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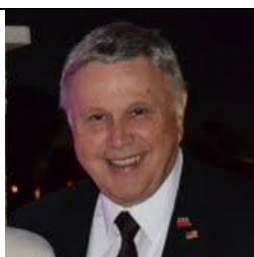
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TRUMP, NETANYAHU HOLD JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE IN WHITE HOUSE

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK:

MY TWO CENTS

By Stuart Gorin



Referring to last month's horrific plane crash in Washington, and whether the Federal Aviation Administration's DEI policy had anything to do with it, "The Western Journal" reported that White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt had the best comment ever in the history of W.H. press briefings. She asked the assembled members of the press: "When you are flying on an airplane with your loved ones, do you pray that your plane lands safely, or do you pray that your pilot has a certain skin color? I think we all know the answer to that question."

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From Here to Insanity, in five stages. Stage 1: Donald Trump names Elon Musk to head the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE). Stage 2: Reports emerge of massive, wasteful government spending by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). Stage 3: DOGE locks out all USAID employees from their offices. Stage 4: Leftist media claims Musk is "driving Democrats crazy." Stage 5: Truth be told, Dems ALREADY WERE CRAZY.

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Fortunately, when we voted in the 2024 general election, proposed amendments on marijuana (Amendment 2) and abortion (Amendment 4) did not receive enough votes to change the Florida Constitution – but they were close. Now it is reported in the "Defend Florida" newsletter that millions of signatures obtained to even place the items on the ballot were fraudulently gathered.

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I can't decide whether to feel relieved or amused, now that President Trump has revoked former President Biden's security

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President Donald Trump welcomed Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu at the White House February 4 as the first foreign head of state to visit during his new term of office, and the two men held a joint press conference.



The following are excerpts of their opening remarks:

(Begin Trump excerpts)

Bibi, I want to say it's an honor to have you with us. Over the past four years, the U.S. and the Israeli alliance has been tested more than any time in history, but the bonds of friendship and

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clearance and halted his access to intelligence and other classified briefings. Reminiscent of Trump's old TV show "The Apprentice," it's now "Joe, you're fired." The move is not without precedent, because after Trump left office in 2021, Biden banned him from receiving intelligence briefings, alleging he was a "security risk."
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Enroute to the Super Bowl game in New Orleans on February 9, President Trump had Air Force One fly over the Gulf of Mexico, where he signed a proclamation declaring the date as "Gulf of America Day," celebrating the spirit of American strength, sovereignty, and pride. It was all part of his mission to reclaim American pride and pushback against decades of globalism.
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When the White House held a press event involving the official changing of the name of the Gulf of Mexico to the Gulf of America, the Associated Press was barred from attending it. Ironically, the AP – the media that spent years lecturing us about respecting new names, pronouns, and identities – is stubbornly ignoring President Trump's executive order, and still calling the body of water "the Gulf of Mexico."
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Two of the so-called "ladies" of "The View" – Caryl "Whoopie" and Josephine "Joy" – claim to protect children but had no problem mocking Elon Musk's four-year-old son "X" on their TV show. They received a lot of backlash for their effort.
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I have learned that a fast-growing threat to our progress is EMDS (Elon Musk Derangement Syndrome). Its clear symptoms are woke hysteria, compulsive protesting, and a complete disregard for facts.
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More Two Cents next month.

affection between the American and Israeli people have endured for generations and they are absolutely unbreakable. They are unbreakable. I'm confident that under our leadership the cherished alliance between our two countries will soon be stronger than ever. We had a great relationship. We had great victories together four years ago, not so many victories over the past four years, however. In my first term, prime minister and I forged a tremendously successful partnership that brought peace and stability to the Middle East like it hadn't seen in decades.

Together, we defeated ISIS, we ended the disastrous Iran nuclear deal, one of the worst deals ever made, by the way, and imposed the toughest ever sanctions on the Iranian regime. We starved Hamas and Iran's other terrorist proxies, and we starved them like they had never seen before, resources and support disappeared for them.

I recognized Israel's capital, opened the American embassy in Jerusalem and got it built, by the way - not only designated it but got it built at a price that nobody has seen for years. We got it built. It's beautiful, all Jerusalem stone right from nearby and it was - it's something that's very special.

And I recognized Israeli sovereignty over the Golan Heights, something that they talked about for years and they weren't able to get it. And I got it. And with the historic Abraham Accords, something that was really an achievement that was, I think, going to become more and more important because we achieved the most significant Middle East peace agreements in half a century, but the Abraham Accords in particular....

Over the past months, Israel has endured a sustained aggressive and murderous assault on every front, but they fought back bravely. You see that and you know that. What we have witnessed is an all-out attack on the very existence of a Jewish state in the Jewish homeland. The Israelis have stood strong and united in the face of an enemy that has kidnapped, tortured, raped and slaughtered innocent men, women, children and even little babies.

I want to salute the Israeli people for meeting this trial with courage and determination and unflinching resolve. They have been strong. In our meetings today, the prime minister and I focused on the future, discussing how we can work together to ensure Hamas is eliminated and ultimately restore peace to a very troubled region....

I also strongly believe that the Gaza Strip, which has been a symbol of death and destruction for so many decades and so bad for the people anywhere near it, and especially those who live there and frankly who's been really very unlucky. It's been very unlucky. It's been an unlucky place for a long time.

Being in its presence just has not been good and it should not go through a process of rebuilding and occupation by the same people that have really stood there and fought for it and lived there and died there and lived a miserable existence there. Instead, we should go to other countries of interest with humanitarian hearts, and there are many of them that want to do this and build various domains that will ultimately be occupied by the million Palestinians living in Gaza, ending the death and destruction and frankly bad luck.

This can be paid for by neighboring countries of great wealth. It could be one, two, three, four, five, seven, eight, twelve. It could be numerous sites, or it could be one large site. But the people will be able to live in comfort and peace and we'll get - we'll make sure something really spectacular is done....

The U.S. will take over the Gaza Strip and we will do a job with it too.

Today, I also took action to restore a maximum pressure policy on the Iranian regime and we will once again enforce the most aggressive possible sanctions, drive Iranian oil exports to zero and diminish the regime's capacity to fund

terror throughout the region and throughout the world. We had no threat when I left office.

Iran was not able to sell oil. Nobody was buying oil because I said don't buy it. If you buy it, you're not doing any business with the United States. And Hamas was not being funded. Hezbollah was not being funded. Nobody was being funded. There would never have been an October 7th. ...

I recently signed an executive order combating the vile wave of antisemitism that we've seen in the aftermath of the October 7th attacks.

Together, America and Israel will renew the optimism that shines so brightly. Just four years ago, it was really a bright, beautiful light. We will restore calm and stability to the region and expand prosperity opportunity and hope to our nations and for all people of the Middle East, including the Arab and Muslim nations.

(end Trump excerpts)

(Begin Netanyahu excerpts)

"I'm honored that you invited me to be the first foreign leader to visit the White House in your second term. This is a testament to your friendship and support for the Jewish state and the Jewish people. I've said this before, and I'll say it again: You are the greatest friend Israel has ever had in the White House. That is why the people of Israel have such enormous respect for you.

In your first term, you recognized Jerusalem as Israel's capital, you moved the American embassy there, you recognized Israel's sovereignty over the Golan Heights, you withdrew from the disastrous Iran nuclear deal....

And of course, you also brokered the groundbreaking Abraham Accords in which Israel made peace with four Arab states. You did this in four months. Nothing happened for a quarter of a century but in four months we were able, working together under your leadership, to have four historic peace accords.

And now, in the first days of your second term, you picked up right where you left off. Your leadership to help bring our hostages home, among them American citizens. You freed up munitions that have been withheld from Israel in the midst of a seven-front war for our existence. You ended unjust sanctions against law-abiding Israeli citizens, you boldly confronted the scourge of antisemitism, you stopped funding international organizations like UNRWA [the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East] that support and fund terrorists, and today you renewed the maximum pressure campaign against Iran....

