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FLORIDA LEGISLATIVE SESSION ENDS: BUDGET, OTHER BILLS APPROVED

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK:

MY TWO CENTS

By Stuart Gorin

--Florida Governor Ron DeSantis has announced a new proposal to make the Sunshine State the first in the nation to defund Division, Exclusion and Indoctrination (DEI) programs at all state universities. This will eliminate layers of woke bureaucrats who train and mobilize left-wing activists, and it will purge Critical Race Theory from schools and stop professors from brainwashing impressionable students. "This has no part in our public institutions," DeSantis said.

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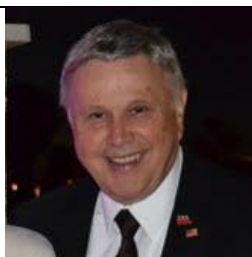
--The "New York Post" reports that Alexander Soros, the son of anti-American billionaire George Soros, has visited Joe Biden's White House a whopping 14 times, and that should worry everyone. The newspaper called him a "de-facto White House ambassador" for his father's extreme, left-wing agenda that is making America a more dangerous place to live.

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--Visiting Northern Ireland after Easter this Spring, President Joe Biden made yet another of his famous gaffes, telling people that his office in Washington is located in the U.S. Capitol building. But that wasn't the only blunder in Belfast. There was a security violation ahead of Biden's visit, as a detailed itinerary of his trip (including his accommodations, road closure details, and the phone numbers for senior security officials) was discovered just lying in a city street.

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The 60-day Florida State Legislature ended on time on May 5 as the supermajority Republican members passed more than 300 bills – out of the more than 1,800 filed – as well as the mandatory state budget for FY 2023-24. **Florida Governor Ron DeSantis** is in the process of signing the bills into law.



At press time, he had signed more than 100 of the 300-plus bills the Florida Legislature sent to him, and there were more to come, including the state's next fiscal year budget, for which he does have the power to veto individual items.

Republican legislators had no problem getting their proposed bills passed, and DeSantis said he did not think "we have ever seen a six-month stretch that has ever been this productive in the history of our state."

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--A reader writes about the word "billion," saying that a billion seconds ago, it was 1959; a billion minutes ago, Jesus was alive; a billion hours ago, our ancestors were living in the Stone Age; and a billion days ago, no-one walked on the Earth on two feet; BUT, a billion dollars ago was only 13 hours and 12 minutes at the rate our government is spending it.

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--First it was Dan Bongino to depart the alleged-conservative TV channel. Then came Tucker Carlson. Who's going to be next out of Fox Lose?

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--According to the website winred.com, what has long been suspected has been confirmed by this "breaking news": The plan by Hillary Clinton to create a false story linking Donald Trump to Russia was briefed in August 2016 by CIA Director John Brennan to President Barack Obama, Vice President Joe Biden, Attorney General Loretta Lynch, and FBI Director James Comey. Hillary masterminded it, Obama knew, and Biden knew. They have been lying to us and knew it was a fake hoax the entire time.

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--A website sent me an email asking the question "Should dead people be allowed to vote?" The obvious response has to be: "Only if you can ask them to show you their Voter ID."

--An observation sent by a reader: If the current power grid can't handle a night of 20 degrees temperatures without rolling blackouts, how are we going to plug in 100 million electric cars at night?

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More Two Cents Next Month.

The budget bill calls for record-high spending of \$117 billion, which is \$7 billion higher than the current one, and includes – among other things – funds for the Florida Education Finance Program, funding for public schools, health and human services programs, and across-the board pay raises for state workers. In part, the budget is bolstered by higher-than-expected tax revenues.

Some of the other items passed by the legislature were \$1.3 billion in consumer tax breaks; allowing office-holders to run for president without resigning first; elimination of sales taxes on diapers and other baby items; a new six-week abortion ban; permit-less carry of concealed weapons; no longer need for unanimous jury recommendations for capital punishment in trials; the death penalty being in play for those convicted of aggravated child rape; tougher penalties for fentanyl dealers; expansion of the school voucher program; state pension funds being able to avoid investment in companies guided by environmental, social and governance policies; an attempt to lower prescription drug prices; a requirement to require

businesses to use e-verify in employment; restriction of transgender use of bathrooms; banning children from attending live performances of drag shows; heightened restrictions on Democrat-allied unions; an end to college diversity programs; an increase in governing control over Walt Disney by wiping out agreements between the company and the former Reedy Creek Improvement District; and banning Chinese citizens from purchasing land in Florida unless they are also U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

Among legislative proposals that failed to pass both the Senate and House this year were a measure intended to allow lawsuits to be filed against media outlets claimed to be purveying disinformation; protection for Confederate and other monuments and memorials in the state; allowing 18-year-olds to purchase weapons; and preventing local governments from implementing "living wage" ordinances.

Just a few of the bills that DeSantis already has signed included prohibiting Chinese government agencies, businesses and citizens from owning land in Florida; prohibiting the government from deducting union dues from the paychecks of teachers in the state; protecting Florida from the southern border crisis; and permanently banning COVID mandates.

While there have been strides in many state capitals this year, **Sal Nuzzo**, the Senior Vice President of Policy for the Tallahassee-based James Madison Institute, said "One stands above the rest. Florida's Legislative session has been the single most transformational in the last 100 years – in any state." He said JMI supporters contributed to these legislative wins, "and we are incredibly proud of the positive changes we have accomplished together."

Support for such victories as extended school choice scholarship eligibility to every K-12 student in Florida, replaced mandatory college courses in "diversity, equity and inclusion," and ensuring public employees that they are not coerced into joining a union, Nuzzo said, "are just a few highlights among the many that we achieved this legislative session."



LET ME BE FRANK

**By Space Coast Tusk Designer
Frank Montelione**

First it was your stove. Then it was your dishwasher. Next came your washer and dryer. Finally, it was your car. The forced greening of America.

The biggest fallacy of all this is the Electric Vehicles!

It's not just the cost of the vehicles, it's the upgrade to your home to accommodate a home charging area, the lack of infrastructure for charging stations, and the time needed to fully Charge an EV. When you plan your trip with an EV and it's longer than the estimated mileage, plan on staying overnight until you reach your destination. The most absurd thing, and to

me the obvious problem is, where does the administration think charging stations will receive the power for these units comes from?



According to the government's own web site, U.S. Energy Information Administration, about 60% of this electricity generation was from fossil fuels – coal, natural gas, petroleum, and other gases. So much for Green Energy.

Saul Alinsky wrote "Rules for Radicals", with a dedication to Lucifer, "the first radical known to man who rebelled against the establishment and did it so effectively that he at least won his own kingdom."

RULE 5: "Ridicule is man's most potent weapon."

RULE 8: "Keep the pressure on. Never let up."

RULE 10: "If you push a negative hard enough, it will push through and become a positive."

Why bring this up now? **Justice Clarence Thomas.**

In an obvious effort to change the "conservative" Supreme Court to better suit the left's vision of what Justice should be, the attacks on Justice Thomas is an attempted coup of the Court. Even though there have been no ethics violations, as attested to by the unanimous letter signed by all Justices, the attempt to implement RULE 5 and force Justice Thomas to resign. RULE 8 has been implemented. Fortunately, one of Alinsky's own rules has won out - RULE 7: "A tactic that drags on too long becomes a drag."

DEI (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion). Seems to me that this is a resurrection of "affirmative action". Personally, I prefer Ron DeSantis' DEI – Discrimination, Exclusion, Indoctrination. While the Blue states try to include DEI in the education system (Indoctrination), DeSantis has been skewered for enacting laws to ban this in public universities in Florida. If you want to do things like gender ideology, go to Berkeley," the governor said. "If that's what you want to do, there's nothing wrong with that per se, but for us, with our tax dollars, we want to focus on the classical mission of what a university is supposed to be."

When I was in college, we had a book that was mandatory reading, "How To Lie With Statistics". That book immediately popped into my thoughts when I heard that the Biden Administration said illegal migration had dropped by 50 percent at the ending of Title 42.

Remember Baghdad Bob? We now have D.C, Karinge Jean-Pierre. During a recent press briefing, White House Press Secretary Karinge Jean-Pierre claimed that "when it comes to illegal migration, you've seen it come down by more than 90

People can come up with statistics to prove anything. 14% of people know that.



percent, and that's because of ... the actions that this President has taken". The "Lie" can be seen in conflicting headlines. The Washington Examiner: "Illegal border crossings drop in January to lowest level in nearly two years." Fox News reports: "Migrant encounters drop to 150,000 in January, lowest since early 2021". They go on to say, "that would be the lowest number since February 2021, when there were just over 101,000 encounters after a January that had just over 78,000 encounters. Numbers shot up sharply after that and have remained at historic highs since, with over 1.7 million encounters in FY21 and 2.3 million in FY22. In January 2022, there were 154,874 encounters – which marked the lowest in fiscal year 2022."

The perception is what is important here. I have gone through dozens of Google sites trying to find, what should be easy and obvious, of the query "what increase in percentage of illegal crossings during the Biden Administration and came up with numbers of crossings but not of the percentage. No matter how you look at it the numbers are the worst in American history. The "got aways" alone far exceeds the reported illegal crossings in our history. The vast number of "gotcha" illegals are single men. The number of those on the terrorist watch list is staggering. The victims of the Mexican Cartels is alarming.

Well, there are plenty more topics of failure of this Administration, but at some point, this story must end. The failure of and the control of teachers unions. The sexual manipulation of minors in schools. The view by the left that your children are not yours to raise. A recent NY Post editorial – "Blue-state progs keep screaming the quiet part out loud: Your kids don't belong to you! Out of control Federal spending." Weaponization of the DOJ, IRS and the FBI. Ahh...my head hurts.

I used to say, "We survived Carter, and we will survive Biden". I'm not so sure now.

THE BREC CORNER By Chairman Rick Lacey



Special thanks to **Dan and Julie Heim** for their help in scheduling **General Michael Flynn** as our Keynote Speaker for the 2023 Lincoln Reagan Dinner on Saturday, June 17 at the Hilton Melbourne Rialto Place.

Tickets, sponsorship, and advertising opportunities are available at:

BevardRepublicans.org

or by emailing:

BrevardChairman@gmail.com.

Proceeds of this exciting fundraising event will help Republicans win the White House next year as well as electing our conservative Republican team.

The May BREC general meeting was filled with reports from our committees regarding the tremendous work they have achieved including increasing transparency in elections from the



Election Integrity Committee, more efficient communications from our Social Media committee, super results in community projects from the Events Committee, and more registered Republicans from the work by our Registration Committee.

As Chairman, I announced the creation of a Platform Committee headed by **Alan Ross**.

The meeting began with a moment of silence for the family of **Jim McGovern**, who recently lost his wife.

Also, in honor of upcoming Memorial Day, we had two young Viera High School students play Taps to remember all the men and women who served this nation and made the ultimate sacrifice to preserve Liberty and Freedom for America.

Richard Nink presented the resolution critical of the political use of the Justice System to attack former **President Donald Trump**, which passed unanimously.

Mike Rogers gave an update on his resolution which is being developed as new evidence is being discovered.

Vice Chair Cindy Roberts swore in 16 new BREC members, increasing our membership to well over 300.

Congratulations to **Secretary Paul Oddo** and **Treasurer Sharon Rose** on their selection as Committeeman and Committeewoman of the month. Remember all the work they do that too often goes unnoticed by the rest of us.

Finally, I want to wish everyone a special Memorial Day and hope we all do something extra to remember those that lost their lives so that the United States of America truly remains the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave.



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RENDEZVOUS WITH REPUBLICAN WOMEN By BFRW President Jill Gentis

On behalf of the BFRW, **Lisa Cullen**, Brevard County Tax Collector, recognized the value of our Sheriff's Office and its dedicated deputies. She said that the dedication, determination, and unique set of investigative skills of **Agent Aja Stake** and Army veteran Agent **Christina Barrera** were instrumental in the prosecution of numerous child predators, offenders of domestic violence, child abuse, elder abuse, and sex crimes. In addition, Agent Stake, was also involved in the protection of child victims nationwide, and in rescuing child victims from those who wish to do them harm. Cullen presented Agents Barrera and Stake with 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". It is extremely important that we Republican Women show our full support to all our police officers and deputies. **Deanna Reiter**, 2nd Vice President, added "We want to show these deputies, Sheriff Wayne Ivey and the entire Brevard County Sheriff's Office that they have our overwhelming support".

