

# **A Newsletter for Conservative Republicans**

# FLYING HIGH...AND DIGGING AND BORING TO KEEP BREVARD COUNTY RED AND GET CONSERVATIVES ELECTED

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# FLORIDA LEGISLATIVE SESSION OPENS WITH STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS

## **EDITOR'S NOTE** By **Stuart Gorin**

Kudos to **Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker** for signing right-to-work legislation in his state on March 9. I have supported right-to-work since a brief summer stint in Maryland as an 18-year-old laborer at a construction site. Every pay day we were forced to



walk past a union goon who extracted union "dues" from our envelopes before we could even count the money. When the inevitable pink slip arrived on the last work day, it wasn't handed out until after the union collected its "fair share."

There are more than 1,200 people on our ever-increasing distribution list, and the newsletter goes to readers not only all over the country, but also across our borders and beyond. **Designer Frank Montelione** and I 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 Tea Party 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.

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A relaxed and upbeat **Governor Rick Scott** opened the 60-day 2015 Florida State Legislative Session on March 3, praising the Sunshine State's "exceptionalism," and urging the lawmakers to accept his proposed \$77 billion budget, which calls for cutting more taxes but providing more funds for education.



In his fifth State of the State address, Scott was a bit more polished than he had been in earlier speeches, and made reference to his "chance to show off my world-renowned oratorical skills."

"I believe we are the best place in the country and the world to make dreams come true," Scott said. "I call this Florida exceptionalism." For this to happen, he said he believes that "we have to out-compete the rest of the world."

Scott said there are five ways to accomplish this:

"First," he said, "Let's keep cutting taxes! Floridians can spend their money better than government can." He recommended cutting the tax on cell phones and TVs, ending the tax on manufacturing equipment, and getting rid of the state sales tax on college textbooks. "Students can spend their money better than government can," he added. (Continued on Page 2)

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"The second thing we must do is make higher education more affordable," Scott said, calling for a college affordability bill that will hold the line on graduate school tuition and bring transparency to university costs.

"Third, to out-compete the world, we must invest in workforce development," he said. "Our recommended investments this year include: \$30 million for high-skill workforce training; \$20 million for advanced workforce training at our tech centers; \$5 million to incentivize \$10,000 STEM degrees at our state colleges; and \$1 million to create a paid summer program for STEM teachers."

He said that fourth, he recommends an increase in K-12 funding to \$50 above the historic level to \$7,176 per student. "Now that our economy is thriving, it is time to make major investments in education," Scott said.

"The final thing we must do to out-compete the world is keep Florida beautiful," Scott said, recommending more than \$3 billion for environmental and agriculture programs which includes \$150 million to protect the Everglades and another \$150 million to help protect land for the Florida panther.

**State Senate President Andy Gardiner** said the upper chamber "looks forward to working with the governor and the House of Representatives to ensure Florida is the best state in the nation to live, work, and raise a family." And **House Speaker Steve Crisafulli** said he hopes to surpass the \$500 million in tax cuts made last session, adding that the House will again try to change the Florida Retirement System – an idea that has failed in the Senate for the past two sessions.

In her "Mayfield Minute" email to constituents, **District 54 Republican Representative Debbie Mayfield** wrote that the House will work on broad-based tax relief initiatives, "which I believe will put more money back into the pockets of our taxpayers, strengthening the health of our waterways and natural resources, promoting adoptions, and supporting economic independence for people with unique abilities."

#### CPAC ENERGIZES YOUNG CONSERVATIVE ACTIVISTS



The three-day annual Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) involved a non-stop series of speakers within the conservative movement who energized several thousand activists, many of them young people.

Although no one has officially declared to run for the Republican presidential nomination, the speakers list included a number of potential candidates, all of them well received by the audience. The event – held at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center in National Harbor, Maryland, outside Washington, DC, February 26-28, culminated in CPAC's traditional straw poll. More than 3,000 conference goers voted in the poll, and while non-binding, it still is generally seen as a barometer of support for the potential candidates.

For the third year in a row, **Kentucky Senator Rand Paul** won the straw poll with 25.7 percent of the votes cast. Paul is a perennial favorite at the grassroots conference, and he was well represented once again by young voters who traveled



in from across the country to show support, and with an organization effort by his team.

Paul excels with young voters open to his libertarian-leaning message, and they dominated the poll. Forty-two percent of voters were students, and 47 percent were between the ages of 18 to 25.

Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker finished a close second in the polling with 21.4 percent of the vote; Texas Senator Ted Cruz came in third with 11.5 percent; retired neurosurgeon Dr. Ben Carson was fourth with 11.4 percent; and former Florida Governor Jeb Bush had 8.3 percent in fifth place.

Twelve others on the ballot gained less than five percent of the votes cast.

Paul, in his remarks at the conference, called on "lovers of liberty" to "rise to the occasion" in order to defeat government overreach ranging from health care to counterterrorism surveillance. A Libertarian, he called for reducing American commitments abroad, shrinking the size of government, cutting taxes and expanding the Republican Party, in part, by ending inequities in the criminal justice system that target African-Americans.



Walker, vowing to restore America's standing around the world, criticized President Obama, saying, "We need a leader in America who stands up and realizes that radical Islamic terrorism is a threat to our way of life and to freedom-loving people around the world. We need

a leader who will stand up and say we will take the fight to them and not wait until they take the fight to American soil." Noting that he ended collective bargaining rights, seniority and tenure for public employees in his state, Walker added, "If we can do it in Wisconsin, there's no doubt we can do it in America."

Cruz – referring to the recent Federal Communication Commission Net Neutrality decision – admonished the attendees not to believe the president "when he says when you like your Internet



you can keep your Internet." The way to test candidates' conservative bona fides, Cruz added, is to demand action, not talk: ask them when they have stood up and actually fought against such things as Obama's illegal executive amnesty or Obamacare.



Carson criticized "purveyors of division," and said the country needs to move in a new direction. Steering clear of criticizing the president, he said that outlining all the failures of the current administration would be "too depressing." Instead, he touted the benefits of health savings accounts and home

schooling, and argued that the current welfare system has only exacerbated the problems it was supposed to fix.

Bush stood by his positions on immigration and Common Core – two controversial issues that most conservatives abhor – but also drew applause for a strong call to defend the border and reduce the number of people eligible to come to the U.S. because they have a relative here already. And he



also told the crowd that the "federal government has no role in the creation of standards" and said the government should not dictate what is taught in schools. "The role of the federal government, if any, is to create more school choice," he said.