For our part, we in Israel have been pretty busy too. Since the horrendous October 7 attack, we've been fighting our common enemies and changing the face of the Middle East. On that infamous day, Hamas monsters savagely murdered innocent people, including more than 40 Americans. They beheaded men, raped women and burnt babies alive, and they took 251 people hostage to the dungeons of Gaza.

After this worst attack on Jews since the Holocausts, We've devastated Hamas, decimated Hezbollah, destroyed [ousted Syrian leader Bashar] Assad's remaining armaments and we crippled Iran's air defenses. In doing this, we've defeated some of America's worst enemies. We took out terrorists who were wanted for decades for shedding rivers of American blood, including 241 Marines murdered in Beirut. We accomplished all this with the indomitable spirit of our people and the boundless courage of our soldiers.

The Bible says that the people of Israel shall rise like lions and boy, did we rise. Today, the roar of the lion of Judah is heard loudly throughout the Middle East. Israel has never been stronger, and the Iran terror axis has never been weaker. But as we discussed, Mr. President, to secure our future and bring peace to our region, we have to finish the job.

In Gaza Israel has three goals: Destroy Hamas's military and governing capabilities, secure the release of all our hostages and ensure that Gaza never again poses a threat to Israel....

We also see eye to eye on Iran. The same Iran that tried to kill us both. They tried to kill you, and they tried through their proxies to kill me. We're both committed to rolling back Iran's aggression in the region and ensuring that Iran never develops a nuclear weapon.

Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen, Israel will end the war by winning the war. Israel's victory will be America's victory. We'll not only win the war, working together, we'll win the peace. With your leadership and our partnership, I believe that we will forge a brilliant future for our region and bring our great alliance to even greater heights."

(end Netanyahu excerpts)

POLITICAL JOTTINGS AND DOTTINGS



--On January 29, **President Trump** signed the Laken Riley law into effect, marking an important step in the fight to hold criminal illegal immigrants accountable and prioritize the safety of American citizens.

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Debbie Mayfield, who won the November 2024 election for the Florida House District 32 seat after being term-limited from the District 19 State Senate seat, which was won in the Republican primary by **Randy Fine**. But when Fine resigned in order to run instead for the U.S. Congress in the seat formerly held by **Matt Gaetz**, Mayfield also stepped down from the House seat to run again for her old Senate seat.

Initially, she was declared ineligible to compete again for the State Senate, but Mayfield sued the state, and the Florida State Supreme Court ruled unanimously that her brief time running for the House meant that the Senate seat would not be consecutive, and she was therefore eligible to run again.

So, on the April 1 Senate Special Election Republican Primary, she will compete against three Republican challengers: **Marcie Adkins, Mark Lightner, and Tim Thomas.**

The House Special Election Republican Primary candidates on the same day are **Terry Cronin, Brian Hodgers, and Bob White.**

The winners of both primaries will face a Democrat opponent in the June 10 Special General Election.

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--**Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis** and **State Senator Randy Fine** easily won Republican Special Election primaries in Florida on January 28, for seats respectively in the state's District 1 and District 6 U.S. Congressional races. They will face Democrat and Independent opposition in general special election races on April 1 but are strong favorites to replace resigned **Republican Congressmen Matt Gaetz and Michael Waltz.** Both Patronis and Fine received endorsements from **President Donald Trump.**

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--**Hillsborough County, Florida, Sheriff Chad Chronister,** who was nominated by President Trump to be head of the Drug Enforcement Administration, first expressed gratitude for the opportunity, but this month decided to step aside, saying there is "more work to be done for the citizens of his county," and he is committed to fulfilling a lot of initiatives.

SENATE CONFIRMATION VOTES

The U.S. Senate has confirmed the following nominations by President Donald Trump to fill government positions:

Key Square Group investment firm founder **Scott Bessent** as Treasury Secretary, by a 68-29 vote on January 27.

Former **Wisconsin Congressman Sean Duffy** as Secretary of Transportation, by a 77-22 vote on January 28.

Former **New York Congressman Lee Zeldin** as head of the Environmental Protection Agency, by a 56-42 vote on January 29.

Former **North Dakota Governor Doug Burgum** as Interior Secretary, by a 79-18 vote on January 30.

Liberty Energy CEO Chris Wright as Energy Secretary, by a 59-38 vote on February 3.

Former **Georgia Congressman Doug Collins** as head of the Department of Veterans Affairs, by a 77-23 vote on February 4.

Former **Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi** as U.S. Attorney General, by a 54-46 vote on February 4.

Businessman and former NFL player Scott Turner as Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, by a 55-44 vote on February 5.

Political analyst **Russell Vought** to return as President Trump's director of the Office of Management and Budget, by a 53-47 vote on February 6.

Former **Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard** as Director of National Intelligence. by a 52-48 vote on February 12.

Attorney **Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.,** as Secretary of Health and Human Services, by a 53-48 vote on February 13.

Attorney and policy adviser **Brooke Rollins** as Agriculture Secretary, by a 72-28 vote on February 13.

Investment firm CEO **Howard Lutnick** as Secretary of Commerce, by a 51-45 vote on February 19.

Attorney and former government official **Kash Patel** as FBI Director, by a 51-49 vote on February 20.

Former **Georgia Senator Kelly Loeffler** as head of the Small Business Administration, by a 52-46 vote on February 20.

SOUNDS FROM THE TRUMP-ET



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February has been just as busy for President Donald Trump as January was. He continued to sign numerous executive orders and saw a steady flow of Senate confirmations of his picks for cabinet secretaries and other government officials.

The Trump administration has signaled furloughs and layoffs are likely if not enough federal workers agree to the buyouts. More than 60,000 workers have accepted the buyout, which is less than White House projections for 5% to 10% of federal workers to take part.

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Among his executive orders was the pardoning of 23 pro-life activists who were targeted and prosecuted by the Biden Administration; imposing sanctions on the International Criminal Court; and returning America to the use of plastic straws for drinks – which the Biden administration had banned – he then banned instead the government purchase of paper straws.

He also named other personnel to fill positions that did not require Senate confirmation, including attorney Michael Ellis as Deputy Director of the CIA; military veteran and CIA officer Joe Kent as director of the National Counterterrorism Center within the Office of the Director of National Intelligence; and military veteran Sean Parnell as chief Pentagon spokesman and assistant for public affairs to the Secretary of Defense.

In order to comply with one of his executive orders, the Public Broadcasting Service announced that it had closed its office that was responsible for diversity, equity, and inclusion, and the employees working in that office had departed the company. The non-profit PBS distributes educational content and receives some financing from the government.

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Citing other countries' unfair barriers in trade with the United States, Trump on February 13 signed off on a plan to enact reciprocal tariffs with them. "Whatever countries charge the United States, we will charge them – no more, no less," he said. "If you go to an individual country and look at what they're charging us, in almost all cases, it is vastly more than we charge them. But those days are over." This action, he added, "should have been done years ago." The tariff action marks a key plant in the Trump administration's plan to "level the playing field" with countries on trade.

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Stating that many members of the Board of Directors of the Kennedy Center – the crown jewel of the Washington entertainment and art scene -- do not share the vision for a Golden Age in Arts and Culture, Trump fired them, including the chairman, and named himself to the top position.

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As soon as Robert Kennedy, Jr., was confirmed as the new Secretary of Health and Human Services, President Trump named him as chairman of a new commission – Make America Healthy Again – to tackle chronic disease and reform the nation's approach to public health.

One of the commission's first major tasks will be to study and combat childhood disease, an issue Kennedy has championed throughout his career. Within 100 days, the group is expected to deliver a comprehensive report to Trump, outlining best practices for preventing and mitigating chronic health issues among American children.

