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TRUMP EXCEEDS CONVENTION DELEGATE COUNT ON SUPER TUESDAY

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK:

MY TWO CENTS

By Stuart Gorin

--As an enlisted information specialist – not an officer – I was proud of my service in the U.S. Army in the 1960's. I admired General Douglas MacArthur, and believe in the motto he coined years ago – “Duty, Honor, Country.” So it was appalling to me this month that the commander of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point replaced its decades-long mission statement of “Duty, Honor, Country” with the pabulum words “Army Values.” Some critics say this reflects the deepening politicization within the military services under President Biden, and the good General must be turning over in his grave.

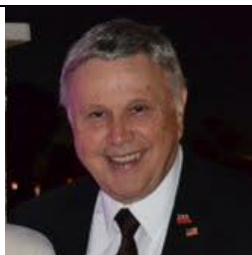
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--When I watch TV, even with the sound on, I use the Closed Captions setting. At times it can be helpful. But I firmly believe that the people who do the transcribing absolutely do NOT have English as their primary language. Daily, the misspellings and errors run from the ridiculous to the absurd. And one this month takes the prize. On Mark Levin's program on Fox News, he clearly said that President Joe Biden should RESCIND all of his executive orders. Then I just shook my head when the written words immediately appeared on the screen – President Joe Biden should RESEND all of his executive orders. Cringe!

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Speaking of Biden, we all know that during his State of the Union address, he misidentified Laken Riley, the young woman savagely killed, as Lincoln Riley (the USC basketball coach), and an illegal alien has been arrested and charged with her murder. The president later said he had to apologize – not for the woman's name, but for using the term “illegal” instead of “undocumented.”

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After all but one other Republican challenger in the 2024 presidential primary elections dropped out of the race, former **President Donald Trump** easily exceeded winning the 1,215 convention delegates needed to assure his nomination on Super Tuesday.



On that date, March 5, Trump gained a large majority of the votes cast in 14 state primaries or caucuses: Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, and Virginia.

Vermont, the 15th state on Super Tuesday, went instead to former **South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley**, who also dropped out the presidential race the next day.

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--Former Federal Judge Michael Luttig, who argued last year that the so-called insurrection clause of the Constitution meant Donald Trump was ineligible to hold office again, now appeared on MSNBC and claimed that the MAGA movement "is just like the 1776 revolutionary movement." His attempt to insult Trump supporters failed though, because 1776 was a time of pride to real patriots.

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--According to the website americanewsation.com, RINO Utah Senator Willard "Mittens" Romney claimed in an interview there is absolutely no way he would ever vote for former President Donald Trump over current Democrat President Joe Biden.

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More Two Cents next month.

In his victory speech, Trump focused on familiar themes, including the invasion of the U.S. by illegal aliens, apparently with the full support of Joe Biden's administration. "They want to open borders, and open borders will destroy our country," he said. "We need borders and free and fair elections otherwise we don't have a country." He added, "Success will bring unity to our country."

Earlier in March, Trump won campaigns in Arkansas and California, and then on March 12 in Georgia, Hawaii, Mississippi, and Washington. On March 19, he captured the convention delegates in Arizona, Florida, Illinois, Kansas and Ohio, and on March 23 in Louisiana.

POLITICAL JOTTINGS AND DOTTINGS



--Following Ronna McDaniel's announced resignation as chair of the Republican National Committee, meeting in Houston on March 8, the RNC named general counsel Michael Whatley as the new chair, and Donald Trump's daughter-in-law, Lara Trump, as the new co-chair. Both were hand-

picked by the former President.

Whatley vowed to work "hand in glove" with Trump in his campaign to defeat Joe Biden in the November election. Lara Trump stressed the significance of fundraising and early voting. McDaniel advised her replacements to not let Republican candidates bury their heads in the sand on the abortion issue, attract swing and independent voters, compete with Democrats in early and absentee voting, and not engage in GOP infighting that the media so desperately craves. She had vocally supported Trump in the past, but the failure to produce a "red wave" in the 2022 midterm sparked friction within the Republican Party.

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--Special elections are planned for later this year for four congressional seats vacated by resignations, and it could have

an impact on which party controls the House, since three of them were held by Republicans: **Bill Johnson** in Ohio's 6th District; **Kevin McCarthy** in California's 20th District; and **Ken Buck**, in Colorado's 4th District. The Democrat who left office to take another position was Brian Higgins, in New York's 26th District.

The California open Congressional primary was held on March 19, and two Republicans earned the right to battle on May 21 for that vacant seat. The candidates are **State Assemblyman Vince Fong** and **Mike Boudreaux** of the Tulare County Sheriff's Department.

In Ohio on March 19, businessman **Bernie Moreno** won the Republican Senate Primary and will face the Democrat incumbent, Sherrod Brown, on November 5 election day.



LET ME BE FRANK By Space Coast Tusk Designer Frank Montelione

In 2006, Hamas ran openly for the first time in legislative elections in Gaza, and won by the largest number of seats, ousting the Palestinian Authority and wrested control of the region to them. One year later they established physical control of Gaza, cementing its political and military control over the area. That was the last election "democratically" held in Gaza, as Hamas had established an iron grip there.

According to Reuters, "Hamas' 1988 founding charter calls for Israel's destruction and it refuses to recognize Israel. Hamas leaders have at times offered a long-term truce in return for a viable Palestinian state on all territory occupied by Israel in 1967."

In December 2012, Khaled Mashaal, a leader in exile, reflected the traditional Hamas hardline. "The state will come from resistance, not negotiation. Liberation first, then statehood. Palestine is ours from the river to the sea and from the south to the north," he said in speeches. He continued. "We will never recognize the legitimacy of the Israeli occupation, and therefore there is no legitimacy for Israel."

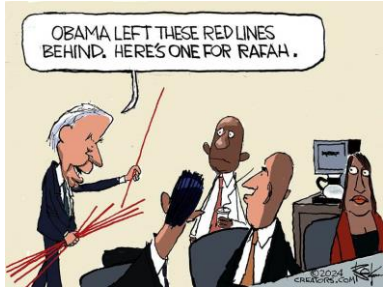
"From the River To The Sea" has become a rallying cry on college campuses and demonstrations around our country. But what does it mean?

Our President has insisted that a two-state solution would be equitable to both the Palestinians and Israel. Simply put the creation of a Palestinian state next to Israel would end the crisis. There would be two states on the land between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean Sea.

The idea of a terrorist state abutting Israel is inviting October 7th attacks every day. Hamas is one part of the Muslim Brotherhood. Hamas is not the only terrorist organization the Muslim Brotherhood supports. "Al Qaeda serves as the core of a loose umbrella organization that includes members of many Sunni Islamic extremist groups, including factions of the

Egyptian Islamic Jihad (EIJ), the Gama'at al-Islamiyya (IG), and the Harakat ul-Mujahidin (HUM)” (PBS Frontline).

With these threats to the nation of Israel, a two state solution is ludicrous. This administration ignores these basic facts as they try to coerce Israel to accept their plan. This plan goes back to Barrack Obama’s plans for Israel to remove the settlements in Gaza and sent Vice President Biden to relay this message to the Israeli government. The idea was that these territories be held in reserve for a future two state solution.



To add insult to injury, Biden said on an open microphone that he was going to have a “come to Jesus” conversation with Benjamin Netanyahu. He has pushed the Israeli Prime Minister to change his tactics in Gaza and warned

him not to enter Raha without U.S. approval of Netanyahu’s plans first.

Enter Chuck Schumer. His remarks on March 14 came at a volatile moment in the war. As reported by “The Wall Street Journal,” his call for new elections “roils the Democrat Party and divides American Jews. It was applauded by President Biden, and many senior Democrats have echoed

Schumer’s calling for new elections in Israel, describing Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s government as an “obstacle to peace amid his country’s ongoing war in Gaza.” Schumer, the highest-ranking Jewish official in U.S. history, urged Israel to “do better,” citing the estimated tens of thousands of Palestinian civilian casualties caused by the Netanyahu government’s military offensive aimed at neutralizing the terrorist group Hamas. What was left out was the massacre of Israelis on that fateful day in October. According to Wikipedia, “The Law of Return is an Israeli law, passed on 5 July 1950, which gives Jews, people with one or more Jewish grandparent, and their spouses the right to relocate to Israel and acquire Israeli citizenship.” Is this the Israel Schumer would like to return to?



In the meantime, Biden had said in July 2020 “Foreign

interference in the U.S. electoral process represents an assault on the American people and their constitutional right to vote. When foreign states direct hackers, trolls, money launderers, and misinformation to subvert or cast doubt on our elections, they threaten America’s sovereignty, democratic institutions, and national security. They undermine the vote and the voice of every U.S. citizen. They attack our very way of life.”

Ironic, isn’t it? While ranting about foreign interference in our elections trying to change the course of our nation, he finds no problem with interfering in Israel’s government. It would be convenient to say that these are new demands but, as stated earlier, this goes back to President Obama and then V.P. Biden.

What does this say to our allies? Are we a nation that supports our allies or do we bow to the pressure of the Left in our nation and be governed by their philosophy, even if it means abandoning our relations with other nations? The pressure of the likes of Ilhan Omar (“Some people did something,” in reference to the 9/11 terrorist attacks), Rashida Tlaib (saying publicly “From the river to the sea, a rallying cry for the destruction of the State of Israel and genocide of the Jewish people.), Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and other far-left members of Congress seems to have been successful in the Biden Administrations decisions.