Deanna Reiter presented a \$500 donation to the Sheriff's Office. At the April 5 meeting, **Faustina Guzman-Trump**, a Florida Federation of Republican Woman Area Representative, discussed the upcoming Legislative Days to take place in Tallahassee, and her personal journey to become a member of the Republican Party.

She recounted her journey from her native Venezuela to the United States and becoming a citizen in 1997. But she became a Democrat at first because only Democrats attended her Citizenship ceremony. Like many in the Latina community, Guzman-Trump was confused by American political terminology, i.e., they mistakenly equate "progressive" to "progress" and "Democrats" to "Democracy". Once she realized that the true Democrat agenda mirrored the socialist strategy in Venezuela, she became a Republican activist.

Guzman-Trump said that Governor DeSantis believes that 2024 is a year of growth for the Republican party. Republicans need to become involved in politics at the grass roots level, like becoming candidates for School Boards, she said, and the key to victory is knowing and appealing to what motivates voters.

She also introduced her companion from Volusia County, **Steve O'Neil**, who closely follows important legislation that has passed and those that will go to vote after a second reading in the legislature. He provided attendees with a list of eight significant bills that passed and were signed, and a list of six others still in process.

BFRW member Sandra Sullivan brought up for discussion a bill on Barrier Island Critical Concern for Flooding.

MAYFIELD MINUTE By Florida State Senator Debbie Mayfield



The West Melbourne Police Department announced a unique, new program to partner with the senior community to address safety issues they may be experiencing in their daily lives. Referred to as SALT, the Seniors and Law Enforcement Together program will meet regularly to sit down, discuss, and learn about: how to avoid being a victim of scammers and fraud; the latest crime trends and awareness; driving and traffic concerns; neighborhood issues and watches; crime prevention; police response and operations; and upcoming community events.

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Florida Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis has warned awareness of "free" public charging stations after recent reports of fraud. The term "Juice Jacking" has been coined by hackers as a way to use charging ports to install spyware and steal your data. Consumers visiting airports, hotels and shopping centers and plugging their electronic devices into free public charging stations could become the next victims of cybercrime. Patronis said Florida is the nation's prime destination for business and

tourism, which also makes it the prime target for cybercriminals and scam artists.

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Florida Governor Ron DeSantis announced that the state continues to reach new milestones in law enforcement recruitment, issuing more than 1,750 bonuses in the amount of \$5,000. The Law Enforcement Recruitment Bonus Program is designed to encourage Floridians to join the profession and attract out-of-state recruits to relocate to Florida. To date, 530 law enforcement recruits from 48 states and U.S. territories have relocated to the Sunshine State, including more than 200 from California, Texas, New York and Pennsylvania. "We know the invaluable service that law enforcement professionals provide our communities, and we've got their backs," DeSantis said.

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The Vero Beach Veterans, Inc., Veterans Council of Indian River County, and Boozefighters Motorcycle Club scheduled a Bikers Supporting Vero Beach Veterans Fair and Charity Fundraiser – complete with food vendors, music, children's events and a cornhole tournament – on May 27 to support the Dogs for Life and Next Generation Veterans organizations.

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Governor DeSantis announced that among the top ten states in the nation, Florida has the lowest unemployment rate – 2.6 percent, which is 0.8 percent lower than the national rate of 3.4 percent. Simultaneously, the Sunshine State is experiencing continued economic stability thanks to our robust tourism industry. Between January and March of 2023, more than 37.9 million people visited Florida, the largest volume of visitors ever recorded in a single quarter.

Through strong economic policy and strategic investments, Florida is outperforming the nation and providing more opportunity for its citizens, resulting in more than 200,000 new business formations this year alone and an unemployment rate near an all-time low," DeSantis added.

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Listing the 150 best places to live in the United States, "U.S. News and World Report" ranked Melbourne in 15th place, climbing up five spots from last year's 20th ranking among the "most populous metropolitan areas." Factors giving the Harbor City a boost included weather, quality of life, home values, the job market, relative cost of living, and general desirability among other criteria.

In total, Florida had 14 cities ranking in the top 150, with Sarasota (#5) and Naples (#6) as the only cities surpassing Melbourne. Jacksonville was next at (#16).

AN UPDATE FROM MY OFFICE: Florida State Senator Tom Wright

During this past session of the Florida State Legislature, my colleagues and I were able to accomplish a great deal and I believe that we



took many steps to improve the lives of Floridians across the State.

We met our statutory responsibility to craft a balanced budget and came out with one of the strongest budgets possible, which is now awaiting Governor Ron DeSantis' review and signature. This year the budget dedicates \$117 billion across multiple categories, including \$10.9 billion to bolster our state reserves and \$2.7 billion in tax relief to Floridians. Personally, I am proud to say that this Session I was able to secure more local funding than I ever have before. Between all of my Local Funding Initiative Requests and various other funding priorities, I was able to secure over \$100 million to support various needs within our community.

This funding will support many incredible programs across both Brevard and Volusia Counties. For instance, the budget allocates \$3.8 Million for a state of the art CDL training facility for Brevard Adult and Community Education. Another great win for Brevard County was \$4.9 Million for the Restore Lagoon Inflow project to continue the state's investment in improving the water quality of the Indian River Lagoon.

Overall, I am proud of the work done by the Florida Legislature and believe that we passed a well-crafted budget that puts state dollars in the right places to support the Floridians who need it the most.

In terms of legislation, I am honored to have been a part of a historic session that addressed a myriad of topics, including affordable housing, education and school safety, parental rights, backing the blue and much more. Also, I found strong success with many of my own legislative priorities and succeeded in getting eleven bills to the Governor's desk and one Senate Memorial passed. These bills touched on a wide range of subjects, including veteran and military families, K-12 and higher education, the space industry, environmental concerns and more.

One of these bills that I am very proud of is Senate Bill 1368, which passed as House Bill 1367: Unlawful Dumping. This legislation updates Florida's governing statute for unlawful dumping and the definition of "posted land" for property owned by a Water Control District (WCD). Leading into this Session was a high priority for me because the idea for it stemmed from a local bill that was favorably voted on by the Brevard Delegation prior to the 2022 Legislative Session. Unfortunately, issues arose with the changes being done in a local bill and it was unable to pass the Legislature last year. Thankfully in partnership with **Representative Thad Altman**, we were able to establish these changes statewide. Now WCD's like Melbourne-Tillman WCD will be able to better protect their waterways.

Should anyone ever need the help of my office, please do not hesitate to reach out at 386-304-7630 or email at wright.tom@flsenate.gov. My office is always here to fight for you and listen to the concerns you have.



REMEMBER WHEN

By Heritage Isle Republican Club President Mike Hoagland

Remember when **Lori Scott** was Brevard County's elected Supervisor of Elections? Well, she resigned mid-term. As it turns out, this was a blessing in disguise. **Governor Ron DeSantis** appointed **Tim**

Bobanic to complete her term of office, which expires in 2024.

Bobanic was Brevard's Director of Information Technology and Election Services 10 years prior to his appointment. He has prior experience in Hillsborough County and has a designation of Master Florida Certified Election Professionals. He is a member of the Florida Supervisor of Elections and was selected by his peers as District 6 Chairman. As a life-long Floridian, his interest is overseeing Brevard as having the best voter integrity system in the country.

Those of us who were in attendance at Bobanic's speaking engagement at the Heritage Isle Republican Club were treated to a very enlightening talk. He spoke for approximately 90 minutes and then took questions. He is extremely knowledgeable and articulate and is clearly a professional and not a politician. This was very refreshing.

For Brevard to keep this treasure as our Supervisor of Elections, Bobanic must run for office in 2024. It would be a shame not to retain someone of this talent. Any politician who challenges him for this office is nothing more than a politician that cares only for themselves, as no one could possibly have his credentials. We currently have the best voting system in Florida because of Tim Bobanic.

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Our founders must be rolling over in their graves. I think they wrote a wonderful document that is our Constitution. Amendments were added as time moved on. I think they were somewhat naïve. If you look at them from the point of view of what was going on at their time in history, they probably thought that once they got independence and agreed on the Constitution, we will never have an oppressive government again. Look at the reasons they gave for declaring our independence. Many of those reasons exist today with our current government. At that time, a revolution was declared. Citizens could only tolerate so much governmental abuse.

Our founders probably thought that with the creation of a Constitutional Republic that individuals were the smallest minority which afforded freedom for every citizen. Every person had equal opportunity not equal outcomes. Every person had the right to free speech. Every person had the right to a speedy trial if charged with a crime and be judged by a jury of their PEERS! Provisions were made in the event of an oppressive government. That is why there is a second amendment.

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The desperation of the media, democrats and Trump haters has never been more on display than now. The fear that he could become president is driving them to act in the manner of craven lunatics. Of course, their fear is warranted. The republican establishment has no control of Trump, and he will certainly affect their influence in maintaining the status quo which is power and money. The Marxist democrats and media companies will all lose influence and control of their anti-American agenda. The "deep state" bureaucrats will be out looking for work. The globalists will lose the opportunity to continue screwing America at every turn. Some of the judiciary in this country can be changed with a four-year Trump term of office.

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While I believe that Ron DeSantis has been a great governor for the state of Florida, I don't see him as the best choice for an America First agenda. If he runs for president, Florida will suffer because there is no heir apparent, and his agenda is far from complete. We elected him to complete his agenda, but any rational person would understand that if he is not in office, his agenda will fall by the wayside.

Trump's opposition within the Republican Party (RINOs) and Republican establishment hate him so much that they will do anything to stop him. They don't concern themselves with what is good for the country. Romney, Thune, Cornyn, McConnell, Murkowski, the Bushes along with their billionaire donors spend more time trying to stop Trump than governing our country. Paul Ryan, I believe, has altered much of how FOX covers or reports on Donald Trump. Since Ryan has left the House of Representatives and become a Board member at FOX, there has been more negativities shown towards Donald Trump. He never did like Trump as you may recall. The establishment does not care for Trump. They can't control him. He does what is best for Americans not what is best for the political elite.

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Here are some thoughts I received from a Florida Gators web site:

--Why is it when archaeologists find human remains, they always determine that they are either male or female and none of the other dozens of genders?

--How is it that the government can't control gasoline prices...but the weather is something they can fix?

--Are we living in a time where intelligent people are silenced so that stupid people won't be offended?

--Why is talking sexually in the workplace sexual harassment to adults...but talking sexuality to children K-3 at school considered education?

--Why are we running out of money for Social Security and Medicare and not for welfare, illegals and free college?

--If an 18-year-old isn't mature enough to own a firearm, then maybe five-year-olds aren't mature enough to change their gender.

AUDACITY AND IDIOCY

The “winners” are:



--Woke, left-wing” television host Chris Hayes, for ranting on MSNBC that Florida Governor Ron DeSantis had “dystopian, authoritarian vision” when he signed legislation banning child mutilation in the state, calling the life-altering sex change operations “gender-affirming care.” Nonsensically, he also called the governor “a hypocrite” for opposing mask and vaccine mandates during the COVID pandemic.

--Alleged “entertainer” Madonna, for announcing following the senseless murder of three children and three adults at a Christian school in Nashville by a transgender shooter, that she will hold a concert in the city and donate the proceeds – disgustingly not to the families of the victims, but instead in “support” of the shooter to area transgender groups.

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--MSNBC correspondent Joy Reid, for suggesting that any criticism of multi-billionaire George Soros – who has funded the nation’s most pro-criminal district attorneys -- and Manhattan DA Alvin Bragg, who is black and believes the system discriminates against African Americans – amounts to anti-Semitism and racism.

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--The Crossroads Hotel in Newburgh, New York, for canceling the room reservations made for 30 guests from California, Florida, Arizona, Minnesota and New Jersey – without the courtesy of informing them – who were to attend a long-planned wedding. And those were not the only rooms cancelled. Days earlier, the hotel management reportedly even booted more than a dozen homeless veterans who were staying there in rooms paid for by a non-profit organization. Why the frustrations? Because New York Mayor Eric Adams needed hotel space to take in an influx of illegal aliens. Will lawsuits follow?