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Just before the start of the Daytona 500 on February 16, Trump became the first president in American history to circle the Daytona International Speedway track in the presidential state car known as "The Beast" for one lap – leading the pack of competing vehicles as the enthusiastic crowd cheered.

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Trump sent Secretary of State Marco Rubio, Middle East envoy Steve Witkoff, and National Security Adviser Mike Waltz to Saudi Arabia as a neutral site to meet with Russia's

Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov for talks focusing on restoring Russia-U.S. and ending the war in Ukraine.

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On February 23, Trump named former Secret Service agent and podcaster **Dan Bongino** as the new FBI Deputy Director.



LET ME BE FRANK

By Space Coast Tusk Designer

Frank Montelione

Warning! This article is not anti-DOGE, but it points out the flaws in the way it handles the personnel implementation of the program. It is a long article, but it includes information directly from government employees.

The "top of the fold" on almost all media is DOGE (Department Of Government Efficiency). While most Americans feel and agree that the reason DOGE was necessary in order to reduce our National Debt.

According to the Harvard Kennedy School, the Department of Government Efficiency "aimed at reducing the size of government and the federal workforce, scaling back regulations, and cutting trillions of dollars from the federal budget." According to [FoxNews](#), DOGE "discovered an identification code linking U.S. Treasury payments to a budget line item, which accounts for nearly \$4.7 trillion in payments which was oftentimes left blank".

A group linked to former Democratic Georgia gubernatorial candidate Stacey Abrams received a \$2 billion grant from the Environmental Protection Agency as part of the \$20 billion "gold bar scheme" alleged by the Department of Government Efficiency.

The \$20 billion in grants doled out by the Biden administration with funds from the Inflation Reduction Act were found "parked" in an outside financial institution in a bid to give the grant money out without oversight, according to EPA Administrator Lee Zeldin. ([Washington Examine, 02/20/2025](#)).

Here is one I love. According to the Social Security Database, Social Security has listed 14,813,496 in their database including people listed between the ages 110 and 369. Two of them are ages between 240 and 369. Methuselah must be alive and well somewhere in the U.S. This does not mean they are collecting S/S benefits, but they are simply on the rolls. According to an [AP report](#), a July 2024 report from Social Security's inspector general states that from fiscal years 2015 through 2022, the agency paid out almost \$8.6 trillion in benefits, including \$71.8 billion — or less than 1% — in improper payments. Most of the erroneous payments were overpayments to living people. Is that supposed to make it better? I think not.

According to the USAID website, “The USAID was established in 1961 by President John F. Kennedy. USAID was created to consolidate several foreign assistance programs and organizations into a single agency.” A wonderful idea which has been turned into a slush fund for politicians on all sides to use for pet projects. Some projects include:

- \$47,000 for a “transgender opera” in Colombia
- \$32,000 for a “transgender comic book” in Peru
- \$2 million for sex changes and “LGBT activism” in Guatemala
- \$6 million to fund tourism in Egypt.
- Hundreds of thousands of dollars for a non-profit linked to **designated terrorist organizations** — even AFTER an inspector general launched an investigation.
- Millions to EcoHealth Alliance — which was involved in research at the Wuhan lab.
- “Hundreds of thousands of meals that went to **al Qaeda-affiliated fighters in Syria.**”
- Hundreds of millions of dollars to fund “irrigation canals, farming equipment, and even fertilizer used to support the unprecedented **poppy cultivation and heroin production in Afghanistan,**” **benefiting the Taliban.**

And so much more that can’t fit in this column.



My police experience forces me to ask “who’s getting the kickback’s? Why are the Democrat’s screaming about DOGE? Is it because they don’t want the curtain pulled back?” In Hamlet there is a line that is very

appropriate for this view: “doth protest too much, methinks”.

There are some serious drawbacks in the way DOGE is handling the trimming and cutting. Rather than using a scalpel, they have brought out a chainsaw method that has embarked on an aggressive effort to reduce the federal workforce, aligning with priorities to limit government spending. However, regardless of one’s stance on reducing government bureaucracy, the way these cuts have been handled has been nothing short of disastrous.

(Some of the following was provided to me by an employee of the government who MUST remain anonymous in fear of losing the source’s employment)

From unprofessional communications to contradictory policies and chaotic implementation, DOGE’s approach to downsizing the federal workforce has resulted in widespread confusion, frustration, and legal challenges.

This is not an argument against reducing government waste— it is an argument against incompetence in executing that goal. One of the major concerns is how the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) under DOGE communicated with

employees about the Deferred Resignation Offers and the Mass Termination of Employees. Emails came from unrecognized addresses, lacked official signatures, and were missing typical government email headers.

Multiple follow-up emails had to be sent reassuring employees that these were not phishing scams. Ironically, some messages even contained an official warning banner stating:

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

This issue applied to both resignation and termination notices. Worse, the emails were vague, demeaning, and failed to provide employees with a clear understanding of their situation.

Adding to the chaos, the Deferred Resignation Program, titled *Fork in the Road*, was terribly mishandled.

- *Fork in the Road* resignation letters were sent out almost daily, sometimes multiple times in one day, creating a sense of harassment and pressure.
- Then, without warning, the program was abruptly closed with a deadline that was set prior to the date and time the email was even sent, preventing some employees from making a decision in time.
- The emails included condescending language, stating that employees were being encouraged to move from “lower productivity jobs in the **public sector**” to “higher productivity jobs in the **private sector.**”
- Sending such blanket statements to an entire workforce of civil servants was deeply insulting to employees who have devoted their careers to public service.

Some firings were done via Zoom calls, some received pre-recorded messages, employees were locked out of work accounts and terminations notices sometimes cited “poor Performance” even though some had excellent evaluations. Some who opted for the deferred resignation program, and days later were told they had been terminated.

National security was jeopardized when 350 employees at the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) were terminated, only for OPM to realize its mistake and attempt to reinstate them. By then, many had already lost security clearances and access to government systems, making rehiring difficult.

Republicans have long championed fiscal responsibility and government efficiency. However, efficiency does not mean reckless firings, contradictory policies, or disastrous execution.

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My source received the following email sent on Friday night, Saturday night and Sunday morning. These are being relayed here verbatim. My first bullet point would be “I answered this email ON MY TIME?”:

(Highlights are not links but were taken as they were sent)

The employees were also informed that Elon Musk posted on X:

“Consistent with President [@realDonaldTrump](#)’s instructions, all federal employees will shortly receive an email requesting to understand what they got done last week. Failure to respond will be taken as a resignation.”

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe”

Please reply to this email with approx. 5 bullets of what you accomplished last week and cc your manager. Please **do not send** any classified information, links, or attachments.

Deadline is this Monday at 11:59pmEST.”

Then a legitimate email through proper channels:

I want to highlight the email received from HR this evening requiring all employees to provide information on the work accomplished last week. At this time, we do not have any additional information to guide responses. If we receive any additional information, we will share it with you through your leadership team.”

“From OS announcements to all HHS on behalf of HHS News On Saturday, February 22, 2025, OPM (office of personal management) sent an email to all federal employees title “What did you do last week?”. This is a legitimate email. Please read and respond per the instructions by [Monday, February 24, 11:59pm EST](#)”.

(end of emails)
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I know I may receive kickback from some about this article, but using another adage “you may love sausages, but you don’t want to see how it’s made”. These are facts that I report. I’ve heard about these things going on from the beginning of DOGE.

While almost everyone knows that there is time wasted by some employees, these missives are a bit heavy handed and did not have any instructions as to how to respond. Posting this order on X and then sending an email, not to the employee’s department email but through their personal email seems to me a little intrusive and it may be challenged as to the legality of communication through personal email.