The sixth-place straw poll finisher, former **Pennsylvania Senator Rick Santorum**, said the Republican Party needs people "who work nine to five and go home to coach little league." Noting that Obama got the votes of the most economically vulnerable in 2008 and 2012, he said it

was because Republicans did not talk about how to make things better for them. "I know you're going to have fun railing on Obama," Santorum said. "Get it out of your system. Because after we leave here, we have a job to do. We have to win." Regarding the Middle East, Santorum called for 10,000 American military personnel on the ground to provide intelligence, training, and support for our allies there; and provision for military support and foreign assistance to the Kurds, Jordanians, and Egyptians who are already engaged in combating ISIS.

Florida Senator Marco Rubio, the poll's seventh-place finisher, said the "Obama-Clinton" foreign policy means "our allies no longer trust us and our enemies no longer fear us. This is the road our president has placed us on. He advocated a ground war



against ISIS fought by a coalition of Mideast nations aided by U.S. special operations forces and air support." After drawing criticism from conservatives for earlier advocating immigration reform that would allow a pathway to citizenship for illegal immigrants, he has changed his position, saying he has learned "you cannot even have a conversation about that until people believe" that future illegal immigration will be controlled. Rubio added that he opposes Common Core educational standards, abortion rights, same-sex marriage and marijuana legalization.



Billionaire businessman **Donald Trump**, who said he is considering a presidential run, told the crowd that if elected, his "big agenda items" would be to destroy ISIS, repeal Obamacare, build up the military, and construct a wall on the Mexican border. Regarding the administration's management of the fight against ISIS, he

said the president "doesn't know what he's doing." Trump also demanded that the president release his college transcripts as well as definitively prove his birth certificate is real.

Former Hewlett-Packard CEO Carly Fiorino used her time at CPAC to criticize former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, an expected Democrat presidential candidate. She rhetorically asked Clinton "to name an accomplishment" and said, "Hillary may like hashtags, but she does



not know what leadership means." Fiorino added, "Please explain why we should accept that the millions and millions of dollars that have flowed into the Clinton Foundation from foreign governments do not represent a conflict of interest."



**New Jersey Governor Chris Christie**, describing himself as "passionate," took a jab at Bush for only answering prescreened questions in recent speeches, saying, "Everybody who aspires to high positions of leadership should be willing to take unscreened, unrehearsed questions

from the people who pay their salary."

Former **Texas Governor Rick Perry** said, "Our allies doubt us and our adversaries are all too willing to test us," and he called Obama's response to ISIS and terrorist threats "naïve, dangerous and misguided." On a more optimistic note, Perry said, "We had a civil war, two



world wars, a Depression. We even survived Jimmy Carter. We can survive the Obama years, too."



Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal said it is time for Washington lawmakers, including Congressional Republicans, "to govern the way they campaigned, and get rid of Obamacare" and added that they must "remove Common Core education standards from every classroom" and "win the war

against radical Islamic extremism."

The remaining speakers who were on the straw poll ballot were former Alaska Governor Sarah Palin, former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee, former U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. John Bolton, South Carolina Senator Lindsey Graham, and former New York Governor George Pataki.

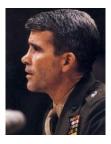


Another speaker on the agenda, **Indiana Governor Mike Pence**, said 2016 could be the first foreign policy national election since 1980. "The world seems to become more dangerous by the day," he said. "Sadly, the administration has reduced our Army to its smallest size since 1940. The Navy has fewer

ships than at any time since 1916, and our Air Force has its smallest tactical fighter force in history."

Pence added that, "As President Reagan taught us, peace comes through strength. Providing for the common defense of the United States is the chief responsibility of our national government. With everything happening in the world, it is imperative that conservatives again embrace America's role as leader of the free world and the arsenal of democracy."

As part of a tribute to the U.S. military at CPAC, retired **Marine Lieutenant Colonel Oliver North** presented the American Hero award to **Navy SEAL Sniper Chris Kyle** posthumously, saying the real definition of a hero is someone who selflessly puts him or herself at risk to the benefit of others, and that certainly defines Kyle.



"He honed his God-given gifts and talents and repeatedly risked his own life to save the lives of others on difficult and dangerous battlefields," North said. "He was chosen unanimously by the NRA and Freedom Alliance boards of directors to be the recipient."



Kyle is known as the sniper with the most kills, as attested to by witnesses: 160 confirmed kills out of 255 possible. His career was the focus of the blockbuster film, "American Sniper," produced and directed by Clint Eastwood.

On February 2, 2013, Kyle was shot and killed at a shooting range near Chalk Mountain, Texas, along with friend Chad Littlefield as the pair tried to help a veteran who was struggling to adjust to civilian life. Eddie Ray Routh was found guilty of both murders this year on February 24.

North said between the trial and the winter weather, Kyle's widow, Taya, was not able to attend CPAC to accept the award in person, and he would hold the plaque until she could claim it.

Also on the program was Media Research Center President Brent Bozell, who said that "cultural fascism has arrived in America," and explained that Webster defines fascism as "a tendency toward or actual exercise of strong autocratic or dictatorial control."



He listed numerous instances in which Americans in politics, the media, and academia have been persecuted for their political and religious beliefs, including the targeting of conservative groups by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), which he called "the most feared arm of the federal government."

Telling the conference attendees that conservatives "have been retreating for decades," Bozell urged them to go on the offense against those who threaten their freedoms – to fight back against the "fascists in academia...the censors in the news or entertainment media," and radicals who attack conservative leaders. We can communicate with millions of Americans every day through the wonders of technology. Use them. Tell your story. Tell our story. Tell them what America was, should be, and will be again: a free and virtuous nation."

## PARKER DISCUSSES POLITICS AT BREC MEETING

Political writer **Charles Parker** of www.spacecoastdaily.com told the Brevard Republican Executive Committee (BREC) on March 11 that in selecting a presidential candidate for 2016, three factors to consider are tradition, reason and experience.



For tradition, he said, think of former President Ronald Reagan as the basis of the conservative movement, and see if your candidate of choice follows in his footsteps.

Parker said that regarding reason, just look at the electoral map and realize that three critical states to win the presidency are Florida, Ohio and Pennsylvania, and while all were lost in 2012, victory there is doable.

He said that many of the potential Republican candidates have the experience for the job, and during the primary fight they should follow Reagan's 11<sup>th</sup> commandment to speak no ill of their opponents.

Parker said he expects the party to hold the Senate and the House in 2016, but if it does not win the White House, then Obamacare and executive actions will not go away, and in picking the right Republican candidate, it is important to think of the Supreme Court, since the age of several of the justices is of concern.

