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RINO CABAL HIJACKS REPUBLICAN ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN BREVARD COUNTY

By Space Coast Tusk Editor Stuart Gorin

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK:

MY TWO CENTS

By Stuart Gorin

The Huckabee Post newsletter points out that in the horrible attack on two National Guard members in Washington last month, the Democrats attempted to blame it on President Trump, but their disgusting action imploded on them on several fronts.

While they accused Trump of putting the troops “in harm’s way,” which actually is their job, the newsletter reminded the public that the “harm” they were facing was the rampant crime that the Democrats allowed in the first place.

Republicans also pointed out that the other party spent weeks ginning up their unstable radical supporters for violent protests against ICE agents and Guard members. And, the shooter was an Afghan national who was let into the country without proper vetting during Joe Biden’s botched Afghanistan pullout.

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When Manhattan psychotherapist Jonathan Alpert appeared on Fox News and said that "Trump Derangement Syndrome" isn't just a catchphrase – it's a real mental health crisis affecting three-quarters of his patients, and is "the defining pathology of the past decade," he then faced a wave of hostility – vulgar death threat messages that ironically only proved his point.

For conservatives who've watched the Left's unhinged reaction to Trump since 2015, Alpert's diagnosis comes as no surprise. But what is remarkable is that he had the courage to say out loud what everyone already knew.

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A small group of RINOs consisting of members and former members of the Brevard Republican Executive Committee (BREC) – supported by Tallahassee’s Republican Party of Florida (RPOF) – tried to destroy the effectiveness of BREC at the end of this year by “voting” to replace hard working Republicans with their own cronies.

It was all accomplished at a November 24 meeting that they declared was “valid” by RPOF standards – even though only seven RINOs actually voted, ignoring the more than 150 other people in the room who were unaware of what had occurred until they were told about the vote after the fact. This “Unmagnificent Seven” group “elected” John Dittmore to be the new BREC chair. Absurdly, the Republican Party of Florida claimed jurisdiction and “validated” the action.

In response, BREC held another meeting on December 6, and a quorum of the membership elected Acting Chair Dave Fosdick to serve full time in the position. Since former Brevard State Committeeman Randy Fine – who is part of the cabal – resigned because he is now a U.S. Congressman in another Florida district, BREC elected Marc Arrigo to the position. Rich Nink was elected Vice Chair, and Wayne Twiddy remains as Secretary. And the meeting attendees UNANIMOUSLY voted to reject the cabal’s November “vote.” Fosdick noted sadly that the Brevard Republican

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Former President Joe Biden accepted an award in Washington from the Victory Institute, and proudly declared his administration was the “most LGBTQ+ inclusive in U.S. history.” Rainbow representation takes the gold medal in the Biden Olympics, not the economy, border security, or restoring law and order. Then, demanding that LGBTQ people “fight Donald Trump,” he went off the teleprompter and declared that “We’re the United States of Amerigotit!”

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It's the practice of the Department of Health and Human Services to display portraits of past holders of the assistant secretary role in the Hubert H. Humphrey Building. It has now confirmed changing the nameplate of the Biden administration's Admiral Rachel Levine to the legal birth name of Richard – a clear signal that the Trump administration is committed to reversing radical gender ideology within the public health system.

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According to the Red Right Daily website, there are three constants in the world: death, taxes, and former MSNBC host Joy Reid finding new things to label as “racist.” The latest? A claim that the classic Christmas song “Jingle Bells” is allegedly connected to minstrel shows and “a relic of racism rooted in America’s troubled past.” Joy? Or Joyless?

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Louisiana Republican Senator John Kennedy is a master wordsmith. Here's the latest gem he stated during a television interview: “You can lead a person to Congress, but you cannot make him think.”

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--The magazine “Time” – AKA “Waste of Time” – has crowned as its “Person of the Year” for 2025 not the late, courageous Charlie Kirk, who deserved the honor, but instead the nod absurdly went to “Artificial Intelligence” – unaccountable robots that concern everyday Americans.

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More Two Cents next month.

Executive Committee is “a REC divided,” and overall, the organization is “in stasis” until RPOF reviews and takes action on the dozens of grievances that have been submitted regarding the fraudulent November election.

Leading to the division, following the December meeting, RPOF Chairman Evan Power reportedly claimed that “They’re not allowed to just call an extra meeting whenever they want. We told them not to hold that meeting.”

As a BREC member for just four years, Fosdick points out that many members have been involved for decades, and they have an invested interest in its existence and are quite angry with what has happened. The “uprising” is just gaining

momentum, and some members have discussed taking legal action.

If any rational person were to take a look in detail of the substance of the fraudulent election that occurred on November 24, he said, “they would notice a skillfully put together narrative. It was a long, carefully woven together piece of work which incorporated falsehoods with certain facts which might make it appear real to a casual reader. But the narrative crumbles when you ask the majority of people present that evening if they witnessed what was described. It is disappointing that the RPOF hasn’t yet reviewed the substance of what actually happened.”

Fosdick added that the “transparently elected” leadership is making plans to hit the ground running in the New Year. It is important that we start strong as it is a mid-term election year.

At one time BREC was an organization of pride, devoted to supporting and electing conservative Republicans to public office, providing citizens with important voting information, supporting charitable events, and holding successful dinner programs to have people hear from high ranking elected officials. It has been an honor to personally be an elected BREC precinct committeeman.

BREC’s problems began when the RPOF – urged by the cabal – removed long-time Chairman Rick Lacey from his position, alleging that he “violated rules outlined in the party’s official procedures” – a move he vigorously denies.

Now, unfortunately, BREC is just a shell of its former self, having been sabotaged by a vicious combination of RINOs (Republicans In Name Only) who were elected as state committee people and party officials of the RPOF in Tallahassee.

TRUMP DECEMBER 17 SPEECH

President Donald Trump addressed the nation in a nationally televised speech from the White House on December 17 on the achievements in his second administration's first 11 months, noting that he inherited a mess from the Biden Administration, and is “fixing it.”



A highlight of the remarks was his announcement that nearly 1.5 million U.S. military service members would be receiving a \$1,776 “warrior dividend” coming from tariff revenue, basing the amount on the 1776 birth of America.

He also said in the 20-minute speech that crime was at “record highs” and that the country had “the worst trade deals ever made” under his predecessor. He also blamed immigrants

without legal status and Democratic politicians for affordability issues.

Following are excerpts of his remarks:
(Begin Excerpts)

When I took office...Our border was open, and because of this, our country was being invaded by an army of 25 million people, many who came from prisons and jails, mental institutions and insane asylums. They were drug dealers, gang members and even 11,888 murderers, more than 50% of whom killed more than one person.

This is what the Biden administration allowed to happen to our country, and it can never be allowed to happen again. We had men playing in women's sports; transgender for everybody; crime at record levels; law enforcement, and words such as that, just absolutely forbidden. We had the worst trade deals ever made, and our country was laughed at from all over the world, but they're not laughing anymore.

Over the past 11 months, we have brought more positive change to Washington than any administration in American history. There has never been anything like it, and I think most would agree, I was elected in a landslide, winning the popular vote and all seven swing states and everything else with a mandate to take on a sick and corrupt system that really just took the wealth from people and crushed the dreams of the American people....

For the past seven months, zero illegal aliens have been allowed into our country, a feat which everyone said was absolutely impossible.

Do you remember when Joe Biden said that he needed Congress to pass legislation to help close the border? He was always blaming Congress and everyone else. As it turned out, we didn't need legislation. We just needed a new president.

We inherited the worst border anywhere in the world, and we quickly turned it into the strongest border in the history of our country. In other words, in a few short months, we went from worst to best.

We're deporting criminals, restoring safety to our most dangerous cities. Just take a look at Washington, D.C. It's at levels of safety that we've never seen before, and they decimated the bloodthirsty foreign drug cartels. We did that all by ourselves, with our people, and we're so proud of it, because they were poisoning and destroying our population.

Drugs brought in by ocean and by sea are now down 94%. We have broken the grip of sinister woke radicals in our schools, and control over those schools is back now in the hands of our great and loving states where education belongs....

You will see in your wallets and bank accounts in the new year, after years of record setting, falling incomes, our policies are boosting take home pay at a historic pace. Under Biden, real wages plummeted by \$3,000; under Trump, the typical factory worker has seen a wage increase of \$1,300 for construction workers, it's \$1,800; for miners, we're bringing

back clean, beautiful coal it's \$3,300 and for the first time in years, wages are rising much faster than inflation....

Next year, you will also see the results of the largest tax cuts in American history that were really accomplished through our great, big, beautiful bill, perhaps the most sweeping legislation ever passed in Congress, we wrapped 12 different bills up into one beautiful bill that includes no tax on tips, no tax on overtime, and no tax on Social Security for our great seniors.

Under these cuts, many families will be saving between \$11,000 and \$12,000 a year, and next spring is projected to be the largest tax refund season of all time, because of tariffs, along with the just passed one big, beautiful bill.

Tonight, I am also proud to announce that more than 1,450,000, think of this 1,450,000 military service members will receive a special we call "warrior dividend" before Christmas, a "warrior dividend" in honor of our nation's founding in 1776. We are sending every soldier \$1,776. Think of that, and the checks are already on the way....

In addition, I'm doing what no politician of either party has ever done, standing up to the special interest to dramatically reduce the price of prescription drugs. I negotiated directly with the drug companies and foreign nations, which were taken advantage of our country for many decades, to slash prices on drugs and pharmaceuticals by as much as 400, 500 and even 600%....

