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FLORIDA LEGISLATURE APPROVES \$101.5 BILLION BUDGET; 275 OTHER BILLS

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK:

MY TWO CENTS

By Stuart Gorin

It only took the “New York Slimes” four years to admit it, but this month the newspaper finally wrote that its “award winning reporting” about Donald Trump “colluding” with the Russians was based on a bogus dossier by discredited British intelligence officer Michael Steele. Phony – fake – news!

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A reporter for Campus Reform – part of the Leadership Institute – visited the University of Florida to ask students to rate President Biden’s performance at his 100-day mark. On a 10-1 scale, the underwhelming average result was 2.7, primarily given for promises not kept.

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It took the word of a rancher to fully understand the meaning of the word “service.” Think about the Internal Revenue Service, U.S. Postal Service, Civil Service, Health and Human Services, and numerous other government services. That rancher said he had rented a bull from a neighboring rancher to “service” his cows. So now we realize what all of Biden’s “services” are doing to us.

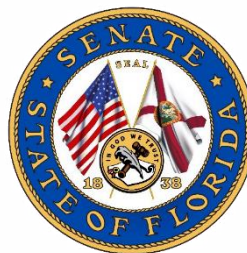
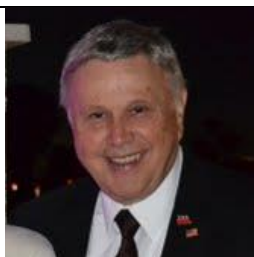
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After Biden’s Not-A-State-of-the-Union Speech to a condensed gathering of legislators in the Capitol, during which he promised the kitchen sink and then some to bankrupt America, one observer dryly remarked that the lengthy list was what a 15-year-old would sound like if someone gave him (or her?) a credit card with no limit.

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No thanks to all of Biden’s executive orders, rescinding of regulations, and billions of dollars of government spending,

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The Florida State Legislature ended its regular 60-day session on April 30, having approved a budget of \$101.5 billion for fiscal year 2021-22 – a higher amount than **Governor Ron DeSantis’** proposed \$96.6 billion. He has until the end of May to sign the budget, veto it, or line-item veto individual expenses.

While passing an annual budget is the ONLY responsibility for the State Legislature, the members go far beyond that, discussing 3,140 other bills and 2,632 amendments; taking 3,788 votes; and passing 275 bills in both chambers during 39 floor sessions.

Then, on May 17, The Legislature returned to Tallahassee for a special one-week session dealing only with a Gaming Compact with the Seminole Indian Tribe to expand gambling in the state. The House passed that measure 97-17, and the Senate vote was 38-1. DeSantis approves the measure that still has to go to the U.S. Department of Interior’s Office of Indian Gaming.

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Donald Trump said that while “everybody is comparing him to Jimmy Carter,” that actually is “unfair to Carter.” Pointing out that Carter “mishandled crisis after crisis,” he said that instead, Biden “CREATED crisis after crisis.”

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I saw a new bumper sticker that read: B.I.D.E.N. stands for Biggest Idiot Democrats Ever Nominated!

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More TWO CENTS Next Month

Even if federal approval is given, however, a group called No Casinos plans to file a court challenge over whether it runs counter to a 2018 Florida Constitutional Amendment requiring any expansion of gambling in the state go before voters – who already have opposed any increase.



DeSantis, meanwhile, has already signed a number of measures approved in the regular session. Here’s just a few of them:

--More than \$168 million in taxpayer savings for families, including sales tax holidays for disaster preparedness, a “Freedom Week”, and back-to-school purchases.

--The “Combating Public Disorder Act” to uphold the rule of law.

--Landmark legislation to ban vaccine passports in the state.
--A requirement for the Department of Health to create a state public health emergency management plan.

--An election integrity bill strengthening voter ID, prohibiting the mass mailing of ballots, and banning ballot harvesting.

--Improving state accountability for early learning programs and identifying students that need additional support.

--An update to the Right to Farm Act.

--Allowing restaurants in the state to sell to-go alcoholic beverages in unopened containers.

--An anti-Semitism protection measure.

Among the topics of other bills sent to the governor for signature or veto include the environment, insurance policies, and minimum wages.

SENATOR TIM SCOTT REBUTTAL REMARKS



After President Biden delivered his non-State of the Union address to a joint session of Congress and the American people on April 28 – which included how he would give everything but the kitchen sink to illegal aliens, increasing taxes on the rich, and urging Congress to take action on gun violence and police reform – **South Carolina Republican Senator Tim Scott** delivered the Republican Party’s rebuttal remarks.

He said he was saddened that many schools were not opened in the United States, and millions of children lost a year of learning; and that regarding infrastructure, the Democrats’ massive, proposed bill only calls for six percent of funding to actually be used for roads and bridges, while the rest is “a liberal wish list of big government waste.” Scott also pointed out that Biden wants to fund abortions with tax payer money and to pack the Supreme Court with liberal justices.

“A president who promised to bring us together should not be pushing agendas that tear us apart. The American family deserves better,” Scott said. Just before COVID struck, he said, “We had the most inclusive economy in my lifetime. The lowest unemployment rate ever recorded for African Americans, Hispanics and Asians. And a 70-year low, nearly, for women. Wages were growing faster at the bottom than at the top. The bottom 25 percent saw their wages go up faster than the top 25 percent. That happened because Republicans focus on expanding opportunity for all Americans.”

Following are excerpts of Scott’s speech:

(Begin excerpts)

“Our president seems like a good man. His speech was full of good words. But President Biden promised you a specific kind of leadership. He promised to unite a nation. To lower the temperature. To govern for all Americans, no matter how we voted. This was the pitch. You just heard it again. But our nation is starving for more than empty platitudes. We need policies and progress that bring us closer together. But three months in, the actions of the president and his party are pulling us further and further apart.

I won’t waste your time tonight with finger-pointing or partisan bickering. You can get that on TV anytime you want. I want to have an honest conversation about common sense and common ground. About this feeling that our nation is sliding off its shared foundation, and how we move forward together....

I’m saddened that millions of kids have lost a year of learning when they could not afford to lose a single day. Locking vulnerable kids out of the classroom is locking adults out of their future. Our public schools should have reopened months

ago. Other countries did. Private and religious schools did. Science has shown for months that schools are safe. But too often, powerful grown-ups set science aside. And kids like me were left behind. The clearest case I've seen for school choice in our lifetime is because we know that education is the closest thing to magic in America.

Last year, under Republican leadership, we passed five bipartisan Covid packages. Congress supported our schools, our hospitals, saved our economy, and funded Operation Warp Speed, delivering vaccines in record time. All five bills got 90 votes in the Senate. Common sense found common ground.

