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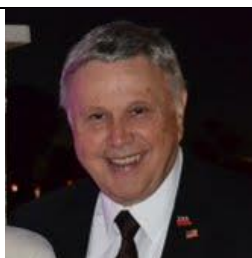
### BREAKING NEWS APRIL 26 FROM FLORIDA CONGRESSMAN BILL POSEY

#### FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK:

#### MY TWO CENTS

By Stuart Gorin

When **Florida Congressman Bill Posey**, whom I have known and admired for years, addressed our Heritage Isle Republican Club this month, I had the honor of introducing him. Then, after he spoke to a large crowd



in attendance – which is reported on later in this issue – he asked me to return to the lectern, opened a large box, and totally surprised me with a lucite obelisk. The engraved plate on the base, with my name on it, reads: "Conservative Lifetime Achievement Award Presented by U.S. Congressman Bill Posey."



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On April 13, my wife, Barbara, and I attended a poignant Celebration of Life program at a Viera church for Florida Holbert, an amazing woman who raised four children; served with her husband, Phil, as missionaries in several countries; was director of a non-profit organization; and sat on the Board of Directors for Love in the Name of Christ. I first met Florida at a meeting of the Association of Mature American Citizens, and she also served as a precinct committeewoman for the Brevard Republican Executive Committee. She was an avid reader of this newsletter. Following illness, Florida passed



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"It has been the greatest honor of Katie's and my life to represent you in Congress. And, polls suggest that because of YOUR support, I could remain in the job forever, and we were looking forward to another spirited campaign for a final term in office. However, earlier this week circumstances beyond my control now require me to suspend my re-election campaign.

I will continue to devote all possible resources to continue representing you through the end of my current term, helping President Donald Trump return to the oval office, and supporting former Florida Senate President Mike Haridopolos, in whom I have the greatest trust and confidence, to take up my battles against the swamp and replace me as your Congressman. There are many people qualified to replace me. Unfortunately, until Mike Haridopolos committed to run, the other declared candidates were not among them.

For many years, Mike has served as my Congressional Finance Committee Chairman, while I have mentored him to replace me. Mike was, and remains, my first choice to represent you, me, and our district in Congress.

Without going into a lot of personal details, stars aligned during the past week and Mike decided he was ready for Congress. I enthusiastically endorse him and will do everything I can to help him get elected.

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away in March – on the exact date of her 72 ½ birthday. A large crowd in attendance at the Celebration heard friends and family members speak about her life. She will be missed.

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Then, on April 18, I joined a busload of other military veterans from Brevard County, sponsored by One Senior Place, for an enjoyable day-long visit to the fascinating Veterans Memorial Center and Museum on Merritt Island; the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10131 headquarters in Cape Canaveral, where lunch was served; and then the beautiful grounds of the National Cemetery, outside of Cape Canaveral, which is administered by the Veterans Administration. The trip offered us time to swap military experiences with other vets.

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Attempting to offer “a bit of a history lesson” on women’s basketball, Vice President Kamala Harris asked if a reporter knew that teams were “not allowed to have brackets until 2022.” But slightly off in her comments, she was reminded that women’s competition dated back to 1982 – and she had actually voted on bracket selectees in 2021. What did happen in 2022 was when the NCAA first started calling the women’s tournament part of “March Madness.” So a spokesperson from Harris’ office later clarified that rather than “brackets,” she really meant to say “trademark.”

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More Two Cents next month.

Mike’s conservative values and work ethic are superior and unlike others who have filed to run against me, Mike has never lied to me or tried to undermine efforts to represent our district. Mike knows our district and has stayed involved at local, state, and federal levels. He is clearly the kind of representative we need in Congress, and I have no doubt he will excel in the job.”

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## TRUMP CONTINUES TO SWEEP STATE PRIMARIES, CAUCUSES

Even though former **President Donald Trump** is now the only announced Republican candidate in the 2024 presidential race, the names of a number of other party candidates remain on the printed ballots cast in state contests.



While these candidates still pick up some votes, the great majority in each case goes to Trump. Votes cast for other Republicans listed on state ballots are considered protest ones against the former President.

Trump already has surpassed winning the support of 1,215 delegates to the Republican National Convention in July needed for nomination.

On April 2, he gained between 77 and 85 percent of the votes cast in the primaries held in Connecticut, New York, Rhode Island and Wisconsin.

On April 20, in Wyoming’s Republican caucus, he gained the support of all of the convention delegates, and the following day obtained the same results from the Puerto Rico caucus.

On April 23, the Republican primary in Pennsylvania gave him 83 percent of the votes cast.

Trump recently visited a Chick-fil-A restaurant in an Atlanta precinct where more than 90 percent of the voters are black and supporters of President Biden. But contrary to media smears about Trump being a racist, the customers and staff at the restaurant greeted him warmly and mobbed him for hugs, handshakes, and selfies.

Placing his order at the Chick-fil-A, Trump asked for 30 orders of milkshakes and chicken, saying “We’re going to take care of all of the customers,” One woman in attendance later appeared on television speaking approvingly of Trump’s visit, and said it should “disprove any of the media lies” about how black voters think he is a racist and aren’t open to voting for him in November.

Meanwhile, Trump is being charged in four “criminal trials,” one of them, in New York City, concerning “hush money” allegedly paid to a woman years ago for an affair he said never happened. A jury has been selected, and Trump’s attorneys argue that the judge is biased in the case because his daughter is involved in Democrat political campaigns, and if the charges are true, they would be a misdemeanor for which the statute of limitations has already passed.

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## POLITICAL JOTTINGS AND DOTTINGS

--According to [www.conservativenewszone.com](http://www.conservativenewszone.com), the U.S. Supreme Court announced on April 23 that it wants the Justice Department to respond to a petition from Russell Alford, a January 6 sightseer at the U.S. Capitol who received a one-year prison sentence on charges of “disorderly conduct and disruptive behavior” for peacefully walking into and out of the building. By agreeing to hear Alford’s petition, the Court has signaled it could very well vacate the sentences of more than 1,000 January 6 “political prisoners.”

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--On April Fool's Day, the Florida State Supreme Court issued a legitimate Right to Life ruling, determining that the State Constitution does not affirmatively protect a right to an abortion in the Sunshine State, upholding a 15-week ban on the practice. The ruling also has implications for a six-week version – with exceptions for rape, incest, fatal fetal anomalies, and medical emergencies – that **Florida Governor Ron DeSantis** signed in April 2023.

On another abortion-related matter, the State High Court ruled that a proposed amendment to explicitly write the right to abortion in the State Constitution may appear on the November election ballot. If added to the Constitution, it would hold that “no law shall prohibit, penalize, delay, or restrict abortion before viability or when necessary to protect the patient’s health, as determined by the patient’s healthcare provider.” A 60-percent supermajority is needed in order to add the amendment.

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--The 2024 U.S. presidential race has candidates not only in the Republican and Democrat parties, but also several third-party hopefuls. And now a 35-year-old North Richland Hills, Texas, math teacher and former U.S. Army veteran – originally named Dustin Ebey -- has thrown his hat in the ring. But first, hilariously, he legally changed his name, even on his driver’s license, to – get this – “Literally Anybody Else.” He said he made the change in order to “express his dissatisfaction with the current candidates.”

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--Following her failed presidential campaign, former South Carolina Governor and U.N. Ambassador Nikki Haley has joined the Washington, D.C.-based Hudson Institute – a conservative research organization and foreign policy think tank, which promotes American leadership for a secure, free, and prosperous future. In 2018, she received the Institute’s Global Leadership Award. Haley said she will seek in her new position to “defend the principles that make America the greatest country in the world.” She has not announced support for former President Donald Trump but did say it is now up to him “to earn the votes of those in our party and beyond it who did not support him, and I hope he does that.”

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## WHO AM I VOTING FOR AND WHY

That moment when someone says, "I can't believe you would vote for Trump."

I simply reply, "I'm not voting Trump."

I'm voting for the First Amendment and freedom of speech.

I'm voting for the Second Amendment and my right to defend my life and my family.

I'm voting for the next Supreme Court Justice(s) to protect the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

I'm voting for the continued growth of my retirement 401K and the stock market.

I'm voting for a return of our troops from foreign countries and the end to America's involvement in foreign conflicts.

I'm voting for the Electoral College and for the Republic in which we live.

I'm voting for the Police to be respected once again and to ensure Law & Order.

I'm voting for the continued appointment of Federal Judges who respect the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

I'm voting for our jobs to remain in America and not be outsourced all over again to China, Mexico and other foreign countries.

I'm voting for Secure Borders and Legal Immigration.

I'm voting for the Military & the Veterans who fought for this Country to give the American people their freedoms.

I'm voting for continued peace progress in the Middle East.

I'm voting to fight against human/child trafficking.

I'm voting for Freedom of Religion.

I'm voting for the right to speak my opinion and not be censored.

I'm not just voting for one person; I'm voting for the future of my Country.

I'm voting for my children and my grandchildren to ensure their freedoms and their future and not only for Trump.

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



### Breakdown of Society

There is one theory of the breakdown of society that begins with the sociology of groups.

Here's how it works. According to Daniel Christian Wahl, author of *Designing Regenerative Cultures*, every group is a dynamic, living reality, in constant evolution. “From its inception to its dissolution, every group forges its own path, partly predictable, partly unexpected.”

Some of the dynamics of any group includes “cooperators” and a few “slackers” who do nothing and contribute nothing but use the resources of the group, you can say that in today’s society, they may be the part of the group of students with useless college degrees that are not marketable. They may also be the



criminals who are released under no-cash bail laws. These people are a detriment to our society.

Other members of our example are “punishers.” Without the punishers, the slackers get away with being a drag on the group, weakening the dynamics making our system less “fit” in evolutionary terms.



Take a group of, say, two hundred people. Let's assume the group is composed almost entirely of cooperators, with a few slackers. The slackers do nothing, contribute nothing, but use up resources. They are a detriment to the

group. If no one in this group is a punisher, the slackers get away with it and drag the group down. They weaken the group, making it less “fit” in evolutionary terms. The slackers in a stone age society are the ones who hide when the hunter gatherers are tracking down the next meal. They do nothing to help but when the catch is served for meals partake in a “feast” they didn't contribute anything to.