And now a group of U.N. officials have sent a letter to Biden urging him to stop funding and supplying weapons to Israel. The Administration is about to turn our backs on our most staunch ally in the Middle East. What a message to send to the world. What this says is that the U.S. can’t be trusted to fulfill its obligations as a friend and partner to the international community.

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Breaking...March 25th, the United States abstains from voting on a UN resolution calling for an immediate cease fire in the Israeli/Hamas war. The resolution did not include any wording on releasing any hostages of which at least 6 who are Americans. The resolution should have been Vetoes by the U.S., instead it passed causing Israel to recall a delegation that was going to meet with the Biden administration to discuss next steps in the conflict.

"Regarding the American administration, there is no doubt that there are clear changes in its policy towards Israel," Hamas spokesperson Ghazi Hamad told Newsweek. "And this is perhaps due to the stupid and foolish policy of the occupying state, which commits genocide, killing civilians, and starvation.



This administration is pandering to the far left extremists that chant “Free Palestine, from the river to the sea” to garner votes from Muslims in Michigan and on liberal campuses around the Nation. Not since Barack Obama has relations between the U.S. and Israel, our strongest ally in the middle east, been as wide as it is now.

Now for the rest of the story – A cease fire with or without the release of all hostages is another way of allowing Hamas to rearm and resume their barbaric attacks on Israel. Another knife in the back of Israel from our country.

MAYFIELD MINUTE
By Florida District 17
State Senator Debbie Mayfield



Florida's 126th Regular Session of the State Legislature since Statehood in 1845 was declared Sine Die at 2:25 p.m. on Friday, March 8. My Senate colleagues and I worked around the clock to amend and pass a number of bills and to provide a thoughtful and comprehensive budget of \$117.46 billion. During my farewell speech on the Senate floor, I shared how deeply grateful and honored I am to have represented the citizens of Brevard County and Indian River County.

Highlights achieved during the session included:

- Fiscal responsibility.
- Florida as the law-and-order state and recognizing that law enforcement officers and first responders are valued and honored in our state.
- Greater protections for Floridians from illegal immigration.
- New and continuing tax reliefs for Florida families.
- Measures taken to fight back against the Chinese Communist Party and their interests in Florida.
- Putting a stop to the 'WOKE' agenda.
- Prioritizing parental rights and protecting children.

The Florida Senate and House both passed the 2024-2025 state budget of \$117.46 billion for consideration by Governor Ron DeSantis, giving him 15 days from the date he received it to sign the bill and/or exercise line-item vetoes.

Senate budget highlights included:

- Significant investments in education for public school funding with \$1.2 billion for teacher salaries and \$1.7 billion for early learning services, and additional funding for school choice opportunities.
- The payoff of \$500 million in state debt and the setting aside of \$10 billion in state reserves, and critical funding to prepare and recover from natural disasters.
- Nearly \$10 billion in agriculture and environment funding.
- Approximately \$1.5 billion in tax relief for families and small businesses, a reduction of taxes on property insurance premiums, and continuation of statewide sales tax holidays.
- Over \$46 billion for the "Live Health" initiative to increase access to health care services and for critical funding for qualified health care centers, rural clinics, adoption services, and state nursing homes.
- Approximately \$220 million for Veteran health care services and \$38 million in funding for the Agency for Persons with Disabilities to expand and support residents

in need of home and community-based health care services.

- Nearly \$11 million to increase services for 2,250 seniors needing home and community based care.
- Approximately \$174 million for the "Live Local Act" which provides affordable housing options and other rental assistance.
- Over \$17 million to fund law enforcement bonuses to recruit officers to serve and protect our communities.

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Florida Attorney General Ashley Moody testified at the Supreme Court of the United States defending the State's right to protect citizens from Big Tech censorship. The oral argument followed a multi-year legal challenge to Senate Bill 7072, which:

- Prohibits social media companies from censoring and shadow-banning.
- Prohibits prioritization of posts in a way that is inconsistent and unfair.
- Prohibits the de-platforming of U.S. political candidates or journalistic enterprises.
- Requires social media platforms to meet certain requirements when restricting the speech of users.

"Social media is the new town square, but the Big Tech CEOs who control these platforms argue they should have unfettered power to silence voices they don't agree with, de-platform people who challenge corporate media narratives, and shadow ban candidates who don't share their Silicon Valley values," Moody said. "We are fighting in the U.S. Supreme Court for Floridians to debate ideas, engage in political discourse, and question government policies on social media platforms."

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Governor Ron DeSantis announced a milestone in Florida's continuing economic success citing that the state's unemployment rate has been lower than the national unemployment rate for 40 consecutive months. The national unemployment rate rose to 3.9% for February 2024, Florida's rate of 3.1% did not rise, and continues to outperform the national rate by 0.8%.

While Florida's private sector job growth rate increased by 2.3% (+194,200 jobs) over the year in February 2024, the national rate grew by only 1.6% over the same period.

"Florida continues to outperform the nation," DeSantis said. "We have proven that bold, conservative leadership across the board produces booming economic results--more jobs, lower taxes, less regulation, and fiscal security."



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

I am delighted to bring you updates from the end of the 2024 Legislative Session. Reflecting on this past Legislative Session, it's clear we've navigated a journey marked

by ambitious goals and tangible achievements. It has been my privilege to contribute to shaping policies and initiatives that reflect the diverse needs of our vibrant community.

Our collective efforts this session have spanned critical areas including education, environmental stewardship, healthcare innovation, and comprehensive tax relief measures, all aimed at enhancing the quality of life for Floridians. With an overall State Budget over \$117 Billion for the 2024 – 2025 Fiscal Year, our state is making thoughtful investments into the things that matter most.

The session was notable for record investments in education, underscoring our commitment to placing parents in the driver's seat of their children's education. With an over \$230 increase in per-student funding and \$1.2 billion, a \$200 million increase from Fiscal Year 2023 – 2024, dedicated to teacher salary increases, we are ensuring that our students have access to the best educational opportunities.

Furthermore, our investments in Early Learning and workforce education highlight our dedication to nurturing the potential of every Floridian from their earliest years through their professional journeys. Locally for District 8, I was able to secure roughly \$7.5 Million in state funding for K - 12 workforce and higher education programs.

Environmental preservation and restoration were also at the forefront, with significant funding directed towards protecting Florida's natural beauty. Investments in water quality improvements, Everglades restoration, and land conservation reflect our unwavering commitment to safeguarding our environment for future generations. Locally, I secured roughly \$9 Million in state funding for various water and sewer projects across District 8 that will fund the restoration and protection of the beautiful natural resources we have.

The 2024 session saw the rollout of the Live Healthy initiative, addressing Florida's healthcare workforce shortage and supporting healthcare innovation. With strategic investments exceeding \$700 million, we're expanding access to healthcare services and fostering an environment where medical professionals can thrive. Also, locally, I am bringing home nearly \$10 Million in state funding for critical health care projects that will benefit a diverse array of constituents.

We've also made strides in affordable housing, with initiatives aimed at expanding access to home ownership and maintaining the character of our communities. The allocation of \$100 million for the Florida Hometown Hero Program is a testament to our dedication to making the state an affordable place to live for those who serve our communities.

Tax relief has been a key focus, with over \$1.5 billion in broad-based tax relief measures designed to ease the financial burden on Floridian families and small businesses. From sales tax holidays to reductions in taxes on property insurance premiums, these measures put more money back into the pockets of hard-working Floridians.

As we look forward, the challenges we face are significant, but so are the opportunities. The achievements of this legislative session are steps toward a brighter future for all Floridians. My commitment to you, the residents of District 8 and the broader Space Coast community, remains steadfast. Together, we will continue to work towards a prosperous, sustainable, and safe Florida.

Your feedback, concerns, and ideas are invaluable as we navigate these efforts. My office is always open to you, and I encourage you to reach out with any thoughts or questions. My office can be reached at 386-304-7630 or by email at wright.tom@flsenate.gov. Let's continue this journey together, building a stronger and more vibrant community for everyone.



THE BREC CORNER By Chairman Rick Lacey

Once again, Brevard Republicans set new records. On March 19, almost a quarter of Brevard County Republicans turned out to vote in the Presidential Primary, and supported Donald Trump

in a HUGE victory.

In fact, out of 67 Florida Counties, Brevard Republican turnout was the 2nd best in the state, only behind President Trump's home county of Palm Beach.



Trump won Brevard with over 82% of the Republican voters. Special thanks to all the BREC volunteers who worked the Early Voting locations and Election Day polls. Extra thanks to **Richard Nink** and **Wayne Twiddy** for all the work they did in recruiting and training poll watchers throughout the county.

Another success story is **Chloe Johnson**, a Republican in Orange County who won her Winter Garden City Commission race with help from Brevard Republicans running a phone bank to get out the Republican voters to support her. Congratulations go to Chloe and **Erin Huntley**, Chair of the Orange County Republican Party.

More good news! Brevard set a new registration record. There are now 77,000 more registered Republicans than Democrats in our county. Congratulations to **BREC Treasurer Sharon Rose** and her voter registration team in their voter drive.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for BREC's Family BBQ and Straw Poll on Saturday, June 22, from Noon till 4 pm at the Melbourne Auditorium.