Heartless, no empathy and sent on Friday and Saturday nights. The government, through DOGE expects the employees to justify their positions on THEIR time or be fired.

The bottom line is everyone. However, regardless of one’s stance on reducing government bureaucracy, the way these cuts have been managed has been nothing short of disastrous. Speed is not always the answer. Caution is also needed, and the speed DOGE has used is not appropriate when dealing with people’s livelihood. Cut the waste and fraud in the

government but proceed with caution when life altering situations arise in the government workforce.



HIGHLIGHTING CAPITOL HILL

By Mike Haridopolos

Florida District 8 Congressman



GOP’s Fast Actions to Secure the Border

Just a few weeks into my first term in Congress, one thing is already clear: Washington moves fast when Republicans are in charge. There’s no time for bureaucratic delays or empty promises. The American people demanded results, and that’s exactly what we are delivering.

I came to Congress to fight for stronger borders, safer communities, and a government that works for the people, not against them. That work started on day one, and we are moving at record speed to secure our nation and put America First.

House Republicans are taking decisive action to secure our borders, support law enforcement, and stop illegal immigration. In my first weeks in Congress, I voted YES on the Laken Riley Act, which mandates the detention and deportation of illegal immigrants who commit crimes like theft and burglary. This legislation ensures that ICE takes custody of offenders and empowers states to sue the federal government for failing to enforce border laws. To further protect our communities, I co-sponsored and voted to pass H.R. 35, the Agent Raul Gonzalez Officer Safety Act, which enforces serious jail time and denies legal status to those who put law enforcement and civilians in danger.

The fentanyl crisis is another devastating consequence of an unsecure border. That’s why I voted YES on H.R. 27, the HALT Fentanyl Act, ensuring fentanyl-related substances remain classified as Schedule I drugs, giving law enforcement the tools they need to crack down on traffickers and save lives. There’s more work to be done in this critical area, and I look forward to continuing to work to defend our borders, protect our communities, and save American lives.

The big game-changer in this area has been President Trump’s relentless focus on securing the border and restoring law and order. While Congress is passing critical legislation, President Trump and his team are delivering results in real time. From day one, the administration has treated the border crisis with the urgency it deserves, and the results speak for themselves.

We’re only a month into the new Trump Administration, and the pace has been spectacular. From day one, President Trump got straight to work delivering on the America First agenda that the American people resoundingly voted for, and the results are already undeniable. Executive orders rolled out within hours of his inauguration put an end to Biden-era policies that encouraged illegal immigration, reinstated

critical border security measures, and re-empowered law enforcement to do their jobs.

Agencies that had their hands tied for four years are now back in action. ICE agents are aggressively targeting criminal illegal aliens for deportation, construction has resumed on the border wall, and asylum loopholes that were exploited under the previous administration are being shut down. The message is clear: America's borders are no longer open, and the rule of law is being restored.

One of the most impressive things I've seen is how quickly the situation on the border has improved: In the first few weeks after President Trump took office, apprehensions at the border fell by almost 95%! It goes to show how simple the solution was to the border crisis: Enforce the law, increase manpower, and make it clear that the illegal immigration will no longer be allowed (or rewarded, like it was under Biden), and people will stop trying to enter illegally. ICE still has their work cut out for them due to the staggering number of illegal immigrants who've entered over the previous four years, but Border Czar Tom Homan is already making impressive progress, arresting and deporting hundreds of known criminal illegal immigrants every day, and that he wants the pace to move even quicker.

President Trump has made important progress on every part of his agenda: American energy dominance is being unleashed, burdensome regulations are being slashed, peace through strength is being re-established around the world, transparency and accountability are being restored, divisive and dangerous DEI policies are being removed from our government and our schools, and a fairer system of trade is being established that puts Americans first.

This is the speed and direction that we need, and I am working in Congress to make sure that we turn the critical elements of this agenda into law. The border must stay secure, government must remain accountable, and America must always come first.

There is still more to do, but we are delivering on our promises. I look forward to keeping up the fight!

MAYFIELD MINUTE

By Florida District 32
State Representative
Debbie Mayfield



Last week, we completed the final committee week in Tallahassee in preparation for the 025 Legislative Session, which begins on Tuesday, March 4.

As we entered the 127th Regular Legislative Session, **Speaker Daniel Perez** made it clear the Florida House of Representatives has the means, opportunity, and leadership to pass bold, conservative legislation for the benefit of Florida.

The legislature has worked with the Governor's office specifically to address issues of safety and security, the economy and infrastructure, Florida's need for a growing

workforce, and affordable housing and insurance, among other priorities.

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I joined members of the Brevard Delegation, in co-signing a letter to President Trump with compelling reasons why NASA should consider relocating its headquarters from Washington to Florida's Space Coast, which is the perfect location to foster growth and reduce the bureaucracy in Washington.

Brevard County is the home of Kennedy Space Center, Patrick Space Force Base, and numerous other aeronautical contractors making it the preeminent hub for Space Exploration. Relocating NASA headquarters to the Space Coast would allow leadership to be closer to the existing facilities at Cape Canaveral. In addition, educational institutions like the University of Central Florida and the Florida Institute of Technology play a large role in training STEM graduates, including engineers and scientists who are eager to contribute to NASA's mission.

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The Florida Attorney General's Office launched the Nicotine Dispensing Device Directory by giving retailers until March 1st to remove nicotine products from their inventories. The directory lists nicotine dispensing devices that are illegal to sell or distribute in Florida under state statute due to the products' attractiveness to minors.

According to the AG's office, manufacturers who violate the statute face fines of up to \$1,000 a day per device. Those that sell, ship or distribute a device face a penalty of \$1,000 per device, in addition to other penalties. As the directory is updated with additional devices, retailers will have 60 days to remove the additional products from their shelves.

Acting Attorney General John Guard said, "We launched Florida's Nicotine Dispensing Device Directory to protect children from harmful products and keep harmful products that are appealing to minors off shelves throughout the state. Devices listed on the directory are illegal to sell in Florida, and those who violate the statute face hefty fines."

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Florida's Department of Commerce Secretary J. Alex Kelly and Taiwan International Trade Administration Director General Cynthia Kiang signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to facilitate two-way trade and investment expansion and industrial cooperation between Florida and Taiwan, focusing on the semiconductor manufacturing industry.

Currently, Florida is #5 in the US for manufacturing jobs and #3 in the nation for semiconductor factories.

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Florida Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer **Services Wilton Simpson** announced the launch of concealed weapon license replacement services at Tax Collector Offices in 37 counties across Florida, including the office of Brevard County Tax Collector, Lisa Cullen.

These expanded services are a result of legislation proposed by Commissioner Wilton Simpson during the 2024 Legislative Session. Senate Bill 1084, signed into law in 2024, expands the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' collaboration with local Tax Collectors to further streamline concealed weapon license services.

"We are committed to ensuring that Floridians have access to convenient, efficient, and secure concealed weapon license services," said Commissioner Simpson. "By expanding the services available at local Tax Collectors, we are strengthening our dedication to customer service while upholding the rights of law-abiding citizens."

In Brevard County, Tax Collector Lisa Cullen's offices in Viera, Titusville-GCN, Merritt Island, and Palm Bay have begun offering replacement Concealed Weapon Licenses.

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The local chapter of Sons of the American Revolution, in partnership with the Veterans Memorial Center, donated 17 copies of the bestselling book "1776" by David McCullough to Brevard Public Schools. Doug Bisset and Donn Weaver, representing Sons of the American Revolution and the Veterans Memorial Center, led the presentation.

"1776" details the military conflicts between the American and the British armies during the first 18 months of the Revolutionary War.

The books were presented to Brevard Public Schools Superintendent Mark Rendell who plans to distribute one copy of the book to the social studies department of every high school in Brevard County.

