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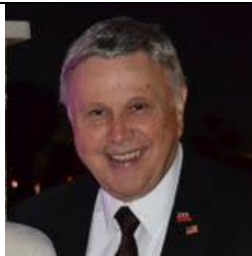
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FLORIDA GOES DEEP RED IN MIDTERMS; GOP REGAINS U.S. HOUSE CONTROL

By Space Coast Tusk Editor Stuart Gorin

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



When we first started writing this newsletter, it was determined that we would cover all sides of an issue, even if it involved material with which some might not necessarily agree. This month, that involves the 45th President. Everyone is entitled to his or her opinion, and we will be presenting them so you, the reader, can make up your own mind – fair and balanced. That’s known as Freedom of the Press in civil society.

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--Attorney General Merrick Garland conducted a world-wide search to find a Special Counsel to investigate former President Donald Trump’s activities during the January 6, 2021, storming of the U.S. Capitol, as well as his possession of classified information at Mar-A-Lago after he left office. Garland came up with Jack Smith, who may be “neutral,” but we cannot say the same thing about his wife. Katy Chevigny is a progressive filmmaker with an extensive record of producing left-wing films critical of conservative politics. She was co-producer of a 2020 documentary about Michelle Obama, and has produced films critical of police departments, Citizens United, and laws against abortion.

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Following reports that Rush Limbaugh’s death certificate listed his occupation as “Radio’s Greatest of All Time,” his widow, Kathryn, was asked if that were true, and her response, with a laugh, was: “Yes. We have to be on brand at all times. It was a way to tweak the media as a final goodbye from Rush, which we know he certainly would have loved.”

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For one brief, shining moment – when Florida reported its midterm election results the early evening of November 8 – it appeared that the pollsters’ prediction of a “Red Wave” would occur throughout the nation.

In **Florida Governor Ron DeSantis’** re-election bid, he won by more than 1.5 million votes over his Democrat challenger. **Florida Senator Marco Rubio** won re-election by more than 1.3 million votes. All other state-wide races were either retained or won by Republican candidates – **Attorney General Ashley Moody; Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis;** and running for Commissioner of Agriculture, **Wilton Simpson.**

Republicans won 20 of Florida’s 28 seats in the House of Representatives – including our 8- term **Eighth District Congressman Bill Posey** – and took supermajorities in both the State Senate (28 of 40 seats) and State House (84 of 120 seats). The respective leaders of those two branches will be Senate President-designate **Kathleen Passidomo** and House Speaker-designate **Paul Renner.**

Among the successful Republicans in Brevard County races were **State Senator Tom Wright,** County Commission candidates **Tom Goodson** and **Rob Feltner,** and School Board candidate **Gene Trent.**

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After the Republicans lost the opportunity to regain control of the Senate, what did RINO Utah Senator Willard “Mittens” Romney do? Why, the man for whom I actively campaigned in 2012 – and who unsuccessfully tried his best to keep his colleague Mike Lee from winning reelection this year – published an article in the “Wall Street Journal” claiming that Republicans needed to adopt the Democrat Party’s entire agenda, including trillions of dollars in tax increases, amnesty, mass immigration, a federal takeover of elections, and the Green New Deal. Good grief, Charlie Brown!

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More Two Cents next month.

The conservative parental rights organization Moms for Liberty supported 67 candidates in school board races throughout Florida, and 41 of them won their races.



DeSantis, in his victory, carried a number of traditionally blue counties, plus Hispanic voters, who usually support Democrats. He already has promised more abortion restrictions and gun rights legislation in his second term and should have a Legislature eager to support the measures. Florida, he added, is where “woke” goes to die.

DeSantis boosted his stock as a potential 2024 presidential candidate, but many Floridians want him to serve four more full years as governor. Reportedly, his landslide victory is the largest win by a Republican governor in the Sunshine State in the last 150 years, and at his victory party, he said, “We have re-written the political map.”

Four days before the election, DeSantis made a campaign stop in Melbourne at the Muscle Car Museum, where he spoke more about President Biden than his Democrat rival, focusing on inflation challenges, immigration policy, and coronavirus pandemic restrictions. As part of his “Don’t Tread on Florida” tour of the state, DeSantis also urged the crowd to help give Republicans a majority in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives.

But unfortunately, while pollsters had anticipated the GOP taking a 3-5 seat majority in the U.S. Senate and a 30-plus margin in the House, these goals failed to materialize – despite such factors as inflation, crime rates, illegal immigration, and the unpopularity of President Biden.

Why was that? According to political analyst **Dick Morris**, it was because many Republicans failed to take advantage of early voting, waited for Election Day itself, and then chose not to wait in long lines to cast their ballots. “This accounted for many of the defeats we had,” Morris said.

At press time, Democrats held the Senate 50-49 with a runoff scheduled in Georgia on December 6 (even with a tie, the Vice President retains the tie breaker), but Republicans – with 218 seats – were projected to win the House with additional slim majorities in 5 uncalled California districts, and a close race in Colorado awaiting a recount.

Outgoing **New York Congressman Lee Zeldin**, who lost a close race to Democrat New York Governor Kathy Hochul in her re-election bid, said he is giving “serious consideration” to challenging incumbent **Republican National Committee Chairwoman Ronna McDaniel** when the RNC holds its winter meeting in January. McDaniel will be seeking her fourth two-year term. In a letter sent to the RNC members, Zeldin wrote, “It is time for our party to retool, transform, win back the presidency in 2024, expand our number of Republican-held seats in Congress, and elect the maximum number of down-ballot races across the country. The Republican Party needs to be all in to do everything in its power to save America.”

In Brevard County, there were 11 amendments and referendums on the ballot, and even though the Republican Executive Committee recommended “no” votes on a number of them, the majority of Brevardians voted “yes” on all eleven. However, the three Florida Constitutional Amendments – on determination of assessed value for property taxes, abolishing the Constitution Revision Commission and property tax exemptions – all failed statewide by not reaching the 60 percent level. The other eight measures – only at the county level – just needed a simple majority to pass.

There also were questions on the Brevard County ballot concerning retention of 5 Florida Supreme Court Justices and 6 District Court of Appeal Judges. All received favorable votes, as did **Kimberly Musselman**, a candidate for a County Court Judge position who defeated **Renee Torpy** in a close race.

TRUMP ANNOUNCES A 2024 PRESIDENTIAL BID

One week to the day after the mid-term elections, former **President Donald Trump** announced in a 90-minute televised speech from his Mar-A-Lago home that “in order to make America great and glorious again, I am tonight announcing my candidacy for president of the United States.”

“This will not be my campaign,” he said. “This will be our campaign together because the only force strong enough to defeat the massive corruption is you, the American people.”

The former President added, “Together, we will be taking on the most corrupt forces and entrenched interests imaginable.



Our country is in a horrible state. We're in grave trouble. This is not a task for a politician or a conventional candidate this is a task for a great movement that embodies the courage, confidence, and spirit of the American people."

He reminded voters how the country had improved under his leadership, and that they could afford their gasoline and groceries on the same paycheck, that their southern border was in check, and that they were safe from a nuclear Armageddon, "a concept unimaginable just two years ago."

"We will do whatever it takes to bring back honesty, confidence and trust in our elections," Trump said. "To eliminate cheating, I will immediately demand voter ID, same day voting, and only paper ballots. We will dismantle the deep state and restore government by the people. To further drain the swamp, I will push for a constitutional amendment to propose term limits on members of Congress. It's time."

He also pledged to defend the family as "the center of American life," and parents' rights in public education, and added, "We will not let men participate in women's sports."

LET ME BE FRANK
By Space Coast Tusk Designer
Frank Montelione



This month I feel I might offend some. I have been cautioned to not write it. However, when I did radio, I never carried the party line. At times callers would not like what I said but I spoke my mind then and I speak my mind now.



The 2022 midterm elections are now mostly in the books. It was disastrous for the Republicans. Finger pointing began at the close of the last polls in the country. It was the media, it was Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell and the Senate Campaign Fund, it was the infighting between McConnell and Florida Senator Rick Scott, it was TRUMP!

Let me say this upfront. President Trump's policies were excellent. I felt then and feel now that if it wasn't for his ego

and twitter account he probably would have been re-elected and gone down as a great president. Inflation practically nonexistent, the border was closed, we were respected worldwide, and energy independence. But for his bellicose personality he would have been considered one of the best.

Today, the Department of Justice showed that Merrick Garland has completely politicized the Department and is using it to exact revenge on his opposition. No sooner than Donald Trump made his announcement and the Republican House said Biden was on the top of the list for an investigation, did Garland announce yet another investigation into Trump.



Back to the elections. There was a flurry of endorsements made by Donald Trump. He had only one criterion to get his support. "Do you feel that the 2020 election was stolen?" If the candidates agreed, they received his blessings. Many of these candidates were the weakest in the field. But it was all about Trump. How did they fare?