Another important factor, he added, is that the candidate must realize the Constitution is set in stone and that it gives us three co-equal branches of government.

In other BREC news:



-- BREC will be a co-sponsor of a health fair at Space Coast Stadium in Viera on April 18, which will feature exhibitors and speakers. It will set up a booth to spread the Republican message to fairgoers, and members were urged to volunteer to staff the booth. **Vice Chair Rick Lacey** said it is important to get out and meet

people, and this would be an excellent opportunity to do so. Many people in the county are registered independents, he pointed out, and since Florida is a closed primary state, a number of them are not aware that they cannot vote for partisan candidates in an election. They need to be urged to change their registration to Republican, he said.

-- Lacey also said he was disappointed that while all of the Brevard School Board and most of the County Commissioners are registered Republicans, for the most part, they only attend BREC meetings when they are up for reelection.

-- One new member was sworn-in.

#### ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER ADDRESSES U.S. CONGRESS

When Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu spoke to a joint session of the U.S. Congress on March 3 at the invitation of Speaker of the House John Boehner, he received loud and continuous applause, even though a number of Democrats boycotted the speech, and



President Obama criticized the invitation as being too political before the Israeli elections.

Netanyahu's purpose was to express disagreement with the Obama administration's nuclear talks with Iran. He said it would not be a "farewell to arms," it would be a "farewell to arms control." He sought to ensure that bipartisan support for his country remains a hallmark of U.S.-Israeli relations, even as he forcefully argued that Obama's diplomatic efforts with Tehran are dangerous.

"The greatest danger facing our world is the marriage of militant Islam with nuclear weapons," Netanyahu argued. "We can't let that happen."

Political consultant **Karl Rove** said that what the Obama administration succeeded in doing with its unceasing assault on the Israeli leader "was to make his speech much more significant and the setting much more dramatic than

otherwise. They took an important address and turned it into a must-see event."

Florida Senator Marco Rubio said Netanyahu had provided "a stark assessment of the dangerous path the administration has taken us on through its negotiations with Iran. Allowing Iran to retain its nuclear infrastructure even as it does not change its behavior is unacceptable." Rubio added that Congress should pass additional sanctions on Iran as soon as possible, and ensure that any deal is submitted to Congress for a formal review.

**Campaign for Working Families President Gary Bauer** called the address "a desperately needed dose of reality." Noting that in the course of history, "such prophetic voices have cried out before, only to be ignored," he said it was "most fitting" that Netanyahu was presented with a gift bust of British Prime Minister Winston Churchill. They were the only two foreign leaders ever to address Congress three times.

Fox News contributor **Charles Krauthammer** called the speech "extraordinary," and said it had two very sharp messages: the intolerability of a sunset clause with restrictions removed, and Israel reserving the right to attack Iran on its own if a deal is enacted. Krauthammer also described the speech as being reminiscent of Churchill.

Following are excerpts of Netanyahu's remarks:

"When it comes to Iran and ISIS, the enemy of your enemy is your enemy.

"The difference is that ISIS is armed with butcher knives, captured weapons and YouTube, whereas Iran could soon be armed with intercontinental ballistic missiles and nuclear bombs. We must always remember -- I'll say it one more time -- the greatest dangers facing our world is the marriage of militant Islam with nuclear weapons. To defeat ISIS and let Iran get nuclear weapons would be to win the battle, but lose the war. We can't let that happen.

"But that, my friends, is exactly what could happen, if the deal now being negotiated is accepted by Iran. That deal will not prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons. It would all but guarantee that Iran gets those weapons, lots of them....

"The first major concession would leave Iran with a vast nuclear infrastructure, providing it with a short break-out time to the bomb. Break-out time is the time it takes to amass enough weapons-grade uranium or plutonium for a nuclear bomb.

"According to the deal, not a single nuclear facility would be demolished. Thousands of centrifuges used to enrich uranium would be left spinning. Thousands more would be temporarily disconnected, but not destroyed. "Because Iran's nuclear program would be left largely intact, Iran's break-out time would be very short -- about a year by U.S. assessment, even shorter by Israel's.

"And if Iran's work on advanced centrifuges, faster and faster centrifuges, is not stopped, that break-out time could still be shorter, a lot shorter....

"This deal won't be a farewell to arms. It would be a farewell to arms control. And the Middle East would soon be crisscrossed by nuclear tripwires. A region where small skirmishes can trigger big wars would turn into a nuclear tinderbox.

"If anyone thinks this deal kicks the can down the road, think again. When we get down that road, we'll face a much more dangerous Iran, a Middle East littered with nuclear bombs and a countdown to a potential nuclear nightmare.

"Ladies and gentlemen, I've come here today to tell you we don't have to bet the security of the world on the hope that Iran will change for the better. We don't have to gamble with our future and with our children's future....

"We can insist that restrictions on Iran's nuclear program not be lifted for as long as Iran continues its aggression in the region and in the world.

"Before lifting those restrictions, the world should demand that Iran do three things. First, stop its aggression against its neighbors in the Middle East. Second, stop supporting terrorism around the world. And third, stop threatening to annihilate my country, Israel, the one and only Jewish state....

"We are no longer scattered among the nations, powerless to defend ourselves. We restored our sovereignty in our ancient home. And the soldiers who defend our home have boundless courage. For the first time in 100 generations, we, the Jewish people, can defend ourselves.

"This is why, as a prime minister of Israel, I can promise you one more thing: Even if Israel has to stand alone, Israel will stand.

"But I know that Israel does not stand alone. I know that America stands with Israel."

#### ARCHER, TRETTIS DISCUSS JUSTICE AT REPUBLICAN CLUB OF BREVARD

Two elected Florida officials representing the 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit in Brevard and Seminole counties – **State Attorney Phil Archer** and **Public Defender Blaise Trettis** – shared the podium at the Republican Club of Brevard meeting on February 25, discussing justice roles and insight.

They both agreed that even though they are on opposite sides in a trial, it is important for them to cooperate to ensure fair and clean results without the need for appeals.



Trettis explained that Florida's Public Defender system began in 1963 because of the landmark 1962 U.S. Supreme Court case Gideon v. Wainwright. In that case, an indigent Floridian named Clarence Gideon, who was charged with breaking into a poolroom with the intent to commit a misdemeanor offense, requested a district court to appoint a lawyer for him.