In February, Republicans told President Biden we wanted to keep working together to finish this fight. But Democrats wanted to go it alone. They spent almost \$2 trillion on a partisan bill that the White House bragged was the most liberal bill in American history. Only 1 percent went to vaccinations. No requirement to reopen schools promptly.

Another issue that should unite us is infrastructure. Republicans support everything you think of when you think of infrastructure. Roads, bridges, ports, airports, waterways, high-speed broadband – we're in for all of that. But again, Democrats want a partisan wish list. They won't even build bridges to build bridges.

Less than 6 percent of the president's plan goes to roads and bridges. It's a liberal wish list of big-government waste, plus the biggest job-killing tax hikes in a generation. Experts say, when all is said and done, it would lower wages of the average American worker and shrink our economy....

The president is also abandoning principles he held for decades. Now, he says your tax dollars should fund abortions. He's laying groundwork to pack the Supreme Court. This is not common ground.

Nowhere do we need common ground more desperately than in our discussions of race. I have experienced the pain of discrimination. I know what it feels like to be pulled over for no reason. To be followed around a store while I'm shopping. I remember, every morning, at the kitchen table, my grandfather would open the newspaper and read it – I thought. But later, I realized he had never learned to read it. He just wanted to set the right example.

I've also experienced a different kind of intolerance. I get called 'Uncle Tom' and the n-word by progressives, by liberals. Just last week, a national newspaper suggested my family's poverty was actually privilege because a relative owned land generations before my time....

Today, kids again are being taught that the color of their skin defines them, and if they look a certain way, they're an oppressor. From colleges to corporations to our culture, people are making money and gaining power by pretending we haven't made any progress at all, by doubling down on the divisions we've worked so hard to heal. You know this stuff is wrong. Hear me clearly: America is not a racist country. It's

backwards to fight discrimination with different types of discrimination. And it's wrong to try to use our painful past to dishonestly shut down debates in the present....

This is not about civil rights or our racial past. It's about rigging elections in the future. And, no, the same filibuster that President Obama and President Biden praised when they were senators, the same filibuster that the Democrats used to kill my police reform bill last year, has not suddenly become a racist relic just because the shoe is on the other foot.

Race is not a political weapon to settle every issue the way one side wants. It's far too important. This should be a joyful springtime for our nation. This administration inherited a tide that had already turned. The coronavirus is on the run. Thanks to Operation Warp Speed and the Trump administration, our country is flooded with safe and effective vaccines. Thanks to our bipartisan work last year, job openings are rebounding....

Our best future won't come from Washington schemes or socialist dreams. It will come from you, the American people. Black, Hispanic, white and Asian. Republican and Democrat. Brave police officers and Black neighborhoods. We are not adversaries. We are family. We are all in this together.

And we get to live in the greatest country on Earth. The country where my grandfather, in his 94 years, saw his family go from cotton to Congress in one lifetime. So I am more than hopeful – I am confident – that our finest hour has yet to come. Original sin is never the end of the story. Not in our souls, and not for our nation. The real story is always redemption.

(End excerpts)



BREC Corner **By Chairman Rick Lacey**

The Brevard Republican Party held the Grand Opening of our new offices at 551 S. Apollo Blvd, in Melbourne on Saturday May 15. It was a RED, WRIGHT and BLUE event!

State Senators Tom Wright and Debbie Mayfield, plus Brevard School Board Vice Chair Matt Susin, were joined by about 60 Republicans as they jointly cut the RED Ribbon to officially open the office. The weather was perfect, and as a special treat we enjoyed the Melbourne Air Show featuring the Navy's Blue Angels, who put on a spectacular show. Watching our air show makes you proud to be an American!

Special thanks to **Bill Prince, Mary Lou Ross, Cindy Roberts Ruth Waters and Linda Davis** for all their work in getting the office together. In addition really big Thanks go to **Norace Lindsay, Bob Chapman and Paul Oddo** for managing the parking situation. Also, thanks to **John Hopengarten** for doing the grill cooking, and **Sharon Rose** for great deserts.

Since there is no May General meeting, it was important for committee members to participate in their individual district meetings this month.

Everyone should be focused on finding candidates for the 2021 municipal elections, filling precinct vacancies, and voter registration.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, June 9. One of the issues up for discussion is a proposal to boycott a list of more than 100 “Woke” companies who have publicly stated their opposition to Georgia’s new law cutting down on election fraud.

And I am very pleased to announce that the next Lincoln Reagan Dinner, on Thursday, June 24 at 6pm at the Space Coast Convention Center in Cocoa, will feature as the guest speaker, **South Carolina Senator Tim Scott**. Additional details forthcoming.

AUDACITY AND IDIOCY

--President Biden, after plagiarizing President Ronald Reagan’s joke, for scolding graduates of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy for not applauding one of his rambling graduation ceremony comments. “You really are a dull class. I mean, come on, man. Is the sun getting to you?,” he said. Some of the graduates did respond with laughter.



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--White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki – while discussing with reporters the Trump administration’s initiatives that produced a historic series of recognition agreements between Israel and Arab states – for saying, “We don’t think they did anything constructive, really, to bring an end to the longstanding conflict in the Middle East.”

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--House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, for congratulating San Francisco Giants icon Willie Mays on his 90th birthday, with a tweet portraying the “civic legend and national treasure” as “A trailblazing, record-breaking baseball player, civil rights leader, and champion for youth sports and well-being,” but issuing this with a picture of herself – with late San Francisco Giant Willie McCovey. A follow-up correction tweet was issued later with the correct photo.

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--The Biden Administration, for refusing to permit the “Rolling Thunder” motorcycle event to take place on Memorial Day to honor America’s fallen heroes. The traditional event that brings together thousands of veterans from across the country has been held for the last 32 years. Patriots and some Congressional lawmakers are outraged.

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--NARAL and other abortion advocate groups, for celebrating abortion “in honor of Mother’s Day.” Live Action News called this “inhumane and cruel to both babies and women.”

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--Four Washington, DC, police officers in two squad cars, for deciding instead of fighting crime or patrolling their beats, to

participate in a drag race, going 60 miles an hour in a 25 mph speed limit residential area, colliding and totaling both vehicles. They received minor injuries and suspension from their jobs pending a full investigation.

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--The Finnish Government, for charging Päivi Räsänen, the former Interior Minister and leader of the Christian Democrats, with “hate speech,” for posting a picture of the Bible, opened to Romans 1:24-27, because she was disturbed by the Evangelical Lutheran Church joining a gay pride event, and she wanted to remind them what God says about homosexuality. She said she will go to the court with a “peaceful and brave mind, trusting that Finland is a constitutional state where the freedoms of speech and religion, both of which are guaranteed in international agreements and in our constitution, are respected.”