Finally, our next BREC meeting will be Tuesday, April 9, at the Space Coast Realtors Building in Melbourne.

Get ready for a Red Wave in 2024!



**Brevard
Federated
Republican
WOMEN**

**RENDEZVOUS WITH
REPUBLICAN WOMEN
By Xiaoqi Wang
BFRW First Vice President**

March was a busy month for Brevard Federated Republican

Women! Along with our regular monthly luncheon on March 6, we hosted our biennial Red Wave To Victory Dinner on March 16, and set up a tent at early voting locations March 9-16 for the Florida Presidential Primary Election.

Our March Luncheon guest speaker was **Barbara Rumpel**, one of 16 female National Rifle Association Board Members, and a member of the Executive Committee of the NRA's Women's Leadership Forum. She gave an inspiring talk on our Second Amendment rights and our responsibility to defend those rights, and she informed us that the NRA is a target of the federal government and progressive gun control organizations. Leticia James, the attorney general of New York, referred to the NRA as a "criminal enterprise" and a "terrorist organization," Rumpel said.



Using backdoor threats and other tactics to get financial institutions to stop doing business with the NRA, she said, James attempted to silence the organization. Despite James' best efforts, she has been unsuccessful in her efforts to disband the NRA.

Rumpel said more than throughout the nation, 190 individuals, including attorneys, and organizations as well, have filed interest papers in support of the NRA's legal opposition. No other organization has done more over the years than NRA to ensure that our constitutional right to bear arms is realized, and we still have our Second Amendment rights because of the NRA, Rumpel added.

She said that NRA is not going to pause; they will continue to fight gun control legislation, and to protect our Second Amendment rights state by state.

Rumpel also told us that the NRA has a variety of training programs. It established its law enforcement division in 1960,

specifically to provide the law enforcement community with the means to certify law enforcement firearm instructors. Any public law enforcement officer who is a member of the NRA is automatically insured and receives \$35,000 in life insurance if they are killed in the line of duty.

The NRA offers programs for educators and guardians to ensure the safety of our children. For more on women's programs, go to www.nrawomen.com.

Rumpel urged all of us to become members of the NRA. We cannot afford to slow down our efforts to save our country because the Second Amendment is so vital to us. We have individual freedom in America because early Americans insisted upon the Bill of Rights and included the Second Amendment. The Second Amendment protects us and our precious Constitution. Gun control would be the first step to control every part of our lives, and we can't let that happen.

Ten days after our monthly meeting, we had a terrific time at our biennial Red Wave To Victory Dinner. Elected officials, candidates, leaders of the Republican Party, other members of the Republican Club and local Republican activists were among our guests. We enjoyed wonderful conversations with friends, listened to inspiring speakers, and, most importantly, felt energized for the big battle in 2024.

Our Mistress of Ceremony was **Brevard County Property Appraiser Dana Blickley**, and our speakers were **Florida Secretary of State Cord Byrd**, **U.S. Congressman Bill Posey**, **Florida State Senator Tom Wright**, Radio Show Host **Bill Mick**, and **Florida Director of Election Integrity Cameron Goodyear**.

In his highly informative speech, Byrd reassured us that the Governor, State Legislators, and County Supervisors of Elections are working together to safeguard our elections.

Florida is fortunate to have a strong state Republican Party, with Posey representing us in Washington, D.C., and Wright working closely with **Governor Ron DeSantis** and the Republican majority in Tallahassee.

Brevard Federated Republican Women are educated, care about our veterans, and stand on the frontline defending Republican values. BFRW members are working to make America great again!

The next BFRW meeting, on April 3, will feature remarks by author **Loren Spivack**, who is known as "The Free Market Warrior."



**NORTH TO THE PARTY
By NBRC Vice President
Barbara Fine**

The North Brevard Republican Club held its March general meeting on Presidential Primary Election Day, March 19.



Our speaker was **Alex Newman**, author, educator and one of America’s premier investigative journalists. His latest book, entitled “Indoctrinating Our Children to Death,” shows how our government schools are at war on faith, family and freedom. He spoke on how children learn to stand against their parents as they grow up. They are being indoctrinated rather than educated.

Newman used video to show what is happening in our school system, from indoctrination and grotesque sexualization to the deliberate dumbing down of children. Government schools are literally destroying children mentally, academically, morally and even spiritually, as outlined in Newman’s publications. He held the attention of the audience throughout his entire speech and is available to speak to interested groups.

Those in attendance who are running for office this year were **William Scheiner**, for State Attorney, and **Sarah Stoeckel** and **Troy Tidwell**, for a seat on the Titusville City Council.

President Pat Deen thanked **Brevard Republican Executive Committee Vice Chair Cindy Roberts** for having a Republican tent at the Titusville Court House every day of early voting, member **Robin Ricker** for working in early voting and at the Scottsmoor precinct on election day, and **Patrick Hadsell** for helping at the Titusville Library during early voting.

Deen also thanked **Sue Ricco** and **Susan Eppinger** for helping with selling Gun Raffle Tickets at the BFRW Club meeting.

Al Voss, a long-time member of the Club, was voted to become a Board member of the Club to fill a vacancy.

Petitions were collected for people running for office, including **Supervisor of Elections Tim Bobanic**, **Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller Rachel Sadoff**; and **John Hearton**, a candidate for District 8 in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Since the official election was held this day, **Bruce and Janice Hamilton** provided a wonderful refreshment table with choice of soft drinks to celebrate a victorious election day for President Trump. Brevard County’s voter turn-out rates it 2nd highest in the State.

REMEMBER WHEN
By Heritage Isle Republican Club
President Mike Hoagland



Remember when we thought we lived in a country that provided freedoms guaranteed in our Constitution? How is that working out today? How many violations of constitutional rights have occurred in the past 3-plus years under the Biden administration? Our DOJ/FBI has gone after parents, Catholics, pro-lifers, conservatives, and

any Trump supporter or official. Democrat DAs, Judges, AGs are all handpicked in Democrat strongholds to persecute/prosecute those who do not support their agenda.

This DOJ has pierced the attorney-client privilege which is unheard of. Trump’s presidential advisors were charged for not testifying before the January 6th House Committee and divulging privileged conversations. Peter Navarro went to prison this week having been convicted of a misdemeanor for not testifying before the House committee. Steve Bannon has been convicted as well but is appealing. Good luck with that. You all know that the January 6th committee destroyed almost all of their materials and documents before the Republicans took control....

Our Constitutional Republic is in jeopardy of going away, which would leave us with an autocratic government. This is the ultimate goal of the Marxists in this country. We can blame the media, Democrats, globalists, lobbyists, government bureaucrats (deep state), establishment Republicans, Trump haters and apathetic Americans.

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And remember when Joe Biden was running for president and said he would be the unifier in this country? Well, it’s been over three years since he took office. Has anyone witnessed anything he has done to unify this country? In fact, he has been the most divisive president I have seen in my lifetime. If you watched Biden’s March 2024 “State of the Union” speech, there was nothing unifying in it. He taunted the Republicans. For Biden, this was purely a campaign speech. He can’t attract people to a rally, so this was the best audience he was ever going to receive. This will go down in history as the worst “State of the Union” speech ever delivered.

He took no prisoners though. He went after the Supreme Court over the Roe v. Wade decision. He repeatedly went after Donald Trump. He railed against the Republicans. He is such a liar. He makes a case for a bi-partisan immigration bill that closes the border once the daily illegals reach over 5,000 in number. That number could reach 1,800,000 illegals entering the U.S. before the border would be closed. The Republicans want the border closed today, at which point they would discuss a bi-partisan solution. Joe Biden could do this with an executive order, but the Democrats want these illegals coming into our country.

The left-wing media and Democrats think that Biden knocked the ball out of the park. Of course, by Biden’s standard he did. He didn’t trip or fall. He stood upright the whole time. He yelled all through the speech. His only major gaffe was when he referred to the young Georgia co-ed who was murdered by an illegal immigrant as Lincoln Riley, who happens to be the football coach at the University of Southern California. I am certain that Laken Riley’s parents were dismayed. Any person at the top of their game does not make this mistake.

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Also, remember when we studied world history? Many countries and civilizations came and went. Countries did not cease to exist, they just changed. Look at Rome, Athens, France,

Russia, China, Cuba or Venezuela. The point is that governments are not permanent. The United States was established as a constitutional republic. There is no guarantee that we will continue as a republic. We are supposed to be a country of laws.

Unfortunately, our laws are being interpreted selectively by Democrat judges, Democrat DOJ, Democrat district attorneys, Democrat prosecutors and Democrat court venues. It is not hyperbole to say this is right out of the Marxist playbook. The State of the Union speech by Democrat Joe Biden was the most negative hateful speech that any of us has ever witnessed. The mainstream media supports the entire democrat (Marist) agenda such that if we rely on them, we will never get a true picture of what is going on in this country.

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And still another. Do you also remember when taking a civics course, that we learned we are governed in accordance with our U.S. Constitution? We are a Constitutional Republic. What we didn't learn was what occurs when the violators of the Constitution are the White House, DOJ, FBI, CIA and federal Marxist deep state bureaucrats. Our current government violates the Constitution regularly. This is one of the reasons for the 2nd Amendment. We can't write every violation on every citizen who has been attacked by our government. It would require many books.

