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## TRUMP AND BIDEN SQUARE OFF IN PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE

By Space Coast Tusk Editor Stuart Gorin

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

**NOTE: CHANGE IN PLANS.** Frank decided at the last minute to delay his vacation travel plans, so there IS a June newsletter after all.



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--Two Democrat Congresswomen expressed confusion about Memorial Day in May. Minnesota's Ilhan Omar posted that we owe the heroic men and women who served our country with access to quality mental health services, job opportunities, housing assistance, and benefits they were promised. And Missouri's Cori Bush said the holiday was an occasion to work for socialized medicine. What they didn't realize was that Veteran's Day is the time for all that, and Memorial Day was to honor those who made the supreme sacrifice during times of war.

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--Former Governor Larry Hogan, who is running for a vacating Senate seat in my home state of Maryland, has received an endorsement from former President Donald Trump. "I think he has a good chance to win," Trump said. "I can just say from my standpoint, I'm about the party, and I would like to see him win. I would be endorsing him, yeah." But there was no return support from the ungrateful RINO ex-governor. The response from his campaign staff was this: "Governor Hogan has been clear he is not supporting Donald Trump, just as he didn't in 2016 and 2020."

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**Former President Donald Trump** had such a masterful performance in his June 27 nationally-televised debate with President Joe Biden in Atlanta, that even liberal media members and Democrat operatives agreed with Republican evaluations of the 90-minute event as "a disaster."

Trump was clear and sharp in his answers on such topics as the economy, the border, immigration, abortion, inflation, taxes, the coronavirus pandemic, Ukraine, border security, the war in Israel and the future of democracy.



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--Democrats literally believe burning a gay pride flag is a "hate crime," but burning Old Glory is "protected speech." Don't they realize that it should be the other way around?

--Will we still have voter integrity for the 2024 election? It has been reported that welfare offices and various agencies throughout the U.S. are handing out voter registration forms to non-citizens, no questions asked. In response, Texas Congressman Chip Roy has proposed legislation to stop this illegal practice — through the Safeguard American Voter Eligibility (SAVE) Act. But the stakes are high — with opposition coming from leftist groups and the Democrat-controlled Senate.

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--Colorado baker Jack Smith's decade-long battle over his right to exercise his religious beliefs goes on — as LGBTQ activists and the state's Civil Rights Commission continue to target him over requests for cake decorations he finds offensive. The U.S. Supreme Court has already ruled in his favor once, but the opposition doesn't seem to care. The question is — why doesn't Smith just move his business to a state that will support him? Like Florida!

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More Two Cents next month.

In contrast, Biden – battling a hoarse voice and some stammering – delivered an unsteady performance, tripping over some words, losing his train of thought, and veering off topic in the wrong direction. When he vowed to raise taxes on the wealthiest Americans as a way to raise money to pay down the national debt and strengthen the health care system, he inexplicably quipped: "Look, we finally beat Medicare." Trump then shot back, "Well, he is right. He did beat Medicaid – he beat it to death."

Biden mentioned Trump's recent conviction in a New York courtroom in the case involving alleged payment to a porn star, and also accused Trump of disparaging U.S. military troops while in office – both accusations which the former President denied.

Biden also falsely claimed that "no troops died overseas on my watch," apparently forgetting about the military members killed during the chaotic U.S. departure from Afghanistan.

Numerous times, the candidates called each other "liars" and showed their disdain for one another. Biden called Trump a "loser" and a "whiner," with the "morals of an alley cat."

Trump, in turn, accused Biden of turning the United States into a third-world nation" and of being "the worst president in history by far, and everybody knows it." He said Biden is "not equipped to be President," and he accused him of allowing murderers and rapists to cross freely over the border and has turned the country into an international disgrace. In the middle

of the debate, Biden mentioned that he has the support of the National Border Patrol, but its council refuted that claim, and posted on X that "To be clear, we never have and never will endorse Biden."

Asked about his commitment to upholding democracy following the January 6, 2021, riot at the U.S. Capitol by a throng of his supporters contesting Biden's win, Trump said he offered 10,000 National Guard troops that day, and both Speaker Nancy Pelosi and D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser turned him down. "Everybody was saying they were going to be there on January 6," he said. "I could feel it. You could feel it and I said, they ought to have the National Guard there."

At the end of the debate – in an act that was reported but not seen on television – First Lady Jill Biden entered the room to guide her "frozen-looking" 81-year-old husband by the hand as he shuffled slowly away.

And in its post-debate statement, the Biden campaign implied that he "presented a positive and winning vision for the future of America," while Trump "offered a dark and backwards window into what America will look like if he steps back in the White House."

CNN sponsored the 90-minute debate but allowed all the other networks to carry it, and moderators Jake Tapper and Dana Bash were respectful to both candidates. No one else was in the room with the moderators and candidates – there was no live audience and the media – including the White House Press Corps – were in other rooms. This also was the first one not sponsored by the Commission on Presidential Debates.

After the debate, it was reported that some senior Democrats – including party strategists, elected officials, and fundraisers – were having conversations about whether Biden should step aside in the 2024 presidential race because his debate performance was "dismal." Several liberal media outlets reportedly "were uniform in their shock and horror" over it.

A CNN flash poll conducted after the debate showed that 67 percent of viewers believed Trump outperformed Biden, with many pointing to the President's lackluster performance and frequent gaffes as contributing factors, while Trump was seen as confident and assertive, resonating well with viewers.

# BREVARD COUNTY REPUBLICANS HOLD STRAW POLL AND PICNIC

More than 500 enthusiastic Brevard County Republicans gathered at the Melbourne Auditorium June 22 for the Brevard Republican Executive Committee's biannual straw poll and picnic, and to hear from dozens of candidates who will be on this year's ballots.

**BREC Chair Rick Lacey** was the MC for the event, and he told the crowd that "there are a lot of ways you can help us win this election. Please stop at the Brevard Republican Table and sign up as a volunteer in your neighborhood." Together, he added,

"we will bring Conservative, Responsible and Common Sense Government back to our Nation."

Candidates for office ranging from U.S. Congress to State Committeeman and woman addressed the crowd and spoke to attendees individually at booths set up to hand out literature and "goodies." Mounds of campaign literature covered all of the tables.



Tasty barbeque sandwiches were available for purchase throughout the event.

Here are the results of the unofficial straw poll:

As expected, in the race for President, **Donald Trump** gained 473 of 506 votes cast, and **Florida Senator Rick Scott**'s reelection bid brought him 425 votes.

Florida District 8 Congressional candidate **John Hearton** defeated **Mike Haridopolos** by 16 votes.

In the race for the Florida District 19 State Senate Seat, **Randy** Fine won over **Chuck Sheridan** by 10 votes.

The victors in the State Representative races were **Chase Tramont** in District 30, **Tyler Sirois** in District 31, **Debbie Mayfield** in District 32, **Monique Miller** in District 33, and **Robert Brackett** in District 34.

In Brevard County Constitutional Officer races, **Tax Collector Lisa Cullen** and **Supervisor of Elections Tim Bobanic**, in their re-election bids, won by large margins.

The Brevard County Commission winners were **Robert Jordan** in District 1, **Kim Adkinson** in District 3 and **Thad Altman** in District 5.

The Brevard School Board race winners, by large margins, were **John Thomas** in District 3, and **Matt Susin** in his District 4 reelection bid.

**Marcie** Adkins won the race for Brevard State Committeewoman, and the State Committeeman position was won by Fine, who also finished on top in the State Senate race.

In Municipal mayoral elections in the county, **Rob Medina** won in Palm Bay, **Kathy Meehan** in Melbourne, Andrea Young in West Melbourne, and in Titusville, there was a two-way tie between **Andrew Connors** and **Joe Robinson**.

The Judicial race winners were **Kristen Smith-Rodriguez** for Circuit Judge, **Clarissa Harrell** for County Court Group 6, and **Timi DeAnn Tucker** for County Court Group 10.

While the straw poll indicates how a number of political activists feel about specific candidates, the actual voting takes place on Primary Day August 20 and General Election Day November 5.



#### POLITICAL JOTTINGS AND DOTTINGS

In Colorado on June 25, Congresswoman Lauren Boebert, who switched from the state's Third District to the Fourth, won that primary election.

The Republican Senate primary in Utah – to replace retiring Senator Mitt Romney – was won by Representative John Curtis; and in the state's gubernatorial race, Governor Spencer Cox was victorious in the Republican primary.

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-- On June 18, Donald Trump won 82 percent of the Republican presidential primary vote in Oklahoma. In Virginia, retired Navy Captain Hung Cao won a five-way race in the Senate primary and will challenge the Democrat incumbent in November.

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--Primaries were held on June 11 in South Carolina, Nevada, Maine and North Dakota, and there was a special general election held in Ohio's Sixth Congressional District, where Republican State Senator Michael Rulli won a close race to complete the term of Representative Bill Johnson, who resigned earlier in the year.

In South Carolina, First District Republican Congresswoman Nancy Mace defeated two Republican challengers, and Fourth District Congressman William Timmons also was victorious. In Nevada, retired U.S, Army Captain Sam Brown won the Republican nomination for U.S. Senate in a crowded primary field.

In Maine's Second District, State Representative Austin Theriault, a former NASCAR driver, won the Republican primary to face the Democrat Congressman in November.

And in North Dakota, Congressman Kelly Armstrong, the state's only House member, won the primary race to succeed outgoing Governor Doug Burgum. North Dakota Public Service Commission member Julie Feddorchak won over a crowded field in the Republican primary to succeed Armstrong in the House.