Now throw into the mix the “altruistic” punishers. They are the members of the group who espouse the theory of “if you don't hunt, you don't eat.” The slackers are punished, and their deviant behavior drops, and the group evolves into a stronger positive direction.

A group that is made up of all “cooperators” will never evolve into a successful society. They will triumph over the group made up of all “slackers.” A group made up of “cooperative” mixed with “slackers” and, throw in a few “punishers” will eventually succeed.

Where does that leave us today? We have college students taking advantage of college presidents and administrators who abdicated their responsibilities in an effort to be “fair.” Their definition of “fairness” is to not alienate anyone. Those who should be the “punishers” are practically nonexistent today. Their far-left views trickle down to those who emulate the behavior demonstrated by those who should be “punishers.”

Who should be the “punishers” in our society? The elected officials who should be enacting laws to protect the ‘cooperators’ (we the people). Instead, the left leaning Senators are attempting to impose their views on the whole of America. They are spouting their rhetoric in order to keep their wealthy donors appeased. Donors like George Soros, Peter Thiel, the billionaire tech financier, uber-wealthy American-born tech entrepreneur, Neville Roy Singham, and his wife, Jodie Evans.

Add to these are the district attorneys around the nation who are soft on crime, abdicating their duty to protect our society from wrongdoing “slackers.” Many of these elected officials are funded by the aforementioned wealthy donors. We have judges who wear their politics on their sleeves and violate their oaths.

What happened to “I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will administer justice without respect to persons and do equal right to the poor and to the rich,.....faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent upon me as \_\_\_\_\_, United States District Judge under the Constitution and laws of the United States, and that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic.”?

Teachers' responsibilities, from kindergarten to advanced college degrees, should be to impart knowledge, and they play a pivotal role in shaping the minds and lives of their students.

But teachers today do not necessarily just “impart” knowledge but impart their biased views on our young, impressionable children. Their views are often obverse to a student's family values and, in many cases, punish those students who are opposed to their philosophies. Students are no longer allowed to express views that are contrary to a teacher's personal principles, thereby stifling any sense of individuality.

George Orwell, in his book “1984,” coined the term “Groupthink,” where a common desire not to upset the balance of a group of people is the main focus. Some may call this “brainwashing” which could be defined as repeatedly telling people to believe that a teacher's philosophy is true and preventing other information from reaching them.



Somehow, somehow we need to return to traditional values. We need to reevaluate what our moral path is. We need to have all those in positions of power, whether it's teachers, politicians, judges, all those who are currently shaping the youth of

today, return to the ideology that allows for a fair and equitable discussion without fear of retribution from those who hold opposing views. Without this, we become a totalitarian society ruled by those who feel that individual thought is dangerous, and only that form of society is the correct one, leaving no room for a “group” to evolve into a functioning society.

Are we too far along to change this course? Hilary Clinton once said, “It takes a village to raise a child.” Today we need to change that to “It takes a family.”

Remember, elections have consequences. Come November 5, we will have a chance to begin to repair some of the wrongs that we see today. It's a start.

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Terrorism could be defined as placing the terrorist's targets in fear of their life and property. The threat does not necessarily have to come to fruition. When people are afraid, real, or imaginary, the terrorists have attained their goal. In our current situation, Hamas, along with the leftists that I have mentioned

previously, have indoctrinated and aided the pro-Hamas protestors, and have put those who are pro-Israel and Jews, in fear of their lives and well-being. Congratulations, Hamas.



**MAYFIELD MINUTE**  
**By Florida District 19 State Senator**  
**Debbie Mayfield**

Florida voters will see six constitutional amendments for their approval on their election ballots this November. The state Supreme Court approved two citizens'

initiatives regarding abortion rights and the recreational use of marijuana. The remaining four proposed amendments were approved by the Florida Legislature. Passage of each proposal requires 60 percent of voter support.

The six proposals are:

**Abortion:** (Citizens' Initiative) No law shall prohibit, penalize, delay, or restrict abortion before viability or when necessary to protect the patient's health, as determined by the patient's healthcare provider.

**Campaign money:** (Legislature Approval) Repeal a program that offers state matching funds to gubernatorial and state Cabinet candidates. The issue dates back to 1998, when it was created. Attempts to repeal the measure have failed over time.

**Fishing and hunting:** (Legislature Approval) Determine whether to preserve the rights to fish and hunt in the state Constitution. In summary, the proposal says hunting and fishing "shall be preserved forever as a public right and preferred means of responsibly managing and controlling fish and wildlife."

**Marijuana:** (Citizens' Initiative) Eight years after voters approved a constitutional amendment that broadly allowed medical marijuana, in November recreational use of marijuana will be on the ballot. The initiative allows people ages 21+ to possess, purchase, or use marijuana products and marijuana accessories for non-medical personal consumption.

**Property taxes:** (Legislature Approval) Homeowners could receive slightly larger property-tax breaks. The proposal adjusts part of the homestead property-tax exemption for inflation. Homeowners receive tax exemptions on the assessed values of their property up to \$25,000 and on the values between \$50,000 and \$75,000. The proposal would require adjusting for inflation the exempt portion currently between \$50,000 and \$75,000.

**School board elections:** (Legislature Approval) Voters will decide whether to hold partisan school-board elections. Voters passed an amendment in 1998 to make school board elections non-partisan; This measure would return to partisan races starting in 2026.

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**Florida Governor Ron DeSantis** and the Cabinet approved an investment to protect nearly 28,000 acres of Florida's natural

lands, including the first acquisition within the Caloosahatchee-Big Cypress Corridor, an important Everglades and panther habitat.

"Florida continues to lead the way in land conservation and protecting our natural resources," the Governor said. "These protections will further protect our natural lands for Florida's families to enjoy for generations to come."

Since 2019, the Florida Legislature has committed more than \$1.25 billion to the Florida Forever Program, including \$100 million in recurring annual funding, which has enabled the Department of Environmental Protection to acquire over 220,000 acres for conservation; 90% the acreage is within the Florida Wildlife Corridor.

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Since the close of the 2024 Legislation Session, Governor DeSantis has signed more than 100, bills into law, vetoed two, and others remain pending his action. Upon receipt of a bill, the Governor has seven days to sign, veto, or take no action -- at which point the bill will automatically become law.

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**Florida First Lady Casey DeSantis** has unveiled the first-in-the-nation opportunity for parents and grandparents to support students in the classroom. Serving as Resiliency Coaches, they will be eligible for a \$150 stipend upon completion of a one-hour training.

"Resiliency is important for students to successfully navigate and overcome life's obstacles," she said. "Florida parents, grandparents, teachers, and mentors will now have opportunities to coach and access high-quality resources to lead important discussions with students about resiliency."

Florida is rejecting the "traditional, stigma-laden mental health approach" for a new approach that inspires the positive virtues of resiliency.

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The first Medical School in Brevard County – the Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine – will open on Florida Institute of Technology's campus in Melbourne in July, with an inaugural class of 100 osteopathic physician students.

According to BCOM officials, over the past three years, more than three dozen students have participated in clinical work at local hospitals, and based on that success, they decided to bring a medical school to the state.

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Florida is home to the second largest population of women Veterans in the nation, with more than 168,000. We are truly grateful for their service and sacrifice and want to ensure each of our heroes are aware of the full range of federal and state benefits and programs available to them.

The Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs recently appointed a committee to assess the needs of women Veterans in Florida and the availability of their earned Veterans' benefits.

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The Space Coast Robotics Team 801 placed first out of 33 teams at the annual Smoky Mountain Regional competition in Tennessee earning the team a spot at the World Championship competition in Houston April 17-20.

Space Coast Robotics was founded in 2001 at Merritt Island High School and has grown significantly over the past two decades. Today, students from Edgewood Jr./Sr. High School, Cocoa Beach Jr./Sr. High School, and homeschooled students throughout Brevard County have joined with Merritt Island High School students as part of Space Coast Robotics Team 801.

The goal of the team is to create a robot that students know inside and out, built from the collective efforts of each member of the team. Robotics Team 801 is preparing talented students for future Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math careers on the Space Coast.

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**Attorney General Ashley Moody** and a coalition of five state attorneys general (Arkansas, Georgia, Missouri, Ohio and Oklahoma) filed a lawsuit against the Biden administration’s “latest attempt to force Americans to pay someone else’s debt.” The lawsuit targets what the federal government calls the “SAVE” Plan, which will cost Americans \$475 billion -- \$45 billion more than its last unlawful student debt forgiveness plan.

“Last year, the Supreme Court struck down Biden’s illegal attempt to force Americans to pay off someone else’s debt,” Moody said. “Now, Biden thumbs his nose at the court like he has done with so many issues, including immigration, and does what he wants, trying again to mass-cancel student debt. We will fight in court to make sure that hard-working Americans, who are struggling to buy groceries thanks to Biden, are not on the hook for other people’s debt.”

In the U.S. Supreme Court's 6-3 decision, it struck down Biden’s repayment plan as unconstitutional, citing the massive \$430 billion-plus impact on the federal budget without express authority from Congress. Moody referenced the latest action by the Biden administration as another attempt of unilateral and unlawful wealth transfer of hundreds of billions of dollars in student loan debt to taxpayers.

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According to the “U.S. News & World Report,” in the latest rankings of the ‘Top 14 Best Places to Live in Florida,’ the City of Melbourne earned the #3 spot. Families, professionals, and retirees have made the Space Coast one of the most populated metro areas.

The publication highlights regional advantages of the area, such as: Regular Space Launches, the Eau Gallie Arts District, the historic Downtown District, the Indian River Lagoon, and that the Space Coast is committed to blending the arts, science and economic development into its energetic community.



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

I am delighted to bring you updates on what has been going on across this incredible Senate District. It has been such a joy to be back home in the District, and to have the opportunity to attend more events and engage with many of the incredible constituents who call District 8 home.