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--The faculty at Penn State University, for voting to replace the traditional descriptor “freshman” with “1st year student,” citing the former’s “male-centric academic history.” Couldn’t they have thought instead of “freshwoman”?

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--The University of North Carolina Journalism School, for hiring “1619 Project” founder Nikole Hannah-Jones for a fixed-five year term as a professor, despite criticism from other academics. Focusing on slavery, the project contends America began that year with the arrival of African slaves and challenges the notion that it was either with the arrival of the Pilgrims or the 1776 battle for independence.

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--Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot, for announcing she will only grant interviews on her two-year anniversary in office to “journalists of color,” saying it was intended as an effort “to confront the issue of a mostly white and male City Hall press corps.”

THIS AND THAT

REPRESENTATIVES ELISE STEFANIK AND LIZ CHENEY.

During a closed-door session voice-vote on May 12, House Republicans voted overwhelmingly to oust **Nevada Representative Liz Cheney** as Conference Chair, their third-ranking Republican leadership position in Congress. Two days later, Republican House members gathered again to replace Cheney, and **New York Congresswoman Elise Stefanik** defeated **Texas Congressman Chip Roy** 134-46.



Representative
Elise Stefanik

Roy had criticized Stefanik for her previous record as a moderate Republican who had broken with **Donald Trump**, but she later became his defender, and she received his endorsement for the Conference Chair position. Both before and after the May 12 vote, a defiant Cheney claimed that

Trump provoked a violent attack on the Capitol on January 6 in an effort to steal the election and accused him of risking “inciting further violence.” Cheney’s tunnel vision fails to take into account that Trump had urged his supporters to “peacefully and patriotically make your voices heard.”

Cheney also had clashed publicly with **House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy** and other senior Republicans by pushing back on Trump’s claims that the 2020 election had been stolen from him. She also said she wanted to do “everything she can” to keep Trump from returning to power. Republican lawmakers said her public comments put Cheney out of step with the majority of them, who wanted instead to avoid disputes and address party unity or shared conservative goals.



TUCKER CARLSON CRITICISM OF FRANK LUNTZ. Fox News host **Tucker Carlson** said that pollster Frank Luntz, who has been serving the Republican Party as a “message man” for decades, telling elected Republicans “what to say and precisely how to say it.” The problem, Carlson

said, is that Luntz’ personal views “are very different from those of your average Republican voter. Frank Luntz is a conventional liberal. His main clients are left-wing corporations like Google.” Carlson criticized the Republican Party for continuing to rely on Luntz to understand the desires of the voting public. But, he said, “Year after year on issue after issue, the leadership of the Republican Party fails to represent its voters, and we’re not guessing about that.” President Trump was elected in 2016, he said, because the establishment was out of touch, and they have learned no lessons about why this happened. Further expressing criticism of Luntz, Carlson said that back in 2003, when the opioid epidemic devastated entire regions of the United States, Luntz encouraged people to take more Oxycontin, and he admitted to being a “Big Pharma shill.”



The latest client for First Liberty Institute, the largest legal organization in the nation dedicated exclusively to defending religious liberty for all Americans, is Army Chaplain Major Andrew Calvert, a decorated career officer based in Fort Hood, Texas, who faces career-ending punishment for expressing his religious beliefs on his personal Facebook page. A chaplain whose duty is to provide religious and spiritual support, is facing career-ending punishment by the Army because some people found his Facebook page “offensive.” Calvert is a highly decorated major, who in 16 years of service, has been deployed three times to combat zones and received the Bronze Star and three Meritorious

Service Medals. But that is unimportant to the followers of the toxic “cancel culture” infiltrating and threatening to destroy religious liberty in the military. Despite statements attesting to Chaplain Calvert’s integrity and selfless military service, an Army investigator concluded that he was “guilty of discrimination” by sharing his religious views on Facebook even though he makes it clear that his posts and opinions are his own, meaning he’s speaking as a private citizen and not on behalf of the military. And the religious views he expressed on his social media posts were consistent with existing Department of Defense policy at the time they were posted. But this led to Calvert being reprimanded and suspended during further investigation. First Liberty is committed to fighting these cases of anti-faith discrimination in the military – which are becoming more and more frequent. Its website is www.firstliberty.org.

KILLING COMEDY VIDEO. For the first time ever (yes, we know that is redundant), “The Space Coast Tusk” is carrying a link for readers to watch a video. Carried on the Patriot Post website, it is a 5-minute discussion of satire – “Killing Comedy” – by **Seth Dillon**, the CEO of “The Babylon Bee,” for Prager University. [Click here to watch the video.](#)



The state chapter in Florida of Freedom Keepers United – a grassroots organization created to grow the medical freedom movement through community programs, social media campaigns and educational content – is sponsoring a special showing of “1986 The Act”, Andy

Wakefield’s in-depth docu-drama of the 1986 National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act and its consequences, from Polio to COVID 19. It shines a light on the corruption and deceit that led to the 1986 policy and paved the way for the gross governmental and pharmaceutical overreach during this age of COVID-19. The film will be shown in eight locations in Florida, including Saturday, June 12, at Calvary Chapel Surfside, 505 Cinnamon Drive, Satellite Beach, at 6:30 pm. For additional details and to purchase tickets, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ffks-summer-movie-series-1986-the-act-brevard-county-tickets-152938598465> or <https://flfreedomkeepers.org/summer-movie-series>. The organization’s main website is www.flfreedomkeepers.org.



Longtime “FLORIDA TODAY” writer and newly appointed **Engagement Editor John Torres** told the Federated Republican Women in Action meeting in Palm Bay on May 7 that his new title really means

Editorial Page Editor, and his goal is to make the paper “more balanced” between Liberal and Conservative thought. Noting that most newspapers – and the media in general – attract liberal writers and cater to a similar audience, he said he will



carry their information but would like to have more conservative material as well. He would like to have Letters to the Editor covering both sides of issues, Torres said. He pointed out that in addition to his writing at the newspaper, he also issues a regular podcast called “Murder on the Space Coast.” He discussed with the group several of his podcasts, including prisoners who were convicted of crimes based on testimony presented in court by a discredited dog handler who presented false information. Prior to joining the newspaper, Torres said he earned his bachelor’s degree from Fordham University, wrote on the sports desk at United Press International, worked as a union carpenter, and wrote for “The Poughkeepsie Journal.” With “FLORIDA TODAY,” he said, he wrote from the Bahamas, Mumbai, Zambia, South Africa, Mexico, Haiti and Indonesia. His favorite topics to write about are social and criminal justice issues, and Torres said he was proud to report on the wrongful convictions of William Dillon and Wilton Dedge and seeing both men go free. When not working, Torres said he enjoys acting in community theater productions, playing the piano and singing with a band.