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In Montana's Republican Presidential primary election on June 4, Trump won with 82 percent of the ballots cast; former Navy

SEAL Tim Sheehy captured the Republican Senate nomination, and District 1 Congressman Ryan Zinke won the party's nomination again for the Fall contest.

There were three other state primaries on June 4, with Trump capturing 85 percent of the vote in New Mexico, and being acclaimed the victor with no party opposition on the ballots in New Jersey and South Dakota.



--On June 27, the Supreme Court gave a temporary victory to the Biden administration with a 6-3

vote to allow emergency abortions to resume in Idaho, reversing the state's restrictive abortion policies. The decision, following legal challenges arguing that the ban on emergency abortions put women's lives at risk, means cases will be sent back to the appeals court instead of rushing it through to the highest level.

The Court also ruled 5-4 that a bankruptcy judge did not have the authority to release the Sackler family — which previously owned and operated OxyContin manufacturer Purdue Pharma — from legal liability for the company's role in exacerbating an opioid crisis. The ruling means settlement talks would have to restart. As part of the original deal, the family had agreed to give up ownership of the company and pay as much as \$6 billion to settle opioid-related claims in exchange for legal protection from future cases.

And it ruled 6-3 against the Securities and Exchange Commission's use of in-house administrative courts, holding that defendants who face civil penalties must receive a jury trial before a neutral adjudicator under the Seventh Amendment of the Constitution.

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--On June 26, the Court ruled 6-3 in favor of the Biden administration in a landmark case dealing with government involvement in social-media censorship, finding that the plaintiffs lacked the standing to sue in the free speech issue. The majority opinion asserted that two states – Missouri and Louisiana – and five social-media users do not have standing to contest the level of coordination between government agencies, nonprofits, and tech platforms in restricting content on social media.

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--On June 21, the Court ruled 8-1 to uphold a federal law that forbids domestic abusers from possessing guns, saying the Second Amendment permits temporarily disarming people found to pose a threat to others.

In other rulings on that date, the Court determined that a citizen does not have a fundamental liberty interest in a non-citizen spouse being admitted to the country, and also that under the Armed Career Criminal Act, a judge should use a preponderance of evidence to decide whether offenses were committed on separate occasions, or instead, a jury must make those decisions unanimously and beyond reasonable doubt.

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--On June 20, the Court by a 7-2 vote – with Justices Clarence Thomas and Neil Gorsuch dissenting – upheld the tax on foreign income that helped finance President Donald Trump's 2017 tax cuts. The matter before the justices was is the tax in question permissible under the Constitution, which grants Congress limited taxing authority?

The Court also ruled that former Texas City Council member Sylvia Gonzalez can continue litigation to try to establish that she suffered political retaliation when she was arrested and charged in 2019 with tampering with government records; and it rejected an appeal by a woman who claimed not to know she had drugs in her car.

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--On June 14, by a 6-3 vote, the Court invalidated a ban on bump stocks on weapons, ending a nationwide ban on the devices, which convert semi-automatic weapons to fire hundreds of rounds per minute, saying the classification is an impermissible reading of the law.

It also ruled 5-4 making it harder for illegal immigrants subject to a deportation order to challenge their removal from the country. It upholds the legitimacy of a two-step notification system that effectively removes one basis for them to get their removal order rescinded.

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On June 13, the High Court ruled unanimously in favor of Starbucks, and against the National Labor Relations Board's authority to decide if fired union activists in Tennessee should get their jobs back. The coffee company has been battling organized labor – which is trying to unionize baristas across the country – for years.

It also dismissed challenges to the abortion pill Mifepristone, saying that pro-life doctors lack standing in the case to challenge the government's approval of the drug. The medication was used in nearly two-thirds of all abortions in the U.S. last year.

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On June 12, the Court ruled 5-4 that the federal government will have to cover Indian tribes' costs incurred in operating tribal health care programs. The case involved the San Carlos Apache Tribe, based in Arizona, and the Northern Arapaho Tribe, based in Wyoming.

It also said it will not consider whether to take up a Republican challenge to President Joe Biden's controversial executive order that escalates government involvement in the voter registration and voter mobilization process until September 30. Since elections are scheduled for November 5, the Court probably will not take any action in time to affect the elections.

On June 6, the Court ruled unanimously in the case of Truck Insurance Exchange v. Kaiser Gypsum that an insurance company has standing to challenge a bankruptcy reorganization plan that it claims will leave it open to paying fraudulent asbestos exposure claims. Although asbestos has been in use for

many years as a "miracle mineral," it was later discovered to cause lung cancer and mesothelioma. The plan being challenged could compel the insurer to cover many of the 14,000 or so claims against Kaiser for as much as \$500,000 each.

And, in a landmark decision that could impact estate planning across the United States, the Court unanimously ruled in favor of the Internal Revenue Service setting a precedent for how life insurance proceeds are factored into estate taxes. It reaffirmed the IRS's stance that life insurance proceeds must be included in the estate valuation of deceased shareholders' stocks in family-held corporations.

On May 30, the Court ruled unanimously in favor of the National Rifle Association in its dispute with Maria Vullo, the former superintendent of the New York Department of Financial Services, who urged financial firms to deny the group services because of its gun rights advocacy. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals had dismissed the NRA's lawsuit against Vullo for violating its First Amendment rights, but now the case can proceed, with the High Court saying, "Government officials cannot attempt to coerce private parties in order to punish or suppress views that the government disfavors."



#### LET ME BE FRANK By Space Coast Tusk Designer Frank Montelione

I recently received an email from Pew Research concerning a survey of issues important to both major political parties. Some of the results were beyond disturbing

(Cultural Issues and the 2024 Election). The topics included gun ownership, effects of slavery on Blacks in American society, America's openness to people from all over the world, and sexual identity issues. The results were startling.

As I stated last month, the population of the survey is important. "A new survey by Pew Research Center of 8,709 adults – including 7,166 registered voters – conducted April 8-14, 2024, examines the political values of the Biden and Trump coalitions that underlie policy attitudes in many of these areas."

The results: Question: "Gun ownership does more to increase safety by allowing law-abiding citizens to protect themselves." 77% of Biden supporters disagree with this statement. Cradle-to-grave Democrats believe that the 2nd Amendment is an antiquated amendment, and we need more gun control laws and regulations. They don't have any plan to disarm criminals, woke District Attorneys fail to enforce laws already on the books and when a person who is legally armed uses a weapon to protect life. That person is prosecuted. They fail to address the real issue – crime is out of control and only strong enforcement can stop this.

Question: "America's openness to people from all over the world is essential to who we are as a nation." The question doesn't use the codicil "legal" or "illegal". America has always welcomed people who immigrate here LEGALLY. It is the out-of-control open border policy of this administration that is really

the issue. 64% of Biden supporters expressed a positive response to this question. When the question is the need to deport "undocumented" immigrants currently in the United States, there is a sharp divide between Trump supporters and Biden supporters. A Pew Research Poll taken in April shows that 89% of Biden Supporters disagreed with deportation. Recently, with the stroke of a pen, Biden offered a path to citizenship to 500,000 illegals who have managed to evade deportation for over 10 years a way to skip the line for citizenship thereby creating many new Democrats. Texas Governor Greg Abbott is contesting the Constitutionality of this action.

Question: "Someone can be a man or a woman even if that is different from the sex they were assigned at birth." This may be the most disturbing question on the poll. 91% of Biden supporters agree with this statement. In many states, gender assignment is between school counselors and a minor without the knowledge of parents. Hillary Rodham Clinton famously said, "It takes a village to raise a child". No, it takes a FAMILY. Abdicating those rights to schools and doctors is abhorrent to most families today. Transgender "females" are allowed to compete in women's sports. There are transgender reading lists for children. There are "drag queen" reading hours for children

in libraries across the nation. Gender-affirming care for minors has been available in the US for more than a decade and is endorsed by major medical associations. According to the UK's Dailey Mail, "America is a global outlier when it comes to medical interventions for children. The UK and Scandinavian countries are all pausing drugs for



minors until doctors know more about the drugs, and the long-term risks of making irreversible changes to children's bodies" and I might add, their psyche. We're talking about early teens and sometimes even younger being asked to choose their "pronouns". Prepubescent children haven't the maturity to make those types of decisions but yet are sometimes being forced to without the parents' consent.



According to a Yale National Initiative, "Some historians believe that a decline in morals and values contributed to the fall of the Roman Empire. Ancient writers attributed Rome's political difficulties in the last century of the Roman Republic to failures of character, such as

greed, luxury, and personal ambition. For example, Polybius (a Greek Historian) suggested that the destruction of Carthage in 146 B.C. marked the beginning of this decline, as Romans could relax and give themselves up to these vices without the external threat of Carthage. By the final years of the Empire, crimes of violence made the streets of larger cities unsafe. During this time the Empire's larger cities were very unsafe because violent crimes were rampant in their streets". Sounds like almost any

Blue sanctuary cities today. Cities like Las Vegas openly advertise gambling, sex and excess drinking and eating.

A year before the Constitution was enacted, Edward Gibbon – an English essayist, historian, and politician – published the final volume of "The History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire". The first factor he cited was the breakdown of the family. He also included in his treatise about the possible decline and fall of Britain and the newly formed United States, "taxation, an insatiable craving for pleasure, an unsustainable buildup of armaments, and the decay of religion".

