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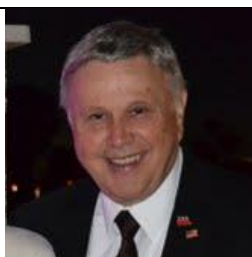
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FLORIDA TAKING ACTION AGAINST DEADLY NEW DRUG WORSE THAN FENTANYL

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



--A milestone has been reached! This is the 150th issue of The Space Coast Tusk and its predecessor, The Tusk, which began publication in August 2009. Issue number 1 that year and month was all of three pages in length.
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--Hosting the annual White House Correspondents Dinner in Washington on April 30, comedian Trevor Noah ironically referred to the annual event – in which 2,600 maskless people were packed into one large hotel ballroom – as “the nation’s most distinguished super spreader event.” He asked the attendees: “Do you read any of your own newspapers? You guys spent the last two years telling everyone the importance of wearing masks and avoiding large indoor gatherings.” Subsequent news reports emerged of multiple journalists being infected there with the coronavirus.
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--Sports figures were gathered at the White House when the President publically thanked National Hockey League Commissioner Gary Bettman for joining the group. But one of the hockey players standing behind him cracked up when “Gaffe” Joe spoke about “Gary Batman.” So, who is “Robin” in the NHL?
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--PolitiFact is a left-leaning, fact-checking website that rates the accuracy of claims by elected officials and others on its so-called “Truth-O-Meter”, but most of its “reports” on conservatives seem to be “false” or “pants-on-fire.” Perhaps a better name for the website would be “PolitiFiction” or even “PolitiPhony.”
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Florida Attorney General Ashley Moody, says the website www.watchdogreport.org, has issued an emergency order making it a felony to possess any drug in the nitazene family, which is designed to mimic highly-addictive opioids, which are even more dangerous than deadly fentanyl.

According to the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), the illicit synthetic drug fentanyl is in nearly half of all illegal pills on U.S. streets. It is a cheap synthetic manufactured primarily in China and smuggled here mostly through Mexico. This inexpensive way for dealers to increase profits results in so many overdoses that it’s now the number-one killer of people aged 18 to 49 in the U.S. But the new family of nitazene is even more powerful than fentanyl, and simple contact with the skin can even have a deadly outcome.

So Florida’s steps to declare war on the deadly substance seem warranted. Eight drugs qualify for the emergency order, some being less and some being more powerful than fentanyl. According to Moody’s press release, N-pyrrolidino etonitazene, the most powerful nitazene available, is up to 10 times more powerful than fentanyl.

Watchdog report.org says Nitazenes first came on the scene in 2019 and have grown in popularity since. The DEA reports that the synthetic drug has popped up in Canada, Estonia, Germany, Latvia, Sweden, and the United States. The federal government has already added the family of drugs, which have no legitimate medical or pharmacological use in the United States, under Schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act.

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--It's no secret that the left-wing media openly despise Clarence Thomas. But the Conservative Supreme Court Justice turned the tables on the media during a recent interview by stating there was a potential for him to leave the court one day – on one condition. "I will absolutely leave the court," Thomas said, "when I do my job as poorly as you do yours – and that was meant as a compliment, really."

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--The Quote of the Month for May belongs to Pennsylvania Senate candidate Dr. Mehmet Oz, who said to cheers at President Trump's "Save America Rally" in the Keystone State: "The only thing Joe Biden has "Built Back Better" is the Republican Party."

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--It was bad enough when we had "Circle Back" Psaki as the White House Press Secretary. Now we have Karine "Deer in the Headlights" Jean-Pierre to deal with. Asked by a member of the media about the recent 1,100-point Stock Market plunge, her mind-boggling response was: "We do not get involved in that, and nothing has changed on how we see the Stock Market. That's not something we keep an eye on every day."

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More Two Cents next month

This move is in response to a widening national concern over the growing availability and deadly nature of the drug. A total of 15 deaths in Florida from the substance sparked the emergency order, but the issue is far from contained to the Sunshine State. The DEA says there have been 98 recorded instances of run-ins with the drug.

Fentanyl has already become an out-of-control issue here and in many other countries. Police officers routinely carry Narcan, an anti-overdose drug inspired by the number of overdoses from the opioid epidemic resulting from drugs laced with synthetics. As drug dealers increase their margins, they get their customers even more hooked on what has become a pressing issue. The DEA's fact sheet on nitazenes says that "the positive identification of this substance in overdose and post-mortem cases is a serious concern to the public safety."

While this new drug hasn't had nearly the devastating consequences of fentanyl, it's also much newer and nowhere near as plentiful. The attempts by the DEA and the state of Florida to nip it in the bud should save a lot of lives.



LET ME BE FRANK
By Space Coast Tusk Designer
Frank Montelione

To be *grasping at straws* means to be willing to do, say, or believe anything that

offers even the slightest hope in a desperate situation, even though there is almost no chance for success.

The idiom "grasping at straws" comes from an old proverb "A drowning man will clutch at straws," meaning that a drowning man will grab at anything around to try to save himself, even a floating straw.

The Democrats fit this definition as if it were written exclusively about them. The rhetoric comes from the top down.

This article would be too lengthy to do justice to each of the "straws" on the wheel of mis-fortune, so let's look at just two of the "straws" that have been top of the fold in the news recently.



Of course this administration has the main stream media to assist with their defense of their grasping at "straws".

For instance, the leaked Supreme Court draft regarding abortion. The talking point is that if this decision stands, abortions would be outlawed throughout the nation.

Really?

As it stands today, regardless of what the Supreme Court rules, states have already instituted laws regarding abortion. What should have originally been a matter of State's Rights, over the years states have enacted their own legislation regarding this issue. Essentially, nothing will change.

But then again, people appointed to various positions have trouble even defining who can receive abortions. During hearings in the Senate to fill a soon to be vacant Supreme Court position, Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson, President Joe Biden's nominee to the Supreme Court, was asked by **Tennessee Senator Marsha Blackburn**, "Can you provide a definition for the word woman?" Judge Jackson answer was, "No. I can't...I'm not a biologist."

The confusion doesn't end there. During another hearing Aimee Arrambide, the executive director of the abortion advocacy group Avow Texas, was asked by **North Carolina Congressman Dan Bishop** what she believes the definition of a woman is. Her convoluted answer was, "I believe that everyone can identify for themselves," adding a person can choose what gender they would like to identify as. When then asked if she believed that men could therefore get pregnant and have abortions, her response was a simple "yes."

Then there is the gas price question. During a Senate Energy and Commerce Committee hearing, when **Wyoming Senator John Barrasso** asked if the administration feels that "gas prices were too high," Interior Secretary Deb Haaland refused to say. Instead, she answered, "I think that Americans are still recovering from this terrible pandemic and there are a lot of other world events making things difficult for all of us."

In the course of another Senate Armed Services Committee hearing, Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm was asked by **Missouri Senator Josh Hawley** about the impact the Biden administration had on energy prices, and if she believed that the current crisis Americans are facing is “acceptable?” She followed the Biden mantra “it’s Putin’s fault,” by saying, “No it is not, and you can thank the activity of Vladimir Putin for invading Ukraine and pulling essentially—”

Hawley interjected, “Oh, nonsense. With all due respect, Madam Secretary, that’s utter nonsense. In January 2021, the average gas price in my state was \$2.07. Eight months later, eight months later, long before Vladimir Putin invaded Ukraine, that price was up over 30% and it’s been going up consistently since. What are you doing to reverse this administration’s policies that are drawing down our own supply of energy in this country that are throttling oil and gas production in the United States?I have to say, Madam Secretary, with all due respect, your answers are insulting.”

So, in short, Candidate Joe Biden told us what he would do when in 2019 he told an activist while he was on the campaign trail, “Kiddo, look in my eyes. I guarantee you we are going to end fossil fuel.” I have no facts to support that I believe many of his former supporters are now suffering from “buyers’ remorse.”

“The government you elect is the government you deserve.”
—Thomas Jefferson

THE BREC CORNER
By Chairman Rick Lacey



Our May 11 Brevard Republican Executive Committee meeting achieved a record turnout of members and guests and added 31 new members to our growing Republican Party organization.

Republican candidates for County Commissioner of Districts 2 (**Joey Cholewa, Tom Goodson** and **Dave Netterstrom**) and 4 (**Rob Feltner** and **Sandra Sullivan**) participated in a candidate forum, answering members’ questions on taxes, environment, spending and other issues.

Ro Grossman from Defend Florida gave a presentation on Election Integrity and offered a resolution for BREC to consider at our next meeting.

State Committeewoman Kim Adkinson gave a report on the successful project that BREC volunteers conducted at the Brevard Zoo.

May Committeewoman of the Month was awarded to **Danita McCarthy** and Committeeman of the Month to **Richard Nink** for their outstanding volunteer efforts. The certificates for April also were given in person to last month’s announced committeeman and committeewoman, **Norace Lindsay** and **Kathy Meehan**, respectively.