April has been a whirlwind of activity as we continue to engage with the communities of Brevard and Volusia counties, sharing the significant strides made during the 2024 Legislative Session. Throughout the month, I have been deeply involved in various legislative wrap-ups alongside my esteemed colleagues from the Brevard and Volusia Legislative Delegations.

These gatherings have been instrumental in informing our communities about the pivotal accomplishments of the recent session – ranging from historic education funding to vital healthcare initiatives and substantial environmental conservation efforts. I could not be more proud of the work done by the Florida Legislature this past Session, and I believe Florida is in a great place right now and has an even brighter future.

A particularly memorable moment this April was my participation in the Brevard portion of the 2024 Laurens Kids & “Walk in My Shoes” event on April 12. This remarkable event, part of a 1,500-mile trek across Florida, is dedicated to raising awareness and funds for the prevention of child sexual abuse and supporting survivors in their healing journey. Each step taken symbolizes a move towards healing and empowerment for those affected by child sexual abuse, a cause I hold close to my heart.

Participating in such a profound community activity reinforces our shared commitment to protecting our most vulnerable and fostering a supportive environment for all. It is imperative as a society that we stand up and give a voice to the most vulnerable and stand by them in their path to recovery.

As we move forward, the insights gained from both the legislative sessions and community activities like “Walk in My Shoes” will guide our future initiatives. We remain dedicated to building on the successes of our state and continuing to engage with and support our communities through meaningful action and policy.

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](mailto: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

We have a HUGE announcement! We are extremely happy to announce that our Honored Guest Speaker for our 2024 Lincoln Reagan Dinner will be **Governor Kristi Noem** of South Dakota. She is frequently mentioned as a possible Vice-Presidential running mate with **President Donald Trump**. The dinner will be on Saturday, May 25 at the Radisson at the Port Hotel in Port Canaveral. Tickets will be \$150 per person, and attendees will be given a copy of Governor Noem's new book, "No Going Back: The Truth on What's Wrong with Politics and How We Move America Forward." Payment information is posted on the [brevardrepublicans.org](http://brevardrepublicans.org) website, and May 10 is the deadline for table sponsors to register. So mark your calendars for May 25.

Special thanks to **Ed Brankey** for all of his time and effort in getting the Governor as our speaker.

Please ask any and all business owners and managers that you know to consider becoming a sponsor for this event or at least purchasing an ad in our full color premier program book.

In other news, tickets are still available for our Kentucky Derby fundraiser on Saturday, May 4 at Club 52. Your big colorful hats, mint juleps, special guests and prizes are part of this fun filled event as we place our bets on our favorite pony in the most exciting two minutes in sports. Remember, this is the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Kentucky Derby.

I am happy to announce the results of our voter registration project of converting NPA voters to Republican for the March 19<sup>th</sup> Presidential Florida Primary Election. Congrats to all who helped as 1,267 NPA voters joined the Grand Old Party in Brevard County!

More good news. According to official records, on Election Day, March 19, Brevard County was the second best county in the entire state on Republican voter turnout, with only President Trump's home county ahead of us. Again, Congrats and Thanks to everyone who worked as a poll watcher, poll worker, or volunteer to make BREC a major success.

BREC is continuing to grow into a tremendous Republican organization, as we swore in five new members this month.



As everyone knows, my favorite part of our meetings is the recognition of two members for their outstanding volunteer work for the Republican Party. I was proud to announce that **Xiaoqi Wang** is Committeewoman and



**Wayne Twiddy** is Committeeman of the month. The award for March was presented as well to **Paulita Alvarez**, who was unable to attend last month's meeting. Well Deserved!

Finally, I want to express my thanks to the 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional Republican Caucus for electing me as a Delegate to the 2024 Republican National Convention in Milwaukee this summer. I am truly honored. Congratulations to **Mike Thomas**, **Xiaoqi Wang** and **Ed Brankey** on their election as Alternate Delegates to the Convention.

SPECIAL NOTE: I hope to see everyone at Club 52 on May 4. The proceeds of this fundraiser will support our next phase of converting NPA voters to Republican for our Republican Primary on August 20<sup>th</sup>. A donation of \$50 is payable to Brevard Republican Party. Details and tickets are available at [www.brevardrepublicans.org](http://www.brevardrepublicans.org).

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



Our April 3 luncheon guest speaker was **Loren Spivack**, known since 2009 as the "Free Market Warrior," having the goal of a positive effect on American politics and economics.



Spivack has delivered his famous seminar on "Economic Literacy" to audiences around the country. He is also the author of "The New Democrat," a parody history of the Obama administration based on a famous children's book. With pitch-perfect rhyme and clever illustrations, "The New Democrat" transforms the political personalities of our times into cartoon characters in a conservative morality play.

He discussed with us "Principles," asking "what exactly are the Left's Principles?" Answering his own question with "they do not have any principles at all," Spivack then explained that beliefs and principles are not the same. A Principle is a view, a societal rule that applies to everybody, all the time. He also explained that if a Principle doesn't apply to everybody, all the time, the idea may be what you fancy at the moment; but it's not a Principle.

The Ten Commandments are Principles; our Constitution is a Principle; they apply to everybody, all the time, he said.

Spivack said that People with Principles try to figure out, based on Principle, the right thing to do, and do it. People without Principles assume that things become right by virtue of the fact that they are doing it. That is why the Left hates both the Bible and the Constitution – they contain Principles that get in the way of the Leftist agenda.

There are other examples of Principles. Freedom of speech is one, and Spivack believes that one has never been as endangered in the United States as it is right now. Our judicial system is another, the system is based on the Principle of impartiality and the Left does not believe in impartial justice; it uses the justice system to advance its goals based on what team you are on. It is okay to burn, riot, and ignore the law to advance leftist causes, but Trump supporters are locked up for simply expressing their support for our Country's basic Principles, he said.

The rules of capitalism are Principles, they are clear, simple, and most of all, the same Principles apply to everybody, all the time. Spivack explained a lot of issues relevant to our time in an easy-to-understand manner. One thing he made clear is that the Republican Party is the Party of Principles. As we work to elect Republican candidates during the upcoming elections, let's not forget our Principles.



### NORTH TO THE PARTY By Board Member Robin Ricker

The North Brevard Republican Club's speaker for April 16 was **Lisa Cullen**, Brevard County's Tax Collector. She was a wealth of information. It surprised many to learn that she is responsible for so many services being brought into this office. It's a one-stop shop.

She has worked in this office since she was 19 years old, so her in depth knowledge, attained from working from the ground up, has enabled her to combine so many services into one place. Not only do they collect Property Taxes, but also renew Drivers Licenses or IDs, Vehicle Registrations, and Business Tax Receipts; file Homestead Exemptions; obtain or renew Hunting or Fishing Licenses; obtain a copy of Birth Certificates; and renew or apply for Conceal Carry Permits.



Cullen said that many people believe that since Florida passed Permitless Carry legislation, you no longer need a Concealed Carry License. If you want to travel to other states and still carry, to be able to do so you will need your Conceal Carry Permit for the sake of reciprocity. Plus, most of these renewal services are available online at [www.brevardtaxcollector.com](http://www.brevardtaxcollector.com).

With such an impressive record, Cullen is running to be re-elected as the Brevard County Tax Collector and does have a Republican opponent in the August 20 primary election.

Also, in attendance were many candidates who are running for various offices, which gave members a chance to speak with each of them. The list included **Dana Blickley**, running again for Property Appraiser; **Dan Diesel** and **Robert Jordan**,

running for Brevard County Commissioner District 1; **Sarah Stoeckel** and **Troy Tidwell** running for Titusville City Council Seat 2; and **Dave Neuman**, running for Melbourne City Council District 3. It is always a good sign when candidates show up at our meetings; it's a sign they want to engage with the public and answer questions face-to-face.

President **Pat Deen** announced our meeting for next month, May 21, American Police Hall of Fame, 6 pm. Our speakers will be **Florida State Representative Tyler Sirois** and Florida Republican Liberty Caucus **Chair Bob White**. Radio host **Royce Bartlett** will help with the Gun Raffle Drawing for a S&W MMP .556 (AR-15 style) rifle, a S&W revolver, and a S&W 380 pistol. To obtain tickets at \$10 each, call **Sue Ricco** at 321-264-2540.



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

Remember when people would say "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."? Well, in Brevard County, we have had **Lisa Cullen** as our tax collector. She has worked in the Tax collector office since 1985; ran for the top office and has been in charge since 2008. This is a State of Florida constitutional office with no term limits.

We have here an officer that has received numerous superlatives because she has been in office long enough to create an operation that runs well under her leadership. She is a Certified Florida Tax Collector and past president of the Florida Tax Collectors Association. Obviously, her Florida peers think highly of her. Cullen manages 7 branches with a total of 206 employees. So, my statement to anyone is "It ain't broke!"

Cullen has done nothing to warrant a challenger for this office. We don't need someone who requires "on the job training."

Don't you think her 39 years in this office without any disruptions is worth keeping? Well, Lisa Cullen has opposition for the office of tax collector. The challenger at this point is Rita Pritchett, who is term limited for her current position as District 1, Brevard County Commissioner. Prior to her 8 years as county commissioner, she was on the Titusville City Council. So, 8 years as councilwoman and 8 years as commissioner. Now she wants to be Tax Collector. Doesn't this sound like a politician? Why would anyone support a politician for a new and different office for which there is no demonstrated experience? There is no demand for any changes to this office. Lisa Cullen has experience of having worked in the office since 1985. She has done nothing but show that she is great in her current position.

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And remember when John F Kennedy was the Democrat president? He believed in small government, strong military, low taxes, controlled immigration, personal freedom and much more? JFK was a war hero who commanded a PT boat in the Pacific during World War II. His story of survival was written



in PT 109. He was proud of the military. Sixty plus years later since his death, what has changed?

Well, the Marxists have used those years to literally take over the Democrat Party. Their policies today are extremely radical and counter to our beliefs and culture. They support big government. Look at the employment numbers and note that the federal is growing. The government produces NOTHING. They are an expense to the American taxpayer but they contribute to a lower unemployment rate.