Let me focus on Donald Trump solely. The First Amendment is supposed to protect our right to speak freely, even if the speech is offensive. Anyone paying attention is aware that the liberal court system and corrupt judges have attempted, and in some case been granted, gag orders barring Trump from speaking his piece on the court cases. Of course, the corrupt prosecutors are under no such restrictions. Note that all suits against Trump are filed in corrupt liberal jurisdictions. All of our freedoms can be taken away in this manner.

The Fourth Amendment was violated when the FBI raided Mar-A-Lago. I will keep it simple. You can read the article yourself and determine the truth of my statement. The Fifth Amendment should have prevented the FBI from removing Trump's property. The Sixth Amendment mandates that Trump be tried in a jurisdiction that provides an impartial jury. We all know this will never occur with the Marxist liberals. We, also, know that the Marxist corrupt court violated the attorney/client privilege.

Amendment Eight says that excessive fines shall not be imposed nor unusual punishments be inflicted. The Fourteenth Amendment is intended for the U.S. Congress to enforce. This is being used by corrupt Marxist judges to remove Trump from the state ballots so far in Colorado, Maine and Illinois. More will probably come. They allege that Trump caused an insurrection on January 6. Of course, Jack Smith, the lead persecutor/prosecutor of Donald Trump, did not charge him for that because it did not occur.

When do we as a people get angry enough to do something even if it is just to vote? Trump has to contend with multiple lawsuits generated by liberal democrat Marxists. Do you think Stormy

Daniels or E. Jean Carroll pay for their lawyers? The corrupt Democrats are providing funding for the civil lawsuits. The corrupt prosecutors and judges all reside in liberal strongholds and are free to charge anyone they don't approve of and paid for by taxpayers.

THIS AND THAT

CONGRESSIONAL FUND-RAISER.

Several hundred Brevardians packed the Boniface-Hiers Chevrolet Showroom in Melbourne on March 24 to meet **Florida Congressman Bill Posey** and **Ohio Congressman Jim Jordan**. Posey spoke



about his first time running for national office in 2008, and the support and assistance he received from former **Orlando Congressman Tom Feeney** during his campaign, and his welcome and assistance from Jordan as a new member of Congress. In his own remarks, Jordan criticized President Joe Biden's recent

State of the Union address for all of the "crazy stuff" he mentioned about other countries rather than focus on the accomplishments of the United States. Stressing that the Republican Party is one of common sense and freedom, he contrasted that with the Democrats' suppression of speech and attacks on former **President Donald Trump**. Jordan also spoke of the sprinter athlete who lost a race and decided to quit, saying he did not want to lose any more. However, the Congressman said, he was reminded that "if you don't run, you can't win." It represented Jordan's conservative vision for the future of the United States.

DAVE WELDON FUND-RAISER.

Greeting supporters at a fundraiser in Rockledge on February 26, former Congressman and U.S. Army veteran **Dr. Dave Weldon**, who is now running for a seat on the Florida State Legislature, said he is seeking this part-time position because he does not want to say goodbye to his medical practice patients. Weldon said he fought for Brevard County and for conservative



values when he was elected to Congress as part of the 1994 Republican Revolution, and he will do the same thing in Tallahassee. Current issues that are causing struggles in Brevard, he said, include the condition of roads, rising rates for homeowner and car insurance, education, and the cost of healthcare. "I want to fight this good fight," he said, pointing out that he is a big supporter of school choice, as well as the free enterprise system at every level of government. When Weldon stepped down from Congress in 2008, he encouraged current Congressman Bill Posey to run to succeed him. Weldon added that 32 years ago, he also encouraged Posey to run for, and win, a seat in the Florida State Legislature. To stress his conservative values, Weldon's campaign literature notes that he has always

been 100 percent pro-life, pro-Second Amendment, and opposed to the radical left's woke agenda.

His website is www.dave-weldon.com.

FLORIDA CONGRESSMAN CORY MILLS. A veteran who served in Iraq with the 82nd Airborne Division, **Florida 7th District Congressman Cory Mills** has done it yet again – rising to the occasion to save Americans from danger in other countries. In 2021, he coordinated efforts to extract Americans from the chaos in Afghanistan after the disastrous withdrawal led by the Biden administration. In 2023, he facilitated



the safe return of stranded citizens from Israel during a period of heightened tension in the region. And this year, amid the rapidly deteriorating political climate in Haiti – which the Biden Administration has ignored – Mills has rescued ten American citizens who were trapped inside an orphanage in Port-au-Prince, including columnist and author Mitch Albom and his wife, who were visiting the orphanage run by his charity when the situation in Haiti became untenable.

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA. To comply with the Florida Board of Governors' regulation on prohibited expenditures, the University of Florida has closed the Office of the Chief Diversity Officer, eliminated all Diversity, Equity and Inclusion positions and administrative appointments, and halted DEI-focused contracts with outside vendors. **Florida Governor Ron DeSantis**, who had made halting DEI a cornerstone of his efforts to overhaul education in the state, said, "DEI is toxic and has no place in our public universities. I'm glad that Florida was the first state to eliminate DEI, and I hope more states follow suit."

MOMS FOR LIBERTY. Reporting about a CBS "60 Minutes" interview by Scott Pelley of Moms For Liberty co-founders **Tina Descovich** and **Tiffany Justice**, the website Conservative Underground News said that "Democrats and their media allies, are doing everything they can to convince working-class



Americans that woke indoctrination in government schools is a figment of their imaginations." But Descovich explained to Pelley that young school children are looking at books where sexual discussions are happening, and Justice read excerpts

from one, providing evidence of graphic content infiltrating school libraries and classrooms. The website said Pelley "didn't know what hit him" after the two women "put him in his place on woke indoctrination in government schools." In the war over education, the Conservative Underground News said, "Moms for Liberty stands firm, determined to safeguard the innocence of America's youth and hold government schools accountable for what they deem as inappropriate content. Parents should be encouraged by the Moms for Liberty to speak out and to not let their voices be silenced by Democrats and their media allies."

FENTANYL. This month both the Senate and the House of Representatives unanimously passed the FENTANYL ACT bill and sent it to the White House. If signed by the President,

Florida Senator Rick Scott's bipartisan legislation – Eradicating Narcotic Drugs and Formulating Effective New Tools to Address National Yearly Losses of Life (END FENTANYL) Act will require the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to update its policies at least once every three years to ensure operational field manuals, including their drug interdiction guidance, are up to date. "For too long,"



Scott said, "the fentanyl crisis has plagued our communities and caused crushing heartbreak to those who lose loved ones to these dangerous drugs. As fentanyl continues to flow illegally into the U.S. over the southern border and kills tens of thousands of our citizens, we must do more to support our brave CBP agents, and all who are on the front lines of this battle to ensure they have every tool needed to keep these dangerous drugs out of our communities."



The latest edition of "SPNNews" reports that at the network's 31st annual meeting last year, held in Chicago, the highest number of attendees

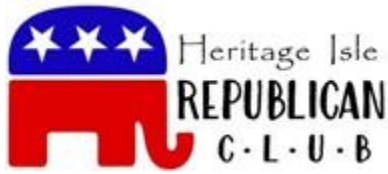
ever – 1,648, representing organizations from all 50 states – gathered to sharpen their free-market strategies and push back on the growth of government. **State**

Policy Network President Tracie Sharp said the meeting celebrated the achievements of network partners who brought transformative change to citizens through policy reforms in education, healthcare, fiscal policy, and housing. A keynote speaker at the meeting, former **Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels**, highlighted how the gridlock, partisan politics and one-size-fits-all mandates



from the federal government have contributed to the American people's lack of trust in Washington's ability to resolve the everyday challenges they face. "When America regains its footing," Daniels said, "it will be state leadership and state examples that bring us back." Also attending the meeting, former **Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker** detailed how SPN affiliates in Wisconsin were valuable partners offering sound

policy solutions and legal arguments during his time in office. Among those receiving awards at the meeting were Commonwealth Foundation President Charles Mitchell and Commonwealth Partners President Matt Brouillette, for advanced free market policy solutions; The Beacon Center of Tennessee, for helping to enshrine right-to-work in the state's Constitution; the Cardinal Institute for West Virginia Policy, for helping to secure the largest tax cut in West Virginia's history; the Georgia Public Policy Foundation, for researching government regulation in the price of a new home; the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, for seeking justice for Michigan taxpayers after discovering paycheck protection program fraud by public sector unions; the Texas Public Policy Foundation, for advancing education reforms in the state; and the Yankee Institute, for exposing the failings of Connecticut's mental health system. SPN's 2024 annual meeting will be held August 19-22 in Phoenix.



Addressing the Heritage Isle Republican Club on March 7, **John Thomas**, the CEO of Space Coast Home Builders & Contractors, said his prior work

experience qualified him to run for the District 3 seat on the Brevard County School Board. A product of Brevard Public Schools, Thomas said that experience included working in law enforcement, which included time as a school resource officer; serving in the county as a high school administrator, a high school varsity head football coach, and a university associate vice president at Florida Tech; as well as terms as a vice mayor and City Council member for the city of Melbourne. Additionally, as Executive Director of the Greater Melbourne Police Athletic League, Thomas said he helped inspire youth to realize their potential and build a bridge of trust between them, law enforcement, and the community. Issues that must be addressed by the School Board, he said, include supporting early childhood education, retaining experienced educators in the system, improving vocational training in the schools, and building trust and professionalism in the school system. Thomas and his wife, Debbie, have three children and six grandchildren. For additional information, visit the website: <https://johnthomasforschoolboard.com>.