This initiative aligns with Sons of the American Revolution's mission of supporting education and honoring our nation's history, especially as we approach the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

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Brevard Sheriff Wayne Ivey hosted the grand opening and ribbon cutting for the new K9 Junny Animal Medical Center in Melbourne -- a project that holds a special place in his heart. "It is not only named after my beloved best friend, K9 Junny, but it also tells the story of Junny Rios-Martinez, Junny's namesake, who was abducted and murdered in 1991," Ivey said.

Junny Rios-Martinez was just 11 years old when his life was taken by a repeat criminal predator who was convicted and executed in 2008.

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Florida Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis issued an official letter to Elon Musk in which he recommended that the U.S. Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) audit federal grants to universities for censorship funding, specifically grants from the U.S. Department of Defense and

government entities that partner with USAID, such as the National Science Foundation.

"By narrowing search queries with certain keywords – such as misinformation, disinformation, narrative, and "undesirable content," Patronis believes that DOGE could finally end the Biden-Harris administration's taxpayer-funded censorship activities across the nation's universities.

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Janice Smith, Head Start teacher at Enterprise Elementary School in Brevard County, received the highest distinction offered from the Florida Head Start Association -- 2024-2025 Teacher of the Year. She has dedicated over a decade to serving the Head Start program at Brevard Public Schools.

Smith began her education career as an Instructional Assistant and transitioned into teaching in 2015. She served in the military for 11 years, and earned a Bachelor's Degree In Business Administration and a Master's Degree In Hospital Administration before obtaining her State of Florida Teaching Certification for Prekindergarten – 3rd grade. She also became certified as an English for Speakers of Other Languages professional.

Smith's colleagues have stated that she is always looking for ways to assist her students and their families. She secured 100 gym bags filled with blankets, health essentials, books, and provided uplifting messages for students and their families in need.

AN UPDATE FROM MY OFFICE



By Florida District 8 State Senator Tom Wright

The legislative session is fast approaching, and I remain focused on advancing key priorities that protect Floridians, support our veterans, and strengthen our state. This past month has been incredibly productive, and I want to share some important updates on the work we are doing in Tallahassee.

As I've shared before, one of my top legislative priorities this session is strengthening DUI laws to ensure justice for victims and prevent repeat offenders from claiming more innocent

lives. I was proud to present Senate Bill 138 in its first committee stop, where it received overwhelming support.

During the bill's first committee stop, I introduced and passed an amendment to strengthen its impact and honor a remarkable individual. The bill will now be known as "Trenton's Law", in memory of Trenton Stuart, an 18-year-old aspiring football player and cybersecurity major at Stetson University, who was tragically killed by a repeat DUI offender.

This amendment also increases penalties for repeat offenders, making it a first-degree felony if a person commits a DUI resulting in death and has a prior conviction for DUI manslaughter or vehicular homicide. These stricter penalties ensure that habitual offenders face stronger consequences, helping to prevent more senseless tragedies.

I was especially grateful to Trenton's parents and law enforcement officers from Volusia, Brevard, and Orange Counties who traveled to Tallahassee to advocate for this critical bill. Their courage and determination are driving change, and I will keep fighting to ensure this legislation moves forward.

In addition to our regular legislative work, the Florida Legislature convened Special Session C to address immigration enforcement in our state. The session focused on ensuring that state and local law enforcement agencies have the resources and legal authority needed to properly enforce immigration laws and keep our communities safe.

One of the most critical aspects of this legislation was the creation of a State Immigration Enforcement Council, composed of law enforcement officials, sheriffs, police chiefs, and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE). This council will oversee coordination efforts between state, local, and federal authorities to enhance enforcement and streamline operations.

Additionally, over \$300 million was appropriated to support local law enforcement in enforcing federal immigration laws. These funds will help cover training costs, recruitment, and apprenticeships for new officers, ensuring that law enforcement agencies across Florida have the resources they need to address illegal immigration effectively.

Another key provision of the bill expands Florida's Unauthorized Alien Transport Program, which assists in facilitating deportations in coordination with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). This expansion ensures that Florida remains proactive in enforcing immigration laws while protecting communities from criminal activity associated with illegal immigration.

The legislation also enhances criminal penalties for certain crimes committed by illegal immigrants. Among these provisions is a mandatory pretrial detention requirement for non-citizens charged with felonies, ensuring that violent offenders cannot be released back into the community before trial. Furthermore, the bill introduces state-level felony charges for individuals who illegally enter or re-enter Florida and creates penalties for non-citizens who unlawfully vote in elections.

These legislative efforts reaffirm Florida's commitment to law and order by ensuring that immigration enforcement remains a priority at both the state and local levels. By working closely with federal agencies, Florida is taking decisive action to secure its communities and uphold the rule

of law.

As we move forward in this legislative session, I remain committed to advocating for policies that prioritize public safety, veterans' support, and responsible governance. The work we do in Tallahassee directly impacts our communities, and I encourage all residents to stay informed and engaged in the legislative process.

If you have any questions, concerns, or need assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office at 386-304-7630 or email me at wright.tom@flsenate.gov. It is an honor to serve District 8, and I will continue to work tirelessly on behalf of the great people of Florida. Until next time—stay safe, stay engaged, and stay informed.

THE BREC CORNER

By Chairman Rick Lacey



It's Time to Build on our Success!

As everyone knows, President Trump wasted no time in getting results for his American Agenda. We can all be part of this success by building on the results of last

November's election and supporting the President's actions at the grassroots level.

First, let's make sure we do our part to get ready for next year's mid-term elections. Currently Republicans only hold slim majorities in both chambers of Congress. Let's be ready to support Conservatives to increase our majority in the House and Senate, Second, Volunteer on one or more of our BREC committees designed to find new members, increase Republican registrations, organize our precincts for voter turnout and replenish our BREC treasury to replace all the dollars we spent on last year's historic victory.

Finally, as individual Republicans, let's reach out to a friend, relative, co-worker or neighbor and try to get them involved in our great Brevard Republican Party. Inform them about BREC meetings and fundraisers, introduce them to one of our local Republican clubs or just recruit them to be a local block captain in their neighborhood.

As I've said many times, "Working Together creates Great Victories for Brevard County, Florida and the United States. So, let's get to work!"

BREC kicked off the new year meeting on January 27 with a renewed commitment to building our Republican Party.

Randy Stackhouse, the new Treasurer, illustrated his plan for collecting revenue and reporting on the spending of BREC funds. New Vice Chair **Dave Fosdick** mapped out new ideas for IT and communications for BREC and **Wayne Twiddy**, our new Secretary, discussed ideas for building the grassroots of our Committee.

RENDEZVOUS WITH REPUBLICAN WOMEN



**Brevard
Federated
Republican
WOMEN**

**By BFRW President
Xiaoqi Wang**

Brevard Federated Republican Women's February 5 monthly luncheon featured retired U. S. Army Lieutenant Colonel

Tim Thomas, whose stirring and motivating talk on "Leadership Presence in the Golden Era," received a standing ovation from the audience.

Thomas illustrated how President Trump's leadership has affected the entire world, and how at no time in our country's modern history has there been such a need for good leadership. He explained that during the past four years, we witnessed the worldwide repercussions of the lack of leadership in Washington, and how the vacuum in leadership emboldened the Chinese, Russians, North Koreans and Iranians to do things they would not otherwise do. In contrast, Thomas said, is how the re-election of President Trump filled the leadership vacuum, restored the balance of power and is now ushering in the next Golden Age of America.



Thomas asked: Given the divineness of the past four years, what type of leader could coalesce the greatest minds of modern time around an agenda that promotes America first? Only President Trump, he said, adding "He is a strong leader with clear vision, and a well-defined goal: 'Make America Great Again.' President Trump has clear ideas on how to achieve that goal, Thomas said: "Secure the border; energy independence; peace through strength; a merit-based advancement, not DEI hires; reduced government, regulation; and accountability and efficiency -- DOGE. Under President Trump, America First policies win."

