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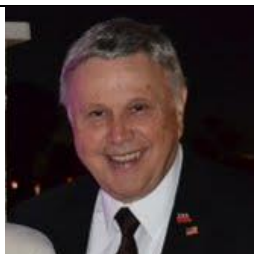
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REPUBLICAN HOPEFULS – MINUS TRUMP – HOLD FIRST PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE

By Space Coast Tusk Editor Stuart Gorin

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



--In March of this year, we were pleased to report on the 100th birthday celebration of former New York Senator James Buckley, the older brother of the late "National Review" founder and editor William F. Buckley. Sadly, James Buckley passed away on August 18. He was a gentleman, a thinker, and a patriot, who was dear to the conservative movement.

--You never know what "pearls of wisdom" will come next from former First Lady, former U.S. Senator, former Secretary of State, and former failed presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton. This time, she actually said that we MAGA Republicans – her "basket of deplorables" – are to blame for the summer heat wave the United States has been enduring. Referring to propaganda from the left-wing Center for American Progress, she even said we are "pouring fuel on the climate crisis fire." I wonder how we do that – by heating up all of our stoves? By singing "Tropical Heat Wave"? By striking billions of matches simultaneously?

--If you can believe a Trump supporter named Bill Stevenson, he said in an interview he was "bullied" and "threatened" by the "corrupt Biden family" for years – weaponizing the government against him. Just one example, he said, was being indicted on a \$8,200 tax charge after refusing to give his house to his soon-to-be-ex-wife. No surprise that her name now is Doctor Jill Biden. Stevenson added in the interview that he cannot stand by and watch the Bidens go after the former President the way they went after him. Stevenson reportedly is a devoted Trump supporter who is aghast at the way he has been treated by the federal government.

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Eight Republican presidential candidates gathered for their first debate on August 23 at the Fiserv Forum in Milwaukee, which will be the site of the 2024 GOP National Convention, but missing from the group was the polling leader – former **President Donald Trump**.

Participating in the two-hour Fox News debate – after reaching participation thresholds required by the Republican National Committee -- were **Florida Governor Ron DeSantis**, business entrepreneur **Vivek Ramaswamy**, former **Vice President Mike Pence**, former **South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley**, **South Carolina Senator Tim Scott**, former **New Jersey Governor Chris Christie**, former **Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson**, and **North Dakota Governor Doug Burgum**.

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--The U.S. Women's Soccer Team is out of World Cup contention, having been beaten by Sweden when "star" Megan Rapinoe missed a penalty shot – and then laughed about it. Big yawn. There was no love lost between the team and soccer fans, columnist Todd Starnes said, "because the team refused to sing the national anthem. They also refused to place their hands over their hearts. Instead, most of the team just stood there, slouched over – smacking chewing gum and smirking." Not to be outdone, the satirical "Babylon Bee" joined in the fun – alleging that Donald Trump received yet one more indictment – this time for mocking the women's soccer team.

--The Public Relations Department at Texas A&M University was pleased to announce that according to a national survey, Joe Biden is the sixth highest ranking U.S. president in the nation's history. Here is its explanation: Abraham Lincoln, Ronald Reagan and Donald Trump tied for first place. Twenty-three other presidents tied for second place. Another 17 tied for third place. Jimmy Carter was alone in fourth place, and Barack Hussein Obama came in fifth. Finally, even though he has only been in office two years, Joe Biden claimed sixth place.

--Before moving to conservative Brevard County, Florida, 17 years ago, I lived for 35 years in Montgomery County, Maryland – one of, if not the – most liberal county in America. This is where my daughter and son attended school growing up, and I am grateful that they retained their conservative values. So, this month, I just shook my head about a federal appeals court dismissing a coalition of parents' lawsuits against Montgomery County Public Schools, rejecting their opposition to the schools' gender support plan, and affirming that students' gender-transitions can be kept from their parents.

--Hurricane Hilary hit California and Nevada this month, and at press time, the satirical website "The Babylon Bee" said it destroyed 30,000 e-mails, and also reported that the World Meteorological Organization did announce that any and all deaths resulting from Hilary will be ruled as "suicides."

--More Two Cents Next Month

The debate may have been staged by Fox News. According to multiple news reports, the candidates and their prep camps were given the questions in advance.

Announcing ahead of time that he would not participate in the Fox News debate conducted by Bret Baier and Martha MacCallum, Trump spent the first 45 minutes of the debate time participating in an X (formerly Twitter) discussion with former Fox News host Tucker Carlson.

DeSantis, in his debate remarks, said the 2024 election is not about the events of January 6, 2021, that led to indictments of Trump, and "we have to focus on our future, and reversing the decline of our country." On other topics, he said he did not regret signing the six-week abortion ban in Florida; he would authorize the use of lethal force to protect the U.S. southern border; much of the learning decline taking place in schools

today is related to closures during the Covid-19 pandemic; and regarding Dr. Anthony Fauci, said that rather than coddle him, "you bring Fauci, you sit him down, and you say, 'Anthony, you are fired.'"

Ramaswamy said he believed Trump had been "the best president of the 21st century;" called climate change "a hoax," saying that more people of dying of bad climate change policies than they are of actual climate change; saying that America is in the middle of a national identity crisis;" and that he would stop payments to Ukraine – which is not a U.S. priority – in its war with Russia.

Pence said that as vice president, he was asked by Trump to prioritize him over the Constitution, and "I chose the Constitution, and I always will;" calling Ramaswamy "a rookie," he added that "now is not the time for on-the-job training;" the country needs a leader on the abortion issue; he voted to be a "champion for life in the Oval Office;" and that he worked as vice president with Mexican leaders to control the border; and would partner with the Mexican military to hunt down and destroy the drug cartels.

Haley said she trusted the American people to pick their nominees and added that they believe "it's time for a new generational conservative leader;" in Ukraine, "a win for Russia is a win for China;" urged her competitors to be honest with the American people and acknowledge that a Republican president cannot pass a national ban without winning 60 votes in the Senate; acknowledged that climate change is "real;" called for China and India to cut emissions; and criticized Trump by pointing to rising spending during his presidency.

Scott said he supports a national abortion ban at a minimum of 14 weeks, arguing that failing to do so would allow blue states to continue providing abortions, saying "We can't leave it to Illinois. We can't leave it to Minnesota. We cannot let states like California and New York have abortions on demand up to the day of birth. It is immoral. It is unethical. It is wrong;" and asked if Vice President Pence did the right thing on January 6, answered "absolutely."

Christie, the loudest Trump critic in the group, said the former president's conduct "is beneath the office of the United States;" said Congressional spending is "robbing our country and it is wrong;" thought Trump was a "coward" for skipping the debate; and derided Ramaswamy as "an amateur."

Hutchinson, who joined Christie as being the only two in the debate who said they would not pardon Trump if he gets convicted on charges that many believe are bogus, said new leadership is needed to bring out the best in America; and he was proud to have signed pro-life legislation while in office.

Burgum, who signed a six-week abortion ban in North Dakota, was the only candidate against a federal abortion ban, saying it would violate the principles of federalism in the Constitution; he made a pitch for electing a president who understands small towns, such as those in his state; and said, "the economy, energy and national security are tied together."

Meanwhile, Trump told Carlson that it is beneath him to appear with the other candidates on the debate stage because of his large lead in the polls. He cited this frontrunner status

in the Republican race – despite facing 91 criminal charges for which he maintains his innocence – to suggest that he doesn't need to give his rivals a platform to attack him. He added that his polls allow him to stay cheerful even when he gets indicted, because it means that people get it – see that it's a fraud.

He particularly spoke critically of Hutchinson – saying the former Arkansas governor should not be running for president – and Christie – saying the former New Jersey governor runs “solely on the basis” of going after him.

Asked by Carlson about his former running mate, Trump said he was “disappointed” with Pence, and that he hasn't spoken to him “in a long time.” Regarding left-leaning Democrat opponents, the former President said, “They are savage animals. They are people that are sick.”



The next Republican debate, also scheduled by Fox, will be held September 27 at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, California. For now, Trump plans to skip that one as well.



LET ME BE FRANK By Space Coast Tusk Designer Frank Montelione

I toyed with the idea of writing about our two-tiered justice system, but anyone who subscribes to the Space Coast Tusk already has seen or read the stories.

You may have missed the story of a former New Jersey State Police trooper who was sentenced to 30 months in federal prison for conspiring to defraud the IRS, falsifying his tax returns and witness tampering, the U.S. Attorney's Office announced. The judge ordered Samuel Davis pay \$71,558 in restitution to the IRS and fined him \$10,000, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Or the story of a former Baltimore Police Commissioner, Darryl De Sousa, sentenced to 10 months in federal prison for three counts of failing to file individual federal tax returns.

The judge also ordered De Sousa to perform 100 hours of community service and ordered him to pay restitution in the full amount of the government's loss, which is \$67,587.72.



All this while Hunter Biden owed \$1.2 billion in back taxes and receives a slap on the wrist and would have received immunity from future criminal acts.

Most, if not all, of our readers, know about the “coincidences” of charges against former President

Donald Trump being filed immediately after new developments emerged in the investigation into Hunter's business dealings. Once is chance, twice is coincidence 4 times it's no longer accidental.

The chronology:

March 17 -- Hunter Biden admits that the laptop is his.

March 18 -- Manhattan D.A, Alvin Bragg hands down an indictment.

June 8-- FBI documents are released allegedly implicating President Biden was involved in a bribery scheme with international companies, including Burisma, during his time as Vice President.



June 9 -- Jack Smith announces Trump's indictment for possession of classified documents at Mar-a-Largo.

July 26 -- Hunter Biden's plea deal is rejected by the judge, and he accidentally admits to receiving money from a Chinese company linked to the Communist Party.

July 27 -- Smith filed four new charges against Trump.

July 31 --, Devon Archer testifies, stating that the Bidens were selling the “brand” (the Biden family name) and that Joe Biden was on the phone with people involved in Hunter's businesses over 20 times.

August 1 --Jack Smith indicted Trump for his alleged involvement with a plot to overthrow the 2020 election.

Fani Willis, the Fulton County, Georgia D.A, broke the string by indicting a former president and 19 co-defendants, were indicted on wide ranging charges including a RICO charge (Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization). She campaigned on doing just that. She is now under investigation herself by the House for coordinating with the DOJ and Special Prosecutor Jack Smith.

The timing she set for the start of the trial is one that is impossible to meet. With 19 codefendants and all the discovery motions and other motions it will never be a date set that can be met.

In the meantime, the Republican House is mulling over the possibility of an Impeachment Inquiry of President Biden. It is fraught with problems and the scenario is not an optimistic one for the future of the Republican Party.

Whoever the nominee for the Republican Party is, he or she will need the support of independents. Attempting to impeach the sitting president will do nothing to advance that possibility. In my opinion, an impeachment would look like retribution for the Trump impeachments. A move to impeach may not even get enough House Republican votes to move forward. If it fails, it would only cement support of Democrats for Biden. Independents will see it as an attempt to undermine the 2024 election. There is no possibility that the Impeachment trial would be successful in the Senate.

Rather, the Republicans need to concentrate on inflation, the border, and national security. The United States needs to regain its leadership on the world stage. We need to have strategies to battle corruption and transparency. The mainstream media has made climate and the environment a major issue. The Republicans need a policy to deal with this.

The party needs to come up with an answer to the abortion issue. We understand that the policies should be left to the states, but the Democrats have successfully planted the idea that the Supreme Court criminalized abortion. The Republicans have done nothing to explain that and present a cohesive answer to the accusation.

LGBTQ+ issues must be addressed. Whether you believe that those rights have been stretched to the limits or not, it is an issue that independents might be focused on.

Rampant Crime needs to have a national focus and the Republican party needs to have an answer to how we regain the streets and take it back from the criminals.

We need a comprehensive policy to attract those who are studying the two major political parties and who are still undecided voters. We need to recognize what will bring them to the Republican party and elect a Republican President.

There is a large contingent of those who are staunch Trump supporters, but a recent poll released by The New York Times and Siena College, after identifying Republicans likely to vote in the primary, the survey gave respondents a choice between Trump and five other potential GOP nominees. Only 49% of respondents chose Trump. Sounds good unless you recognize that 51% prefer anyone but Trump.