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--Texas Democrat Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia, for showing on the floor of the House of Representatives a poster of immigrant children being held in cages and using it to argue that the Republican-backed immigration bill is “extreme and wrong.” But the Republicans had nothing to do with the poster scene. It came from a 2014 newspaper article – when Barack Obama was president, and Joe Biden was vice president.

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--The Oregon Department of Human Resources, for denying the Christian mother of five to adopt a child in need because of her unwillingness to use pronouns that contradict biological sex and bring a child to medical appointments for cross-sex hormones. Because her Christian faith informs her that gender and sex are not a choice, Jessica Bates has filed a lawsuit against the state’s Human Resources Department.

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--Arizona’s Democrat Governor Katie Hobbs, for vetoing legislation advanced by State Senate Republicans that would have protected newborns from infanticide after surviving an abortion. The measure would have amended existing law to view a surviving fetus as a legal person, granted the same rights and medical care as anyone else.

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--The “Woke” Disney Company again, this time for issuing a reboot of “The Proud Family,” which features a controversial anti-white rap of children singing about slavery and reparations, arguing that America has not done enough to atone for its history of prejudice, racism and White supremacy, and absurdly that President Lincoln did not free the slaves.

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--Florida Democrat State Representative Anna Eskamani, for claiming that if lawmakers prohibit sex change operations for minors in proposed legislation, teen girls will “start cutting off their breasts” or have “suicidal ideations.”

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--Republican Senators Lisa Murkowski of Alaska and Susan Collins of Maine, for joining every Democrat in the Senate to vote in favor of allowing the Equal Rights Amendment to be added to the U.S. Constitution. But the 51-47 vote failed, falling short of the 60 needed to pass.

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--Federal Judge John Gallagher, for ordering the Saucon Valley School District in Pennsylvania to allow after-school meetings of a Satan Club sponsored by the Satanic Temple. Surprisingly, the judge was appointed to the bench by former President Donald Trump. After the decision was announced, the American Civil Liberties Union called the move “a victory for free speech and religious freedom.”

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--South Carolina Republican Congresswoman Nancy Mace, for going on television to attack pro-life voters and say Republicans must embrace abortion-on-demand to keep from losing elections, and for falsely claiming that the six-week abortion ban legislation signed by Florida Governor Ron DeSantis was done so “in the dead of the night.”

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--Maryland’s new Democrat Governor Wes Moore, for signing into law a bill that enshrines both abortion and child transgenderism procedures in the so-called Free State’s law as “fundamental rights.”

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--The London-based housing association L&Q, for firing long-time employee Maureen Martin, a candidate for mayor in the city, claiming the Christian views of marriage mentioned in her election manifesto were a form of “hate speech” and “gross misconduct.” But Martin had the last laugh, successfully suing the company for discrimination, harassment, and unfair dismissal.

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--The woke Student Government at Northwestern University in Illinois, for indefinitely freezing the funds of the College Republicans chapter amid backlash to posters advertising an event with a conservative speaker. The flyers had advertised that speaker James Lindsay was a leading critic of critical race theory, and whose speech covered the perils of Marxism and transgenderism.

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--The Veterans Administration medical center in Clarksburg, West Virginia, for removing a cross on the wall of a screening room because one veteran told the radical Freedom From Religion Foundation that the cross “traumatized” him as he witnessed “state/church entanglement as a captive audience.” The facility caved to the FFRF, and even “counseled” the employee who placed the cross on the wall about “the display of personal faith symbols.” Would a Crescent and Star display instead have been acceptable?

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--Tracy Vanderhulst, a “teacher of the year” at Yucaipa High School in San Bernadino County, California, for being arrested on suspicion of raping a 16-year-old male student. Police said she also may have sexually assaulted other victims.

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--Middleborough, Massachusetts Public Schools Superintendent Carolyn Lyons, for claiming that a t-shirt worn in a 7th grade class at Nichols Middle School “targeted students of a protected class, specifically those in the area of gender identity.” Twelve-year-old Liam Morrison was banned from school for refusing to remove the t-shirt that read “There are only two genders.” A lawsuit by the Morrison family was planned, saying their son’s First Amendment rights were violated.

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--Democrat Congresswomen Rashida Tlaib of Detroit and Cori Bush of St. Louis, for showing their deep contempt for law enforcement by being the only two members of the House of Representatives to vote “no” in a bipartisan Resolution Memorializing Law Enforcement Officers Killed in the Line of Duty. It passed by a vote of 413-2.

YOU CAN’T MAKE THIS UP

--Now that the Walt Disney World Resort has signed on to host the Out & Equal Summit – which focuses on promoting LGBTQ+ rights in the workplace – both this coming September and again in 2024, the question remains:

“What would the late Walt Disney have said about his organization’s leftward push.”

--Just before Holy Week last month, President Joe Biden, who claims to be a practicing Catholic, issued a “cease and desist order” to Catholic priests who ministered at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Washington, D.C. Holy



Name College Friary had been providing priests to the hospital for nearly two decades, according to the Catholic Archdiocese for the Military Services. “It is incomprehensible that essential pastoral care is taken away from the sick and the aged when it was so readily available,” said Archbishop Timothy Broglio. “This is a classic case where the adage ‘if it is not broken, do not fix it’ applies.” Reportedly, the priests are going to be replaced with a government-approved, for-profit contractor to provide Catholic ministry. In other words, don’t be surprised if Ray Epps or his cronies at the FBI are sporting clerical collars and hearing confessions.

--New York City officials and hotels are going out of their way to house the massive number of illegal aliens arriving after crossing the southern border. The mayor’s office is pleading with private property owners to offer space for the migrants on an emergency basis. And several hotels that have been providing shelter to homeless veterans – despite being paid by non-profit organizations – is kicking them out to make room for more illegals.

--Michigan State University is well on its way to be the wokest of woke in higher education, having released a language guide discouraging students from “words that might be offensive” – words such as “Christmas tree,” “reindeer,” “bunnies,” “eggs,” “pioneer,” “frontier,” “conquer and divide,” and “powwow.” University leaders say they have worked diligently to remove any language they consider to be “bigoted” from official communications. But the Leadership Institute’s Campus Reform reports it is part of an overall effort to align with strategic efforts around diversity, equity and inclusion.

--Former high school principal and football coach Vito Perrone had been hired to be the next School Superintendent in Easthampton, Massachusetts. He wrote a letter to the School Board Chairperson and the Executive Assistant to the School Committee, both women, but his job offer was withdrawn for the “unpardonable sin” of addressing them as “ladies” in his greeting. The local newspaper reported that both women considered the term “ladies” to be derogatory, and the fact that he did not know that as an educator was “a problem.” Perrone noted that he was shocked, and that he “grew up in a time when ‘ladies’ and ‘gentlemen’ was a sign of respect. I didn’t intend to insult anyone.” Noting that “Maybe it’s all for the best. That school board is definitely infected with woke snowflakes,” commentator Todd Starnes said. “The only good thing to come out of this is that now we can conclusively declare those Easthampton school board broads are definitely not ladies.”

--Former NCAA championship swimmer Riley Gaines – speaking about saving women’s sports at a Turning Point USA and Leadership Institute event at San Francisco State University -- was brutally beaten by a man wearing a dress even though she was under police protection. Pro-transgender activists – reportedly organized by the university’s Queer and Trans Resource Center – rioted at the event. Gaines later tweeted: “The prisoners are running the asylum at SFSU... This is proof that women need sex-protected spaces. Still only further assures me I’m doing something right. When they want you silent, speak louder.”

--As a Judiciary Committee in Congress offered an amendment that ICE be notified when an illegal immigrant tries to purchase a firearm, Democrats on the committee voted "no." So, they just admitted they do not have a problem with people having guns – as long as they are not working class American citizens.

--During Ramadan, Canadian school board official Sara Savoia – the Trans and Gender Diverse Student Support Coordinator in Ottawa – was careful to spare Muhammad and his followers of any offense, but that was not the case for this LGBTQ activist when it came to Holy Week. She tweeted on Good Friday "a reminder that Jesus himself was a radical activist...and a drag queen." She carried an illustration reportedly depicting Jesus speaking to children and captioned: "Oh look, it's a man in a dress telling stories to children."

--Even though it was a transgender shooter who murdered six people, including three children, at a Nashville school, the owners of the city's FLWR Shop denied service to a Republican fund raising event, absurdly publishing on Instagram that "the blood of the three beautiful babies we lost is on that money," and they suggested that "others say no to taking money or jobs from the Republican Party until they change gun laws." The FLWR Shop owners showed no indication that the transgender shooter had any association with the Republican Party.

--Once a man named Tim Yergeau realized that police in New Haven, Connecticut, were about to arrest him on child pornography charges – having indecent videos of children being sexually assaulted -- he committed suicide. So what was Yergeau's background? Why, he formerly was the strategic communications director for the Southern New England branch of – wait for it – Planned Parenthood. According to freedompress.com, it was not surprising who he worked for, because the organization has a history of targeting minors – with evidence showing that they have been aiding and abetting human traffickers, while covering up the trafficking of children without notifying law enforcement or trying to contact parents.

--The New York State Board of Regents has banned public schools – there are about 60 of them in the Empire State – from using Native-American names as school mascots. There will be no more Warriors or Chiefs or Braves or Blazing Saddles. And definitely no more Redskins. Those names have been dispatched to "that great big hunting ground in the sky." It is part of a national effort to scrub what the Left considers to be racially insensitive imagery from high school and middle school athletics. But ironically, the ban does not cover tribal schools in New York State. So if the Shinnecock or Oneida Indian nations want to field teams named after Chief Sitting Bull that's okay – but pale face schools not okay.

--Ruling that a teacher resource book in the state's pre-K programs was "woke," Alabama Governor Kay Ivey excluded its use, saying such concepts are divisive at the core and have no place in classrooms at any age level, let alone four-year-olds. The book said that "systemic and structural racism...has permeated every institution and system through policies and practices that position people of color in oppressive, repressive, and menial positions. The early education system is not immune

to these forces," and that children from LGBT families "need to hear and see messages that promote equality, dignity, and worth." After Ivey ordered Barbara Cooper, the Secretary of the Alabama Department of Early Childhood Education, to immediately discontinue its use, Cooper resigned from her position, and Ivey accepted the resignation.

--It's not enough for Grand Valley State University in Allendale, Michigan, to have just one graduation ceremony. No, officials in that woke school decided to have five more, separate "celebrations of supposed diverse identities and cultures" – for students who identify as Asian, Black, Latino/a/x. Native American, and LGBTQ+ (which has been dubbed the "Lavender Graduation"). Unfortunately, students who identify as "straight, white people" will not enjoy any identity-based "special celebrations."

--To align with its so-called equity policy, the Essex Junction, Vermont School District is telling parents of fifth graders that teachers will be using "gender inclusive" language in class. Appallingly, instead of saying "boy" or "girl," the children will have to refer to them as "person who produces sperm" and "person who produces eggs." Fifth graders!

--It took an override of a veto by Democrat Governor Laura Kelly for Kansas' Legislature to become the first state in the nation to pass a Bill of Rights defining a woman as "a human female." The favorable vote in the Kansas House was 84-40, and in the state Senate it was 28-12. So if Governor Kelly did not believe that – what in the world does she think she is?

--After the North Carolina House of Representatives passed legislation to require university students in the state to take courses on America's government and founding documents, 673 woke professors at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill signed a public letter arguing that the move would "constitute an infringement on the university's academic freedom" by substituting "ideological force-feeding for the intellectual expertise of faculty." Imagine that! The poor leftist profs must be terrified that the indoctrinated students actually might learn about the U.S. Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, and the Emancipation Proclamation.

--Kimberly Gardner, the far-left St. Louis prosecutor bankrolled by Democrat billionaire George Soros, and who is facing a criminal contempt investigation for failing to do her job, announced on May 4 that she is resigning effective June 1. Missouri Judge Michael Noble said her office "appears to be a rudderless ship of chaos" and she has "complete indifference and a conscious disregard for the judicial process." Earlier, Andrew Bailey, the Show-Me State's Attorney General, tried to remove her from office because of "her failure to protect victims from crime," and he wants to find justice for them.