This all sounds too familiar. Turn on any news channel and the headlines blare about the lack of prosecution of criminals, schools and society dictating what our values should be according to the liberal media today, and the lies that you see with your own eyes. The new hue and cry of the left is "cheap fake". We are being told that videos that are broadcast live are somehow being manipulated. We are told the border is closed regardless of what we know to be true.

Are we on the same path as the ancient Greeks and Romans? Those societies lasted thousands of years. We are a relative newcomer on the world stage and yet since our establishment with the first permanent settlements in 1607 to today we are well ahead of the decline witnessed by the Romans. Is there hope for a turnaround. I would like to think so and that, since the pendulum swings both ways, that maybe, hopefully, the pendulum will swing back to adherence to basic rationale and the reinstitution of faith in God and the Bible will again prevail. We can only hope and pray.

# THE BREC CORNER By Chairman Rick Lacey

Brevard Republicans have been extremely busy this June, following our hugely successful

Lincoln/ Reagan Dinner in May. It set another record, and starred two great Conservatives, as South Dakota Governor Kristi Noem and Florida Congressman Mike Waltz inspired us with messages of hope.

Next, BREC began our recruitment of Republicans to qualify for another four-year term as Precinct Committee men and women throughout the county. During this time, we were also preparing for our Bi-annual Republican Straw Poll and Family BBQ on Saturday, June 22 at the Melbourne Auditorium. Rounding out the month of June was the first Presidential Debate of 2024.

At our June 3 BREC meeting, we awarded Karen Osiniak as Committeewoman of the month and Mark Lewis as Committeeman for all their hard work that made our Dinner a success. Then, at out Special Meeting on June 17, we elected Greg Loyd to fill the remaining term of outgoing State Committeeman Mike Thomas.

Four new members were sworn-in at our June 3 meeting, and we added an additional 12 more on June 17.

July will be no different. Brevard Republicans will proudly participate in Melbourne's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade.

Eleven days later, we will all be focused on Milwaukee. As an elected Delegate to the Republican National Convention, I will join fellow BREC members, Ed Brankey, Xiaoqi Wang and Mike Thomas, where we will nominate Donald J. Trump as our next President and remove the disaster that has plagued our nation for the past few years.

Also in July, we will be campaigning to Bank Your Vote, by encouraging Republicans to vote by mail or Vote at Early Voting sites for the upcoming Republican Primary in August.

As your Republican Chairman, I want to personally express my gratitude to Mike Thomas for all the years of hard work and dedication to the Brevard Republican Party and the Republican Party of Florida for his leadership as our Republican State Committeeman.



RENDEZVOUS WITH REPUBLICAN WOMEN BY Xiaoqi Wang BFRW First Vice President

The Heritage Isle Republican Club had two great guest speakers at our June 5 luncheon meeting: Florida State Senator Debbie Mayfield and Brevard County Public Defender Blaise Trettis.



Mayfield said she was honored to be appointed by Donald Trump to serve on the Florida delegation's leadership team at the Republican National Convention and looks forward to voting for him as our nominee again for President. Mayfield emphasized that it is important that everyone be

involved in the process, and work to get Republicans elected.

There are six Amendments that will be on our November ballot, and she explained them to us, saying Amendment 4 will drive Democrats to the polls, and we will need to work hard to get out the Republican votes.

The amendments are: 1) Changes school board elections from nonpartisan to partisan and takes effect during the 2026 election cycle. 2) Establishes a constitutional right to hunt and fish. 3) Legalizes marijuana use by adults 21 years of age and older. 4) Creates a constitutional right to abortion before fetal viability, which is estimated to be around 24 weeks, or when necessary to protect a patient's health, as determined by a healthcare provider. 5) Provides for an annual inflation adjustment in the

value of the homestead property tax exemption. And 6) Repeals the constitutional provision for public campaign financing for candidates who agree to spending limits

Trettis, discussing New York's sham prosecution of President Trump, reminded



us that the prosecutor campaigned on a "get Trump" platform, and that Manhattan's DA was working "to manipulate the legal process and ensure an unfair trial for President Trump." Trettis also reminded us that the judge contributed to Biden's campaign, and that his daughter works for that campaign.

The entire trial, Trettis said, was skewed, and the jury instructions were unfair and misleading. He also said he was "disgusted by the unconstitutional and unprecedented trial that has wrongly convicted President Trump." From the beginning, Trettis added, "we have seen a left-leaning Judge strip away the First Amendment rights of President Trump to defend himself, as the left waged war on him with charges."

Trettis also said that New York Supreme Court Justice Juan Merchan has scheduled Trump's sentencing for July 11 – just days before the Republican National Convention, where he is expected to receive the party's formal nomination – and that the most important thing we can do to show our disgust for the weaponization of our legal system is to get President Trump elected in November.

The BFRW July 3 meeting will be a "Meet the Candidates" luncheon, where Republican candidates for the U.S. Congress and Florida State Senate and House of Representatives will explain why they want to represent us.



#### NORTH TO TH PARTY By Board Member Robin Riker

The North Brevard Republican Club had the ribbon cutting for the Grand Opening of our new office this month with a fabulous turn out.

Candidates and the public have proven they all feel this is a critical election coming up. Everyone was commended on their hard work and dedication that created such a well-received opening.

Our first speaker at this month's meeting on June 18 was Robyn Hattaway, who thanked everyone for their strong support, but eventually decided to drop from the State Senate race but promised to return at a later date.

Robert Jordan, a candidate for County Commissioner of District 1, was our next speaker. He spoke about his years on the School Board and the achievements he was able to make, and also about his years on the Titusville City Council. Jordan said he feels he has a lot to contribute as a County Commissioner to the future of Titusville. He is a very engaging speaker.

Club member Jim Tulley spoke on the necessity of defeating Amendment 4, on Abortion, on the upcoming ballot in November. He also revealed the deceptive tactics Democrats used to get people to sign petitions for this amendment to be put on the ballot, which is an embarrassment for Florida by just being there.

We hope everyone can visit our new office in the Titusville Mall

(the old Searstown Mall). Our hours to begin with will be Thursdays and Fridays 11 am - 6 pm, and Saturdays 11 am - 4 pm.



#### CONSERVING THE FUTURE

#### By SCYR Communications Director Garrett Jacobellis

The beloved Melbourne Independence Day Parade in Florida will be returning this year on July 4 at 10am downtown. This parade is more than just an event; it's an American tradition that brings our community together in celebration of our nation's independence.

Last year, the parade was sadly missed because no rganization stepped up to continue the legacy carried by the American Legion for so many years. The American Legion deserves immense credit for their dedication to this event, and we, the Space Coast Young Republicans, are proud to pick up the torch and ensure this tradition lives on.

The day will kick off with a celebration at the Liberty Bell Museum starting at 9 am, setting a patriotic atmosphere for the festivities to come. The parade will follow, traveling along E. New Haven Avenue between Hickory Street and Municipal Lane.

This parade holds a special place in my heart. When I first moved to the Space Coast, it was the very first community event I attended with my family. The sense of unity and patriotism we experienced that day made us feel instantly at home. It's that same enthusiasm we are excited to reignite this year. It is a testament to the enduring spirit of America, the greatest country on Earth.

The excitement and support we've received since announcing the parade's return has been nothing short of astonishing. It's a testament to the strength and solidarity of our Space Coast community. The parade promises to be a spectacular event, with a rich variety of participants that highlight our vibrant vitality.

Expect to see impressive floats and enthusiastic participation from local politicians, showcasing their commitment to our region. Car clubs will flaunt their stunning vehicles, and our civil servants, always the backbone of our community, will proudly march. We'll even have a one-man band bringing a unique flair to the festivities, and much more.

Leading the parade will be our brave Fire Department, with a gleaming fire truck, setting an atmosphere of service and celebration. This event is designed to be a fun-filled experience for the whole family, and we, the Space Coast Young Republicans, will also be participating with our own float, symbolizing our commitment and effort in organizing this grand parade.

We are deeply touched by the generosity of our sponsors, whose support was crucial in covering the thousands of dollars in fees and expenses required to make this parade happen. Congressional candidate John Hearton and State Senator Debbie Mayfield have been exceptionally generous. Their contributions are shining examples of the American spirit and the kind of patriotism our founders envisioned. Their commitment to our community and this event marks them as true patriots in every sense of the word.

We look forward to seeing everyone there, celebrating our independence and the vibrant spirit of our community. Together, we will make this Independence Day Parade an unforgettable event for all. God bless our community, and God bless the United States of America!



#### REMEMBER WHEN By President Mike Hoagland Heritage Isle Republican Club

Do we Remember When we thought we had a constitutional republic supported by our Constitution? Well, we learned otherwise on

30 May 2024. With the conviction of Donald Trump in a sham trial in New York, we learned that justice does not exist and there is no way to enforce violations of our Constitution.

Our country is back to the point where our founders produced the "Declaration of Independence". The problem we have today is that there is no remedy for correcting this injustice. Democrats are giddy, but they have no idea the damage that has been done to this country. Our judicial system looks no different than any banana republic or 3rd world country. The Marxists have won this round.

Donald Trump will still become president. His campaign web site crashed last night because of people making contributions. Biden and his Marxist handlers cannot stop "We the People". We may not go into the streets with weapons, but we can go into the streets with our protests. We can use our pen and express ourselves. The pen is mightier than the sword. This tyrannical government has got to be removed.

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Can we remember when our generation received an education of reading, writing and arithmetic? How would we end up if we had an education that our youth has received over the past few decades? Today, the president of the Florida Teachers Union says that Florida ranks 50th in the U.S. because every other state pays their teachers more than Florida.