In another recent poll, 63% of those polled said they would be in favor of the President stepping down if he is found to have taken illegal money from any source. ONLY 63%? I would have thought the number would be higher.

Let's hope the Republican Party will come up with a platform that will address all these issues and not a platform that supports one candidate over another.



THE BREC CORNER
By Chairman Rick Lacey
Brevard Republican
Executive Committee

To borrow the famous baseball saying, "It's time to step up to the plate!" it's time.

While everyone is looking forward to winning back our country in 2024, we must first focus on winning multiple important local races in 2023. Over the next few weeks, you will see candidates qualify for municipal and special district elections throughout Brevard County. It is extremely important that Brevard Republicans step up to the plate and volunteer to elect Conservative Republicans.

Even though you may not reside in any of the 10 cities, town or districts on this November's ballot, we need you to be "a team player" and help out in a campaign near you.

Last year, Brevard Republicans won big because we worked together and turned out a record number of Republican voters to the polls. This year we need to spread the message to our friends and neighbors to please get out and vote for our Conservative team. We will need donations and volunteers to organize our get out the vote effort to insure victory.

In the coming months, I hope I can count on everyone to join the team and support our 2023 Republican team. So let's step up to the plate and hit a home run this November!

RENDEZVOUS WITH REPUBLICAN WOMEN



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By BFRW President
Jill Gentis

Florida Congressman Bill Posey, thanking the Brevard Federated Republican Women for their support of him, liberty and our Republican Party, noted at our Luncheon Meeting on August 2 that our nation is headed in the wrong direction under the leadership of President Joe-Biden.

Posey recalled the two-and-one-half years when the U.S. Government was closed...a time when the peoples' house was closed to the public by Nancy Pelosi. He went on to say that we have never had a government that is so radical, so derelict in their duties, and so politically weaponized. For example, he said, the indictments and fraudulent investigations against our former president are a



new low, making us look like a second world country. It seems that every time they uncover another crime of the Biden organization, they file another indictment against Donald Trump. Although the Presidential Records Act guarantees that former presidents are allowed to have their records, the Deep State and the radical media maintain that the documents recovered from our former president are confidential and therefore cannot be seen. Furthermore, these indictments rely on anonymous sources and secret whistleblowers who cannot be verified or validated.

Posey said that the Department of Justice has embraced a two-tier system of justice which seeks to undermine our way of life, our institutions, and the pursuit of the American dream for anyone who doesn't hold their radical leftist, and Marxist views. They target parents, military personnel, children, women, Catholics, pro-life activists, the Second Amendment, and other Constitutional rights, and now even our cars, gas stoves, and electric light bulbs.

The Radical Left consistently attacks anyone who disagrees with them, Posey said, adding that their aim is to demoralize us, make us feel like criminals, and make us feel undeserving of our freedom. He countered emphatically with "Wanting to be a patriotic American is not a crime."

Mainstream media doesn't report the push back by the Republican House, and Posey enumerated several actions that he and his Republican colleagues are taking:

--First, we ended the Democrats' Covid "stay at home" policy and "voting by telephone" allowed by former speaker Nancy Pelosi.

-- Second, Republicans stopped the Biden government from selling our strategic petroleum reserves to our adversaries.

-- Third, we challenged the ESG (Environmental, Social and Corporate Governance) rules by repealing controversial policy agendas and regulations...but Biden vetoed it.

-- Fourth, we created a Select Committee to investigate the weaponization of government and the Deep State.

-- Fifth, Republicans are fighting to defund the Woke agenda by passing a Woke-free National Defense Act and a Woke-less Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization.

-- Sixth, we passed an Authorization to Secure Borders Act to protect our nation by building the wall, targeting the cartels, and stopping the influx of Fentanyl, which the other side is unwilling to support.

-- Seventh, we introduced legislation, with the support of Florida's awesome Attorney General Ashley Moody, which allows states to enforce immigration laws if the federal government is unwilling to do that.

--Eighth, Posey sponsored House Resolution 426 – culminating in Biden's failure to protect the States from foreign invasion as is his duty under the Constitution. Posey said that many believe the President has committed other

crimes as well, but it is very clear that he has not honored his Constitutional duty to protect our borders.

--Ninth, Republicans passed the Energy Reform policy, which focuses on reforming fuel prices and building up American energy.

-- Tenth, Republicans are trying to stop the clear threat of China's attempt at world economic domination which they hope will lead to military superiority. Biden vetoed a bi-partisan bill to stop China from violating our Trade Laws by rescinding Biden's Executive Order that waives tariffs for products made in China. Even Biden's State Department warned that China is violating and circumventing our Trade Laws by using slave labor and by shipping their products through other countries and fraudulently relabeling their products to look as if they were made in those countries. These actions permitted by Biden and his administration undermine all business in our Country. Although Posey had the support of twelve Democrats in the Senate, Biden vetoed the bill.

--Eleventh, at the Government Committee on Hearing Censorship, Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. tried to talk about his experiences with censorship when fellow Democrat (Florida) Debbie Schultz, repeatedly shouted "Don't let him speak!". This shocked the other Democrats.

--Twelfth. To correct this, Posey said they introduced legislation for people to be in-charge of their own information to ensure their privacy and protection under the First Amendment.

--And lastly, Posey talked about our country's fiscal condition. He said that we are \$32.4 trillion in debt, not to mention additional unfunded future liability for Social Security, Medicare, and Military benefits. Posey's biggest fear for our country is hyperinflation. When Obama was President, his own Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff said that our debt is the biggest threat to national security more than any other country.

Posey closed with an important thought. He said we cannot let the Radical Left silence or intimidate us. We must continue to stand up and fight for change. A brilliant example of courage is U.S. District Judge Maryellen Noreika, who upon reviewing the Hunter Biden case, noticed that the plea deal gave him immunity against future criminal prosecution despite on-going criminal investigations. She refused to accept Hunter Biden's plea and forced him to plead Not Guilty. Posey asked that we pray for her discernment. He said that Judge Noreika is his candidate for Patriot of the Century because this is the first time to legally penetrate the Deep State and reveal what they have been doing for a long time.

At our next meeting, on September 6, our speaker will be **Esther Byrd**, a member of the Florida Board of Education, the wife of **Florida Secretary of State Cord Byrd**, and 3rd Vice President of the Florida Federation of Republican Women. Reservations can be made at: www.brevardfederatedrepublicanwomen.org.



MAYFIELD MINUTE
By Florida State Senator
Debbie Mayfield

Florida Lieutenant Governor Jeanette Nunez announced the new state budget allocates more than \$65 million for Alzheimer’s and dementia care and

research, an increase of \$12.5 million over last year. “That’s something we are very proud of,” she said. “We put our money where our mouth is and we understand we need to be forward-thinking and making sure we’re funding this in a way that’s appropriate.”

Florida ranks first in the country for funding for Alzheimer’s and dementia. An estimated 580,000 people aged 65 and older in Florida are living with Alzheimer’s disease or dementia. Approximately 827,000 Floridians are serving as family caregivers for those afflicted.

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Governor Ron DeSantis announced a \$400 million early pay down of Florida debt, saving taxpayers in the state nearly \$34 million. The early debt payments are part of his Debt Reduction program, and Framework for Freedom budget. The program reduces state debt by accelerating the payoff of bonds prior to maturity, avoiding subsequent interest costs.

Since DeSantis took office, nearly \$5 billion in state debt has been paid down, while the national debt has increased by more than \$10 trillion. “While Washington has governed irresponsibly and ballooned the national debt,” he said, “the Free State of Florida is providing a blueprint for fiscal responsibility. We put Floridians front and center in every decision we make and are proud to continue saving them money through smart fiscal policy.”

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Beginning November 2, Breeze Airways will provide service between Vero Beach and Providence, Rhode Island on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays – an additional destination to Breeze Airways existing flights between Vero Beach, Hartford, Connecticut and White Plains, New York.

“This is great for the city and offers more opportunities for people to come down, especially those looking to avoid Logan International Airport in Boston,” said Bob McCabe, chair of the Vero Beach Chamber of Commerce.

According to the airline, from February 2023 through June 2023, Breeze Airways has flown nearly 30,000 passengers in and out of Vero Beach on 151 flights.

Last year, “Travel and Leisure” magazine readers ranked Breeze number 2 in its reader survey of the Top 10 Best Domestic Airlines.

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Melbourne Main Street Board Member **Corey Runte** and Melbourne Mayor **Paul Alfrey** have received prestigious

awards from Florida’s Secretary of State Cord Byrd during his annual recognition event of Florida’s Main Street organizations.

Alfrey received one of three Local Leader of the Year awards for his dedication to downtown Melbourne, support of key economic development programs, and his leadership on public safety issues.

Runte was named Board Member of the Year in recognition of his more than 12 years of outstanding service to Melbourne Main Street. The organization also received the “Telling Your Story” Award for their rebranding campaign, which included creation of a new logo and visual identity, development of a comprehensive new website, and the production of new promotional materials and street-pole banners.

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--Florida is celebrating one year of the state’s Coordinated Opioid Recovery Network (CORE) helping to break the cycle of addiction. Governor Ron DeSantis said CORE is “pioneering the future of recovery in America. While Biden’s Border Crisis exacerbates the deadly influx of Fentanyl and leftist states stock vending machines with drug paraphernalia, Florida refuses to sit idly by as these deadly drugs ruin and take lives.”

CORE Network focuses on essential addiction treatment rather than enabling, and from 2021 to 2022, more than 300 lives were saved in Florida – the highest decrease among all states in the U.S.

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Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Service Wilton Simpson and **Brevard County Sheriff Wayne Ivey** held a joint press conference in Titusville to stress the important role of parents and caregivers in preventing vehicular heatstroke fatalities. Florida currently leads the nation in these tragedies.

Simpson said every fuel pump across the state will have a new inspection sticker reiterating the critical message to NEVER LEAVE CHILDREN OR PETS IN A HOT VEHICLE.” Ivey added, “This is an education and awareness campaign to remind parents and pet owners that...in a split second, something could go wrong.”

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The Melbourne Police Department’s Traffic Enforcement Unit is conducting an education and enforcement campaign called “Operation Back-to-School” to reduce accidents and increase safety at school bus stops and within active school zones in the city. It will run through September 14.

Traffic officers in unmarked vehicles are being assigned to school bus stop locations that have received safety complaints, and officers on motorcycles will be deployed to active school zones to watch for safety violations, such as drivers using a mobile device while in that area.

To prevent school traffic accidents, the police department recommends that motorists come to a complete stop and check for pedestrians, bicyclists and vehicles before turning; that pedestrians always cross at marked crosswalks and look both ways; and that bicyclists always ride with the traffic, use proper hand signals, and obey all safety and road signs. A rider or passenger under age 16 must wear a bicycle helmet.

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The 74th Space Coast Honor Flight (SCHF) to Washington, D.C., is scheduled to take off September 9. Its mission is to take World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam Veterans to visit their War Memorials in our nation's Capital. This is a unique opportunity to show gratitude to the heroes who made it possible for us to enjoy the freedoms we have every day.

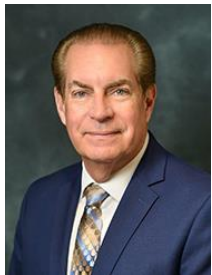
SCHF has openings for Guardians, volunteers, new donors, and remaining seats for Veterans still interested in the Honor Flights taking place throughout the remainder of 2023.

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Brevard County led the state, country, and most of the world with 50,000 sea turtle nests in 2022. According to the Sea Turtle Preservation Society, 2023 is shaping up to be a record year, with Green Sea Turtle nesting surpassing loggerheads.

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After downgrading the nation's credit rating from AAA to AA+, Fitch Rating affirmed Florida's AAA credit rating, the highest rating available. Florida has maintained the highest rating category by the three major credit rating agencies for five consecutive years.



AN UPDATE FROM MY OFFICE
By Florida State Senator Tom Wright

I have been hard at work this summer attending various events across District 8 and preparing for the upcoming Committee Weeks starting in October. It is always a joy to spend time across

District 8 and with all of the incredible people that call it home.

As we bid adieu to summer vacation, our thoughts turn to the promising minds that fill our classrooms. To the students, parents, and educators of Volusia and Brevard County, I wish you a successful and enriching academic year. My office remains committed to supporting initiatives that enhance our education system, ensuring that our young leaders receive the tools they need to thrive.