Of 141 election deniers who ran for offices that oversee elections, only 14 won. None of those winners was in a state likely to tip the presidential election in 2024. As of press time, according to "Time Magazine," only five new election deniers have won races for statewide office.

"When it comes to the statewide positions that control our elections, Americans pretty decisively rejected the election deniers who wanted power of their votes," says Joanna Lydgate, CEO of States United Action. "Really very few of these folks have been successful."

Trump-backed candidates in key states needed in 2024 failed. They lost in states like Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Nevada, Arizona and Kansas. According to some reports, a Trump adviser who has been in contact with Trump's inner circle said that the former president is "livid" and "screaming at everyone" after the results. "They were all bad candidates," the adviser said, critiquing many of Trump's handpicked contenders in key battleground states.

Trump's announcement was seen by many of his supporters as a great night and a new, more mellow man. But, as the old saying goes, "A tiger can't change its stripes." Trump can't change who he is. He has already derided one possible challenger for the primaries, calling him "Ron DeSanctimonious". He condemned The National Review stating, "let the National Review die peacefully!" Why? Because they didn't immediately endorse his candidacy. And this is only the beginning.

During his announcement, Trump said we must be united to win. Sounds right, unless you consider who said it. I listened to the words but heard "united behind me." He made statements later that reinforced this belief, commenting that

we Republicans can't be shooting at each other. Really, Mr. Trump? If you think I'm being a little too harsh, remember what he did to Ted Cruz, his wife and family? Then there was sleepy Jeb Bush, small feet Marco Rubio. Trump also lashed out at Republican Virginia governor Glenn Youngkin after the midterms in a bizarre statement that made reference to the governor's name sounding "Chinese." The list of epithets thrown at rivals is unlimited. At the same time, he spoke about the "big tent", and that we must stand united. Again, is that only if you, Mr. Trump, emerge as the Republican candidate in 2024?

How about this one: "We don't want to be critics. We don't want to be complainers. I never wanted to be a critic." And he said this with a straight face.

"Republicans are waking up to the fact that he is a net negative for their fortunes," Republican strategist Liam Donovan said of Trump. "I don't think this affects his thinking. He is immovable in that sense. The choice for Republicans is, are we really going to go down this road again?"

Here's a frightening thought: Trump loses the primary and runs as a third-party candidate throwing the election to the Democrat whoever that may be.

We have a very deep bench for candidates: Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, former Vice President **Mike Pence**, former Secretary of State **Mike Pompeo**, former U.N. Ambassador **Nicki Haley**, South Carolina Senator **Tim Scott**, and South Dakota Governor **Kristi Noem** to name a few.

I said at the beginning of this article that the elections were MOSTLY in the books. I live in a suburb of Atlanta. We have a Senate runoff vote December 8. The law here demands that candidates achieve 50% plus one to be declared the winner. Republican Herschel Walker and Democrat Senator Rafael Warnock are locked in a runoff race for Georgia's Seat.

Trump was cautioned not to make any presidential announcements before this runoff election. Regardless of this advice, he announced anyway, putting Walker between a rock and hard place. If Walker appears to support a Trump candidacy, he will lose those on the fence or who simply don't like him. Independents may stay home or vote for the Democrat. If asked, Walker is in a difficult situation where he has to choose between two equally unpleasant courses of action.

The Trump star is beginning to fade. It's time for the old establishment to step aside and begin the rebuilding of the Republican Party. So, let's close this chapter in our history and build on the future united.



The BREC Corner By Chairman Rick Lacey

Brevard Republicans will celebrate our HUGE victory this election at our Christmas & Hanukkah Party on Friday, December 9 at 6PM at the Space Coast Convention Center in Cocoa. Please make reservations at our

website BrevardRepublicans.org and select Prime Rib or Chicken Marsala.

Brevard Republicans won solid control of our Brevard School Board, won almost every contested non-partisan race and every Republican candidate except one was elected with 62% of the vote or better.

Florida Governor Ron DeSantis won Brevard County by over 75,000 votes, making Brevard the 3rd best county out of 67 in the entire state, and Congressman Bill Posey won by a landslide.

This success was accomplished by all of us working together. Special thanks to **Mary Lou Russ** and the Federated Women of Action, **Xiaoqi Wang, Joyce and Greg Loyd, Connie Smith, Cindy Roberts, Paul Oddo, Gene Trent, Stephen Sams, Teresa Clayton** and all the Republican volunteers who worked the BREC Tents for 13 days of early voting (my apologies to those I didn't mention). I especially want to thank the North Brevard Republican Club for joining BREC in sponsoring the billboard on I-95 with 8 different messages repeated 24 hours a day.

Special thanks to **Caron McCullough** for an excellent job in recruiting hundreds of poll watchers for both early voting and election day. My thanks to each and every poll watcher.

In addition, thanks to **Mike Thomas, Randy Stackhouse, Alan Ross, Dan and Julia Heim, Richard Nink** and all our volunteers who established an Election Integrity action team that monitored the election.

Also, thanks to all the sign wavers, phone callers and the door-to-door volunteers who distributed tens of thousands of voter guides and Republican sample ballots, which resulted in a tremendous turnout of our voters for this HUGE victory. Our campaign action plan resulted in about 70% of registered Republicans voting compared to only about 58% of Democrats.

More good news. Our voter registration efforts led by Sharon Rose set a new record: Brevard now has 66,000 more Republicans than Democrats.

So, congrats to Governor Ron DeSantis, Senator Marco Rubio, Congressman Bill Posey and our entire Republican team for this huge win and let's plan to celebrate on Friday, December 9 at our Christmas and Hanukkah Party.

One more important item: I am working with the Georgia Republican Party to help Herschel Walker win the Senate seat. If anyone wants to volunteer or donate, please email me at BrevardChairman@gmail.com.



RENDEZVOUS WITH
REPUBLICAN WOMEN
By Jill Gentis, BFRW president

We opened our November 2 meeting remembering the service and sacrifice of all our veterans. **Grace Glass**, the Field Organizer for the Governor Ron DeSantis Re-election Committee in Brevard County, spoke to a crowded room of Republican women about the “hinderances and advantages impacting minority communities across America”.



Glass previously worked grassroots efforts alongside political commentators Candace Owens and Brandon Tatum in their non-profit, The BLEXIT Foundation, whose vision is to change the narrative that surrounds America’s minority communities – with particular focus on African Americans.

In her words, “It was my honor to share my story of living proof and hope.” Her story is an amazing journey. She was born the youngest of 15 siblings. Her father had 11 children divided among 9 different women. She was raised by drug-addicted parents in a drug-infested community where the Left was content to “put down” minority communities and ignore their struggles. Fortunately, her parents recovered from their addiction through the Starlite Drug Abuse Center with the help of their church and their enduring faith in God.

Many of Glass’ experiences in her young life are both frightening and appalling, but she survived because of God’s grace. The lesson for us and minority communities is that the welfare of the Left perverts, victimizes and demoralizes minority lives. Minority men and women do not need or want our pity or our handouts. What they desperately need are the resources to accept their challenges with the dignity of doing for themselves.

Club member **Connie Smith** summed up our event perfectly, saying, “We had a fabulous, very inspirational meeting with Grace Glass as our featured speaker. She touched everyone with her life story and how God works for the good in all our lives.”

Additionally, Glass celebrated her 30th birthday with us, saying, “I am all I am because of God’s grace. This is the greatest birthday celebrating yet!”

Rick Lacey, Chairman of the Brevard Republican Executive Committee, spoke about the upcoming election and recognized all the BFRW women, associates and volunteers who worked the tents at Early Voting Election sites.

Our meeting concluded with words from our member, **Katie Posey**, encouraging Republican women to get out the vote for her husband, **Congressman Bill Posey**.

Our featured speaker for the December 7 meeting will be **Larry Wilcoxson**, Senior Advisor to 19th District Congressman **Byron Donalds**. We look forward to Mr. Wilcoxson discussing politics, and working in Washington, DC with the Congressman.

FRWA IS “A CLUB OF ACTION” By Recording Secretary Carol Vyhonsky



Since its beginning in late 2018, the main project of Federated Republican Women in Action has been to bring attention and support to Republican candidates in southern Brevard County, especially the city of Palm Bay. We chose to do that this year by having a Republican tent at 3 polling sites on Primary election day in August, as well as all 13 days of early voting in October and November, and on election day on November 8. Our members were there volunteering and answering questions of voters on the justices, amendments, and candidates. The Ron DeSantis team as well as Brevard Republican Executive Committee members also helped out at the tents.



At our November 11 meeting, there were two guest speakers: **Rick Lacey**, chairman of the Brevard Republican Executive Committee (BREC), and **Pete Filiberto**, Palm Bay City Councilman.