But according to the then-state law in Florida, an attorney could only be appointed to an indigent defendant in capital cases. Gideon, a man with only an eighth grade education, then represented himself, and was convicted and sentenced to five years in prison. His appeal eventually reached the U.S. high court, which ruled unanimously that the district court violated his constitutional right to be represented by counsel. Louie Wainwright was director of the Florida Division of Corrections. States then created Public Defender offices to assist any defendant who could not afford an attorney in any case.

For you movie buffs, the case was made into the 1980 film "Gideon's Trumpet," with Henry Fonda playing Gideon.

Trettis also talked about the 1966 "right to remain silent" Supreme Court Miranda case, explaining that this warning only has to be given when someone is both arrested and questioned. Without actually arresting a suspect first, he said, it is "fair game" for police to ask questions.

Now, Trettis said, attorneys in the Brevard Public Defenders office represent clients in 800-1,000 cases a year. He added that they provide effective representation despite a heavy caseload. It is important to have lots of trials, Trettis said, to force witnesses to expose wrong-doing.

But despite these figures, the crime rate in Florida is at a 43year low, and in the past three or four years, the caseload in Brevard County is down 12 percent, he said, adding that the county jail is not overcrowded, currently holding about 1,400 inmates in a 1,700-inmate facility.

Trettis also explained that using the Public Defender's Office is not really free, because there is still a charge for services -- \$100 for misdemeanors and \$150 for felony cases.

Archer said that while there are plenty of cases in Brevard and Seminole counties to keep his 117 attorneys busy, 40 percent of cases have quick plea early resolution, which saves time, money and resources.



He also spoke about diversion

programs which keep first-time offenders out of jail. These include the Misdemeanor Pretrial Division Program (PDP), the Veterans Treatment Court and the Worthless Check Diversion Program.

He said the PDP offers an alternative to formal criminal prosecution, in which a participant signs a contract to agree to supervision and compliance with specific sanctions.

The Veterans Treatment Court, Archer said, is for veterans arrested on misdemeanor or criminal traffic offenses other than DUI, and who may be eligible for evaluation, treatment, or placement in a program for behavioral health issues. This is to help veterans suffering from mental health issues or substance abuse and get them treatment that some would not seek on their own.

And, he said, the worthless check program provides an opportunity to avoid court proceedings by paying restitution to victims and completing a Financial Responsibility Class. In addition to overseeing his attorneys, Archer said he also talks to many community groups about crimes, with a heavy focus on fraud cases, especially those involving seniors, who are the most vulnerable.

As opposed to violent "blood and guts" cases, he said, the office also covers "paper" cases, including cyber-crimes, which he called "the new frontier." Many of these are tax fraud cases, which he said actually originate from inmates using computers in prison. The re-instituted White Collar Crime Division handles the paper cases.

Discussing the grand jury system – which is used to recommend bringing a case to trial – Archer said that while it is used for community input, it is only required in capital murder cases.

Archer explained that his office's mission is to "pursue vigorous and fair prosecution of criminal cases, with a commitment to serve as an advocate for the rights of all victims, and promote the safety and well-being of the public."

#### BOYLANDS DISCUSS LATEST BOOK AT RONALD REAGAN CLUBS MEETING



AuthorsLeeandVistaBoylandtoldtheRonaldReaganClubsmeetingonFebruary26thattheirlatestnovel, "Revolution 2016, TakeBackAmerica,"is a politicalsatire-thrillerthat is a departurefromtheirpreviousnovelstheirpreviousnovelsthat

pirates and cartels.

They said they felt compelled to address the disturbing political and societal changes occurring in America -

changes they feel are threatening our Constitutional Republic.

To that end, Vista Boyland said, "Revolution 2016' was written for every freedom loving patriot and military member who has ever taken the oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic."

The book is dedicated to those selfsame oath-takers murdered in Benghazi and on CH-47 helicopter, call sign Extortion 17 in Afghanistan, and prefaced with quotes from Adolph Hitler and Mao Zedong, touting citizen disarmament as the key to gaining political power and conquering a nation.



Lee Boyland said it was crafted with

ridicule, sarcasm and scorn, and lampoons thinly veiled, real life individuals, by turning them into fictional archetypes who tell riveting stories depicting smoldering conflicts pitting: neighbor against neighbor; law-abiding citizens against Nazi-like police; the military against their commander-in-chief; and most egregiously, the president of the United States against the very people he has sworn to protect.

Reading excerpts of the book to the club members, the authors explained that in the novel, America's citizens are caught in the maelstrom of opposing factions and ideologies, and become unwitting pawns in an international consortium's evil scheme to obtain world domination. Also in the novel, Democrats win control of the House and Senate in 2014, and pass sweeping gun control legislation. Constitutionalists and gun owners then rally to defend their Second and Fourth Amendment rights.

Lee Boyland is a nuclear engineer and weapons expert who uses his experience to write technically accurate militarybased technothrillers. His co-author wife, Vista, is an artist and businesswoman. The Boylands are recipients of excellence in writing military fiction awards from the Military Writers Association, and Branson Missouri's Stars and Flags.

#### THIS AND THAT

**HILLARY HYPOCRISY.** "The Weekly Standard" reported in 2012 that **Scott Gration**, our then-U.S. ambassador to Kenya, was ousted from his post by the Clinton State Department – not only for not being a "team player," but because he violated department policy by using a private email account on the job. And now – three years later – the story has broken that Hillary Clinton, herself, only used a private email account while serving as Secretary of State, also against department policy. Where's the transparency? Where's the consistency? Methinks the

rumored Democrat presidential candidate should have practiced what she preached.

**IT'S GOLDEN**. Between 2010 and 2012, the Clinton State Department doled out \$3.1 billion in earthquake relief aid to Haiti, which was a humanitarian thing to do. Now, in totally unrelated news, Breitbart News reports that Haiti has issued its first gold mining permit in more than 50 years – to none other than Hillary's brother, Tony Rodham.

HARF. While the major television networks neglected to report State Department spokeswoman Marie Harf's statement that "we cannot win this war" against ISIS by "killing them," and her suggestion that "we need...to go after the root causes" like "lack of opportunity for jobs," the Media Research Center (MRC) called it just the "latest foreign policy embarrassment for the Obama administration." Even a liberal like Chris Matthews - on whose MSNBC "Hardball" show Harf first pled for jobs for terrorists - found it too ridiculous to swallow. "We're not going to be able to stop that in our lifetime or 50 lifetimes," Matthews responded. "There's always going to be poor people. There's always going to be poor Muslims, and as long as there are poor Muslims, the trumpet's blowing and they'll join. We can't stop that, can we?" Adds MRC, "The question has to be asked: Would the networks sit on an equally-embarrassing statement on such a serious topic if it came on the watch of a Republican president?"