Addressing the Wednesday Wake Up Breakfast meeting of the Leadership Institute in Virginia on March 6, **Florida 3rd District Congresswoman Kat Cammack** said her

political association began when she was hired with no experience to join the campaign staff of **Ted Yoho**, who was running for Congress, and advancing to the position of Deputy Chief of Staff once he was elected. When Yoho retired after four terms in office, Cammack was one



of 12 candidates seeking to replace him. Her successful campaign issues, she said, were to talk about constitutional rights, liberty and freedom – and she counted on the training she received from the Leadership Institute. The mantra on the left, she said, “is dependency and control. Grow the size of government and make people dependent on them so Democrats stay in control.” Now in her second term in office, Cammack said, “We have to get back to explaining what we stand for, not what we are against.” Issues we are dealing with, she said, include high spending, hyperinflation, national debt, and an overgrown administrative state with unelected bureaucrats working to change Washington. “We risk going down a path that we cannot come back from,” she warned. She’s adamant about securing the southern border, will always advocate for our small businesses, and has never wavered in her support for the Second Amendment. An ardent budget hawk, she believes taxes should be low and that we must keep government spending minimal and efficient. Speaking of her earlier days, Cammack said she was born and raised on a Colorado cattle ranch that her family lost in 2011, and she was pushed for a time into homelessness. That motivated her to fight back against the failures of big government, and she soon moved to Florida, where she met and married her husband, Matt Harrison. For more information, visit her website: www.cammack.house.gov.

AUDACITY AND IDIOCY

“Winners” this month include:



--Arizona Democrat Governor Katie Hobbs, for vetoing legislation passed by the State Legislature that would have allowed police to arrest illegal aliens who cross the border into the state.

--Nieves Riedel, the new Mayor of San Luis, Arizona, for shutting down the Gethsemani Baptist Church and its Pastor, Jose Castro, from feeding hungry families not only in San Luis, but surrounding areas in Arizona and even into California as well for the past 25 years. Former San Luis City Council members even helped with the food distribution. But now, a city code enforcer has been issuing citations to the pastor, resulting in municipal court fines to get him to stop the practice. In response, First Liberty Institute has filed suit in federal court to stop the city from abusing its code, saying churches should not be threatened or fined for feeding the hungry, which “betrays everything that religious freedom in America is about.”

--The Massachusetts Department of Children and Families, for denying a couple – Mike (an Iraqi war veteran) and Kitty (a paraprofessional for special needs kids) Burke – an opportunity to foster and adopt children in the state “because of their religious beliefs about gender and human sexuality.” The couple, who own their own business and are active in their church, are now suing Massachusetts for its discriminatory program. Their attorney noted that “the crisis has become so extreme,” the state has resorted to housing children in hospitals for weeks on end.

--The social media company Tik-Tok, for “challenging” young subscribers to “chrome” – in other words, to inhale aerosol paint and other chemical products in an attempt to get high. In Lancaster, England, it cost an 11-year-old boy – Tommie-Lee Gracie Billington – his life. His devastated family said he went into cardiac arrest and was pronounced dead at a local hospital.

--Illinois Federal Judge Sharon Johnson Coleman, who was appointed to the bench by former President Barack Obama, for ruling in favor of granting illegal immigrants the right to carry firearms. Plaintiffs in a case argued that denying them the right violated their Second Amendment rights, and Coleman said, “The Second Amendment applies to all individuals within the United States, regardless of their immigration status.” Critics of her decision called it “a dangerous precedent that undermines the rule of law and national security.”



YOU CAN'T MAKE THIS UP

--In a major move by the Biden administration, over 150,000 borrowers of federal student loans can expect to receive a personal email congratulating them on their newfound debt forgiveness.

The plan, which will cost American taxpayers \$1.2 billion, is the latest in a series of actions taken by President Biden to address the student loan crisis. According to Politico, the administration has already canceled a whopping \$138 billion in debt for nearly 4 million borrowers since Biden took office in 2021. This latest round of loan forgiveness is part of the president's Save Student Aid Forgiveness for Education (SAVE) Plan, which aims to make higher education more accessible and affordable for all Americans. In the email, borrowers will receive a message from President Biden himself, reminding them that he is their champion in the fight against student loan debt.

--According to [conversativenewszone.com](https://www.conversativenewszone.com), when a 37-year-old mother in Canada named Kayla Pollack received a Moderna COVID booster shot in January 2022, she became paralyzed from the neck down, and her doctors fully admit the injection was responsible. Pollack now describes her life as a “living hell,” and blames the Canadian government for coercing everyone to “get the shot,” and now the doctors have offered to “make it up to her” – by euthanizing her. Instead, the Veterans for Freedom organization is raising funds to help her family purchase a wheelchair van and a service dog for her.

--After a Pennsylvania State Police trooper pulled over a car on an interstate highway for being driven with an expired and suspended registration, without headlights activated in the rain, having illegally tinted windows and being too close to another car, the driver, Celena Morrison, Philadelphia's executive director of the Office of LGBT Affairs, and her husband, Darius McLean – in a heated confrontation – were charged with resisting arrest, obstruction of justice, disorderly conduct, and summary traffic citations. But after City District Attorney Larry Krasner declined the charges, the couple was released from

custody – and the unnamed state trooper was placed on restricted duty.

--When student Cameron Blasek parked his truck at East Central High School in St. Leon, Indiana, school administrators ordered him to remove a symbol from it. Even though he pointed out that there was no school policy against displaying the symbol, the administrators still wrote him up. But the next day, in support of their classmate, two dozen other students showed up with the same symbol in their vehicles. And the day after that rows and rows of students' trucks showed up at school the same way as well. So that forced the principal to backtrack – and advise students and their parents that the symbol will be allowed after all. So, what was this symbol that had the school administrators so uptight? It was none other than Old Glory – the Stars and Stripes of the American Flag. It seems in Indiana; the students are more patriotic than the administrators.

--More fun and games from the nightmare that is California. Moronic officials in the fair city of Oakland have no clue about who vandalizes private property there, but they have no qualms about threatening victimized homeowners with massive fines if they don't immediately clean up the mess. The latest victim, Victor Silva, whose backyard fence was painted with graffiti, received a citation to remove it or face a \$1,100 fine, subject to an additional \$1,277 fine for each failed inspection. A simple task, no? Perhaps not, for a wheelchair bound 102-year-old man.

--After Staci Barber, a teacher at Texas' Cardiff Junior High, joined other people at the school's flagpole to pray prior to the beginning of the school day, Principal Bryan Rounds said it was “against the law” for them to pray publicly “where students could see them,” and pointed to a school policy that prohibited teachers from praying in the presence of students. He added that he “might have to have someone else” to replace Barber because of absences she had due to a health issue. In response, the American Center for Law and Justice is taking Rounds to court over the matter, saying the teacher's rights to religious expression were being violated, and that the Constitution “protects the rights of religious employees to pray, even publicly.”

--When a Planet Fitness member in Alaska, Patricia Silva, photographed a man in the women's locker room freaking out a little girl there, posted it online, and complained to the staff, her membership was cancelled. Defending the move, a spokesman said the company's “gender identity non-discrimination policy” is committed to creating an inclusive environment. Ensuing publicity, however, led to Planet Fitness' stock price plummeting by \$400 million. On a more amusing note, the satirical website “The Babylon Bee” announced that Planet Fitness has been rated “Best Gym in America” – by The National Association of Perverts.

EXPERTS' EXCERPTS

Alabama Senator Katie Britt, delivering the Republican response to President Joe Biden's State Of The Union address: “What we saw was the performance of a permanent politician who has actually been in office for longer than I've even been



alive. One thing was clear: President Biden just doesn't get it. He's out of touch. Under his administration, families are worse off. Our communities are less safe, and our country is less secure... The American Dream has turned into a nightmare for so many families. The true, unvarnished State of our Union begins and ends with this: Our families are hurting. Our country can do better. And