In Florida, public school enrollment is declining. More students are enrolled in charter schools, private schools or home schooled. The union leadership should be asking "Why is this occurring?". Parents know the answer. Parents are sick and tired of the liberal WOKE agenda. They are sick of the indoctrination government schools impose on their children.

In order to keep the gains made by our Brevard County School Board, we must be vigilant. Our school Board candidates cannot show their party affiliation. Many voters go to vote with no idea what the beliefs of the candidates are. We make the effort to know the party affiliation of the candidates we support. We interviewed them. We have had them speak before our membership.

We have witnessed the positive results over the past two years when the board flipped from WOKE to conservative. We have witnessed the lies and misrepresentations made by democrat candidates. We must reelect Republican Matt Susin as he was instrumental in facilitating all the positive changes. Matt Susin is in our school board District 4. Republican John Thomas is a candidate in District 3. If you have any friends or family in his district, please support him. If Matt and John are elected, our public school system in Brevard County will offer our youth an education and compete with other choices. With all good choices, Brevard County can lead the state in a quality education for every student.

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Remember When you acknowledged your first Memorial Day? It was a day of reflection, and a time to reflect on those who gave their lives for us to continue our American culture. Many of us have had family, relatives, fellow soldiers, friends or acquaintances that have given their lives for us to live with the freedoms we enjoy. We have all heard that "freedom is not free". Let's hope on Memorial Day 2025 we can say we are in fact still free.

American history author Victor Davis Hanson just released a book entitled "The End of Everything". He offers the story of the end of certain civilizations. He wrote about the end of Thebes, Carthage, Constantinople and of the end of the Aztecs. They all enjoyed long histories in the range of 1,000 years. What did they all have in common that led to their demise? They all had gone from their early beginning to their apex and then to their decline which led to their end. They all had a hubris, arrogance and naivety which was the reason for their end. They all believed there could be no end to their continued existence. They all had enemies, but they felt safe from their enemies.

We all know that history repeats itself. Humans have difficulty learning. Victor Davis Hanson says this next election could be our last if Donald Trump does not prevail.

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Does it amaze anyone that Donald Trump was convicted of 34 felonies related to bookkeeping entries? Remember what the Russians say? "Show me the man and we will find the crime". Does anyone believe that Trump could get a fair trial in Manhattan? There was a handpicked judge who is a democrat that contributed to Biden's campaign. Then, there is the Soros funded DA Alvin Bragg. Top this off with a jury pool of Manhattan Trump haters. As this progressed, we got to witness a judge who did everything in his power to ensure the jury only heard what he wanted them to hear.

Of course, the judge's daughter is a Democrat operative who makes money as a fundraiser and activist. The longer this trial went, the more money she made. Our Constitution offers a defendant the right to a fair trial with a jury of his peers. Tell

me, was Trump's constitutional rights violated? Of course. The Marxists are jumping with joy.

By contrast, Judge Cannon who is handling the "documents case" in Florida, is being persecuted by the corrupt prosecutor Jack Smith, and has to put up with his request to get her removed from the case. She is guilty of ensuring Trump gets fair and constitutional treatment.



#### MAYFIELD MINUTE By District 19 State Senator Debbie Mayfield

Since the close of the 2024 Legislation Session, **Florida Governor Ron DeSantis** has signed 281 bills into law, vetoed 6 bills, and 25

remained pending his action.

DeSantis signed the Focus on Florida's Future Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. This year's budget totals \$116.5 billion, reflecting a reduction in overall state spending while maintaining \$17 billion in budgetary reserves. It highlights the Legislature's and Governor's dedication to addressing Florida's top needs.

The budget includes \$1.5 billion in tax relief for Florida families, featuring \$450 million in toll relief and sales tax holidays. Key investments include \$1.25 billion for teacher salary increases, \$4.1 billion for the State University System, and \$237 million for residential home mitigation programs.

Significant funding has also been directed towards environmental conservation, with over \$1.5 billion for Everglades restoration and water quality projects. The budget supports law enforcement and the military, allocating \$17 million for the Law Enforcement Recruitment Bonus Program and \$7 million for the Defense Infrastructure Grant Program.

Among the projects that the Governor used his line-item veto power on were arts and cultural grants, construction projects, water drainage projects, road projects, ball parks, and funds for community centers.

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DeSantis also approved **HB 725** and **HB 1329**, legislation that supports Florida Veterans and their families.

HB 725 expands eligibility for Veterans' long-term care facilities to include spouses or surviving spouses, ensuring families can stay together and receive necessary care. Florida currently operates nine state Veterans' nursing homes with plans to add a tenth, making Florida the state with the most facilities for Veterans' care in the nation. These homes offer nursing care, hospice care, and rehabilitation services.

HB 1329 enhances benefits for Veterans, focusing on programs that aid in the transition to civilian life. This bill designates Veterans Florida as the state's primary contact for military transition assistance and expands its board of directors. It also revises the Veterans Employment and Training Services Program to better match Veterans and their spouses with job

opportunities, encourages veteran entrepreneurship, and prioritizes grant funds for necessary training and certifications. -0-

At a June 10 press conference, the Governor pledged to approve a historic increase in teacher salary funding, with \$1.25 billion allocated for the Fiscal Year 2024–25 budget. This decision marks a significant milestone in Florida's ongoing efforts to enhance educator compensation.

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**First Lady Casey DeSantis** met with law enforcement officials from across Florida to introduce new resources aimed at enhancing community support through the Hope Florida program. The initiative focuses on equipping officers with the means to connect individuals in need with Hope Florida.

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**Brevard County Sheriff Wayne Ivey**'s recent presentation at the Propeller Club of Port Canaveral honored the Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit. With the largest K-9 unit in the state, Brevard's K-9 teams undertake a range of tasks, including preventative patrols, safety checks, tracking fleeing

subjects, assisting in high-risk arrests, and conducting searches for narcotics, explosives, and missing individuals.

Beyond their daily roles, Brevard's K-9 units assist with deputy safety and engage the public through demonstrations. Under Sheriff Ivey's leadership, Brevard County Sheriff's Office has initiated a breeding program.

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This summer, law enforcement agencies across the state will receive training on how to connect those in need to Hope Florida. Operated by dedicated Hope Navigators, the Hope Florida program embodies a collaborative approach, engaging various community programs, including faith-based organizations, nonprofits, and governmental agencies.

On D-Day, 22 Veterans from across Florida traveled back to Normandy for the 80th anniversary of D-Day. The trip began with a VIP sendoff at Tampa International Airport, where the Veterans were honored by airport staff, family, and passengers.

Organized by the Florida Elks Association, this trip was significant for the World War II Veterans. For some it may have been their first return to Normandy in eight decades and for others it may be their final visit.

D-Day, which took place 80 years ago on June 6, 1944, began when Allied troops landed on the beaches of Normandy to liberate France from Nazi occupation. Despite facing heavy casualties, their bravery and sacrifice marked a turning point in World War II, leading to the eventual defeat of Nazi Germany.

June began the 2024 Atlantic Hurricane Season. Since the late 1800s, Florida has endured more hurricanes than any other state.

A staggering 120 hurricanes have made landfall in Florida accounting for over 40 percent of all U.S. hurricanes.

Florida is particularly vulnerable to harsh storms and deadly hurricanes. Throughout its history, Florida has faced numerous devastating hurricanes, such as the Okeechobee Hurricane (1928), Hurricane Andrew (1992), Hurricane Irma (2017), and Hurricane Michael (2018).

It is important that Floridians take precautions and have emergency supplies in preparation for a storm.



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

I am pleased to bring you an update on the recent legislative activities and key developments that promise to positively impact our community and state. On June

12th, **Governor Ron DeSantis** signed the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget, aptly named "Focus on Florida's Future." This comprehensive plan, totaling \$116.5 billion with reserves of \$17 billion, is designed to address the needs of all Floridians, ensuring our state's continued growth and prosperity.

Notably, the budget includes nearly \$1.5 billion in tax relief, featuring significant initiatives to keep more money in the pockets of Floridians. These initiatives include sales tax holidays for Back-to-School, Disaster Preparedness, Freedom Month, and Skilled Worker Tools. Another incredible part of these initiatives include \$501.9 million in homeowner savings to require insurers to reduce insurance premiums paid by owners of residential properties for insurance tax liability remaining for the 2024 or 2025 calendar year tax return.

There are several areas of the budget I would like to highlight because of the great potential they represent for District 8. Significant funds have been allocated to our public education system, including \$1.25 billion for teacher salary increases and \$28.4 billion for K-12 public schools. This investment is crucial for supporting our students and teachers and enhancing educational outcomes across the state.

This budget allocates funding to critical local projects like \$2,625,000 for the Brevard Adult and Community Education CDL Training Facility and \$300,000 for the Brevard Achievement Center. These are examples of incredible local resources that can be made even better for our local residents through thoughtful partnerships with the state.

Additionally, the budget includes \$17 million to fund the third year of law enforcement recruitment bonuses which provides a signing bonus of up to \$5,000 for those hired as first time law enforcement officers in Florida. This program has successfully served as one method to ensure our communities remain safe and secure with well-qualified officers. In only the first two years this program has already helped to employ over 4,000 new law enforcement officers across the state.

Outside of the budget, there have been many other notable activities going on around District 8. On June 11, I had the privilege of joining Governor DeSantis and other state leaders at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University to announce a new partnership with Boeing. This collaboration will bring 400 highpaying jobs to Florida, further strengthening our local economy. Boeing's new facility will focus on advanced aerospace projects, reinforcing Central Florida's position as a hub for innovation and technology. Moreover, the recent successful launch of Boeing's Starliner spacecraft from Cape Canaveral on June 5, carrying NASA astronauts to the International Space Station, marks a significant milestone for space exploration and underscores the importance of the space industry to our region's economy. This launch was another shining example of the how strong the space industry currently is, and highlights the bright intertwined future that it has with our region.