In a teleconference with reporters at the LUNACY. Pentagon in February, a not-identified official speaking on background, laid out a battle plan to retake the Iraqi city of Mosul in an April-to-May time frame, using non-American troops who currently are being trained. He said brigades of Iragis, along with Kurdish peshmerga forces and Sunni militia, will seek to take back Iraq's second largest city from ISIS, which has held it since last June. The disclosure surprised many on the call, who wondered why details would be released months ahead of the planned offensive. An intelligence source later told WND that the highly unusual disclosure was "pure lunacy," and referred to previous disclosures in advance of an attack that gave enemy forces in Iraq time to set up improvised explosive devices. And retired Air Force Lieutenant General Tom McInerney told Fox News, "It's absolutely bewildering. We are aiding and abetting the enemy."

**SECOND AMENDMENT PROTECTION.** The Florida Court of Appeals held on February 18 in Norman v. State, that the Second Amendment protects the right to carry a firearm outside the home. The challenge came from **Dale Norman**, who had been arrested, charged with open carrying of a holstered gun not covered by his shirt, and convicted in St. Lucie County. Citing, among other cases, the landmark U.S. Supreme Court Heller case – which protects an individual's right to possess a firearm for traditionally lawful purposes – the Appeals Court ruled, "It is clear that a total ban on the public carrying of ready-to-use handguns outside the home cannot survive a constitutional challenge under any level of scrutiny." The Patriot Post said it was "glad to see another court rule in favor of the Second Amendment – it's an encouraging trend."



CURT SMITH. New Brevard County, Florida, District 4 County Commissioner Curt Smith is a former businessman who ran for the office, he said, "because most politicians are short-sighted" and he wants to bring civility to the commission and focus on serving the people. After being urged to run for a

term-limited seat, he gave up a Maaco Auto Shop franchise to become one of seven Republican candidates for the position, winning both the primary and general election. Addressing the New Millennium Conservative Club meeting in Suntree on February 16, and the Heritage Isle Republican Club on March 5, Smith said that in 2011 he visited numerous Republican clubs to pick the brains of club presidents, prayed about the decision, and started knocking on doors. Either he or one of his campaign helpers visited 7,500 homes, focusing on super voters, whose names and addresses he obtained from the county supervisor of elections office. He showed the attendees a falling-apart pair of sneakers that he wore out campaigning. During his first couple of months on the job, Smith said, he has worked pretty well together with the other four commissioners on the board. He also has a good staff to do work for him, he added, "so all I do is make decisions." It was later announced that Smith has been elected the first vice chair of the newly-created Indian River Lagoon National Estuary Council, which is charged with restoring the lagoon through grants from federal, state and local governments.

TAX SCAMS. The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services advises everyone that since tax season is here, so are the scams. If someone calls you claiming to be an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) agent and insists that you send money immediately, hang up. This is one of the largest telephone fraud scams of IRS impersonators targeting innocent taxpayers. According to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, the IRS recent impersonation phone scam has claimed nearly 3,000 victims, who have together lost more than \$14 million. Many individuals have received aggressive and threatening calls from individuals claiming to be its employees, and can sound convincing when they call. They use fake names and bogus IRS identification badge numbers. Scammers can even spoof the IRS toll-free number on your caller ID to make it appear legitimate. The caller informs the intended victims that they owe taxes and must pay using a prepaid debit card or wire transfer. They often threaten the victim with arrest, deportation or suspension of a business or driver's license. The caller may even claim to know the last four digits of your Social Security number and provide you with follow-up emails claiming to be from the IRS. Once the scammers have made their threats, they are known to call the victims back from a different number, claiming to be an officer with the police department. Be aware.

**REPUBLICAN PRIMARIES.** Due to structural changes imposed by the Republican National Committee, only four states will have presidential primaries in February, 2016 – Iowa, New Hampshire, South Carolina and Nevada. States holding primaries in the first half of March 2016 must award delegates proportionally, and states in the second half of March can be winner-take-all.

**MENTORS CLUB.** The Republican Mentors Club of Brevard (formerly the Republican Men's Club of Brevard, but now open to women membership) at its February 18 meeting, elected **Dave Isnardi** as vice president, **Brandon Bond** as treasurer, and **David Brooks** and **Monique Miller** as directors. They join the officer team of **James Marshal**, president; **Margie Kinder**, corresponding secretary; and **CJ Johnson**, recording secretary. The club's motto is: "Mentoring Tomorrow's Leadership Today," and its website is: www.republicanclub.us.

**FIRE.** The Philadelphia-based Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE), in its "Spotlight on Speech Codes 2015" report, surveyed 437 colleges and universities on the state of free speech on their campuses. FIRE, whose mission is to defend and sustain individual rights at America's schools, reported that 55.2 percent of those surveyed have "red light" speech codes, which clearly restrict protected speech. Three schools earned the highest rating "green light" for eliminating all of their speech codes this year. The trio are the University of Florida, Oregon State University and Plymouth State University. The tax-exempt foundation's website is <u>www.thefire.org</u>.

JAMES MADISON INSTITUTE. Engaged in the battle of ideas, the Florida-based James Madison Institute – a research and educational organization - lists five policy priorities for 2015: 1) protect freedom of choice in the state's educational system; 2) advance freedom of opportunity in the state's economy; 3) champion personal liberty for the state's citizens; 4) promote sensible and fiscally sound reforms to the state's governance at all levels; and 5) carry forth the torch of economic freedom to the next generation. On another matter, "Weekly Standard" writer and Fox News contributor Stephen Hayes and Florida State Senate President Andy Gardiner will be on the program for the JMI annual dinner, which will be held March 24 at the Florida State University Conference Center in Tallahassee. For tickets or more information, visit the website: www.jamesmadison.org. On another matter, JMI announced the launch of two new policy centers - the Orlando-based Coalition for Property Rights will now be incorporated as the Institute's new Center for Property Rights; and the Center for Economic Prosperity is opening a new office in Naples.

**CALIFORNIA STATE SUPREME COURT.** Targeting the Boy Scouts – which always have kept openly homosexual adults from serving in leadership positions – the California State Supreme Court has forbidden state judges from belonging to nonprofit youth organizations that "discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation," but not yet disallowing them from helping boys earn their merit badges. So in San Diego, Judge Julia Kelety, who resigned as committee chairwoman for Troop 24, still plans to continue to offer a presentation on the Constitution to boys working toward their Citizenship in the Nation badge. "National Review" suggests that Kelety consider inviting the state's Supreme Court justices to attend the session on the First Amendment.