August witnessed a series of significant check presentations, symbolizing the fulfillment of state funding for various projects. These funds, secured during the 2023 Legislative Session, are a testament to our dedication to fostering growth and prosperity within our counties. From infrastructure improvements to education enhancements, these projects exemplify our ongoing efforts to invest in the wellbeing of our communities. For instance, I am extremely proud that on

August 1, I was able to present Brevard Adult and Community Education with a \$3,800,000 state appropriation that will help fund a state-of-the-art CDL Training Facility. This program will allow Brevard residents to build the skills necessary to have a fulfilling career in an industry struggling to find qualified candidates.

Another great event to mention was when I had the opportunity to join our Lieutenant Governor Jeanette Núñez and many other leaders from Brevard County for the announcement of Amazon's Project Kuiper39 Satellite Processing Facility at the Kennedy Space Center. This facility will serve as a hub for cutting-edge satellite technology, driving advancements in communication, research, and exploration. Amazon is investing \$120,000,000 in construction and bringing more high paying technical jobs to Brevard County. The collaboration between Project Kuiper and our region showcases our enduring commitment to remaining at the forefront of space innovation.

As Chair of the Brevard Legislative Delegation this year, I have begun the process of planning the next Delegation meeting for later this year. Please keep a lookout on my social media and other news platforms for the forthcoming dates and for how you can come out and have your voice and concerns heard.

As always, my team and I are eager to hear your thoughts, concerns, and ideas. Your input remains invaluable as we work together to shape the future of our counties. Whether you have questions about ongoing legislation, suggestions for community initiatives, or simply wish to engage in meaningful conversation, please do not hesitate to reach out at 386-304-7630 or by email at wright.tom@flsenate.gov. Your voice is essential in guiding our endeavors and 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 we thought of China as a competitor instead of an adversary? Actions speak louder than words as we have always heard. Let's discuss what we have learned in the past couple of

years. China has built islands in the middle of the South China Sea which now are military bases. They allege the South China Sea is within their territorial limits. China has military facilities in Cuba and Venezuela. They control the Panama Canal. They control both ends of the canal. They facilitate the ability of the drug cartels to sneak fentanyl into our country knowingly. They have established secret police stations in the United States. They have strategically placed students in our universities. They continue to steal our country's intellectual property. They have purchased land close to secure military facilities. They have flown intelligence balloons across our country gathering information locating our missile silos.

They spied on Democrat Senator Diane Feinstein over 20 years as her chauffeur was a Chinese spy. California Democrat U.S. Representative Eric Swalwell had at least a 2-year relationship with a Chinese spy who fled the U.S. once she was uncovered. China is aligned with North Korea, Russia, Iran and now is courting Saudi Arabia. They are attempting to replace the U.S. dollar as the world currency. They control almost all of our pharmaceuticals. They control almost all of our rare earth requirements. They continue their cyber- attacks against our industrial and governmental agencies. They refuse to assist in determining the origin and cause of the China Virus. They continue to advance their intent to have Taiwan be joined to China. Taiwan is almost the sole provider of our high- tech electronic chips. They have spies that continue to cross our southern border illegally. Does this sound like a competitor?

What has the Biden administration done in response to China's activities? Well, the "green new deal" requires most of the materials be purchased from China. We have seen many of the manufactured products made in China. The materials for batteries required for electronic vehicles come from China. We can thank John Kerry, our climate Czar, for this. We are making China rich. We reduced tariffs. China controls the World Health Organization, and we increased our contribution to \$429 million from \$42 million. Trump reduced the contribution to match what China contributed which was \$42 million. You might ask "Why would an administration allow all these inequities?". If we stay up with the news, we can answer that by asking "How much money would it take to allow this level of corruption?". Tens of millions of dollars go a long way into explaining the Biden administration's tolerance of China's actions. Might we consider China an adversary or an enemy?

To detract our attention from the Biden/China issues, the corrupt DOJ, FBI, media, and Trump haters focus on their attempt to take him down with false indictments. China would be happy to continue with the Biden administration. This administration is totally compromised by China in my opinion. Now the U.S. has been financially downgraded. How much more can this country take with a Democrat and Biden agenda?

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And remember when we had Reaganomics? We now have Bidenomics. What is that? It is defined by 40 year high inflation, growing credit card debt, record drops in labor productivity, barely any economic growth, rising interest rates, low labor force participation, onerous regulation, falling real incomes, and runaway government spending, borrowing, and printing money.

Do any American citizens really believe this is a great performance by this administration and the Democrat Party? Of course, the media continues to defend the administration's failures. There are those who actually believe that everything is great. How do we feel about this Marxist administration's social initiatives? We have ESG, CRT and DEI imposed on

us. Each one of these initiatives would require a book to explain every area in our society that has been affected negatively.

The Marxists are influencing our entire culture to reflect changes in our country in an attempt to change this country to adopt their ideology. If successful, this country ceases to exist as we know it. We will have a digital currency program imposed on us that will allow the government to know when and what we purchase in real time. Hopefully, the republicans can stop this before it is implemented. We have attacks on gas stoves, air conditioners and refrigerators. We have mandates in many states that will end the ability to purchase automobiles that run on gasoline. Government is more intrusive than at any time in our history.

The 2024 election is coming closer. Do we really think Joe Biden will be the Democrat candidate? I do believe Donald Trump will be the republican nominee. We need him now more than ever. Can any American citizen in good conscience vote for ANY democrat? If so, it speaks volumes about one's understanding of the conditions in our country. How can anyone not support an America First agenda, especially now.? Can we allow a corrupt DOJ, FBI and White House to derail another election? If so, we will cease to continue as a Constitutional Republic. America First MAGA conservatives can save this country.

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The Trump documents case, according to our Constitution, should have been heard by a Florida Grand Jury. The corrupt DOJ had the case heard in Wash DC in violation of Trump's Constitutional rights because they knew they could obtain an indictment against Donald Trump.

It would be difficult for Attorney Jack Smith (slimeball) to obtain an indictment with a Florida Grand Jury which was the proper venue in the first place because Trump would be judged by his peers. Washington D.C. is 95 percent Democrat. No Republican or Trump supporter can avoid criminal charges if the case is brought before a Washington grand jury. If you looked at all the attorneys involved in persecuting/prosecuting Trump, one would see how incestuous these relationships are. They have been working together for many years and that includes the FBI, DOJ and Liberal law firms in D.C.

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How much political persecution will Americans tolerate when it comes to the "Deep State's" attacks on Donald Trump? Jack Smith is now attempting to seize Trump's campaign funds. Let's see. This corrupt White House is using a corrupt DOJ and FBI to go after Trump and any supporter or attorney defending him. This is right out of the Marxist play book. Ironically, this administration has just condemned Russia for arresting and imprisoning a challenger to Putin.

This is exactly what this country is doing to Trump. Any American has to understand that our DOJ and FBI totally

disregard our constitutional protections when attacking Trump. This DOJ goes after any attorney that defends him. They are threatened with loss of license, loss of future positions in the government or positions within large law firms.

Ask yourself “why is this occurring?”. Because, Trump is a threat to alter the Marxist’s, foreign interests, lobbyists, globalists, social media, media, political elites, deep state, Democrats and Republican’s ability to continue making money at the expense of the American taxpayer. He threatens their hold on power. You may wonder with all this opposition, how can Trump win an election. Because, he has an America First agenda which is supported by the majority of American Patriots.

Are Democrats proud of their party’s ideology that is thrust upon Americans? The Democrat leadership and the Biden White House have been active in their attempt to transform our country. Let’s review some of these actions:

They believe in abortion on demand up to the ninth month. They support trans men’s ability to compete in women’s sports and use the same dressing room and showers. They support drag queen shows with young children. They support drag shows for youth on military installations. They support sexualization of our youth to include pornographic material in elementary school libraries. They support a child’s ability to change their sex. Of course, they believe there are more sexes than women or men. They believe schools should be responsible to assist our youth with sex transition without parental knowledge. It’s no wonder our youth are not performing well academically when compared to other countries. Indoctrination instead of education. If they can alter the ideology of our youth, they will be supportive of these disgusting ideologies when they become adults.

THIS AND THAT



BOTTOMLESS PINOCCHIOS. Too late to include in last month’s newsletter, President Joe Biden made a boast speaking in West Columbia, South Carolina, that was so outrageous, the liberal “Washington Post” gave him “Bottomless Pinocchios.” Speaking on the “success of his administration’s economic policies,” Biden claimed he had reduced the federal government’s budget deficit by \$1.7 trillion since taking office in January 2021. But the newspaper’s liberal chief fact-checker said that in those two years, Biden actually increased the national debt about \$850 billion more than originally projected. So while the U.S. economy is struggling, the President claims it is “strong as Hell.” He opened the border, creating a national security and humanitarian crisis, but claims “the border is fine.” Despite

even liberal news outlets calling out the administration, Biden and his staff continue to push dishonest claims. No spinning of the facts makes Biden’s claims real.

JANUARY 6 COMMITTEE. “Watchdog News” reports that former **President Donald Trump**, on his Truth Social platform, accused the committee investigating the January 6 protest at the U.S. Capitol of illicitly destroying their documents and records, sending shockwaves through the political landscape. He demanded that the “fake political indictment” be immediately withdrawn, citing the system as “rigged and corrupt.” A letter that had been sent to the committee chairman had emphasized that all records collected and transcripts of testimony taken during the investigation must be preserved in accordance with House Rule VII.. The letter stressed that these records do not belong to any individual member, but to the American people, who are entitled to all the information gathered, not just the data that aligns with a particular political agenda. Trump was charged with four counts in the case: conspiracy to defraud the U.S., conspiracy to obstruct an official proceeding, obstruction of and attempt to obstruct an official proceeding, and conspiracy against rights. These charges have been criticized as a rehash of the J-6 Committee’s allegations, free speech violations by the Department of Justice, and baseless assumptions.

POSEY RECEIVES CPAC AWARDS.

For two consecutive years – 2021 and 2022 – the Conservative Political Action Committee (CPAC) presented **Florida Congressman Bill Posey** with the Legislative and Gold Standard Award for Conservative Excellence. Posey, joined by **CPAC Chairman Matt Schlapp**, poses here with both year’s plaques.



BREVARD COUNTY SHERIFF WAYNE IVEY.

Calling Brevard County, Florida “one of the safest places in the country to live, work, play, and raise a family.” **Brevard Sheriff Wayne Ivey** announced he will run for a fourth term in office in 2024. “By allowing me to serve as your Brevard County Sheriff,” he said in a social media video announcement to residents, “you have given me the

honor to work alongside the 1,700 amazing men and women of our agency who work hard each and every day to keep our community safe – men and women who have dedicated their lives to serving with pride, honor and professionalism.” Ivey said that in the 10-plus years he has been in office, the crime rate drastically dropped by 52 percent. “That’s an amazing accomplishment when you consider that our population has increased significantly,” he said, “and in Brevard County we have zero tolerance for crime.” The multi-pronged approach to lowering the crime rate, he said, involved developing a partnership with our citizens and actually solving crimes. He

said Brevard’s approach to Community Relations and Crime Prevention “earned the honor of being named the State of Florida’s Crime Prevention Unit of the Year by the state’s Crime Prevention Association. Ivey also noted that his budget “is considered to be one of the most transparent and fiscally sound budgets in the state. He noted that his office also assumed law enforcement responsibilities for Port Canaveral, district school security and animal services. Thanking everyone for their “amazing support,” Ivey concluded his video by stating “I would be honored if you would allow me to continue serving as your Sheriff.”

ANTI-PRONOUN MOVEMENT. Leftist lawmakers in the United States are pushing to remove pronouns from the U.S. Code. According to www.republicanpost.net, as transgender activism continues to exert influence in society and within the ranks of the U.S. government, a growing number of individuals are pushing to restrict the First Amendment rights of some Americans in order to protect the feelings of others. A poll by Redfield & Wilton Strategies indicates that 44 percent of respondents between the ages of 25 and 34 think it should be a crime to use the “wrong gender pronoun” to refer to an individual. That number was only slightly lower – 38 percent – among the 35-44 age group. The concept appears to be gaining traction on Capitol Hill, where a number of Democrat lawmakers are rallying behind such a bill. Democrat Representatives Summer Lee of Pennsylvania, Ayanna Pressley of Massachusetts, and Robert Garcia of California, are describing the current system as the perpetuation of an ongoing attack on LGBT Americans. According to Lee, her proposed legislation “will enshrine gender equality into the U.S. Code and send a clear message that we won’t be silenced by the right-wing politicians, judges, and media goons waging a full-on assault on women and queer folks.”