We agree with Thomas, and believe that with President Trump's leadership, rebuilding American excellence is underway.

Brevard Federated Republican Women announced the advent of their Panel Discussion Series. Their first Panel Discussion, Women in the Law, will take place on Wednesday, March 5, 2025, during the Monthly Luncheon at the Space Coast Convention Center, 301 Tucker Lane, Cocoa, Florida.

The Panelists will discuss their personal perspectives on some of today's hot-button issues. The moderator is Appellee Attorney Charles M-P George, and the Panelists are all female lawyers in Brevard. Not only they are good lawyers; they are also community leaders.

Robyn Hattaway is a business Attorney and a partner at the law firm of Lacey Lyons Rezanka in Brevard County.

Anne McPhee practices probate, tax, wills, trust and estates and is a partner at Studenberg Law.

Renee Torpy is an Assistant Public Defender in Brevard County, handling felony cases, including those involving drug offenses, sexual crimes, and other serious charges.

Timi Tucker practices family law and is a founding partner at Tucker/Mitnik. For more information, or to register for BFRW's Monthly Luncheon, go to BFRW's website: www.brevardfederatedrepublicanwomen.org.

Brevard Federated Republican Women's Biennial Veterans & Military Appreciation Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 8, 2025, at the Space Coast Convention Center, 301 Tucker Lane, Cocoa, Florida. This year's guest speakers are retired **Colonel Lawrence Miller, Congressman Mike Haridopolos, and NRA Board Director member Barbara Rumpel. Clerk of Court Rachel Sadoff** is the Master of Ceremony.

The event honors the brave men and women who have served our country, and all proceeds go to supporting BFRW's initiatives benefiting veterans. Additional information is listed on BFRW's website.

REMEMBER WHEN



**By President Mike Hoagland
Heritage Isle Republican Club**

Remember when we thought the fight was over on January 20, 2025, and Donald Trump took the oath of office to become the 47th president of the United States? We have now learned that the fight is just beginning. President Trump in his first three weeks in office has set about honoring his campaign promises that got him elected by a mandate from 77 million plus voters. While we wake up every morning to witness what new exciting action our president has taken, the left is going apoplectic.

The Marxists, deep state bureaucrats, Democrats, liberal judges, legacy media and Trump haters are all trying to figure out how to stop Trump from implementing the agenda that got him elected. We the People are watching. The obstructionists don't understand that we elected a disrupter with the courage and will to literally clean out government rot. The Democrats have nothing constructive to offer. Every day they continue to make fools of themselves. Everyday more working Americans are joining the America First coalition. Even the establishment Republicans are beginning to see the light. I expect every one of Trump's cabinet nominees will be approved. They don't need one Democrat vote.

The legacy media offers a platform for the liberals so that they can scream and rant about how Trump is violating the constitution with all his actions. They won't discuss what these actions expose. The level of corruption that is being uncovered is even beyond our original understanding. What Elon Musk through DOGE has already uncovered is criminal.

The left won't address these shameful expenditures by USAID. The left just screams about lack of constitutional authority. They ask for their leftist supporters to fight, protest and disrupt. DOGE is merely going through the federal check register and identifying dates, dollar amounts, recipients and purpose for the expenditure. This is much like we do with our own checkbooks. USAID is being disbanded in its current form and will be controlled by the State Department. Some 10,000 employees will be let go. Of course, the leftist employee unions have found a leftist judge in a leftist venue to challenge this action. Every maneuver of Trump is going to be challenged in court. The Supreme Court will be busy this year.

THIS AND THAT

DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY. In



the first few weeks of its creation, DOGE has been busy identifying billions, if not trillions, of dollars of wasteful U.S. government spending, and **Director Elon Musk** says they are just getting started. Much of the work has been focused on canceling Diversity, Equity and Inclusion programs, especially at the Department of Education. For decades, the U.S. Agency for International Development has been unaccountable to taxpayers as it funneled massive sums of money to absurd pet projects of entrenched bureaucrats. Just a few examples of the very large number of projects that American citizens were unaware of included: \$10 million worth of meals given to an al-Qaeda linked terrorist group; \$5.5 million for LGBT activism in Uganda; \$5 million to EcoHealth Alliance, an NGO funding bat virus research in the Wuhan lab; 44.5 million to combat "disinformation" in Kazakhstan; \$2.5 million for electric vehicles for Vietnam; \$2 million to promote LGBT equity through entrepreneurship in Latin America; \$2 million for sex changes and LGBT activism in Guatemala; and \$70,000 for production of a DEI musical in Ireland. After a stop was placed on the spending, Minnesota Democrat Congresswoman Ilhan Omar, a member of the infamous "Squad," joined a protest crowd outside USAID headquarters, and accused President Trump of "authoritarian overreach" and ranted about his being "a dictator" with the action. But, as White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt explained, Omar's claims ignore the fact that USAID was created through an executive order by President John F. Kennedy in 1961, and that means Trump is well within his rights to dissolve or restructure the agency without congressional approval. So no "dictatorship" was involved. DOGE also has terminated leases for 12 underutilized federal buildings, and inspired by its crackdown on federal spending, the Environmental Protection Agency said it had located \$20 billion in tax dollars within the agency that the Biden administration "knew they were wasting." The government's leading disaster-relief arm, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, gave more than \$59 million to house illegal aliens in luxury New York City hotels. To follow more

examples of DOGE's crackdown on government inefficiency, visit the website: www.doge.gov.



MIKE HARIDOPOLOS. Brevard Congressman Mike Haridopoulos has been appointed Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, which is tasked with overseeing America's space policy and programs. "Since the earliest days of our space program," he said in accepting the position, "Florida's Space Coast has been the launch pad for America's journey to the stars. From the Apollo missions

that first carried Americans to the Moon to today's groundbreaking private sector launches, our skies have always been at the forefront of space exploration. Space is central to our district's identity and economy, providing countless high-paying jobs and opportunities." He added that "Together with NASA, the Space Force, and our private-sector partners, we will expand our reach into the cosmos, strengthen our economy, and ensure America's dominance in space for generations to come."

WHITE HOUSE PRESS BRIEFING. When White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt

conducted her first press briefing on January 28, there was a far-cry difference from the briefings by her Democrat predecessor Karine Jean Pierre, who always had a binder of notes with her. Leavitt did not use one, and she called on numerous members of the press – all by name. She opened the briefing saying: "President Trump is back, and the Golden Age of America has most definitely begun." The 27-year-old – the youngest White House Press Secretary in history – has a "happy warrior vibe." During the first Trump administration, she served as Deputy Press Secretary under **Kayleigh McEnany**.



WASHINGTON STATE FLAG.

The state of Washington on the West Coast was so named to honor our first U.S. president, and his portrait appears on the official state flag. Now, all these years later, progressive Democrat lawmakers

in the state have introduced legislation to remove George Washington from the flag and design a new one that "better reflects the diversity and values of all Washingtonians." The bill would establish a committee to develop a new design that reflects the state's "shared history, resources and diverse cultural communities." Do they also want to change the name of the state as well? How about Pride State?