Lacey spoke about the “red wave” we had in Florida on November 8. He announced that the Republicans in Brevard County actually beat the Democrats in the number of mail-in ballots for the first time ever. The numbers show that 70% of registered Republicans in the county voted in this election, as opposed to 56% of registered Democrats. He also announced that Brevard County was the 3rd best county in Florida in votes for Ron DeSantis, behind Lee County and (surprisingly) Miami-Dade County.

He also said there will be a Senate runoff election in Georgia in January, in which those of us in Brevard can do our part to make sure Republican **Herschel Walker** is successful in winning that election. A sign-up sheet was passed around for anyone willing to make phone calls to Georgia voters to get the vote out for Walker.

Lacey also mentioned his desire to work with our state-elected representatives to try to get legislation passed to eliminate non-partisan races and make every race partisan. He stated we also need to work harder to get the African American vote, and to get elected Republicans to do their part to get other local Republicans elected.

Our second guest speaker, Filiberto, spoke about his time so far serving on the Palm Bay City Council. He discussed issues such as a plan to build 1,400 houses near Heritage High School (on a road with only one way in and one way out), expressing his concerns about this and the lack of a fire and police station in this area.



Filiberto also addressed concerns from our members about the waste management company Republic not being able to pick up large piles of tree debris from Hurricane Ian in time for

Hurricane Nicole. And he spoke about the Major's Golf Course (currently closed) and noted that the City will have the golf course mowed because it is becoming overgrown and snakes and other undesirable wildlife are becoming a problem. He also mentioned that a Reverse Osmosis system will be placed at one of the water treatment facilities in Palm Bay to improve the city water.

At our December meeting, our members will be voting to elect new Board members for the 2023-24 term. We will also be voting on some proposed changes to our bylaws. Our organization has donated \$200 to www.volunteerflorida.org, the Casey DeSantis disaster fund for Hurricane Ian victims. The Board has also chosen Essential Pregnancy Center in Palm Bay as our holiday charity. Members are asked to bring baby gifts and/or personal gifts for the parents to our December meeting. Money donations will also be accepted on behalf of the center.

Two Military Tribute Banners that FRWA sponsored are now on display at Palm Bay City Hall. The banners honoring **Charlie Holstein** and **Joe Kaufhold** (associate members of FRWA) are on display on poles 11 and 12 on the north side of City Hall. FRWA also participated in the Palm Bay Veterans Day parade on November 5.

Our next scheduled meeting is on Friday, December 2, at 11:15 am at MeMaw's Bar-B-Q in Palm Bay. Meetings are free and guests are welcome; however an RSVP is required. Please visit www.FRWABrevard.org for more information and to RSVP.



REMEMBER WHEN
By President Mike Hoagland
Heritage Isle Republican Club

Remember when Henry Kissinger went to China at President Nixon's direction to open the closed society and invite them into the global community. How has that worked out over 50 years later.

China received preferential treatment from world financial markets which allowed them to build their infrastructure. They were given open access to sell their products without restrictions. We effectively assisted in the building of China. Do we have free access to their markets? No! China now controls the Panama Canal and a big "thank you" to Jimmy Carter for giving the canal away.

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We just heard that a staffer for a U.S. representative has been meeting with a Chinese staffer from the Chinese embassy. We know the Bidens have been made wealthy by the Chinese. How many politicians or their staffers are compromised by the Chinese?

How many Chinese have infiltrated our research institutions which would include research universities, publicly traded tech companies? We know they steal our technology. They

have an ownership position in many of our publicly traded companies which allow them to cull technologies. They buy great swaths of agricultural acres in extremely delicate and sensitive locations. Most of us know this. Worst, China released the China virus, but did not inform us or the global community until it took hold. Remember, China quarantined Wuhan, and nobody was allowed out of or into Wuhan Province.

I believe President Biden is compromised by China. His focus is on Russia, and he keeps away from the Chinese topic. We are not in danger of Russia taking over the U.S., but China has infiltrated every segment of our society. They control the largest part of our national debt. They own us.

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By this time, most of us know of the 1,000-page report from the House Republicans listing the unlawful activities of the FBI and DOJ from 2015 to now. This report is a compilation of information provided by whistle blowers in those organizations. The information included in the report will begin making it into the public square. Of course, don't expect the mainstream media to report on this because they were complicit in support of these illegal activities. In many cases, the media was given an alert to the timing and location of their unlawful raids.

The report lays out the bias the FBI and DOJ has towards conservatives. Not all are involved but the hierarchy certainly is. The report states these institutions are "rotten to the core" at the bureaucratic level. Conservative leaning members of these institutions are weeded out by the liberals. This is no surprise to us, but without a responsible media, this culture can perpetuate itself.

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Rather than complaining, let's focus on the positive. We did have a red wave in the Florida elections. All of us did our job. There was never going to be a Red Wave other than Florida. Republicans had too many senate seats to defend. Locally, we flipped the Brevard County School Board to 4 Republican seats. The County Commission is Republican. Our entire state government went Republican. All in all, Brevard and Florida came out on top.

The Democrats, media, tech companies, establishment republicans, globalists, lobbyists, bureaucrats, FBI, DOJ, major unions (AFT, NEA) and foreign actors have all started their attacks on **Donald Trump**. **Lachlan Murdock**, CEO of Fox, has jumped into the destruction of Trump. Of course, **Paul Ryan** is on the board of Fox, and we know how he hates Trump. The New York Post is owned by the Murdocks and is contributing to the attempted destruction.

With Donald Trump now running for the White House in 2024, we could ask why all this hate and vitriol? It is not complicated. Follow the money and power. The only losers are the American people if things continue as they are. They know Trump will start cleaning up Washington and there are no actions they won't take in order to stop him.

Trump's opposition is attempting to get our Governor DeSantis to run for the White House. We should be extremely angry if he were to do that. I voted for him as Governor in order for him to complete his agenda for us who reside in Florida. I did not vote for him to immediately begin running for the White House in 2024. He can wait until 2028, at which time I would be all in for him.

I watched Trump's announcement from Mar-A-Lago. I thought it was a great speech outlining all that would be done during a second term. Watching the news, the next day, I thought I must have missed his speech. Lies, untruths and misinformation were presented all the next day. Trump transcends political party. The MAGA movement is extremely diverse. If you have ever been to or seen a Trump rally, you know what I am saying. He connects with the people. No Republican candidate can win the White House without Trump support. So, either support him in his efforts to win the election or concede the office to any Democrat who runs.



THE MAYFIELD MINUTE
By Florida District 19
State Senator Debbie Mayfield

I have been asked by Florida State Senate President-Elect **Kathleen Passidomo** to serve as Chair of the Senate Rules Committee for the 2022-24 term, and it is a real privilege. The Rules Committee has a number of responsibilities, including the referencing of bills to appropriate committees and determining the order in which they are scheduled for consideration for a floor vote.

Rules may consist of 20 or more members and has the oversight for interpretation and development of rules, bills, the Legislature's internal operations, proposed constitutional amendments, Senate resolutions, veto messages, and regulation of members' and lobbyists' conduct.

I look forward to working with Florida's newly elected and returning members of the legislature and consider it a great honor to represent District 19 residents in Brevard and Indian River counties.

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It has been estimated by Visit Florida – the not-for-profit corporation created by the Legislature in 1996 – that 35.1 million people visited the state between July and September this year, marking a 6.9 percent increase from the third quarter of 2021. Ahead of Thanksgiving, the Automobile Association of America ranked Orlando and Fort Lauderdale as 3rd and 10th respectively in the nation's top ten most popular destinations for holiday travel.

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NASA's Artemis 1 Orion spacecraft successfully launched from the Kennedy Space Center on November 15, in a mission that administrators are referring to as "a crucial first step in

returning astronauts to the moon and on to Mars later this century." Quoting Jim Free, NASA Deputy Associate Administrator for the Exploration Systems Development Mission Directorate, "This successful launch means NASA and our partners are on a path to explore farther in space than ever before for the benefit of humanity."

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Florida is home to millions of individuals who came here seeking freedom from countries controlled by Communist governments, including Cuba, Venezuela, and Nicaragua. To honor the memories and sacrifices of those who suffered under these despotic regimes, the Legislature passed – and Governor Ron DeSantis signed – HB 395 to establish November 7 a day during which students in Florida's schools will learn each year about the atrocities committed by Communist regimes and the more than 100 million people who were persecuted and lost their lives in Communist countries.

Victims of Communism Day will be an opportunity for students of all ages and Floridians of all backgrounds to learn about the dangers posed by socialism around the world and here at home, as well to reflect upon the blessings of liberty afforded to us and our posterity as a result of the American traditions of limited government and individual freedom.

AN UPDATE FROM MY OFFICE
By Florida District 8
State Senator Tom Wright



On November 8, I was re-elected to another four year term as the Florida State Senator for District 8. Following the redistricting process from this past Legislative Session, District 8 will cover the majority of Volusia County and the northern part of Brevard County down to the NASA Causeway Bridge (primarily Mims, Titusville and Scottsmoor).