E.T. GO HOME; MIA CHLOE, YOU TOO. Mia Chloe, a young Australian TikToker visiting the United States, incurred the wrath of many patriotic Americans when she posted her annoyance on a video complaining about seeing “too many American flags” during her travels. “They are on houses, they are on cars, saw them on couch cushions...You’re the only country that I know that does this...Let’s pull back on this, okay? Let’s stay humble,” she said. As expected, quite a few folks shot back at Chloe, giving her a resounding lesson in American patriotism – with a healthy dose of defiance thrown in. After it became clear that Americans did not take kindly to the Australian’s action, she deactivated her TikTok page.

PEOPLE NOT WANTED IN NEVADA. Even though a Nevada personalized license plate was assigned to Adam Steelmon of Reno 19 years ago, the state’s Department of Motor Vehicles decided this year that his plate promoted a “defamatory” and possibly “racist” message to Californians and said it would be revoked. Steelmon challenged the ruling, and a Department of Motor Vehicles administrative judge ruled in his favor – so his license plate continues to say “GOBK2CA” (Go back to California).



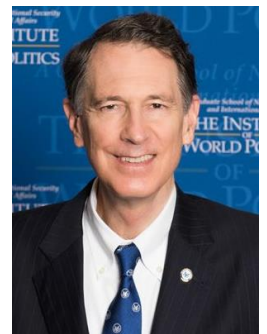
REMEMBERING OZZIE OSBAND. There probably are not too many people in Brevard County, Florida, who knew about the late Robert “Ozzie” Osband, or what his actions meant for county residents. Back in the 1990s, Brevard County shared the same telephone area code with Orlando – 407. It was space-launch aficionado Osband who went to the Florida Public

Service Commission meeting in Orlando in September 1998 to propose a novel idea – because of the Space Coast’s involvement with rocket launches, change the telephone area code to 321 – to mimic NASA’s countdown sequence. The PSC officials agreed to his request, and the new area code debuted in November 1999. Titusville resident Osband even requested and received for his cell phone the number 321-543-8633 (321-LIFTOFF). He spent decades greeting and educating thousands of Space Coast launch watchers, always wearing a green shirt because green meant “go”. He also was a volunteer at the American Space Museum, Cape Canaveral Space Force Museum and Sands Space History Center. Osband passed away on August 6 at age 72. The Space Coast Office of Tourism said, “Ozzie’s legacy will live on, and he will be missed.”



Addressing the Leadership Institute’s Wake-up Club Breakfast on August 2, **John Lenczowski**, the founder and chancellor of the Institute of World Politics (IWP) in Washington, D.C., an independent graduate school of national security, intelligence, and international affairs,

said his purpose for establishing it in 1990 was “to teach students to apply all the instruments of statecraft across the spectrum of conflict, but to remain grounded in American founding principles and rule of international law.” Formerly, he was director of European and Soviet Affairs at the U.S. National Security Council during the Reagan Administration. Two-thirds of the student body, he said, is composed of recent college graduates who are planning to pursue careers in national security, foreign policy or intelligence, and the rest are mid-career professionals in those fields who are seeking additional credentials. Lenczowski said that when he started the program, the topics taught were “severely undereducated” in other schools in the country. His intention was to get people to “see the world as it really is, with its disinformation and propaganda.” The curriculum includes the study of all the instruments of power and how they are integrated, Lenczowski said, including the arts of war, peacemaking and diplomacy; public diplomacy;



strategic influence and political action; economic strategy; intelligence and counterintelligence; cyber strategy; the exercise of intangible instruments of power such as moral leadership, will power, courage and rhetoric; and the integration of such elements into overall national strategy. He said IWP has special relationships with several U.S. government agencies and the U.S. Armed Forces, which send their personnel to the Institute for study, and it teaches the founding principles of America's political economy and Constitutional order, and how they distinguish a free republic from various forms of tyranny. Discussing how a relatively small number of IWP graduates can make a big difference today, he said "The answer is that one person can make a difference," and speaking of the late Soviet dissident and writer Alexander Solzhenitsyn, Lenczowski quoted him saying, "One word of truth outweighs the world." For additional information on the Institute of World Politics, visit the website: www.iwp.edu....In other Leadership Institute news, to help facilitate free speech and stand up for female



identity, former University of Kentucky swimmer **Riley Gaines** has launched a center in her name at the Leadership Institute. On her Twitter page, Gaines called the center a way to "cancel cancel culture" and said it will "put conservative speakers on college campuses, equip school boards with effective messaging, and inspire others to lead throughout their

communities by providing support, resources, and effective training." The Riley Gaines Center was established, she said, to "empower, train, and provide resources to students, athletes, parents, coaches, medical professionals, and other allies who want to help in the fight to defend women, freedom of speech, and women's sports.....And, more than 300 young



conservative leaders from throughout the United States gathered in Washington, D.C., last month to attend its largest-ever Youth Leadership School. During an intensive two-day training period – hearing from a number of top conservative speakers – they learned how to organize and effectively campaign on their respective college campuses and are now trained to win.

REPUBLICAN LIBERTY CAUCUS OF BREVARD. Dr, **Mark Rendell**, the newly-named Superintendent of Brevard Public Schools, told members of the Republican Liberty Caucus of Brevard on August 7 that when it comes



to preparing budgets for the next school year – including salaries and equipment purchase – he favors zero-based budgeting. That way, every new budget will start from scratch instead of adjusting previous ones. He also said there will be technical programs available in all Brevard County high schools. With years of experience both as a teacher and an administrator,

Rendell said he was both "honored and humbled" to serve in his new position. After being selected, he said, "I know the landscape in Brevard. I care about this district and want to do my part to make it the best district in Florida." Rendell also said he knew early in life that he wanted a career in education. He majored in political science at James Madison University and followed that with a master's degree from Nova Southeastern University and a doctorate from the University of Central Florida. Rendell began teaching in Brevard Public Schools in 1993 and also served as assistant principal and principal. In 2010, he became the principal at St. Lucie County Schools before serving as the assistant superintendent and deputy superintendent – coordinating transportation to the local community college so students could take college classes in addition to their high school curriculum. In 2015, he became superintendent of Indian River County School District. Then returning to Brevard County in 2019, he became the principal of Cocoa Beach Jr./Sr. High School. He also found time in his career to briefly teach at schools in Virginia and North Carolina. "One of the things that I would pride myself on," Rendell said, "is being able to open the door to educational opportunities to students from all walks of life and segments of our society"....In other Republican Liberty Caucus news, at the organization's national convention in Tennessee in July, **John Dennis** of California was elected the new chairman, and out-going long-time national chair **Matt Nye** of Florida was elected treasurer. The other new national officers are **Ben Beckhart** of Arizona as vice chair, and **Jessico Bowman** of Mississippi as secretary.



Speaking to the Heritage Isle Republican Club on August 3, **Brevard County State Committeewoman Kim**

Adkinson said that as part of the three person team representing Brevard County at the Republican Party of Florida (RPOF) - the others are **State Committeeman Mike Thomas** and **Chairman of the Brevard Republican Executive Committee (BREC) Rick Lacey**—their main purpose is to get



Republicans elected to political office. Prior to her election to her current position, Adkinson said she served as BREC's District 3 Chairwoman, and last year was awarded the plaque for "Republican of the Year." As the State Committeewoman, she said, "It is important to me that Republicans are perceived accurately. Brevard Republicans are fiscally conservative, care about voter integrity, are pro-life, want to reduce big government, proudly support our veterans, and protect our rights provided to us by the Constitution. Republicans also care about the health of our environment and the welfare of our children and families." As much as she enjoys serving in this capacity, Adkinson said, however, she will give it all up if she is successful in her latest endeavor – running in 2024 for the soon-to-be-vacant District 3 seat on the Brevard Board of County Commissioners. **Commissioner John Tobia** will be term-limited). "The needs of District 3 residents are diverse and complex," she said. "Our unique beaches must be protected for the sake of both turtles and tourism. It is vital to foster business development in appropriate locations to increase job opportunities, without infringing on the agricultural way of life or compromising the rural charm of our communities." Adkinson said she cares about all of Brevard County, not just the District she hopes to represent, and she supports efforts to improve the Indian River Lagoon. Regarding her upcoming campaign, she said her commitments are to respect taxpayers' dollars, ensure that all residents are heard, guide the county's growth conservatively, keep the needs of first responders in the forefront, and support and appreciate each community's unique needs. Adkinson added that she will "not respond to nasty comments about me." Noting that her passion for politics started at an early age, she said she served in the Junior High School Student Senate, and as Melbourne High School Junior and Senior Class President. Today, in addition to being an officer in BREC, Adkinson is a member of the Space Coast Republican Club, Mom's For Liberty, the Republican Women's Network of South Brevard, the Brevard Republican Club, and the Federated Republican Women in Action. Professionally, Adkinson is a senior agent with Bankers Life, licensed to discuss life and health insurance, annuities and long-term care with clients. For additional information, visit her website: www.kimadkinson.com.

RONALD REAGAN CLUB. Too late for last month's issue, journalist, educator and speaker **Alex Newman** told the Ronald Reagan Club meeting on July 24 that the diabolical Great Reset project from Hell being pushed by the World Economic Forum (WEF) by its leader, Klaus Schwab, is "a globalist assault on your liberty, your country, your family, and even your humanity." This is a state-managed, environmentalist, and corporate-aligned reconstruction of the world economy, and Newman said the "evil plan" must be fought back. He said that Schwab is going to use "crisis after crisis" to shape the future and change every aspect of our lives. Some of the more outrageous projects, Newman said, involve creating international vaccine



passports that will be needed for everything, including shopping, and even implanting credit card chips into people's hands. Setting the year 2030 as the completion deadline, the WEF predicts there will be eight objectives shaping the world. First on the list is that all products worldwide will be sold as services, with nothing being owned outright. The other objectives are: a set global price on carbon emissions; no more existence of a lone superpower; medical care will be home-based; everyone will eat less meat; Syrian refugees will become organizations' CEOs; western values will be tested; and we will be closer to landing on the planet Mars. Newman said other future aspects of the Great Reset are that currency will be digital, there will be a bank for international settlements, and vaccines and abortion will be used to reduce the world's population. Another example of a proposal to reshape civilization involved the religious agenda, Newman said, referring to a U.N. climate change summit discussion of a new listing of "The Ten Commandments," framed as "an addendum" to help bring about "Heaven on Earth," and explanations that "creation is not our possession," "we recognize human responsibility to love and protect nature", "creation is not simply external to God," "it is, in significant ways, permeated by God's presence and being," "we must care for each other and the planet," "we are responsible for the wellbeing of all life today," "a disciplined spiritual life is helpful in overcoming the challenges of climate change," "change our inner climate," and "compassion means suffering with others – to feel the pain of the earth." So how do we combat The Great Reset? Newman said we need to be involved in politics, help educate elected officials and get them involved, combat the indoctrination of school children, combat abortion, and press for the revival of churches in our country.

AUDACITY AND IDIOCY

This month's "winners":

--Fox News corporate leaders, for apparently ending the news channel's long-time support for right-leaning Republican causes, and now are matching donations from some employees to leftist organizations, including the Satanic Temple, Planned Parenthood, and the Southern Poverty Law Center – groups that Blaze Media says "despise" Fox's original core audience. Following publicity, Fox removed the Satanic Temple from its list, but still allowed a 100 percent donation to match employees' gifts to the other groups.

--M. Kaleo Manuel, the Deputy Director of Hawaii's Commission on Water Resource Management, for delaying for five hours an emergency request to allow West Maui stream water to be diverted to fill reservoirs for firefighting as the inferno devastating part of the island wiped entire towns off the map and killed many people. The fire exploded during the time frame in which no water was available. Manuel, an Obama Foundation Leader for the Asia Pacific Region, is a



climate change activist and DEI devotee who said, “We can share water, but it requires true conversations about equity.”

