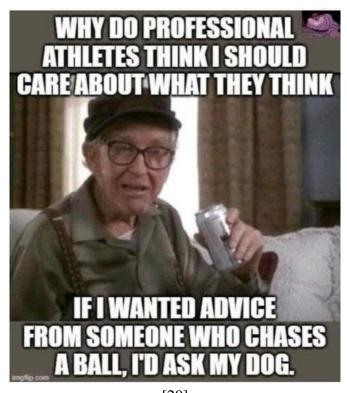










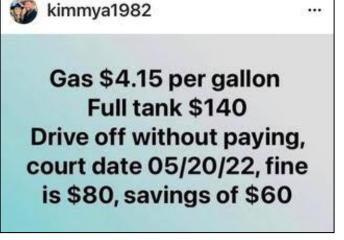








There is no plan to FIX ANYTHING. because the plan was to DESTROY EVERYTHING.



Whoever said
"YOU CAN'T MAKE
THIS STUFF UP!"
obviously never
worked for CNN,
MSNBC, ABC, CBS,
NBC, NPR or The
Washington Post.

We live in a world where your kid cannot pretend to be an Indian. But a grown man can pretend to be a woman

Democrats kill a bill for tuition assistance for children of veterans killed in battle, THEN APPROVE giving illegals free tuition.

On Election Day, this is ALL you need to know.