What are the Democrat policies? Abortion on demand up until the ninth month is their primary goal. They support open borders. They support trans-women (men) competing in women's sports. They believe in bigger government and must raise taxes to support their programs. They believe in a centralized government. They support CRT, ESG, DEI which in effect removes meritocracy from our culture. They support creating a WOKE military which has caused a severe shortage in recruitment. Citizens join the military because they are patriots and prepare to face our enemies when asked. They support altering our history by renaming military bases that carried the names of confederate generals. They rename buildings with the names of many of our founders including Lincoln. Erasing our history will alter our culture.

They actively support the judicial corruption exhibited against any Marxist critics. They are in full support of the globalists and wish to join the global community as an equal partner. No more exceptionalism allowed. Their biggest policy is total destruction of Donald Trump at any cost. Lies, propaganda, lawfare and total corruption within our federal institutions are to be utilized in this effort. How can American Patriots call themselves Democrats? They have no moral compass. God is not in their vocabulary. They want "In God We Trust" removed from our pledge.

If America First Patriots don't understand what has been said, I ask that you educate yourselves prior to voting. America First Republicans are our only hope. Our freedom is truly on the ballot.

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Can anyone remember when our country was ever so divided and angry? It will be decades in the future before sociologists will be able to offer an explanation as to what got us to this point in history. For now, let's look at what we know. Since the 1960s, Hamas, the terrorist organization has been populating America. Who knows how many of them are here? We know liberal Democrat billionaires have been donating to Hamas organizations. Soros is the main contributor. Today, they pay the anti-Semitic protesters that we see demonstrating across our country. These money men pay them, pay their expenses, pay their fines, pay their bail if any, pay court costs and pay for their lawyers.

The Democrat party leadership is a supporter of these groups and organizations. Why is that? The Marxists Democrat leadership, even though a minority, run the Democrat party. That party has slowly been taken over by the Marxists that have

grown in power and influence since the late fifties when the Communist Party was banned from the United States. Our federal bureaucracy is rife with adversaries to our constitutional republic. They are known as the "deep state". They operate in concert with the Democrat Party. All this negativity had its strongest push under the Obama administration. Remember, President Obama said he was going to fundamentally change America. President Trump interrupted the plan in 2016, but President Biden is fulfilling Obama's goals. Of course, we have China fomenting societal disruptions through their Tik Toc media platform. Let's not forget that our national media promotes Marxist propaganda. We do not have an objective press.



### CONSERVING THE FUTURE By SCYR Communications Director Garrett Jacobellis

I am thrilled to share the remarkable success of the Space Coast Young Republicans' recent participation in the National Convention held in Tampa. With nine enthusiastic members representing Brevard County, our presence made a significant impact, reflecting the vibrant spirit and dedication of our organization.

The convention proved to be an unparalleled triumph, not only for the Florida Young Republicans but also for the Space Coast Young Republicans. Among the highlights, Space Coast YR proudly clinched the coveted title of Mid-Sized Club of the Year – an honor that speaks volumes about our commitment to excellence and community engagement.

Our Vice President, **Logan Luse**, was appointed as the award chair for the Young Republican National Federation—an esteemed recognition of his leadership and dedication to our cause.

One of the most noteworthy achievements was our pivotal role in the host committee, which contributed to the historic gathering of over 350 attendees from across the nation in Tampa. This remarkable turnout underscores the growing influence and significance of our organization on a national scale and marks the largest national quarterly in over 20 years – a testament to the Host committee and Florida Young Republicans.

Throughout the weekend, attendees were treated to a wealth of educational opportunities designed to empower and inform. From seminars addressing crucial topics for the upcoming election cycle to invaluable training sessions provided by the

Leadership Institute, every aspect of the convention was geared towards enhancing the effectiveness of our local Young Republican organizations and campaigns.

Conservative influencers D.C. Draino and Bobby Sauce led a compelling panel on the power of social media, providing invaluable insights into harnessing digital platforms for political activism. Additionally, esteemed guests such as State Representative Berny Jacques and Carolina Amesty engaged us in discussions on pertinent state politics, while Congresswoman Anna Paulina Luna shared her perspectives on reforming Congress – a testament to the caliber of speakers and topics featured at the convention.

The culminating event, the closing Legacy of Freedom Dinner, was nothing short of spectacular. With a lineup of distinguished speakers including Congressman Byron Donalds, and notable figures like Florida GOP Chair Evan Power and heroic Congressman Cory Mills, the evening was filled with inspiration and camaraderie.

In conclusion, our experience at the National Convention in Tampa was nothing short of extraordinary. As we reflect on the knowledge gained, connections forged, and achievements celebrated, it is evident that the Space Coast Young Republicans are poised for even greater success in the future. We extend our deepest gratitude to all who made this event possible and look forward to continuing our journey of service, leadership, and conservative advocacy.

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## THIS AND THAT

**CENTER FOR IMMIGRATION STUDIES.** According to new data from the Center for Immigration Studies, to date the Biden Administration has secretly flown nearly 326,000 illegal immigrants to Florida on the taxpayers' dime through an expanded parole program. Responding to the report, **Florida Governor Ron DeSantis** said, "They don't tell us anytime somebody comes in. We can't verify that; they don't give us information on it. We have not seen though large numbers in our communities all of the sudden." DeSantis added that it might be the case that people coming in under this illegal parole program are then migrating to sanctuary jurisdictions. "We are not a sanctuary state," he stressed, "We've taken action to where you're not getting a driver's license. You're not getting ID cards." Florida has filed or joined five lawsuits fighting against the Biden administration's efforts to use the parole process to release illegal migrants into the U.S.

**MARCH MADNESS.** Congratulations to the Connecticut Huskies men's basketball team and its coach, Dan Hurley, for repeating as national champions in the March Madness tournament this year. Congratulations, also, to the South Carolina Bulldogs women's basketball team, for its undefeated season championship victory, but NOT to their coach, Dawn Staley, for the media interview in which she stated that transgender men – as "women" – should compete in women's sports, including basketball. It's March Absurdness! But then, ironically, Staley said that for winning the championship, she

was giving "all the glory to God." And that caused the Freedom From Religion Foundation to "demand" that the school censor her for the comment.

**SOLAR ECLIPSE.** To view an 80-second solar eclipse for the ages –one you have never seen before – click here: [https://youtu.be/TbOUSn\\_pN8o?si=FgSX8DQ\\_cY-jOBZq](https://youtu.be/TbOUSn_pN8o?si=FgSX8DQ_cY-jOBZq)

**RONALD REAGAN CLUB.** Addressing the Ronald Reagan Club in Satellite Beach on April 22, retired **U.S. Army Brigadier General Ernest Audino** spoke in glowing terms about our 40<sup>th</sup> president, noting how the American Embassy hostages in Iran who were held captive for 444 days during the presidency of Jimmy Carter were immediately released when Ronald Reagan became President. He also stressed that during



the Iran-Iraq war in the 1980s, when oil tankers were attacked in the Persian Gulf, Reagan sent the U.S. Navy to intervene, ensuring freedom of movement for international shipping and pressuring Iran to seek peace with its neighbor. That, he said, is "what a real president does." Then later, during the Obama Administration, when U.S. troops were withdrawn from Iraq, Audino pointed out, Iran became the most

dangerous country in the region. By comparison to the current situation, without naming our President, Audino said, "We are suffering from a crisis of courage in this administration," which he noted needed to be replaced. Referring to attacks on U.S. forces being carried out by Iran's proxies, he said we need "a very forceful response and to take a tougher position toward Iran," but unfortunately, "decades of reasoned discussion with Tehran have not mitigated their aggressive behavior. They're meddling throughout the Middle East." Audino, a West Point graduate who spent 32 years in the Army, noted that "Missiles don't win wars, boots on the ground do." Stressing that "We have to support Israel (a nation he visited recently)," he said Prime Minister Netanyahu "is doing what he has to do." The four main points in Audino's remarks were: security of the Mediterranean, especially Israel; support for democracy; a non-nuclear Iran; and access to vital energy needs.



The U.S. Supreme Court on April 16 ruled unanimously to vacate a lower court opinion that would have gutted the Constitution's guarantee

of just compensation when the government takes away property. The case involved Institute of Justice client Richie DeVillier, a Texas rancher whose property was flooded after the state government built a barrier along a nearby highway. Meant to keep the road from flooding during storms, the barrier turned nearby land into a lake. DeVillier, whose family farmed their land for three generations, lost acres of crops and 100 cows and horses in one storm. **IJ President Scott Bullock** said that despite decades of precedent, an appeals court ruled against



DeVillier – saying citizens do not have the right to sue the state – but now that the high court was convinced to take the case, and it came through for him – he will have his day in court.



The U.S. Supreme Court on April 12 unanimously agreed with Pacific Legal Foundation client George Sheetz that the government cannot force property owners to pay exorbitant development fees as a condition for approving building permits. El Dorado County, California – where Sheetz wanted to install a manufactured home on his property – passed a law requiring homebuilders to pay thousands of dollars in “traffic impact fees” if they wanted a building permit, and Sheetz was stuck with a \$23,420 bill. He sued the county, and PLF successfully argued that legislatures aren’t exempt from Supreme Court precedent protecting property rights. This win protects all property owners across the country, and is PLF’s 18th out of the 20 cases litigated at the Supreme Court and its tenth since 2018.