Republican registration numbers continue to set records in Brevard with a new record 61,000 more Republicans than Democrats.



April Recipients



May Recipients

Mark your calendars for the BREC BBQ and STRAW POLL Event on Saturday, June 25 from Noon to 4PM at the Melbourne Auditorium. Admission is free and will feature Republican Clubs and candidates along with music, raffles and voting in a straw poll. A BBQ lunch will be available for purchase as well.



Finally, on a personal note, I want to thank everyone for the flowers, cards, and kindness extended to my family regarding the loss of my father, **Richard J. Lacey, Sr.** a father of 6, and a Korean war veteran in the Army Airborne forces of the United States, who passed away shortly after his 94th birthday.



Brevard Federated Republican WOMEN

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

It is extremely important that we Republican Women show our full support to all our police officers and deputies. Accordingly, the Brevard Federated Republican Women, at our May 6 meeting, honored two of **Brevard Sheriff Wayne Ivey’s** deputies with Certificates of Appreciation. **Deanna Reiter**, 2nd Vice President, said “We want to show these deputies, Sheriff Ivey and the entire Brevard County Sheriff’s Office that they have our overwhelming support.”



On behalf of the BFRW, **Lisa Cullen**, Brevard County Tax Collector and a BFRW member, recognized the value of our Sheriff’s Office and presented honors to two of the Sheriff’s deputies. **Agent Hannah Polito** and **Corporal Ashley Jennings** received Certificates of Appreciation for their “...commendable and dedicated service to the citizens of Brevard County and for being the ‘best of the best’ of the Brevard County Sheriff’s Office.” Sheriff Ivey was also presented with a \$500 donation from the BFRW.

We also hosted a “Meet the Legislators and Candidates” event featuring Florida House Representatives **Thad Altman** (District 52) and **Randy Fine** (District 53), and candidates for the Florida House of Representatives, **Chase Tramont** (District 30) and **Dr. Karen Hiltz** (District 34).

Fine spoke about his focus on education and the culture war. Among his accomplishments are four significant Florida Senate and House bills that have been signed into law: Reducing Fetal and Infant Mortality Act (HB1557), Parental Rights in Education (HB7) giving “businesses, employees, children and families tools to stand up against discrimination and woke indoctrination”, and Immigration Enforcement (SB1808) that addresses sanctuary cities, the sharing of immigration information and the transportation of immigrants within Florida, and Child Welfare (HB7065 – co-sponsored by Altman, which is “the most powerful child welfare bill in the country.” This bill addresses the “fatherhood crisis”. It requires fathers to be included in a child’s transition plan, the development and implementation of a Responsible Fatherhood Initiative and the designation of the month of June as “Responsible Fatherhood Month.”



Altman further emphasized the good things our legislators have done for Floridians, such as funding community projects meant to protect young women, the disabled and our conservative principles and the strong alliance between government and private sectors which protect natural resources and create clean water in Florida’s east coast counties.

Tramont is a former Port Orange City Councilman who is determined to fight for “the soul of the country” by putting God, families, and our constitutional freedoms first.

Dr. Hiltz is a college educator, former School Board member and a Navy veteran. She intends to apply her job and life experiences to promote education, improve infrastructure and adherence to our constitution.

At our next meeting on June 1st, we will meet our Republican School Board candidates. We will hear the issues and remedies that they propose to support our conservative values, uphold the integrity of the family and the inalienable rights of parents to raise their children.

AUDACITY AND IDIOCY

The “winners for May” include:

--“The Denver Post,” for taking liberal activism in the press to a whole new level, by directing donors to an Act Blue organization supporting Abortion Funds and Pro-Choice Groups. Act Blue is a donation platform for Democrats that lets donors contribute



online to campaigns, political action committees and outside groups. This so-called member of the “free press” is the same newspaper that fired a libertarian columnist for stating that scientifically, “there are only two sexes.”

--Thanks to a report in “The Congressional Insider,” Colorado’s gay Democrat Governor Jared Polis makes the audacity list for a second month in a row. Now it is for likening Florida Governor Ron DeSantis and his feud with Disney executives to Russian President Vladimir Putin and Hugo Chavez of Venezuela. Trying to protect kindergarteners from indoctrination about sexual orientation and gender identity apparently is akin to invading a sovereign nation and killing thousands. The “Insider” compares the matter to “Rocky Mountain High.”

--The New Jersey State Supreme Court, for ruling by a single 3-2 margin to overrule the state’s Parole Board, and grant freedom from prison to a convicted killer of a State Trooper, saying 85-year-old Sundiata Acoli is “unlikely to commit another crime.” The trooper had been shot to death during a traffic stop nearly 50 years ago, and the Parole Board had repeatedly denied parole to the killer.

--Officials at the T’lisałagi’lakw School in Alert Bay, British Columbia – part of the Namgis First Nation – for using a worksheet in a homework assignment that asks students about masturbation and to come up with “private places” in their homes where they could do so. Young students – FOUR-YEAR-OLD students! Among the many people criticizing the assignment, Lila Rose, the president and founder of Live Action, said, “This is straight-up sexual abuse. Any teacher or administrator involved should be arrested and charged.”

--Employees of the West Alabama Women’s Center in Tuscaloosa, for believing that “God is on our side” in the abortion debate, and “God will keep this clinic open.” As the U.S. Supreme Court appears poised to dismantle the constitutional right to an abortion, they draw on their faith that they will somehow continue providing them.

--The Centura Health Corporation and Catholic Health Initiatives Colorado, doing business as St. Anthony North Health Campus, for attempting to bill a patient an additional \$229,000 above the agreed upon price for spinal fusion surgery following a car accident – but thanks to the Colorado Supreme Court, was not allowed to. The unanimous court ruling said the patient, Lisa Melody French, could not have consented to pay the higher price listed in the hospital’s “chargemaster” because the hospital refused to disclose it to her. She and her insurance company did pay their earlier agreed upon amounts.

YOU CAN’T MAKE THIS UP

--Throughout America, parents are facing a nationwide shortage of baby formula, with many moms wondering how they are going to feed their newborns. No such problem exists for illegal aliens, though, according to Florida



Republican Congresswoman Kat Cammack, because the President is sending “pallets of baby formula to the border.” So welcome to Biden’s America, where American moms and dads are last, and the lives of American babies don’t matter.

--In a deviation from anything close to the truth, the White House, which ironically launched but subsequently suspended a “Ministry of Truth” to combat online “disinformation” and “misinformation” – tweeted the outrageous claim that there was “no COVID vaccine available” in the United States on the day Joe Biden took office, even though Operation Warp Speed was in effect, and he himself had gotten not one, but two doses of it. A second false claim said Biden has overseen record job creation – for positions that were simply re-filled after businesses were finally permitted by the government to open back up following the COVID pandemic. There is no credit for “creating” jobs killed in the first place. Now, whose fact-checker caught all of this? Surprisingly, it was none other than CNN.

--Laura Kelly, Kansas’ 72-year old Democrat Governor, is absurdly reported as having as her “life’s mission” the protection of children. Apparently that does not include protecting young female athletes. After the Republican Kansas Legislature passed a bill to ban transgender men from competing in women’s sports in the state, Kelly vetoed the measure, and there were not enough votes to override the veto.

--The Big Tech giant Amazon reportedly told its staff members that it would cover up to \$4,000 in travel expenses if an employee wishes to obtain an abortion. This, said Media Research Center President Brent Bozell, is “nightmare stuff.... This company is paying to kill babies. There is no pixie dust, there is no fairy dust that I can sprinkle here. They are trying to kill babies and they’re using the money of shareholders to do it.” To achieve equity, Bozell added, “Amazon should also pay \$4,000 to women who carry their babies to term.”

--The Discovery+ streaming channel is moving at warp speed into “Wokeland,” launching a new series following five teenagers as they enter the world of drag queens. It will conclude with a full drag queen performance by the teens at an annual event called “Dragutante.” Organizers say it will be a “drag ball” for children ages 8 to 18, where the kids “can express themselves through the performance art of Drag.” They boast that the participants are able to work side by side with professional drag queens to create their makeup and look as an expression of their “inner diva.” Executive Producer Tyra Banks says the teens are “bravely navigating” their coming maturity and applauds the “beauty” of their acceptance. The former model adds she cannot wait for “these popping personalities” to display their “fierceness” for the audience. Is it any wonder that parents in Florida and Virginia, along with cities and towns across the country, are rebelling against what the so-called “entertainment industry” feels is appropriate for underage children?