The current "Unaffordable" Care Act was created to make insurance companies rich. It was bad health care at much to higher cost. And you see that now in the steep increase in premiums being demanded by the Democrats, and they are demanding those increases, and it's their fault. It is not the Republicans' who are at fault. It's the It's Democrats' fault. It's the Unaffordable Care Act" and everybody knew it....

On day one, I declared a national energy emergency. Gasoline is now under \$2.50 a gallon in much of the country. In some states, it, by the way, just hit \$1.99 a gallon and within the next 12 months, we will have opened 1,600 new electrical generating plants, a record, and it's a record that won't be beaten by practically, I would say, by anybody, or certainly not very soon, prices on electricity and everything else will fall dramatically.

The Democrat inflation disaster, again, the worst in the history of our country, also rob millions of Americans of home ownership, and indeed the American Dream, the yearly cost of a typical new mortgage increased by \$15,000 under Democrat rule....

We have never been invaded. This is the worst thing that frankly, in my opinion, the worst thing that the Biden administration did to our country is the invasion at the border. The last administration and their allies in Congress brought in millions and millions of migrants and gave them taxpayer funded housing, while your rent and housing costs

skyrocketed. Over 60% of growth in the rental market came from foreign migrants.

At the same time, illegal aliens stole American jobs and flooded emergency rooms, getting free healthcare and education paid for by you, the American taxpayer. They also increased the cost of law enforcement by numbers so high that they are not even to be mentioned....

Our nation is strong. America is respected, and our country is back stronger than ever before.

We are poised for an economic boom the likes of which the world has never seen. Soon, we will host the World Cup and the Olympics, both of which I got, but most importantly, we will celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

There could be no more fitting tribute to this epic milestone than to complete the comeback of America that began just one year ago, when the world looks at us next year, let them see a nation that is loyal to its citizens, faithful to its workers, confident to its identity, certain to its destiny and the envy of the entire globe, we are respected again, like we have never been respected before.

To each and every one of you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. God bless you all.

(End Excerpts)



SOUNDS FROM THE TRUMP-ET

--President Trump signed an executive order on December 18 directing Attorney General Pam Bondi to expedite the reclassification of cannabis, to allow medical research to check the potential benefits of medical marijuana, which under existing classification is prohibited.

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--Following the tragic shooting of two National Guard members in Washington last month, President Trump has ordered that every member patrolling the nation's capital now be fully armed. This crucial decision protects our deployed troops and aligns with the Trump administration's commitment to Law and Order missions. Many Guard troops are now conducting joint patrols alongside local police.

He also said that as part of a crime crackdown effort in New Orleans, in a couple of weeks he will be deploying National Guard troops in that city.

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--On December 3, the President pardoned Democrat Texas Congressman Henry Cuellar and his wife, Imelda, ending the government's prosecution of them on federal bribery and conspiracy charges, and saying they were victims of the Biden administration's weaponization of the justice system against people who disagreed with him. Trump said Cuellar had bravely spoken out against open borders and the Biden border

fiasco, but he announced betrayal only days later, when the congressman said he would run for re-election still as a Democrat, even though that party brought the charges against him.

--Proclaiming December 7 as "National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day" and calling for American flags to be at half-staff, the President said, "The lessons learned 84 years ago on that fateful day still resound with America's exceptional fighting force. We must remain ever vigilant and prepared to annihilate any foe who dares to threaten our liberty. This annual day of remembrance must be held in the highest esteem and reverence as we honor the Americans who laid down their lives to defend our homeland."

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--Trump traded the presidential box for center stage on December 7, as he became the first president to host the Kennedy Center honors, after skipping all of the ceremonies during his first term. This year, he brought his signature showmanship to the star-studded evening honoring his 'very special friend' actor Sylvester Stallone, Broadway great Michael Crawford, famed rockers KISS, disco icon Gloria Gaynor and the 'undisputed king of country music' George Strait.

--The President has announced a \$12 billion aid package for U.S. farmers, aimed to help those who have had a difficult time selling their crops because of rising costs. According to some experts, the announcement came as frequently changing tariff rates have caused major impacts within the agricultural sector.

--The following day, Trump predicted that America will enjoy a tariff-induced manufacturing renaissance starting in the next six months to a year. Pointing to recent announcements such as Toyota's plans to invest \$10 billion in the U.S., he said his tariff policy would spur a "golden age of America" manufacturing boom.



LET ME BE FRANK
By Space Coast Tusk Designer
Frank Montelione

Celebrating Christmas and
Hanukkah:
Embracing Tradition and Faith

As the holiday season approached, many families across the nation prepared to celebrate two significant and cherished holidays: Christmas (December 25) and Hanukkah (December 14-22). Both holidays – while distinct in their origins and traditions – share common themes of faith, family, and the celebration of light in the midst of darkness. For our families, these holidays offer an opportunity to reaffirm their commitment to traditional values and to honor the customs that have been passed down through generations. Having been married to a Jewish spouse for over 47 years before her passing, my family still celebrate both holidays.



The Significance of Christmas

Christmas is a celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, a momentous event that has had a profound impact on the course of history. The nativity story, with its message of hope, love, and redemption, continues to inspire millions around the world. It is a reminder of the importance of faith and the enduring power of divine grace. I found a wonderful movie, *The Nativity Story*, that beautifully tells the true meaning of Christmas – the birth of Christ. Over the years, I've had my grandchildren watch it. Whether it resonated and stayed with them or not, I can't say for sure. But I hope that as they grow older, they'll remember it and share it with their own children.

For many, Christmas is more than just a festive occasion; it is a time to gather with loved ones, attend church services, and participate in community events that foster a sense of unity and belonging. The act of giving, whether through charitable donations or thoughtful gifts, embodies the spirit of generosity and compassion that is central to the holiday.

One of the most beloved traditions of Christmas is the family gathering. In an age where technology often keeps us apart, the holiday season provides a rare chance to reconnect with relatives and friends. Sharing a meal, exchanging stories, and creating new memories together are invaluable experiences that strengthen the bonds of family and community.

The Significance of Hanukkah

Hanukkah, also known as the Festival of Lights, is an eight-day Jewish holiday that commemorates the rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem. The holiday celebrates the miracle of the oil, where a small amount of oil, enough to last only one day, miraculously burned for eight days in the temple's menorah.



Hanukkah is a time for Jewish families to come together and celebrate their faith and heritage. The lighting of the menorah, with its nine branches, is a central tradition of the holiday. Each night, an additional candle is lit, symbolizing the triumph of light over darkness and the enduring strength of the Jewish people. In addition to the lighting of the menorah, Hanukkah is celebrated with the playing of traditional games, such as dreidel, and the enjoyment of special foods, like latkes (potato pancakes) and jelly doughnuts. These customs serve as a reminder of the importance of faith, resilience, and the preservation of cultural heritage.

Embracing the True Spirit of the Holidays

For our families, both Christmas and Hanukkah offer an opportunity to reflect on the values that have shaped their lives and to pass these traditions on to the next generation. These holidays are a time to gather with loved ones, to celebrate faith and heritage, and to extend a helping hand to those in need.

As we celebrate Christmas and Hanukkah, let us also

remember the importance of community and the power of coming together in the spirit of love and goodwill. Whether through acts of charity, volunteering, or simply offering a kind word, we can make a difference in the lives of others and honor the true spirit of the holidays.

Christmas and Hanukkah are time-honored traditions that hold deep significance for families. They are celebrations of faith, family, and community, and a reminder of the values that have shaped our society. As we gather with loved ones and reflect on the meaning of the season, let us embrace the true spirit of these holidays and carry their message of hope and love into the new year. So put down the cell phones, shut off the T.V., put away the tablets and meditate on the gift of our Savior to the world.



HIGHLIGHTING CAPITOL HILL
By **Mike Haridopolos**
Florida District 8 Congressman



It has been a busy time in the House, and a productive one for Florida. We made real progress on strengthening our economy, protecting national security, and making sure innovation works for the American people – not against them. Every day, my focus remains the same: delivering results for Florida's Space and Treasure Coasts and keeping our country competitive in a rapidly changing world.

I took part in a Financial Services Committee hearing where I questioned leading AI experts about the challenges and opportunities facing our nation in the age of artificial intelligence. We dug into how to protect Americans from dangerous AI-generated “deep fakes,” defend the integrity of our financial markets, and counter the growing cyber threats targeting our economy and infrastructure. As AI becomes more integrated into everyday life, Congress must strike the right balance – encouraging innovation while protecting consumers, investors, and our national security.

I also voted YES on several important pieces of legislation. One of those was the INVEST Act, which helps small businesses and entrepreneurs access the capital they need to grow. Small businesses are the backbone of our economy, and this bill supports job creation while maintaining common-sense safeguards in our financial system.

We advanced legislation to streamline the federal permitting process for energy infrastructure. By improving coordination among federal agencies, this bill cuts red tape, reduces unnecessary delays, and strengthens America's energy security while still supporting responsible development.

The House also took up the National Defense Authorization Act, and I'm proud to say our district came out on top. This legislation delivers:

- Funding for critical repairs and military construction projects at Patrick Space Force Base and Cape Canaveral Space Force Station,
- Pay raises for all service members, and
- Expanded military bonuses and special pay.