--Jaime Major, an assistant manager at a Union, South Carolina, Burger King, on allegations of serving patrons French fries that had been retrieved from a trash bin and placed in new containers. A restaurant spokesperson said this “does not align to the brand’s commitment to quality food and service” and it is cooperating with police.

--Vermont’s Windsor Central Supervisory Union, for immediately terminating long-time Woodstock Union High School snowboarding coach David Bloch, accusing him of violating the union’s harassment, hazing and bullying policy when he was overheard telling his team members that “there are biological differences between boys and girls. Alliance Defending Freedom – which is representing the coach -- says the school district is guilty of viewpoint and religious discrimination.

--Police and city officials in liberal Moscow, Idaho, for arresting Christ Church Deacon Gabriel Rench and church members Sean and Rachel Bohnet in September 2020 “for violating COVID pandemic masking and social distancing orders and resisting arrest” when they participated in an outdoor “Psalm-sing” protest in front of City Hall. But after a judge dismissed those charges, they filed a civil lawsuit against the city, arguing their First Amendment rights had been violated. After another judge rejected a request to dismiss the suit, it was determined that the city will have to pay them a combined \$300,000 for the incident.

--The Oregon Health & Science University, for telling long-time patient Marlene Barbera – who suffers from breast cancer and was scheduled to receive a double mastectomy procedure – that she can no longer receive any treatment at any of its facilities, because she expressed “disrespectful and hurtful remarks about our LGBTQ community and staff” to her doctor regarding a transgender flag hanging in a facility’s reception area.

--Boston Red Sox General Manager Brian O’Halloran, for releasing pitcher Matt Dermody – who had been called up from the minor leagues in the middle of Pride Month – for a tweet he sent out in 2021, saying that “homosexuals will not inherit the kingdom of God and will go to hell. May we all examine our hearts, ask Jesus to forgive us and repent of all our sins. I love you all in Christ Jesus!” O’Halloran added, “We’re proud of our history celebrating Pride Night and standing next to the LGBTQ+ community. We’re sorry that a roster decision that we made caused harm to that community. We regret that it hurt people in the community, it hurt our fans, it hurt people that work in the organization.” How well or not that Dermody pitched wasn’t a factor.

--The Massachusetts Department of Children and Families, for rejecting the foster parent application of Michael and Catherine Burke, for their strict adherence to the Roman Catholic faith, which follows traditional views on gender and marriage. The couple is suing state officials for its “woke

policy,” which requires foster parents to agree to “affirming” treatment of a hypothetical transgender child, and the department claimed they wouldn’t be “affirming” IF a child in their care turned out to be transgender.



YOU CAN’T MAKE THIS UP

--While President Joe Biden continues to dodge questions about his son, Hunter; foreign bribes and government cover-ups, the “New York Post Editorial Board says it is “long past time” for him to answer tough questions. Americans are demanding answers on a series of scandalous revelations, the board said, and if the media continues to fail to ask questions, this is “journalistic malpractice.”

--En route to another vacation stop on August 21, Biden finally made a quick stop in Maui and delivered brief, bumbling remarks about comparing the devastating fires and massive deaths in Lahina to a kitchen fire in his Delaware home 19 years ago that a fire official at the time said was contained in 20 minutes. When the President did not make plans to visit Hawaii immediately after the devastation, many residents said they did not want him to come. And when asked about the massive death toll, his response was “no comment.” But he did pledge long-term government support for Lahina’s rebuilding effort.

--After Health Secretary Xavier Becerra recommended that people receive six COVID-19 shots a year, and the watchdog organization Functional Government Initiative (FGI) sued the Biden administration for failing to comply with timelines laid out in the law, the administration conceded that “there is no scientific evidence” to support the recommendation. A FGI spokesman said it is “tremendously irresponsible for the government’s chief health official to fire off tweets recommending the frequent injections.”

--Attending the Iowa State Fair in Des Moines, Arizonan **Kari Lake**, a potential Senate candidate, was invited to milk a cow. A large media crowd gathered to watch, and Lake took the opportunity to educate them on gender identity. “You know there’s only two genders, right? There’s only two genders, and they know that in Iowa,” she said. “I challenge “The New York Times” reporter and “The Washington Post” reporter to try and milk a cow, and then try to milk a bull, and see how that goes,” Lake added with a smile. No reporter apparently took her up on the offer.

--Long-time Washington Commanders radio host Don Geronimo has learned the hard way that today’s woke organizations have no toleration for jokes they do not find funny. Geronimo was fired from WBIG-FM and barred from the Commanders’ facility because when a female sports reporter walked past him, while on the air, he called out:” Hey, look, Barbie’s here. Hi, Barbie girl.” WUSA sports anchor Sharla McBride responded that she felt “incredibly insulted and embarrassed,” and has “never been disrespected in such a blatant manner while trying to do my job.” The radio station’s regional president, Aaron Hyland, said, “We take matters of

this nature very seriously, and this behavior does not align with our core values.”

--Democrat Rhode Island State Senator Joshua Miller was arrested after surveillance video showed him keying a car with an anti-Biden sticker on it. Pleading “no contest” to the charge, he was ordered to pay \$2,850 in restitution to the vehicle owner, and to donate another \$250 to the Rhode Island Community Food Bank.

--Disgracefully, when the U.S. women’s soccer team played (and defeated the women from Vietnam) during a match in New Zealand, only six of the eleven American players bothered to place their hands over their hearts and sing during the playing of “The Star Spangled Banner.” But when Vietnam’s national anthem, “Song of a Marching Army,” was played, all of those team members proudly joined in. The gestures were not missed by American fans, who hammered their own soccer team for their lack of response.

--Liberals were stunned when the Hamtramck, Michigan, City Council – in a city with 28,000 residents adjacent to Detroit – voted unanimously to prohibit the display of LGBT Pride flags on all municipal properties. They assumed the council had to be a group of anti-gay Republicans, but it turns out that the entire group is Muslim – the only U.S. locale where this is the case.

--Someone in Missouri posted a photo on social media of a house decked out in Trump campaign signs and banners, and asked the question: “What would you do if this was your next-door neighbor?” In response, the person who runs the Twitter account for the state’s Democrat Party, responded: “The roof is on fire. We don’t need no water. Let it burn,” but then deleted the tweet. Disturbed by that violent threat, Missouri Senator Josh Hawley wrote: “Here’s the Missouri Democrat Party advocating for a Trump supporter’s home to burn down. Sick. There’s no place for this kind of disgusting, violent rhetoric in Missouri.” And podcaster Todd Starnes said, “Folks, the level of vitriol in national politics is off the charts – and the main instigators happen to be Democrats. I’d normally tell the Democrats to do better. But I don’t think they can. It turns out their party is a basket of bitter, angry deplorables.”

--The Canadian organization Trillium Gift of Life Network of Ontario had the gall to contact Megan Harper to ask if she would be willing to donate the organs of her husband, Garnet Harper, while he was lying on his death bed. He died needing an urgent kidney to survive, and while there were several people ready, willing and able to donate one to him, he was denied treatment in Canada because he had not been vaccinated for Covid. “He wasn’t good enough to receive organs from them,” his widow said. “I can’t describe the feeling. It makes me sick to my stomach. I said I’m not going to be participating in this program as long as people like my husband are not eligible to receive organs that are from the Trillium Network.”

--After Anaheim, California, police found the body of 65-

year-old Sheryl Ferguson, who had been shot, in their home, they arrested her 72-year-old husband, Jeffrey Ferguson, on murder charges and booked him into an Orange County jail on \$1 million bail. Ferguson should have been familiar with the procedure, since his position in the county is as a Superior Court judge.

--Investigative journalist James O’Keefe reports that at a Best Buy store in Jacksonville, Florida, a manager explained that employees are permitted to display LGBT flags, but Christian crosses and Bibles are not “work appropriate.”

--The woke Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) has greatly upset high school girls and their parents in Green Bay, by determining that a transgender boy will be allowed to play on the girls’ baseball team this upcoming school year, despite numerous complaints regarding injuries and a shared locker room. The WIAA even told the students that if they have issues with the decision, they should seek counseling. During summer practices, the parents even said the girls received welts and bruises from the hard play of the transgender, and many of them are quitting the team because they are concerned for their safety. The district also said transgender students “have a legal right” to use the locker room “they gender identify with.”

--In 2020, while Washington, D.C. allowed Black Lives Matter protesters to riot, loot and cause damage all summer long, the city did arrest two pro-life advocates for the “crime” of writing “Black Pre-Born Lives Matter” with chalk on a city sidewalk. A video of the arrest showed Warner DePriest and Erica Caporaletti saying “This is our Constitutional right.” In partnership with Students for Life and the Frederick Douglass Foundation, they sued the city over a violation of their First Amendment rights and viewpoint discrimination. It took three years, but now a federal court has ruled unanimously that the city improperly arrested them.

EXPERTS’ EXCERPTS



Former State Department Official and current **Association of Mature American Citizens National Spokesman Robert Charles**, writing on Biden selling America’s oil reserve to China, on the AMAC website:

“One month after Trump became president, February 2017, crude oil stood at \$67.62 a barrel. By July 2020, after ramped up production and COVID, oil was \$24.21 a barrel. By April 2022, oil hit \$110.45 a barrel. Why? We thought we knew. Now we really know. The going-in theory was that Biden – preoccupied by climate change, sure renewables will replace oil and gas, and oblivious to China’s pollution – dramatically cut U.S. fossil fuels, radically raising U.S. prices. This was true. On and after January 20, 2021, Biden has issued punitive, increasingly restrictive executive orders, regulations, and expensive

legislation – passed by single-party government – intended to shut down big parts of the U.S. fossil fuel industry.... The Democrat idea, fueled by activists, is to mandate everything by fiat. The Soviets dealt this way, Chinese still do.... But the latest revelation should put a fork in this whole idea, and here it is. While many thought Biden was just about doing good, turns out he was happy to hurt Americans, to keep China happy. What? Yes, turns out that – as Biden clamped down on U.S. oil production, sending gas prices through the roof – he was secretly talking with China about selling oil directly from our Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR), which ironically was intended to protect us from adversaries, like China. Biden’s Energy Secretary apparently had secret meetings with China to assure the Communist Party that the price of U.S. oil and gas would not rise. They were allowed to buy it cheap from our SPR, to build their own strategic petroleum reserve (presumably to use in a war, for example with us). Biden secretly promised China cheap oil from our SPR, then gave it to them as part of the 180 million barrels released in November 2021, and again late 2022. And China – created a record SPR from it. If this is hard to believe, it should be. Why would any U.S. President – with Americans reeling from double oil and gas prices (especially older Americans), ironically from his own policies – raise prices higher? But Biden did. Although he released SPR oil just before election day 2022, dropping the price from \$110.45 to \$88.25 a barrel (a craven political act in itself), his pro-China policies – selling SPR oil cheap for their SPR – kept U.S. consumer prices abnormally high, well above 2020’s \$24.21 and 2017’s \$67.62. Selling our SPR to China? Who would do this? No one in their right mind, so far as a sensible reader can understand. Don’t all presidents put Americans first? It is over, but Biden’s judgment is ‘bottom of the barrel,’ his integrity absent, and motives – especially on China – plainly mixed. Bottom line: Trying to understand the web of Biden’s unfolding lies, untold stories, and acts of misdirection – is a fulltime job – especially on China. Just keep your tank full, and eyes open.”