Speaking at the April 4 Heritage Isle Republican Club meeting, **Florida 8<sup>th</sup> District Congressman Bill Posey** explained the perils of our \$34 trillion debt and how he forced House leaders to bring the only vote for a Balanced Budget Amendment in 25 years – as corroborated by news outlets. The swamp doesn’t like Posey, who has been enthusiastically endorsed by **President Trump** as an “America First FIGHTER”. He earned the nickname “Mr. Accountability” by conservative media for good reason – he went to Washington not just to vote, but to change its culture. Posey said he worked for three years to pass a rule to require bills to be publicly available for 72 hours before being voted on, and he worked for nine years to overcome opposition from both party leaders to pass a rule requiring legislation be made available in a form that could actually be understood. This, he said, is “the comparative print rule.” With a strong record as a legislator passing into law dozens of his initiatives – from simplifying tax filing for seniors to stopping Wall Street bailouts and fighting for our Lagoon -- he pointed out that over the years, he has sponsored or co-sponsored 447 bills that have passed the House and hundreds of amendments. Posey also shared the dangers of open borders and how he’s voted against funding bills because they don’t secure the border. He answered a variety of questions, showing his tremendous grasp of important issues. He also explained why the Supreme Court threw out state-imposed term limits for Florida Congressmen, so our voters would not be underrepresented in Washington, where so much is based on seniority. Posey said he supports term limits, but they must be for every member of Congress, and he has sponsored or co-sponsored term limit legislation every year. Having worked on Apollo’s 3rd stage, he is a champion for our space program, and his numerous space related initiatives –



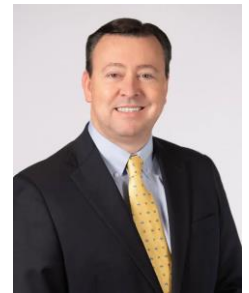
passing the first ever space property rights law, cutting red tape on commercial space activity, and creating incentives to launch from American soil – have contributed greatly to the robust growth we have seen at our space centers. His Apollo 11 Commemorative Coin bill generated over \$5 million in revenue for the Astronaut Memorial Foundation and scholarship fund. He ranks as an unapologetically pro-life, principled conservative by every measure. Bill Posey received CPAC’s award for Conservative Excellence, and earned top ratings with conservative, pro-Constitution groups like Heritage Action, the NRA, Family Research Council and National Right to Life. For more information, visit the website: [www.billposey.com](http://www.billposey.com).

(EDITOR'S NOTE: These remarks were delivered when we all believed that Congressman Bill Posey would be running for re-election.)



Political strategist and former Republican National Committee Co-chair **Drew McKissick** told the Leadership Institute Wednesday Wake Up Breakfast on April 3 that “politics matters and has an impact on government.” To make a difference politically, he said, “We have to win. We have to do a better job of training people

how to win.” With 35 years of experience working in politics, McKissick said the first campaign he worked on in his native South Carolina was a county coroner race – and that candidate was victorious. Thinking of New Year’s Resolutions, he said his three Resolutions for Republicans regarding election races are to focus on the message, organization, and fundraising. And unlike in an athletic event, he said, “Defense does not work in politics – you have to be on the offense.” McKissick listed nine steps in a successful political campaign race at any level of government: 1) Focus on the fundamentals, which do not change, and people are the most important element; 2) Avoid division, which can cause the loss of a campaign; 3) Work with other conservatives to bring in more people; 4) Build the local party organization; 5) Build a farm team – politics in this case is the same as a baseball team – meaning local level positions such as city councils and school boards; 6) Pick your battles and learn to win the next one – finding the right issue is more important than the candidate; 7) Adopt an elected official to help in office; 8) Do something -- apathy is our biggest opponent; and 9) Don’t quit, because that will mean you have no impact.



## AUDACITY AND IDIOCY

This month’s “winners” are:

--Homeland Unsecurity Chief Alejandro Mayorkas, for claiming that “a lack of detention space” was the reason that Jose Ibarra, the illegal immigrant charged with the February 22 murder of nursing student Laken Riley, was released from confinement.





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--Nate McMurray, a Democrat candidate for New York's 26<sup>th</sup> Congressional District seat, for actually posting on social media that he hoped President Trump and all of his MAGA supporters would die.

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--Left-wing co-host of "The View" Karen Johnson – AKA "Whoopi Goldberg," for publicly criticizing former President Donald Trump's attendance to pay his respects at the wake for NYPD officer Jonathan Diller, who was killed in the line of duty. Whoopi-doopi falsely claimed that Trump "didn't care" about other police officers at the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021. She also gave President Joe Biden a pass for skipping the wake in favor of attending a fund-raiser.

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During another day's rant, "Joyless" Joy Behar blamed Barack Obama for causing the Trump presidency, claiming that the reason he ran for the office in the first place was because Obama poked fun at him during the 2011 White House Correspondents Dinner. Not finished, Behar went on to blame comedian Charlie Chaplin for causing World War II and the Holocaust – by poking fun at Adolf Hitler in 1940.

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And speaking of "The View," podcaster Joe Rogan has come up with a brutally perfect new name for the group – "a rabies-infected henhouse."

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--Wisconsin Democrat Governor Tony Evers, for vetoing legislation passed by the State Legislature barring transgenders from competing in female scholastic sports, saying he "refused to align with states passing radical policies targeting LGBTQ individuals."

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--Arizona Democrat Governor Katie Hobbs, for vetoing a bill passed by the Republican State Legislature to force pornographic websites to require users to verify their age in order to keep minors in the state from viewing their material.

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--New York Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, for stating – as crime runs rampant in the Big Apple – that "I just don't believe raising penalties is ever a deterrent on crime." The "New York Post" says this amounts to "a Holy Grail of political imbecility," and everything bad about New York is partly a result of his strange thinking.

### YOU CAN'T MAKE THIS UP

--If any of the massive number of immigrants applying for naturalization in the Biden Administration's U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services do not wish to identify as either male or female, they now have the



third option of being an "X" gender. Explaining the "change," the State Department said, "We are committed to promoting the freedom, dignity, and equality of all people – including LGBTQI+ individuals. Adding a third gender option helps ensure that secure identity documents and biographical data are accurate and helps both external stakeholders and individuals requesting immigration benefits."

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--Speaking with reporters during a visit to Scranton, Pennsylvania, President Joe Biden said that during World War II, his uncle, Ambrose Finnegan, who served in the U.S. Army Air Forces in the Pacific theater of World War II, was shot down



over Papua New Guinea in an area infested with cannibals, implying he was "eaten" there. "They never recovered his body," Biden said, "but the government went back when I went down there, and they checked and found some parts of

the plane." However, military records contradicted nearly every detail of Biden's story about his uncle, instead noting that Finnegan's plane crashed in the ocean due to engine failure. And he scrapped plans to visit Papua New Guinea last year. No U.S. president has yet visited the island nation, and there are no records of any search that found parts of Finnegan's plane.

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--After the U.S. House of Representatives voted in favor of impeaching Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas for his record on immigration and border security, and sent it on to the upper chamber, the Useless Senate (sorry, the U.S. Senate) voted to dismiss all charges without even holding an impeachment trial. It marked the first time in 225 years that the Senate took such a stand, without even referring the matter to a special committee to review.

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--Even though the far-left media has spent a lot of time trying to debunk claims made by Donald Trump and his supporters that Loren Merchan, the daughter of Judge Juan Merchan -- who is overseeing the former president's so-called "hush money" case - used to work on campaigns for both Joe Biden and Kamala Harris, none other than the left-leaning "fact-checking" site Snopes has confirmed it. Snopes said she was the director of "digital persuasion" for Harris' failed 2020 presidential campaign, and also worked for the Biden-Harris campaign via a communications company that provides services for far-left progressive campaigns. In a post on Truth Social, Trump said the judge was "totally compromised" and should be removed from the case, and he called Loren Merchan "a Rabid Trump Hater, who has admitted to having conversations with her father about me."

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--When Justice Department attorneys argued in court that they did not have to comply with Congressional subpoenas as part of the House Republicans' investigation into Hunter Biden, U.S. District Judge Ana Reyes blasted the Department's "double standard" of jailing Trump Advisor Peter Navarro for not complying with a January 6 Committee subpoena. "You all are making a bunch of arguments that you would never accept from any other litigant," Reyes said. What made her tirade all the more notable is the fact that she is a Biden appointee to the bench.

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--After a white supremacist and Nazi sympathizer killed eight innocent people at a mall near Dallas, Texas, last year and was fatally shot by responding police officers, he was identified as Mauricio Garcia. Amateur sleuths then went on the Internet and found a picture of Mauricio Garcia, posted it, and it went viral. The problem was it was a photo of a different, totally innocent Mauricio Garcia. A number of news media outlets and podcasts reporting on the event carried the photo of the wrong person. When he contacted the outlets demanding a correction, he was ignored, so now the innocent Mauricio Garcia has hired attorneys, and is suing them, seeking damages in excess of \$1 million.

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--Complaints were made to the East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street firehouse in New York that a "red striped" American flag honoring the squad's six men killed on 9/11 was "fascist" and a "politically charged symbol." Fire Department officials then said it must come down because it violated a prohibition of "altered" versions of the flag. But following outrage on social media, fire officials reversed the decision, and the flag was returned to its place of honor. Calling the fiasco a "sanctioned attack on the First Amendment rights of our civil servants," Republican Councilwoman Joann Ariola, who chairs the fire and emergency management committee, said "Radicalism and censorship are sadly becoming the norm in American politics."

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--Two young hoodlums – unnamed girls ages 12 and 13 – have finally been arrested after viciously beating to death a 64-year-old disabled man, Reggie Brown, whom they did not even know, in Washington, D.C. last year. They reportedly then walked away in a "celebratory mood." The girls have been charged with murder in the second degree, but according to D.C. law, "Children under 15 years of age cannot be charged as adults, and the maximum sentence is commitment to the Department of Youth Rehabilitative Services until 21 years of age."

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--Two unnamed students in LaBelle, Florida, have been arrested after one sold a handgun with bullets to the other one for \$300, and the recipient also had a bag of cannabis. What makes this case unusual is that both boys are 10-YEAR-OLD FIFTH GRADERS at Country Oaks Elementary School.

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--Thanks to Illinois Democrat Governor J.B. Pritzker, the Illinois Prison Review Board, and their softer-than-ever policies on crime, a heroic 11-year-old Jayden Perkins is dead – stabbed

while trying to defend his mother from being attacked. His mother was also stabbed – by her former abuser boyfriend, Crosetti Brand. He had been serving a 16-year prison sentence for home invasion and assault, but even though he had been sending her threatening messages, and had a lengthy record of domestic violence, authorities still saw fit to grant him early release – ONE DAY BEFORE THE FATAL ATTACK.