Immediately following the election, I have been busy working on solutions to address critical concerns from Hurricane Ian that were exacerbated by Hurricane Nicole. While Hurricane Nicole did significantly less damage across the state when compared to Hurricane Ian, there was significant damage experienced on the beachside of Volusia County. In total, 27 condominiums or hotels had to be evacuated and were at significant risk due to broken sea walls, beach erosion and water intrusion.

Thankfully by the immediate Friday after the storm, I was able to facilitate a meeting in Volusia County with Governor DeSantis, FDEM Director **Guthrie**, FDEP Secretary **Hamilton**, FDOT Secretary **Perdue** and local County and City officials to begin the planning process of restoration through local, state and federal resources.

Outside of my work to address recovery efforts from both hurricanes, I am also spending much of my time preparing for

the upcoming Legislative Session. It is likely that in early December, the Legislature will meet for a Special Session to address concerns about the rising costs of property insurance and to explore property tax rebates for areas that saw major devastation from the hurricanes. This Special Session will be critical to address the need for residents of Florida to maintain access to affordable property insurance, especially after seeing firsthand how critical quality property insurance is to the residents of our state.

Following the likely Special Session, Interim Committee Weeks will run through January and February before the start of Regular Session on March 7, 2023. This Legislative Session I am looking forward to focusing on several key areas, in an effort to make meaningful changes that will better the lives of Floridians across the state.

One specific area that I am looking to alter is the DUI laws of our state. The passion for these changes come from the loss of a local 17-year-old high school student, earlier this year, who was murdered by the carelessness of a drunk driver who was operating a motor vehicle on a suspended license due to a prior DUI conviction. It is my goal to introduce a legislative change that will reduce the number of repeat offenders when it comes to DUI's.

As we approach the 2023 Session, I look forward to sharing some in depth reviews of the legislation I will be filing. 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.

AUDACITY AND IDIOCY

Here are the month's "winners":

--Retiring Chief Medical Adviser to the President "Grouchy Fauci," -- whom Fox News co-host Dagen McDowell called "a contemptible, power-hungry, bureau-hack," and Judge Jeanine Pirro called "the Lockdown Lover" -- for making a final White House press briefing appearance the day before Thanksgiving to ramp up COVID fears and urge viewers to get updated vaccine booster shots. Left out of his remarks was any mention of the number of deaths occurring from the vaccine and boosters. "The Washington Post" reported that vaccinated people comprise 58 percent of COVID deaths. Also, during lawsuit question on November 23rd, Fauci confirmed that the communist Chinese government convinced him to press for America's unprecedented, crippling lockdowns.

--Kentucky Fried Chicken in Germany, for accidentally promoting a pre-World War II Nazi atrocity as a reason to celebrate with a "tender cheese with crispy chicken." Company officials had to apologize after an unapproved push notification went out on its app to "celebrate" the anniversary of Kristallnacht, "The Night of Broken Glass," when Jewish businesses were vandalized, homes were attacked, and thousands of innocent men were arrested and sent to



concentration camps. Some push "holiday" to drum up more business.

--Administrators at West Frankfort High School in southern Illinois, for suspending long-time physical education teacher and coach Cody Hiller, because he refused to "follow orders" and allow a girl student to change clothes in the boy's locker room. "The law needs to be changed. It's a terrible law," he said. "It's time for some people, a lot of people, to do something about it." Liberty Counsel is representing Hiller in his case against the school, and he said he is "in this to protect all students, no matter what. And all students need to be protected."

--The "Woke" Disney Company, for originally approving the performance of Florida's Venice High School Marching Band in a morning parade, but then changing its woke mind when the school refused to change the name of its band -- the Indians -- and cover-up its Native American logo. The school district announced it was proud of the high school band for not bowing down, and it stands behind the decision not to participate.

--The British Parliament, for giving member Andrew Bridgen a seven-day suspension for the "crime" of telling members on the floor of Parliament that excess mortality has dramatically increased in every country that is heavily vaccinated against the coronavirus. "Surely, we must have an investigation. These are tens of thousands of people who are dying," he said, and that was enough to earn swift punishment from our Big Pharma overlords.

--The Court of Athens, Greece, for giving retired soccer star Vassilis Tsiartas a suspended 10-month jail term and 5,000 Euro fine for being "transphobic" and stating that he believed men are men and women are women, as God created them. Commenting on his opposition to a law that would have lowered the age in Greece to legally change one's gender to 15, Tsiartas said he hoped that "the first sex changes will be made to the children of those who voted for this abomination," and suggested lawmakers may as well "legalize pedophiles and complete their crimes" against nature. He is appealing his conviction and fine.

--The unnamed co-principals of Vermont's Randolph Union High School, for suspending 14-year-old freshman Blake Allen after she was overheard saying she felt "uncomfortable" when a boy walked into the girl's locker room to change clothing. But after the Alliance Defending Freedom filed a lawsuit against the school district, it immediately dropped all disciplinary actions against the young girl.

YOU CAN'T MAKE THIS UP

--Seth Dillon, the chief executive officer of "The Babylon Bee" has been disinvited from speaking at Palm Beach Atlantic University, his alma mater, because snowflakes enrolled in the school were upset



that he called Black Lives Matter a terrorist organization. “Since when do you have to support terrorist organizations that use violence and intimidation to advance their agenda to be welcome on a Christian campus,” he said. “Cancel culture is a destructive disease, and Palm Beach Atlantic University is not immune to it. We need more backbone and less coddling in our Christian institutions. And we need it yesterday.” Columnist Todd Starnes said it used to be a respected, conservative, Southern Baptist school, but “now it is CINO – Christian In Name Only.” Noting that Dillon recently donated \$300,000 to help launch a new master’s program at Palm Beach Atlantic, Starnes said he should ask the school to return his check.

--Police in New York City arrested a man with 20,000 deadly, colorful fentanyl pills. It would have been catastrophic if these “candies” had been distributed, but this is New York City of course, so within hours, the man was RELEASED FROM CUSTODY WITHOUT BAIL. What ever happened to Sinatra’s classic song with the words “It’s up to you, New York, New York”?

--Here’s the latest from President Joe “He’s a Legend in his Own Mind” Biden: He said he had a “starting” position on his college football team. But records indicate that while he briefly played football at Delaware, it was on the freshman team, not the varsity, he didn’t letter, never had a “starting” job, and was forced to leave the team by his father because of his low grades.

--“Apology President” Joe Biden emphasized at the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Egypt that America has a renewed commitment to the Paris Agreement to help “avert the climate hell” he believes is coming, and he emphasized that he wanted to “apologize” for former President Donald Trump pulling out of that agreement in 2020.

--Officials at an elite pre-school in Washington, D.C. – The River School – for sending a letter to parents alerting them to the absurdity that one of their male teachers – a transgender – is about to give birth, and calling it “a learning opportunity for pre-schoolers...to dispel the notion that only women can have babies.” Commentator Todd Starnes called this “academic malpractice at its worst – indoctrinating four and five year olds.”

--After the Kroger Supermarket Company fired two employees in one of its Arkansas stores for refusing to wear aprons with multicolored hearts to show support for the LGBTQ community, because of their religious objections, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission filed a lawsuit in support of Brenda Lawson and Trudy Rickerd. Now a U.S. District Judge has ordered Kroger to pay the two women \$180,000, provide reasonable accommodations to employees who have sincere religious objection to the company’s dress code, and create a religious accommodation policy and new employee training.

--Chicago resident Anthony Hughes, who was on parole as an armed habitual criminal, actually showed up for his parole hearing carrying more than ten ounces of marijuana among 34 baggies and containers, as well as a digital scale. So now he is in jail, charged this time with felony marijuana possession. Judge Charles Beach said during Hughes’ bail hearing, “Here we are. I guess you can’t necessarily make this up.”

THIS AND THAT

BREVARD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD. At the first meeting of the newly organized Brevard County School Board on November 22, Superintendent **Mark Mullins** was ousted by a 3-2 vote. New School Board members **Gene Trent** and **Megan Wright** joined current member **Matt Susin** in the decision. Prior to the vote, however, Mullins volunteered to step down, agreeing to enter into separation negotiations with the board. Following the meeting, Mullins issued a statement that he was proud of his contributions to Brevard students and families over his nearly 30 years with the school district, and he admires and respects the thousands of Brevard Public Schools employees who go to work each day with the mission of serving our students with excellence as the standard. The Board also passed a requirement to segregate school rest rooms and locker rooms by biological sex.

ADVERSE REACTION TO VACCINE. According to the website www.conservativenewszone.com, disturbing statistics pulled from the CDC’s own Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System reveal that the experimental COVID jabs increase the risk of developing cancer by more than 143,000 percent. VAERS keeps historical data on adverse reactions reported against every vaccine administered in the U.S. The database shows that the number of cancer cases reported as adverse reactions to the COVID vaccines from December 2020 to August 2022 totaled 2,579, while a search for cancer cases reported for all other vaccines between 2008 and 2020 found just 791 cases. A number of scientists across the globe have attempted to speak up against the dangers posed by the mRNA injections, but the website notes that those warnings have been largely suppressed by governments, Big Tech and the mainstream media, who have instead fought to push the vaccine onto more individuals.