Passing the National Defense Authorization Act is essential to supporting our troops and their families, strengthening our national defense, and ensuring the United States remains ready to meet global threats.

I introduced a bipartisan resolution designating May 20 as National Women in Aerospace Day. From early aviation pioneers to today's engineers, scientists, and astronauts, women have played a vital role in advancing aerospace innovation. With so many of these trailblazers calling Florida's Space Coast home, it is only fitting that we recognize their positive lasting impact on our nation's past, present, and future in aerospace.

I am grateful for the opportunity to continue serving you in Congress. If you ever need help with a federal agency, want to share your thoughts, or plan a visit to Washington, my team and I are always here to help.

Thank you again for the privilege of representing Florida's 8th Congressional District. I look forward to continuing our work together in the weeks ahead.



MAYFIELD MINUTE

By Debbie Mayfield
Florida District 19 State Senator

--Florida Governor Ron DeSantis released his 2026-27 proposed "Floridian's First" budget proposal totaling \$117 billion, which is \$2.2 billion more than the current year budget. The recommendation emphasizes fiscal responsibility, record reserves, and major investments in education, law enforcement, infrastructure, and environmental restoration.

"This budget is entitled Floridians First because that is the focus of it," DeSantis said. "It is putting our people first and making sure we are good stewards but also making sure the needs that we have are being addressed."

Some of the highlights include:

- Education: \$1.56 billion for teacher salary increases; \$1.7 billion for early childhood education
- **Law Enforcement:** \$25 million for \$5,000 recruitment bonuses to attract new officers; \$13.5 million for state law enforcement officer salary increases
- **Military:** \$91 million for National Guard; \$62 million for State Guard

- **Health Care:** \$278 million for cancer research initiatives; \$159 million for behavioral health services
- **Environment:** \$1.4 billion to ongoing environmental restoration projects; \$208 million to strengthen Florida's coastline including beach restoration
- **Conservation:** \$200 million for the Rural and Family Lands Program; \$115 million for the Florida Forever Program; \$70 million for infrastructure improvements to Florida's state parks
- **Transportation:** \$29 billion for FDOT and transportation projects
- **Affordable Housing:** \$170 million for the State Housing Initiatives Partnership program; \$72.9 million for the State Apartment Incentive Loan program; \$50 million for the Hometown Heroes down payment assistance program
- **Fiscal Responsibility:** \$1.09 billion to increase total reserves to \$16.75 billion; \$118 million for the Budget Stabilization Fund

The Florida Senate and House of Representatives will take these recommendations into consideration as we prepare Florida's budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 during the upcoming legislative session.

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Attorney General James Uthmeier announced the launch of Florida's Retail Theft Investigative Special Task Force to aggressively combat organized retail theft in Florida, saying, "Shoppers suffer when retail thefts drive up prices. This partnership between law enforcement and the Florida Retail Federation will help keep prices down and put criminals behind bars."

The Retail Theft Investigative Special Task Force equips local law enforcement with statewide tools and resources, removes jurisdictional barriers, and enables prosecutors to ensure repeat offenders will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. The primary goal of the task force will be to ensure swift action against organized retail theft rings.

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Port Canaveral has officially surpassed PortMiami as the world's busiest cruise port. With more than 8.6 million passengers in 2025, the highest number in Port Canaveral's history, the port has overtaken PortMiami by 100,000 passengers.

The 2025 passenger numbers are a significant 13% increase from 2024, when Port Canaveral welcomed 7.6 million passengers. In comparison, PortMiami grew only by 4.02% from 2024 to 2025.

Port Canaveral is currently homeporting 18 ships across seven cruise lines, with more than 1,000 sailings scheduled annually. The port's five-year development plan includes a \$912 million investment in expansions of two existing terminals, a seventh cruise terminal, and technological advancements to ensure smooth processing for guest departures and arrivals.

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Newsweek magazine named Florida Tech the top online college in Florida and 10th best in the nation. Twenty-one Florida colleges were among the 250 institutions on Newsweek's Best Online Colleges 2026 list. University of South Florida was the second highest Florida college at No. 35. The University of California, Davis was No. 1.

For the 2026 rankings, Newsweek conducted a survey of more than 10,000 students enrolled in online courses to earn an academic degree or gain knowledge for jobs or hobbies. The schools were ranked based on organization, support, price, reputation, success, and practical relevance.

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The U.S. Department of the Air Force gave SpaceX approval to build a launch and landing pad for its Starship spacecraft at Cape Canaveral Space Force Station's Space Launch Complex 37.

After months of input from the community, the Air Force's decision is the official "green light" SpaceX needed to bring its Starship to Brevard County from Texas. To address community concerns, the Department of the Air Force says it will implement mitigation measures, including habitat restoration, to account for environmental impacts.



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

The past several weeks have been productive and encouraging as we continue preparations for the upcoming Florida Legislative Session.

The last two interim committee weeks went very well and provided a strong start to what will be a busy and important year ahead for Florida and for the Space Coast.

Committee weeks are when much of the real work begins. This is where legislation is first heard, debated, and refined, and where legislators have the opportunity to hear directly from stakeholders, agencies, and the public. I am pleased to report that we are already off to a solid start. I have presented several bills in their first committee of reference, an important early step in the legislative process. One notable example was Senate Bill 356: Utility Terrain Vehicles, which I presented before the Senate Committee on Transportation on December 9. I appreciate the thoughtful discussion from committee members and look forward to continuing to work with my colleagues as this legislation moves through the process.

Outside of the Capitol, these weeks are also filled with valuable opportunities to connect with professionals and community leaders who play a critical role in Florida's economy. I recently had a great time attending the Space Coast Association of Realtors' Annual RPAC Elite Investor and Elected Official Luncheon. It was an excellent opportunity to spend time with local Realtors, discuss housing trends and market challenges, and hear firsthand how state policies impact homeownership and economic growth across our region. I appreciate the Association's engagement and

their continued commitment to advocating for responsible growth and strong communities on the Space Coast.

On December 16, our community came together to honor the life and legacy of Canaveral Port Authority Chairman Wayne Justice, whose passing is a tremendous loss to Brevard County and to our state. Chairman Justice was a remarkable leader, a dedicated public servant, and a man who truly cared about the future of our port, our military families, and the Space Coast as a whole. His leadership, integrity, and steady guidance left an indelible mark on Port Canaveral and on everyone who had the privilege of working with him. He will be deeply missed, but his impact and legacy will continue to be felt for generations to come.

As we move into the Christmas season and prepare to welcome the New Year, I want to take a moment to wish you and your families a joyful holiday season. This is a time for reflection, gratitude, and spending time with those we hold dear. I am thankful for the opportunity to serve our community and remain committed to working hard on your behalf in the year ahead.

From my family to yours, I wish you a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year, and all the best for a healthy, prosperous, and successful year ahead.

If you have any questions, concerns, or need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 386-304-7630 or by email at wright.tom@flsenate.gov.

Until next time — stay safe, stay engaged, and stay informed.



RENDEZVOUS WITH REPUBLICAN WOMEN By BFRW President Xiaoqi Wang

More than 100 members and guests enjoyed a wonderful time at the Brevard Federated Republican Women Christmas Party on December 3.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make this celebration so special:

Patti Febro, our fantastic MC, who brought energy, fun, and joy to the entire program.

Georgia Haridopolos, for providing so many of the Christmas dishes and decorations, and making sure the tables were beautiful.

All our volunteers, who helped set up, decorate, and keep everything running smoothly.

Our members and guests, for bringing ornaments for the exchange and gifts for Toys for Tots.

Our elected officials and candidates, for joining us and celebrating the season with our club.

Our wonderful performers for "The Twelve Days of Christmas," who made the room light up with laughter.

Dorothy Walsh, for hosting our veteran table, and our Board members for graciously sponsoring our veterans.

Thank you to everyone who brought joy, fellowship, and the Christmas spirit to our luncheon. May your holiday season be filled with peace, happiness, and many blessings.

On December 13, the National Wreaths Across America Day, we participated in the wreath-laying ceremony conducted by the Knights of Columbus at the Holy Name of Jesus Memorial Garden. Veterans representing each branch of our military laid wreaths in honor of their service – to Remember the Fallen, Honor Those Who Serve, and Teach the Next Generation the Value of Freedom.

Each year, Brevard Federated Republican Women proudly donates wreaths to Wreaths Across America in support of this meaningful mission.

Brevard Federated Republican Women has prepared more than 120 Christmas gift bags this holiday season for our female veterans and veterans in Cocoa and Melbourne Transitional Housing. We will also help with their Christmas parties and sponsor dessert to make their celebrations a little sweeter.

As we prepare for the holiday season with our family, children, and grandchildren, I am reminded that as we fight for our children's future, education must always be our top priority. Join us at our January 7 Luncheon as **Brevard Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Mark Rendell** discusses "The State of Our Schools." Come to learn what is happening in our schools today and how the direction of public education impacts the next generation.

BFRW 3rd biennial Red Wave to Victory Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2026, at Space Coast Convention Center, so save the date. It is one of the premier political events in Brevard County and has become a signature event for our organization. Exciting Speakers are to be announced soon! This event is an integral part of BFRW's ongoing Get-Out-The-Vote efforts. Our goal is to energize our members and supporters as we enter the critical 2026 midterm elections.

To best support Republican candidates in 2026, we will host a Candidate Caucus during the RED Wave to Victory Dinner. This provides an opportunity for candidates to connect directly with voters and supporters. All Republican candidates and their supporters are invited to attend.