GOVERNMENT GONE AMUCK. In Shreveport, Louisiana, retired resident Ricky Edgarton, who has many, many books in his home, decided to establish a Little Free Library in a box in front of his home so he and his neighbors can exchange reading material at no cost. The neighbors all loved the idea, except for one anonymous person who complained. So the Caddo Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) stepped in and sent Edgarton a ceaseand-desist letter for having a commercial venture in a residential neighborhood. Even though the nearest parish library is several miles away, the venture involves no exchange of money, and appealing the MPC's decision would cost \$500, the commission said libraries are only allowed in the parish's commercial zone. The website www.watchdog.org reports that while parish officials are said to be working to revise an ordinance that dates back to the 1950's, the Little Free Library sits padlocked in front of Edgarton's home.

**CAMPUS P.C. GONE AMUCK.** Criticism of the school president erupted at the University of Iowa last year, when during a discussion about campus sexual assault, **Sally Mason** said, "The goal would be to end that, to never have another sexual assault. That's probably not a realistic goal just given human nature, and that's unfortunate..." The criticism, said "National Review," resulted from use of the phrase "human nature." Bowing to the practice of political correctness, Mason apologized, saying she had been told by several people on campus that her remark was "hurtful," and added that she was "very, very sorry for any pain that my words might have caused."

**RAIN, RAIN TAX GO AWAY**. Maryland (the state where the editor was bred...and then fled) is the only state in the nation where the previous Democrat governor pushed a "rain tax" through the Democrat state legislature. Its declared purpose was to fund efforts to abate nitrogen and phosphorus pollution into the Chesapeake Bay from storm water runoff. So based on the area of impermeable surface on their property, both individual citizens and businesses in the state are charged a variable tax. For businesses, the fee can run into thousands of dollars annually. Now, the new Republican Governor, **Larry Hogan** – who ran on the platform of reeling in many excessive taxes imposed by his predecessor – has proposed legislation to abolish the infamous rain tax.

**ZIMMERMAN.** After more than two years, the Justice Department announced on February 24 that it will not file civil rights charges against former Sanford, Florida neighborhood watchman **George Zimmerman**, who was found not guilty in the 2012 slaying of teenager Trayvon Martin. Federal officials finally said they did not find sufficient evidence to meet the high standard required to file bias crime charges against Zimmerman.



MANNING. Author and speaker Walter Manning, whose latest book is "The Bible and Politics," says politics "is not the solution to America's problems, and we must start driving politics by our faith." Noting that "political correctness in today's environment

demands that we not speak openly about the Bible, especially as it relates to politics," Manning said instead, "we should speak boldly and unabashedly about both." He said his book tackles the issue head-on, using humor as a launch vehicle. Each page is a standalone anecdote, Manning added. For speaking engagements by Manning, who has written 15 books, call 321-266-6551, or email waltmanning@hotmail.com.



**ATWATER.** According to the "Sun Sentinel," **Florida Chief Financial Officer Jeff Atwater** said a fiscal policy of reducing spending rather than raising taxes during the past four years has allowed the state to recover financially. In a talk on the state's economic health before the Beach Condominium Association of Boca Raton and Highland Beach,

Atwater said that to continue growing, the economy has to continue to diversify from tourism and agriculture. He is a five-generation Floridian and former state senate president. He started his political career in 1993 as vice mayor of North Palm Beach, his hometown.

**SERVICE DOG.** In Sunrise, Florida, a seven-year-old special needs student named **Anthony Merchante** and his

The BIBLE & POLITICS Inter Manning Staffordshire terrier named Stevie are inseparable. Anthony suffers from a host of serious disabilities: He has cerebral palsy, spastic paralysis, a seizure disorder, and he cannot speak. To get around, he depends on a wheelchair, to which Stevie is tethered, wearing a red service dog vest that holds medical supplies, as well as detailed instructions on how to respond to medical emergencies. When it came to school, however, the Broward County School Board said the dog would not be allowed. in class. So a lawsuit ensured, and now U.S. District Judge Beth Bloom has ruled that Stevie should join Anthony at Nob Hill Elementary -- and without a series of requirements the school district had tacked on.

PACIFIC LEGAL FOUNDATION. The Atlantic Center of Pacific Legal Foundation (PLF) - located in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida - is fighting a state law which permits craft brewers to sell their beer in either a 32-ounce or 128-ounce container, but prohibits the sale of a 64-ounce container, popularly known as a growler. In January, a U.S. District Court rejected Florida's motion to dismiss a suit brought by The Crafted Keg, a small business in Stuart, Florida, that is challenging the prohibition as unconstitutional. PLF, which is representing The Crafted Keg pro-bono, said there is no rational basis for the state to outlaw 64-ounce beer growlers, especially given that it allows the sale of both smaller and larger containers. It said the case, which will now go forward, is a direct challenge to anti-competition laws intended to favor wealthy, well-connected special interests at the expense of the free enterprise rights of small business owners. www.pacificlegal.org.

A HISTORY LESSON. Quoted recently by CNN, President Obama said of his prisoner swap of Army deserter Bowe Bergdahl for five Taliban terrorists that much like this swap, three former presidents made prisoner swaps at the end of wars that took place on their watch. "That was true for George Washington," Obama said. "That was true for Abraham Lincoln and that was true for Franklin Roosevelt. That's been true of every combat situation, that at some point, you make sure that you try to get your folks back. And that's the right thing to do." The problem is, that statement blatantly demonstrates Obama lacks even a grade school level of knowledge of American history. First, George Washington did not become president until six years after the Revolutionary War ended in 1783. By 1789 there were no longer any prisoners for him to exchange. Second, Abraham Lincoln was assassinated in mid-April 1865, and the Civil War ended the following month. No deals were made to exchange prisoners after the war. All prisoners were simply freed. And third, Franklin Roosevelt died of a stroke before the end of World War II, and after the war, Harry Truman made no deals for prisoners. Even more amazing than the ignorance of the current president, is that he has managed to surround himself with a staff that is just as clueless.