--Thanks to a lawsuit by the non-profit OpenTheBooks.com, the National Institutes of Health has been forced to admit that over a ten-year period, it and its scientists and executives –

think Dr. Anthony Fauci for one – received \$350 million in royalty payments from pharmaceutical companies and other third parties. The payments were for inventions by agency scientists between 2010 and 2020. Additionally, NIH granted \$30 billion to about 56,000 recipients, and OpenTheBooks.com noted that “the largess of taxpayer money buys a lot of favor and clout within the scientific, research, and healthcare industries,” adding that “each one could be a potential conflict of interest and needs disclosure.”

--Lefty Massachusetts Senator Elizabeth Warren, who has been pushing among Progressives and Democrat lawmakers for the Biden Administration to forgive student loan debt, had no good answer for a simple question by a conservative guest host on “The View.” Lindsey Granger asked Warren: “What do you say to someone like me who worked two jobs for a decade to pay all their student loans – just finished. Where do I sign up for reimbursement?” All that Warren could come up with was the usual socialist schtick about the poor folks who took out loans only to have “life happen.”

--Three boys attending Keil Middle School in the Keil, Wisconsin School District are facing sexual harassment charges brought by their school. Was it rape? Incest? Inappropriate touching? No. Their “crime” was failing to address a transgender classmate by the “preferred” pronoun of “they” or “them.” The school principal warned the parents of the boys that they are being charged with gender harassment under Title IX. Now the accused students are being represented by the public interest law firm Wisconsin Institute for Law and Liberty. Its attorney, Luke Berg, said this matter does not constitute sexual harassment under Title IX or the school’s policies. He added that the charges are a violation of the First Amendment if the school’s theory is based solely on pronoun usage. Meanwhile, one of the boys so charged said he is “anxious, scared and upset,” because “a charge like that on my record could shatter my chances at getting into a college when I grow up.”

--Here’s how Slate magazine “advice columnist” Jamilah Lemieux responded to a left-wing mother who was “horrified” that her 17-year-old daughter attended a pro-life rally with her Christian boyfriend: “Inundate her with pro-choice content. Require her to read articles and books that explain why it is important for women to have control of their bodies. Have more frequent and pointed discussions and do not let her go to any conservative events or any other environment where she’s likely to face some attempts at indoctrination, especially without telling you.” The unidentified mother had told Lemieux: “We’ve grounded her and taken away her phone for going behind our backs, but she’s showing no remorse... We donate to Planned Parenthood every year for Christmas...I don’t want her right to choose to be taken away.”

--It took a lawsuit filed by the Wisconsin Institute for Law & Liberty (WILL), challenging the city of Madison, Wisconsin’s ordinance calling for racial quotas on its Police Civilian Oversight Board as “a clear violation of the Constitution’s ban on racial discrimination,” for the

city to amend its ordinance. During the coronavirus pandemic, the city adopted a rule demanding that certain members of the board had to belong to the racial groups "African American, Asian, Latinx and Native American," and that at least 50 percent be black members. WILL said such racial quotas and classifications are "unconstitutional, offensive, and repugnant to basic American values," and the city had not even identified any "compelling government interest" that would support such racism.

--Testifying before the House Judiciary Committee on abortion rights, Democrat witness Aimee Arrambide, the executive director of Avow Texas, an abortion rights non-profit organization, ridiculously responded "yes," when asked if she believed that men could get pregnant and have abortions. But she could not come up with a single example of this phenomenon actually happening.

--Facebook – we mean the ultra-woke Facebook – doesn't know the truth if it hits them in the farce – we mean the face. After Tennessee Republican Senator Marsha Blackburn "dared" to post that "Biological men have no place in women's sports," she was, of course, censored for "misinformation."

--The millions of dollars in donations that the non-profit organization Black Lives Matter receives isn't necessarily being used to serve black communities. According to the Associated Press, the BLM Global Network Foundation collected \$90 million during the last fiscal year, spent \$37 million on "various expenses" and put \$32 million into the Stock Market. BLM Co-Founder Patrice Cullors even paid her brother's company, Cullors Protection LLC, \$840,000 for security, and paid the father of her child \$970,000 for "creative services," whatever that means.

--Senate Majority Leader Chuckie Schumer claimed in a letter to Fox News that host Tucker Carlson's references to the "Great Replacement" conspiracy theory that non-white individuals are being brought into the United States and other Western countries to "replace" white voters to achieve a political agenda, had inspired a mass shooting in Buffalo, New York, and various other atrocities. Carleson then challenged Schumer to appear on his show to discuss the allegations, but Schumer declined the offer. So Carleson told his audience that Schumer "is a coward. This is the only media appearance probably in history he's turned down."

THIS AND THAT



the Court also ruled 9-0 May 23 against a Taco Bell franchise

U.S. SUPREME COURT. On May 23, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled 6-3 that two men on Arizona's death row – convicted in state court – are not entitled to present new evidence in federal court to support the argument that their trial lawyers bungled their cases. In a win for workers,

owner for delaying arbitration with a former employee who was suing the company, claiming violation of federal wage-an-hour laws. The company tried to get out of going to court because the former employee had signed an arbitration agreement, but it delayed going to arbitration for eight months. The Court then ruled the company could not drag out this process and expect to come out the winner...On May 16, the Court ruled 6-3 in favor of **Texas Republican Senator Ted Cruz** in his legal challenge to federal limits on the amount of money that candidates can be repaid from unspent campaign funds for personal loans they made to their campaigns. The legal limit had been \$250,000, but to challenge that ruling, Cruz deliberately loaned his last re-election campaign \$260,000. Then, after being told he could only recoup \$250,000, he challenged the Federal Election Commission decision in court. After losing at a lower court, the matter went to the Supreme Court, which found that the restriction violated the First Amendment... Also on May 16, the Court ruled 5-4 against stopping the deportation of an illegal immigrant, saying the matter was outside their purview because Congress had set forth the rules the Justice Department was required to follow. Pankajkumar Patel had endeavored to adjust his status in 2007 with the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, but when seeking to obtain a driver's license, had erroneously indicated that he was already a citizen, and his discretionary adjustment had been denied...In the case *Shurtleff v. the City of Boston*, the Supreme Court ruled unanimously on May 2 that Boston violated the First Amendment by refusing to fly the local organization Camp Constitution's Christian flag in front of City Hall, even though it had flown other groups' flags. The Court said Boston should have allowed it because the flag did not represent government speech.



FLORIDA GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS BILL SIGNINGS.

Among a large number of bills passed by the Florida State Legislature that **Governor Ron DeSantis** signed this month was one requiring public school students to learn about "Victims of Communism Day" on November 7,

and the suffering that communism has caused. The Governor said he was acting to stamp out the ignorance that has made Che Guevara T-shirts fashionable on college campuses. He also signed a measure providing more than \$1.2 billion of tax relief for Floridians – ten sales tax holidays for a variety of commonly purchased items, including fuel, diapers, disaster supplies, and tools. Regarding protesters who picket outside of a person's place of residence, the Governor signed a bill prohibiting such action, saying, "Sending unruly mobs to private residences, like we have seen with the angry crowds in front of the homes of Supreme Court justices, is inappropriate. This bill will provide protection to those living in residential communities, and I am glad to sign it into law." Another bill signed – Election Administration – will ensure that Florida continues to have secure and accurate elections, by requiring voter rolls to be annually reviewed and updated,

strengthening ID requirements, establishing the Office of Election Crimes and Security to investigate election law violations, and increasing penalties for violations of election laws. DeSantis signed a bill authorizing a \$3.2 million payment to former nurse Donna Catalano, who was severely injured in a nearly head-on highway crash with a state employee in 2019, and one to release a \$5 million settlement to the family of Harry Shumow, who was 6 in 2017 when he was rendered quadriplegic, epileptic, mute and subject to painful muscle spasms due to a lab technician's error in a Miami-Dade County hospital. Other bills that DeSantis signed covered a Structural Engineering Recognition Program for Professional Engineers, temporary underground power panels, floating solar facilities, inventories of critical wetlands, online training for private security officers, lifeline telecommunications service, swimming pool specialty contracting services, motor vehicle insurance, tourism marketing, grease waste removal and disposal, an early childhood music education incentive pilot program, approving road designations honoring brave Cubans who fought against the Castro regime, officer and firefighter physical examination requirements and records, and evidentiary standards for actions arising during an emergency. Additional bills signed by DeSantis covered the city of Pensacola's Firefighters' Relief and Pension Fund; private property rights to prune, trim and remove trees; mobile home registration periods; commercial motor vehicle registration; and support for the North River Ranch Improvement Stewardship District. One bill the governor vetoed concerned net metering, which would have allowed Florida Power and Light customers who connect approved, renewable generation systems such as solar panel to the electric grid to buy and sell electricity to FPL.

FLORIDA STATE LEGISLATURE SPECIAL SESSION. Beginning on May 23, the Florida State Legislature began another special session – this one dealing with the subject of rising property insurance costs in the state. Results will be reported in the June Space Coast Tusk.



LOUISIANA REPUBLICAN SENATOR JOHN KENNEDY.