I am proud to represent District 8 and work alongside dedicated leaders to bring such impactful initiatives to fruition. Thank you for staying informed and engaged, as your support empowers us to push for meaningful changes and advancements that benefit everyone in District 8. My office can be reached at 386-304-630 or by email at <a href="wright.tom@flsenate.gov">wright.tom@flsenate.gov</a>. Stay connected, and as always, I remain at your service.

#### THIS AND THAT

**FLORIDA BUDGET.** After using his lineitem veto power on June 12, **Florida Governor Ron DeSantis** slashed close to \$1 billion from the \$117+ billion budget for the next fiscal year that the State Legislature approved in March. The list of vetoes includes cuts in spending on higher education programs, government programs, and others. He said the vetoes were



motivated by a desire to reduce spending, despite earlier signing bills that already include around \$2 billion in spending in addition to the budget. The new budget – dubbed the "Focus on Florida's Future" – takes effect on July 1. It does include \$28.4 billion in public school spending, \$14.5 billion for the Florida Department of Transportation, and \$1.7 billion for programs to help the state's water quality.

**FIRST AMENDMENT VIOLATIONS**. In a 155-page ruling,



the U.S. Western District of Louisiana Court has granted a motion from Missouri Attorney General **Andrew Bailey** to block top federal government officials from violating the First Amendment rights of millions of Americans. The court ruled that the Biden Administration has "blatantly ignored the First Amendment's right to free speech" and "almost exclusively

targeted conservative speech." Bailey's motion highlighted more than 1,400 instances of evidence exposing the vast censorship enterprise coordinated across multiple government agencies. Among the evidence presented were the fact that the Hunter Biden laptop story was real, and not mere Russian

disinformation; that Facebook suppressed information at the demand of federal agents even though the information did not violate Facebook's policies; that the Department of Homeland Security met with social-media companies to both inform and press them to censor content protected by the First Amendment; and that federal officials have shown a willingness to suppress information for such issues as gas prices, parody speech, climate change, gender, abortion, the withdrawal from Afghanistan, and the return of U.S. support of Ukraine. Bailey said, "We must build a wall of separation between tech and state to preserve our First Amendment right to free, fair, and open debate. Missouri will continue to lead the way in the fight to defend our most fundamental freedoms."

GOOGLE. A Google "Doodle" is a special, temporary alteration of the search engine's logo on its home pages to commemorate holidays, events, achievements, and historical figures. One would think that on June 6, it would laud the landing at Normandy Beach on D Day 80 years ago that turned the tide in World War II fighting. But no, there was a snub – no mention was made of the 160,000 men who participated – many of whom gave their lives in the fight for freedom. Instead, the Doodle image honored Jeanne Cordova, a lesbian author, feminist, and activist who died in 2016, and was widely known for her leadership in the LGBTQ rights movement. Google apparently chose her because of its embrace of June Pride Month.



Deciding to test "knowledgeable" Harvard students on their sympathies for the "freedom fighters" of Hamas, Accuracy in

Media went on the school campus to ask if they would sign a thank you card for them, which included pictures of both the Palestinian and the Gay Pride flags. Explaining to the students that "there's so many misconceptions, with people thinking Hamas is like anti-LGBTQ and stuff," AIM had many of the students enthusiastically signing the card, absurdly believing that the terrorists supported homosexuals, when they actually execute them. Luckily, there were some people who did refuse to sign the card, offering a slim measure of hope among those who are ready and willing to send their "thank you" to rapists and murderers.

**DEMOCRAT FUNDRAISER**. Following a fundraiser event where he was joined by former President Barack Obama, President Joe Biden needed "guidance" to leave the stage. To view it, click HERE.

**2024 OLYMPICS**. Were the five women who had the power to exclude basketball superstar **Caitlin Clark** from the 2024 U.S. Women's Olympics Team just jealous that she had a college career greater than theirs? Or were they just expressing their wokeness? Their jealousy? Was it racism? Now starring professionally on the Indiana Fever of the Women's National Basketball Association, Clark is the greatest collegiate player in history, who broke nearly every men's and women's basketball scoring and assist records while at the University of Iowa. The five members of the Olympics Selection Committee who left Clark off the list – and ruined Olympic games for millions of

American fans of the sport – are **Dawn Staley**, University of South Carolina coach and former U.S. coach and player; **Seimone Augustus**, Louisiana State University assistant coach and former WNBA player; **Delisha Milton-Jones**, Old Dominion coach; **Jennifer Rizzotti**, Connecticut Sun president and former University of Connecticut player; and **Bethany Donaphin**, head of league operations for the WNBA. Olympic games will begin in Paris in July. Using the snub as motivation, within several games, Clark quickly racked up 200 points and 50 assists in Fever games, making her the fastest player in WNBA history to reach these milestones.

**HERITAGE ISLE REPUBLICAN CLUB.** While crime rates are expanding in many places across the United States, that is NOT the case in Brevard County, Florida, where **Sheriff** 

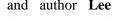


Wayne Ivey told the Heritage Isle Republican Club on June 6 that the rate has dropped nearly 50 percent this year. He credits his staff of deputies for helping to keep the statistics down. However, Ivey added, "ID theft is the most lucrative crime taking place, especially against seniors." He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and has a bachelor's degree from

Daytona State College in Management and Supervision. His law enforcement background includes criminal investigations, narcotics, patrol services, public integrity investigation, and corrections. Now seeking his fourth term in office as one of Brevard's five Constitutional Officers, Ivey said he "loves my job" helping the citizens of Brevard stay safe. Noting the opioid problem leading to drug overdoses everywhere, he said that in Brevard, his staff is working with the schools to help the understand the dangers. Discussing immigration, Ivey said the problem doesn't stop at the border, because it filters into communities. The policy of letting illegals enter the country, he said, "is a slap in the face to those immigrants who came in country the right way." Ivey said the challenge faced when arrests of illegals are made is that Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents (ICE) are needed because otherwise the detainees need to be released after three days. Discussing the upcoming election, he said the judicial races are the "most important" ones on the ballot, because the victorious judges have to be impartial. "We need judges to talk about citizens' rights," he said, adding that he will endorse those candidates who can state where they stand on issues. For more information, visit the website: www.brevardsheriff.com. ... A second speaker on the program, Monique Miller, is one of four Republicans seeking Florida State Legislature District 33 seat. Noting that "our freedoms are under attack from many directions," she said that illegal immigration is "destroying our country." A conservative member of Moms For Liberty's National Board of Advisors, and an outspoken patriot, Miller has traveled to more than 50 countries and lived and worked in a socialist one. That experience, she said, made her appreciate what makes America great and unique: our founding documents and a true understanding that our rights are derived from God rather than government. She said her plan for a free Florida consists of keeping Biden's woke agenda out of the state; lowering taxes and reducing wasteful spending; sealing our

southern border; defending God-given constitutional rights; making election integrity a priority; fighting to make Florida more affordable; fostering a culture of life; keeping boys out of girls' bathrooms and sports; and protecting children from indoctrination. www.moniqueforflorida.com for more information.

LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE. Professor and author Lee Edwards, who has published 25 books on conservative issues and individuals, told the Leadership Institute's Wake-Up Wednesday Breakfast Meeting on June 5 that prior to 1955, there was no conservative movement in the United States, and "we were a wasteland." But by one decade later, he said, there were organizations – such as the Heritage Foundation – and publications like "National Review" magazine - that





created and developed the conservative movement that today "believes in providence and free will." Edwards said there are five aspects to the conservative movement that he calls "the five P's." No. 1 are the Philosophers – such as economist Friedrich Hayek, who wrote "The Road To Serfdom;" and journalist and spy Whittaker Chambers, author of "Witness." No.2 are the who made the conservative language Popularizers, understandable – including William Buckley, Rush Limbaugh, and Ben Shapiro. No. 3 are the Politicians, who wrote and spoke about conservative ideas - such as Ohio Senator Robert Taft, Arizona Senator Barry Goldwater, President Ronald Reagan, and House Speaker Newt Gingrich. No.4 are the Philanthropists - the men of vision and means - such as Henry Salvatori, who influenced Reagan's political career, and businessman Joseph Coors, a co-founder of the Heritage Foundation. And No.5 are the Poets (including authors), who were able to engage people the way non-fiction writers can. This list includes Robert Frost, C.S. Lewis, Ayn Rand, and John Tolkien. Edwards closed his remarks saying there are also five aspects of conservatism that should help us bring about victory in the next election. These, he said, are limited government, free enterprise, individual freedom and responsibility, traditional American values, and a strong national defense....On June 12, when the Republicans crushed the Democrats in the annual Congressional Baseball game by the score of 31-11 (no, it was not a football game), a



special group of fans from the Leadership Institute were in attendance....LI President Morton Blackwell brought 84 high school students from across the country – decked out in red shirts and hats - to see the game. They had attended a special three-day High School Leaders Retreat, and Blackwell said, "If you spent a few minutes with these young men and women, it would fill you with hope for the

future of our country." During their retreat, they learned what it takes to succeed in politics, gaining skills to be used in college and in political careers.