REMEMBERING PAM LASALLE.

Former Viera resident **Pam LaSalle**, 65, who served earlier as President of the Heritage Isle Republican Club, and Chairman of the New Millennium Conservative Club, as well as being a Brevard Republican Executive Committee Precinct Committeewoman, passed away in Crawford, Texas, on November 14. Using her due diligence and research, for which Pam was well known, she fought a long, courageous battle against metastatic breast cancer alongside her doctors, but sadly her battle came to an end in hospice care at home. Those who really knew Pam were aware of her strong

personality, always accompanied by her loving and supportive husband John. As stated before, Pam's due diligence and research served her well as she presented findings on numerous issues and agendas which she felt were of critical concern at Brevard County Commission meetings to enlighten citizens. Pam and John would go to animal shelters and John would exercise the dogs by walking them around the grounds. They had adopted several dogs over the years and gave them (their girls) all loving care. The shelters are where Pam learned of the deadly disease Toxoplasmosis from cat feces that is transmitted to humans and it greatly concerned her, especially for those working at the shelters. She took that concern to the Commissioners, where others also joined her in hopes of educating them. She also took a great interest in the Indian River Lagoon, and Agenda 21, and the many cons and costs to citizens financially. A graduate of Baylor University, Pam also was a proud member of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She is survived by her devoted husband, John LaSalle, Jr., and her mother, Virginia Scott. Pam and John met in 1987 and were married the following year. Following his retirement from the U.S. Army, the couple went on a ten-year grand adventure, traveling the United States and Canada. Pam will be dearly missed by friends in both Texas and Florida.



Addressing the Heritage Isle Republican Club on November 3, when he was still Brevard County School Board

Superintendent, **Mark Mullins** said the Board's mission is to serve every student with excellence as the standard. "It is an amazing blessing to serve in Brevard and raise our children here," he said, adding that the board is proud of the "Thrive By Five" program, in which early learning is essential for lifelong development, and connects with families to support parents. The high school graduation rate, Mullins said, is one of the top in the state – in 2021, the rate was 90.6 percent. He also talked about the dual enrollment program that Brevard High Schools have with Eastern State Florida College, which also provides students with AA degrees. Mullins pointed out that the district has 4,000 teachers, 275 bus drivers and 845 instructional assistants. Noting that Florida Governor Ron DeSantis earlier called for a salary increase for teachers that was approved by voters, he stressed that another ad valorem millage to increase



teacher pay was on the current 2022 midterm ballot as a county referendum, and he urged members to support that measure....The second speaker on the Heritage Isle program, State Representative **Randy Fine**, took the opposite position, saying he was opposed to it because it would be "temporary money for permanent

expenses." (NOTE: Brevard voters did approve the measure by a 58-42 percent margin.) Discussing his career, Fine said he retired from several businesses on his 40th birthday and chose to run for public office because – he said with a smile – his wife did not want him hanging around the house. He just won his fourth and final term in the Florida House for the District 33 seat and said to stay tuned for future decisions. Two other reasons why he wanted to serve in Tallahassee, he said, were his unhappiness with the common core math that his sons faced in public school – they are now in private school – and he did not like the world they are growing up in. Fine said he is opposed to the issue of critical race theory in the schools, and "we make sure parents are in charge and there is school choice." He said the money should follow the child, and if the parents want to move one from public school to either private or a charter school, there should be a voucher to do so. Regarding the fact that school board candidates on ballots are listed as "non-partisan," Fine said he favored legislation including the listing of party affiliation.

EXPERTS' EXCERPTS

Columnist **Stephen Moore**, writing on President Biden destroying the U.S. economy, in the "Washington Examiner":



"Everywhere I go, people are mystified about President Joe Biden's economic agenda. So few of the policies comport with basic common sense that I'm asked the same question over and over: Is Biden intentionally trying to take a wrecking ball to the economy? Is this all part of some diabolical plan, the 'great reset,' to end our system of free market capitalism and replace it with some form of big government socialism? Biden keeps saying that he wants to be a historic president who will 'transition' the country into a new worker's paradise where no one uses fossil fuels or electricity or cars and equality is paramount, ahead of growth and prosperity. Is he taking us there with no regard for the collateral damage to America? My belief is that, no, I don't think this is an intentional, nefarious Dr. Evil-type plot. But if this were a scheme to burn down the village in order to rebuild it, Biden and his administration are doing a great job of it. Here are seven Biden administration steps to undermine an economy and a society from within....1) Dismantle the nation's energy supply. We get 70 percent of our energy from fossil fuels. Biden has declared war on American oil and gas, making us more dependent on our enemies for our basic energy needs. 2) Don't enforce the border. Biden is letting hundreds of thousands of potential criminals, terrorists, welfare recipients, and enemies of the United States into our country through a porous southern border with Mexico....3) Devalue the nation's currency through inflation. It is up nearly 15 percent since Biden came into office....4) Destroy the nation's finances by running up the debt by multiple trillions of dollars. No president in modern times has so recklessly pushed our nation into debt as rapidly....5) Divide rather than unite the nation. Rich versus poor, black versus white, gay

versus straight, rural versus urban....6) Dumb down and indoctrinate our children with anti-American propaganda in the schools and media. And allowing teacher unions and left-wing activists to take over the curriculum with anti-American propaganda....7) Decriminalize a lot. Let criminals onto the streets. End bail. Empty the prisons. Let minor crimes go unpunished. Biden's policies favor criminals over victims. It's a scene out of a Batman movie. Are these policies intentional or simply completely misguided? I don't know. But does it matter? Either way, our country is in grave peril."



Senior analyst **Laurence Sanford**, writing on TikTok as a position paper for the American Security Council Foundation website:

"Just because Chinese bombs are not falling, and soldiers are not marching (yet) on America does not mean there is no war against America. China is waging unrestricted war on the United

States. From the theft of military and industrial secrets to the poisoning of American culture and elections, the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) has been waging hybrid warfare without firing a shot (yet).... The goal of hybrid warfare is to create divisions in society and artificially create internal discontent. TikTok is an example. TikTok is a worldwide social media platform app with 1 billion active users who enjoy its easy yet sophisticated video sharing. It has become a major player in targeted advertising by its ability to collect sensitive personal data from users without their knowledge. TikTok has 100 million American users, up 800% since 2018. ByteDance, headquartered in Beijing, China, founded TikTok in 2016. Sensitive personal data from users collected by TikTok is a national security threat to America due to the 2017 Chinese National Intelligence Law, which states, 'any organization or citizen shall support, assist and cooperate with the state intelligence work.' The collection of personal data on the enemy (United States citizens) is of strategic value. TikTok stores vast quantities of personal data, including biometrics such as facial geometry and voice recognition. Biometrics are of high intelligence value to security services. TikTok claims the data is stored in the U.S. and Singapore, but its parent company, ByteDance, has all its computers in China. One can reasonably assume TikTok will deceive and do (as Communists always do) what its parent company ByteDance orders, including data transfer to ByteDance. One can reasonably assume ByteDance will follow the dictates of Chinese intelligence law. One can also reasonably assume that CCP security services will and are harvesting this data. Data collection from children under the age of 13 by TikTok violates the U.S. Children's Online Privacy Protection Rule of 1998, which requires obtaining verifiable parental consent. Multiple consumer groups have alerted the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) that TikTok continues to violate children's privacy.... TikTok censors users when posting content critical of CCP interests, thus demonstrating it follows state diktats. No posting of topics such as the Uighur genocide in Xinjiang, Tibetan independence, Tiananmen Square, Hong

Kong, and Taiwan independence is allowed.... The U.S. military and some private companies have banned TikTok on business devices. Why the entire U.S. Government doesn't ban TikTok from all devices is not known. Democrat Senator Mark Warner said President Trump was 'right when it comes to the security risks around Chinese-owned TikTok.' President Trump wanted to shut down Chinese-owned TikTok and WeChat for security reasons but was blocked by Federal court orders. Currently, the Biden administration is conducting its own review of threats from Chinese apps. Why does the U.S. government allow TikTok to flourish in America, collecting intelligence data and corrupting our culture and youth? Why doesn't the U.S. government demand reciprocity from China in internet access? Perhaps the answer is in Peter Schweizer's 'Red Handed,' where he writes, 'Presidential families, Silicon Valley gurus, Wall Street high rollers, Ivy League institutions, professional athletes – all willing to sacrifice American strength and security on the altar of personal enrichment.' We have met the enemy, and he/she is us."