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--Harvard University really believes in the old adage "Stick to your own kind." We have learned that for the school's 2024 commencement, its Office for Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging will host separate "affinity celebrations." So, students separately will be able to attend celebrations for "Disability," "Global Indigenous," "APIDA – Asian American, Pacific Islander, Desi-American," "First Generation Low Income," "Jewish," "Latinx," "Lavender – for LGBT'ers," "Black," "Veterans," and "Arab."

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--Returning from a visit to Japan, liberal talk show host Jimmy Kimmel called the United States "a filthy and disgusting country." While everyone is entitled to an opinion, here's ours: the next time Dimmy Jimmy travels outside the country, make it a ONE-WAY trip. North Korea or Cuba would be nice.

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--Minnesota Congresswoman Ilhan Omar – a member of the infamous, left-leaning "Squad" who refused to condemn the attack on Israel – has now gone out of her way on social media to praise her teen-aged daughter, Isra Hirsi, saying she is "enormously proud" of her. So what was Hirsi's great accomplishment? She was one of many participants in anti-Zionist disruptions at Columbia University – a fracas that led to her arrest and suspension from Barnard College.



### EXPERTS' EXCERPTS

Columnist **Byron York**, writing in the "Washington Examiner" on the growing Latino support for enforcing the U.S. southern border wall:

"A new poll by 'Axios' and 'Noticias Telemundo' found that 42 percent of Latino Americans support building a wall or fence along the entire U.S.-Mexico border. When pollsters asked the same question in December 2021, the number was 30 percent. That's a significant increase as the border crisis created by President Joe Biden's policies worsens. It's also a more severe action than virtually anyone is now proposing. The border is about 2,000 miles long, but some of that is physically impassable and does not need a wall. Former President Donald Trump proposed building a wall on about 1,000 miles. That was

enough for many Democrats to unite in hysterical opposition. Now, the Latino voters polled say they would like to see a wall or fence along the entire 2,000-mile border. The new poll also found that 64 percent of those surveyed support ‘giving the president the authority to shut U.S. borders if there are too many migrants trying to enter the country.’ And 38 percent of those surveyed support ‘sending all undocumented immigrants in the U.S. back to their country of origin.’ In 2021, that number was 28 percent. In all, the poll marks a real shift in the direction of stricter border enforcement. It’s a significant change. One explanation for the change is that the context in which Latino voters consider the question has changed, too. At various times in the past, the majority of illegal border crossers came from Mexico or Central America, especially the Northern Triangle countries of El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras. Now, with Biden’s virtually open border, the situation is much different. People are coming from all over the world, in large numbers, to cross illegally into the United States....Fox News’s Bill Melugin posted on X, ‘Internal [Border Patrol] data we’ve obtained reveals more Chinese nationals have crossed illegally into Border Patrol’s San Diego sector in recent months than Mexican nationals.’ Melugin published the top 10 nationalities apprehended in the San Diego sector since October 1, 2023. Four were not from Mexico, Central America, or South America – China, Turkey, Guinea, and India. In the period Melugin listed, 28,000 people from Colombia crossed illegally into the U.S., while 21,000 came from China, 6,100 from Turkey, 5,000 from Guinea, and 5,000 from India. Given that, if the point of polling Latino voters is to gauge their views on people coming illegally to the U.S. from Latin countries, that’s not the way things are today. These days, illegal crossers are entering the U.S. from everywhere. Perhaps that is contributing to the changing views of Latino Americans toward border security. In any event, Latino Americans are an important voting bloc, and in the 2024 presidential election, it appears they are moving more toward Trump than Biden.”



**American Security Council Foundation Senior Analyst Laurence Sanford**, writing on demanding a Gaza ceasefire from Hamas, in his publication “SOS – Sanford on Security”:

“Instead, the Biden administration has demanded and succeeded in forcing Israel to withdraw troops from southern Gaza by threatening to cut off military aid. President Biden, after the Hamas October 7 invasion, said Israel had every right to defend itself and that ‘my Administration’s support for Israel’s security is rock solid and unwavering.’ Apparently, it was ‘unwavering’ only until Muslims in Michigan and Marxists in Congress began opposing Israel. A ceasefire in Gaza could happen immediately if Hamas released Israeli hostages and surrendered. It is not known how many hostages, including Americans, are still alive. October 7, 2024, is a pivotal date. This is the day that Islamic jihadists invaded Israel, seized over 200 hostages, murdered over 1,200, and committed rape, torture, and genocide against Israeli and American civilians. Now, anti-Semites, anti-Americans, Marxists, and Muslims worldwide are accusing Jews and Americans of genocide. The charges are classic Marxist

‘doublethink,’ as written in George Orwell’s ‘1984.’ The inconvenient truth is that there is no Israeli occupation of Gaza. Hamas has ruled Gaza, with no Israelis present, since 2007, when Hamas won the first and only election held in Gaza.... This is a defining moment that separates those who believe in Western Civilization and those who wish to destroy it. Where are the mass protests against the barbaric actions of Hamas? If one wants civilians to stop dying in war, then the way to stop the dying is for Hamas to stop the war they started by surrendering and releasing the hostages. A ceasefire now without defeat would allow Hamas to continue to exist, regroup, and continue its mission of eliminating Jews from Palestine. It would be a victory for the supporters of Hamas – Iran and Qatar. It would also be a victory for those opposing Western Civilization. The United Nations Relief and Work Agency (UNRWA) has funneled billions of dollars to Gaza. Billions of dollars that should have been spent on improving the lives of Palestinians in Gaza instead were spent on hundreds of tunnel miles for the sole purpose of military action against Israel. The United States is the major funder of UNRWA and has also sent billions of dollars to Palestinians. They then use this money to educate children on hatred of Israel and the West, pay monthly stipends to families of martyrs who have died fighting Israel, and build tunnels under hospitals to store Hamas military supplies. Meanwhile, Hamas leaders are living lavish lifestyles in Qatar and Turkey. Progressive Marxist antisemites in the U.S. Congress, in universities, and in cities are advocating for the termination of military aid to Israel because of civilian casualties in the war. Hamas started the kinetic war with the launch of thousands of rockets at Israel and the ground invasion on October 7. While Israel has taken multiple steps to minimize civilian casualties, Hamas has used civilians, hospitals, schools, and mosques as shields. For Hamas, the more dead civilians, the better for propaganda purposes. The West’s gullible media and governments accept the casualty numbers from Hamas without independent corroboration.”

“New York Post” opinion writer **Miranda Devine**, on examples of fraud:



“There was a macabre familiarity to the sight of a dead man in Brazil being wheeled into a bank by a greedy relative to sign a loan document. The woman is seen on social media video talking to the corpse in the wheelchair while trying to hold up his floppy head with one hand. In her other hand, she clutches a pen lodged between the dead man’s fingers as she attempts to sign documents to secure a loan of \$3,250. ‘Uncle Paulo are you listening?’, the woman named by CNN Brazil as Érika de Souza Vieira Nunes tells the late Paulo Braga, 68. ‘Sign so you don’t give me any more headaches. I can’t take it anymore.’ Uncle Paulo does not respond. His eyes are closed. His mouth is agape. ‘He doesn’t look well,’ the bank teller says, in the understatement of the year. ‘He’s very pale.’ Rio de Janeiro police who arrested Nunes said Uncle Paulo, who was actually her cousin, had been dead for at least two hours. They charged her with fraud and abuse of a corpse. Isn’t it a pity we can’t charge



the Democrat Party with the same offenses? After all, the barbaric treatment of Uncle Paolo in Brazil is a metaphor for how Democrats are using an infirm, 81-year-old Joe Biden to defraud the electorate....It's not just Biden's sepulchral presentation, but his administration's increasingly unpopular policies covering the economy, the border, foreign affairs, and a raft of fringe social engineering projects, such as the rewriting of Title IX, which effectively abolishes the distinction between women and men....Pretending you've stopped inflation, pretending you need Congress to shut the border, pretending that your uncle was eaten by cannibals: These are not vote-winners for Biden. Whether he's walking 'like a toothpick,' as Donald Trump describes the president's stiff gait, falling over, garbling teleprompter scripts, or breaking into sudden angry yelling, in the normal political calculus, such a candidate should be heading for a car crash. Even worse, the backup plan is Kamala Harris, who doesn't even have the benefit of the vapor trail of Honest Joe's self-mythology that has fooled America for 50 years. With Harris, what you see is what you get: a complete phony spouting condescending claptrap."



Freelancer **Mick Farthing**, writing in "Patriot Journal" on a little girl begging a celebrity "police officer" for help:

"Mariska Hargitay is the iconic actress known for her role on "*Law and Order: SVU*." She has played "Olivia Benson," a no-nonsense detective for 25 seasons, becoming the longest-running character on a prime-time drama series. She was

on location in New York while filming a scene for the upcoming season. Hargitay was dressed as "Benson," wearing her police badge. That's when a young girl walked up to Hargitay, mistaking her for a real cop. The girl had become lost and couldn't find her mother. That's when the famed actress swooped into action.... A witness told "People Magazine" that the little girl had been separated from her mother in the Anne Loftus Playground in Fort Tryon Park and enlisted Hargitay for help. The actress obliged, halting production for 20 minutes to help the child locate her mother and to console them both. The little girl was completely oblivious to the film crew – and to Hargitay's scene partner, Ice-T — the witness noted, as she believed Hargitay to be an on-duty police officer.... Hargitay halted production of a scene to help a little girl in need. The child thought Hargitay was a real police officer. She had been separated from her mother while at the park. Hargitay didn't hesitate to stop her work and help find her mother. After twenty minutes, she reunited the girl with her mother. It appears the girl had been taught by her parents to look for a police officer when in need. Seeing the badge on Hargitay's clothing, she assumed she could help her. The presence of cameras and other actors didn't seem to deter the child from seeking help. And, to her credit, the actress was willing to stop what she was doing to help. This small moment illustrated that even famous celebrities can, at times, put aside their interests to help those in need. Hargitay demonstrated the kindness and compassion we are all capable of and desperately need in this day and age."

