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QUOTE FOR THE DAY

**“They’re coming to take me away Ha Haaa,
they’re coming to take me away.” Jerry
Samuels #3 Billboard, novelty song hit, 1966
about a man in psychiatric distress.**

DEFINITION: “LA-LA LAND”

**“The mental state of someone who is not aware
of what is really happening.”**

MEET THE SAN FRANCISCO BOARD OF EDUCATION

**By a vote of 6 to 1, the Board members, while
singing the above song in unison, voted to
expunge the names of 44 schools in the city.**

In the latest and perhaps greatest salute to the Cancel Culture movement they decided the following names have to be removed from the schools: George Washington; Thomas Jefferson; Abraham Lincoln; Francis Scott Key; President, Herbert Hoover; John Muir, the naturalist; James Russell Lowell, an abolitionist; Paul Revere and Robert Louis Stevenson. – all to be done for the bargain price of \$400,000.

San Francisco Mayor, London Breed, lashed out at the decision, “Let’s bring the same urgency and focus on getting our kids back in the classroom...”

Dr. Adam Davis, a pediatrician, adds, “I don’t know anybody personally who doesn’t think it’s embarrassing. The renaming is a caricature of what people think liberals in San Francisco do.”

CLIMATE – LIBERALS VS CONSERVATIVES

President Biden has wholeheartedly bought in to a \$2 trillion Green New Deal-like initiative, “Today is climate day at the White House,

which means that today is jobs day...It's about jobs, good-paying union jobs... It's a whole of government approach to put climate change at the center of our domestic, national security and foreign policy."

Not to argue with his new boss, but Climate Czar, John Kerry, noted that dramatically reducing U.S. emissions wouldn't make much of a difference in the global fight, "Almost 90 percent of the planet's global emissions come from outside the U.S. borders. We could go to zero tomorrow and the problem isn't solved."

From the conservative side of the aisle, Mitch McConnell observes that the administration's policies, including a moratorium on new oil and gas drilling on federal lands will harm the economy. He says, "The decision on federal lands will leave us down nearly one million American jobs by next year alone."

In an update on, "Let them eat cake", Mr. Kerry says of workers who will lose their jobs, "Let them build solar panels." As a critic points out, "Yeah, great -swap the \$80,000 job for a \$42,000 job."

Senator McConnell concludes that the administration's push is, "willfully throwing our own people out of work, reducing our domestic energy security, rising costs and prices for working families. All for no meaningful impact on global emissions, just to buy applause at those international conferences..." Refer to Kerry quote top of previous page.

Referring back to HH issue 96, regardless the readers' view on our country's position on climate change, it has to be asked, is this the time, with major pandemic and economic challenges, to be rolling out massive programs which are going to be disruptive to so many?

A logical response might be, "Well we've got to fire all those people because they are engaged in businesses that have a detrimental impact on the climate." A reply might be, "Yes, and you know where the money is coming from to make YOUR next mortgage payment, car payment and to buy food for the family." Think about it. And, don't believe the pitch for all the

“green” jobs. One broadcaster pointed out that Obama said the very same thing; results- nada!

Realistically, the continuation of these jobs is incompatible with the Executive Orders being issued. Close down the pipeline and the workers have to go. With the huge dislocations anticipated by these actions, something better than unemployment insurance has to come into play to help these affected families. This isn't a matter like workers losing their jobs because the pandemic is causing businesses to close. This is a matter of the U.S. Government proactively causing massive unemployment. Which brings up one last economically related point. The administration is proposing that anyone, currently employed, who feels uneasy about going to work because of Covid- 19 should, not only not have to go to work, but should be able to receive unemployment benefits – a total undoing of what unemployment insurance is all about – a program for the genuinely unemployed who, as a condition of their collecting benefits, must show they are actively looking for work.

THE GREAT GRATSBY

No, not Gatsby, but a nom du guerre for Jeffery Epstein. Since there have already been 5 million lines of type about GameStop, Robinhood and short squeezes, your scribe will take you, instead, into the esoteric world of Mr. Epstein's great wealth.

Leon Black is but one example of how Epstein turned his marketing magic into big bucks. Wealthy clients are always looking for ways to avoid taxes using sophisticated trusts and investment vehicles. Epstein became a great marketer of GRATS (Grantor Retained Annuity Trusts), which, in the case of Mr. Black, saved him one Billion dollars. Apparently Epstein was very good about explaining what type of savings might be obtained, but he passed off any of the heavy lifting to accounting and law firms. What did he get in return? Over several years, helping Mr. Black, Epstein netted \$100 Million. In another issue I'll hope to be able to tell our readers how to obtain your very own GRAT marketing training kit.

GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY

Our readers may recall that about a year ago the Trump administration announced the formation of our sixth military force, The United States Space Force. The entire concept was greeted with a lot of derision, not helped by the marketing decision to call members of the Space Force, “Guardians”. Don’t know what specific titles will be used, but, “Guardian 1st Class, Guardian 2nd Class and General Guardian,” seem like naturals. On top of that, the Guardians’ utility uniforms have a distinct, “Star Wars” look.

Snarky smiles aside, it turns out the space mission is of critical importance whether handled by a new military force or by the good old U.S. Air Force.

According to columnist, William Broad, “Beijing’s rush for antisatellite arms began 15 years ago. Now it can threaten the orbital fleets that give the United States Military its technological edge. Advanced weapons at China’s military bases can fire warheads that smash satellites and can shoot laser beams that have the potential to blind arrays of delicate sensors.”

In theory these weapons could cut off the Pentagon from contact with fleets of satellites, “that track enemy movements, relay communications among troops and provide information for the precise targeting of smart weapons.” Scary ! So, whether the U.S. Space Force survives its infancy or gets re absorbed into the Air Force, huge resources will be necessary to keep from losing our military and communications capabilities in space.

WE’RE JUST LOOKING AFTER YOUR HEALTH

That’s what a tech company in eastern China told their employees as they installed “smart cushions” in the chairs at their work stations, to monitor their health, note bad posture as a sign of fatigue and measure heart rates. Ah, but one additional feature, the cushions kept track of the time spent at work -stations. In effect, you were sitting on “Big brother”. The little snitch was letting management know how much time you spent at lunch, the water cooler or the loo – understandably a sensitive issue with Chinese employees in tech companies where, “996” describes their work lives – 9AM-9PM, 6 days a week.

Your faithful scribe, PB