Candidates may sponsor a dinner table for eight (8) people. Supporters may also sponsor a dinner table to promote their candidate. Candidates with a sponsored dinner table will have the following opportunities:

- Set up an additional exhibition table to distribute campaign materials
- Speak with attendees during the Caucus period from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Be recognized and speak at the podium for one (1) minute

- Display a campaign sign at their sponsored dinner table (in any creative way)
- Receive recognition at BFRW luncheons, on the BFRW website and Newsletter



FEDERATED REPUBLICAN WOMEN IN ACTION By President Erika Orriss

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from the Federated Republican Women in Action!

On December 16, we held our first Christmas/Hanukkah party at the beautiful Yellow Dog Café in Malabar. It was a wonderful luncheon of fellowship, delicious food, and heartfelt connection with other like-minded folks. As we celebrated we were blessed to overlook the scenic Indian River, the venue's amazing Christmas decorations created the perfect festive backdrop.

The food was absolutely wonderful – comfort food with a flair that lived up to the café's reputation – and we were thrilled with the great attendance. It was truly special to spend this quality time together, laughing, sharing stories, and strengthening the bonds that make our community so strong. A special thanks to the Yellow Dog Cafe for hosting us.

We felt it imperative to recognize and thank some of our Republican women holding elected positions. These women always support us and listen to our concerns. They circle back with information that they have information on. So again, thank you to **Representative Monique Miller**, **Brevard County Commissioner Katie Delaney**, and **West Melbourne City Council Member Andrea Young**. Each gave a brief update of the work they have been performing for us on our behalf. (**County Commissioner Kim Adkinson** got detained after the commissioners meeting and unfortunately was not able to attend but sent her condolences.)

In keeping with our tradition of giving back, we proudly made our yearly charitable donation of \$500 to **Kerry Fink** of Helping Seniors of Brevard, an organization dedicated to supporting and improving the lives of seniors across our region. Mr. Fink gave a detailed speech of the issues many seniors are facing in Brevard County and ways we may address this and help. We chose to give Helping Seniors a small donation in recognition of all the work they do.



This inaugural party was a resounding success and a memorable way to close out the year. Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to making it such a joyful occasion!

As we look ahead to 2026, we wish you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas, a peaceful holiday season, and a

prosperous New Year filled with health, happiness, and continued success.

In the spirit of celebration for the holidays and family time, our next meeting will be held Friday, January 9, 2026, at 11:15 at Memaw's, our usual location in Palm Bay. We will return to the first Friday of the month in February.



PUMPING UP WITH PATRIOTS

BY CHAIRMAN MICHAEL WILSON
SPACE COAST PATRIOTS CLUB



Matt Woodside, a candidate for Florida State Representative District 31, addressed the Space Coast Patriots on December 8 regarding his campaign, and was enthusiastically welcomed with applause for many of his positions



Woodside is at Andrew Jackson Middle School, where he teaches math and P.E. in addition to being an athletic coach and the athletic director. He was prompted to run for public office when school administrators wanted him to allow females or males into the opposite sexes' restrooms. He took a firm stance against this policy despite the risk of disciplinary action and went as far as to appear on the Fox & Friends TV show to make his case.

"Communities are best served when policy making is grounded by conservative values and grounded in a Biblical world view," Woodside said.

As he began to take questions from the audience, he was immediately asked, "Should Merritt Island be incorporated, and he answered without hesitation, "No!" Regarding growth and our local economy, Woodside had these thoughts: "We should strengthen industry and protect our Lagoon."

He said we should stop Blue Origin from dumping unsafe waste into our environment, and he is definitely against adding tax burdens to Brevard residents to subsidize businesses. Regarding "Home Rule," Woodside said he believes in this concept and would not have voted for Senate Bill 180 as written, which alters how local governments can regulate land use, zoning and development following hurricanes and other natural disasters. He added, "The bill will need to be tweaked in the future," and also said he would pursue tort reform and lessen regulations to bring down homeowner's insurance.

In closing, Woodside said he fully understands he is a rookie in the game of politics but gave heartfelt thanks to the Patriots and said he is ready to listen, learn and fight for the families of Brevard.



NORTH TO THE PARTY
By President John Scully
North Brevard Republican Club

On December 16, the North Brevard Republican Club held its annual Christmas Dinner at Dixie Crossroads, which marked an exciting new chapter for our organization with the swearing in of our 2026 officers.

The dinner was well attended and demonstrated the continued strength of our local Republican community. We were honored to have **Titusville Mayor Andrew Connors** serve as our guest speaker, offering thoughtful remarks and engaging with attendees.

We also had **Brevard Tax Collector Lisa Cullen**, **Property Appraiser Dana Blickley**, and candidate for State House Seat 31 **Marcus Herman** in attendance.

As we move into the new year, the North Brevard Republican Club remains focused on supporting Republican principles, engaging voters, and working alongside our local leaders and candidates. Our next meeting will be held on January 20, 6:30 PM at the North Brevard Shrine Hall, located at 545 N. Washington Avenue in Titusville. Our guest speaker will be former Speaker of the Florida House and candidate for Governor, **Paul Renner**.

We encourage Republicans in the community to attend, get involved, and be part of the momentum heading into the new year. Merry Christmas!



REMEMBER WHEN
By President Mike Hoagland
Heritage Isle Republican Club

Remember when the "seditious six" Democrat politicians, led by Arizona Senator Mark Kelly, communicated to our military that they should take pause when given an order that they deem illegal? Each of these six were ex-military.

Now, those of us who served our country in the military understand how ridiculous this is. Can any of us imagine a situation whereby we would be given a direct order only to hesitate because we needed to evaluate whether or not we deemed the order lawful? In a combat situation, any hesitation could lead to the death of your unit or an individual in your unit. These six individuals are guilty of sedition in their efforts to undermine the good order in the military. Sedition is a felony in our country. These six have certainly violated the Uniform Code of Military Justice by using seditious words.

Of course, these Democrats, as all Democrats, hate Donald Trump and Pete Hegseth and know no limitations in undermining this administration even if their conduct endangers our military members or America.

Any of you who watched the video of these "six" spouting their opinions should take a minute and recognize that this video was well planned and produced by professional media. It is extremely expensive to put together their production. Would any of you be shocked to know that non-profit companies and companies owned by George Soros paid for this production? Knowing that only supports the criminality of these "seditious six". These six would have known where

the funding for this production originated. These individuals should never be in a position to hold public office and represent the interests of the American citizens.

Of course, our military attacking narco-terrorist watercraft are some of the reasons for comments by the six. Personally, eliminating these boats and terrorists is fine with me. If this is how we are going to save hundreds of thousands of American lives annually, then so be it. It galls me to listen to all the Democrats, media and even some Republicans who are so worried about the lives of these narco-terrorists. Has anyone heard of any Democrats or media criticize President Maduro of Venezuela for facilitating the transfer of drugs from his country into ours? When Donald Trump took office, he said he would do what had to be done to stop drugs from entering our country and save the lives of our citizens. The bleeding-heart liberals are just going to have to put up with these drug runners being eliminated. Better the drug runners than our people.

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Do we ever remember when countries have been under attack by Islamists? Look at the United Kingdom, France, Netherlands and many others. Our country is experiencing the same thing as Europe with regard to Islamist criminals. The Biden administration allowed many millions of illegals or Islamists into our country. The Democrat party and media all supported the immigration policy of Biden. Of course, they worked together to bring these people into our country. They continue to support the illegals who commit crimes. Most are Islamists from Muslim countries.

These immigrants were allowed into this country without any vetting of significance. Our country was built by immigrants (my grandparents included) who came because they wanted to live and prosper in an America that revered personal freedom. They assimilated into the population and welcomed the culture. The current immigrants allowed into the United States by the Democrats did not come here to assimilate and participate in our culture. They came here to take advantage of our country's generosity and alter our culture. Most are a drain on our economy and have a very negative view of America. The Islamists are the worst. Rather than assimilate they create their own alternative society.

Dearborn, Michigan is a Muslim city. It is said that sharia law is practiced in that community. Minneapolis, Minnesota has an Islamist enclave. They are referred to as "Little Mogadishu" and have a street named "Somalia Avenue". Obviously, this is not assimilating into our country. We witness the fraud in Minneapolis as a result of these Islamist politicians and corrupt NGOs. These groups allegedly sent funds to terrorist organizations in the Middle East. This is really the tip of the iceberg. Unsurprisingly, the Democrats, with the assistance of their rogue judges and the media, fight to stop any action our government takes to stop these criminal activities. With all the attacks by Islamists against Jews or Christians around the world, I had to vent.

President Trump has closed our borders. He has stopped

accepting any persons from certain Islamist countries. He gets vilified for his actions which were put into place to protect our citizens. He is deporting illegals as quickly as possible. The corrupt rogue judges, Democrats and media continue in their attempt to thwart Trump's efforts.

Why do the Democrats fight so hard to stop Homeland Security from deporting criminal illegals? As a result, Americans continue to be raped, murdered or maimed as a result of Democrat shameful conduct. Let's pray for change.

THIS AND THAT

KENNEDY CENTER. The Kennedy Center Board of Trustees voted unanimously on December 18 to rename the institution "The Donald J. Trump and the John F. Kennedy Memorial Center for the Performing Arts." Roma Daravi, the vice president of public relations at the center, said, "The unanimous vote recognizes that the current chairman saved the institution from financial ruin and physical destruction. The new Trump Kennedy Center reflects the unequivocal bipartisanship for America's cultural center for generations to come."