FLORIDA IMMIGRATION LAWS. In a special session in January, the Florida State Legislature passed a bill to

eliminate in-state tuition waivers for undocumented students, create stricter punishments for undocumented immigrants committing crimes in the state, and make other reforms. The legislation was called the “Tackling and Reforming Unlawful Migration Policy Act – or “TRUMP Act.” But **Florida Governor Ron DeSantis** said it was inadequate for effective immigration enforcement, and it made **Agriculture Commissioner Wilton Simpson** the state’s chief immigration officer instead of the governor. DeSantis accused his fellow Republicans of “betraying conservative values and misleading voters with the bill’s name.” The governor called for another special session, urging adoption of more aggressive measures to address illegal immigration in Florida, including treating illegal immigrants as flight risks, repealing in-state tuition for dreamers, and empowering state law enforcement to assist in immigration raids. In February, the Legislature did pass some alterations that DeSantis subsequently did sign. Instead of Agriculture Commissioner Simpson becoming Florida’s chief immigration officer, the duties now will be shared among DeSantis, Simpson, the Attorney General and the Chief Financial Officer – who together must make unanimous decisions as the new State Board of Immigration Enforcement. Other aspects of the replacement measures are mandatory pre-trial detention for illegals in the country who commit forcible felonies; illegals who are gang members would receive maximum sentences; a grant program will reimburse law enforcement agencies for expenses incurred while enforcing federal immigration law; it will be a felony for a person illegally in the country to vote, along with anyone encouraging a non-citizen to cast a ballot; and a death penalty is mandatory for people illegally in the country who commit murder or child rape.



JEANETTE NUNEZ. Resigning this month as Florida’s Lieutenant Governor, Jeanette Nunez is now the interim President of Florida International University, her alma mater. As a two-time alumna who received bachelor’s and master’s degrees, and a proud Panther mom, she called her selection “an honor,” and is “deeply

committed to the success of FIU, I look forward to working with the Board of Trustees.” Previously, Nunez was a State Representative in the Florida House of Representatives from 2010 to 2018 and was named Speaker Pro Tempore from 2016 to 2018. In her role as Lieutenant Governor, she oversaw the Florida Department of Health, led the Florida Cybersecurity Advisory Council, and served on the Statewide Council on Human Trafficking.



Florida’s **Tiffany Justice**, a co-founder of the parental nonprofit group Moms for Liberty, has joined The Heritage



Foundation as a visiting fellow in parental rights. She will spearhead Heritage’s new Parental Rights Initiative, which is working to dismantle the barriers that radical ideologues have erected between parents and their children and restore parents’ rightful authority to direct the

upbringing, education, and care of their children. Under her leadership, the initiative will focus on: Ending policies and practices that undermine the parent-child bond, particularly those funded by American taxpayers; Developing a comprehensive strategy using legal, legislative, and grassroots efforts to reclaim parental authority; Bringing together the best and most effective parents’ rights advocates and organizations to create more momentum for their work; and Empowering parents with the tools, resources, and success stories to reclaim control in their communities.

Justice, a wife and mother of four school-aged children, served on the Indian River County, Florida, School Board, and in 2021, co-founded Moms for Liberty with Brevard County’s **Tina Descovich**. Their organization has grown to more than 130,000 members and 300 chapters nationwide. “Being a part of Moms for Liberty has been the honor of my life,” Justice said. “The movement we started in Moms for Liberty four years ago will be championed by President Donald Trump over the next four years. Partnering with Heritage on parental rights allows me to elevate the parental rights push beyond K-12 public schools.”

Heritage Foundation President Dr. Kevin Roberts said: “The days of sidelining parental rights are over. With Tiffany at the helm of Heritage’s Parental Rights Initiative, we will strengthen the sacred bond between parent and child and defend it against those who would seek to undermine or exploit it.”



BISHOP BUDDE. When **President Donald Trump** and **Vice President J.D. Vance** attended the interfaith National Prayer Service held at the Washington National Cathedral the day after their inauguration, they were “greeted” by **Episcopal Bishop Mariann Budde**, who criticized them from the pulpit. She urged them to show “mercy” on illegal aliens who are “scared,” and called for them to show compassion to the gay and transgender population. That did not sit well with the **Reverend Franklin Graham**, who went on Newsmax TV and criticized Budde for using the National Prayer Service for a political tirade against Trump, calling it “a national stage pulpit that she was standing in, and for her to use that for her own political agenda was wrong.” The “Conservative Underground News” website pointed out that the Biden administration’s border crisis inflicted massive suffering on illegal aliens who tried to cross the southern border, and women and children were beaten and raped by human traffickers trying to get into the country. Budde

“conveniently ignored that awful reality during her politically charged tirade,” the website noted. “She’s a Democrat political operative masquerading as a religious leader.”



While voter turnout was a high 78.9 percent of eligible voters in Florida for the 2024 general election, **Brevard County Supervisor of Elections**

Tim Bobanic told the Heritage Isle Republican Club in Viera on February 6, he was even happier to report that in Brevard, the turnout was even higher, as 82.7 percent of its eligible voters cast ballots. “Elections are determined, of course, by those who chose to participate,” Bobanic said. Noting that Florida offers citizens three ways to vote – early in-person, by mail, and in-person-day of, he said that for Brevardians, more than half of them – 54 percent – chose early voting, while there were about equal amounts of voters using the other two methods. A major aspect of his assignment, Bobanic said, concerns voter role maintenance, to ensure that active voters are maintained, non-voters are considered for elimination, and that those on the rolls actually are U.S. citizens. The number of names on county registers was once 480,000, he said, but that number went down to 450,000 due to inactivity during two consecutive elections. Bobanic said state law allows Florida election offices to start counting mail ballots immediately, but without announcing any results. This system provides the state offices to announce final results more rapidly. Bobanic noted that the states which do not allow the elections offices to open any mail-in ballots until the election is over, delays reporting final results – sometimes by days. To ensure accurate reporting of results, all ballots are run through machines used by two different systems to obtain the same totals. Mentioning the upcoming special elections for Brevard’s now-open seats in the State Legislature, he said the Republican primaries will be held on April 1, and the general elections on June 10. Visit Bobanic’s website at www.votebrevard.gov A second speaker at the Heritage



Isle meeting, Newly elected **Melbourne Vice Mayor and District 3 City Councilman David Neuman**, said that while Melbourne is a Republican city, when he proposes things he believes will be improvements, he finds that many council staff members are resistant to change, and prefer that things remain as they are. On another subject, Neuman is a founding member and now President Emeritus of the Space Coast Young Republican Club in Melbourne. Open to members under the age of 40, the YR began six years ago with eight young Republicans and



currently has 80 members. The national organization recognizes the Space Coast chapter as “the best small club in the country,” he said. The club, Neuman added, is involved with patriotic events, and was instrumental in re-organizing Melbourne’s 4th of July parade, which had been discontinued. The club also tries to identify young “super voters,” he said, and encourage them to be involved in politics. The SCYR club meets on the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm at Whiskey Business in downtown Melbourne.



Addressing the Leadership Institute’s Wednesday Wake Up Breakfast on February 5, **Tim Goeglein**, the vice president of Focus on the Family for Government and External Relations, asked the question “How in the world did we get into this mess?” He was referring to such left-wing activities as increases in abortions, gender alterations, antisemitism, and personal pronoun preferences. The answer refers to changes that took place in America in the 1960s, Goeglein, said, but it really goes back to the turn of the 20th century to people who really did not like the United States. Some examples he mentioned were President Woodrow Wilson, who was actually uncomfortable with the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence; Roger Baldwin, the founder of the ACLU, which changed the American judicial system; Margaret Sanger of Planned Parenthood, and John Dewey, who transformed basic learning. But optimistically, Goeglein said he still believes that “America’s best days are ahead of us.” And we need a spiritual revival, he said, “It never will happen along progressive lines, or be a top-down solution from Hollywood, Wall Street or Silicon Valley.” Goeglein said he believes that “if we start teaching history and civics again in an accurate and ideologically balanced manner, it will result in an appreciation of our shared heritage and beliefs, and a more unified and civil America.” He is the author of a number of books, including “Stumbling Toward Utopia,” “Toward a More Perfect Union,” and “What Really Matters.”



AUDACITY AND IDIOCY

This month’s “winners

--Leftist CNN program host Kaitlan Collins, for promoting the defense fund for Luigi Mangione, the alleged assassin who shot and killed United Healthcare CEO Brian Thompson in cold blood.