Here are ten recent quotes from the Louisiana Republican, who says he is the “other John Kennedy”:

1. America was founded by geniuses but is now run by idiots.
2. You cannot fix stupid, but you can vote them out of office.
3. When was the last

time you heard of anyone trying to sneak into China? 4. America is so great, that people who hate it refuse to leave. 5. Let me say something about the Biden Administration – so far, it sucks. 6. I don't like to brag about the expensive places I've been to, but this morning I went to the gas station. 7. We don't have a gun control problem; we have an idiot control problem. 8. If you hate police officers, the next time you are in trouble, call a crackhead instead. 9. We need an election day, not an election month, and you should be able to prove

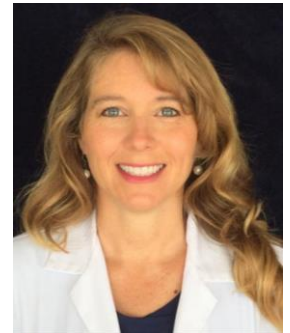
who you say you are when you vote. 10. The more than 400,000 bodies buried at Arlington National Cemetery is the reason you should stand for the national anthem.

FROM THE CONSERVATIVE WEBSITE “FOR THE RIGHT NEWS.” A new book by a pair of New York Times reporters says that Senator Pierre Delecto (aka Willard “Mittens” Romney) of Utah has to wear a disguise whenever he goes outside, in order to hide from voters in his own party. Perhaps “Delecto” will take a clue from the hatred of Trump supporters that it's time for him to resign from the Senate for the good of America and let someone who doesn't hate the country take his seat. That's unlikely to happen, though, because career politicians like him never want to relinquish their hold on power. It's not just wild speculation on the part of these NYT reporters that Romney now wears disguises in public. They're not misinterpreting anything, either. His wife agreed to be interviewed by reporters Jonathan Martin and Alexander Burns for their new book “This Will Not Pass.” Ann Romney provides a profile in courage of her husband by explaining how he now wears a hat and disguise whenever they go out to dinner in Palm Beach. Isn't fascinating that another “Wear your little obedience mask, serfs” politician – this time one who supposedly represents Utah – is dining out in the Free State of Florida? But Republicans in Utah mocked and jeered him at the state party's convention last year. Romney hated Donald Trump so much that he made up a fake Twitter account under the name “Pierre Delecto” just so he could insult the President online without anyone knowing it was him.

GOD BLESS THE USA. It is fitting now to once again watch this three-minute video of **The Singing Sergeants** across the nation join singer-songwriter **Lee Greenwood** in a stirring rendition. Click [HERE](#).

RONALD REAGAN CLUB. Dr. Jana Schmidt, one of

America's Frontline Doctors, who practices in Brevard County, told the Ronald Reagan Club members at their May 23 meeting in Melbourne that the best way for them to support their immune system is to eat a whole foods, nutrient-dense diet, cutting out sugar and refined starches. She added that they should add garlic, onions, ginger, and lots of spices to their meals, and to eat multiple servings of fruits and vegetables high in vitamins C and A, as well as fermented foods. And to drink plenty of fluids, especially warmer ones. Sufficient sleep, Schmidt said, restores, detoxes, rejuvenates and heals the body. Vitamins and Minerals are the foundation for any health support, she said, and her favorite is Organic Bee Pollen, which contains every vitamin and mineral needed for nutrition, and is high in plant-based protein. For additional information, visit the website www.janasallnatural.com.....At the club's April 25 meeting, **Caron McCullough**, a member of the Florida Freedom Keepers, said the organization is committed to educating about medical freedom and informed



consent on a global level through gentle messaging to fight against medical and vaccine mandates. Florida freedom keepers, she said, “focuses on engaging the community and meeting you where you are at on your advocacy journey. Whether you are a seasoned activist or just starting to ask questions, we welcome you to help us unite empower and educate communities here in Florida.” McCullough said the Freedom Keepers – which is an international organization -- is founded on five pillars: education, political advocacy, community connection, events and social media. “Each person has the right to medical freedom,” she said, and “no person should be forced, coerced or deceived into any medical choices that violate their will. Conscience or religious beliefs.” These medical choices, she said, include but are not limited to vaccination, medication, birth rights, maternal care, end of life care choices, treatment choices, and more. McCullough said the international organization was created in 2019, is located in 16 countries, and in the United States, there are currently 48 state chapters. For more information, visit www.flfreedomkeepers.org.



President Barbara Gorin opened the May 5 meeting of the Heritage Isle Republican Club with an invocation and pledge to the flag, and then

turned the meeting over to new **President Mike Hoagland**. Gorin will continue to serve the club as a vice president, along with **Frank Pitt**, who retains his position, and **Mark Edwards** is succeeding **Carol Meehl** as the club’s secretary. Hoagland also announced that he and Edwards will serve on the new HIRC Communications Committee, along with **Carol Abramchik** and **Linda Gotham**, and the new Speaker Committee will consist of **Maureen Brousseau** and **David Hargraves**. The club’s mission statement, Hoagland pointed out, is “The Heritage Isle Republican Club will promote the principles of freedom, liberty, personal responsibility, and accountability. We will advocate fiscally sound, common-sense solutions that will promote jobs and economic growth, provide the best education to our children, and create a path to prosperity for Florida and America.” This vision, he said, will require adding additional committees, which in turn requires volunteers from our membership. Among these future committees will be Membership, the School Board, Brevard County activities, Judicial, Facilities and Special Events, the Heritage Isle District Association, a liaison to the Brevard Republican Executive Committee, and election poll watching.

REPUBLICAN LIBERTY CAUCUS OF CENTRAL EAST FLORIDA. Addressing members of the Republican Liberty Caucus of Central East Florida on May 2, **State Representative Tyler Sirois** said that during the latest session of the Florida State Legislature, he sponsored a bill for the third year in a row to



eliminate Florida’s “Red Flag” law, and next year will again attempt to get the measure passed. “Red Flag” was enacted in 2018 in response to the fatal shootings at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland. It allows judges to order potentially dangerous individuals to surrender their firearms, but critics – Sirois is one of them – argue that it violates the Constitutions of both the United States and Florida, primarily the right to bear arms. A “liberty-driven Constitutionalist,” Sirois said he also plans during the next session to also introduce legislation again to allow Constitutional Carry in the state, and to lower from 21 to 18 the age at which someone can legally purchase a weapon. He also said he would vote in favor of allowing “full e-verify” legislation to ensure that anyone hiring workers in the state would first have to ensure from the government that they are not in the country illegally. Regarding the upcoming Special Session of the Florida Legislature dealing with rising insurance rates on homes in the state, Sirois said there has to be a “consumer-focused decision.” A supporter of the measure passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor taking away autonomous rule of the Reedy Creek District by the “Woke” Disney Company, he said it was “outrageous” that at Disney World, they no longer use the term “boys and girls” to describe the park’s young visitors....**RLCCEF Chair Bob White** announced at the beginning of the meeting that he is a candidate for the position of Florida’s Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Affairs, and will challenge **State Senate President Wilton Simpson** for the party’s nomination. The current Commissioner – Democrat Nikki Fried – is stepping down from the post to run for Governor. White also announced that the RLC-CEF annual Constitution Day Dinner this year will be on September 17 (the actual Constitution Day date) at the Radisson Hotel in Port Canaveral, and the guest speaker will be **President Trump’s** daughter-in-law, **Lara Trump**.



EXPERTS’ EXCERPTS

Contributing editor **Deroy Murdock**, writing on the voter fraud documentary film “2,000 Mules” at “The Daily Signal”:

“Like an incantation at high Mass, Democrats chant their claim that election fraud does not exist. ‘Voter fraud is almost incalculably rare in the United States,’ according to defeated Georgia gubernatorial candidate Stacey Abrams. ‘And make no mistake,’ Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer of New York declared on the Senate floor. ‘There has been no



evidence of any significant or widespread voter fraud.’ ‘The big lie is just that,’ President Joe Biden bellowed about crooked ballots. ‘A big lie!’ Election integrity expert Catherine Engelbrecht offered the perfect rejoinder to this nonsense. True the Vote’s founder said: ‘You don’t need a whole lot of fraud. You just need a little in the right places over time.’ Engelbrecht’s observation comes vividly to life in ‘2,000 Mules,’ commentator and filmmaker Dinesh D’Souza’s stylish, chilling, maddening new documentary.... ‘2,000 Mules’ is a compelling election integrity whodunit. Visually reminiscent of director Tony Scott’s thriller ‘Enemy of the State,’ this film uses state-of-the-art technology to prove that the 2020 presidential election was stained, if not fully stolen, through the lowest-tech means: stuffed ballot boxes.... True the Vote researchers Engelbrecht and Gregg Phillips analyzed 10 trillion cellphone geo-tracking signals captured during the closing weeks of the 2020 general election campaign. The researchers focused on the commercially marketed ‘pings’ from mobile phones whose owners interacted with ballot drop boxes in five swing states. Democrats demanded the broad deployment of these boxes during the COVID-19 pandemic, due to the ‘dangers’ of in-person voting. These digital sleuths then narrowed their search to people who approached 10 or more drop boxes and contemporaneously visited five or more pro-Biden nonprofits. They then requested and acquired 4 million minutes of recordings of these drop boxes by government-security cameras. It would take seven years and eight months to watch all these images at normal speed. This investigation’s results are staggering. Cameras capture one mule after another traveling from box to box to deposit successive fists full of ballots. One mule in Atlanta slid ballots into 28 different collection bins. Most mules left just a few ballots in each box over several weeks, leaving eyebrows unraised. But in Gwinnett County, Georgia, 271 people visited one box on October 12, 2020. That day, 1,962 ballots were inserted – ten times the normal number. These mules were not just overzealous political operatives. Corrupt activist groups reportedly paid them per ballot delivered, which is universally illegal. The mules’ identities reveal that many have criminal records. Some were present during the George Floyd riots. So, was there enough fraud to change the outcome? A mere 42,844 votes sprinkled among three swing states clinched the White House. D’Souza and True the Vote discovered that some 2,000 mules averaged 38 drop-box visits and – in each of these scenarios – left five illegal ballots per visit. This totals 380,000 fraudulent votes. Coming from heavily Democrat areas, these almost certainly were overwhelmingly pro-Biden ballots.... ‘This was an organized effort to subvert a free and fair election,’ said True the Vote’s Phillips. ‘This is organized crime.’ These criminals should be prosecuted at once. See ‘2,000 Mules’ and, henceforth, laugh derisively at Democrats who relentlessly lie that voter fraud does not exist.”

Columnist **Michael Goodwin**, writing on Joe Biden’s malarkey in the “New York Post”:

“Despite promising there’d be ‘no malarkey’ in his White House, spreading malarkey here, there and everywhere is the



hallmark of Joe Biden's presidency, which is why his party is in a panic. It feels like yesterday when Joe Biden promised there would be ‘No Malarkey’ in his White House. To underscore the point, he had the words painted in giant letters on a bus he used in 2019. However, you translate malarkey – ‘bulls**t’ is the best option – it’s clear Biden broke his promise there wouldn’t be any. In fact, spreading malarkey here, there and everywhere is the hallmark of his presidency, which is why his party is in a panic. Of course, Biden was a master of malarkey long before the election. He claimed in 2019 he never spoke to his son Hunter about Hunter’s foreign business entanglements. And in a 2020 debate he insisted, ‘My son has not made money in terms of this thing about, talking about China’.... The last 16 months have provided endless examples that Biden is All Malarkey, All the Time. On topics ranging from inflation, the southern border, mask mandates and the war in Ukraine, the president was utterly incapable of giving a straight and honest answer. Regarding the runaway prices pounding families, Biden did not accept responsibility nor pledge meaningful action. Instead, he shifted the blame game into overdrive. ‘Let’s be absolutely clear about why prices are high right now: COVID and Vladimir Putin,’ he said in a tweet. Soon another followed saying, “I’m doing everything I can to bring down prices and address the Putin Price Hike”Not incidentally, it’s unadulterated malarkey to say there is no COVID health crisis at the border while simultaneously arguing the crisis is so bad passengers must keep wearing masks on planes. Both can’t be true. For his latest appearance on Ukraine, the president brought an industrial-grade manure spreader. Against a backdrop of polls showing most voters think he has been too slow to help, he tried to be upbeat as he announced America is sending more military equipment to fend off Putin....Except it hasn’t really repelled Russia’s aggression, which is still reducing Ukraine’s cities to rubble and slaughtering civilians, and that gets to the heart of the criticism about Slow Joe. Two months after the invasion, which followed months of Russian troops massing on the border, Biden is still playing catch-up.... Germany, after earlier sending military equipment, was now refusing to send tanks and heavy artillery that Ukraine desperately needs. At the same time, he was holding back weapons, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz slowed a European plan to boycott Russian oil, infuriating Ukraine and no doubt pleasing Putin. So that Biden claim of unbreakable Western unity? It was just another tall tale by The Man from Malarkey.”



National Rifle Association President Charles Cotton, writing on Ukraine’s Example in the NRA’s “America’s 1st Freedom” magazine:

“For anyone who ever needed proof of how crucial gun rights are to our survival and our safety, I have just two words of advice: ‘Remember

Ukraine.’ You saw the pictures and video from that war zone. Thousands of men and women from every walk of life lined up to get the firearms they needed to defend themselves and their country from Russian invaders. Let’s be clear: The highest purpose of your Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms is to protect innocent life from any and every aggressor. The simple fact is that invading armies, foreign dictators, domestic tyrants, angry mobs and would-be rapists and killers all share one Achilles’ heel: The possibility that their victims might be armed. It’s the one thing they fear the most. Because it’s the one thing that can stop them....Yet even as Ukraine restores the gun rights of its citizens, President Joe Biden and his anti-gun allies seek to diminish that life-saving freedom right here at home. Last year, Biden ridiculed the idea of armed citizens using small arms to defeat tyranny.... The specter of tyranny is one reason why we have the Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms. It’s why England’s King George sent General Gage to seize the colonists’ firearms at Lexington and Concord in 1775, sparking the American Revolution....When evil strikes, whether in geopolitical situations or walking down the street, you can’t always count on others – the police, your government, your national allies or anyone else – to protect you. Those in law enforcement will do their best to protect us. They will also be the first to admit that they cannot be everywhere at once. In the end, all you have is your God-given right to protect yourself, your family, your freedom and your country.... Yet while Ukrainian authorities restored that right to save the lives of their citizens, President Biden and other anti-gun politicians try to gut it. On April 3, while Ukrainian authorities reportedly uncovered mass graves containing the bodies of hundreds of civilians murdered by Russian troops in what Ukraine President Zelenskyy called ‘genocide,’ President Joe Biden called on Congress to “ban ghost guns...Ban assault weapons and high-capacity magazines.’ Make no mistake: Regardless of what happens in Ukraine in the coming months, nothing is more important to your Second Amendment right to defend yourself, your family and your country from every aggressor than casting your vote to protect freedom on Election Day, November 8.”



Christopher Rufo, founder and director of the public policy research center Battlefront, writing on *Laying Siege to the Institutions* in Hillsdale College’s “Imprimis” publication:

“The 1960s saw the rise of new and radical ideologies in America that now seem commonplace – ideologies based on ideas like identity politics and cultural revolution. There is a

direct line between those ideas born in the ’60s and the public policies being adopted today in leftist-run cities like Seattle, San Francisco, and Chicago...This idea is traceable to Italian communist Antonio Gramsci, who wrote in the 1930s of ‘capturing the culture via infiltration of schools, universities, churches, and the media by transforming the consciousness of society.’ This march through our institutions, begun a half-

century ago, has now proved largely successful. Over the past two years, I’ve looked at the federal bureaucracy, the universities, K-12 schools, and big corporations. And what I’ve found is that the revolutionary ideas of the ’60s have been repackaged, repurposed, and injected into American life at the institutional level. Most Americans are shocked to discover this. We’ve all seen the outrage of parents over the past two years as they learned that their young children were being divided according to their skin color and deemed oppressed or oppressors in public school classrooms. Parents began expressing their outrage against critical race theory not only in school board meetings, but at the polls. This made big news in last year’s gubernatorial election in Virginia, and the demographic of the now-widespread voter rebellion shows that it crosses party lines.... The lesson I’ve drawn from reporting on institutions that promote ideologies such as critical race theory and radical gender theory is that they have been captured at the structural level and can’t be reformed from within. So the solution is not a long counter-march through the institutions. You can’t replace bad directors of diversity, equity, and inclusion with good ones. The ideology is baked in. That’s why I call for a siege strategy. This means, first, that you have to be aggressive. You have to fight on terms that you define. In responding to opponents of the Florida bill, for instance, don’t argue against “teaching diversity and inclusion,” but against sexualizing young children. And don’t pull your punches. We will never win if we play by the rules set by the elites who are undermining our country. We can be polite and lose every battle or we can be impolite and actually deliver results for the great majority of Americans who are fighting for their small businesses, fighting for their jobs, fighting for their families. Second, you have to mobilize popular support.... Less than two years ago, an infinitesimal number of Americans knew about critical race theory. Through investigation and reporting, we’ve brought that number up to 75 percent. The public now opposes critical race theory by a two-to-one margin, and it is being hounded out of schools and other places. This kind of action is a model for dealing with every ideology and institution that is undermining the public good and America’s future....We make a mistake in thinking about politics simply in terms of a Left versus Right dynamic. That dynamic is significant, but where the opportunity really lies today is focusing on a top versus bottom dynamic. An elite class, representing a small number of people with influence in the knowledge-based institutions, are acting in their own interest and against the interest of the vast majority of the American people – those who are still attached to the idea that America is a force for good and who think, to take just one example, that young children should be protected from the imposition of radical gender ideology....In terms of the top versus bottom dynamic, the choice today is between the American Revolution of 1776 and the leftist revolution of the 1960s. The first offers a continued unfolding of America’s founding principles of freedom and equality. The second ends up in nihilism and demoralization, just as the Weather Underground ended up in a bombed-out basement in Greenwich Village in the 1970s.”