## THOUGHTS TO PONDER

"The White House is under fire after declaring Easter Sunday as 'Transgender Visibility Day.' It is a direct attack on the holiest day in the Christian faith. The Biden Administration also failed to post a proclamation about Good Friday. And they banned children from decorating White House Easter Eggs with religious images. As I wrote in my new book, 'Twilight's Last Gleaming,' the Democrats hate Jesus Christ....and now worship at the altar of the LGBT religion and pledge allegiance to the rainbow flag."

--Podcaster and author **Todd Starnes** on the White House ahead of Easter Sunday

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"It is appalling and insulting that Joe Biden's White House prohibited children from submitting religious egg designs for their Easter Art Event, and formally proclaimed Easter Sunday as 'Trans Day of Visibility.' Sadly, these are just two more examples of the Biden Administration's years-long assault on the Christian faith."

--Trump campaign spokeswoman **Karoline Leavitt**, reacting to the Biden Administration's proclamation

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"Under President Trump, our enemies feared us. Now, they laugh at us. We've seen the deadly and dangerous cost of losing that deterrence. We've seen the global destruction caused by President Joe Biden's far-Left foreign policy agenda. Our country, and the world at large, simply cannot afford four more years of his weak leadership. Saving our nation from Biden and his radical Senate allies means delivering them both a resounding defeat this November. America needs President Trump back in the White House and a Trump Senate Majority in Congress."

--**Former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo**, in a written message on behalf of the Trump campaign

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"There just was another shocking display of anti-Semitic hatred in America. Radical Islamic supremacists held a protest in Dearborn, Michigan, where shouts of 'Death to America! Death to Israel!' were heard.... Any community with a large percentage of Muslims will always have some who are willing to use this hateful rhetoric publicly. I also worry about those who stay silent yet believe the same lies.... This is the kind of hatred we import when a president like Joe Biden has open borders. And while Biden's FBI is infiltrating conservative churches, it is turning a blind eye to the hatred that is being preached by radical imams in mosques throughout America."

--Campaign For Working Families head **Gary Bauer**, on anti-Semitic hatred

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“In November, when the American people elect a new president, the work of stripping down and replacing the administrative state will begin. In the last three years, this reckless administration has turned major cities into hotbeds of violent crime, opened our borders to illegal immigrants, allowed schools to become glorified indoctrination centers, and failed to prevent major conflicts abroad. The next administration will look to us for guidance to correct course from these disastrous policies and more. Since Ronald Reagan’s presidency, Heritage has been by the side of conservative presidents with expert guidance and serious solutions.”

--**Heritage Foundation President Kevin Roberts**, on facing the challenge ahead

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“In the days ahead, our nation will experience a renewed push by the radical Left to stage a coup that will subvert the legitimacy of the Supreme Court. Their sinister plan has two components, First, court-packing. This political scheme would allow those in power to add more seats to the Supreme Court and then fill them with justices who will support their radical agenda with an iron fist. This blatant power grab will end the independence of the Supreme Court. Second, is a relentless stream of partisan attacks – including threats and marching in front of their home – on any justice who issues decisions out of step with the Left’s radical ‘progressive’ agenda. These attacks include baseless allegations of ethics violations. Repeat a lie loudly for long enough and the unwary will soon believe it as truth.... The Left’s grand scheme to delegitimize the courts is more than a threat to the judiciary. It is a threat to our constitutional republic. It must not succeed.”

--**First Liberty Institute President Kelly Shackelford**, on the need to combat the Left’s efforts against the judicial system

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“The number of illegal aliens now being allowed to enter the United States under parole now exceeds the number of people who are admitted to the country through our legal immigration system....This indiscriminate use of parole also poses a danger to the safety and well-being of the American public. Jose Ibarra, the alleged murderer of Laken Riley, a 22-year-old nursing student in Athens, Georgia, was among the estimated 1.8 million illegal aliens granted parole by the Biden administration between October 2021 and October 2023. The true number of Americans killed or victimized by illegal alien criminals is much higher but given many news outlets deliberately do not reveal the immigration status of suspects, we can only be sure in cases where the status is known. Parole will no doubt increase the number of times tragedies like the Laken Riley murder occur. “

--**Federation for American Immigration Reform Media Director Ira Mehlman**, on abuse of parole by the Biden Administration

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“Following three days of deliberations, a federal jury convicted a 71-year-old grandmother on four criminal counts for spending 10 minutes inside the U.S. Capitol on the day of the January 6, 2021, breach. Rebecca Lavrenz was captured on video surveillance

entering the Capitol building through the East Rotunda doors, walking around the building, and speaking briefly with a police officer before exiting the building. She faces a year in jail and more than \$200,000 in fines. Her sentencing is slated for Aug. 12.... She was found guilty of four federal misdemeanor charges of entering and remaining in a restricted building or grounds, disorderly and disruptive conduct in a restricted building or grounds, disorderly conduct in a Capitol building, and ‘parading, demonstrating, or picketing’ in a Capitol building.”

--Freelance reporter **Alice Giordano** in “The Epoch Times”, on a grandmother who has stated she only went to the Capitol to pray and stand up for her country.

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“In a recent airing of ‘The View,’ Sunny Hostin’s bewildering attempt to attribute natural phenomena such as earthquakes and solar eclipses to climate change not only missed the mark but veered into the realm of the absurd. Hostin’s commentary, which was swiftly challenged by her co-hosts, epitomizes the kind of misguided and uninformed fearmongering that unfortunately infiltrates discussions on environmental issues within mainstream media. Her erroneous linkage of unrelated natural events to climate change, compounded by her mispronunciation of ‘cicadas’ not only showcased a glaring lack of research but also highlighted her incompetence in addressing such a critical topic.... This incident is not an isolated blunder but rather a reflection of Hostin’s habitual approach to complex issues, where sensationalism often trumps science. By irresponsibly conflating unrelated events with climate change, Hostin not only exhibits a profound ignorance but also perpetuates misinformation.”

--**Adriana Stone**, writing at [steadfastandloyal.com](http://steadfastandloyal.com) on Hostin’s response to natural phenomena

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“President Biden is pushing unconstitutional student loan policies in his quest to buy votes. In reality, his plan will shift the responsibility of paying for loans owed by high-income earners who freely incurred them onto the backs of all taxpayers, many of whom do not even have a college degree. His administration is dead set on circumventing the Supreme Court, defying Congress, and saddling our country with more debt. Meanwhile, President Biden has fumbled this year’s Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) program at every turn, delayed student aid packages, sending incorrect aid amounts, and making college less accessible for millions of low-income students.”

--**Texas Congressman and House Budget Committee Chairman Jodey Arrington**, on President Biden’s student loan program

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--“Arizona Democrat Attorney General Kristin Mayes announced she would not enforce a ruling from her state’s Supreme Court upholding an 1864 law that bans most abortions. The court ruled that a law criminalizing abortions, except in cases where necessary to save the mother’s life, may be enforced following the U.S. Supreme Court’s ruling in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization* in 2022, which ruled

that there is no constitutional right to an abortion. Mayes subsequently issued a statement on X condemning the decision while claiming that her prosecutors would not enforce the law against doctors and women seeking abortions.... She wrote, ‘The decision to re-impose a law from a time when Arizona wasn’t a state, the Civil War was raging, and women couldn’t even vote, will go down in history as a stain on our state.’”

--“**The Daily Caller**” writer **Arjun Singh**, on Arizona’s Attorney General ignoring its Supreme Court

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“The Media Research Center has four main imperatives: to expose and prevent the national news media and Big Tech from stealing the 2024 elections, to expose and prevent Big Tech and the federal government from censoring conservatives and conservative thought, to expose and confront the radical left’s agenda to destroy America, and to recruit and train the next generation to lead the conservative media ecosystem into the future.”

--**Vice President for Growth and Development David Bozell**, on MRC goals for this year

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### UPCOMING BREVARD COUNTY EVENTS

- May 1: Brevard Federated Republican Women meeting, Space Coast Convention Center, Cocoa, 11:30 am.
- May 2: Heritage Isle Republican Club meeting, Heritage Isle Clubhouse, 10 am.
- May 3: Federated Republican Women in Action meeting, MeMaw’s BBQ, Palm Bay, 11:00 am.
- May 4: Brevard Republican Executive Committee Kentucky Derby fundraiser. Club 52, Melbourne, 5 pm.
- May 6: Brevard Republican Executive Committee meeting, Space Coast Association of Realtors Building, Melbourne, 7 pm.
- May 13: Space Coast Patriots meeting, Merritt Island Library, 6 pm.
- May 16: Republican Women’s Network of South Brevard meeting, Suntree Country Club, 11 am.
- May 20: Ronald Reagan Club meeting, Oceanside Community Church, Satellite Beach, 6 pm.
- May 20: Republican Liberty Caucus of Brevard meeting, La Loma, Melbourne, 6 pm.
- May 21: North Brevard Republican Club meeting, American Police Hall of Fame, Titusville, 6 pm.

--May 23: Space Coast Young Republicans meeting, Pub Americana, Melbourne, 6:30 pm.

--May 25: Space Coast Republican Club meeting, Red Lobster, Merritt Island, 11:30 am.

--May 25: Lincoln Reagan Dinner, Radisson At The Port 6pm.

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

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### COMICAL CLOSER

The elementary school teacher asked her class how many of them were Joe Biden fans, and not really knowing what a Joe Biden fan was, but wanting to be liked by the teacher, all the kids raised their hands – except for Little Johnny.

The teacher asked Little Johnny why he has decided to be different – again – and Little Johnny said, "Because I'm not a Joe Biden fan."