you don't have to look any further than the crisis at our southern border to see it. President Biden inherited the most secure border of all-time. But minutes after taking office, he suspended all deportations, halted construction of the border wall, and announced a plan to give amnesty to millions. We know that President Biden didn't just create this border crisis. He invited it with 94 executive actions in his first 100 days.... President Biden's border crisis is a disgrace. It's despicable. And it's almost entirely preventable, from fentanyl poisonings to horrific murders... Just think about Laken Riley. In my neighboring state of Georgia, this beautiful, 22-year-old nursing student went out on a jog one morning. But she never got the opportunity to return home. She was brutally murdered by one of the millions of illegal border crossers President Biden chose to release into our homeland. That could've been my daughter. It could've been yours. Tonight, President Biden finally said her name. But he refused to take responsibility for his own actions. Mr. President enough is enough. Innocent Americans are dying. And you only have yourself to blame. Fulfill your oath of office. Reverse your policies. End this crisis. And stop the suffering. Sadly, we know President Biden's failures don't stop there. His reckless spending dug our economy into a hole and sent the cost-of-living through the roof. The worst inflation in 40 years. The highest credit card debt in history. Hardworking families are struggling to make ends meet today. And with soaring mortgage rates and sky-high childcare costs, they're also struggling to plan for tomorrow. The American people are scraping by while the President proudly proclaims Bidenomics is working! Bless his heart. We know better.... Unfortunately, President Biden's weakness isn't just hurting families here at home. He's making us a punchline on the world stage. From abandoning allies in his disastrous withdrawal from Afghanistan to desperately pushing another dangerous deal with Iran, President Biden has failed. We've become a nation in retreat. And the enemies of freedom see an opportunity. Putin's brutal aggression in Europe has put our allies on the brink. We all recall when Presidents faced national security threats with strength and resolve. That seems like ancient history. Right now, our Commander-in-Chief is not in command. The free world deserves better than a dithering and diminished leader. America deserves leaders who recognize that secure borders, stable prices, safe streets, and a strong defense are the cornerstones of a great nation.... But here's the good news: We the People are still in the driver's seat. We get to decide whether our future will grow brighter, or whether we settle for an America in decline.... Every generation has been called to do hard things. American greatness rests in the fact that we always answer that call. It's who we are. Never forget, we're steeped in the blood of patriots who overthrew the most powerful empire in the world. We walk in the footsteps of

pioneers who tamed the wild.... America has been tested before, and every single time, we've emerged unbowed and unbroken. Our history has been written with the grit of men and women who got knocked down. But we know their stories because they did not stay down. We are here because they stood back up. So now it's our turn -- our moment to stand up and prove ourselves worthy of protecting the American Dream. Together, we can reawaken the heroic spirit of a great nation. I believe with every fiber of my being that despite the current State of our Union, our best days are still ahead. May God bless you, and may God continue to bless these United States of America."

Manhattan Institute Fellow and commentator Heather MacDonald, writing on disparate impact thinking in the Hillsdale College publication "Imprimis":



"The most consequential falsehood in American public policy today is the idea that any racial disparity in any institution is by definition the result of racial discrimination. If a cancer research lab, for example, does not have 13 percent black oncologists – the black share of the national population – it is by definition a racist lab that discriminates against competitively qualified black oncologists; if an airline company doesn't have 13 percent black pilots, it is by definition a racist airline company that discriminates against competitively qualified black pilots; and if a prison population contains more than 13 percent black prisoners, our law enforcement system is racist. The claim that racial disparities are proof of racial discrimination has been percolating in academia and the media for a long time. After the George Floyd race riots of 2020, however, it was adopted by America's most elite institutions, from big law and big business to big finance. Even museums and orchestras took up the cry. Many thought that STEM – the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics – would escape the diversity of sledgehammers. They were wrong. The American Medical Association today insists that medicine is characterized by white supremacy.... As a result of this falsehood, we are eviscerating meritocratic and behavioral standards in accordance with what is known as 'disparate impact analysis.' Consider medicine. Step One of the medical licensing exams, taken during or after the second year of medical school, tests medical students' knowledge of anatomy, physiology, and pathology. On average, black students score lower on the grading curve, making it harder for them to land their preferred residencies. Step One, in other words, has a 'disparate impact' on black medical students. The solution, implemented last year, was to eliminate the Step One grading disparity by instituting a pass-fail system. Hospitals choosing residents can no longer distinguish between high and low achieving students – and that is precisely the point.... The federal government is shifting medical research funding from pure science to studies on racial disparities and social justice. Why? Not because of any assessment of scientific need, but simply because black researchers do more racism research and less pure science. The National Institutes of Health has broadened the criteria for receiving neurology grants to include things like childhood welfare receipt because considering

scientific accomplishment alone results in a disparate impact.... It is urgent that we fight back against disparate impact thinking. As long as racism remains the only allowable explanation for racial disparities, the Left wins, and our civilization will continue to crumble. Even the arts are coming down. Classical music, visual art, theater – all are dismissed as a function of white oppression.... Should conservative political candidates campaign against disparate impact thinking and in favor of standards of merit? Of course they should! They will be accused of waging a culture war. But it is the progressive elites, not their conservative opponents, who are engaging in cultural revolution! Most conservatives today are not even playing defense. How about legislation to ban racial preferences in medical training and practice? How about eliminating the disparate impact standard in statutes and regulations? Conservatives should by all means promote the virtues of free markets and limited government, but the diversity regime is the nemesis of both. Lowering standards helps no one since high expectations are the key to achievement. In defense of excellence we must speak the truth, never apologize, and never back down.”



**American Security Council Foundation
Senior Advisor Laurence Sanford,**

writing on Societal Suicide in his publication “SOS – Sanford on Security”: “Mass illegal immigration is leading to Societal Suicide in the United States. A country with no control over its borders has no country, which results in the following: Breakdown of society because

of millions of illegal immigrants with no commonality to American Civilization; Drugs killing Americans; Increased crimes - murder, robbery, child trafficking, prostitution, slavery; Bankrupt cities, medical facilities, and education systems; Terrorism; and Diseases once rare in the U.S. are now on the rise. The American Civilization is breaking down due to the massive influx of mostly young men coming from cultures with none of the attributes that make America great. American Civilization is based on merit, order and law, the English language, individual freedoms of speech, religion, the pursuit of happiness (virtue), capitalism, and equality. Diversity based on race or religion is not our strength – unity of culture is our strength! “E Pluribus Unum” (out of many, one) is our national motto. According to the U.S. Border Patrol and Office of Field Operations, in the past three years, over 7.2 million illegal migrants have crossed the U.S. border, which is more than the population of 36 states. Not included in this tally are 1.5 million ‘gotaways’ who are defined by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) as ‘a person who is not turned back or apprehended after making an illegal entry along the U.S. border.’ A ‘gotaway’ is recorded when cameras or sensors detect illegals crossing the border, but no one is found, or border agents were not available to respond. Illegal immigrants total 8.7 million. The number is substantially higher if one includes gotaways who avoided detection and thus are more dangerous. 10 million or more is the probable number of illegal immigrants. Deadly drugs are crossing the border. Over 110,000 Americans died of drug overdose in 2023, with fentanyl

accounting for two-thirds of the deaths. China manufactures fentanyl precursor chemicals and ships them on Chinese ships to Manzanillo, a Chinese-controlled Mexican port. The chemicals are then shipped to a Chinese-controlled fentanyl manufacturing facility in Mexico with 2000 Chinese nationals. The drugs are distributed through an alliance of Chinese and Mexican drug cartels to the United States. Chinese students on education visas launder the drug monies collected from drug sales through Chinese state-owned banks. Violent crimes of rape, robbery, and murder are surging with illegal immigrants....TV, newspapers, social media, and websites all tell of illegal immigrant crimes: Police are attacked in New York City, with the attacker being released the next day, flashing the high sign; a University of Georgia coed was murdered while running; almost two-thirds of federal arrests involve noncitizens. In 2023, U.S. Custom and Border Protection encountered 169 persons on the terror watch list and 15,267 with criminal convictions. Actions to take: Build a border wall along the Mexican border and strengthen Canadian border control; enforce existing immigration laws; pass legislation to address the issue of law-abiding and economically independent migrants living in the U.S.; and deport or incarcerate law-breaking migrants.”

Senior writer **Dan McLaughlin**, on keeping America a constitutional republic, in “National Review”:

“ ‘A republic, if you can keep it.’ That was Benjamin Franklin’s famous response when he was leaving the Constitutional Convention, after he was asked what kind of government the Convention had given the American



people. Less well-remembered, but perhaps just as important, was what Franklin said behind closed doors just before that. As the convention came to an end, Franklin cautioned his colleagues that ‘with so many different and contending interests, it is impossible that anyone can obtain every object of their wishes,’ but despite his own reservations on some points, he intended to support the finished product in public because it was ‘the best possible that could have been formed under present circumstances’....Two hundred thirty-seven years later, it has done exactly that. No other nation on earth has a written constitution binding on its government for as long as ours has bound our government. From the beginning, we have been the country where the people make the rules for the government, and not the other way around. What have conservatives conserved in America? Every generation struggles with that question – but to be an American conservative is to defend our Constitution and the system it designed for ordered liberty. The day we stop trying to conserve that, we won’t be long for defending much else. Not everybody likes the Constitution. Some just can’t resist the idea that they could do better.... There will always be those who see the Constitution as an obstacle to unchecked power. These days, they are particularly upset that the Supreme Court has recovered the habit of actually reading the document before issuing its decisions. Why shouldn’t the president be able to pay your debts or borrow money on your credit without having to ask permission from that persnickety

Congress? Why shouldn't judges be able to make up fashionable new rights about sex and ignore the old, written ones about exercising religion, bearing arms, and due process of law? Why can't courts just throw Donald Trump off the ballot, instead of leaving the choice to voters? In an era when the Supreme Court is under relentless attack by people whose real target is the Constitution itself, and when even some voices on the right are not so sure about keeping faith with the Constitution as originally written, I am proud that we at National Review have consistently defended both the Constitution and the justices who uphold it. It consumes a lot of my work, and that of my colleagues."