#### **QUOTABLE QUOTES**

Former **U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. John Bolton**, writing on Obama foreign policy in "The Wall Street Journal":

"Indecisiveness is the predominant characteristic of how Mr. Obama executes U.S. national-security



policy. Undoubtedly there are other influences: ideological blinders; mistrust of America's presence in the world; inadequate interest, knowledge, focus and resolve. But in implementing his policies, good or bad, the president has shown that equivocating is what he does best. Mr. Obama's approach is the polar opposite of the 'energy in the executive' that Alexander Hamilton advocated in Federalist No. 70, especially in foreign policy. The unitary presidency, not Congress, possesses 'decision, activity, secrecy and dispatch' so necessary for high statecraft. This president's record of dithering is long and depressing....Libya's collapse after the fall of Moammar Gadhafi and the September 11, 2012, terrorist attack on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi further show Mr. Obama's unwillingness to see the growing radical-Islamist threat. He didn't handle the threat adequately before the consulate attack, didn't act decisively during the attack and, most egregiously, failed to retaliate or exact retribution afterward....Why is Mr. Obama unwilling to act swiftly and decisively in foreign affairs? The most basic reason is his deterministic view of an 'arc of history' bending inevitably to outcomes he finds ideologically desirable. And since a critical element of his ideology is that America's presence in the world contributes to problems as much as solving them, the president's policy of withdrawal and passivity is no surprise. Failing to act when it could make a difference only feeds the appetites of aggressors."



American Civil Rights Union Policy Board member, J. Kenneth Blackwell writing on President Obama and Black History Month in "The Washington Times":

"Throughout Black History Month, the top issue on the White House agenda was granting deportation amnesty to illegal immigrants. President Obama is fighting hard to give legal status, work

permits, driver's licenses, Social Security numbers, and even back income tax refunds to four or five million illegals. Has he paused for a minute to consider how his immigration amnesty will affect African-Americans? The White House seems unaware that the black community is still deep in recession, and that legalizing more illegal immigrants is only going to make matters worse. Under Mr. Obama, blacks have been falling further and further behind economically. According to the Census Bureau, black household income for 2013 languished at \$34,598, just two thirds of the

national average of \$51,939....New immigrants, especially unskilled workers who cross the southern border illegally, are competing for scarce jobs on the lowest rungs of the economic ladder. Jobs that used to be filled by American teens, like flipping burgers and mowing lawns, are now being taken by illegals. As a result, teens are hanging out in the streets when they should be getting valuable employment experience....On top of the economic disaster, blacks are losing political influence under Mr. Obama. Blacks were once the largest ethnic minority in the United States, but are now second to Hispanics....So why is Mr. Obama more concerned about the welfare of illegal immigrants than the welfare of black Americans? The answer is: hunger for political power. Democrats aren't trying to lead America by winning the support of the American electorate. They intend to rule America by changing the electorate if necessary. To cement his party in power, Mr. Obama is giving legal status to millions of poverty-stricken immigrants because he knows the great majority will vote Democratic....The most historically significant event of this year's Black History Month is the betrayal of blacks by the first black president."

Radio talk show host Tammy Bruce, writing about liberals, President Obama and former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani in "The Washington Times National Weekly":

"Liberals and President Obama's nanny, the legacy media, got very, very upset. Was it about reports that



the Islamic State is now suspected of harvesting the organs of its victims that so challenged their emotional equilibrium? Or was it their concern about the continuing spread of measles here at home, thought eradicated in 2000? The deadly drug-resistant 'nightmare' superbug CRE infection at UCLA's Ronald Reagan Medical Center? Moscow and NATO being on a 'collision course' over the failure in Ukraine? How about the pro-ISIS and Jew-hating graffiti plaguing Washington, DC? No, it wasn't any of those events that sent the liberal establishment into a tizzy. Instead, it was the craven act of an American man expressing a negative opinion about Barack Obama. It's as though speaking negatively about Mr. Obama is now the equivalent of drawing a cartoon of Muhammad. The latest liberal faux outrage surrounds former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, dubbed 'America's Mayor' after his stellar leadership in the aftermath of the September 11 attacks, after he dared to express his opinion at a private dinner that he didn't think Mr. Obama loved America. You can agree or disagree, but that's all it is, an opinion about a man who has spent more than six years in the presidency managing with his own actions and statements to give serious people the impression that he's not exactly fond of his own country....While Mr. Obama's machine would very much like you to think the most important global news of the last five years is Mr. Giuliani uttering his judgment about the president, the real story is the pathologically absurd reaction to it....As you read self-righteous headlines condemning Mr. Giuliani for having an opinion, and listen to news harpies lecture the American people about how dangerous it is to utter doubt about Mr. Obama's intentions, remember this: What's genuinely dangerous is being in a country where you're condemned for having an opinion about a politician."

# Authors Dick Morris and Eileen McGann, writing on Hillary Clinton's email scandal at <u>www.thehillarydaily.com</u>:



"If insanity means repeating past behavior vour and expecting a different outcome, then Hillary is surely guilty. Because Hillary Clinton never learns. She just keeps doing the same thing over and over and has the same predictable and disastrous outcome. Her core instincts -extreme paranoia, arrogance, and distrust of both the press and her list of "enemies" overwhelms her judgment.

That's why her instinct is always to hide, obfuscate, fight, attack, spin, deny and drag out every single one of her scandals unnecessarily. Then she ultimately takes a bigger hit in the press and tarnishes her reputation much more than if she had simply responding early and truthfully. It happens every time. Now she's created a mega-scandal that will follow her right into 2016 primaries. Her latest fiasco -secretly and exclusively using a private email address attached to a server that was installed in her Chappaqua home on the day her Senate confirmation hearing began -- is vintage Hillary. By circumventing government policies, she placed access to her emails under her sole control. The State Department and the Obama White House would have no access to her business. Only she would decide what was going to be made public, if anything. She didn't need those pesky right wing groups trying to watch her every move and look through her emails. No way. In her view, the rules just don't really apply to Hillary Clinton -- they're meant for other less important people. She's smarter and knows so much better. So she literally took the emails home with her when she left the State Department. Although they were clearly government property, she decided that they were going to be her property....she has taken an issue that she would characterize as a right wing scandal and made it into a New York Times scandal. A 2015 investigation into a 2016 one. A shared guilt with the president to one she must shoulder by herself. It's just Hillary being Hillary. When will she ever learn?"

# **OUTRAGEOUS QUOTE OF THE MONTH**

"(The Constitution of the United States) is really the inspiration of this government and it still governs our actions to this day. Yet, if we view this document with honesty, we know that it was fatally flawed from the start. It got the issue of slavery wrong, in addition to some other issues. It got the issue of race wrong. And since the days when the document was drafted and signed, we have struggled as a nation to right that wrong. "

-- Illinois Democrat Senator Dick Durban

#### THOUGHTS TO PONDER

"Paralysis by analysis...Hillary is unable to get out and articulate her message because she doesn't have one, and she can't decide on one without somebody to lead her in that...She's the consensus nominee and everybody is besieging her with advice, and it's creating a paralytic situation. And that paralysis may really impact her candidacy."