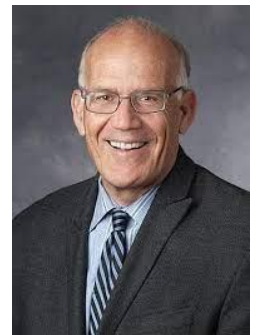


Dr. Marc Siegel, Fox News medical analyst and Clinical Professor of Medicine at New York University, writing on “We need a nursing home for our aging leaders – not a Capitol or White House,” in “The New York Post”:

“Since there are no requirements that congressmen or presidents abdicate their positions voluntarily, I believe plans should be made to support them. According to the Constitution, it would take a two-thirds vote of either house to remove a sitting lawmaker for disruptive behavior, so I don’t expect to see that any time soon. As for the president, let’s not use the dismissive term ‘gaffe’ to describe his periodic disorientation or massive mistakes about whether we have cured cancer or how many have died from COVID – but, no matter how much he shuffles or how many dangerous falls he takes while on blood thinners due to an irregular heart beat (atrial fibrillation), I don’t expect to see the 25th Amendment

invoked to remove him. Meanwhile, it’s just as disturbing to see Senator Dianne Feinstein’s unelected aide telling her what to say on the Senate floor or how to vote. And on the other side of the aisle, we painfully watch Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell absolutely freeze in the middle of a speech for almost a minute. I have never examined him either, but he has sustained recent falls, and I have to wonder what an MRI of his brain would show. And then there’s Senator John Fetterman, who certainly doesn’t inspire confidence with his casual dress or his incoherent speech. But the real question is how much he comprehends when he goes to cast a vote or sponsor a bill. We don’t know. But shouldn’t we? Don’t we, the American public, have a right to information about the fitness of our highest lawmakers or chief executive? Certainly, cognitive testing or MRIs of the brain will never be made a prerequisite to hold high office past a certain age, but this doesn’t change the truth that, to properly represent the people who elected you, you must at least be coherent.... Unfortunately, this lack of transparency about officials’ fitness for office is nothing new. Woodrow Wilson was hallucinating from the effects of the Spanish Flu when he met to sign the Treaty of Versailles, and Germany suffered more punishment at the hands of the British and the French as a result. Wilson later suffered a massive stroke while still in office, and the government was essentially run by his wife, though few outside his inner circle knew it. During FDR’s last term, he was suffering from massive blood pressure elevations and ultimately died of cerebral hemorrhage. Again, only his inner circle knew about his condition. This kind of secrecy has also extended to Congress, where Senator Strom Thurmond became very sick in his last year before he died at 100, and Senator Robert Byrd continued serving into his 90s, despite several hospitalizations.... We can all relate to the courage of a sick or aging leader who fights on, refusing to ‘go gentle into this good night.’ Yet that doesn’t mean they are the best people to be assessing their own fitness; just the opposite.... Perhaps a short stay in my proposed nursing home will help rejuvenate a failing senator or president, but better if they did us all a favor and just retired.”

Author **Victor Davis Hanson**, writing on “The Coup We Never Knew” at “The Daily Caller”:



” What happened to the U.S. border? Where did it go? Who erased it? Why and how did 5 million people enter our country illegally? Did Congress secretly repeal our immigration laws? Did Joe Biden issue an executive order allowing foreign nationals to walk across the border and reside in the United States as they pleased? Since when did borrowed money not have to be paid back? Who insisted that the more dollars the federal government printed, the more prosperity would follow? When did America embrace zero interest? Why do we believe \$30 trillion in debt is no big deal? When did clean-burning, cheap, and abundant natural gas become the equivalent of dirty coal? How did prized natural gas that had granted America’s wishes

of energy self-sufficiency, reduced pollution, and inexpensive electricity become almost overnight a pariah fuel whose extraction was a war against nature? Which lawmakers, which laws, which votes of the people declared natural gas development and pipelines near criminal? Was it not against federal law to swarm the homes of Supreme Court justices, to picket and to intimidate their households in efforts to affect their rulings? How then, and with impunity, did bullies surround the homes of Justices Brett Kavanaugh, Samuel Alito, Amy Coney Barrett, Neil Gorsuch, John Roberts, and Clarence Thomas—furious over a court decision on abortion?....How did we wake up one morning to new customs of impeaching a president over a phone call? Of the Speaker of the House tearing up the State of the Union address on national television? Of barring congressional members from serving on their assigned congressional committees? When did we assume the FBI had the right to subvert the campaign of a candidate it disliked? Was it suddenly legal for one presidential candidate to hire a foreign ex-spy to subvert the campaign of her rival? Was some state or federal law passed that allowed biological males to compete in female sports? Did Congress enact such a law? Did the Supreme Court guarantee that biological male students could shower in gym locker rooms with biological women? Were women ever asked to redefine the very sports they had championed?.... When did the nation abruptly decide that theft is not a crime, assault not a felony? How can thieves walk out with bags of stolen goods, without the wrath of angry shoppers, much less fear of the law? Was there ever a national debate about the terrified flight from Afghanistan? Who planned it and why? And today, the current administration (Biden) is blaming former President Trump for that disaster! What happened to the once-trusted FBI? Why almost overnight did its directors decide to mislead Congress, to deceive judges with concocted tales from fake dossiers and with doctored writs? Did Congress pass a law that our federal leaders in the FBI or CIA could lie under oath with impunity?.....We are beginning to wake up from a nightmare of a country we no longer recognize, and from a coup we neither knew about nor recognized.”



Columnist **Miranda Devine**, writing in the “New York Post” on “The real scoop on Bidenomics: corruption, tax evasion and Hunter”:

“Joe Biden has been trying in vain to mainstream a concept he calls ‘Bidenomics.’ The mystifying slogan appears to be an effort to turn around negative public perceptions of his economic agenda, since polls

show only one in three Americans approves of his handling of the economy. The problem is that nobody seems to have a clue what Bidenomics means. But the definition has become much clearer after the first son’s sweetheart plea deal fell apart in Delaware, two IRS whistleblowers testified to Congress about the DOJ’s obstruction of the criminal investigation into Hunter and Senator Chuck Grassley released an explosive FBI

document alleging that Joe and Hunter received \$10 million in bribes from a Ukrainian oligarch. So here is a handy reckoner for Americans to decipher the president’s new catchphrase....Bidenomics is when you earn at least \$1.3 million as an amateur first-time artist of dubious talent selling paintings to buyers who include a Democratic donor who your powerful father appointed to a prestigious government sinecure, the Commission for the Preservation of America’s Heritage Abroad....Bidenomics is when you send a menacing WhatsApp message to your Chinese business partners, informing them that you are “sitting here” with your powerful father, and then a few days later they send \$5.1 million to your bank accounts. Bidenomics is when you claim \$10,000 dues for a sex club on your tax returns as expenses for your “consulting” business. Bidenomics is when you pay a couple grand for dinner in a private room at Café Milano in Georgetown for your VP dad to meet your overseas business partners from Ukraine, Russia, and Kazakhstan, and they end up giving you millions of dollars....Bidenomics is when your out-of-control German shepherd attacks Secret Service personnel at least 10 times in three months, but you never have to pay for their medical bills or torn clothing, or even buy a muzzle for the dog. Bidenomics is when your son is paid \$83,333 a month by a corrupt Ukrainian oligarch, and you threaten to withhold \$1 billion in US aid unless the Ukrainian government fires the prosecutor who is investigating the oligarch for corruption....Bidenomics is when you secure your son a series of high-paying jobs from your campaign donors straight out of college and he uses his outsize earnings to pay off his own student loans as well as his brother’s. Bidenomics is when you earn a yearly salary of \$44,600 in 1975 as a senator but you can afford to buy a vast 10,000-square-foot DuPont mansion with ballroom, pool house, basketball court, and manicured grounds in the exclusive enclave of Greenville, Delaware. Bidenomics is when you luck into another real-estate windfall by selling your DuPont mansion two decades later for a pretty penny to one of your biggest donors, the vice chairman of MBNA, the Delaware credit-card giant....Bidenomics is when your vice-presidential chief of staff organizes a four-month ceremonial role at the United Nations for your sister that pays a cool \$26,000, after which your son’s business partner organizes two additional \$12,500-per-month ‘consulting’ contracts for her, one with the Biden Foundation and the other with the University of Delaware. Money for nothing and the chicks (not) for free, that’s Bidenomics. The only catch is that you have to be a Biden. As the president’s campaign for a second term heats up, you can bet you will hear a lot more about ‘Bidenomics.’ But now you know it is just the byword for corruption and cover-up that dwarfs Watergate and every other Washington scandal in recent memory.”



American Security Council Foundation Senior Analyst Laurence Sanford, writing on “China in the U.N.” for the ASCF publication “Peace Through Strength”:

“Much ado is made of China being the U.N.’s second largest contributor, after the United States, in U.N. funding. But like much of China’s ‘gray zone’ deception tactics in conjunction with favorable Marxist media coverage, it is second only in the Member Assessment category. In this category, the U.S. contributes \$3.2 billion, and China contributes \$1.8 billion. The complex formula for Member Assessments is based on gross national product, per capita income, and other criteria. But in Voluntary Contributions, the U.S. contributes \$9.2 billion, while China contributes only \$175 million. World Health Organization Director-General Tedros Adhanom is beholden to the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). He previously served in an Ethiopian Marxist government as Health Director and then as Foreign Minister when Ethiopia received millions of dollars in aid from China. Tedros became the Director-General of WHO primarily through the influence of China....A shameful display from the WHO demonstrating its subservience to the CCP occurred in 2020 when Taiwan was raising red flags about a mysterious disease in Wuhan. The World Health Assembly (WHA), the forum through which the World Health Organization is governed by its 194 member states, kept Taiwan at arm’s length and refused to allow Taiwan to participate in the global response to the Wuhan Virus (Covid-19). Tedros was also responsible for the WHO report that absolved China’s Wuhan Lab from spreading the Wuhan Virus. WHO followed the CCP line on the pandemic in stating that bats, not the Wuhan lab, were the source of the pandemic.... China provides more personnel for peacekeeping operations than any other permanent member of the Security Council. These contributions enable China to exert diplomatic and political influence globally...Led by Secretary General Fang Liu, the International Civil Aviation Organization advanced. Policies dictated by the CCP, including new air routes in violation of ICAO procedures. Liu also concealed for months a hack on its computers – believed to have been launched by a Chinese hacker group – and allowed the malware to spread throughout the airline industry. An independent investigation in 2017 would conclude that the malicious software used in the attack had been identified by ICAO antivirus software a year earlier, but the computers still had not been disinfected.... The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change is the U.N. body for assessing climate change science. It also is in the hip pocket of the CCP. The Epoch Times (July 26-August 1, 2023) reports that independent Environmental Progress found that solar panels made in China produce at least 3X more carbon emissions than the IPCC claims.... The International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) in 2016 estimated that there were about 250,000 metric tons of solar panel waste in the world at the end of that year. It projected that this amount could reach 78 million tons by 2050....How the CCP can get away with genocide against its Muslim Uighur citizens, and not get a peep from the outside Muslim world or condemnation in the U.N., is a good example of CCP influence. Meanwhile, just one person in Sweden burning a Quran generates worldwide Muslim outrage.... The United States needs to step up and exert its strengths in promoting the American creed of democracy, free markets, fair trade, and freedom of speech and religion. Stop

funding nations that side with China and America’s enemies. Reduce Voluntary Contributions to the U.N.”

Here is a second Sanford article, titled “Espionage in America”:

“The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) is waging espionage warfare against the United States. Computer hacking, human intelligence, elite capture, university enrollments and endowments, and technology purchases are some of the techniques used by the CCP in conducting espionage. Espionage is defined as the act of obtaining secret information. The person obtaining the information is called a spy. Computer hacking of government personnel databases, military secrets, and industrial technology is the primary mode of CCP espionage.... Two U.S. Navy sailors were recently arrested for allegedly spying for China ---Jinchao “Patrick” Wei, a 22-year petty officer 2nd class, and Petty Officer Wenheng Zhao. Wei was born in China and naturalized as a U.S. citizen in 2022. (Why was he allowed to enroll in the Navy when he was a citizen of China?) Both are accused of having passed along defense information for money. The Justice Department charged six Chinese citizens with working on behalf of the CCP, to recruit U.S. citizens to undermine the federal prosecution of Chinese technology company Huawei. Yanqing Ye, a lieutenant in the Chinese People’s Liberation Army (PLA), studied for two years at Boston University’s Department of Physics, Chemistry, and Biomedical Engineering. He allegedly sent documents and information pertaining to research and U.S. military websites to China. He is believed to be currently in China. Xu Yanjun, a CCP intelligence officer, was convicted of trying to steal GE aviation technology for making jet engine blades.... In 2018, the ‘China Initiative,’ a national security program, was created to address CCP espionage in universities and research institutions. Harvard professor Charles Lieber, chair of the Chemical and Chemical Biology department, was prosecuted for concealing his affiliation with the Wuhan University of Technology, concealing his association with the CCP Thousand Talent recruitment program, and filing false income tax returns. Harvard’s Lieber Research Group received over \$15 million in federal research grants from 2008 to 2018, while Lieber was receiving \$50,000 a month from Wuhan University plus \$1.5 million to establish a research lab at Wuhan. In other words, U.S. taxpayers were funding Harvard research that was then passed on to the CCP. Lieber did not report the CCP income on his tax forms and lied to federal authorities about his participation in the Thousand Talent program. He was found guilty and served two days in jail.....The CCP Thousand Talents Program has lured over 10,000 scientists from all over the world to work in China or to collaborate with China. Recruitment is principally, but not exclusively, from overseas Chinese communities. The lure is huge sums of money, love of the motherland, and sometimes family coercion. Over the past three decades, the Los Alamos nuclear laboratory in New Mexico has seen over 160 researchers return to China to help with nuclear and advanced weapons systems.... World domination is the CCP’s goal. Following the ancient Sun Tzu’s ‘Art of War’ theory of

winning wars without kinetic action through espionage and gray zone activities, the CCP is waging unrestricted warfare against the United States.”