THOUGHTS TO PONDER

"The media have lied to the American people about the crisis unfolding on our southern border, and we now find ourselves in a dangerous crisis that threatens our Republic. Make no mistake about it: the immigration bill being pushed by the media is a reckless piece of legislation that will not solve the border crisis. The bill is an empty promise to the American people. It's a political ploy and an insult to people on the front line like those officers in New York. But if all you knew about the bill came from the leftist national media, you'd assume the bill would fix everything! This is just one example of the blatant bias the media bombard our country with every day. And for every story, like the attack in New York, they ignore countless others. This is why we do what we do: to hold the media accountable and force them to confront the realities of the Left's radical policies."

--**Media Research Center President Brent Bozell, on the media support of the left's immigration bill**

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"As President Biden's poll numbers get weaker and weaker, the Democrat Party at some point will likely turn to Michelle Obama. Here's how it works: If a candidate quits or dies after having secured a majority of delegates, the 200-member Democratic National Committee chooses the nominee. The earned delegates become irrelevant. Many Republicans reflexively recite the mantra that Michelle Obama is enjoying her life, isn't political – and won't likely to step in. Let's not kid anyone: Michelle Obama is *very* political. And always has been.... A Michelle Obama candidacy would solve two major problems for Democrats. First, she can bring back the black voters who have been steadily hemorrhaging to Donald Trump. Second, the very unpopular Kamala Harris would be leapfrogged without any repercussions from the minority community."

--**Former New York City Council President Andrew Stein** and author **Joel Gilbert**, writing in the "New York Post" on Don't count Michelle Obama out for 2024

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"The purpose of last night's State of the Union address was not to bring the nation together. It was to pointedly tell Democrats that there will be no other nominee. They are stuck with Joe Biden, so get on board. His speech was far more partisan than almost any previous State of the Union, including those of

Trump's. His repeated references to his predecessor were reminders that this State of the Union was a campaign speech to motivate Democrats.... He dealt with the issues dividing Democrats last and spent most time up front on abortion and 'shrinkflation,' the issues Democrats care about. Again, this was a partisan speech designed to reassure Democrats, not persuade independents.... I think Biden accomplished what he needed to accomplish for Democrats but did himself no favors with independents."

--Talk-radio host **Erick-Woods Erickson**, on Biden's State of the Union remarks

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"The elite hate President Trump so very much because he loves America. Is there anyone alive today who has sacrificed as much as this one man? Simply because he wants America to be "Great Again," he is facing 700+ years in prison, has been fined half a billion dollars, and banned from doing business in the city he has brought billions of dollars to. The good news? Hatred only gets you so far. Sooner or later the bile eats you up inside. We will – eventually – win because our fuel is love. Love of nation, love of family, love of country, but in order to start clawing back our Republic, we need President Trump back in the White House."

--Former presidential strategist **Dr. Sebastian Gorka**, on the real reason why Trump is hated

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"The fact that there has never been a convention of the states called to propose amendments to the Constitution means that most Americans are unaware that we the people have this power and need not rely on Congress to initiate the amendment process. The grassroots Convention of the States Foundation seeks to remedy that problem by calling 'a convention for proposing amendments' limited to three subject areas: fiscal restraints on the federal government; limits on the jurisdiction of the federal legislative, executive, or judicial branches; and term limits of the federal legislative or judicial branches."

--**Institute for Constitutional Government Vice President John Malcolm**, on a powerful message to Washington that the people are prepared to reclaim power if it is abused

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"Democrat senators rushed to cancel \$1 million they had inserted into a spending bill for an LGBTQ center in Philadelphia after a viral report said the place hosted sex parties. Senators John Fetterman and Bob Casey of Pennsylvania asked that the money be pulled from the list of pet projects included in the overall bill, which will fund several Cabinet agencies. It was exactly the type of embarrassment Congress hoped to avoid as it took another spin on the cash carousel known on Capitol Hill as earmarking, by which lawmakers redirect some of the usual spending to specific projects in their home states and districts."

--**"Washington Times" writers Stephen Dinan and Alex Miller**, on Democrats trying to avoid disgrace

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"The U.S. Military Academy announced that the iconic phrase 'Duty, Honor, Country' will be scrubbed from its official mission statement. The phrase was originally taken from

General Douglas MacArthur's 1962 speech during a visit to the academy just before his death. 'A lot of warriors and heroes are weeping from their graves today,' one anguished critic wrote on social media. Lieutenant General Steven Gilland, the academy's superintendent, announced the change in a message to West Point's alumni, known as the 'Long Gray Line'.... Without duty, honor, or country, all we are left with is disloyalty, dishonor and treason."

--Podcaster and author **Todd Starnes**, on changes at West Point -0-

Former RNC Chairwoman Ronna Romney McDaniel was "shown the door" at the Republican National Committee and promptly landed on her feet – at NBC/MSNBC. What should we conclude from her signing up with the most anti-conservative, anti-Trump network? That's easy. Her heart was never really with us... McDaniel rejected the idea that Biden's election was the result of fraud. RNC members who repeatedly voted for her in spite of conservative opposition owe us all an apology. If McDaniel thought her new colleagues at *NBC* would warmly embrace her, she's wrong again. Her co-workers have savaged her for being part of a 'plot to subvert our democracy.' If she wants to find any 'grace' and 'forgiveness' from the leftists at *NBC*, she better call Liz Cheney for advice on how to be a complete sell-out."

--Political activist **Gary Bauer**, on McDaniel changing her tune on the 2020 election

NOTE: But just days later, so many *NBC* employees complained about hiring McDaniel, that the network reversed its decision – and she is out as a political commentator.

UPCOMING BREVARD COUNTY EVENTS

--April 3: Brevard Federated Republican Women meeting, Space Coast Convention Center, Cocoa, 11:30 am.

--April 4: Heritage Isle Republican Club meeting, Heritage Isle Clubhouse, 10 am.

--April 5: Federated Republican Women in Action meeting, MeMaw's BBQ, Palm Bay, 5:30 pm.

--April 8: Space Coast Patriots meeting, Merritt Island Library, 6 pm.

--April 11: Brevard Republican Executive Committee meeting, Space Coast Association of Realtors Building, Melbourne, 7 pm.

--April 16: North Brevard Republican Club meeting, American Police Hall of Fame, Titusville, 6 pm.

--April 18: Republican Women's Network of South Brevard meeting, Suntime Country Club, 11 am.

--April 22: Ronald Reagan Club meeting, Oceanside Community Church, Satellite Beach, 6 pm.

--April 25: Space Coast Young Republicans meeting, Pub Americana, Melbourne, 6:30 pm.

--April 27: Space Coast Republican Club meeting, Red Lobster, Merritt Island, 11:30 am.

The Republican Liberty Caucus of Brevard: To Be Determined

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

COMICAL CLOSERS

There are three things to never ask: 1) a woman – what is her age; 2) a man – what is his salary; and 3) Congress – where is our money really spent.

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President Joe Biden, in an effort to establish government oversight of the growing role of artificial intelligence in our society, has appointed Vice President Kamala Harris as "A.I. Czar."

Expressing hope that Harris's track record of slowing the spread of intelligence will be of use, Biden said, "She's been fighting against the threat of intelligence her whole life. When it comes to creating an environment where INTELLIGENCE is restricted and unable to advance too far, Vice President Harris is more qualified for the job than anyone else."

Sources within the White House indicated Biden was supremely confident that Harris's leadership in the area of intelligence would be just as successful as her tenure as "Border Czar."