THE REPUBLICAN CLUB OF BREVARD. Speaking



before The Republican Club of Brevard on May 6, **Florida 6th District Congressman Michael Waltz** urged members to “be engaged in the fight for our country.” It is time, he said, for Americans to get back to serving again. This can be in the military, as he has been, Waltz said, or it can be in the Peace Corps, or in helping with medical

assistance in rural areas, or whatever. “It is easy to yell at the TV or go on social media,” he said, “But we need to wake up.” America’s external threat is not radical Islam or Russia, but it is Communist China, Waltz stressed, noting that China is corrupting our universities and research facilities, and it is being funded by multinational corporations. In a “call to action,” Waltz said if anyone picks up a product for sale that is marked “made in China,” put it down and instead get a product marked “made in America.” Regarding Afghanistan, where the Biden administration has announced a complete troop withdrawal, Waltz noted that we have Bagram Air Force Base there, that it borders China, and we still need that territory in the event of a confrontation with the Chinese. Prior to running for the Congressional seat once occupied by **Florida Governor Ron DeSantis**, Waltz was an Army Green Beret – the first one elected to Congress. He was a Special Forces Commander and a combat veteran with four Bronze Stars. “We need to get more veterans elected – even Democrats,” he said, noting that he is living “the American Dream.” And serving in Florida, he said he sees “a sense of optimism in the Sunshine State,” which is “the model for America First.”



BREVARD FEDERATED REPUBLICAN WOMEN. Discussing the recently-ended session of the Florida Legislature with the Brevard Federated Republican Women on May 5, **District 32 State Representative**

Anthony Sabatini said that among the bills passed by both houses during the “great” 60-day session were five “really good ones” that **Florida Governor Ron DeSantis** supported. The five measures are: 1) banning social media censorship, the first state in the nation to do so; 2) a necessary anti-riot act, including a no bail provision; 3) no government-forced vaccine program, including cracking down on local government lockdown of businesses; 4) an election bill ensuring that absentee ballot requests be made for each election, that voter ID is included on the ballot envelopes, and that there be a limitation of the number of ballot collection boxes; and 5) prohibiting transgender surgeries on children, protecting women’s sports by not allowing transgendered athletes to participate, and shutting down gender clinics on university campuses. Sabatini, who announced he will be a candidate for the U.S. Congress in 2022, urged the BFRW members to contribute to individual candidates of their choice instead of sending money to party headquarters. Noting that some Republicans did not support President Trump when he was in office, Sabatini called them by their familiar name – RINOs (Republicans in Name Only) – and said they acted the way they did “because they didn’t want to be called mean names by the media.”



REPUBLICAN LIBERTY CAUCUS OF CENTRAL EAST FLORIDA.

Members of the Republican Liberty Caucus of Central East Florida, at their meeting on May 5 re-elected for another two-year term **President Bob White, Vice President Rocket Weiler, and Secretary Steve Lindsley. Tracy Venerable** was elected as the new club Treasurer. Directors elected to the Board were **Blaise Trettis, Rik Venerable, Chandler Langevin, and Susan Lutian....**Announcing to the RLC-CEF meeting that he



is a Republican candidate for the Florida U.S. Senate seat currently held by **Marco Rubio**, a former District Chairman in the St. Johns Republican Executive Committee, **Luis Miguel** of St. Augustine, said he is running because “a new generation of leaders is needed.” Miguel’s three main points are 1) the 2020 election was stolen, and the country is not being governed, but occupied: 2) the goal of the

perpetrators of Covid is to steal our Constitutional rights; and 3) America is not a racist country. “We have to eradicate communism in our country, or they will eradicate us,” he said, and “we need to secure the border.” Regarding the Second Amendment, Miguel said the only permit necessary to carry a weapon is our Constitution. He called on the RLC-CEF members to stand up and “take our country back from the Communists, Deep State and RINOs.” Explaining that the mainstream media talks about Left vs. Right, and Democrat vs. Republican, “the true enemy of the people is a group of global elites comprising the biggest multinational corporations, the ‘Old Money’ dynasties, and the international and central banks.” He said their goal is to reduce America and the people of all nations to a state of serfdom under a world-wide, totalitarian oligarchy that fuses socialism, technocracy, and corporatism. A strong supporter of President Trump, Miguel helped organize hundreds of patriots in St. Augustine and surrounding areas to stand against Marxists seeking unsuccessfully to topple veterans’ memorials. For more information, visit his website:

www.luismiguelforsenate.com.



FLORIDA CONGRESSMAN BILL POSEY. More than 70 enthusiastic members of the Heritage Isle Republican Club and the New Millennium Conservative Club attended a special joint meeting in Suntree on April 29 with **Florida 8th District Congressman Bill Posey**, who expressed frustration with the way the Democrats are treating not

only Republican legislators, but also the American people. “What a difference a year makes,” Posey said, explaining that since the January 6 “attack” on the U.S. Capitol building, and the fence that was constructed around it, the public is no longer allowed to enter it, and even Members of Congress have to go through magnetometers first. “It is all about theatrics,” he said. “You (the American people) own it but you cannot get in it.” Posey said he and his colleagues in the House Freedom Caucus are labeled as “insurrectionists” when they questioned voter fraud results during the 2020 election, even in states where it was “obvious.” The current HB1, which the House passed and sent to the Senate, “is the worst piece of legislation ever seen,” he said, because if passed by the Senate would end states handling elections (as determined in the Constitution) and federalize all of them. Posey said that as a Florida State Senator at the time of the Bush-Gore election in 2000, “I wanted every vote to count, and everybody was confident that all votes were counted.” Election law, he stressed, “should be passed with bipartisan support.” Hoping that Republicans regain control of the House in 2022, he also said he hoped the leadership then “does the right thing.” Noting the Democrat push to give statehood to Washington, DC, he stressed that the Constitution “clearly says no” to the proposal, since the Founding Fathers only established it as a seat of government.