THOUGHTS TO PONDER

“Justice and the rule of law are officially DEAD in America. A left-wing prosecutor – with such extreme anti-Trump bias that EVEN CNN questioned her legitimacy – has INDICTED me despite having committed NO CRIME. This marks the FOURTH ACT of Election Interference on behalf of the Democrats in an attempt to keep the White House under Crooked Joe’s control and JAIL his single greatest opponent of the 2024 election.... The left-wing prosecutor orchestrating this latest witch hunt for Crooked Joe was caught ‘intermix[ing] her political fortunes with this case.’ Her bias was so terrible that she had to be REMOVED from one part of the case because of a “political conflict of interest” of her own creation. but it’s not just the prosecutor...The FOREPERSON of the GRAND JURY broke a veil of secrecy by going on a media tour with the Fake News, GIGGLING on TV about the idea of serving me with a subpoena and unjustly robbing me of my liberty.... Our once free Republic, where citizens were presumed innocent until proven guilty, is gone. In its place is a Marxist Third World dictatorship led by an incompetent yet crooked tyrant who tries to place your fate in the hands of vengeful and corrupt prosecutors.

--**Former President Donald Trump**, reacting to his fourth indictment this year, one in which a Georgia Grand Jury also indicted 18 other persons, all Trump supporters

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“Each and every week House Republicans have been exposing corruption, bias and a seemingly double standard that characterizes the Washington Swamp. Through the more than 565 House hearings, 862 oversight letters and 45 subpoenas we have uncovered a mountain of scandal that was left undiscovered under the leadership of the last Congress. Sadly, much of our effort has been met with stonewalling, obfuscation, delay and deflection but that has only made us more determined to dig deeper. Where there is smoke there is usually fire. It’s little surprise that the mainstream media has to a large extent relegated the scandals we have uncovered to a footnote, called our findings conspiracies, or simply ignored the discovery.... The good news is that increasingly Americans are able to go right to the source and draw their own conclusions without relying on the ‘experts’ to interpret and filter what you are allowed to view. It’s also a reminder of how important it is to stop censorship by government and social media.”

--**Florida Congressman Bill Posey**, in a note to his constituents

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“President Trump was indicted on August 1 by a federal grand jury in Washington, D.C., his campaign announced. The indictments surround his alleged efforts to overturn the results of the 2020 presidential election, according to the indictment. ‘Prosecutorial misconduct,’ said Trump spokesperson Liz

Harrington. The Deep State is terrified that Trump could win reelection and they will stop at nothing to prevent him from stepping foot inside the Oval Office. We are living in very dangerous times in this nation — where a two-tier justice system protects Democrats and punishes their enemies. The Trump campaign released a scathing statement condemning what they called the ‘latest corrupt chapter in the continued pathetic attempt by the Biden Crime Family and their weaponized Department of Justice to interfere with the 2024 presidential election, in which President Trump is the undisputed frontrunner, and leading by substantial margins. These un-American witch hunts will fail and President Trump will be re-elected to the White House so he can save our Country from the abuse, incompetence, and corruption that is running through the veins of our Country at levels never seen before,” the campaign said.”

--Conservative columnist **Todd Starnes**, on the Trump campaign reaction to the Justice Department indictment

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“The Democrat Party is waging a passive revolution to transform America, where they take over the institutions of government, they take over the institutions of the culture and they impose their will. You see what’s going on. You see we’re unraveling. The Democrat Party is destroying our schools, it’s destroying parental rights, it’s destroying the nuclear family, it’s destroying people of faith. It’s gone after the Catholic Church. The Democrat Party is promoting censorship in all of its departments and agencies. It’s destroying our traditions. We now have a government that’s banning household products from light bulbs to automobiles in order to control your life. We have a government that is destroying your lifestyle; driving up the cost of energy. It’s going to get worse before it gets better. Trump’s indictment proves the Democrats aligned against him will use any tool they can. They don’t care about free speech. They don’t care about the Bill of Rights. They don’t care about attorney-client privilege. This is a Democrat Party that is power-hungry, and they see an opportunity right now to monopolize the government and politics forevermore.”

--Political commentator and author **Mark Levin**, speaking on Fox News about the Democrats

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“Former Capitol Police Chief Steven Sund told Tucker Carlson in a controversial interview that ‘everything appears to be a cover-up’ as it pertains to the January 6, 2021, protests at the U.S. Capitol. Although Fox News kept that interview under wraps, the National Pulse has begun releasing segments wherein Sund provides critical insights into an event that has been used to great effect by Democrats and other forces antipathetic to former President Donald Trump. Sund, a police officer for over 30 years, had been head of the U.S. Capitol Police from 2019 through the protests, but resigned January 7 amid claims by then-House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and others that ‘there was a failure of leadership at the top.’... In February 2021, Sund penned a letter to Pelosi and other congressional leaders, noting, ‘Perfect hindsight does not change the fact that nothing in our collective experience or our intelligence –

including intelligence provided by FBI, Secret Service, Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and D.C. Metropolitan Police (MPD) – indicated that a well-coordinated, armed assault on the Capitol might occur on January 6." Sund further noted that during a meeting with 'dozen of the top law enforcement and military officials from D.C., including the FBI, U.S. Secret Service and the National Guard,' no entity 'provided any intelligence indicating that there would be a coordinated attack on the United States Capitol. The entire intelligence community seems to have missed this,' he wrote. Sund also intimated that the Capitol Police has been set up to fail."

--"The Blaze" writer **Joseph Mackinnon**, on what happened at the Capitol on January 6

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"Being a precinct committeeman or woman allows you to play an active role in endorsing candidates for elections. The Republican Party is vital in identifying and supporting candidates who align with our values and principles. By becoming involved in the endorsement process, you can contribute to selecting candidates who will uphold conservative ideals and work towards the betterment of our community....One of the most rewarding aspects of being a precinct committeeman or woman is the opportunity to build a community of like-minded individuals. By actively participating in party activities, you can foster lifelong relationships with fellow conservatives who share your values and passion for liberty. These connections extend beyond political discussions, becoming a network of support and friendship that strengthens your personal and professional endeavors. In preparation for the upcoming 2024 elections, it is paramount that we build a strong team. We need committed individuals willing to step forward, make a difference, and ensure that conservative principles are well-represented."

--**Brevard County Precinct 219 Committeeman Josiah Gattle**, on building a strong Republican community

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"White House National Security Council spokesperson John Kirby was asked by a member of the press why the 'new DOD (Department of Defense) policy on abortion [is] critical to military readiness.' His answer: It is the government's 'foundational sacred obligation' to kill America's children in abortion....Kirby noted that one in five service members are 'female,' and that there are also the military wives and daughters whose 'sacred' abortions the Biden administration wants to help pay for....In other words, the Biden administration believes female service members need and are owed the opportunity to kill their preborn children in order to serve. It is precisely because they have volunteered to serve in the military that Kirby thinks the military is obliged 'to allow the slaughtering of their children.' Moreover, the Biden administration believes that abortion is vital for female service members to fulfill their 'volunteered' obligation to serve in the military."

--"**Live Action News**" Assistant Editor **Nancy Flanders**, on U.S. military response to pregnancy

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"Damage to the heart is more common than thought after receipt of Moderna's COVID-19 booster, a new study indicates. One in 35 health care workers at a Swiss hospital had signs of heart injury associated with the vaccine, mRNA-1273, researchers found. "mRNA-1273 booster vaccination-associated elevation of markers of myocardial injury occurred in about one out of 35 persons (2.8%), a greater incidence than estimated in meta-analyses of hospitalized cases with myocarditis (estimated incidence 0.0035%) after the second vaccination," the researchers wrote in the paper, published by the European Journal of Heart Failure....The long-term implications of the study remain unclear as little research has tracked people over time with heart injury after messenger RNA vaccination, which is known to cause myocarditis and other forms of heart damage....None of the patients experienced a major adverse cardiac event, such as heart failure, within 30 days of booster vaccination, and none had electrocardiogram changes. The people with elevated levels were advised to avoid strenuous exercise, which may have mitigated more serious problems, the researchers said."

--"**The Epoch Times**" reporter **Zachary Stieber**, on a COVID vaccine study in Switzerland

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"If kids knew what they wanted to be at age eight, the world would be filled with cowboys and princesses. I wanted to be a pirate. Thank goodness nobody took me seriously and scheduled me for eye removal and peg-leg surgery."

--Comedian **Bill Maher**, on attitudes toward transgender surgery for children

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"In particular, we will discuss the work that we will do together to strengthen our space cooperation. What that means, in terms of your leadership and your vision for the future, and certainly, strengthening our space cooperation would be a part of that agenda – including, of course, using our space cooperation to think about how we strengthen the economic prosperity and development of our nations."

--Vice President Kamala Harris, in a "word salad" about her upcoming meeting with the Mongolian Prime Minister

UPCOMING BREVARD COUNTY EVENTS

- September 1: Federated Republican Women in Action meeting, MeMaw's BBQ, Palm Bay, 11:15 am.
- September 5: Moms For Liberty meeting, Pizza Gallery, Viera, 6:30 pm.
- September 6: Brevard Federated Republican Women meeting, Space Coast Convention Center, Cocoa, 11 am.
- September 7: Heritage Isle Republican Club meeting, Heritage Isle Clubhouse, Viera, 10 am.
- September 11: Space Coast Patriots meeting, Merritt Island Library, 6 pm.

- September 14: Brevard Republican Executive Committee meeting, Space Coast Association of Realtors Building, Melbourne, 7 pm.
 - September 19: North Brevard Republican Club meeting, American Police Hall of Fame, Titusville, 6 pm.
 - September 21: Republican Women’s Network of South Brevard meeting, Beachside Hilton, Hwy AIA, 11:30 am.
 - September 21: Space Coast Young Republicans meeting, Pub Americana, Melbourne, 6:30 pm.
 - September 23: Space Coast Republican Club meeting, Red Lobster, Merritt Island, 11:30 am.
 - September 24: Republican Liberty Caucus of Brevard Constitution Day Dinner, Hilton Rialto, Melbourne, 7 pm.
 - September 25: Ronald Reagan Club meeting, Frogbones Double Tapp Grill, Melbourne, 6 pm.
 - September 30: Truth Fest meeting, Destiny Church, Merritt Island, 7 pm.
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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

Leave it to the satirical “Babylon Bee” to solve strange mysteries. After a cocaine-like substance was discovered at a federal court, the Secret Service detail charged with protecting President Biden’s son Hunter, said the bag found on his courtroom chair definitely did not belong to him and probably was left by “a tour group or something.” Hunter, who was in the court to plead not guilty to tax evasion charges, said, “I don’t do drugs,” before excusing himself to use the restroom for the fifth time that morning. The Secret Service agent who performed a preliminary investigation said the powder-like substance “came from somewhere, but we’ll probably never know who left it, so don’t bother.” Later, a blow-like substance had left a trail leading directly from the courthouse to Hunter’s home, and the Secret Service posited that it “probably was planted by the Russians.”