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TENNESSEE ELECTION. In a special congressional election in Tennessee on December 2 to fill the seat of retired Republican Congressman Mark Green, his party's voters elected as the replacement Matt Van Epps, a West Point graduate and combat veteran who worked in Governor Bill Lee's administration. By close to nine percentage points, Van Epps defeated the Democrat candidate, State Representative Aftyn Behn, who came under fire for past comments in which she said she "hated Nashville," bragged about "bullying" immigration officers, and voted against "the largest tax cut in state history."

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U.S. SENATE CONFIRMATIONS. Meeting late on December 18, the U.S. Senate voted en banc 53-43 to approve 97 more of President Trump's nominees for a variety of government positions. This included six U.S. Ambassadorships – Media Research Center founder Brent Bozell of Virginia to South Africa; Florida businessman Benjamin Leon, Jr. to Spain; career diplomat Brent Christensen of Virginia to Bangladesh; California real estate investor Melissa Navarro to Latvia; businessman Bernardo Navarro of Puerto Rico to Peru; and Virginia attorney Darryl Nirenberg to Romania. There are still hundreds more nominees awaiting Senate confirmation.

On December 17, by a 67-30 vote, the Senate confirmed Jared Isaacman as NASA's new Administrator, and he will oversee work across human exploration, space science, aeronautics, and technological development. This will include the Artemis program to return astronauts to the Moon and prepare for future missions to Mars. Secretary of Transportation Sean Duffy had been fulfilling dual duties as NASA awaited a permanent administrator.

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U.S. SUPREME COURT. The High Court on December 4 overturned a lower court's ruling by a 6-3 vote and will allow Texas' new redistricting maps to remain in place for the 2026 midterms, which was a win for President Trump and for Texas Republicans, who could gain up to five additional seats in the House of Representatives. Texas Governor Greg Abbott had appealed the lower court decision to toss out the maps.

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GOVERNMENT UNIONS AND RINOS. According to the "Conservative Underground News" website, government employee unions – which President Trump opposes – are "the Democrat Party's ATM." The President issued an executive order cracking down on them at federal agencies involving national security missions, but when the House of Representatives voted on his bill called the Protect America's Workforce Act, thirteen so-called Republicans joined with every Democrat to oppose it by a 220-200 vote. The RINOs included Jeff Van Drew, Tom Kean, and Chris Smith of New Jersey; Nicole Malliotakis, Nick LaLota, and Mike Lawler of New York; Brian Fitzpatrick, Rob Bresnahan, and Ryan Mackenzie of Pennsylvania; Don Bacon of Nebraska; Zach Nunn of Iowa; Pete Stauber of Minnesota; and Mike Turner of Ohio. Most of them have been endorsed and funded by the unions they are now protecting. These government unions sit on both sides of the bargaining table because they spend millions electing the politicians who are supposed to negotiate against them. The website said it's "the ultimate scam," but if it can pass the Senate, Trump can then veto the bill.

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HUNTER BIDEN. Waterbury, Connecticut Judge Patrick Carroll on December 15 disbarred Hunter Biden for violating the state's attorney conduct rules – following complaints made about federal gun and tax charges for which he was convicted before being pardoned last year by his father, former President Joe Biden. In an agreement with the state office that disciplines lawyers, Hunter Biden consented to being disbarred and admitted to attorney misconduct, but he did not admit to any criminal wrongdoing. He was also disbarred in Washington, D.C., in May. In the Delaware case, the conviction stems from prosecutors stating that Hunter Biden lied on a federal form when purchasing a gun in 2018 that he was not illegally using or addicted to drugs.

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After Boston Mayor Michelle Wu vowed to resist the Justice Department's efforts to

secure cooperation from local governments for federal immigration enforcement, Judicial Watch sued her for details of a Mariachi Band Press Conference in August, during which she positioned Boston as a defiant "sanctuary" jurisdiction in opposition to federal law. The lawsuit was filed in the Suffolk County Superior Court after Wu failed to respond to public records requests. Boston residents deserve to know why the mayor's office refuses transparency about this event and why city hall is stonewalling lawful public records requests. U.S.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) reported that in September 2025 it and federal partners arrested more than 1,400 illegal aliens in Massachusetts – including murderers, rapists, drug traffickers, child sex predators and members of violent transnational criminal gangs. Acting ICE Director Todd M. Lyons said, "Every illegal alien we arrested during the operation was breaking U.S. immigration law, and hundreds were violent criminals who should never have been allowed to roam freely in our communities." Also, in October, Judicial Watch sued the Office of the Mayor of Evanston, IL, for records related to obstruction of federal immigration enforcement, and in January, Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson's office was sued for records regarding his vow to resist the Trump administration's mass deportation and other immigration law enforcement activities.

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CANAVERAL PORT AUTHORITY.

Carol Craig, founder and chief executive officer of Craig Technologies and Craig Technologies Aerospace Solutions, was sworn into the Canaveral Port Authority Board of Commissioners on December 10 following the death of longtime commissioner Wayne Justice. Florida Governor Ron DeSantis appointed Craig, a U.S. Navy veteran who previously served as a Naval Flight Officer, to serve the remainder of Justice's term until after the next election in November 2026.

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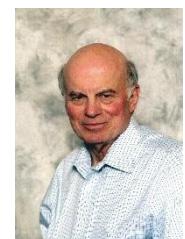
PIPE BOMBS. It has been nearly five years since the notorious January 6 pipe bombs were placed – but not detonated – at the Republican National Committee and Democrat National Committee headquarters in the wake of the 2020 presidential election. The Biden Administration FBI was never able to determine who placed them, but now the Trump Administration FBI has arrested 30-year-old Brian Cole of Woodbridge, Virginia, an employee of a bail bondsman, in connection with the crime. Authorities have linked him to "anarchist" writings and activities. Cole confessed to the action, causing law enforcement agencies now to revisit security protocols. The incident underscores significant vulnerabilities in the protection of political institutions from domestic threats.

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Richard Viguerie, the 92-year-old creator of direct mail marketing to help build the conservative movement, told the Leadership Institute's Wake Up Wednesday Breakfast Meeting on December 3 that the

ongoing political battle is between liberals -- the would-be aristocrats who would control every aspect of our lives -- and conservatives -- who represent the interests and values of most Americans. Viguerie's creation 60 years ago was to bypass media outlets to directly reach conservative voters, break the power of large donors and institutions and instead empower



millions of small-dollar donors to fund the movement. Noting the “lack of leadership that the Left has,” he said there is a spiritual civil war with the left and urged conservatives to combat it and “be the leader that you can.” Read, and also study, he said. His marketing and fundraising helped build the conservative movement, which then elected Ronald Regan as the first conservative president of the modern era. Viguerie believes that government spending should be controlled, taxes kept low, and excessive federal regulation and bureaucracy reined in, a skepticism applied to all government programs. Today, he is chairman of American Target Advertising and of



FedUp PAC, an independent expenditure political action committee, as well as publisher of ConservativeHQ.com and the author of several books.... **Leadership President and Founder Morton Blackwell**

said the organization’s program of training conservative leaders across America will begin 2026 the same way it ends 2025. In New Orleans this month, LI trained 54 Youth Leadership School conservative students. Training then starts again on January 6 at the Virginia headquarters, which will be followed by a Youth Leadership School beginning January 8 in Cape Canaveral, Florida, with more programs scheduled.

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SAVING PUPPIES. The temperature hit 105 degrees in Clarkston, Washington, when construction worker Sebastian Bushey, on his way home, came across eight stray puppies in the heat. He rescued all of them and took them to the Lewis-Clark Animal Shelter to help them find new homes. Bushey recorded the rescue and placed it on social media, where it received more than 2.8 million views, and raised more than \$1,500 for the shelter. He also said he hopes the person who abandoned the puppies can be located and arrested.



AUDACITY AND IDIOCY

This month’s “winners” are:

--California’s soft-on-crime approach that prioritizes criminals over innocent victims, for allowing suspected drunk driver Anthony Alva-Palafox to post bail -- \$100,000 – and walk away free after veering his car onto an Anaheim sidewalk and striking eight Anaheim High School track team athletes, several of whom were still hospitalized.

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--Minnesota resident Michael Wicker, for using false military certificates and military medals over a five-year period to fraudulently obtain more than \$140,000 in veteran’s benefits from the U.S. government. He claimed decorated Marine Corps service, including combat injuries and prisoner of war status in Iraq – despite never having served. He has now been convicted on federal charges and faces prison time.

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--Posting a video to social media explaining immigrants’ rights to refuse to speak or comply with ICE agents, New York City Socialist Democrat Mayor-elect Zohran Mamdani, for saying the city “will always welcome immigrants, and I will fight each and every day to protect, support, and celebrate our immigrant brothers and sisters.” Reacting to the announcement, New York Democrat Governor Kathy Hochul said the immigrants’ rights are being “trampled on,” and she had “no problem” with Mamdani’s video, so illegal immigrants can “stand up” to federal immigration authorities.

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--Absecon, New Jersey twin brothers Ricardo and Emilio Roman-Flores, for threatening to gun down ICE officers and plotting to “tar-and-feather and hang” Department of Homeland Security Assistant for Public Affairs Tricia McLaughlin. DHS and a police swat team arrested the pair, and they face federal charges of unlawful possession of an assault weapon, possession of prohibited weapons, conspiracy, terroristic threats, criminal coercion and cyber harassment.