EXPERTS’ EXCERPTS



Managing Editor **David Kupelian**, writing about preventing today’s lunatic leaders from destroying America, at the WND News Center:

“Have you noticed the common denominator in virtually everything the always-masked Joe Biden and Kamala Harris (not to mention the rest of America’s ruling elite) say and do these days? Fear. They want us all to live in constant, unrelenting fear. COVID is so awful, it seems, that we all have to live in continual fear, even if we’re young and healthy and have essentially zero risk of infection, even if we’re just two years old, beautiful and innocent and carefree, even if we’ve been fully vaccinated – we **MUST STILL** wear a mask everywhere, even outdoors, walking in the park or riding our bicycle, or competing in a high-exertion outdoor athletic event. If we don’t comply, we’re bad and immoral and uncaring, and we shouldn’t be seen in public, and we can’t fly on an airplane or attend a ball game, and on and on. But wait, there’s more. Climate change is even **MORE** terrifying than COVID, since it poses a threat to the entire planet! Former bartender Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez informed us in 2019 that we have only 12 years to live – so that means now we have only 10 years left! Darn!...Then there’s the U.S. Capitol, fenced off from the public and guarded by armed soldiers. Why is that, exactly? Not to protect members of Congress and their well-armed security details from imaginary threats from white supremacist Trump supporters, but to inspire fear and dread in the American public. Fear, however, isn’t an end in itself. What they want is control, submission – their ticket to ultimate power....Whether it’s ‘woke’ corporations condemning, boycotting and canceling everything good and reasonable and wholesome, or ‘cancel culture’ doxing and threatening people and getting them fired, or Black Lives Matter and Antifa terrorizing the entire nation by vandalizing and burning our major cities and even going to certain leaders’ homes and spray-painting obscenities and shouting threats and curses at their family members – it’s all about making us fearful. How does our ruling class advance the deranged transgender agenda – mandating that men be allowed to use women’s restrooms, showers and changing rooms and to completely destroy women’s athletics? By inspiring fear and intimidation: If you object to this obvious madness, you’re a bigoted, transphobic racist – and possibly a criminal. Likewise, Big Tech censors everything that’s not progressive and leftwing. You can no longer say the 2020 election was rigged, even though it was, or that people **CANNOT** actually switch from one gender to the other, or that Critical Race Theory (now taught in our public schools) is Marxist and evil.... But wait. What if we’re not fearful? What if we don’t self-censor? What then? The only force that can defeat our elite class’s rampant lying and fear-mongering is rampant truth-telling and courage – and that’s the primary job of a free

press in a free society. That's what Jefferson was getting at when he wrote to Lafayette: 'The only security of all is in a free press.' Ever since WND pioneered truth-based online journalism way back in 1997, our motto has been: 'A Free Press for a Free People.'"

Opinion Columnist **Miranda Devine**, writing on the Biden administration in "The New York Post":



"The media's fawning over Joe Biden's first 100 days is shameful. The spin that the Biden-friendly media have put on his first 100 days in office is embarrassing. The president has polarized the country further even than Donald Trump, polls show. Mr. Unity has ratcheted up racial tension, opened the floodgates to illegal migration, spent trillions of dollars we don't

have on things we don't need and is about to launch job-killing new taxes to pretend to pay for it.... All he had to do was roll out the vaccine he was gifted, and he even managed to botch the messaging on that. But don't expect anything but fawning praise from Biden's media boosters....' Biden's Early Wins Are Paying Off for Business,' was the Forbes headline to celebrate Biden making it to the 100-day mark. 'What a difference competent leadership and 100 days make! It is difficult to comprehend just how dysfunctional the situation was before President Joe Biden brought together a seasoned, diverse and capable team to rebuild confidence in the potential of our federal government. Over these past few months, the American people have witnessed... practical, experienced and thoughtful leadership [in a president] who forcefully exudes certainty, stability, integrity and competent governance'.... CNN took the cake: 'Joe Biden to showcase his moderate radicalism in his big congressional address'" and 'the president can report at the end of his first 100 days in office... that he has successfully embarked on a mission he defined on Inauguration Day to repair, restore, heal and build.' In stark contrast to the relentless character assassination of Trump, his family and everyone in his administration, the media has lavished praise on the Bidens for even the slightest accomplishment and overlooked almost every misstep and deception. Biden has conducted only one press conference, and Vice President Kamala Harris has given none, yet the Washington press corps has been extraordinarily forgiving about this lack of access. Maybe it's White House press secretary Jen Psaki's mother-in-law's cookies that keep them happy.... The one thing we know Biden is fixated on is his role in history, which is why he invites historians into the Oval Office to tell him how to burnish his legacy. He sees himself as a modern-day Franklin Delano Roosevelt, minus the fireside chats. But all he's shaping up to be is the anti-Trump.... It was fake news when Joe said, 'my son did nothing wrong,' and insisted he was in the dark on Hunter's business deals, despite being listed as the 'Big Man' for his cut of the action. It was fake news when Hunter swore he never took drugs on a background check for a gun and then disclosed in

his memoir that he was on a crack bender at the time.... It turns out that all along Hunter was under investigation for tax evasion, money laundering and failing to register as a foreign agent. But, unlike Rudy Giuliani, he didn't have seven FBI agents raid his home at 6 a.m. So not only is Hunter a purveyor of fake news, but he is a beneficiary of fake news created on his behalf to cover up real news that might be unfavorable."

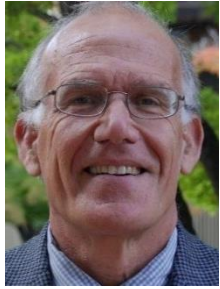
Breitbart News Editor-in-Chief Alexander Marlow, writing on Silicon Valley oligarchs at "The Washington Times":

"The easiest way to get removed from the Internet and social media is to announce that you believe the 2020 election was stolen.... What I have come to believe, however, after extensive research that appears in my new book "Breaking the News: Exposing the Establishment Media's Hidden Deals and Secret Corruption" is that the manipulation of social media platforms and activism by partisan Democrats in Silicon Valley was a deciding factor in the outcome of the 2020 presidential election.... Here are some essential details: Some of the most powerful people in the world, the Masters of the Universe in Silicon Valley – none of them elected, most of them anonymous -- turned dials to increase or decrease the flow of critical information the American electorate needed to make informed decisions in the presidential race. The most obvious example of Silicon Valley's interference was the suppression and deletion of accurate stories about Hunter Biden broken by The New York Post for supposedly being Russian disinformation. The information was neither Russian nor was it shown to be inaccurate. Ironically, the baseless suggestion that The Posts' scoops were 'Russian disinfo' was not censored or throttled on social platforms. Breitbart has been the target of Big Tech censorship for years and, in 2020, was again first in line to be suppressed. On May 5, 2020, Google killed all of Breitbart's traffic on searches for 'Joe Biden.' If you searched for 'Joe Biden' or 'Biden,' the chances of you getting a Breitbart.com article were virtually nil unless you add the word 'Breitbart' to the search. This happened all at once, like the flip of a light switch, right in the middle of the heat of the election. The conservative Media Research Center surveyed 1,750 Biden voters in the swing states and found widespread ignorance of Biden scandals involving Hunter and former aide Tara Reade, who accused the future president of sexual assault; they also were unaware Kamala Harris had one of the most left-wing voting records in the U.S. Senate. Many of these voters were also unaware of the rapid economic growth, booming jobs numbers, advances toward Middle East peace, energy independence, and progress made toward a coronavirus vaccine made during Donald Trump's presidency. The MRC survey concluded that a whopping 17 percent of Biden voters would not have voted for him had they known about all eight aforementioned items.... The sad reality is that Republicans, by and large, let the Masters of the Universe do all this.