#### AUDACITY AND IDIOCY

Here are this month's "winners":

- --Washington State Democrat Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal, for despicably bursting out laughing when told by MSNBC's Joy Reid that a Fox News headline read "Migrant Arrested For Raping 13-Year-Old New York City Girl." Would she have found it so funny if the victim had been one of her relatives?
- --RINO Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, for writing a "New York Times" op-ed attacking conservatives, endorsing President Joe Biden's approach to Ukraine, and -- according to Right News Wire -- defending the liberal-created New World Order as "a good deal for the American people, even though it resulted in open borders, endless wars, and globalist trade deals that shipped jobs overseas."
- --Carlsbad, California City Manager Scott Chadwick, for ordering Pastor J.C. Cooper – the volunteer chaplain for the city's Police Department for the past six years – to "stop praying in the name of Jesus," claiming that invoking the Savior "was considered harassment, created a hostile work environment, and lifted one religion above another." If the Pastor ever prayed in the name of Jesus again, Chadwick said, he would be subjected to disciplinary action. In retaliation, First Liberty Institute which is representing Cooper – says the city "has violated the U.S. Constitution."
- -- The VA medical center in Orlando, Florida, for removing the American flag at the facility and replacing it with a gay pride flag. Following a video posting on social media, the center's public affairs officer declined to respond to inquiries about the whereabouts of Old Glory, and the video also showed a sign posted asking our veterans to provide their "preferred pronouns."
- --Democrat members of the Wethersfield, Connecticut Town Council, for voting against a proposal to fly a "Thin Blue Line" flag in honor of a state trooper who was killed in the line of duty - claiming that it is "divisive and racist." However, they did vote to allow the LGBTQ Pride flag to be flown at half-staff instead.
- --Publisher "Scholastic", for announcing a "Read with Pride" campaign to provide educators with a list of "LGBTQIA+ stories" for "kids and teens," vowing to use company resources to fight efforts by local school districts and parents who determine what content is appropriate for students.
- -- The Maag family, the woke owners of TV station WFMJ in Youngstown, Ohio - an NBC affiliate - for firing awardwinning broadcaster Madonna Chism Pinkard -- a 20-year employee -- for the "crime" of posting on her personal Facebook page a humorous message promoting "heterosexual pride." The message stated: "Celebrate Straight Pride. It's Natural, It Has Worked for Thousands of Years. And You Can Make Babies!" In response, the TV station wrote on Facebook: "We do not condone such actions and apologize to you, our viewers, for this

unauthorized post." Commenting on the issue, podcaster Todd Starnes said, "When you offend the Alphabet Activists, they will destroy you – especially if you work in a television news agency. It's like a modern-day Gestapo."

-- Mary Flock, the principal of St. Bonaventure Catholic School in Huntington Beach, California, for expelling seventh grader Jimmy Heyward – as well as his two sisters – for the "crime" of delivering a speech to his classmates while seeking to become the school's "Commissioner of School Spirit and Patriotism." Flock said his comments - filled with patriotic sentiments -"clashed with the school's Christian Code of Conduct." The principal deemed the speech inappropriate unless all references to patriotism were removed. He had expressed his love for America but also criticized those who he felt took their citizenship for granted. Jimmy was then forced to sit there and watch other contenders deliver their speeches. When his mother accused Flock of suppressing her son's freedom of speech, the conflict escalated – and more than 6,700 people signing a petition to remove her from office. It was effective - because the school subsequently sent all parents a mass mailing that Flock would not be returning the following school year.

--Yale University's Department of Molecular Biophysics and Biochemistry, for telling faculty members to place Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at the center of every decision, and that students who wished to be hired as scientists must "pledge allegiance to DEI" in order to do so. Well, Boola Foola, Yale.

--The NFL Buffalo Bills football team, for joining the New York Giants, New England Patriots, New York Jets, Miami Dolphins, Arizona Cardinals, Chicago Bears, Washington Commanders and Seattle Seahawks in partnering with the National Gay Flag Football League and launching a team in their city. So, will the two teams in each city exchange players?

--Disneyland, for holding a massive gay pride celebration for children. The woke Disneyland officials claim, "they are not grooming your children," it is "just family-friendly fun." Walt Disney must be turning over in his grave.

#### YOU CAN'T MAKE THIS UP



--According to the website www.usafirstreporting.com, Special Counsel Jack Smith has acknowledged the manipulation of evidence of the FBI in the case of classified documents retrieved

during the raid at Mar-a-Lago. It said this revelation surfaced as Smith responded to former President Donald Trump's motion to dismiss the charges. He conceded that the FBI had staged photographs with the classified documents and tampered with the order and arrangement of the documents, thus casting doubts on the integrity of the evidence handling process.

--Following the march on the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021, former House Speaker blamed former President Donald Trump for not deploying the National Guard for protection, denying that Trump had previously requested her to do so. Now, more than three years later, the House Administration Oversight Subcommittee has released new January 6 footage showing Pelosi actually blaming herself for not having National Guardsmen at the Capitol. But after that video was released,

Pelosi appeared on her favorite TV network – MSNBC – to accuse her critics of "revisionist history."

-- A Congressman in Japan, Kazuhiro Haraguchi, did something on May 31 that had not been done before – issuing a heartfelt apology to his nation's citizens because of the COVID vaccines. He admitted that he was part of the problem during the pandemic, and that his cowardice and lies to the people resulted in many deaths from the "safe and effective" shots. The apology occurred during a massive protest against the World Health Organization. "So many have died, and they shouldn't have. When I travel around different areas, I see people who can't stand, can't walk, can't go to school, or their workplaces," Haraguchi said, and he admitted that he, along with many of his colleagues in the government, had suppressed information about alternative treatments for COVID, such as ivermectin. All the problems that he described in Japan also happened in America, where dissident voices were censored, and inexpensive alternative treatments were suppressed or ridiculed.

--In the twisted logic of BidenWorld, fighting inflation requires "green" spending that funds anti-Israel hate. The Biden Environmental Protection Agency awarded \$50 million to Climate Justice Alliance, whose website proclaims, "The path of climate justice travels through a free Palestine." The EPA made the grant after Hamas' October 7 atrocities, which CJA hasn't bothered to condemn.

--And in the Biden Administration's latest nod to the gender identity movement, the Labor Department has posted tips on line on how employees can make the workplace more friendly – NOT to "women," but instead to "menstruators" and "menstruating employees."

--After being convicted by a federal jury of perjury and mortgage fraud – specifically for false statements on loan applications to purchase two vacation homes in Florida – former Baltimore State's Attorney Marilyn Mosby faced a 20-month prison term, but U.S. District Judge Lydia Kay Griggsby – a Biden appointee to the bench – sentenced her instead to a year of home detention, followed by three years of supervised release.

--Fargo, North Dakota School Board Member Seth Holden tried unsuccessfully to ban the Pledge of Allegiance in schools, and during board meetings refused to face Old Glory, saying it did not represent the commitment to "diversity, equity and inclusion." At one point he even took a knee during the pledge, shades of the NFL. The pledge, he believed, was a "non-inclusionary act." But on June 11, the citizens of Fargo held a sweet revenge election, and Holden was voted off the board – receiving less than 10 percent of the vote.

--After years of enchanting fans at Disney World, Tinker Bell is no longer seen, because Woke Disney officials have determined that the iconic "Peter Pan" fairy is "potentially problematic," being "body conscious," and "jealous of Peter Pan's attention." Who's next? Mickey and Donald – because they really aren't married to Minnie and Daisy??

--Police in St. George, Utah, said that Collin Bailey – a 28-year-old male who identifies as a female and legally changed his name to Mia – admitted to them that he killed his parents on June 19 because he hated them, and "I would do it again." The bodies of Gail and Joseph Bailey were found shot to death multiple times in their home. Bailey also tried to shoot his brother, who hid in his room. The transgender was located near a park, where he pulled a gun from his waistband and held it to his head prior to being arrested. Bailey is being charged with two counts of aggravated murder, attempted aggravated murder, seven counts of shooting a gun, and aggravated burglary.

--Opposition continued to mount – even from some liberals – against President Biden's nomination of Judge Sarah Netburn to the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, because she transferred a biological transgender male convicted of rape and child molestation to a federal women's prison.

--Residents of the Villas of Carillon in Feather Sound – an area in Pinellas County, Florida – forced the entire board of their homeowner's association to resign after each of the 165 townhome owners received a letter informing them of a special assessment of \$60,000 each in order to fully fund maintenance accounts required by the state. But 100 percent upfront funding is "overkill," and reportedly not the intent of the law.