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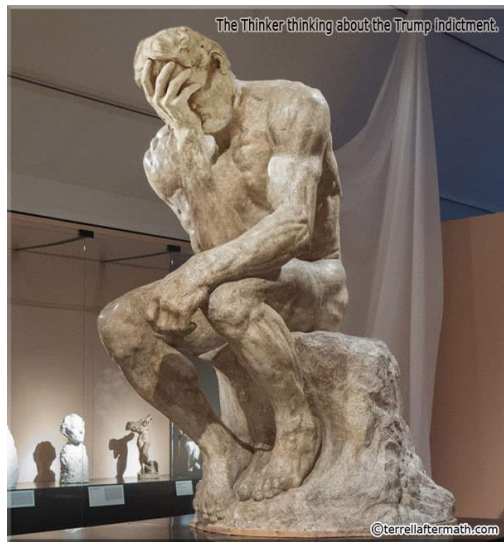
Now that Twitter owner Elon Musk has replaced the bird with the letter X as Twitter’s symbol, and placed a giant, illuminated “X” sign above the headquarters building in San Francisco, the “Bee” reports that it is the city’s mayor who is demanding its removal. Why? Because London Breed says, “The sign makes public defecation far too stressful. Our citizens have the right to feel totally at ease when they are dropping their pants. That infernal “X” sign is causing them too much stress to have the peaceful public pooping experience they deserve.”

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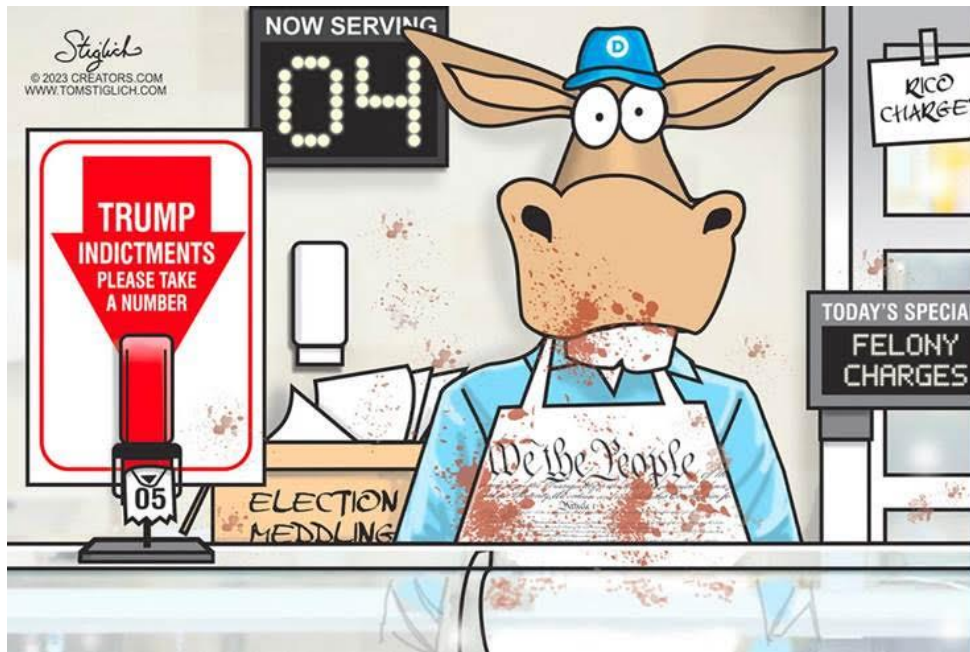
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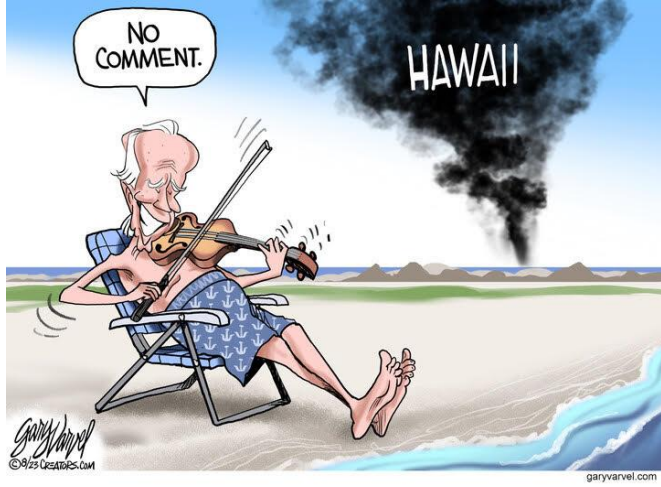


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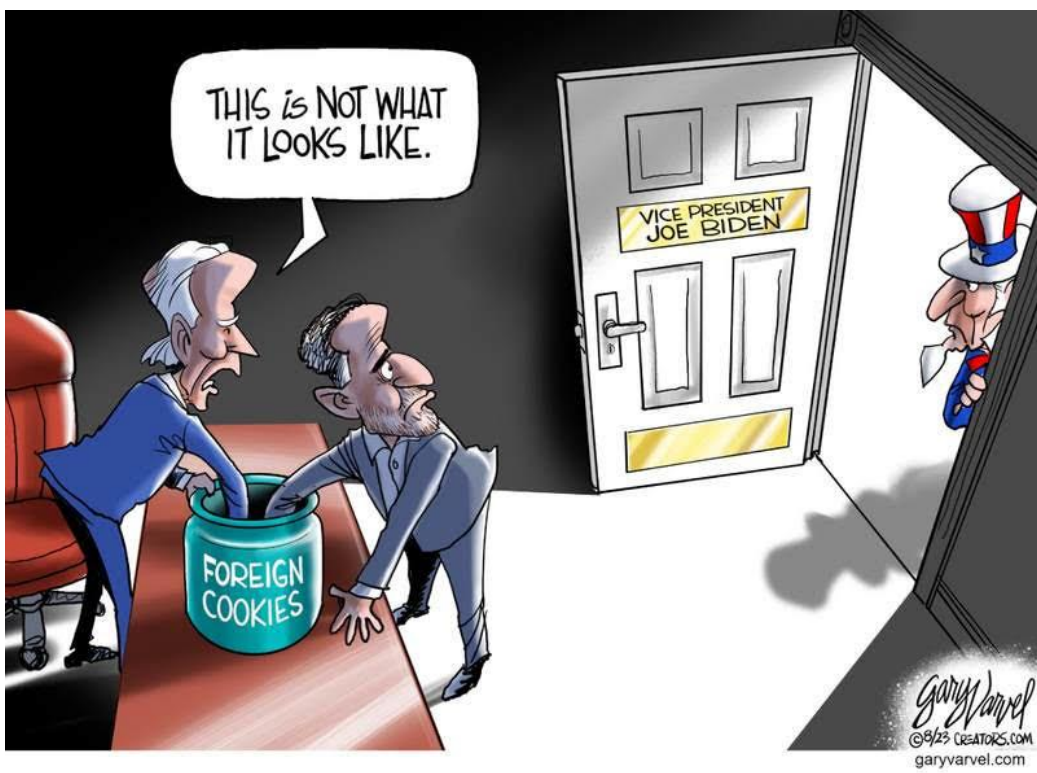


The Thinker Thinking About The Trump Indictments





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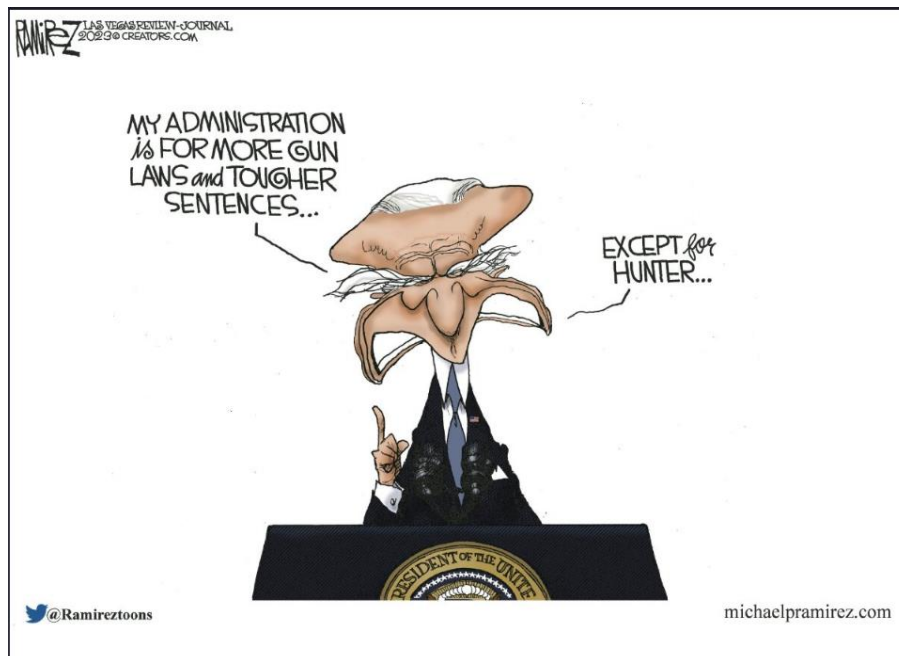
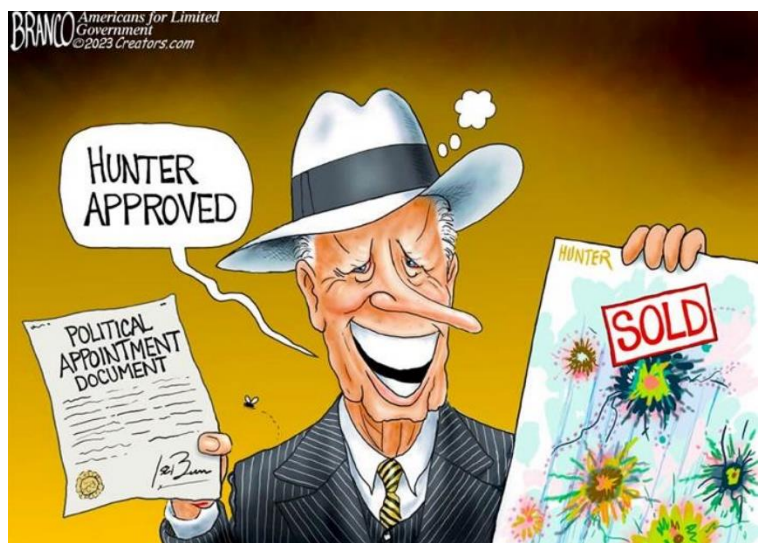
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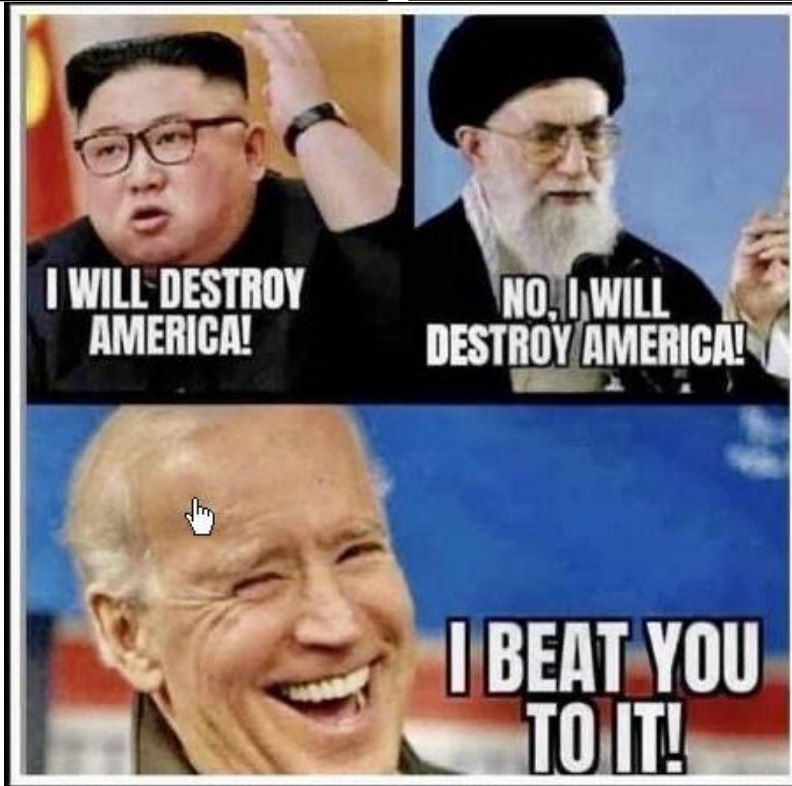


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