--After Riley Dowell, the 23-year-old transgender daughter of Massachusetts Democrat House Minority Whip Katherine Clark was arrested during a protest and charged with assault and battery on a police officer, vandalizing property, tagging property, vandalizing a historic monument and resisting arrest, she pled not guilty, but was sentenced only to one year of

probation and to write a letter of apology to the assaulted officer. A sweetheart deal, eh!

--An unruly mob of Black Lives Matter, Antifa, and Democrat protesters took to the streets in New York City and shut down the subway system, injured a police officer and chanted "I hope you die," and expressed outrage that a career criminal with at least 42 prior convictions had been stopped from attacking innocent passengers on a subway train.

--Just before the start of a girls' high school softball game in Deer Park, Texas, the announcer curiously declared that "out of respect," the national anthem would not be performed. But people in the stands who supported both teams did not agree with that and rose to belt out "The Star Spangled Banner." And out of respect, the umpires stood at home plate and took off their caps. The announcer's reaction was not available.

--Speaking at an event honoring former House leader Nancy Pelosi, whom he described as "one of the most consequential Speakers in the history of the United States," President Joe Biden came up with this gem: "With Nancy leading the way, you never had to worry about whether the bill would pass....And she had to vote so many life-changing pieces of legislation. She helped rescue the economy in the Great Depression." That would have been amazing, since at the time the Depression ended, Pelosi was all OF ONE YEAR OLD.

POLITICAL JOTTINGS AND DOTTINGS



--At press time, **Florida Governor Ron DeSantis** joined the growing list of Republican candidates for U.S. President in 2024. **South Carolina Senator Tim Scott**, former **Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson**, radio talk show host **Larry Elder**, and Michigan businessman **Perry Johnson** also have thrown their hats in the ring.

--Former **Secretary of State, CIA director and Congressman Mike Pompeo**, who recently expressed an interest in running for U.S. President in 2024 and wrote the best-selling book "Never Give an Inch," announced on April 14 that "this is not our moment. This isn't the time for us to seek elected office." He has called for "more seriousness in Republican leadership," but said he and his wife, Susan, came to this decision. While many people encouraged the former U.S. Army Officer to seek the presidency, many others warned him about its drawbacks. Instead, he said, "We can best serve in roles we've been in before -- as parents, Sunday school teachers, community leaders, and business leaders. There remains much to do and the conservative cause is worthy."
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--After the Democrats announced they will hold their presidential nominating convention in August 2024 in Chicago, the Republicans said their July event will take place in Milwaukee. Why would both groups chose locations that have been ravaged by violent crime? Former **Milwaukee County Sheriff David Clarke**, a strong conservative Republican,

questioned the GOP move, saying, "It's almost like the RNC hasn't been following the news. With crime being a major issue, I don't understand why they would lead their delegates and convention-goers into those danger zones in the city of Milwaukee."
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--**Florida Senator Rick Scott**, who is up for re-election in 2024, now has a Republican primary challenger, Melbourne attorney **Keith Gross**, a political newcomer who has owned several businesses and founded the non-profit organization "Advancing Florida," which has the goal of "issue advocacy, education and messaging related to matters of public concern."
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--The Florida Legislature's Republican majority has approved a proposed amendment to the state's Constitution to require school board candidates in the Sunshine State to run for office with party affiliation rather than as non-partisan. The proposal will go on the 2024 ballot for voters, and if approved by them, could begin in 2026.

THIS AND THAT



The recipient of the second annual Bulldog Award for Lifetime Achievement -- honoring

true journalists who deserve accolades but never receive them from the leftist media establishment -- was announced on March 10 by the Media Research Center to be long-time TV journalist **Brit Hume**. MRC President **Brent Bozell** said Hume "has always been the epitome of what true news journalism should be. Our vote was unanimous. Brit deserves this lifetime achievement award not just for running Fox News' D.C. bureau, but also for his time at ABC News as a steadfastly honest and reliable journalist." On May 9, MRC honored six media conservatives as the winners of the 2023 Bulldog Awards. The award for Outstanding Investigative Journalism went to **Andrew Kerr** of the "Washington Free Beacon" -- a must-read journalist for all things Hunter Biden, Black Lives Matter and COVID. Earlier, with the "Daily Caller," his scoops included Dr. Tony Fauci's support for gain-of-function research and the lab leak "theory," which the leftist media denied and called a conspiracy. The award for Outstanding Podcast went to author and speaker **Matt Walsh**, host of his own show for "The Daily Wire," which is aired by radio stations nationwide. The award for Outstanding Radio Talk Show Host went to **Chris Plante**, host of a nationally syndicated radio talk show broadcast from WMAL in Washington, DC. His quick-witted takes make fun of the outlandish pretenses of liberal politicians and media figures. The award for Outstanding Blogger went to **Mary Margaret Olohan**, the senior writer for the Heritage Foundation's "Daily Signal," who cultivates relationships with Americans the liberal media ignore. The award for Outstanding Columnist went to **Karol Markowicz**, of the "New York Post" and "FoxNews.com," and a contributor at "The Spectator World" and "Washington Examiner." She has written about COVID lockdowns and mandates, and "woke indoctrination" in politics, education, medicine, mental health, entertainment and culture.

The award for Outstanding Social Media Personality went to **Chaya Raichik**, who is best known for her Twitter account, Libs of TikTok, with more than two million followers. She has become a hate object for the left for exposing the radical and harmful agenda of left-wing educators who peddle transgenderism and anti-Americanism.

SPECIAL COUNSEL JOHN DURHAM. Tasked with investigating allegations of collusion between the 2016 Donald Trump presidential campaign and the Russian government, special counsel John Durham issued his final 300-page report to Congress on May 15, condemning the FBI for inappropriately opening the investigation with little evidence. Durham said the FBI utilized “raw, unanalyzed, and uncorroborated intelligence: to open the investigation – standards it did not follow when approaching alleged election interference in relation to Hillary Clinton’s presidential campaign. The Justice Department and the FBI acted without “appropriate objectivity or restraint,” he said, “in pursuing allegations of collusion or conspiracy between a U.S. political campaign and a foreign power.” Durham also found that the FBI “did not and could not corroborate any of the substantive allegations made in the infamous Steele Dossier.” The FBI used the unvetted and unverified Steele Reports to target former Trump adviser Carter Page, Durham added. The Special Counsel was able to obtain only one conviction in the investigation – that of FBI lawyer Kevin Clinesmith, who admitted changing a statement of evidence and pled guilty, but was able to avoid prison time. What is most infuriating about this phony situation has been the mainstream media’s continuing role in perpetuating it, even downplaying Durham’s criticisms of the FBI. Also, unfortunately, no new criminal charges were recommended.



HENRY KISSINGER. Former Secretary of State and National Security Adviser **Henry Kissinger** has been a consultant and emissary to monarchs, presidents and prime ministers for the past 46 years. In recent interview, he said the United States and China are in a classic pre-World War I “situation” – on the path to great-power confrontation, and to avoid World War Three, must learn to live together. In another interview, he said he told NATO to ignore Russian President Vladimir Putin’s threats, and to make Ukraine a member. “For the safety of Europe,” Kissinger said that it is better to have Ukraine in NATO, where national decisions on territorial claims cannot be made. Kissinger’s 100th birthday was May 27.

CENTENARIAN JIM BUCKLEY. Former U.S. Senator from New York, federal judge, U.S. Naval officer, businessman and author **Jim Buckley** celebrated his 100th birthday on March 9. Expressing gratitude to Buckley for his many years of service to

the country and the conservative movement, **The Fund For American Studies President Roger Ream** said “He is an inspiration to many for his integrity, commitment to principle, and honorable leadership.” As a tribute to Buckley’s remarkable life of public service, TFAS is establishing a James L. Buckley TFAS Law Fellowship, to educate a rising generation of young lawyers, giving them the tools to defend the ideals of a free society, rooted in individual liberty, limited government, free enterprise and constitutional originalism. Buckley’s brother, the late **William F. Buckley**, founded “National Review” magazine.



Jim Buckley

DOMINION VOTING SYSTEMS VS. FOX NEWS. Right before the start of a trial in a Delaware courtroom in which Dominion Voting Systems was suing Fox News for defamation over the network’s coverage of former President Donald Trump’s claims of voter fraud in the 2020 election, the two sides reached a last-minute agreement on April 18 on a \$787 million settlement. The move shields Fox from a potentially grueling and embarrassing situation. Dominion had contended that the network knowingly aired false information about the voting machine company’s software that was being promoted by Trump and his allies. Following the settlement, Fox issued a statement saying it reflected its “continued commitment to the highest journalistic standards. We are hopeful that our decision to resolve this dispute with Dominion amicably, instead of the acrimony of a divisive trial, allows the country to move forward from these issues.”

AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILATORS. **Florida Republican Congressman Bill Posey** and his Democrat Florida colleague Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick have introduced legislation in the House of Representatives to require student athletes to have access to automated external defibrillators – the Access to AEDs Act – the device used recently to save the life of Buffalo Bills safety Damar Hamlin in an NFL football game when he suffered cardiac arrest. Posey said that in 2007, Cocoa Beach high school soccer player Rafe Maccarone tragically collapsed during soccer practice of cardiac arrest and died the following day at age 15. “Heart conditions all too often go unnoticed, and we find out too late that our loved ones are in danger,” Posey said. “Knowing what to do in these emergencies matters, and we can save lives by giving schools access to AEDs and the training to use them.” The proposed legislation also would provide federal assistance for heart screening of high school athletes and establish a data clearinghouse for information on sudden cardiac arrests for pediatric patients. Posey’s office noted that just 23 states currently have requirements for AEDs in school.





JOE KENNEDY. It was seven long years ago when Bremerton, Washington high school football coach **Joe Kennedy** was fired from his post for the “crime” of praying on the football field, even though he did not order his team members to participate. Kennedy sued – all the way up to the U.S. Supreme Court – and won over the violation of his First Amendment rights. The school was ordered to give him his old job back and pay his legal fees of \$1.77 million, plus the city was ordered to pay him an additional \$2 million. Perhaps now the city’s School Board will respect the First Amendment.

VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS. For those of you having trouble understanding what is happening in the world – especially when it comes to countries in Europe – we count on Vice President Kamala Harris to offer succinct explanations. Here, for example, are her comments on Ukraine and Russia:” So, Ukraine is a country in Europe. It exists next to another country called Russia. Russia is a bigger country. Russia is a powerful country. Russia decided to invade a smaller country called Ukraine. So basically, that’s wrong.” But that was followed by this example of what several commentators called “word salad” in response to abortion, voting, and LGBTQ rights: “I think it’s very important for us at every moment in time and certainly this one to see the moment in time in which we exist in our present and to be able to contextualize it, to understand where we exist in the history and in the moment as it relates not only to the past but the future.” This doesn’t make sense in any context.



The Conservative Political Action Coalition, issuing the 52nd edition of its annual ratings of the U.S. Congress, recorded each member’s votes during the last session and selected a wide-array of issues relating to fiscal, tax, regulatory, education, environment, Second Amendment rights, election security, life, and government integrity, and determined there were three U.S. Senators and 14 House members with 100 percent perfect scores. The select group of Senators were Utah’s **Mike Lee**, Indiana’s **Mike Braun**, and Kentucky’s **Rand Paul**. The House members were Texas’ **Michael Cloud**, Virginia’s **Bob Good**, Georgia’s **Marjorie Taylor Greene**, Oklahoma’s **Kevin Hern**, Georgia’s **Jody Hice**. Ohio’s **Jim Jordan**, Arizona’s **Debbie Lesko**, Kentucky’s **Thomas Massie**, Illinois’ **Mary Miller**, South Carolina’s **Ralph Norman**, Pennsylvania’s **Scott Perry**, Montana’s **Matthew Rosendale**, Texas’ **Chip Roy** and Florida’s **Greg Steube**. The lowest scoring Republicans in the poll were Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell at 56 percent, and former Illinois Representative Adam Kinsinger at 29 percent.