-- **Political consultant Dick Morris,** speaking about Hillary Clinton

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"He carried a windsock in this hand, and a thermometer in this hand, and wherever they intersected, that was his principle of the day."

-- Florida Congressman Bill Posey, speaking about former Governor Charlie Crist -0-

"If members of Congress wore uniforms as do NASCAR drivers, then we would be able to identify their corporate sponsors."

-- Anonymous

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"The Obama administration has a strategy. It's very simple. Any thinking American should be able to grasp it. It is anti-American; anti-Western. It's pro-Islamic, it's pro-Iranian and pro-Muslim Brotherhood."

-- Retired Admiral James "Ace" Lyons, Jr. -0-

"There are two things the left hates: 1. Patriotism. 2. Having their patriotism questioned."

-- Humorist Frank Fleming

#### UPCOMING BREVARD COUNTY EVENTS

April 1 – Brevard Federated Republican Women meeting, Holiday Inn, Viera, 11 am.

April 2 – Heritage Isle Republican Club meeting, Viera, 10 am.

April 2 – Brevard 9/12 meeting, Kol Mashiach Synagogue, Melbourne, 6 pm.

- April 6 Republican Liberty Caucus of Central East Florida meeting, MeMaw's Restaurant, Melbourne, 7 pm.
- April 8 Brevard Republican Executive Committee meeting, Holiday Inn, Viera, 7 pm.

April 8 – Brevard Tea Party meeting, Melbourne Area Association of Realtors building, 7 pm.

- April 13 The Space Coast Patriots meeting, Merritt Island Library, 6 pm.
- April 14 ACT! For America Space Coast Chapter meeting, Government Complex Building C, Viera, 6:30 pm.
- April 15 Republican Mentors' Club of Brevard meeting, MeMaw's Restaurant, Melbourne, 7 pm.

April 16 - Republican Women's Network of South Brevard meeting, Eau Gallie Yacht Club, 11 am.

April 20 - New Millennium Conservative Club meeting, Suntree-Viera Library, 6:30 pm.

April 21 – North Brevard Republican Club meeting, La Cita Country Club, Titusville, 7 pm.

April 22 – The Space Coast Republican Club meeting, Red Lobster, Merritt Island, 11 am.

April 23 - Ronald Reagan Clubs meeting, Jimmy's Restaurant, Rockledge, 7 pm.

April 27 - Brevard Young Republicans meeting, Beef O'Brady's, Satellite Beach, 6:30 pm.

# COMICAL CLOSERS

Doctors at the CDC have discovered a new disease that is spreading across the country. It has been named Post Islamic Stress Trauma with Apologetic War Fatigue, or PIST-AWF. Just a few of the symptoms include scalp pain from pulling your own hair while viewing our president pander to Muslim terrorists, extreme hunger due to vomiting from seeing innocent people murdered, uncontrollable heartburn while watching Fox News, and eye trauma from accidentally flipping to a channel that shows Al Sharpton as a legitimate news program host. It is expected that a cure for PIST-AWF will be available in November 2016, offered by a credible conservative presidential candidate.

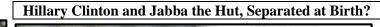
President Obama and Michelle are flying on Air Force One when he says he could throw a \$1,000 bill out of the plane and make somebody very happy. She responds by saying she could throw ten \$100 bills out and make ten people very happy. Hearing this, the pilot says to the co-pilot he could throw both of them out and make 300 million people very happy.

After the latest study on pot's effect on young people, the National Institute on Drug Abuse warned against the legalization of marijuana. The study discovered that its use by teenagers may seriously affect their judgment once they become adults. According to comedian Argus Hamilton, "It's based on a study of President Obama."

# SEVERAL PAGES OF PERTINENT POLITICAL CARTOONS AND PHOTOS FOLLOW







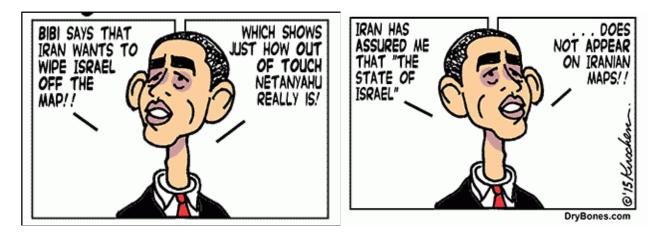


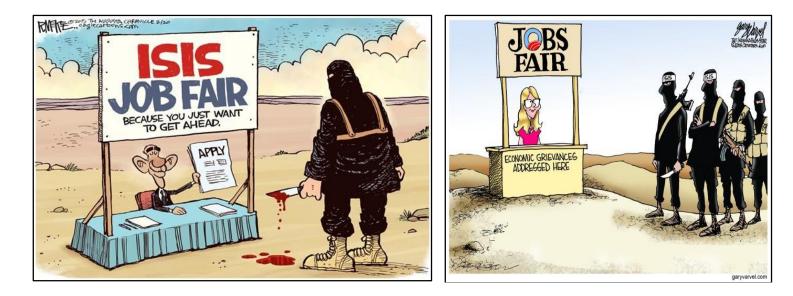














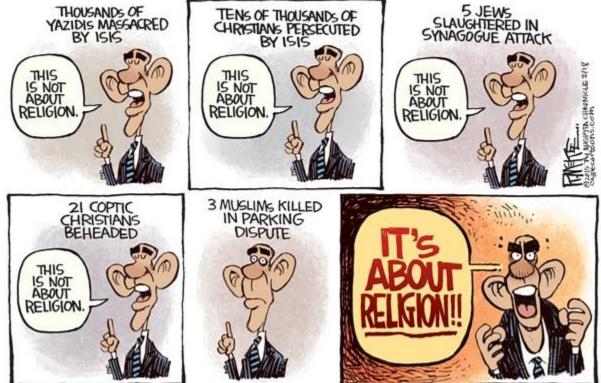
# THINGS I TRUST MORE THAN BARACK OBAMA

Mexican tap water A porcupine with a 'pet me' sign Bill Clinton A fart when I have the flu An elevator ride with Ray Rice Taking pills offered by Bill Cosby A Bigfoot sighting A Palestinian on a motorcycle A Hillary Clinton war story Gas station sushi Jimmy Carter Brian Williams news reports Pete Carroll coaching decisions Loch Ness monster sightings















"This is the Day the Lord Has Made. Let Us Rejoice and Be Glad..." Wishing our Christian Friends a Very Blessed Easter

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