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--In Maryland, Montgomery County School Officials, for defending lessons taught at Bethesda’s Westland Middle School that included videos from LGBT educational provider Pop’n’Olly teaching 11 and 12-year-olds that “a person’s gender is who they feel that they are.” The students were quizzed on transgender terminology and forced to discuss with their classmates, “how do people know if they are a ‘girl’ or ‘boy?’” Since the school did not label the lessons in advance as “sex education,” parents had no ability to opt their children out of the program.

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--National Institutes of Health contractor Joseph Olmert, for admitting in an undercover O’Keefe Media Group video, that he ripped down and discarded federal portraits of President Donald Trump, Vice President JD Vance, and other officials at the agency’s Maryland headquarters. He described his actions without remorse, as if vandalizing government property over political hatred were just another day at work funded by American taxpayers. Following public exposure, he was terminated from his position. Taxpayers who fund federal health research expect professionalism and neutrality, not partisan drama.

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--Officials at California’s San Diego Unified School District, for pushing a far-left political agenda and misleading families with its Equity & Belonging hub, a section on its website that includes material saying there are “nine genders” and “28 youth sexual orientations.” It also offers a woke curriculum for students starting in the third grade.

YOU CAN’T MAKE THIS UP

--After “trans” athlete Jammie Booker won first place at the World’s Strongest Woman



competition in Arlington, Texas, last month, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton opened an investigation into the incident, saying his office “will take any and all actions to protect women’s sports both in Texas and across the nation.” Meanwhile, Fox News reported that organizers of the event have disqualified Booker, stripped him of title, and awarded it instead to the second place finisher, Andrea Thompson.

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--U.S. District Judge Ana Reyes – a Biden-appointee lesbian – blocked enforcement of President Trump’s ban on transvestites in the military as a “violation of their constitutional rights,” but on December 9, a panel on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit stayed her order, agreeing 2-1 to enforce the ban. During the President’s first administration, Reyes worked as an attorney fighting his immigration policy and was a member of the Feminist Majority Foundation.

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--In response to Coca-Cola hiring an impersonator to mimic Johnny Cash’s voice in a commercial, the late singer’s estate sued the soft drink company in federal court in Tennessee over its use of “an unauthorized imitation,” reportedly in violation of the Ensuring Likeness, Voice, and Image Security (ELVIS) Act, as well as federal false-endorsement laws and state consumer-protection statutes.

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--Christians in Portland, Oregon were outraged on November 28 when woke city officials and pro-Palestine residents conducted the city’s 41st annual “tree lighting” ceremony, without anyone on the program referring to “the tree” as “the Christmas tree.”

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--During a recent Sunday service at the North Chili United Methodist Church in upstate New York, Pastor Phillip Phaneuf stood before his parishioners bedecked in rainbow colors and announced having “the immense joy to share that I am a transgender woman and am in the process of transitioning” under the new name of “Phillippa.” The reaction of a number of congregation members was that “Methodists have lost their way.”

But then there is Canada – America’s northern neighbor – which is far from a freedom-loving, tolerant nation. In Calgary, police arrested and handcuffed Pastor Derek Reimer for refusing to comply with a court order that he apologize for his own personal opinions on drag queens and the LBGT lifestyle. Earlier, he had been “convicted of criminal harassment” by a judge for objecting to a drag queen event that focused on grooming children. And while still on probation, Reimer said, court officer Santander Parmer was so biased, he even confessed he was working to supplant the pastor’s beliefs with government ideologies.

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--The Catholic Action League of Massachusetts has condemned the nativity display at St. Susanna Parish in the Boston suburb of Dedham and accused parish priest Father

Stephen Josoma of exploiting the Holy Family for “left-wing ideology.” Jesus, Mary, and Joseph were absent from the nativity scene, and a sign placed at the empty manger declared “ICE was here.”

And in Evanston, Illinois, Lake Street Baptist Church showed its nativity scene with a zip-tied baby Jesus and Mary and Joseph in gas masks, referencing forced family separation.

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--Rebecca Sayegh, a Toms River, New Jersey woman, violently broke down the door of her ex-boyfriend’s home, poked his new girlfriend in the eye, threatened to burn down the house, resisted arrest, and faces jail time at a hearing scheduled for next month. Sayegh also lost her job. She is – or was – a nine-year law enforcement veteran at the Toms River Police Department and is now permanently barred from all law enforcement employment in New Jersey.

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--In Auckland, New Zealand, a thief entered a high-end jewelry store, picked up a gold Faberge pendant with diamonds and sapphires valued at \$19,000, and promptly swallowed it. He was arrested on the spot, and police monitored his every “movement” for six days before recovering the pendant naturally.

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--The family of 35-year-old Michael Virgil is suing the Royal Caribbean cruise line for his death, claiming that he was served 33 alcoholic drinks by the crew of the Navigator of the Seas last December, and their attempts to take him into custody after he became rambunctious contributed to it. Attorney Kevin Haynes said overserving Virgil was the critical first step. “If you’re serving someone 30-plus drinks, in no world could you not see that the person is intoxicated. Once they created that situation, he acted out. He did not act as a normal person would,” Haynes said, noting that Virgil was not a big drinker, but was lured by advertising into accepting drinks. Adding that security personnel on the ship also made mistakes, he said, “The first domino that fell is that they physically restrained him with five people physically on top of him, which resulted in mechanical asphyxiation.” In reply, Royal Caribbean said, “We were saddened by the passing of one of our guests, worked with authorities on their investigation, and will refrain from commenting any further on pending litigation.”

EXPERTS’ EXCERPTS



Freelancer **Rachel Stevenson**, writing on redrightpatriot.com, about a woke judge ignoring a jury conviction in a Minnesota fraud case:

“A jury of twelve American citizens sits through a full trial, hears the evidence, deliberates carefully, unanimously agrees the guy is guilty of stealing \$7.2 million from Minnesota’s Medicaid program – and a judge just waves a legal wand and says ‘Nah, I don’t

think so.' Welcome to the upside-down world of 2025, where apparently, all it takes to walk free after a multi-million-dollar fraud conviction is a sympathetic judge and a lot of 'circumstantial' hand-waving. The man at the center of this legal circus is Abdifatah Yusuf, who was convicted of swindling taxpayers through a healthcare company that, according to prosecutors, didn't even have an office. Just a mailbox...while Yusuf allegedly billed the state for services that recipients said they never received – and sometimes were even paid kickbacks not to report. According to the state, Yusuf treated himself to \$22,000 in furniture, \$80,000 in designer threads, and \$42,000 worth of wheels. That's not healthcare spending – that's 'Real Housewives of Medicaid Fraud' territory. But none of that mattered, apparently, because Judge Sarah West – appointed, not so shockingly, by Democrat Governor Mark Dayton – decided that, while yes, there was widespread fraud, and yes, Yusuf might have been involved, the state didn't tie it up with a pretty enough bow. So out goes the conviction. Poof. Gone. Never mind the jurors, who actually sat through the entire trial and were, to put it mildly, furious.... Somehow, Judge West decided that her interpretation of the case – sitting alone in her chambers, likely with a copy of Minnesota statute and a very different political lens – overruled the combined judgment of a dozen citizens. Even though West admits that some of the fraud was directly evidenced, she says the connection to Yusuf required too much inference.... This is what happens when a justice system becomes more about technicality than truth – and when politics quietly slithers into the courtroom.... Prosecutors have appealed the acquittal, thankfully. They're pushing to reexamine the ruling and the evidence, which honestly seems like the bare minimum when a \$7 million theft conviction disappears overnight. But you have to wonder: what message does this send? If you allegedly defraud the government but have just enough legal distance between you and the paperwork, are you free to go? Is that the new standard?.... Justice isn't supposed to be about who has the slickest lawyer or the softest judge. It's supposed to be about truth. So here's the real question: how many more Yusuf-style acquittals are waiting in the wings, just one 'circumstantial' ruling away from turning a conviction into a cocktail party? Stay tuned. The appeal's coming. But don't hold your breath."

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Staff writer **Katherine Mosack** at One America News, on children dying of the COVID vaccine:

"The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Chief Medical Officer Vinay Prasad revealed data findings that 'At least 10 children have died after and because of receiving COVID-19 vaccination,' he wrote in an [email](#) sent to staff. 'For the first time, the U.S. FDA will acknowledge that COVID-19 vaccines have killed American children,' Prasad said. 'Healthy young children who faced tremendously low risk of death were coerced, at the behest of the Biden administration, via school and work mandates, to receive a vaccine that could result in death. In many cases, such mandates were harmful. It is difficult to read cases where kids aged 7 to 16 may be dead as a result of COVID vaccines.'