Political commentator and author **Candace Owens**, writing on a short history of slavery for Prager University:

‘The first thing you need to know: Slavery was not ‘invented’ by white people. It did not start in 1619 when the first slaves came to Jamestown. It existed before then. It did not start in 1492 when Columbus discovered the

New World. In fact, when the intrepid explorer landed in the Bahamas, the native Taino tribe hoped he could help them defeat their aggressive neighbors, the Caribs. The Caribs enslaved the Taino and, on occasion, served them for dinner. Slavery existed in Africa, Asia, and the Middle East. The word ‘slave’ actually comes from the Slavs of Eastern Europe. Millions of them – All white, by the way – were and enslaved by Muslims in the ninth century and later by the Ottoman Turks. Slavery existed when the Roman Empire controlled the Mediterranean and most of Europe from the first through the fifth centuries. Slavery existed when Alexander the Great conquered Persia in the fourth century BC. It was so common that Aristotle simply considered it ‘natural.’ The slave/master model was just how the world operated in the great philosopher’s day. Slavery existed during the time of the ancient Egyptians 5,000 years ago. As far back we can go in human history, we find slavery.... Here’s the second thing you need to know: White people were the first to formally put an end to slavery. In 1833, Britain was the first country in the history of the world to pass a Slavery Abolition Act. They were quickly followed by France, who in 1848 abolished slavery in her many colonies. Then, of course, came the Thirteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution. After centuries of human slavery, white men led the world in putting an end to the abhorrent practice. That includes the 300,000 Union soldiers, overwhelmingly white, who died during the Civil War....The truth is that human history is complicated; no one, regardless of skin color, stands guiltless. Yet today we are never told to consider the murderous Persian Empire, or the cannibalism of indigenous tribes of North and South America, or the heinous actions under the imperialistic Muslim, Chinese, Mongol, or Japanese empires, to name just a few. Instead, we’re told that slavery is a white phenomenon.... The truth is that Africans were sold into slavery by other black Africans. And in many cases, sold for items as trivial as gin and mirrors. Whites didn’t go into the interior and round up the natives. They waited on the coast for their black partners to bring them black bodies.... Here’s the third thing you need to know: If you think slavery is a relic of the past, you’re wrong. There are some 700,000 slaves in Africa today. Right now. That’s the lowest estimate I could find. Other sources say there are many more.... African bodies are being sold today like they were sold then – and no, they are not being purchased by any country of white men. In fact, slavery, by any traditional definition, is exclusively practiced today within non-white countries.... Black victimhood is nothing if not profitable. It elects politicians and funds racial grievance groups. And if black Americans began to view

themselves as partners in the American dream, if we embraced the patriotic spirit that holds ‘all men are created equal,’ the patriotic spirit that is our real heritage, then the race hustlers would soon be out of business. And who wants that?’

Journalist **Zac Anderson**, writing on additional legislative action coming against “Woke” Disney corporation, in the “USA Today” network:



“**Florida Governor Ron DeSantis** said his administration is working on more legislation to address questions raised about the legality and tax implications of unraveling Disney’s self-governing status. ‘There’s going to be additional legislative action,’ said DeSantis. ‘We’ve contemplated that. We know what we’re going to do, so stay tuned; that’ll all be apparent.’ DeSantis also continued his blistering attacks on the global media and entertainment company for opposing a contentious law banning teachers from holding classroom instruction about sexual orientation or gender identity. He made his remarks during an hour-long ‘town hall’ broadcast on Fox News. DeSantis pushed through a bill he signed into law that dissolves Disney’s Reedy Creek Improvement District, which allows the company to function as its own government and gives it wide control over its properties spanning 25,000 acres and two counties in Central Florida. It was widely viewed as a retaliatory move for Disney’s public opposition to his parental rights law that critics deride as the ‘Don’t Say Gay’ law. In questioning DeSantis about the future of Reedy Creek, host **Laura Ingraham** asked about the special district’s recent statement noting its 1967 agreement with Florida does not allow the state to ‘limit or alter the rights of the district’ until its bond debts are paid off. Reedy Creek implied the state is on shaky legal ground trying to dissolve the district before it’s \$1 billion in bonds are paid in full. There also has been speculation about how Disney’s bonds would be paid off if Reedy Creek is dissolved, and a tax hike on residents in Orange and Osceola counties to cover the costs.... DeSantis noted the law dissolving Reedy Creek doesn’t take effect until June 2023, giving the Legislature time to follow up. ‘The bonds will be paid by Disney,’ said DeSantis. ‘They will be paying taxes, probably more taxes. They will follow the laws that every other person has to do and they will no longer have the ability to run their own government’...DeSantis has been battling with Disney since the company’s CEO publicly criticized HB 1557, the legislation officially known as the Parental Rights in Education Act but which critics condemn as the ‘Don’t Say Gay’ bill. The governor has signed it into law. Opponents have already filed suit in court to challenge the law as unconstitutional. DeSantis drew a raucous round of applause from the Fox News audience surrounding the stage when he slammed Disney for having ‘pledged itself to attacking the parents in my state’ with its opposition to HB 1557. ‘I want everyone to do well, but I am not comfortable having one company with their own government and special privileges when that company has pledged itself to attacking the parents

in my state,' he said. 'When that company has very high up people talking about injecting transsexualism into programming for young kids. It's wrong. Walt Disney would not want that. And so get back to the mission. Do what you did great. That's why people loved the company and you lost your way. Maybe this will be the wake-up call that they need to get back on track. They will follow the laws that every other person has to do and they will no longer have the ability to run their own government.'”



Legal analyst **Andrea Picciotti-Bayer**, writing on religious legal matters, at “The National Catholic Register”:

“On April 25, the Supreme Court heard oral argument in *Kennedy v. Bremerton School District*. Its decision – involving a Christian high school football coach banned from praying on the 50-yard line

after games – will tell us whether the Justices have a balanced understanding of the freedoms of speech and the exercise of religion as well as a proper understanding of the Establishment Clause.... Joseph Kennedy is a former U.S. Marine who in 2008 became an assistant football coach at Bremerton High School in Bremerton, Washington – the same school he graduated from in 1988. He is a devout Christian who believes he is compelled by his faith to ‘give thanks through prayer’ at the end of each game. For years, Kennedy has knelt on the 50-yard line and said a short prayer after games. After first, he prayed alone. Eventually, some players asked if they could join him. ‘This is a free country,’ he told them. Kennedy prayed after games for seven years. Sometimes players from the opposing team did as well. In the fall of 2015, an employee from another school congratulated Bremerton’s principal for permitting their coach to give witness to his faith in such an unlikely public setting. That supportive comment set off a firestorm. The school district opened an investigation into Kennedy’s practice. It amended its policies and enacted a sweeping new ban on ‘demonstrative religious activity, readily observable to (if not intended to be observed by) students and the attending public’.... Undeterred by the school district’s authoritarian tactics, Coach Kennedy continued his private prayer on the field after games. The school district placed him on administrative leave and gave him a poor performance evaluation after the 2015 season ended. They advised against rehiring him. Kennedy has not returned to the field since. Coach Kennedy filed suit in federal court, claiming that Bremerton violated his constitutional rights to free speech and the free exercise of religion. He lost in both the lower district court and court of appeals. And then went to the highest court in the land.... It is true that the government in its role as employer has more power to restrict the speech of its employees than it does over the general public. Nevertheless, public employees’ expression that falls outside their official job duties is protected speech. Kennedy certainly engaged in government speech as a coach, but the relevant speech here –

his prayer after games had ended – was clearly private expression. Both Justices Clarence Thomas and Samuel Alito focused on this religious nature of Kennedy’s prayer, asking whether Bremerton could fire coaches who, say, knelt in opposition to racism or the Russian invasion of Ukraine....It was significant that Bremerton’s lawyer challenged the factual finding of the lower courts that the sole reason Kennedy was fired was that the school district objected to his display of religious belief. The school now claims it also wanted to protect students from undue ‘coercion’ to join Kennedy in prayer. Justices Elena Kagan and Sonia Sotomayor picked up this after-the-fact concern and ran with it. ‘What about pressure on students to pray against their parents’ wishes?’ asked Sotomayor....The Becket Fund for Religious Liberty filed an amicus brief in support of Kennedy on behalf of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Their brief offers a historical look at the practices and understandings of what constitutes religious establishment under the Establishment Clause. Specifically, they note that prayers causing feelings of discomfort are not the sort of coercion prohibited by the Establishment Clause. Further, they argue that elevating such feelings can lead to discrimination against religious viewpoints.... A host of anti-religious freedom and government organizations filed briefs in support of Bremerton. Joining them were two organizations that would once have upheld the rights of Joseph Kennedy: the ACLU and two of the nation’s largest teachers’ unions. The eventual decision...is expected before the Court’s term ends in early July. “

THOUGHTS TO PONDER

“When you conduct yourself in an utterly lawless way, attacking the institutions of this country, attacking the founding documents of this country, attacking the history of this country, this is what you get: lawlessness. It’s just a matter of time. All these institutions are going to collapse. This is a grave assault on the Supreme Court....The Democrat Party is complicit in destroying this country, and they are fighting Republicans every step of the way. Look at the confirmation process. It started with Bork. The Democrats targeted him under Senator Ted Kennedy and Biden, and it moves on to others, including Clarence Thomas, including Kavanaugh. Republicans don’t treat Democrat nominees this way. They may object to them. When you say the Supreme Court doesn’t look like America, you’re undermining the credibility of the court.”