Columnist **Miranda Devine**, writing on making outgoing New York Congressman Lee Zeldin master of the House, in "The New York Post":



"While the final numbers are still up in the air, it's safe to say New York saved the Republican Party – and, more importantly, spared the nation another two years of unfettered vandalism by the Biden administration. Only by a whisker have the Republicans won control of the House, thanks to the red wave in New York that was led by Lee Zeldin. He might have fallen short on the herculean task of winning the governor's race, but down-ballot the GOP flipped four House seats in deep blue New York, sending an impressive 11 members to fill out the majority in Washington, DC, in the new year. Despite that close call, there's no sugarcoating the fact that Republican leadership has failed, and they will pay for it.... It's astonishing that RNC chairwoman **Ronna Romney McDaniel** has the hide to seek a fourth term after presiding over two avoidable losses. Her losing streak is three for three if you count the 2018 midterms. Representative Kevin McCarthy and Senator Mitch McConnell also need to be held accountable for the midterm disappointments.... Florida's **Matt Gaetz** told reporters, "I think we can do better. Right now, we need new leadership. We need to turn the page. We need someone who has broad credibility with conservatives and centrists and moderates throughout the conference . . . and can unite us." So, who might that person be? The dark-horse candidate – but the most promising – is none other than New York's own **Lee Zeldin**. The four-term Congressman was tight-lipped about the prospect as he was cleaning out his office in DC, but there is no shortage of people urging him to run for speaker – at least eight at last count. The rules allow for an outsider, and names like former Democrat **Tulsi Gabbard** and former Speaker **Newt Gingrich** have been floated. But Zeldin is the only realistic prospect, having served in the House for the last eight years and

being popular across the board. He gets newfound respect for his feat of bringing conservatives, independents and moderate Democrats into the tent in the blue stronghold of New York....He is coy when asked about challenging McCarthy but doesn't rule it out. He does confirm that he has been asked to run for the RNC chairmanship, the state Republican chairmanship, Suffolk County executive in 2023, against Senator Kirsten Gillibrand in 2024, or to take on Hochul again in 2026....Zeldin sure is running for something. And since the House would not be in Republican hands without his efforts, the speaker's job is a no-brainer. But if McCarthy manages to soothe and shmooze his flock to eke out a win, Zeldin's many fans in the party will ensure he becomes RNC chairman."

THOUGHTS TO PONDER

"MRC's Free Speech America Division released an explosive new report, 'Google Caught Manipulating Search, Buries GOP Campaign Sites in 83 Percent of Top Senate Races.' We looked at the top 23 Senate campaigns this year and documented how Google is deliberately manipulating data to give extraordinary advantages to Democrats over Republicans....We documented how in 10 of the 12 campaigns, the Democrats were given substantially higher placements in searches over the Republicans. Less than 1 percent of the public goes beyond the first page when it searches for information on Google. Our study documented how in 7 of the 12 races, the Republican candidates have been relegated to page 2, where no one sees them. To further prove the point, we employed the same methodology on the DuckDuckGo and Bing browsers and found Republicans and Democrats given equal coverage."

--**Media Research Center President Brent Bozell**, on Google, which controls 92.4 percent of the worldwide market, having a near monopoly on online information

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"I'm glad both men, Donald Trump and Ron DeSantis, are in the Republican Party and have records of accomplishment that people can point to and want to emulate in their own states and people who want to run for office because they are inspired by candidates, by leaders like them, who don't back down, who get things down, who work with volume and velocity....I think we need more unity and less divisiveness in the Republican Party. Because guess what? We have the best policies and messages. We don't have unity right now. The Democrats have no good policies and no aspirational, hopeful, forward-looking messages but they showed a lot of unity ginning up their base and it paid off in some of these elections."

--Former Trump Administration adviser **Kellyanne Conway**, on Trump's attack on the Florida Governor

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--"A Democratic myth has arisen that former President Donald Trump's denial of the accuracy of the 2020 vote was 'unprecedented.' Unfortunately, the history of U.S. elections is often a story of both legitimate and illegitimate election denialism. The 1800, 1824, 1876, and 1960 elections were all understandably

questioned. In some of these cases, a partisan House of Representatives decided the winner. Presidential candidate Al Gore in 2000 did not accept the popular voter results in Florida. He spent five weeks futilely contesting the state's tally – until recounts and the Supreme Court certified it. The ensuing charge that former President George W. Bush was 'selected, not elected' was the Democrats' denialist mantra for year."

--Historian **Victor Davis Hanson** on examples of election denying

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"You know actual human beings who voted for Gretchen Whitmer in Michigan, John Fetterman in Pennsylvania, and Kathy Hochul in New York. These are not people who are conducive to the continued existence of this once-glorious Republic....The takeover of the public education indoctrination mill is complete....We are now subject to an electorate that's half-filled with socialist lemmings who are more than delighted to march off of the leftist cliff. Freedom-loving Americans can flex all we want, but until we figure out a way to overcome the commie plague (masks don't work, btw) we've got serious problems."

--"PJ Media" columnist **Stephen Kruiser**, on half of America being "brain dead"

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"We could write books listing all the economic calamities directly caused by the disastrous pandemic response. We will be suffering the results for years. Yet even today, too few people grasp the relationship between our current economic hardships – extending even to growing international tensions and the breakdown of trade and travel – and the brutality of the pandemic response.... There is no wall of separation between economics and public health. A healthy economy is indispensable for healthy people. Shutting down economic life was a singularly bad idea for taking on a pandemic. Economics is about people making choices and institutions enabling them to thrive. Public health is about the same thing. Driving a wedge between the two, as happened in 2020, ranks among the most catastrophic public policy decisions of our lifetimes."

--**Brownstone Institute Founder and President Jeffrey Tucker**, on the economic disaster of the response to the coronavirus

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"Biden's administration has led the federal government in spending and borrowing more money in his first 20 months in the White House than any other president in history. No one else comes close to his record of fiscal recklessness. Biden is not even halfway through his presidential term, and he's already signed into law federal spending over the next decade that will exceed \$4 trillion....To add even more insult to this economic train crash, because of runaway inflation under Biden, the Federal Reserve has been forced to raise interest rates on federal debt. This has already added yet another trillion dollars to the debt just to pay the interest on the debt that Biden has already racked up."

--"**Washington Examiner**" columnist **Stephen Moore** on Biden being the king of debt and deficits

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“After a 26-year affiliation with the Cato Institute, I’ve now stepped down from official duties. I’ll remain an enthusiastic donor, occasional author, speaker-on-demand, and ardent libertarian.... In the coming years, Cato will vigorously promote pro-liberty ideas, such as entitlement reform, the right to bear arms, equal rights for all Americans, fundamental tax revision, downsizing government, property rights, drug legalization, school choice, free trade, immigration liberalization, criminal justice reform, and the rule of law. With equal energy, we will resist proposals such as corporate welfare, socialized medicine, campaign finance restrictions, government constraints on the internet, global warming excesses, overreaching executive power, infringements on civil liberties, impermissible delegation of legislative authority to administrative agencies, imperial wars in the name of national greatness, dubious foreign entanglements, and unnecessary government secrecy.”

--**Retiring Cato Institute Chairman of the Board of Directors Robert Levy**, on Cato’s future programs

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“The reason I acquired Twitter is because it is important to the future of civilization to have a common digital town square, where a wide range of beliefs can be debated in a health manner, without resorting to violence. There is currently great danger that social media will splinter into far right wing and far left wing echo chambers that generate more hate and divide our society....I didn’t do it because it would be easy. I didn’t do it to make more money. I did it to try to help humanity, whom I love.”

--Businessman **Elon Musk**, on why he purchased Twitter

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“What do Democrats really think of Republicans? Well, let’s say it’s not pretty. When they think they have the upper hand, liberals show their true colors. As ugly, arrogant, self-absorbed maniacs....The View’s Sunny Hostin made the most disgusting, hateful comparison when referring to White women voting Republican....Hostin claims, in the name of murdering unborn babies, that white women voting for Republicans is like roaches voting for Raid. Even the audience wasn’t totally on board with this idiotic rant...It’s likely she turned away plenty of white suburban Democrat women. This is what the party thinks of you, ladies. You deserve leaders who respect your choices and convictions. Not arrogant elitists who judge you over your skin color and the place you live.”

--**“Patriot Journal” contributor Adam Casalino**, on Hostin calling them “roaches” because they are voting for pro-life candidates

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“Transgender citizens of San Francisco are now eligible for \$1,200 a month in taxpayer-funded cash. All part of a program

that will give 55 transgender residents a monthly stipend for up to 18 months. The only qualification is that you are confused about your preferred pronouns. Mayor London Breed says the program will provide economically marginalized transgender people with a guaranteed income. If you are a straight person who is down on his luck and in need of cash – tough cookies. You are not eligible....San Francisco’s latest initiative is even more perverse than the behavior of Sodom and Gomorrah. And we all know how that story turned out.”