Prasad is also the Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research Director, and was selected by President Donald Trump's appointed FDA Commissioner, Marty Makary. He emphasized that the number he referenced is 'certainly an underestimate due to underreporting and inherent bias,' arguing that the studies performed on the COVID vaccinations and booster shots 'often fail to look at the balance in younger people'.... 'Why did it take until 2025 to perform this analysis, and take necessary further actions?' Prasad implored in his email. 'Deaths were reported between 2021 and 2024 and ignored for years.' The FDA official believed the reasons for covering up deaths from the new vaccine to be 'cultural and systemic,' drawing attention to the difference between the current and previous administrations' handling of health and safety protocols. 'The U.S. government's coercive and unethical covid-19 vaccine mandates in young people may have been harmful,' he asserted. 'In contrast, there is no doubt that an elderly, unimmunized American benefitted from Doses 1 and 2 in 2020.' Prasad added, 'The people who might have benefited most from vaccination were those too old to be affected by workplace mandates – another Biden administration blunder'.... The administration's two top vaccine reviewers, former Office of Vaccines Research and Review (OVRR) Director Dr. Marion Gruber and Deputy Director Dr. Philip Krause, both resigned following differences in opinion with former Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER) Director Peter Marks. The first point of contention was that Marks pushed for annual boosters to be required for everyone, 'irrespective of age and risk,' whereas Gruber and Krause had 'preferred a risk based, evidence based approach.' The second issue was that Marks submitted a Biologics License Application (BLA) to the FDA, which Prasad argued gave the Biden administration permission to 'administer unethical COVID-19 mandates.' Marks resigned from his position in March, citing what he believed to be the spread of vaccine misinformation caused by Trump's Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary, Robert F. Kennedy Jr.... Despite the grim data and accusations contained in Prasad's five-page message, he intended for it to serve as a wake-up call, encouraging 'humility and introspection' for the agency moving forward."

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American Security Council Foundation senior analyst **Laurence F. Sanford**, writing on culture matters in his "Sanford on Security" publication:

"The decline in American culture is leading to the decline of American civilization. Culture refers to the beliefs and moral codes that define a people's way of life. It is how individuals think, feel, and behave. Culture shapes the character of civilization. Civilization refers to the organized aspects of culture, encompassing governmental norms, laws, education, and science. American Civilization is being corrupted by a culture that no longer values the principles of our founding in 1776. The Declaration of Independence states, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are

endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among them are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.” Life is the right to exist with dignity, with the government having the duty to ensure safety. Liberty is the right to live freely with freedom of speech, religion, and the right to self-govern. Pursuit of Happiness is leading a moral, virtuous, and meaningful life. It means choosing to do what is right, just, and honorable. American Civilization flourished on these principles despite the now eliminated stains and sins of slavery and discrimination. Now these Judeo-Christian principles are under assault: Life - The value of the human individual is eroding. It is now acceptable to kill the unborn and terminate the infirm. An estimated ten million unborn humans have been killed in abortions. Liberty - The freedom to speak and assemble is under assault. Progressive states and cities do little, if anything, to control the lawlessness. Charlie Kirk was assassinated for speaking out against cancel culture, transgenderism, and speaking for Christian values. Pursuit of Happiness - Instead of fostering virtue, our society promotes Marxist oppressed vs. oppressor ideology of racial, economic, and religious grievances.... Patriotism in America is declining. Progressive Marxists lead the decline of the education system. “A People’s History of the United States,” by the historian Howard Zinn, a communist, is the most widely taught history book in the United States. The book portrays the US through the lens of Marxist ideology, framing it as ‘the oppressed versus the oppressor.’ Zinn did not write much about the benefits of free market capitalism and the rule of law, or of the ‘land of the free and home of the brave’. Just 56% of Americans say they are very proud to be American. Democrats and younger generations are the least patriotic, while Republicans continue to express belief in America. This represents a marked decline from 2001, when 90% of respondents expressed pride in being American....Civilization is downstream from culture. If culture is poisoned, then civilization is poisoned. American Civilization is facing threats to its very existence as its cultural foundations are crumbling. Unless there is a rejuvenation of American culture, the weakened house will tumble from the onslaught of Marxism and Islamism. Action to be taken includes reform education – no federal money to educational institutions that allow anti-Semitism and Marxist ideologies to flourish; teach patriotism, civics, and American history; and reduce immigration and deport immigrants who break the law.”

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Here is another Sanford report, on Mandani and the Cheshire Cat:

“Who, 24 years after 9/11/2001, would have ever thought that a foreign-born Indian Marxist, Muslim with a Cheshire Cat smile, would be elected mayor of New York City (NYC), the greatest city in America? The Cheshire Cat is a character from Lewis Carroll’s 1865 novel ‘Alice in Wonderland,’ famous for its mischievous smile and disappearing act, leaving only its grin behind. The cat is more than a simple talking animal whose most famous quote is ‘We are all mad here.’ It is a symbolic figure representing absurdity and ambiguity. Mayor-elect Zohran Mamdani is a telegenic, slick,

smiling, snake-oil salesman whose social media postings were supported by Red/Green Marxist Muslim organizations. His father is a Marxist professor at Columbia University, and his mother, Mira Nair, is a well-known film producer. In a 2013 interview (when Zohran was about 21), Nair reportedly described him as ‘not an American at all,’ saying: ‘He was born in Uganda, raised between India and America. He is at home in many places. He thinks of himself as a Ugandan and as an Indian.’ In the words of H.L. Mencken, New York City is about to receive Marxist/Islamic democracy, where the common people know what they want and ‘deserve to get it good and hard.’ With a Cheshire cat smile, Mamdani sprouted typical Marxist rhetoric of grievances and racial division. He lamented the cost of living in New York while living in his rent-controlled apartment. He offered socialist/Marxist solutions such as freezing rent and opening government-run grocery stores, which, so far, in the history of mankind, have never been successful. The high cost of living in NYC is due to stifling socialist government regulations on rent control and businesses.... Democratic socialism is defined by ChatGPT artificial intelligence (AI) as ‘a political philosophy that aims to combine democratic governance with a socialist economic framework. ‘It is a deceptive term for state control. Words have meaning but sometimes not. North Korea is officially the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea and yet it is not democratic, people friendly, or a republic. It is not possible to have democratic’ governance in the American civilization of freedom if the government controls private property....Mamdani was elected due to: One-party political domination resulting in a poor selection of alternative candidates; Funding and grassroots support from Marxist and Islamic organizations; A slick social media ad campaign that appealed to uneducated college female graduates who have been taught that socialism is good and capitalism is bad; and A large Muslim immigrant population that voted en masse for Mamdani....Action to be taken: Decertify public teacher unions and eliminate tenure in both K-12 schools and universities. Demand universities list foreign donations; stop immigration of Muslims into the U.S. Deport and remove U.S. citizenship from anarchists and lawbreakers; and eliminate electronic voting machines. - only paper ballots. Voter IDs required.”

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Podcaster **Todd Starnes**, writing on his website about a school canceling its Christmas concert:

“Parents in Fonda, New York are furious after the annual elementary school Christmas concert was canceled and many suspect it’s because a teacher was offended by the name of Jesus. Children at Fonda-Fultonville Elementary school had worked very hard to learn songs for the concert. But there was one particular song that caused a bit of controversy. The song is called, ‘Oh, What a Special Night’ and it tells the birth of Christ from the perspective of the animals around the manger scene. At the end of each verse, the children sang, ‘Thank you, God for Baby Jesus.’ The school district confirmed that the song was removed from

the concert under guidance from their legal department. Shortly after that – the concert was canceled. ‘While rumors have circulated that the performance was canceled due to objections to one or more of the songs, it is important to note the cancellation is not related to song selection or school safety issues as some in the community have alleged,’ the district said in a statement. But they said the time was simply coincidental and had nothing to do with the cancellation of the show. As to the reason why they pulled the plug? ‘Truly a matter I cannot disclose,’ the superintendent told the Times-Union newspaper.... Parents around the community were frustrated and angry at the district’s decision and how one complaint ruined a longtime tradition. ‘So tired of this woke culture, where one parent can call in and complain, and ruin it for the entire district,’ one parent wrote on Facebook. Another called it absolutely sickening and wrong. ‘It is CHRISTmas. If someone doesn’t agree with that, then they don’t need to participate, and their parents don’t need to attend,’ the parent wrote. ‘Instead of taking the high road, the school has ruined the countless hours of practice the other kids have put in, as well as the joy and excitement they feel when they see their families in the audience.... Then, more than 100 parents and children showed up at a protest rally dubbed, ‘Operation Jolly.’ The event gave students an opportunity to perform the songs from the canceled concert. ‘We both agreed that if we didn’t get the right response from the school district, we were going to take matters into our own hands,’ parent and organizer Kate Ramirez told CBS News. The impromptu concert drew at least 100 parents and students. Children sang holiday songs while families enjoyed hot cocoa, treats, and a visit from Santa. Community members also donated food and drinks to support the event. ‘It’s not a religious statement or a political statement,’ she said. ‘It literally is about this child’s first concert, and whose last concert is in elementary.’ How sad there was no room for Jesus in the inn or a grade school Christmas pageant.”

THOUGHTS TO PONDER

“The Media Research Center proudly awarded our annual Free Speech Award to Charlie Kirk, a tireless champion of the First Amendment and the sacred right to free speech it protects. Charlie led the charge for every American to speak freely, believe openly, and challenge authority without fear. In standing against those who despised these freedoms, he paid the ultimate price, becoming a martyr for the first protection in our Bill of Rights. This award, presented during Free Speech Week, honored Charlie’s courage and life’s work...Charlie’s voice may be gone, but his conviction endures. The cause for which he gave his life remains the cornerstone of the American experiment. It will only end if we fail to defend it. Let’s not disappoint him.”