#### **EXPERTS' EXCERPTS**



"The Federalist" Senior Editor Mollie Hemingway, writing on Five Things the Republicans Need to Do to Win in 2024, in "The AMAC Magazine":

"Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump is leading in the polls, even as Democrat politicians and their policies are receiving historically low approval

ratings. But if Republicans think all it's going to take to win in November is to show up in force on Election Day, they need to wake up. Here are five things that the GOP needs to do to secure victory: 1) Vote Operations ... We now have an 'election season.' The period can last weeks and even months before and after election day. Tens of millions of unsupervised ballots are mailed to addresses and trafficked by armies of left-wing activists....Until Republicans can successfully improve election laws in their states, they must stay competitive with Democrats, who will be aggressively banking votes months before Election Day....If they want to win elections in competitive districts, Republican leaders should encourage early voting, ballot harvesting where it's legal, and strenuous election oversight. 2) Win Media Battles.... Whereas the media used to be merely biased, now it is engaged in outright propaganda. It is responsible for crafting fake news.... It will frame and amplify stories that help Democrats and downplay and mischaracterize those that help Republicans.... Republican leaders need to be far smarter at engaging the media as an actual political opponent, if not their primary political opponent....3) Fight Lawfare. Democrats are engaged in a coordinated strategy to bankrupt and imprison their top political opponents through 'lawfare.' They even attempted to remove the Republican

candidate from the ballot....Republican voters need to send a loud, clear message to their representatives in Washington that they must get serious about fighting back against the weaponization of the justice system by Democrats to win elections....Criminally charging one's opponents to win elections is the real threat to Democracy, and voters need to demand that Republicans in Washington fight this with everything they've got. 4) Clearly Articulate Policy Goals.... While it's true that Americans are deeply dissatisfied with Democrat policies, it's not true that this dissatisfaction translates into Republican votes. Republicans must explain how they're different from Democrats and how that difference will help improve the lives of voters. This task is made more difficult when Republicans in the House and Senate vote to advance Democrat policy goals....5) Copy Effective Campaign Tricks From 2016. When Donald Trump was running for his first term, many conservatives were worried, Notably, they were concerned about whether Trump was as conservative as he claimed, particularly regarding judicial nominations. To assuage those concerns, he presented a list of potential Supreme Court nominees and promised to pick from it.... Trump should consider naming potential justices and cabinet officials. The move could help voters feel confident about what a second Trump administration would accomplish and could generate excitement about moving the country in a better direction. Republicans should forcefully communicate a unified message, have the courage to take on corrupt media, and prepare a laserfocus on 'get out the vote; operations."

"New York Post" columnist **Miranda Devine**, on Joe Biden's "Nice Old Man Act:"

"Republicans should not fall into the trap of emphasizing Biden's increasing befuddlement as viral, as such moments are to a world astonished that America now



resembles the end stages of Soviet decrepitude. The strategy risks engendering sympathy for a man who deserves none and lets him off the hook for all the damage he has wrought on this country. It also plays into Biden's superpower: being underestimated. He might act like a doddering incompetent, look like a wax effigy and walk like a robot, but the president has the uncanny ability to exceed all expectations when it counts, politically....He keeps passing the tests set for him by doubters in his party who are worried that most voters think he's too old – a polite euphemism for his cognitive fitness more than a judgment on his numerical age of 81, which is not much more than Donald Trump, who just turned 78, but has seemingly boundless energy. For instance, Biden's weird performance at the State of the Union in March after another extended recharge at Camp David was effusively praised by his media boosters as 'feisty,' 'energetic,' and 'passionate'.... One particularly barf-worthy line hailed the comeback of the 'scrappy, twinkle-eyed, blue-collar street politician.' These media accounts were at odds with what any normal person saw of Biden's shouty, angry, oddly high-octane performance. But Biden benefited from low expectations, which had plummeted deeper into the basement after Special Counsel Robert Hur decided not to charge him with mishandling classified documents because he is cognitively unfit to stand trial or, as Hur diplomatically put it, he is a "well-meaning elderly man with a poor memory"....Biden is used to being written off as a dud because of his history of preposterous boasting, plagiarism, dishonesty, and chip-on-the-shoulder combativeness. No serious man behaves like that. Yet, every now and then, when his opponents are lulled into complacency, he pulls off a political masterstroke.... The real point is not that Biden is old and out of it, because his handlers will minimize opportunities to scrutinize him in the wild and his Hollywood spin meisters will rig things to make him appear normal. Biden is a deep-fake even without the help of AI. Look beyond the curtain at what he does. That's what counts. That tells you who he is and who he always has been.... He should be held accountable at the ballot box and beyond."



American Security Council Foundation Senior Analyst Laurence Sanford, writing on the World Health Organization in his publication "SOS – Sanford on Security":

"W.H.O. is the World Health Organization, a specialized agency of the United Nations concerned with international public health. Founded in

1948 and headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland, it has 194 member states. For the past three years, it has been opaquely working on empowering the U.N. to establish a global pandemic treaty that would require: Countries and companies to share in intellectual property and medical supplies; Mandatory lockdowns and inoculations; Special treatment for developing countries. The U.N. defines China as a developing country despite having the world's second-largest economy; Declaring 'climate change' as a health issue; and Censorship of misinformation and disinformation as defined by W.H.O. The treaty would infringe on U.S. sovereignty and, as usual with the Globalist agenda, would have Americans paying billions of dollars to subvert their own civilization. Fortunately, the member nations have not yet agreed on the treaty. W.H.O. is now seeking an additional \$7 billion to its annual \$6.7 billion budget to fund global preparedness for future pandemics. Left unsaid is that W.H.O. acted as a shill for the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) cover-up and deception on the China Virus (COVID-19). The U.N. and W.H.O. lied and deceived the world about the CCP's role in the China Virus. Now, W.H.O. wants to enlarge its powers over sovereign nations to further the CCP's objectives of world domination. W.H.O. Director-General Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus was elected to the post in 2017 with the support of the CCP. He previously served in an Ethiopian Marxist government as Health Director and then as Foreign Minister when Ethiopia received millions of aid dollars from Communist China. He holds a doctorate degree in Philosophy. Ghebreyesus repaid the CCP with the W.H.O. coverup of COVID-19's origins in China, and endorsed the draconian lockdowns imposed in China. He was responsible for the W.H.O. report that absolved China's Wuhan lab as the source of the virus. The report was shallow at best since the CCP did not allow W.H.O. full access to the Wuhan lab. Furthermore, W.H.O. promoted the CCP policies of lockdowns and

facemasks that have been proven ineffective. An estimated 7 million died, economies were ruined, education suffered, suicides increased, and the social fabric sundered. Dr. Anthony Fauci and the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease (NIAID) were also complicit in the cover-up of CCP malfeasance in the Wuhan virus pandemic...President Trump reduced funding to W.H.O. in April 2020 because of its 'covering up' the spread of the coronavirus and being 'too China-friendly.' President Biden, in one of his first acts as president, retracted Trump's decision and rejoined W.H.O. with American dollars. Biden also appointed Fauci to represent the United States on the world body's executive committee. The U.S. is the largest funder of the U.N. and its agencies. In 2022, it contributed over \$18 billion, of which \$15 billion was voluntary.... The United States is no longer the 'home of the brave and land of the free,' as witnessed by the people's ready acceptance of draconian lockdowns, forced inoculations, and facemask mandates issued by the federal government and some state governments. Governor Ron DeSantis in Florida led the fight against lockdowns, and he was vilified in the malicious Marxist mainstream media."

#### THOUGHTS TO PONDER

"Yes, it's President Joe Biden's name on the 2024 ballot as former President Trump's opponent. But in reality? In reality, Trump's main opponent in this presidential election year is the 'mainstream' – aka 'liberal' – media. In truth, this game of targeting potential Republican presidential nominees or presidents has been played for decades. Hop in the time traveling machine and take a look at some of the coverage faced by a rising GOP star named Ronald Reagan. The left-leaning 'New Republic' was unsparing, one of its columnists writing that: 'Ronald Reagan to me is still the posturing, essentially mindless and totally unconvincing candy man that he's been in my opinion ever since I watched his first try for the Republican nomination evaporate in Miami in 1968."

--"Newsbusters" writer **Jeffrey Lord**, on the mainstream media as Trump's main opponent -0-

"There are three things certain in life: Death, taxes, and the mainstream press being the worst people on earth. The sheer ability of the journalistic class to take any issue and come down on the wrong side of it is legendary. That dynamic didn't change after Israel rescued four hostages....The hostages were being held in 'civilian' homes, with Hamas fighters responding to an all-call to attack the area after the rescue attempt was discovered. That led to a tense firefight in the streets, with a helicopter eventually providing evac from the nearby beach. Now, you'd think the press would be very interested to know why hostages were being held in 'civilian' homes in the middle of a 'refugee camp.' That would seem the most prudent question when discussing casualties as a result of the rescue operation. Instead, they simply went to bat for Hamas. A claim that 'more than 200 Palestinians killed' is completely unverified. Those numbers come directly from the Hamascontrolled 'Gaza Ministry of Health'....Then there's the labeling of the operation as an 'Israeli hostage raid.' This was not a 'raid,' a word that typically produces impressions of aggression (i.e. a bombing raid). It was a rescue in which self-defense was used while securing the safety of the four hostages. Also absent is any admission of how many of the dead were combatants, either because they were members of Hamas or chose to fire on the Israeli forces.... The mainstream press is awful. There is no low its members won't stoop to, and that includes becoming propagandists for terrorists."

--"Red State" writer **Bonchie**, on Israel rescuing four hostages held by Hamas

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"May 30, 2024, is the day America's legal system died – its throat cut and its body gutted by the radical Democrat Party in its relentless pursuit of power. In a carefully orchestrated show trial which would have been a credit to every kangaroo in Australia, a New York state court took a possible misdemeanor, for which the statute of limitations had expired years ago, illegally glued it to a federal campaign issue over which they had no jurisdiction, absurdly claimed that Donald Trump acted to influence an election when the actions charged took place after the election, 'randomly' selected as judge the same compromised Trump-hater who was also somehow 'randomly' selected to handle the Trump organization case and the case against Steve Bannon, and conducted the trial and drafted the jury instructions to guarantee a guilty verdict against Trump."