Perhaps it was because they feared harming the tech companies that were driving the stock markets to record highs, maybe they were following a blind loyalty to the free market, perhaps many were paid off by Big Tech lobbyists, certainly some were uninformed and ignorant.... Breaking up the biggest technology companies, reforms to antitrust law, and reforming the safe harbor for censorship of section 230 of the Communications Decency Act should all be considered. But most importantly, conservatives must turn to governors, legislatures, and Attorneys General in Republican-led states. This will take political willpower, but it can be done.”

Columnist **Victor Davis Hanson**, writing on the Left hating Israel, at www.dailysignal.com:

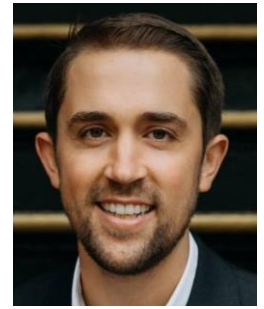


‘With more than 3,000 rockets having been fired into Israel by Hamas recently, the Democrat Party seems paralyzed over how to respond to the latest Middle East war. It is not just that it fears that ‘The Squad,’ Black Lives Matter, the shock troops of Antifa, and Woke institutions such as academia and the media are now unapologetically anti-Israel. It is also

terrified that anti-Israelism is becoming synonymous with rank anti-Semitism. And soon, the Democrat Party will end up as disdained as the British Labour Party under Jeremy Corbyn. The new core of the Democrats, as emblemized by Representatives Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez of New York, Ilhan Omar of Minnesota, and Rashida Tlaib of Michigan, has in the past questioned the patriotism of American Jews who support Israel, and occasionally has had to apologize for puerile anti-Semitic rants. The Left in general believes we should judge harshly even the distant past without exemptions. Why then, in venomous, knee-jerk fashion, does it fixate on a nation born from the Holocaust while favoring Israel’s enemies, who were on the side of the Nazis in World War II?...The Left claims it champions consensual government and believes the United States must use its soft-power clout to isolate autocracies. But the Palestinian National Authority and Hamas refuse to hold free and regularly scheduled elections. If an Israeli strongman ever suspended free elections and ruled through brutality, U.S. aid would be severed within days. If history and democratic values can’t fully explain the apparent hatred of Israel on the Left, perhaps human rights violations do. But here, too, there is another example of radical asymmetry. Arab citizens of Israel enjoy far greater constitutional protections than do Arabs living under either the Palestinian National Authority or Hamas....In part, the Western Left always despises the unapologetically successful – as if they are inevitably beneficiaries of unfair privilege. Underdog Israel was not so hated from 1947 to 1967. Then, it was poorer, more socialist, and in danger of being extinguished by its many neighboring enemies. But after the victories in the 1967 and 1973 wars, the Israeli military proved unconquerable in the region, no matter how large the numbers, wealth, and armaments of its many enemies. For the Left, Israel’s current strength, confidence, and success mean it cannot be seen as a victim, but only as a

victimizer. As its Iron Dome missile defenses knock down the flurry of Hamas rockets, and as its planes take out the military installations that launched those rockets, the Left bizarrely believes Israel wins too easily and acts ‘disproportionately.’ The Left also has a strange idea of current ‘imperialism’ and ‘colonialism.’ The general rule is that Westerners cannot settle in numbers in the non-West. But the reversal is certainly not true.... Hating democratic Israel while it is under attack is not just a reflection of the new Woke and ethically bankrupt Left. It is also a symptom of a deeper pathology in the West, one of moral equivalence, amoral relativism, and self-loathing. Hating Israel has become the surrogate Western way of hating oneself.”

**Public Policy Research Center
Battlefront Founder Christopher
Rufo**, writing on Critical Race Theory at Hillsdale College’s “Imprimis” publication:



“Critical race theory is an academic discipline, formulated in the 1990s, built on the intellectual framework of identity-based Marxism. Relegated for many years to universities and obscure academic journals, over the past decade it has increasingly become the default ideology in our public institutions. It has been injected into government agencies, public school systems, teacher training programs, and corporate human resources departments in the form of diversity training programs, human resources modules, public policy frameworks, and school curricula....There are a series of euphemisms deployed by its supporters to describe critical race theory, including ‘equity,’ ‘social justice,’ ‘diversity and inclusion,’ and ‘culturally responsive teaching’....In contrast to equality, equity as defined and promoted by critical race theorists is little more than reformulated Marxism. In the name of equity, UCLA Law Professor and critical race theorist Cheryl Harris has proposed suspending private property rights, seizing land and wealth and redistributing them along racial lines. Critical race guru Ibram X. Kendi, who directs the Center for Antiracist Research at Boston University, has proposed the creation of a federal Department of Antiracism. This department would be independent of (i.e., unaccountable to) the elected branches of government, and would have the power to nullify, veto, or abolish any law at any level of government and curtail the speech of political leaders and others who are deemed insufficiently ‘antiracist’....One practical result of the creation of such a department would be the overthrow of capitalism, since according to Kendi, ‘In order to truly be antiracist, you also have to truly be anti-capitalist.’ In other words, identity is the means and Marxism is the end.... What does critical race theory look like in practice? Last year, I authored a series of reports focused on critical race theory in the federal government. The FBI was holding workshops on intersectionality theory. The Department of Homeland Security was telling white employees they were committing ‘microinequities’ and had been ‘socialized into oppressor roles.’ The Treasury Department held a training session

telling staff members that ‘virtually all white people contribute to racism’ and that they must convert ‘everyone in the federal government’ to the ideology of ‘antiracism’....This year, I produced another series of reports focused on critical race theory in education. In Cupertino, California, an elementary school forced first-graders to deconstruct their racial and sexual identities and rank themselves according to their ‘power and privilege.’ In Springfield, Missouri, a middle school forced teachers to locate themselves on an ‘oppression matrix,’ based on the idea that straight, white, English-speaking, Christian males are members of the oppressor class and must atone for their privilege and ‘covert white supremacy’. ...I’m just one investigative journalist, but I’ve developed a database of more than 1,000 of these stories. When I say that critical race theory is becoming the operating ideology of our public institutions, it is not an exaggeration – from the universities to bureaucracies to k-12 school systems, critical race theory has permeated the collective intelligence and decision-making process of American government, with no sign of slowing down....There are three parts to a successful strategy to defeat the forces of critical race theory: governmental action, grassroots mobilization, and an appeal to principle....Above all, we must have courage – the fundamental virtue required in our time. Courage to stand and speak the truth. Courage to withstand epithets. Courage to face the mob. Courage to shrug off the scorn of the elites. Truth and justice are on our side. If we can muster the courage, we will win.”