--President David Bozell, in MRC’s “The Watchdog” publication

“A transgender, a man portraying himself as a woman, who was teaching at the University of Oklahoma has been taken out of the classroom and the regents have been ordered by Governor Kevin Stitt to make certain students are not being punished for their faith. This all after a rant from the professor, Mel Curtis, that condemned the student’s references to the Bible and faith and instead insisted she should adopt the teacher’s ideologies.... The university said the “graduate student instructor has been placed on administrative leave pending the finalization” of an investigation.

--World Net Daily writer Bob Unruh, on a transgender University of Oklahoma instructor’s actions

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“The Democrats are doubling down on craziness and radical policies that are undermining the very fabric of our country. Just look at New York City Mayor-elect Zohran Mamdani. He’s a Democrat Socialist. Meanwhile, under President Trump’s leadership, Republicans are fighting tirelessly for everyday, Middle Class Americans who re-elected this President and who are carrying out a revolution of common sense.”

--White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt, on news briefing comments about Democrats

UPCOMING BREVARD COUNTY EVENTS

- January 7: Brevard Federated Republican Women meeting, Space Coast Convention Center, Cocoa, 11:30 am.
- January 9: Federated Republican Women in Action meeting, Memaw’s BBQ, Palm Bay, 11 am.
- January 12: Space Coast Patriots meeting, Merritt Island library, 6 pm.
- January 15: Republican Women’s Club of Brevard meeting, Suntree Country Club, 11 am.
- January 15: Florida Republican Assembly Brevard meeting, 705 Harrison Avenue, Titusville, 6:30pm.
- January 20: North Brevard Republican Club meeting, the North Brevard Shrine Hall, Titusville, 6:30 pm.
- January 24: Space Coast Republican Club meeting, Red Lobster, Merritt Island, 11:30 am.
- January 26: Ronald Reagan Club meeting, Oceanside Community Church, Satellite Beach, 6 pm.

The Heritage Isle Republican Club will not meet in January.

The Republican Liberty Caucus, the Space Coast Young Republicans and the Brevard Republican Executive Committee – to be determined.

ABOUT THE NEWSLETTER. Through email, website and over 800 followers on Facebook, we are now reaching nearly 3,000 people on our ever-increasing distribution list. The newsletter goes to readers not only all over the country, but beyond. **Editor Stuart Gorin** and **Designer Frank Montelione** hope to see the numbers continue to grow as we pass on information. We continue to cover activities of the Brevard Republican Executive Committee, Republican clubs in the county, and conservative organizations, so both elected officials and the typical “man-in-the-street” are kept abreast of what is happening at the local, state and national levels. Since Republicans as well as Conservatives will never agree 100 percent on all issues – for example, differences between Conservative members and establishment Republicans – we will not necessarily support any writer’s positions, but will present them so you, the reader, can make up your own mind – fair and balanced. There is a link to this issue at www.thetusk.org and several recent back issues are available in the archives on the same website. To sign up for your free subscription (or to unsubscribe, if you are so inclined), or to send your comments, suggestions or information to share, email: spacecoasttusk@gmail.com.



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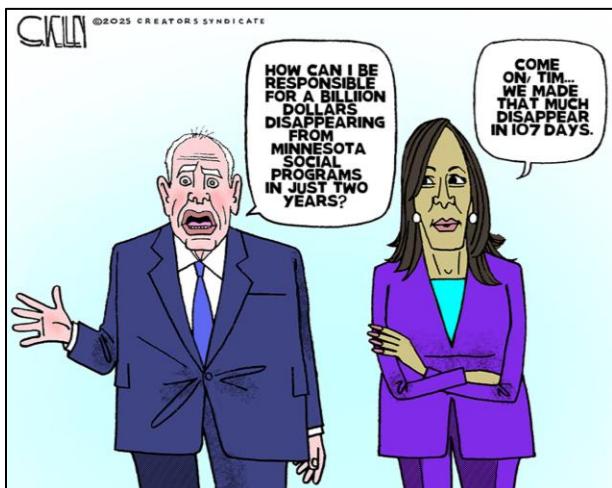
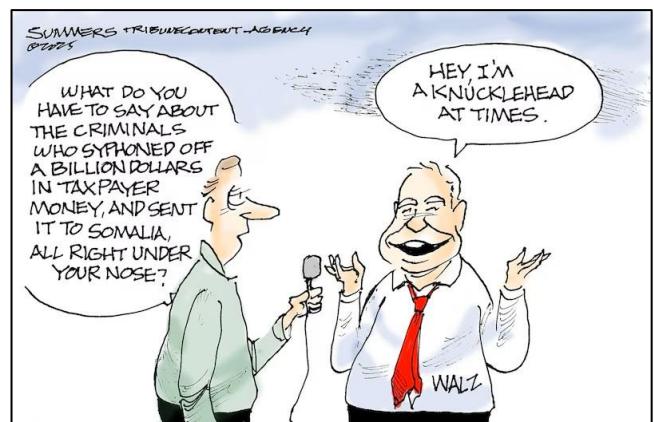
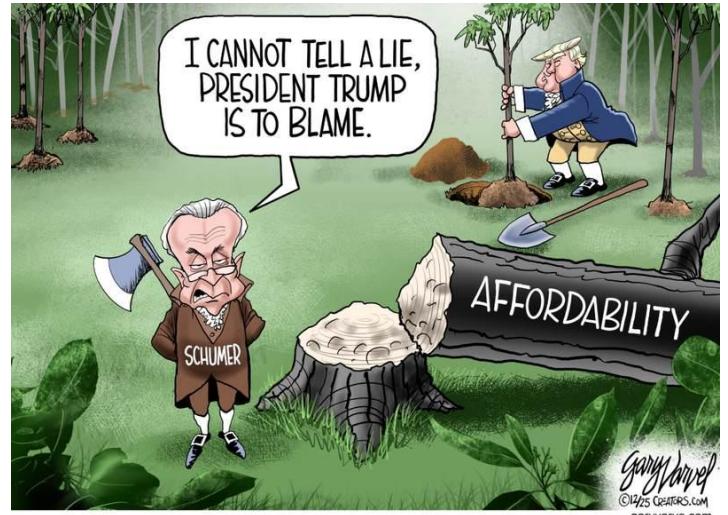
A mugger wearing a ski mask in Washington, D.C. approached a well-dressed man, stuck a gun in his ribs, and demanded “Give me your money.” Indignantly, the response was “You cannot do this to me. I am a member of the U.S. Congress.” The mugger then replied, “In that case, give me MY money!”

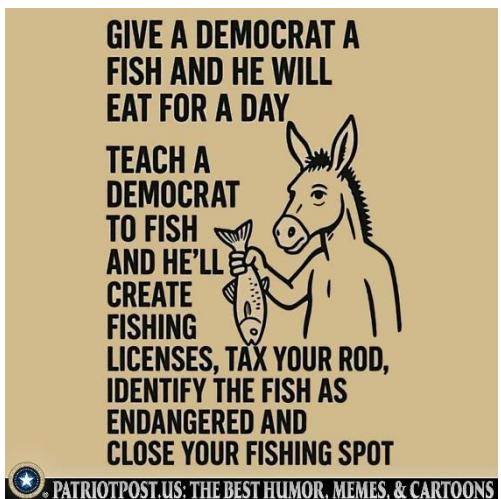
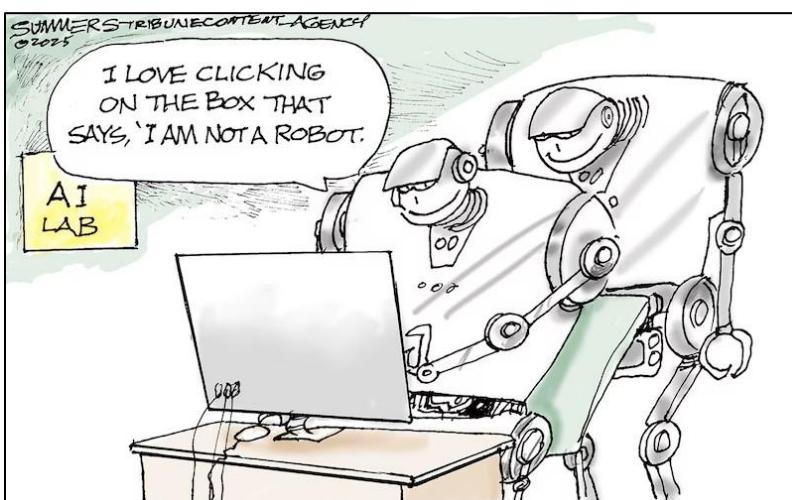
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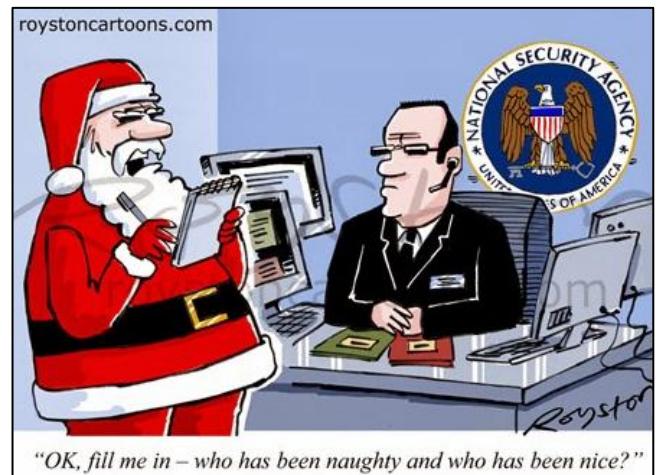




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