



Betcha a woman wrote this...

Women are like apples on trees. The best ones are at the top of the tree.

Most men don't want to reach for the good ones because they are afraid of falling and getting hurt. Instead, they just take the rotten apples from the ground that aren't as good, but easy.

The apples at the top think something is wrong with them, when in reality, they're amazing. They just have to wait for the right man to come along, the one who's brave enough to climb all the way to the top of the tree.

Now Men....

Men are like a fine wine. They begin as grapes, and it's up to women to stomp the crap out of them until they turn into something acceptable to have dinner with.

*Doesn't that just warm your heart?*



**Don't forget: counterclockwise for summer...and yes, that's an actual ceiling fan...and no...I did not buy it although I was tempted.**

*The Frank Report*



**NEVER UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF STUPID PEOPLE IN LARGE GROUPS**

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*All the news I see fit to print.*

**From the government's website:**

The Federal Government is **broken down**\* into fifteen departments, each of which consists of a number of sub-departments and organizational groups tasked with accomplishing the Department's overall **goals**\*.

**\*Ironic choice of words...**

The Department of Energy was created in 1977 by Jimmy Carter in the aftermath of the 1973 oil crisis. Goal was to make us energy independent (*stop laughing*).

Obama added \$2.3 billion for the DOE Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) to substantially expand the use of renewable energy like **solar panels**.

Researchers from the University of Washington LAUNCHED trillions of salt particles into the atmosphere from the deck of an aircraft carrier in San Francisco Bay to block out the sunlight from earth. They will **block the sun** and thus decrease the temperature on earth.

Biden's Fiscal Year 2024 budget request, includes \$52 billion for the Department of Energy, an increase from the \$48 billion enacted for FY 2023 with over 15,000 federal employees and 100,000 contractors. (*Wonder if his kid Hunter has some of those contracts?*)

Trump reached the Energy Department's goal of energy independence when we not only had \$1.28 gas prices, and we were drilling for so much oil we were actually exporting more oil than Saudi Arabia.

The Deep State (and the Energy Department's employees) were afraid the need for that Department was gone thus the reversal of everything Trump had accomplished. Trump also had his eye on the others since the Energy Department was one of 15.



*Good news from Amazon:*

**Reacher** Season Three is in production and is based on Lee Child's seventh book **Persuader**.

*Now the bad news:*

Hollywood can produce all the crap it wants. With nearly 1,000 original titles released on the major [streaming] platforms, most viewers concentrated on fewer than two dozen.

Netflix's top two shows were **"3 Body Problem"** (about the communist oppression of Maoist China) with 15.6 million views and **"Testament: The Story of Moses"** with 13.5 million views. Lame Stream news Media is lucky to get a third of that. Edward R. Murrow had an audience of 20 million.

Johnny Carson's Tonite Show had an audience of 15 million every night. Jimmy Fallon has that show and is lucky to get four million.

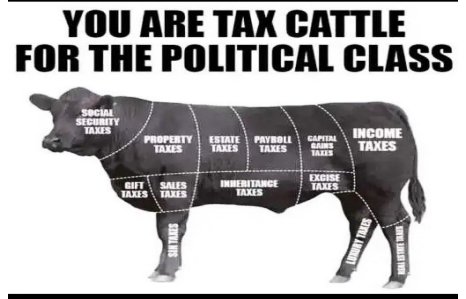
The "ladies" of The View have insisted it's all due to climate change. One of them actually said the eclipse was caused by climate change. Blaming Trump was probably too far a reach? (*I am NOT making that up*).

No wonder I buy so many books.

And with old age comes the advantage of being able to read them more than once.

This week's newsletter will be three pages.

The following chart is an overview of the 15 Departments established by Executive Order of the President. The department heads make up part of the President's cabinet. Congress controls their budget, authorizes programs and accepts or declines the appointment of the Department head. Where it gets tricky is when Congress Critters can create programs within the Departments. Bottom line...this is where all the bureaucrats are born. These are the foot soldiers of the Deep State.



***Biden's administration announced a plan to try to protect bureaucrats from being fired by the second Trump administration.***

<b>Department Name</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Employees</b>	<b>Creation Year</b>
Health and Human Services	\$879.2B	88,509	1953
Defense	\$651.16B	3,000,000	1947
Labor	\$137.97B	14,062	1913
Agriculture	\$134.12B	84,496	1862
Veterans Affairs	\$97.7B	427,172	1989
Interior	\$90B	56,718	1849
Transportation	\$73.2B	53,037	1966
Justice	\$46.2B	115,897	1870
Education	\$45.4B	4,178	1980
Housing/Urban Development	\$40.53B	8,081	1965
Homeland Security	\$40B	211,502	2002
Energy	\$24.1B	14,608	1977
Treasury	\$19.56B	96,204	1789
State	\$16.39B	12,639	1789
Commerce	\$15.77B	47,060	1903

The net interest on the federal debt exceeded defense spending in the first half of fiscal year 2024 as government spending and interest rates remain high, according to the Congressional Budget Office.

Net interest on the U.S. government's public debt cost an estimated \$440 billion in the first half of fiscal year 2024 from October to March, compared to \$308 billion in the same period in fiscal year 2023, an increase of 43%, according to the CBO. Medicare and Medicaid were both exceeded by payments in interest, with the programs costing \$389 billion and \$304 billion.

Social Security remained the biggest source of spending, increasing from \$652 billion in the first six months of fiscal year 2023 to \$711 billion this year, a gain of around 9%, according to the CBO. ***Excuse my French but you assholes at CBO better realize that Social Security is money you took from us and we expect to get it back!***

The nationwide average price for regular gas hit a six-month high of \$3.60 a gallon spiking more than 50 percent under Biden. Joe can't dump the Strategic Reserves so how about knocking off the taxes we pay for gas?