--Podcaster **Todd Starnes** on San Francisco’s 97 new gender options, including Graygender for senior citizens

UPCOMING BREVARD COUNTY EVENTS

- December 1: Heritage Isle Republican Club meeting, Heritage Isle Clubhouse, Viera, 10 am.
- December 2: Federated Republican Women in Action meeting, MeMaw’s BBQ, Palm Bay, 11:15 am.
- December 5: Republican Liberty Caucus of Central East Florida Christmas Party, Frogbones Double Tapp Grill, Melbourne, 7 pm.
- December 6: Moms For Liberty meeting, Frogbones Double Tapp Grill, Melbourne, 6:30 pm.
- December 7: Brevard Federated Republican Women meeting, Space Coast Convention Center, Cocoa, 11 am.
- December 7: Space Coast Young Republicans meeting/Christmas Party, the County Line Saloon, Melbourne, 6 pm.
- December 9: Brevard Republican Executive Committee/North Brevard Republican Club Christmas Party and Dinner, Space Coast Convention Center, Cocoa, 6 pm.
- December 12: Space Coast Patriots meeting, Merritt Island Library, 6 pm.
- December 14: Brevard Republican Executive Committee meeting, Space Coast Association of Realtors Building, Melbourne, 7 pm.
- December 15: Republican Women’s Network of South Brevard meeting, Beachside Hilton 3003 N Hwy A1A, 11:30 am.
- December 20: North Brevard Republican Club meeting, American Police Hall of Fame, Titusville, 7 pm.

The Ronald Reagan Club will not meet in December.

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

COMICAL CLOSERS

Here are three quick questions: 1) Have you heard about McDonald’s new presidential value meal? You order what you want, and the person after you has to pay for it. 2) Why can’t Congress ever be vegan? Because all the turkeys playing chicken in a beef over pork is pretty fishy. And 3) How can Congress come together to allow approval of medical marijuana? By having joint support for joints for joint support.

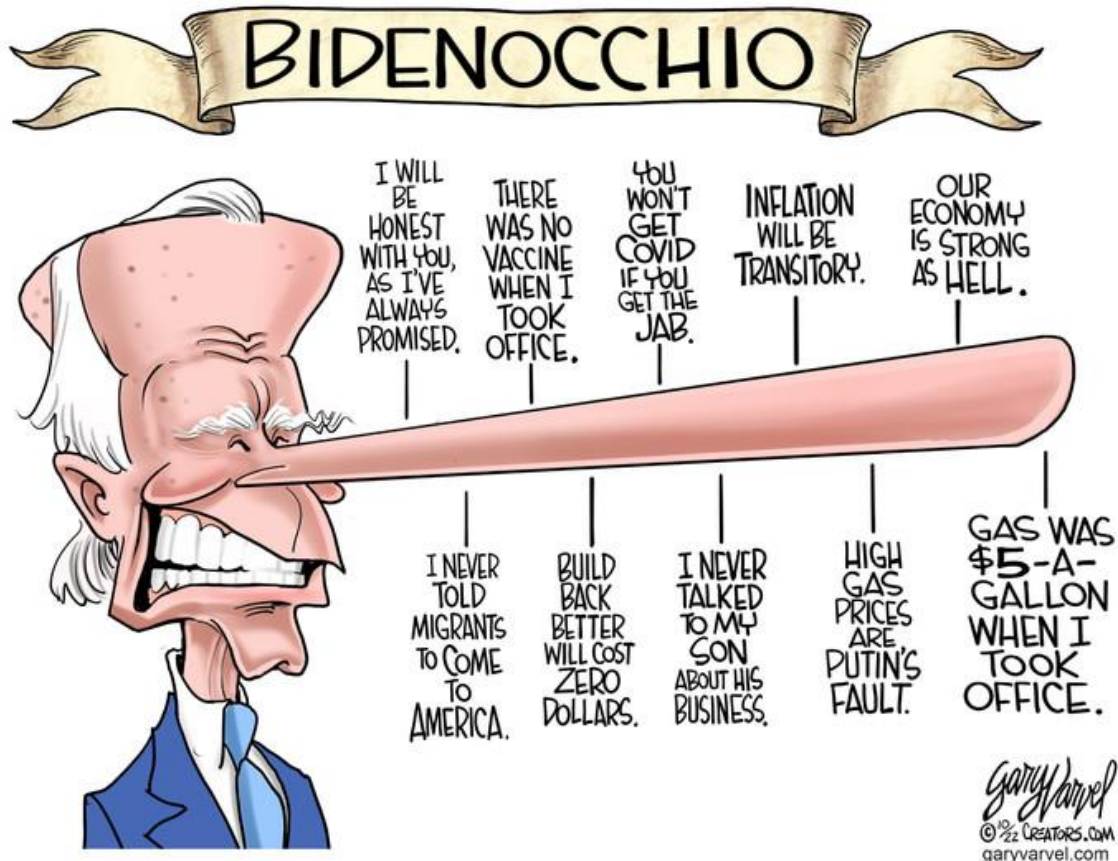
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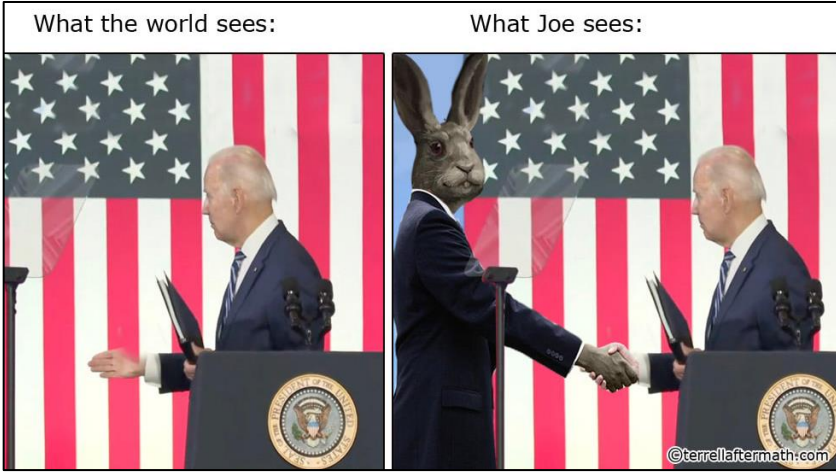
The satirical “Babylon Bee” listed ten reasons why some people still voted Democrat in the last election: 1) They’re dead. 2) They’re Drag Queens worried about losing their God-given right to dance in underwear in front of kids. 3) Bono said that is what good people do. 4) Still holding out for one of those free Obama phones. 5) To convince others they aren’t Christian Nationalists. 6) They live in Chicago, and a stray bullet punched right through the “D” side of the ballot. 7) Their COVID booster made them do it. 8) They think elections are like golf and the lowest score wins. 9) Their mail-in ballot was already filled out in permanent marker. And 10) Government spending and taxes make them feel all warm and fuzzy inside.

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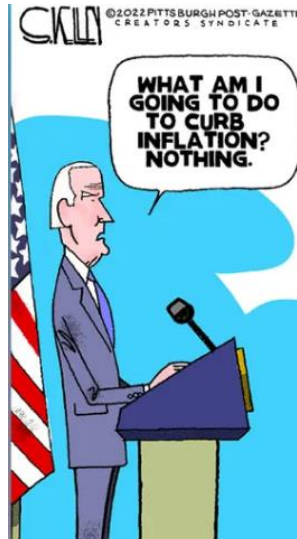
President Joe Biden is cancelling Christmas in Washington this year. He searched the entire administration but could not find three wise men or a virgin.

SEVERAL PAGES OF PERTINENT POLITICAL CARTOONS AND PHOTOS FOLLOW





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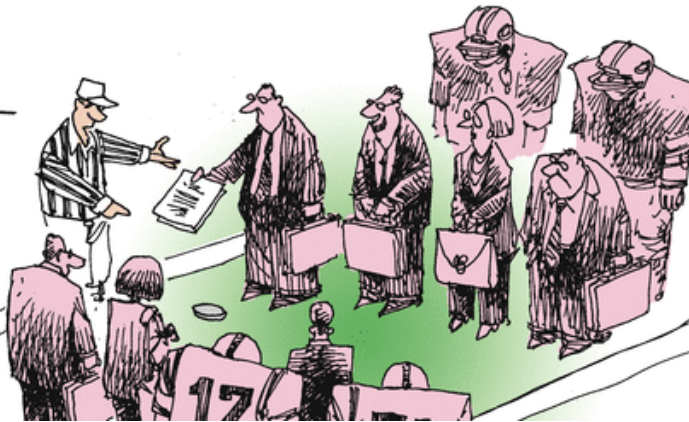