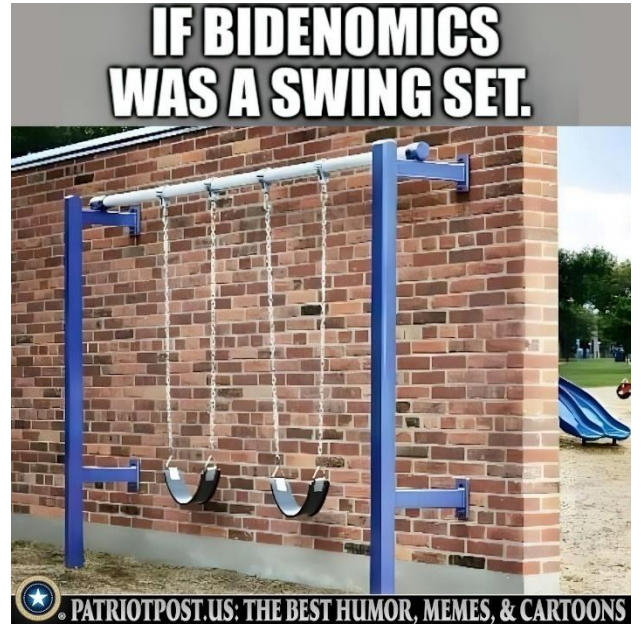
The teacher asked why not, and he said, "Because I'm a Conservative."

The teacher asked him why he's a Conservative, and Little Johnny answered, "Well, my Mom's a Conservative and my Dad's a Conservative, so I'm a Conservative."

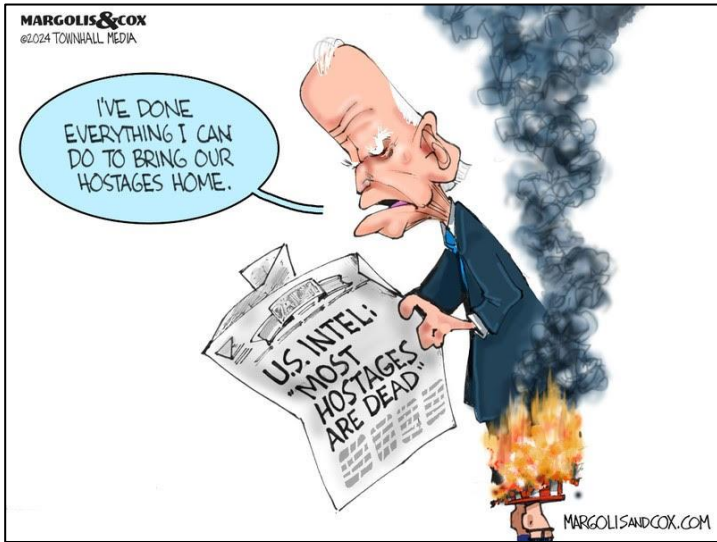
Annoyed by this answer, the teacher asked, "If your Mom was a moron and your Dad was an idiot, what would that make you?"

Little Johnny then replied, "That would make me a Joe Biden fan."









**My son is taking part in a social experiment. He has to wear a Biden 2024 t shirt for 2 weeks and see how people react. So far he's been spit on, punched, and had a bottle thrown at him! I'm curious what happens when he goes outside.**



**My Husband Hates America**      **My Husband Loves America**      My husband doesn't even know he's in America

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**How much is a BILLION?**

A billion *seconds* ago, it was 1959.

A billion *minutes* ago, Jesus was alive.

A billion *hours* ago, our ancestors were living in the Stone Age

A billion *days* ago, no-one walked on the earth on two feet.

A billion *dollars* ago, was only 8 hours and 20 minutes, at the current rate of government spending.



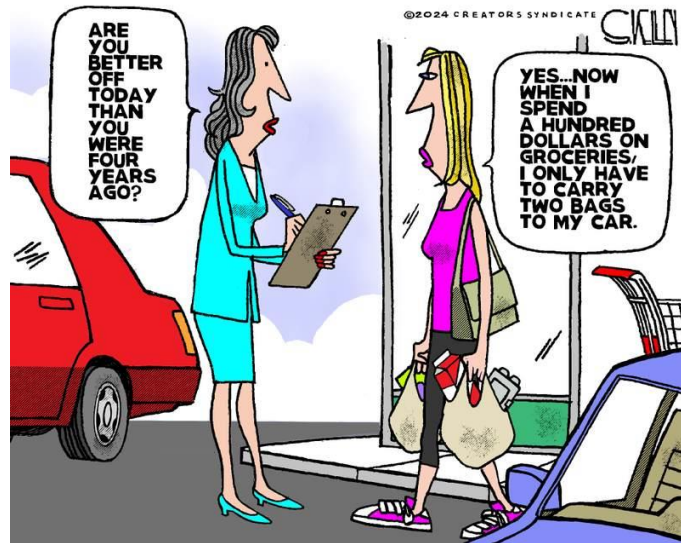


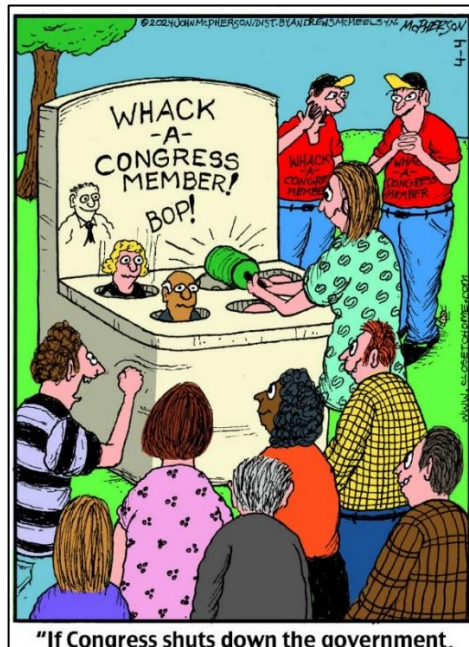
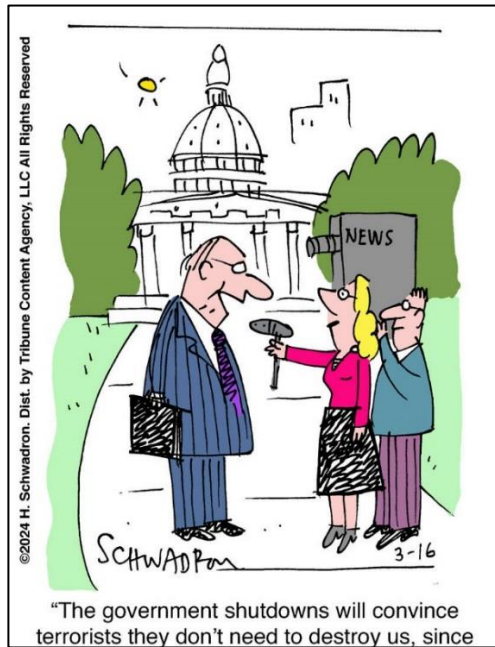
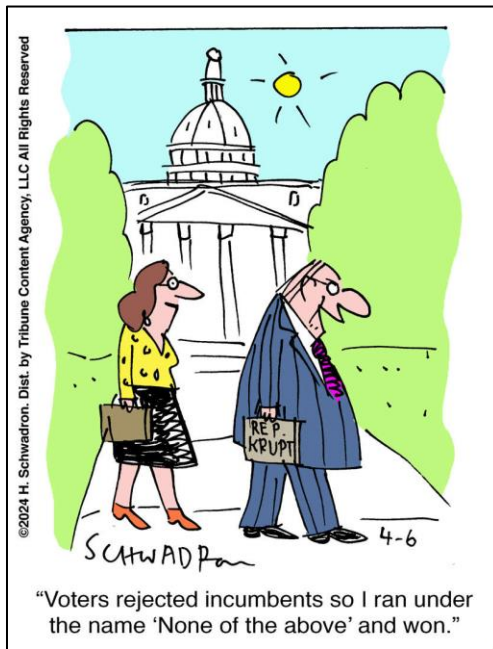


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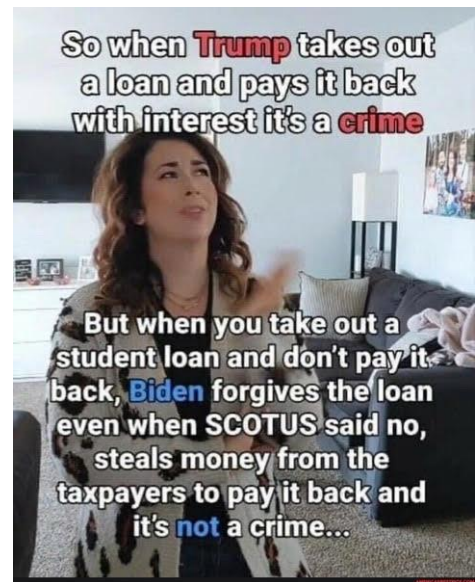
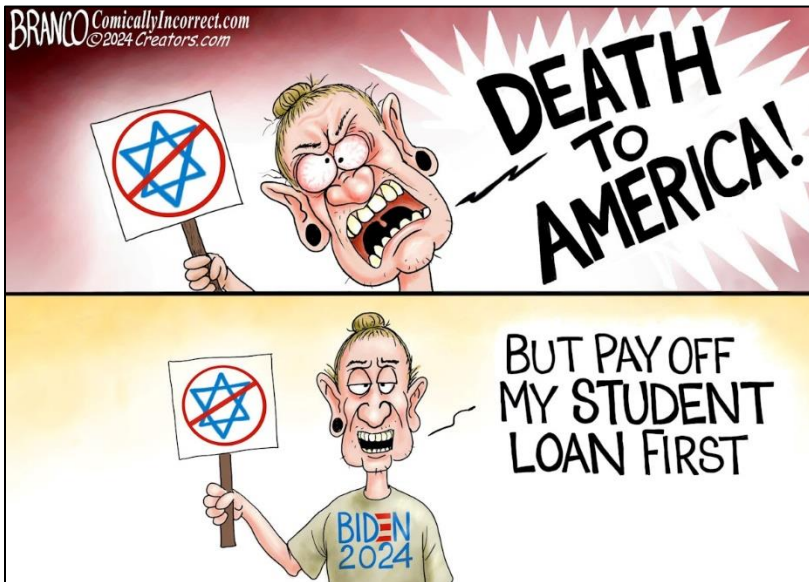
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