The Supreme Court struck down Biden's program to grant student loan forgiveness to roughly 40 million Americans using executive power in June 2023. Since then, Joe has explored several other avenues to achieve his policy goal, and announced that his administration would be cancelling \$1.2 billion of student debt for thousands of individuals. It didn't work. Trump is leading Biden by six points among registered voters aged 18 to 29 while those who did pay off their own student loans are paying for this.

Javier Milei took office as president of Argentina in December 2023. The state had 341,477 people employed. Two months later, Milei's new administration has already **eliminated** 9,000 government jobs and 15,000 more layoffs were ordered. The population of Argentina is about 47 million and inflation rate was near 250%. He's not done. Guess who hugged him?



***No wonder the Deep State is nervous and trying everything to keep Trump from the White House.***



**Wise man once told his wife nothing because he was a wise man.**

**Never approach a bull from the front, a horse from the rear nor an idiot from any direction. H/T Steve B**

**I wish I lacked common sense. They seem so happy.**

**Is "guilty pleasure" a religious thing?**

**Maybe stars are really holes poked in the container so we can breathe?**

**We need a "skip intro" button on elections.**

**Old people are tired because: finally able to do anything and have everything they wanted when they were teenagers except the energy.**

**You the designated driver? Friends all really drunk? Have fun. Drop them at the wrong homes.**

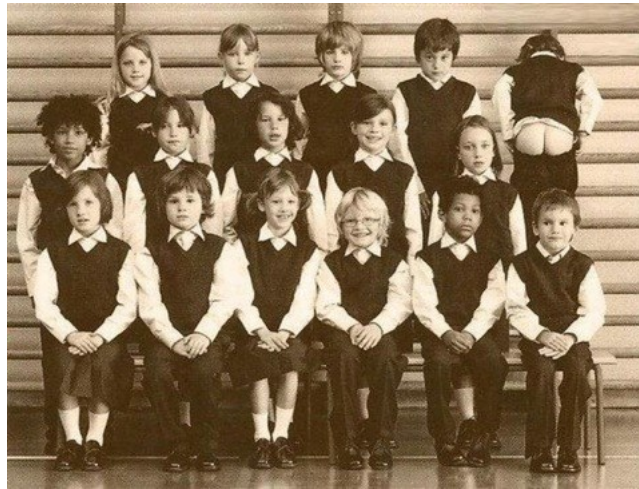
**When some people open their mouth, it's only to change feet.**

**Those same people are so stupid, they should be watered twice a day.**

**Stress is when you wake up screaming and then you realize you haven't fallen asleep yet.**

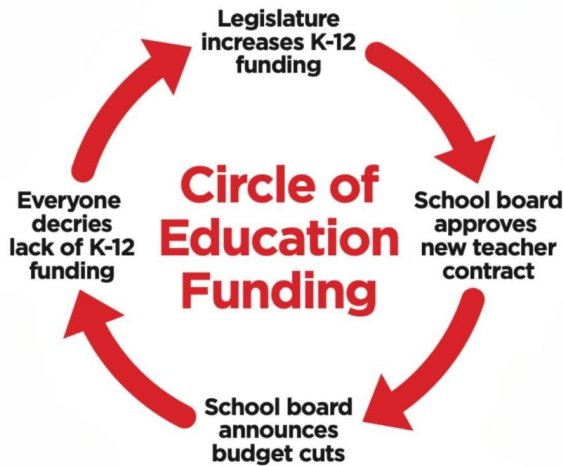
**Diversity in the airlines means a flight attendant can get a pilot pregnant.**

**I don't worry about avoiding temptation. At my age, it avoids me.**



Let's take a quick look at the Department of Education.

Using Minnesota as an example, the number of principals and assistant principals on staff increased nearly 40 percent compared to 4.1 percent growth in teachers and 4.5 percent growth in students. But hidden in the data is a 135% growth of "student support staff". I'll bet that "support staff" is doing what the teachers and principals are being paid to do.



Database maintained by Parents Defending Education reports 1,060 school districts in 38 states and the District of Columbia have formal policies for treating students of any age consistent with their "gender identity" and for withholding that information from parents. May be the primary reason school board meetings have become more visible but you'll never see that on the "news". Also, property taxes are higher each year because it is the main source of school funding and the circle above explains why. A side benefit of the pandemic lock down with kids and parents realizing how much better home schooling is...which is creating a panic for the politicians as parents are demanding refunds on school taxes.

### Tidbits

*(a small and particularly interesting item of gossip or information)*

St. Louis Park Public Schools (MN) announced position, to examine the presence and role of 'Whiteness'.

The position pays a salary (property tax funded) between \$134,141.00 and \$201,212.00.

Alaska has the lowest tax burden while New York has the highest. Minnesota comes in at #4 even worse than California at #5.

Nationwide Gas Prices Top \$3.50, Spiking More than 45% Under Biden and now he can't fill the empty Strategic Petroleum Reserve and emptying it to reduce gas prices.

The news of DARPA awarding Northrop Grumman a contract to build a concept of a lunar railroad comes at the same time the White House has urged NASA to create a standard time on the moon.

The White House was forced to cancel its annual Ramadan celebration after Muslims refused to attend an event with Joe Biden.

Burger King, In-N-Out, and Others Raise Prices Significantly Two Days After California's \$20 Minimum Wage Kicks In. CA voters just got a free economics lesson?

Moderna Developing mRNA Vaccines for Multiple Diseases Linked to the COVID Vaccines.

*Say what?*

**Until next week...**

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