--Forner **U,S**, **Ambassador Stanley Escudero**, on ending the U.S. legal system

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"The liberal majority on the Palm Beach County Commission refused to lower the flags to half-staff for Rush Limbaugh. And I always thought that that was very, very disrespectful, because even if you disagree with him, the guy was a pioneer at the craft, and he was a longtime Florida resident. You should be happy. But Palm Beach has been like a longtime liberal bastion. We took a county that had been blue for decades in the Governor's race, but maybe more importantly, we now have a majority of Republicans on the Palm Beach County Commission. Nobody thought that was possible. I think that's Limbaugh's revenge over that County Commission. I know he would be smiling thinking that his home county went red."

--Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, on changing Palm Beach County politically

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"It is often said that no one is above the law, but it is also true that no one is below the law. If the defendant were not Donald Trump, this case would never have been brought, the judge would have never issued similar rulings, and the jury would have never returned a guilty verdict."

--Another DeSantis comment, this one reacting to Trump's New York "trial decision"

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"A grotesquely biased jury of Trump-haters, led by a judge who put service to his party above his judicial responsibilities, has returned guilty verdicts against Donald Trump on all 34 counts with which he was – absurdly – charged. What to do now? First, it is now absolutely essential that Trump be elected president.

The Democrats cannot be allowed to get away with this effort to turn America into a banana republic. Second, the Democrats understand nothing except the raw exercise of power. Therefore, Republican attorneys general and district attorneys should bring criminal charges against Democratic officeholders wherever possible. No Democratic officeholder should be allowed to retire, in any jurisdiction with Republican law enforcement, without facing criminal charges....Third, the criminal prosecutions should begin with Joe Biden. Unlike Trump, Biden is actually a criminal. He is already known to be guilty under the federal bribery statute, to the tune of at least \$20 million." -- "Powerline Blog" writer and attorney John Hinderaker, on responding to Trump's conviction

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"Former President Donald Trump has three key issues he can argue on appeal to overturn his conviction in his New York hush money trial, including that prosecutors never identified an underlying felony to the resurrected misdemeanor bookkeeping charges that had lapsed. The other two issues for appeal involve boundless character testimony prejudicial to Mr. Trump and prejudicial evidence that the trial judge allowed to be admitted...Legal scholars say a defendant's right to a fair trial and due process is undermined when the specific charge they are facing is not spelled out for them to defend properly. That was what happened, some experts argue, when Judge Juan Merchan directed jurors that they didn't need to - under New York law - find the defendant unanimously guilty of committing a felony to resurrect the misdemeanor recordkeeping charges that had expired under the statute of limitations."

--"The Washington Times" writer **Alex Swover** on appealing Trump's conviction

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"The conviction of Donald Trump by a New York City jury will have no effect on the election. There may be some short-term trend against Trump, but the public fully understands the nature of this verdict and the partisan bias behind it. Judge Juan Merchan has guaranteed that this verdict will be perceived as a manifestation of judicial bias. His daughter's employment by the Democratic Party as a fundraiser, and his biased rulings throughout the case make his bias evident. Undoubtedly Democrats will attempt to make this verdict the linchpin in the election. But they will be wrong to do so. Voters have decided to support Trump because of the issues that affect them such as inflation, energy prices, crime, and immigration."

--Political analyst **Dick Morris**, reacting to Trump's trial decision

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"I did a deep dive and discovered the cause of why sexually explicit and disgusting books get into our children's schools, classrooms, and libraries. Here's what we're up against. These are books Scholastic promotes at book fairs in schools.,,,Scholastic holds a virtual monopoly on school book fairs. Like many of our cultural institutions in the last decade, Scholastic has fallen prey to the woke mob and radical LGBT political agenda. Scholastic promotes this agenda over the wellbeing of our children. Scholastic's monopoly on schoolbook

fairs has ushered in woke and inappropriate books to kids across the nation."

--Actor **Kirk Cameron**, who has partnered with SkyTree Book Fairs to give schools a positive alternative to Scholastic -0-

"Obviously, the 'C' in CNN doesn't stand for 'Civics.' CNN went off the deep end about crazy, misinformed right wing conspiracy theorist Republicans who think that the USA is a republic and not a democracy. Spoiler alert: It is a republic and not a democracy."

--TV host Mike Huckabee, on CNN misinformation

#### **UPCOMING BREVARD COUNTY EVENTS**

- --July 3: Brevard Federated Republican Women meeting, Space Coast Convention Center, Cocoa, 11:30 am.
- --July 4: Heritage Isle Republican Club meeting, Heritage Isle Clubhouse, 10 am.
- --July 8: Space Coast Patriots meeting, Merritt Island Library, 6 pm.
- --July 15: Republican Liberty Caucus of Brevard meeting, La Loma Restaurant, Melbourne, 7 pm.
- --July 16: North Brevard Republican Club meeting, American Police Hall of Fame, Titusville, 6 pm.
- --July 18: Republican Women's Network of South Brevard meeting, Suntree Country Club, 11 am.
- --July 22: Ronald Reagan Club meeting, Oceanside Community Church, Satellite Beach, 6 pm.
- --July 25: Space Coast Young Republicans meeting, Pub Americana, Melbourne, 6:30 pm.
- --July 27: Space Coast Republican Club meeting, Red Lobster, Merritt Island, 11:30 am.

The Brevard Republican Executive Committee and the Federated Republican Women in Action will not meet in July.

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-inthe-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

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#### **COMICAL CLOSERS**

- --For New Yorkers who are planning to move to Florida, the satirical "Babylon Bee" has prepared a list of ten things to be prepared for:
- 1. When it is hot here, that is called "summer," or also, it could be "winter," "spring," or "fall."
- 2. Tax dollars won't have to pay for immigrants to live in hotels; instead, your money will be used to fly them to Martha's Vineyard.
- 3. You're less likely to be shot on your way to your mailbox, grocery store, gas station, crossing the street, the beach, or going to Disney World.
- 4. You'll now have to watch out for the roving gangs of murderous alligators.
- 5. "Shank" now means a mis-hit in golf.
- 6. Don't worry about the oppressive humidity eventually you'll get used to taking an oxygen tank with you when you go out.
- 7. There is someone strong, principled, and competent in charge of your state referred to as "Governor."
- 8. The pizza is inferior to New York's; Floridians don't even fold their slices multiple times.
- 9. There is 100 percent less here of Robert DeNiro.
- 10. You're geographically closer to Mar-a-Lago and will sense its presence at all times.

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--The "Bee" also reported that the severe weather season threatens to have an impact on the U.S. presidential election, as Tropical Storm Alberto, immediately after making landfall in Texas, registered to vote as a Democrat.

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--Fact checking the fact checkers. Hillary Clinton said that anti-Israel protesters on college campuses "don't know very much" about Middle East history. This is FALSE, because it erroneously implies that they know "anything at all" about it.



--In this Tik Tok video, a dog named Mollie sits calmly while watching Donald Trump on television. But when her owner changes the channel to show President Joe Biden, Mollie goes berserk, barking furiously and charging at the TV screen. Her owner says he thinks Mollie is "a Puplican."

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Ray & Bob, two government workers, were standing at the base of a flagpole looking up. A women walked by and asked them what they were doing. "We're supposed to find the height of the pole," Bob said "but we don't have a ladder".

The women said, "hand me that wrench from your toolbox". She loosened a few bolts and laid the flagpole down. She then took a tape measure from the toolbox and measured the pole. She said, "it's 18 feet 6 inches" and walked away.

Ray shook his head and laughed and said, "Well if that is not like a miss-know-it all woman. We need the height, and she gave us the length."

Ray and Bob still work for the government. But now they are members of Congress.

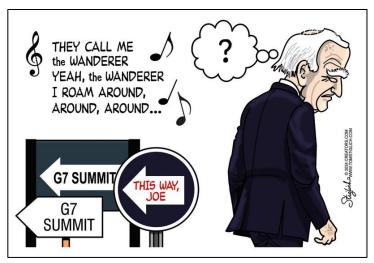
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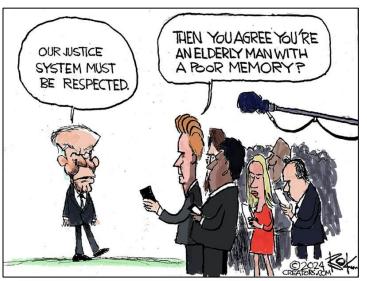






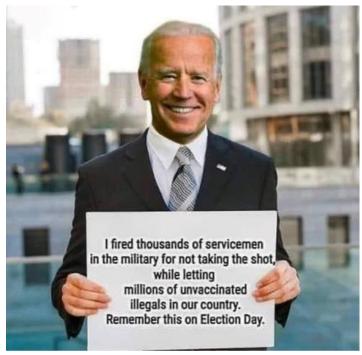






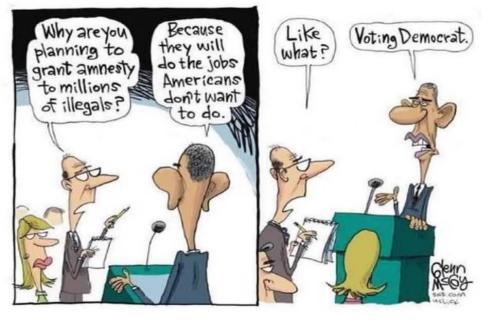






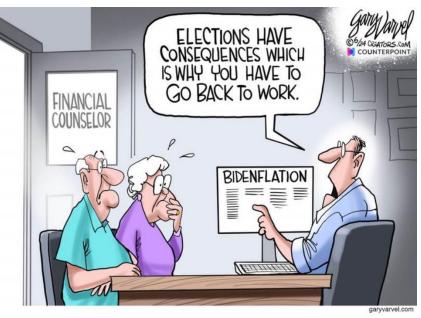






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