THOUGHTS TO PONDER

“America is in danger of being divided into two cultures. One will be free of political sloganeering and can’t. It will remain true to its original purpose of putting on a first-rate sports event or a cultural event or exposition. The other will go the way of the Academy Awards or, for that matter, of Major League Baseball or the National Basketball Association.... Political scientists tell us that they see increasing segregation in the way Americans live. It is not racial segregation but political segregation. The coasts, particularly the Pacific and the northeast Atlantic coast, are left-wing. The rest of the country is pretty much right-wing to centrist. People divided along these lines also live different lives.”

--“**The American Spectator**” editor **Emmett Tyrell**, on two cultures in America

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“I think we've got to get back to winning elections again, and we have to be able to have a Republican Party that appeals to a broader group of people, and we have to get back to having a bigger tent, as Reagan talked about.... We had the worst four years we've had ever in the Republican Party, losing the White House, the House of Representatives, and the Senate. And successful politics is about addition and multiplication, not subtraction and division.”

--**Maryland Governor Larry Hogan**, on returning to a bigger Republican tent

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“The Biden administration’s ‘solution’ to the crisis the president set in motion on his first day in office continues to hinge on ‘addressing the root causes of migration’ in the sending countries. Joe Biden and Kamala Harris were not elected to solve the problems of Central America. They were elected to address the problems of the United States of America...The idea that he and the vice president are going to show up with fistfuls of cash and end poverty, crime and corruption in Central America is pure hubris, or deliberate obfuscation. It is not a plan to end mass illegal migration.”

--**Federation for American Immigration Reform President Dan Stein**, reacting to Biden’s first address to a joint session of Congress

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“The biggest lesson from 2009 is to not let disappointment stifle free-market political advocacy. We faced a tougher climb in 2009 than we do in 2021, and yet we prevailed in 2010. Hold the fort, go on offense where we can, and trust in Ronald Reagan’s words that America’s best days are yet to come.... The process is just beginning, but I am confident free speech will carry the day over corrupted markets and Big Tech censorship.”

--**Heartland Institute President James Taylor**, on past lessons and future hope

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“There is some drift among certain elements of Christianity regarding support for Israel, particularly among those who don’t view the Bible as the inspired word of God. Some of these ‘Christians’ insist that Jerusalem must be given ‘back’ to the Palestinians. They’re deeply misguided and dangerously wrong. Jerusalem was the capital of the Israeli people when Washington, D.C., and London were still swamps. Islam did not exist until 600 years after the death of Jesus. Some Palestinian leaders argue that Jews were never in Jerusalem, that the Western Wall is not part of a synagogue, that Jews have no historical claim to David’s City. Well, if Jews were never in Jerusalem, then the entire Christian Bible is a lie. So for Islamic supremacists, the effort to erase Jewish history from Jerusalem has the added benefit of erasing Christianity from the Holy Land too.”

--**Campaign For Working Families President Gary Bauer**, on rising anti-Semitism

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“In two ways, the equity movement is radically new. First is in the categorical simplicity of its diagnosis. It views all inequality across groups as illegitimate on its face – as evidence of white racism, in fact. Second is in its tools. Equity doesn’t concern itself with more-traditional understandings of inequality – differences, say, between bosses and laborers. It is about equality for blacks, as laid out in the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and for the various groups, from immigrants to transgender people, that have come under the act’s protection in the decades since.”

--Journalist **Christopher Caldwell**, on the progressive call for equity and segregation

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“By allowing states to be laboratories of democracy as intended, Congress can turn its attention to using the power it actually does have to rein in the administrative state....Right now, the bulk of federal intrusion comes not from Congress, but from unelected bureaucrats making up a 400-agency administrative state....Returning more control to the states and decimating administrative red tape will do far more to fix our fractured society and minimize the harm done by our dysfunctional federal government than any individual or political party every could.”

--**Justin Owen**, president of the Beacon Center of Tennessee think tank, on rediscovering the Constitution
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“Socialist Progressive pretenders are now rolling out the ‘Critical Race Theory’ as the latest lunatic liberal program to remake society from the ground up. Thanks to a century of Marxist advocacy into all academic levels, this mind-warp is permeating our schools, government, corporations, the military, and the courts as essential to the desired ‘Equity’ for blacks. NOT EQUALITY – BUT EQUITY....’White’ is a despicable condition and must be punished. They now will be denied access to the life style provided by hard work and achievement. That is counter to the New World Order of the international ‘plantation system’ of full control by the deserving – abolition of the ‘useless’, and total desegregation of the three or four classes of society. Demand your legislators send this to the scrap heap upon presentation.”

--**Ronald Reagan Clubs President Dale Young**, on Equity instead of Equality

UPCOMING BREVARD COUNTY EVENTS

- June 2: Brevard Federated Republican Women meeting, Space Coast Convention Center, Cocoa, 11 am.
- June 3: Heritage Isle Republican Club meeting, Viera Clubhouse, 10 am.
- June 4: Federated Republican Women in Action meeting, McMaw’s BBQ, Palm Bay, 11:15 am.
- June 7: Republican Liberty Caucus of Central East Florida meeting, Frogbones Double Tapp Grill, Melbourne, 7 pm.
- June 8: Moms for Liberty meeting, Frogbones Double Tapp Grill, Melbourne, 6:30 pm.
- June 9: Brevard Republican Executive Committee meeting, Space Coast Convention Center, 7 pm.
- June 12: Florida Freedom Keepers showing of “1968: The Act,” Calvary Chapel Surfside, Satellite Beach, 6:30 pm.
- June 14: Space Coast Patriots meeting, Merritt Island Library, 6 pm.
- June 15: North Brevard Republican Club meeting,

American Police Hall of Fame, Titusville, 7 pm.

- June 17: Republican Women’s Network of South Brevard meeting, Eau Gallie Yacht Club, Indian Harbor Beach, 11:30 am.
- June 21: New Millennium Conservative Club meeting, Suntree-Viera Library, 6:30 pm.
- June 24: Space Coast Young Republicans meeting, The Grill at 1450, Melbourne, 6 pm.
- June 24: LINCOLN REAGAN DINNER, Space Coast Convention Center, Cocoa, 6 pm.
- June 26-27: Republican Liberty Caucus National Convention, Rosen Centre Hotel, Orlando, all day.
- June 26: Space Coast Republican Club meeting, Red Lobster, Merritt Island, 11:30 am.
- June 28: Ronald Reagan Club meeting, The Grill at 1450, Melbourne, 7 pm.