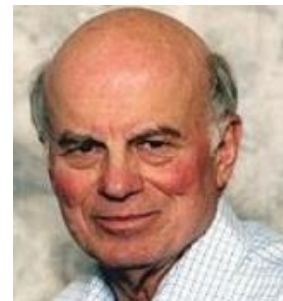
The monthly seminar series **Truth Fest** is designed specifically for the citizens of Brevard County where notable local speakers address health, security, and freedoms as they relate to current events and biblical prophecy. Truth Fest was first held October

2021 and featured the documentary “Seeing 2020” and its producer, Adam Mariner. The speakers ranged from Doctors Heather Gessling (with the Pandemic Health Alliance), Jana Schmidt and Jen VanDeWater (from Americas Front Line Doctors), several local health practitioners, faith and advocacy group leaders, and more. It has been turned into a monthly series held at Destiny Church, 700 S Courtenay Parkway, Merritt Island at 7pm the last Saturday of most months. Because May 27 is a holiday weekend, we are taking a break but will return June 24, with Bible teachers Kathy Mardirosian and Gary Cristofaro (of Torah Talk Podcast). Their presentation: Choose Today Whom You will Serve. Are we battling against principalities, powers, and rulers of darkness in high places? What and who are the ancient Biblical writers referring to and have we taken their warnings seriously? Are we at all responsible for the return of the gods? All are invited to join us as we continue to expose the evil agenda in the world and stand in the Truth!



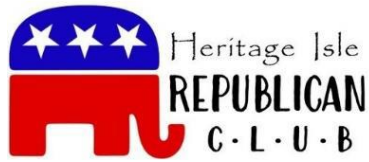
Speaking with attendees of the Leadership Institute’s monthly Wake Up Breakfast meeting on May3, 89-year-old **Richard Viguerie**, the chairman of American Target Advertising who helped build the Conservative movement in the Republican Party, explained that it was accomplished through the use of

direct marketing. He said that on behalf of hundreds of conservative candidates and organizations, over the past 50 years he has mailed billions of letters to provide voters with information they could not get from newspapers, magazines or television. This helped motivate millions of Americans to participate in politics for the first time, getting them involved by rallying around issues. One aspect of this, Viguerie said, is by branding Democrats as being “out of step” on such topics as crime, taxes, and the indoctrination of school children. A plus for this program, he said, was that many small donations were raised instead of large amounts from a few wealthy persons. Since the Leadership Institute is involved with training students on conservative ideals, he said, his advice to young people is to seek out mentors – those with a vision to justify their time with you. During his own early days, Viguerie said, he had four such mentors.



TIKTOK. The clock is ticking. It is MORE than enough time to do away with this Chinese-based website that is dangerous and even deadly to numerous unthinking teenagers, not only here but throughout the world. The website lists stupid and extremely dangerous “challenges” for unthinking youngsters to

take. There are numerous examples. In this year alone, a high school football player in North Carolina tried an idiotic challenge to “make a torch” with a lighter and a can of paint spray. The resulting explosion nearly killed him, but left him hospitalized for months with burns over nearly 80 percent of his entire body. A 12-year-old girl in Argentina did die after accepting TikTok’s challenge to “choke herself.” In New York, four teenagers died when they crashed a car they had stolen for a joy ride. Just a few other stupid challenges have included getting young people to take high doses of medication to induce hallucinations; covering strangers’ heads with containers and running away; pouring glue on one’s head; licking toilet seats on airplanes; mixing and drinking alcohol, electrolytes, caffeinated flavoring and water in a gallon-sized jug; eating candy coated in liquid nitrogen; using toy guns to fire frozen gel pellets at bystanders; and rubbing lip balm onto eyelids to enhance alertness, but could cause blindness.



Tim Bobanic, the newly appointed Supervisor of Elections for Brevard County, told the Heritage Isle Republican Club on May 4 that as both retiring

supervisor **Lori Scott’s** deputy and as an election official elsewhere in Florida, he has overseen 29 past elections. During the 2022 cycle, he said, all of the voting machines used in the county had been tested, and regular meetings were conducted with the Canvassing Board, on which a judge and a county commissioner joined him. Bobanic said when ballots and signatures are reviewed, the procedure is open to the public. To keep elections open and honest in Brevard, he said, ballot harvesting is not allowed; paper ballots are used rather than a touch screen, and they are maintained for 22 months. In Heritage Isle’s Precinct 429, he said, currently there are 2,470 registered voters. Bobanic noted that since 2023 is an election off-year, his staff is working on voter roll maintenance, eliminating names of people who have moved away or are deceased. Following his appointment as supervisor, Bobanic has to run for the position on the 2024 ballot, and he is collecting petitions to have his name placed there without having to pay a filing fee. Signing a petition, he said, does not mean there is an obligation to cast a ballot for him. On April 6, he also addressed the Republican Club of Brevard meeting outside the Patrick Space Force Base, making similar remarks.



REPUBLICAN LIBERTY CAUCUS OF CENTRAL EAST FLORIDA.

Members of the Republican Liberty Caucus of Central East Florida (RLCCEF), at their May 1 meeting in Melbourne, voted in a new slate of officers, as long-

time chair **Bob White** had announced earlier, he would be stepping down from the post but still retaining the title of Chair of the entire Republican Liberty Caucus of Florida organization. The unanimous choice of his CEF successor was **Josiah Gattle**,

who told the crowd his selection “felt like I’m coming home.” The new vice chair will be **Blaise Trettis**, and the treasurer will be **Nathan White**. No one present at the meeting agreed to run for the vacant position of Secretary, so it will be filled at a later date. Among the positions of the five regional directors within Brevard County, the District 1 seat also is currently unfilled.



Bob White

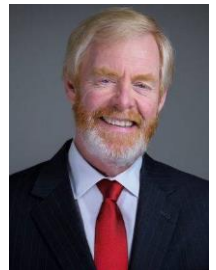


Josiah Gattle

Elected at the meeting were **John Weiler** for District 2; **National RLC Chairman Matt Nye** for District 3; **Steve Lindsley** for District 4 and **Patrick Lehmann** for District 5. Bob White, who now has the title of Past Chair for RLCCEF, announced that the annual Constitution Day Dinner this year, as well as the State Convention, will both take place on September 23 at the Hilton Rialto in Melbourne. Speaking of his tenure as RLCCEF Chair, he said it was “a hell of a ride, and I’ve enjoyed every minute of it.”

EXPERTS’ EXCERPTS

Media Research Center President Brent Bozell, writing on America always needing the MRC in the organization’s “Watchdog” publication:



“The far left will never stop trying to transform America using the news media, so there will always be a need for the MRC....In the 35-year history of the Media Research Center, we’ve grown from a few patriots crammed into a small townhouse in Alexandria, Virginia, to a strong and agile organization primarily because of the talented people who have joined me on this journey, and because we’ve never been afraid to look into the future and take it on. The original task – to show Americans their network news anchors did not at all deserve the 80 percent trustworthy ratings they were receiving – is long accomplished. Trust in media in the United States has reached all-time lows in the low- to mid-20s, and America is alone among democratic countries in its level of disdain for the media. That has not stopped the networks from being insanely biased and, in some cases, downright dishonest. But it does mean there’s a mechanism to point out the bias, a public receptive to the message, and thanks to our world’s largest TV news video archive, a way to prove our points and identify the worst offenders. I think about it in terms of managing current and emerging threats, and I think the key to our success has been our ability to identify those threats as they were occurring. We started recording almost as soon as we opened.... By the mid-1990s, our entertainment division was a major player in the war on filth in entertainment. Our “Parents Guide to Prime-Time Television,” released in 1994, and our founding the following year of the Parents Television Council in Hollywood, led to a national discussion on labeling of adult materials, ratings of television programs and networks airing more family-friendly programming. By the mid-2000s, it had become apparent leftist

corporate media would simply ignore stories that didn't fit their narrative. That left it to our news-gathering arm – CNS News – to break the story of John 'Swift Boat' Kerry, of Dan Rather's dishonest reporting on George W. Bush's Texas National Guard service, and Hilary Clinton's lies about flying into Bosnia under 'sniper fire.' In 2011, MRC started talking extensively about the threat posed by George Soros and the billions of dollars he was willing to spend to undermine America. No one has chronicled his misdeeds nor done more to warn Americans of his plans and methods for controlling messages than MRC.... In 2013, we began work on the story that dominates our coverage to this day – the attempt by leftist forces to win the policy arguments by silencing their opponents. Our 'Stop the Censorship' campaign launched a national movement to expose the media's suppression of news. MRC since has stood up an array of forces to fight censorship. There is Free Speech America, which reports on censorship, and Censor Track, which chronicles each instance. There is the Free Speech Alliance, an organization MRC has built to 100 members, including 11 international organizations, to fight collectively for free expression. We caught Google red-handed manipulating search results during the 2022 midterms in favor of Democrats. We caught TikTok censoring content, including our own.... We've reported extensively on the Twitter Files and the government's brazen attempts to force Big Tech to do its censoring for it.... We're all over the biggest story of the day – censorship, much of it in collaboration with government. We're looking ahead to what is next, but that's a gargantuan and fundamental problem that must be addressed now. There is much left to do, so MRC's mission carries forth. The challenges have changed, and so have we, and I'm thankful to lead such a vibrant and vital organization. The challenges have never been greater, and I've never been more eager to get up every morning to meet them."

(NOTE: For more information, visit the website www.mrc.org.)

Author **Victor Davis Hanson**, writing questions and answers on world chaos created by President Biden's endless missteps, in the "New York Post":

"Why is French President Emmanuel Macron cozying up to China while trashing his oldest ally, the United States? Why is there suddenly talk of discarding the dollar as the global currency? Why are Japan and India shrugging that they cannot follow the United States' lead in boycotting Russian oil? Why is the president of Brazil traveling to China to pursue what he calls a 'beautiful relationship'? Why is Israel suddenly facing attacks from its enemies in all directions? What happened to Turkey? Why is it threatening fellow NATO member Greece? Is it still a NATO ally, a mere neutral or a de facto enemy? Why are there suddenly nonstop Chinese threats toward Taiwan? Why did Saudi Arabia conclude a new pact with Iran, its former archenemy? Why was Egypt secretly planning to send rockets to Russia to be used in Ukraine, according to leaked Pentagon papers? Since when did the Russians talk nonstop about the potential use of a tactical nuclear weapon? Why is Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador bragging that millions of Mexicans have entered the United States, most of them illegally? And why is he



interfering in US elections by urging his expatriates to vote for Democrats? Why and how, in just two years, have confused and often incoherent President Joe Biden and his team created such global chaos? Let us answer by listing 10 ways by which America lost all deterrence: 1) Biden abruptly pulled all US troops from Afghanistan. He left behind to the Taliban hundreds of Americans and thousands of pro-American Afghans. 2) The Biden administration allowed a Chinese high-altitude spy balloon to traverse the continental United States, spying on key American military installations.... 3) In March 2021, at an Anchorage, Alaska, mini-summit, Chinese diplomats unleashed a relentless barrage at their stunned and mostly silent American counterparts. They lectured the timid Biden administration diplomats about American toxicity and hypocrisy. 4) In June 2021, in response to Russian cyber-attacks against the United States, Biden meekly asked Russian President Vladimir Putin to at least make off-limits certain critical American infrastructure. 5) When asked what he would do if Russia invaded Ukraine, Biden replied that the reaction would depend on whether the Russians conducted a 'minor incursion.' 6) Between 2021 and 2022, Biden serially insulted and bragged that he would not meet Muhammad bin Salman, the de facto ruler of Saudi Arabia, and one of our oldest and most valuable allies in the Middle East. 7) For much of 2021, the Biden administration made it known that it was eager and ready to offer concessions to re-enter the dangerous Iran nuclear deal – at a time when Iran has joined China and Russia in a new geostrategic partnership. 8) Almost immediately upon inauguration, the administration moved the United States away from Israel, restored financial aid to radical Palestinians and both publicly and privately alienated the current Netanyahu government. 9) In serial fashion, Biden stopped all construction on the border wall and opened the border. During the 2019 Democratic presidential primary, Biden made it known that illegal aliens were welcome to enter the United States – some 6 million to 7 million did. He reinstated 'catch and release.' And he did nothing about the Mexican cartel importation of fentanyl that has recently killed over 100,000 Americans per year. 10) In the last two years, the Pentagon has embarked on a woke agenda. The army is short by 15,000 in its annual recruitment quota. The defense budget has not kept up with inflation.... This list of these self-inflicted disasters could be easily expanded."