--Political commentator **Mark Levin**, on the leaking of a *Roe v. Wade* draft opinion by the U.S. Supreme Court

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“In an unprecedented and dangerous leak to the mainstream media, a draft opinion shows that the Supreme Court voted to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, the landmark case which made abortion legal in the United States. The Pro-Life movement has scored a major victory in our fight - but this leak was meant to use mob tactics and intimidation to scare the justices in the majority from delivering their decision. Radical Democrats like Bernie Sanders, and even those in the

corporate media, are calling for ending the filibuster, packing the court with far-left justices, and jamming through pro-abortion legislation that dismantles our Constitution and the right to life.”

--**Florida Congressman Matt Gaetz**, on the same Supreme Court leak

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“We live during a time when monsters and menaces stalk among us. We see it here at home, in the midst of a historic crime wave spawned by the pro-criminal policies of President Joe Biden and his anti-gun counterparts at all levels of government.... As you and I pray for the people of Ukraine, we should also give thanks for the wisdom of our Founders. And we should take pride in knowing that you, me and our fellow NRA members are the one thing standing between the Founders’ noble vision of everlasting freedom and of human dignity, and those like Joe Biden who would take it all away.”

--**National Rifle Association Executive Vice President Wayne LaPierre**, on the wisdom of our Founding Fathers

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“The hatred, anger and resentment of liberals is not exclusive to the extreme Democrat. It’s now the entire party. When was the last time anyone encountered a happy Democrat? They don’t exist. They’re perpetually miserable, annoyed that normal people have moved on from COVID, offended that anyone objects to public schools teaching 7-year-olds about sexual identity, and frustrated that their fetish with ‘critical race theory’ (also known as ‘how to properly hate whites!’) isn’t as widely shared as they thought.”

--**“The Federalist” columnist Eddie Scarry**, on the Democrats becoming the party of miserable, whiny grumps

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“The victory of **J.D. Vance** in the raucous Ohio GOP senate primary sets the tone for a midterm success that will include a larger number of unique, independent and successful candidates who will win their races due to their own abilities and association with Donald Trump, and not because of their fealty to Washington, Republicans or the support from major corporations. In fact, a growing number of these successful candidates ran against the traditional national powers. When they come to the Capitol, they will comprise the first Republican majority wholly independent of the normal elite power structures. This could be the most exciting aspect of this year’s Big Red Wave – victorious candidates who are healthy from giving up the junk food of corporate PAC checks and the largess of most of the big money players who usually finance establishment Republican victories.”

--**American Conservative Union Chairman Matt Schlapp**, on Ohio’s Republican Primary Election this month

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“‘Chief Ranting Shrew’ is very, very angry. Shortly after leaving her drum circle, where she apparently smoked way too much peyote, Senator Elizabeth Warren went on an unhinged tirade on the steps of the Supreme Court, lamenting that a woman’s ‘right’ to murder her own pre-born child could soon be regulated by individual states. ‘I am angry because an extremist United States Supreme Court thinks that they can

impose their extremist views on all of the women of this country, and they are wrong,’ Warren screamed, seeming to completely misunderstand exactly what overturning *Roe v. Wade* would actually do (hint: it wouldn’t ban abortion – unfortunately). ‘We have reached the culmination of what Republicans have been fighting for, angling for, for decades now, and we are gonna fight back,’ she hollered.”

--**Media Research Center on-air host Brittany Hughes**, on the pro-abortion rants of a U.S. Senator who – in order to receive educational benefits during her collegiate days – falsely claimed to have native- American blood (NOTE: Is “Chief Ranting Shrew” not a better nickname for Warren than “Pocahontas”?)

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“Have you filled up your gas recently? If so, you’re likely feeling the pain just like everyone else in America right now. It’s gotten bad, and unfortunately, it seems like it is going to get worse. The Biden administration has announced that it will not go forward with planned lease sales that would have opened up areas in the Gulf of Mexico and Alaska for oil and natural gas exploration.... They think they can buy gas elsewhere and let other people do the ‘dirty’ drilling and then act like we are being green by somehow doing less drilling at home. What does that change? Absolutely NOTHING....Make no mistake about it folks, we are in a dire situation.”

--**Greg McDonald**, writing in the “Patriot Journal” on oil and natural gas exploration

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“This year our legislators answered our call with an in-depth analysis of our child welfare system, resulting in an unprecedented request for an increased budget of \$150.5 million. Many of our legislators championed this movement and I wish to personally recognize Senators Tom Wright and Debbie Mayfield, as well as Representatives Tyler Sirois, Thad Altman, Rene ‘Coach P’ Plasencia and Randy Fine. For social workers, this brings hope, support and necessary resources that will better mitigate child safety issues, improve child and adolescent development, and assist mothers and fathers struggling to provide for their families. These funds will help recruit and retain skilled social workers who will provide effective case work which will favorably impact the work they do with families in need.”

--**Brevard Family Partnership CEO Phil Scarpelli**, on Florida legislative support for increased funding for the child welfare system

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“I do not care whether anyone reading this liked Trump or liked Biden, the reality is that this election was not safe and not secure. COVID was used as an excuse to alter election safeguards and procedures on a national level, and we now know conclusively that fraud did occur. Does this mean I can prove Donald Trump won; no, it does not. What I can say is that we did not have a fair and honest election and that it is quite suspicious that no one is considering the massive amounts of evidence (2000 Mules, Lindell, Pulitzer, etc.). If the machines were secure, then let us open them up, if the

ballots were legitimate then let's do an audit (not a recount), and if there is nothing to hide then let's prove it so we can move on (unless there is something to hide). Regardless, the point is that the election is another example of an attack on America because, fraud or not, it has further divided us (and gave us the worst President in history)."

--**Attorney Tom Renz** in "Tom's Newsletter" on the 2020 election

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"The Department of Homeland Security announced the creation of a so-called 'Disinformation Governance Board'. While they claim it will combat Russian 'misinformation,' its goals could be much more sinister. The Democrat establishment, as well as some establishment Republicans, support this propaganda arm of the federal government because they're afraid that we will think for ourselves. They're afraid we'll challenge their power. We cannot let this administration continue to threaten our First Amendment rights and undermine our Constitution....This board is not unexpected. For years, the establishment has worked to shut-down alternative viewpoints. Now, we're seeing these anti-democratic principles form the foundation of a government body.... The United States is not supposed to be a dictatorship. We need to come together and make clear to this administration that we cannot and will not be silenced." (NOTE: After this quote appeared in print, the President suspended this board for "pausing and re-assessing," and its controversial Executive Director, Nina Jankowicz, resigned.)

--**Democrat former Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard**, on the short-term creation of the Biden Administration's "Ministry of Truth"

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"President Biden and the Democrats...are pointedly ignoring the laws of political rationality. They stubbornly cling to their disastrous agenda, even as it damages the country and collapses their own poll numbers. They're acutely aware of the harm they're inflicting, but instead of rushing to mitigate it, they're doubling down.....Inflation most affects those whom the Democrats profess to champion – the middle class, working class and poor. But the left's answer to their hardship is ever-more spending – and more crushing inflation. Let them eat cake – who cares if they can't afford it! Particularly diabolical is the left's war on kids. If everything is done "for the children" – as Democrats always say – why are they so intent on harming them? The Biden administration blocks charter schools, which offer kids – particularly minority children -- a better education and brighter future. And by enforcing masks on the youngest students in defiance of the science."

--Podcaster **Monica Crowley** on the Democrats' spending

UPCOMING BREVARD COUNTY EVENTS

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

--June 2: Heritage Isle Republican Club meeting,

Heritage Isle Clubhouse, Viera, 10 am.