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

Here’s an oldie, but goodie, from the Clinton era:

The presidential limousine stops for gas at a suburban Chicago service station. The attendant looks inside, sees Hillary, and says: “Remember me? We dated in high school.” Hillary replies: “Yes, I remember. Nice to see you again, Don.” As the limo drives away, Bill smiles at his wife and says, “I’ll bet you’re glad you married me, and not him. He’s just a gas jockey, and I’m the president of the United States.”

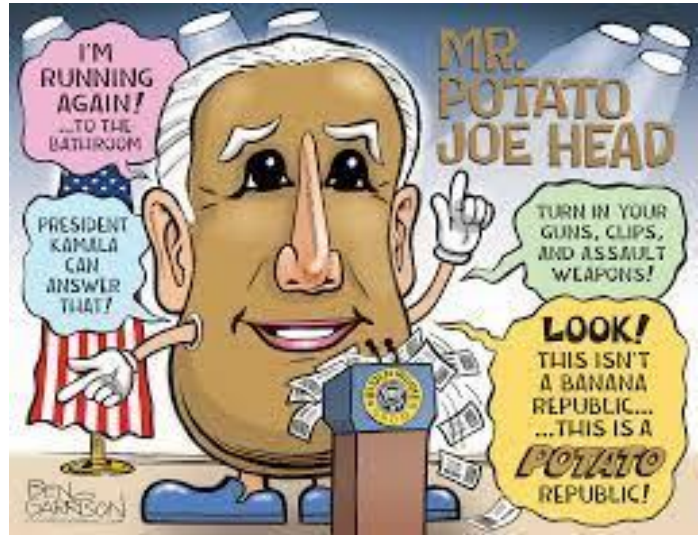
Hillary shoots back, "Sure. But if I had married him, then HE would be president."

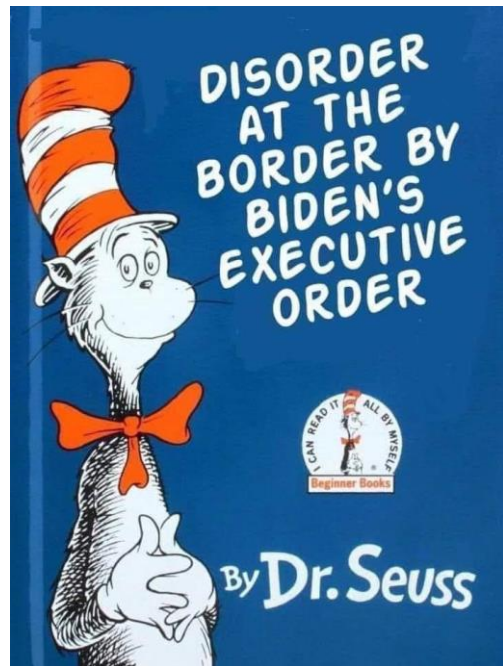
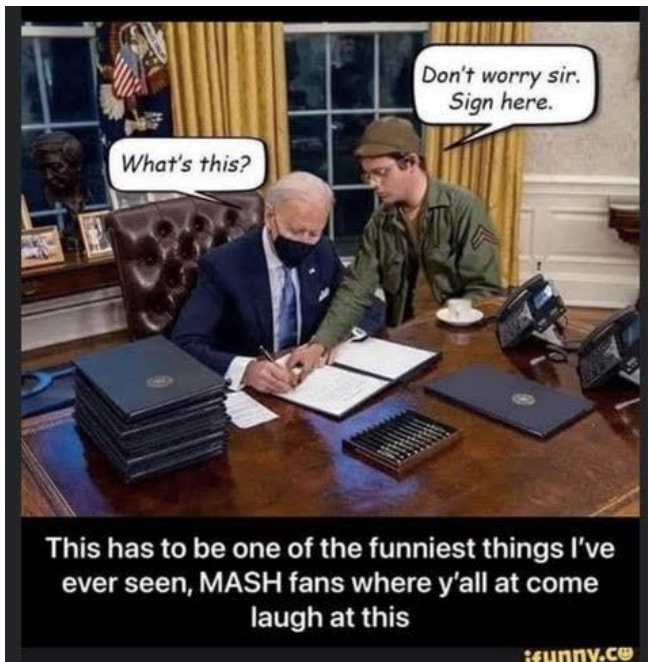
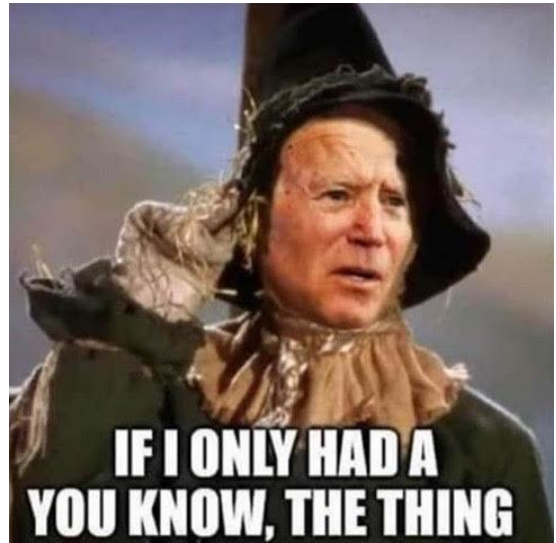
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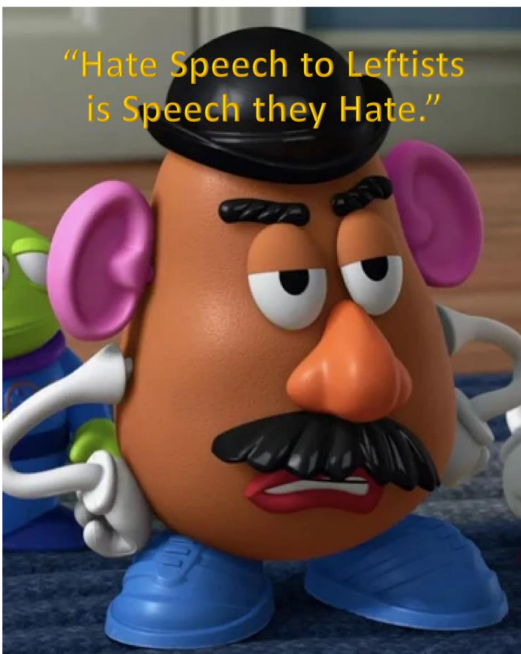
And here's a great quote from the late science fiction and popular science writer Isaac Asimov:

"People who like to think they know everything are a great annoyance to those of us who do."

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Ronald Reagan: We have a border crisis.

George H.W. Bush: We have a border crisis.

Bill Clinton: We have a border crisis.

George W. Bush: We have a border crisis.

Barack Obama: We have a border crisis.

Donald Trump: Hey, let's build a wall and solve the border crisis.

Joe Biden: The border crisis is Trump's fault!

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