Businessman and author **Andrew Puzder**, writing on the Biden economy in Hillsdale College's "Imprimis" publication:



"Just about everybody on Wall Street knows, despite what you read in the financial press, that the Biden administration's economic policies are driving our economy into a recessionary ditch.... A recession is defined, traditionally, as two consecutive quarters of negative economic growth. At least it was

defined that way before the financial press redefined it prior to the 2022 midterms, ensuring that despite two consecutive quarters of negative growth, President Biden's policies couldn't be labeled recessionary. But regardless of the definition, this

negative growth meant declining standards of living, fewer job opportunities, lower wages, and increased poverty for the American people. Overall, we have become a far less vibrant and far less prosperous society on the verge of a serious recession. The hard economic times we are experiencing are especially striking as they come on the heels of the Trump boom, which opened our eyes again to American economic potential when we have low taxes, reduced regulation, and a bountiful supply of domestic energy.... Coming out of the pandemic, we knew two things. First, we knew people had accumulated a lot of money. The savings rate had surged in an unprecedented way during the pandemic, and when the pandemic was over this resulted in an increased demand for goods. This surge in the savings rate wasn't a mystery: the federal government handed out \$5 trillion during the pandemic, and people had very little opportunity to spend it since they weren't traveling, eating out, going shopping, etc. So in 2021, Americans had a lot of cash. The second thing we knew coming out of the pandemic was that fewer people were working. If you tried to get anything done around your house back then, you will remember that. First you couldn't get anybody to do the work. Then if you found someone, you couldn't get the goods or materials you needed because they weren't being produced. This was the situation when Biden took office in 2021.... But there's even more bad news. Since so many people are not working and wages have been declining for those who are working due to inflation, savings have now declined to historic lows – in fact, to the lowest level we've seen going back to 1959. People are running out of cash, and as a result they are using credit cards. Credit card debt when Biden took office was at \$748 billion and it stayed there until May 2021 – again, until shortly after the passage of The American Rescue Plan – at which point it began to shoot way up to what is now \$986 billion, the highest level of credit card debt in our history. And this is happening at a time when the Federal Reserve is compelled to continue raising interest rates to try to battle inflation....In the Trump economy, increased wages resulted from businesses competing with other businesses for workers. Today, increased wages are the result of businesses competing with government benefits. If increasing people's dependence on government is your goal, this is a great approach. It is a dreadful approach if your goal is bringing inflation to heel and sparking a dynamic economic recovery. The bottom line is this: to address inflation and avoid a deep recession, Biden should, first, tell American bankers, asset managers, bureaucrats, and environmentalists to get out of the way of the energy industry because America needs oil now. Second, he should work with Congress to reduce or eliminate the work-discouraging programs that are keeping able-bodied Americans out of the workforce. We should not cut programs for those who *need* assistance, but we should reduce benefits for those who are able to work but are choosing not to work. With abundant energy and a vibrant workforce, we could make significant headway against inflation and quickly improve the lives of the American people.... Americans need to open their eyes to the fact that our elected leaders across the political spectrum understand clearly what policies will lead to prosperity and freedom for the American people, but that only

some of those leaders consider prosperity and freedom the goal. We need more of them."

Political columnist **Daniel Henninger**, writing on problems created by President Biden, in the "Wall Street Journal":



"If Donald Trump during his presidency had figured out a way to make dollars grow on trees in backyards, Joe Biden would have issued an executive order to cut down the trees. For the past two years, 'reverse Trump' has been the short answer to most questions about the rationale for Democrat public policy.

Such as: 'Why hasn't Biden done something about what's going on at the border. The answer is that while the Democrats would reverse Trump, they won't reverse themselves on this or anything else. Ever. Do nothing has been the Biden migration policy since the president named Vice President Kamala Harris as 'border czar,' recognized even then as proof certain that nothing serious was intended. here we are, with a super-surge about to commence as Title 42's deportation authority ends. Tens of thousands more migrants, from as far away as China, are prepared to cross from Mexico into the United States. And look who's screaming the loudest – the American left. Or at least that part of the left represented by the mayors of Chicago, New York and Washington. Our purpose is not to belabor the spectacle of these holier-than-thou "sanctuary cities" falling short on sanctuary. Listen more closely to the liberals' lament about their migrant problem and you'll hear something they say before getting out of bed every morning: 'We need more resources.'...Resources is a euphemism for one thing – money. Confronted with a new problem, these blue-city mayors want Joe Biden to do what Washington has done the past 50 years – send money to fix problems largely of their own making, which almost all their own policies have failed to solve. Public housing, public schools, urban transportation, infrastructure and, not least, public-worker pensions and health insurance – all these are local spending categories that have outrun the ability of these cities' shrinking tax bases to support and now require 'resources' from Washington. Most of the trillions the Biden administration has spent the past two years is best understood as a permanent subsidy to cities that spent themselves into a hole.... What needs to be understood is that in the Democratic world Mr. Biden has inhabited his entire career – the same world of these mayors – a spending reversal is a totally alien idea. So far, they have gotten nothing from Mr. Biden to help with the migrant flow. And they never will, for two reasons. Any transfer of funds from Washington for migrants would be seen as a tacit admission that reverse-Trump on the border was a mistake. But more relevant to these cities' other multiple problems, it would require something that progressive Democrats don't do: Change course. The progressives' modern governance playbook is: Once in place, our policy prescriptions never change, no matter what.... You'll recall that Mr. Biden has announced he's running. Though doubtful last year about that prospect, the Democrats derived enough solace from the midterm election results to rally around a Biden candidacy. That was then. If an

economic downturn follows the Biden border botch and public approval for the president flirts with 30%, a primary challenge more serious than RFK Jr. could appear. By then, even New Yorkers and Chicagoans could be on board for reverse Biden.”

Political reporter **Max Greenwood**, writing on how Florida became a conservative bastion, in “The Hill”: Florida has become the nerve center of the modern Republican Party. Once the nation’s largest and most volatile swing state, Florida has lurched to the right in recent years, becoming a mecca for the GOP’s most influential luminaries and wealthiest donors. Republicans now hold supermajorities in the state legislature, and Governor Ron DeSantis has solidified his grip on the reins of political power in the state, turning Florida into a laboratory for conservative policy experiments. For the first time since Reconstruction, there’s not a single Democrat in statewide elected office. But Florida’s transition from coveted political battleground to the premier haven of modern conservatism has been decades in the making, owing to a perfect storm of demographic changes, Republican power plays, pandemic politics and Democratic missteps...It was just a decade ago, on the heels of Obama’s re-election victory, that Democrats saw Florida as politically promising. Obama won Florida’s electoral votes for the second consecutive residential election in 2012, nearly tying then-GOP presidential nominee Mitt Romney for the state’s conservative-leaning Cuban American vote, and Florida was only becoming larger and more diverse.... Republican nominee Donald Trump defeated Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton in 2016, and Trump won again four years later – solidifying the idea Florida had gone red. In 2018, Republican Ron DeSantis was elected governor, and he won a huge re-election victory in 2022....,With Trump’s move to Florida after his presidency, the two favorites for the 2024 GOP presidential nomination both lived in the state....There are a few reasons for Florida’s shift, which include Trump’s presidency itself and the coronavirus pandemic. Both intersect with another big part of the recent shift in Florida’s politics – the migration of new people into the Sunshine State – and not just Trump. Florida has been the nation’s third-largest state for nearly a decade, but it is now growing faster than rival states — a point sometimes highlighted by DeSantis. Estimates released by the Census Bureau in December showed that, for the first time since 1957, Florida became the fastest-growing state in the country, netting more than 400,000 new residents in the year between July 2021 and July 2022. During the pandemic, nearly 394,000 new voters moved into Florida, and nearly half of them – 46 percent -- registered with the GOP, according to voter data from L2, a data vendor. Only about 23 percent registered to vote as Democrats. Meanwhile, Florida’s electorate was shifting from within. Between January 2021 and September 2022, nearly 550,000 Florida voters changed their party affiliation. The GOP voter gains have been striking. Republicans surpassed Democrats in voter registrations in late 2021, and they’ve only continued to grow their lead. There are now nearly 437,000



more registered Republican voters in the state than Democrats, according to the most recent data published by the Florida Division of Elections.... When Obama won reelection in 2012, Democrats held a roughly 550,000-voter lead over Republicans, but the rightward drift began even before Republicans gained their voter registration edge. After Trump narrowly beat out Clinton in 2016, he defeated President Biden in Florida four years later by 3 percentage points – a margin that, at the time, was seen as a relative landslide by Sunshine State standards.... The details of DeSantis’s win were even more alarming for Democrats. He managed to carry several Democratic-leaning counties, including Miami-Dade, becoming the first GOP gubernatorial candidate since former Gov. Jeb Bush in 2002 to win there....Even before his move to the state, Trump made the Sunshine State his political home, taking meetings with legions of Republican officials, donors and operatives at Mar-a-Lago, his private club in Palm Beach....DeSantis launched a political war against ‘wokeness’ – a shorthand he uses to describe everything from ‘cancel culture’ to discussions about race or gender identity, and created a state agency dedicated to investigating election crimes and voter fraud. Democrats say they’re not ready to write off Florida. Yet many in the party are clear-eyed about their challenges. The Florida Democratic Party elected its third chairperson in little more than two years in February amid internal turmoil. Democratic state lawmakers lack any real ability to check DeSantis’s power in Tallahassee. And some of the party’s most prominent donors have pulled back on Florida.

American Security Council Foundation Senior Analyst Laurence Sanford, writing on Windmill Farm Fantasy for the publication “SOS-Sanford on Security”:

“Where is Don Quixote when we need him? His fantasy was to slay giants (in reality, windmills) in his quest to fight injustice through chivalry. Green energy proponents have a carbon dioxide ‘net zero emissions’ fantasy of powering civilization through green energy windmills and solar panels. Green energy advocates are for building windmills with trillions of taxpayer dollars and displacing existing energy and transportation industries. The result is weakening America and aiding the Chinese Communist Party’s (CCP) quest for world domination. Don Quixote’s quest was a fantasy. Green energy advocates quest for ‘net zero’ power emissions is also a fantasy – a dangerous fantasy for America, which needs a Don Quixote to take on the giant windmill energy scam that is blighting our landscape, killing birds by the thousands, killing whales along the East Coast, disrupting wildlife, and making life miserable for humans living nearby. Windmills are cost ineffective and unreliable. They contaminate the environment, strengthen China, weaken America, and threaten national security. Windmills go back as far as the 9th century B.C. where, in Persia, they were used to grind grain and uplift water. There is a good reason why they are not more widely utilized today as a power source. Wind does NOT always blow! Sometimes it blows too hard – for example, hurricanes and tornadoes. Sailing ships gave way to engine-



powered ships. Dutch windmills for canal water pumping gave way to power pumps. Germany has invested billions of Euros in wind farms. Yet German coal-powered plants have increased their output due to the lack of wind and the retirement of many windmills. In Minnesota, thousands of windmills are being refurbished at a cost of hundreds of millions of dollars after just twelve years of operating. Disposing of the multi-ton windmill behemoths is an environmental challenge. While most of the windmill can be recycled, the blades are made of composite plastics and have limited recycling value. Ranging from 100 to 300 feet (the length of a football field), the blades are difficult to transport and are often cut up into segments before being transported to a landfill. Because of their size and long-term durability, the blades can quickly fill up a landfill. There are ways to recycle the blades, but the technologies have not yet been implemented on a wide scale due to cost and lack of infrastructure.... Offshore wind developers are doing great. Tommy Beaudreau, earning \$2.4 million as a lawyer representing offshore developers, was recently appointed Deputy Secretary of the Interior to regulate his previous clients. At least 90 people have shuttled between federal, state, or local government and the wind industry. Needless to say, approvals for more windmill development have been approved at an unprecedented rate.... Onshore wind farms are killing thousands of birds and bats. When one bird dies in an oil slick, it makes front-page headlines. When hundreds of eagles are killed by windmills, there is no public outcry.... Windmill construction is ruining the environment and spoiling scenic vistas. Humans are adversely affected by the whirring noise generated when the 300 to 700-foot-high blades spin. Land required to build windmills and supporting infrastructure, such as transmission lines to access the existing power grid, can be up to 300 times the land needed to build a nuclear power plant that operates 24/7 and is carbon-free.... China built its wind turbine technology by stealing American technology. American Semiconductor (AMSC) lost \$1 billion and was nearly destroyed by the theft of its intellectual property. Now China leads the world in wind turbine manufacturing.... If the climate change and green energy crowd were honest and not ideologues, then they would advocate for nuclear energy.