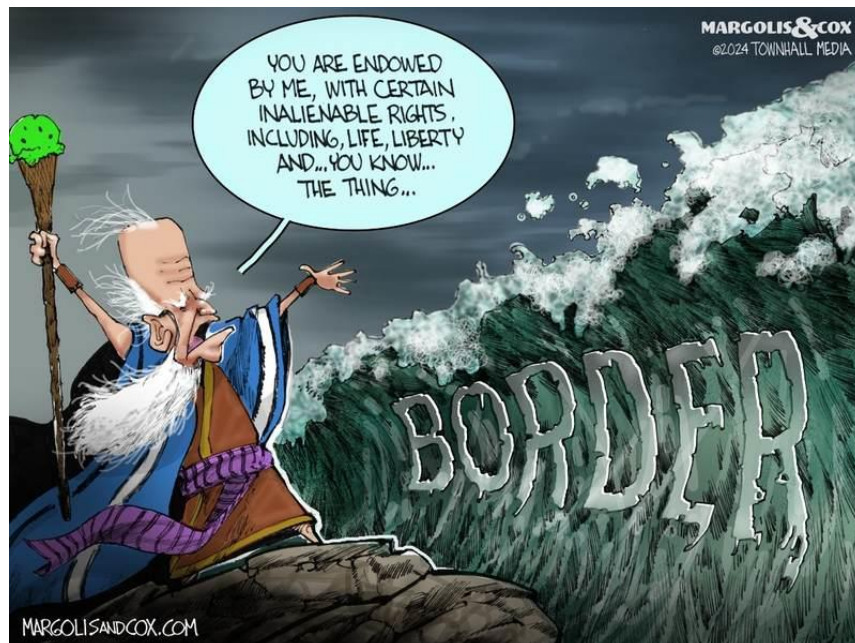
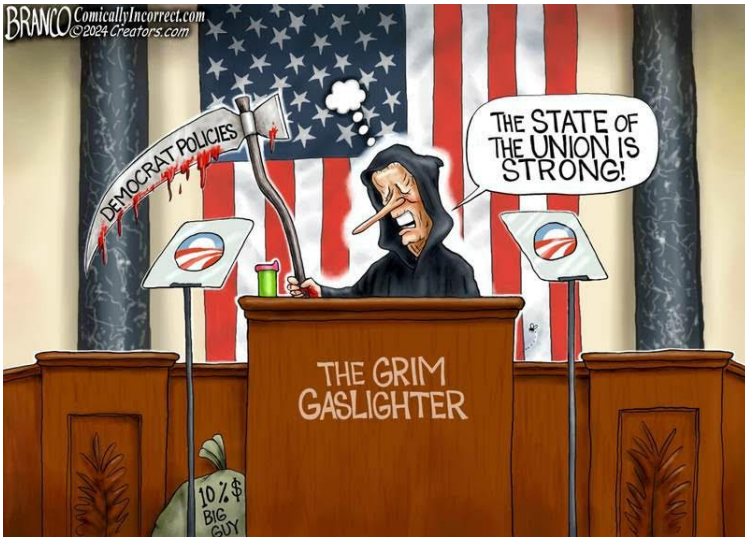
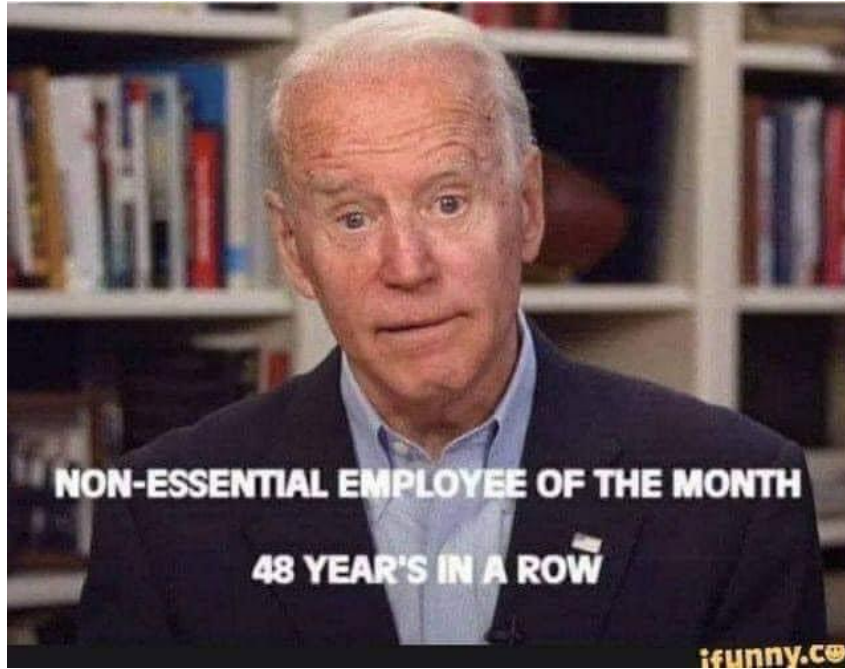
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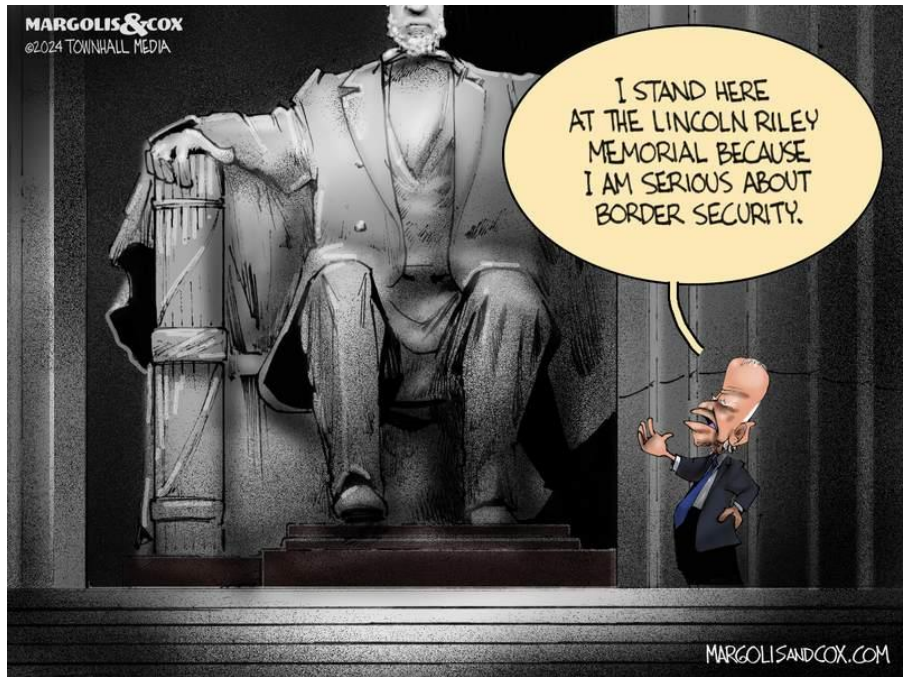
If guns really do kill people, then it would also be true that cars force them to drive drunk, spoons make them fat, and their pencils misspell words.



Stuart and Frank want to wish our readers a Blessed and Happy Easter

SEVERAL PAGES OF PERTINENT POLITICAL CARTOONS AND PHOTOS FOLLOW





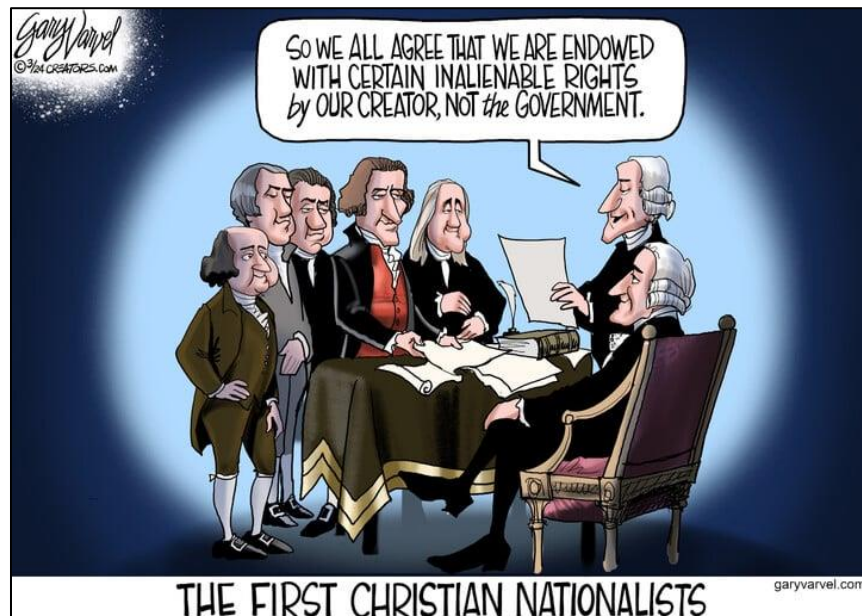
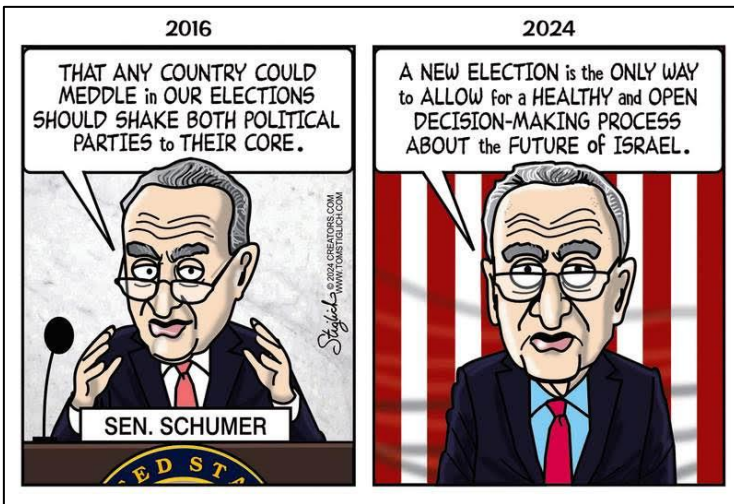
BIDEN WEARING AOC'S DRESS



STATE OF THE UNION BINGO

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| "Democracy is in the ballot" | Gibberish | "MAGA republicans" | "C'mon man" | "Corporate greed" |
| "Paying their fair share" | *Coughs* | *Forgets what he is talking about* | "Bidenomics" | "My wife Jill" |
| "Border is secure" | "Shrinkflation" |  Free space | "Jan. 6 Insurrection" | *awkward pause* |
| "Ukraine" | *Whispers* | *Talks about Beau* | "LGTBQIA+ rights" | "Here's the deal" |
| *takes credit for something he didn't do* | "Record economic growth" | *trips* | "Climate change" | *mispronounces a name* |





The Wizard of Oz is 83 years old! Today, if Dorothy were to encounter men with no brains, no heart, and no courage, she wouldn't be in Oz. She'd be in Congress!!!!



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