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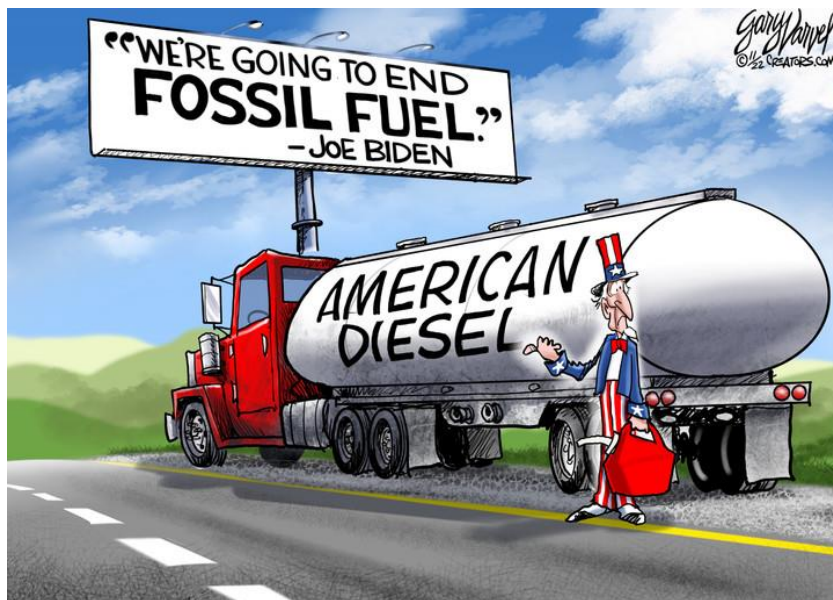
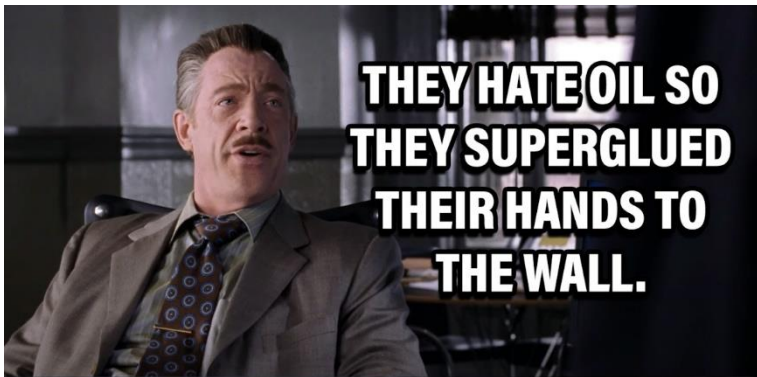
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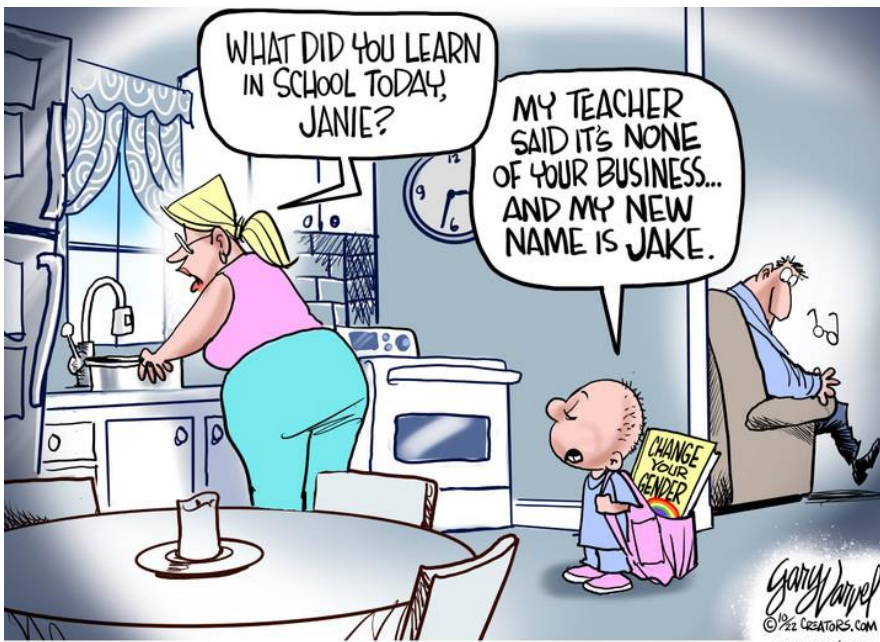
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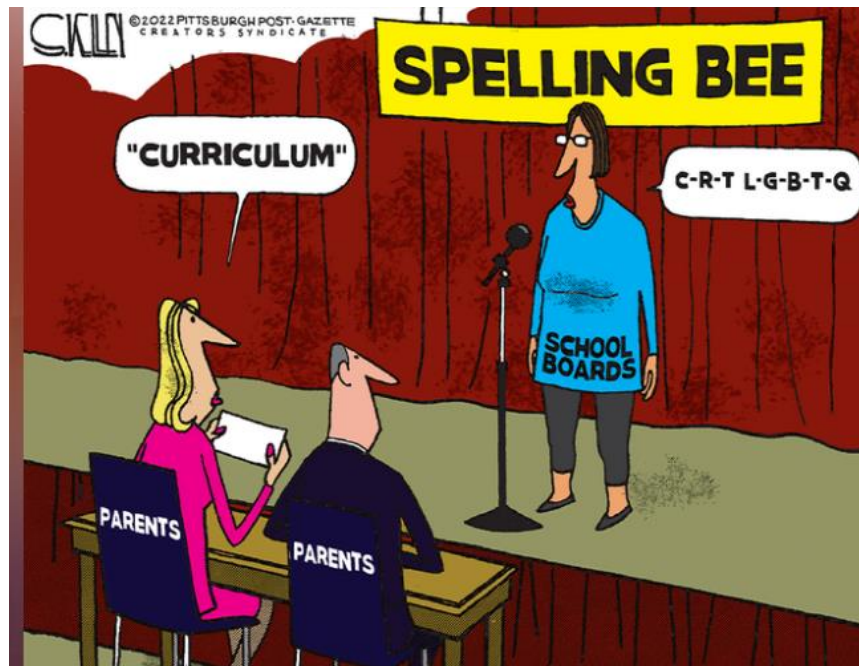
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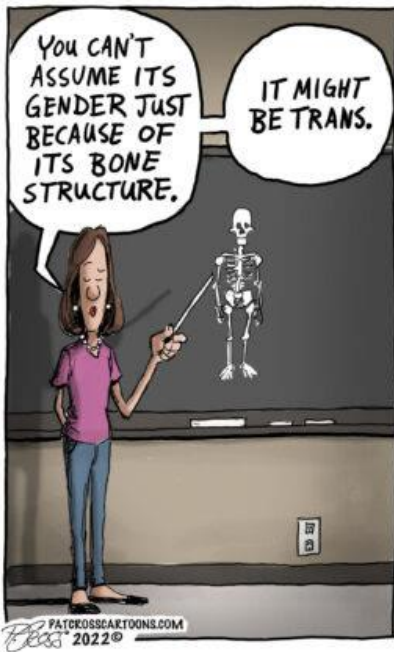


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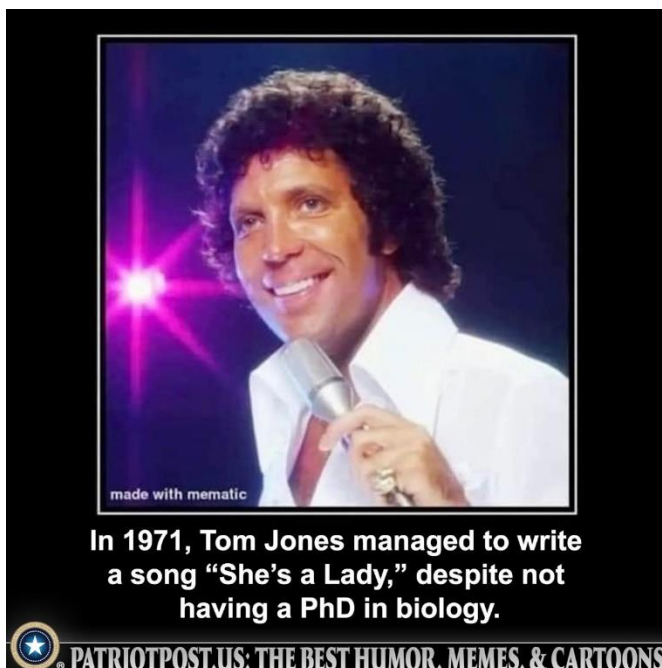


Why is talking sexually in the workplace considered sexual harassment to adults...but talking about sexuality to children K-3 at school considered essential???





IF 10 THOUSAND RUSSIANS CROSSING THE UKRAINE BORDER IS AN INVASION, THEN WHY ISN'T THE 2 MILLION PEOPLE CROSSING THE AMERICAN SOUTHERN BORDER NOT CALLED AN INVASION?





We hope our readers had a very Happy Thanksgiving!

HAPPY

Thanksgiving

From Stuart and Frank