--June 3: Federated Republican Women in Action meeting, MeMaw's BBQ, Palm Bay, 11:15am..

--June 4: Republican prayer meeting conducted by **Savetrie 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.

--June 6: Republican Liberty Caucus of Central East Florida meeting, Frogbones Double Tapp Grill, Melbourne, 7 pm.

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

--June 8: Brevard Republican Executive Committee meeting, Space Coast Association of Realtors Building, 2950 Pineda Plaza Way, Melbourne, 7 pm.

--June 11: Brevard Chapter of Florida Freedom Keepers meeting, Cocoa Library, 1:30 pm.

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

--June 16: Republican Women's Network of South Brevard meeting, Eau Gallie Yacht Club, Indian Harbor Beach, 11:30 am.

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

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

--June 25: Brevard Republican Executive Committee Straw Poll and Barbeque. Melbourne Auditorium, 12 noon.

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

--June 29: Night at the Museum for Florida Congressman Bill Posey, tour and Barbeque Fundraiser, Institute of Military Technology, Titusville, 5 pm.

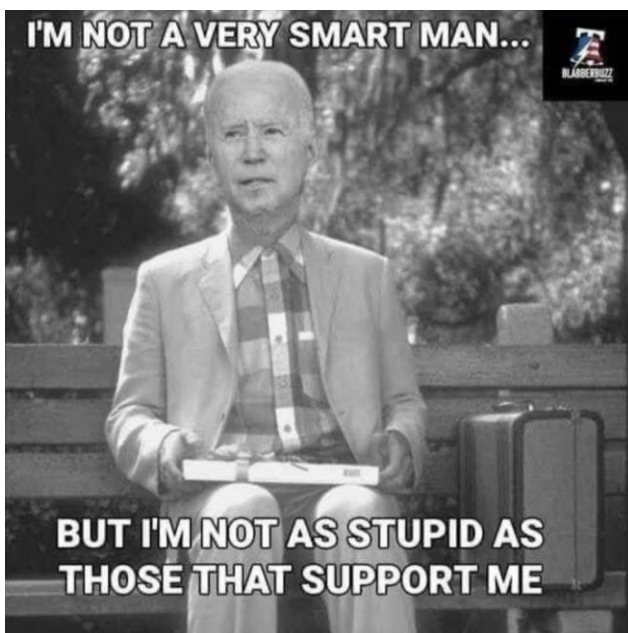
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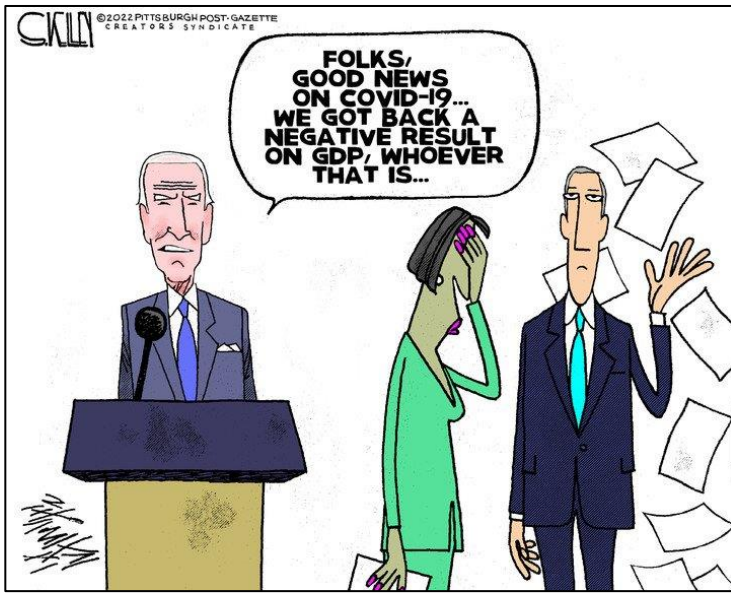
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COMICAL CLOSER

THE MEXICAN NAVY. A U.S. Navy destroyer stops four Mexicans in a small boat rowing towards Texas. The captain gets on the megaphone and shouts, "Ahoy, small craft. Where are you headed?" One of the Mexicans puts down his oar, stands up, and shouts, "Gringo, we are invading the United States of America to reclaim the territory taken by the USA during the War of 1812." The entire crew on the destroyer doubles over in laughter. The captain finally catches his breath, gets back on the megaphone, and asks, "Just the four of you?" The same Mexican stands up again and shouts, "No Señor, we are the last four. Thanks to your President Biden... the other 21 million are already there."

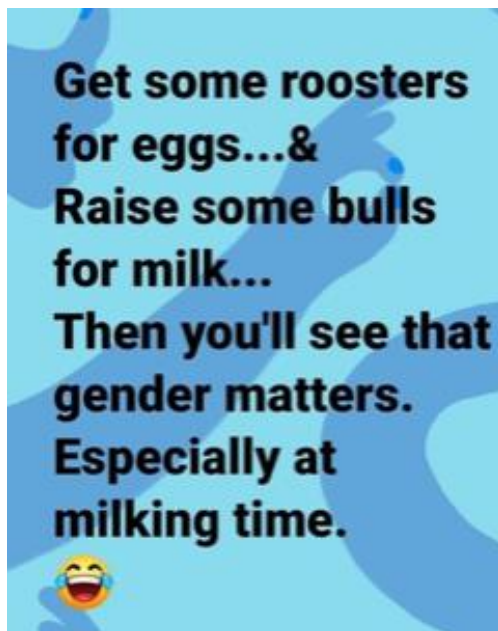
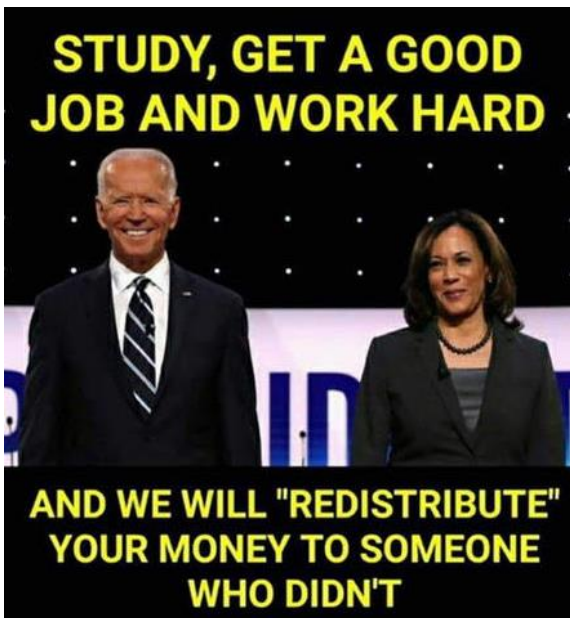
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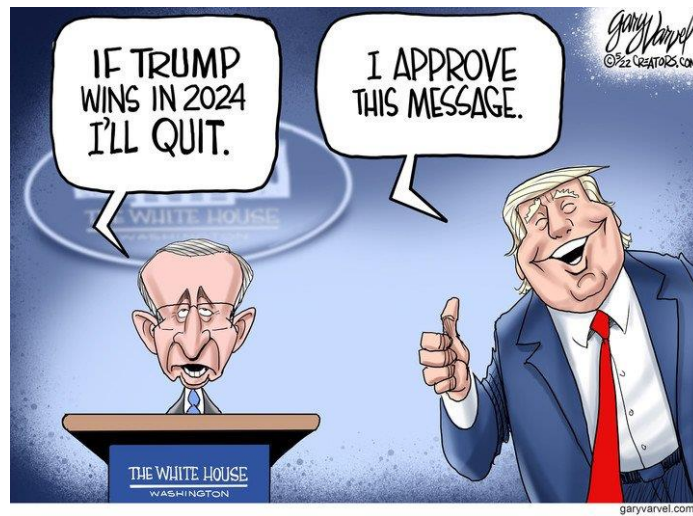




If you're OK with letting Joe tell you how to raise your children, you might first want to consider how Hunter turned out.







Hey Democrats. If a million Russians came across our border illegally to vote for Trump, would that be OK? Asking for a friend.

I JUST GOT A FULL TANK OF GAS FOR \$22. GRANTED, IT WAS FOR MY LAWN MOWER, BUT I AM TRYING TO STAY POSITIVE.



I've always been a fan of Beatles music and never understood this song until now



**I THINK FIREARMS DEALERS SHOULD
SELL GUNS BY MAIL WITHOUT CHECKING
PHOTO ID OR VERIFYING SIGNATURES.**



**YOU KNOW, JUST LIKE
MAIL-IN VOTING.**

**We live in a time where
intelligent people are
being silenced so that
stupid people won't
be offended.**

**BREAKING NEWS:
Elon Musk offers to
purchase the FBI for
\$100 billion.**

**No word yet if the
Clinton's are willing to
sell.**