THOUGHTS TO PONDER

“President Biden sent his spending priorities to Congress recently proposing, according to the House Budget Committee Majority: a \$6.9 trillion budget plan (\$20,660/American citizen) – a 8% increase in federal spending over the current budget; a \$1.8 trillion (\$5,454/American citizen) budget deficit; increasing the national debt from \$31 trillion (\$93,939/American) to \$50.7 trillion over the next decade; and a substantial increase in federal taxes over the next five years. These policies are not only irresponsible and unsustainable, but they threaten every part of our economy: Social Security, Medicare, National Defense, Veterans benefits and the very financial solvency of our government and national economy.”

--**Florida Congressman Bill Posey**, in a constituent update on Biden spending priorities

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Parents have the fundamental right to direct the upbringing of their children. This includes their education, medical care, morality and religion. I want to be clear – these are inherent, natural rights. These are not rights bestowed by the government. Parental rights do not stop at the classroom door. We do not co-parent with the government.... Parents watched in horror as teachers unions fought to keep schools closed. We watched as our children struggled with depression and anxiety, their development regressing at every turn.... We attended school board meetings, often facing unjust treatment. Parents were expelled, their mics were cut off, and many were prevented from speaking. Americans peacefully exercising their constitutional rights were labeled as enemies of the state. We are moms, dads, aunts, uncles, grandparents, and concerned citizens. We are not ‘domestic terrorists.’ We will not be silenced to protect a failing system.”

--**“Moms For Liberty” co-founder Tiffany Justice**, testifying before Congress about the government targeting parents for speaking out

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“In the aftermath of *Roe v. Wade*, Democrats are coming up with all sorts of schemes to protect abortion. It doesn’t seem they very much respect the Supreme Court, which gave states the power to decide abortion law. In fact, Democrats seem hellbent on pushing this heinous practice, even in states where the majority disagrees. In one case, an apparently activist judge ruled that a minor can sue to obtain permission for an abortion, without a parent’s consent. The case was taken all the way to the Supreme Court. And, in an 8-1 ruling, the court set the record straight. It vacated the ruling that only one justice dissented – Biden’s Ketanji Brown Jackson (the same woman who does not know what a ‘woman’ is. You can see how the original ruling would have opened up all kinds of horrific scenarios. If minors can sue to get an abortion without a parent’s consent, the floodgates would have been opened. Democrats would have coerced young women to cross state lines to get abortions.”

--Author and podcaster **Adam Casalino**, on the High Court’s ruling

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“For a long time now, we’ve seen Democrats try to unravel our Supreme Court. Thanks to Trump’s conservative majority, the left can’t exploit the court to push their agenda. So, they have tried to pack the court to gain a majority. When that failed, they launched attacks against the court’s top conservative majorities.... They’ve even floated false claims of corruption to force justices like Clarence Thomas off the court. All of this is a gross violation of the separation of powers. And SCOTUS refuses to stand for it. Now, all nine justices are putting Democrats in their place – rejecting legislation to undermine the court.”

--Another **Casalino** thought, on the Justices shutting down a Liberal plot

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“Much to the chagrin of the Democrat Party and the mainstream media, the more conservatively Ron DeSantis governs

Florida—whether calling out Disney’s woke excesses, banning Critical Race Theory in schools and workplaces, or defending parents’ rights – the more popular he seems to become. After winning the governorship by a mere 0.4 percent of the vote in 2018, many on the left believed that his constant sparring with the media and fiery rhetoric would lead to his ouster in 2022. But Sunshine State voters instead responded by handing DeSantis a 20-point victory last November, one of the biggest wins for Republicans anywhere in the country....No matter how 2024 shakes out, Ron DeSantis will undoubtedly remain a leading figure within the Republican Party for some time, and has rightly earned the distinction as AMAC’s 2022 Man of the Year for his successes thus far. Regardless of political affiliation, Floridians and Americans of all political stripes should at the very least appreciate in Governor DeSantis the inspiring example of a politician who listens to his constituents and refuses to ever back down from what he believes in.”

--Political consultant **Shane Harris**, on DeSantis being named the Association of Mature American Citizens’ Man of the Year Award

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“I just want to say to all the liberal extremists out there, you are not pro-women, you are just pro-abortion, and we will remember that.”

--Conservative political commentator **Tomi Lahren**, on opposition to the Title IX women’s sports program

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“The Davis School District in Utah is considering whether to ban the Bible from its libraries. The school district received a complaint from a parent to remove the Bible, claiming it is ‘sensitive’ under the state’s Sensitive Materials in School law. The parent’s complaint referred to the religious text as ‘pornographic’ and having ‘no serious value for minors’....Our attorneys remind the school district to act in accordance with the Constitution. The First Amendment prohibits a school district from acting in a hostile manner toward a specific religious belief. We also remind the school district of its policies, which state that teachers, administrators and other school employees must be neutral toward religion when acting in their official capacities.”

--**First Liberty Institute Senior Manager for Content Strategy Jorge Gomez**, on opposing the Bible banning measure

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“There’s nothing wrong with having friends who are across the political aisle from you. There’s nothing wrong with going to confabs with people you disagree with. But there is something wrong with people getting together to celebrate why they are so superior to everyone else, and how none of the standards apply to them. And that’s what the White House Correspondents’ Dinner is.... Just how close are connections between all the people in the room? At the top of the show, ABC News Karen Travers gave an award to the Washington Post’s Matt Viser as the journalist of the year. What was his accomplishment? He wrote articles talking about the magic and wonder of Joe Biden. Then he got his picture taken with Joe Biden. What a hero of the journalistic establishment!”

--“**The Daily Wire**” editor emeritus **Ben Shapiro**, on why he hates the White House Correspondents Association Dinner so much

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“Libertarians have achieved much on a variety of constitutional issues. But we have largely neglected three that cry out for our attention. It is, perhaps, no accident that two of them (immigration and racial profiling) tend to pit us against the political right. The third – zoning – cuts across ideological lines. The ‘fusionist’ alliance between libertarians and conservatives has deteriorated in recent years, but remains stronger in the constitutional law field than elsewhere. Libertarians should embrace useful collaboration with conservatives, however, we must also protect liberty across the board, regardless of whether the danger emanates from the left or the right. Constitutional law cannot address all such threats; even where useful, it must often be combined with other strategies. But we should not neglect its potential on these three extraordinarily important issues.”

--**Cato Institute Constitutional Studies Chair Ilya Somin**, on issues that Libertarians should make their own

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“What if 20 million illegal aliens vacated America? 1.) \$14-22 billion is spent each year on their welfare; 2) \$7.5 billion is spent each year on Medicaid for them; 3)\$12 billion is spent each year on their children’s primary and secondary education, and they still cannot speak a word of English; 4) \$3 million is spent per day to incarcerate them; 5) they comprise 28 percent of all federal prison inmates; 6) \$190 billion is spent each year on social services for them; 7) they cause \$200 billion per year in suppressed American wages; 8) they have a crime rate that is two and a half times that of white non-illegal aliens; 9) the estimated total cost of mass deportation would be between \$41-\$46 billion annual over a five-year period; 10) they commit nearly one million sex crimes.”

--“**Denver Post**” free-lance reporter **Tina Griego**, on why illegal immigrants should vacate America

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“There are two competing conceptions of American governance: the version students are taught in the classroom, and the one that exists in the real world. Grade-school civics teaches that Washington is designed to operate under a system of checks and balances, constrained by the Constitution and empowered by the consent of the governed. In practice, however, power has become concentrated in the executive branch and largely wielded by unaccountable career bureaucrats. The notion of a ‘deep state’ isn’t a conspiratorial talking point but a manifest political reality.... The government doesn’t operate the way Americans are taught in elementary school. But between pending court cases and potential executive-led reforms, the theoretical checks and balances and democratic accountability may soon become much closer to reality.”

--**Former Interior Secretary David Bernhardt**, on the reality of the “Deep State”

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“How do nations slip from greatness to obscurity? Fighting endless wars they can't or won't win; Accumulating massive debt far beyond their ability to repay; Refusing to guard their borders, allowing the nation to be inundated by an alien horde; Surrendering control of their cities to mob rule; Allowing indoctrination of the young; Moving from a republican form of government to an oligarchy; Losing national identity; Indulging indolence; Abandoning God, faith and family - the bulwarks of any stable society. In America, every one of these symptoms is pronounced, indicating an advanced stage of the disease.”

--Author unknown, on what we are facing

UPCOMING BREVARD COUNTY EVENTS

- June 1: Heritage Isle Republican Club meeting, Heritage Isle Clubhouse, Viera, 10 am.
- June 2: Federated Republican Women in Action meeting, McMaw's BBQ, Palm Bay, 11:15 am.
- June 5: Republican Liberty Caucus of Central East Florida, La Loma Coney Island Restaurant, Melbourne, 6 pm.
- June 6: Moms For Liberty meeting, Frogbones Double Tapp Grill, Melbourne, 6:30 pm.

- June 7: Brevard Federated Republican Women meeting, Space Coast Convention Center, Cocoa, 11 am.
 - June 12: Space Coast Patriots meeting, Merritt Island Library, 6 pm.
 - June 15: Republican Women's Network of South Brevard meeting, Beachside Hilton, Hwy AIA, 11:30 am.
 - June 15: Space Coast Young Republicans meeting, Pub Americana, Melbourne, 6:30 pm.
 - June 17: Brevard Republican Lincoln-Reagan Dinner, Hilton Melbourne, 6 pm.
 - June 20: North Brevard Republican Club meeting, American Police Hall of Fame, Titusville, 7 pm.
 - June 24: Space Coast Republican Club meeting, Red Lobster, Merritt Island, 11:30 am.
 - June 24: Truth Fest meeting, Destiny Church, Merritt Island, 7 pm.
 - June 26: Ronald Reagan Club meeting, Frogbones Double Tapp Grill, Melbourne, 6 pm.
- The Brevard Republican Executive Committee will not meet in June.

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COMICAL CLOSERS

News reports say that amid the mounting surge of illegal aliens crossing the southern U.S. border, President Biden is deploying 1,500 National Guard troops there. Why? If you believe the satirical Babylon Bee website, the reason is “to help register new voters to cast ballots for him in the 2024 presidential election.” Sources said the troops are leading them to a voter registration table, and those who refuse to register are placed in cages. The “Bee” added that Jaime Harrison, the Democrat National Committee Chair, said, “These immigrant lives are totally wasted if we can't leverage their extreme numbers into a Democrat win.” Biden reportedly said to an ice cream cone that “the people who tell me what to do all the time told me this is needed. And if I don't do what they tell me, I don't get any snacks.”

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Forget all the phony reasons – the REAL reason why Donald Trump was indicted, according to the “Bee,” is that in 1997, while living in New York, he illegally removed the tag from his mattress.

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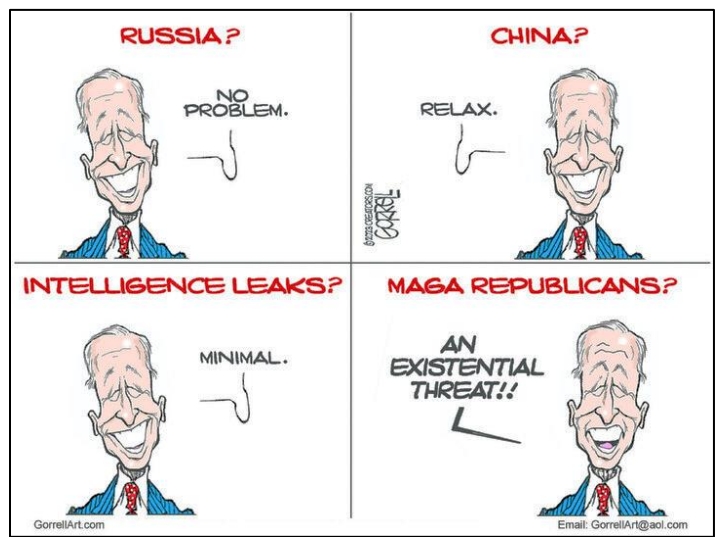
A CEO's letter to his employees:

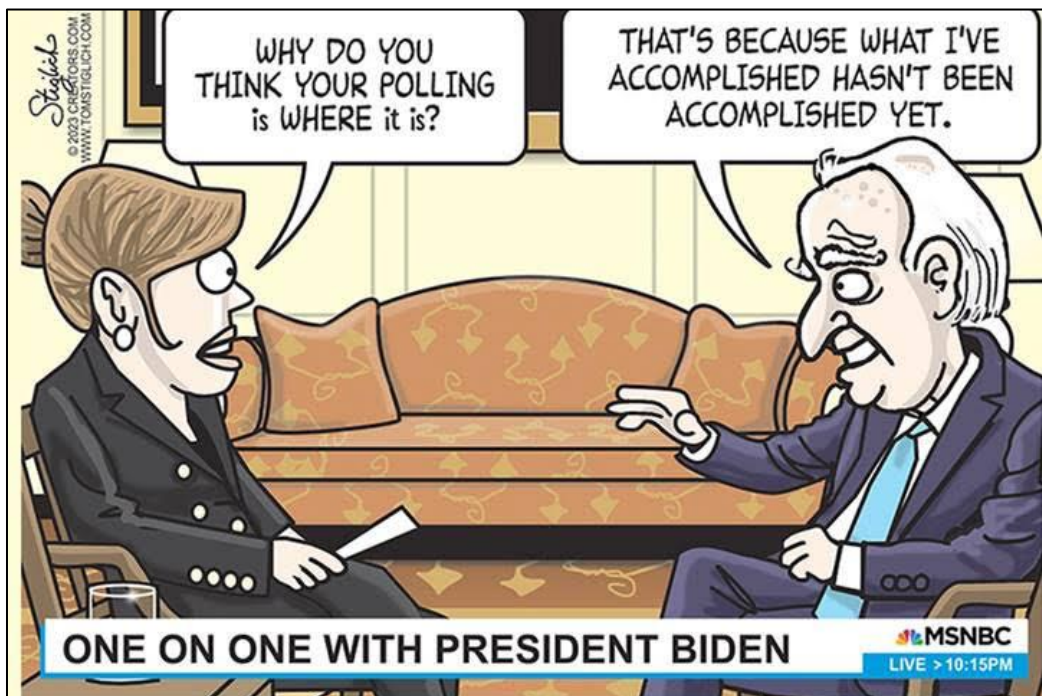
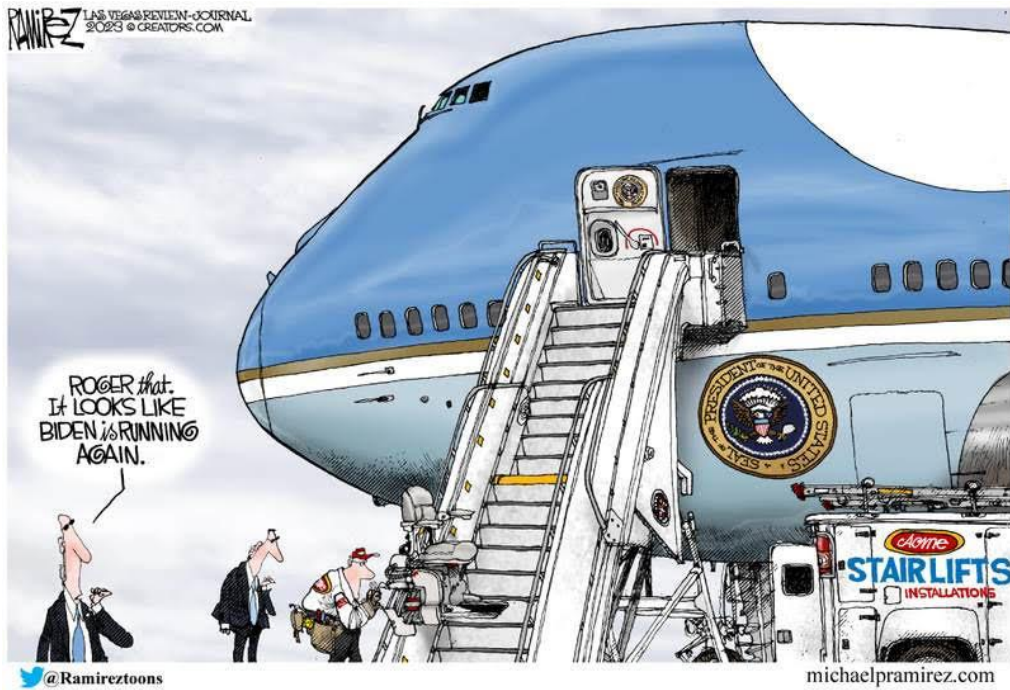
“Dear Employees: As the CEO of this organization, I have resigned myself to the fact that Joe Biden is our President and that our taxes and government fees will increase in a BIG way. To compensate for these increases, our prices would have to increase by

about 10%. But, since we cannot increase our prices right now due to the dismal state of the economy, we will have to lay off sixty of our employees instead. This has really been bothering me since I believe we are family here, and I didn't know how to choose who would have to go. So, this is what I did. I walked through our parking lots and found sixty 'Biden Harris' bumper stickers on our employees' cars and have decided these folks will be the ones to let go. I can't think of a more fair way to approach this problem. They voted for change...I gave it to them. I will see the rest of you at the annual company picnic.”
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The fact that Vice President Kamala Harris is on the record for saying numerous confusing comments makes her a prime target for spoofs. Someone – using artificial intelligence? – doctored the following 22-second video, which she really did not say. But for amusement, click here: <https://youtube.com/shorts/n5YFjq9A3IU?feature=share>

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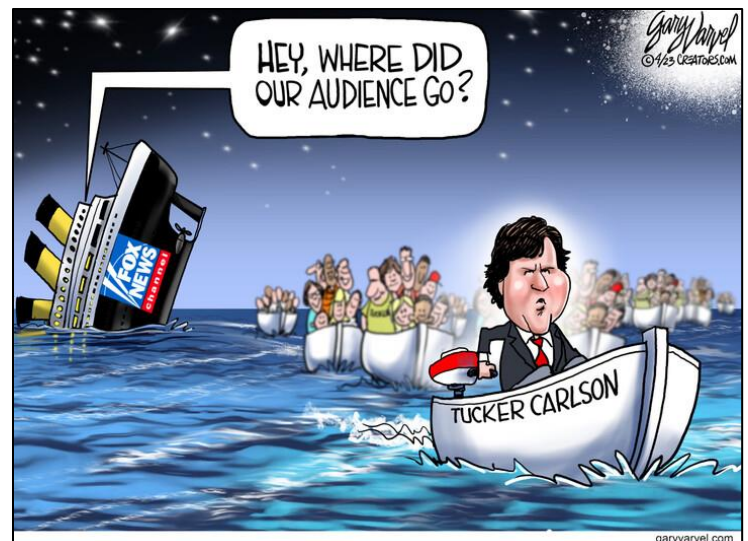
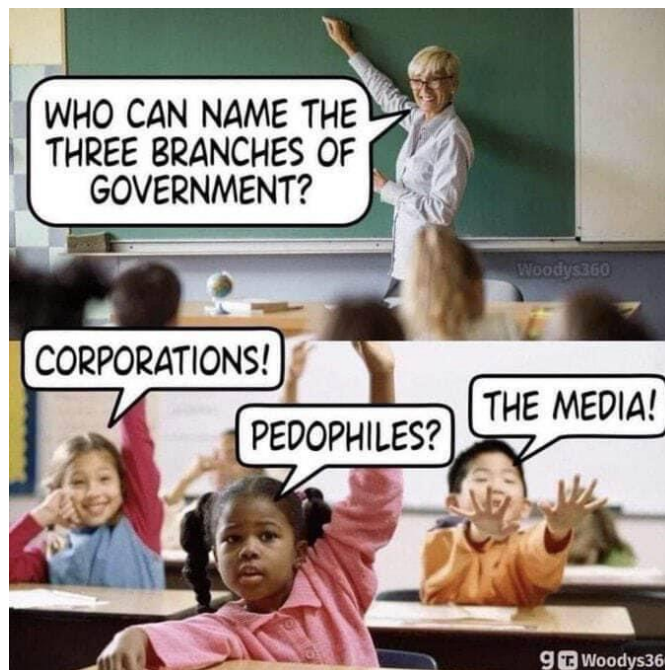
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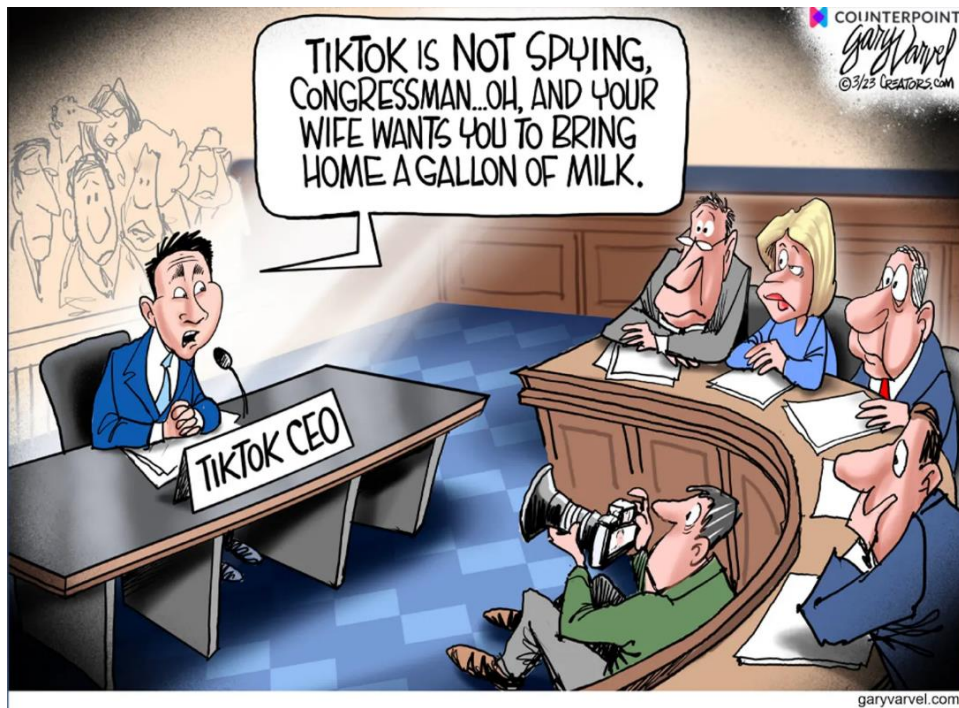
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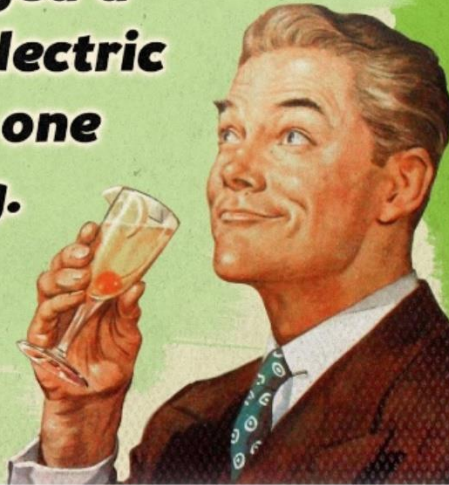


A lot of folks can't understand how we came to have an oil shortage here in our country. Well, there's a very simple answer. Nobody bothered to check the oil. We just didn't know we were getting low. The reason for that is geographical. Our OIL is located in ALASKA, California, Coastal Florida, Coastal Louisiana, North Dakota, Wyoming, Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania & Texas. Our dipsticks are located in DC.



**We must all do our part,
together we can reduce energy
waste and save the planet!**

**I just unplugged a
whole row of electric
cars that no one
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