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--New York police have arrested Nicol Suarez, a 30-year-old Colombian transgender migrant wanted for deportation, for raping a 14-year-old boy in an East Harlem bodega bathroom. At the time of the attack, Suarez was wanted on separate criminal charges in Massachusetts and New Jersey.



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--After police in Essex, Maryland, pulled over an unregistered and uninsured car with a fake license plate and arrested the driver, Nicole Johnson, they discovered a smell of decomposition coming from the trunk and found the bodies of her seven-year-old niece and five-year-old nephew, which had been decomposing in the car for months. Testing subsequently led to a finding that the children had been severely malnourished, and Johnson was charged with child abuse resulting in death. She has now been sentenced to 50 years in prison.

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--NBC News analyst Frank Figliuzzi, formerly a top FBI official during the Obama administration, for questioning on the air whether anybody who voted for President Trump “can still be considered American.”



YOU CAN'T MAKE THIS UP

Texas Democrat influencer Olivia Julianna, who identifies as a “queer, plus-size, disabled Latina,” claims to have lost 50 of her ample number of pounds since last September, because she “can’t afford to eat in President Trump’s economy.” Trump, who didn’t take office until January 20? This Democrat party strategy of placing blame without acknowledging broader circumstances, ignores inflation and other global factors.

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--The coach of the Lotus School For Excellence – a high school in Aurora, Colorado – who was identified only as “Coach O” – was suspended by the school for hanging a Palestinian flag during a game against the Jewish school Denver Academy of Torah and then refusing to shake hands with the opposing coach. Discussing the antisemitism in the matter, Lotus principal Ermek Bakyt said his school “does not encourage or tolerate the display of any political or religious symbols.”

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--While school principals are supposed to ensure that students are on the right path in life, which wasn’t the case for Elizabeth Hill-Brodigan of Roosevelt Elementary School in Cocoa Beach, Florida, who threw a massive alcohol-fueled party at her home for more than 100 teenagers. Police arrived on the scene after a heavily intoxicated juvenile suffered a medical event. Principal Hill-Brodigan was arrested and charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor, house party liquor laws, and child neglect.

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--Bowling to pressure from the Freedom From Religion Foundation, the Pequot Lakes, Minnesota School District has banned pastors from attending students’ Fellowship of Christian Athletes meetings. The school district said all clubs must be student-led and all meetings must be led by students – no ministers allowed.

EXPERTS’ EXCERPTS



“The Hill” political correspondent **Julia Manchester**, writing on the CPAC conference:

“President Trump took a victory lap at the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) February 19-22 in National Harbor, Maryland. The annual event featured an array of Trump’s most vocal supporters, including **Vice President J.D. Vance**, **border czar**

Tom Homan, and **White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt**. The mood among speakers and attendees was celebratory. Here are takeaways from CPAC 2025: It goes full MAGA. Prior to Trump’s foray into politics, CPAC was seen as a big tent gathering for conservatives of all stripes. The annual event was an opportunity for various kinds of conservatives and Republicans to tout their visions in front of the grassroots.... But in the Trump era, he is the clear star of CPAC. There is virtually no room for criticism of the president among the staunchly pro-Trump crowd. Most speakers, American and foreign, made a point of heaping praise on the president and his conservative populist agenda. Underscoring that fact was the CPAC straw poll, which showed Trump with a 99 percent approval rating among 1,022 attendees, with 95 percent saying they ‘strongly approved’.... **Elon Musk** discussed the administration’s moves to slash the size and scope of the federal government at breakneck speed, while Vance noted his address at the Munich Security Conference last week that left European leaders seething at his criticism. Various odes to Trump’s first month in office were on display throughout the conference, including bedazzled jackets on sale with ‘Gulf of America’ written on the back of them. A number of speakers criticized The Associated Press for its policy choosing to refer to the body of water as the ‘Gulf of Mexico’ in its stylebook.... Vance, seen by many as a future face of the MAGA movement, received a warm reception at this year’s CPAC. The vice president was the overwhelming favorite to be Trump’s successor in 2028, receiving 61 percent support in the CPAC straw poll. Vance was also the first speaker of this year’s conference, which was bookended with Trump’s speech on Saturday...The event came less than a month after Trump – in an interview with Fox News – declined to name Vance as his automatic successor, saying it was ‘too early.’ But Trump praised his vice president as ‘very capable’.... While Trump was the biggest attraction of the gathering, attendees were elated to see Musk speak on the first full day events. He made headlines when he brought a chainsaw, gifted to him from Argentinian President Javier Milei, on stage for an interview. The prop was meant to symbolize his efforts as the head of the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE). ‘This is a chainsaw for bureaucracy,’ he screamed from the stage.... But while there were big-name figures from the Trump administration in attendance, there seemed to be fewer big-name speakers from the conservative movement generally.”



Writer **Jimmy Parker** at the steadfast and loyal website, on who actually ran the Biden White House:

“It’s no secret that Joe Biden’s presidency felt like a badly scripted reality show where the main character had no clue what was going on. Turns out, that wasn’t too far from the truth. Thanks to some stellar

investigative reporting by Jason Rantz, we now have a clearer picture of just who was actually calling the shots in the Biden White House – and, spoiler alert, it sure wasn’t Joe. From the moment Biden shuffled into the Oval Office, it was obvious to anyone paying attention that he wasn’t the one steering the ship. Whether it was his blank stares, bizarre gaffes, or the infamous cue cards reminding him to ‘sit down’ and ‘speak,’ it was painfully clear that someone – or a whole team of someone’s – had their hands on the wheel. Let’s start with the usual suspect: Barack Obama. Remember when he joked about wanting a third term where he could pull the strings behind the scenes? Well, joke’s on us because it looks like that’s exactly what happened. The Biden administration became a rerun of Obama’s policies, with the same cast of characters running the show while Joe just stood there and signed whatever was put in front of him – sometimes without even knowing what it was. Mike Johnson’s bombshell revelation that Biden had no idea he halted liquefied natural gas exports is just the tip of the iceberg. Then there’s First Lady Jill Biden, or as some might call her, ‘The Real President.’ From deciding whether Joe should run in the first place to reportedly running Cabinet meetings and posing in the president’s chair on Air Force One, Jill seemed to be more involved than any first lady in recent memory. Whether it was out of love or a lust for power, she was there to make sure the illusion of a functioning presidency continued. And let’s not forget Chief of Staff Jeff Zients, the so-called ‘fixer,’ who seemed to be the guy really keeping the gears turning behind the scenes. With a disengaged president, Zients handled everything from managing staff to pushing Biden’s radical green agenda. Meanwhile, National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan was busy running foreign policy with the swagger of someone who didn’t need to check with the boss – because he didn’t.... Joe Biden’s presidency was a masterclass in puppet government, with a revolving cast of handlers, advisors, and activists pulling the strings while he played the part of ‘Leader of the Free World.’ Thanks to Jason Rantz’s stellar investigative reporting, we now know just how much of a figurehead Biden really was. The good news? We’re finally moving forward with a president whose actually in charge.

Journalist **Ben Zeisloft**, writing in “The Western Journal” on DOGE terminating a special contract for Dr. Anthony Fauci: We all learned the hard way that Dr. Anthony Fauci had quite the ego. The former national COVID czar once made the outrageous claim that ‘attacks on me, quite frankly, are attacks on science.’ Mind you,



that was before he acknowledged that the infamous six-foot social distancing rule was essentially made up and came amid countless flip-flops on masking policies. As it turns out, our federal government nevertheless decided to massage that enormous ego in perpetuity, specifically by setting aside funds to build Fauci his own exhibit at the National Institutes of Health Museum. According to the Department of Government Efficiency, Uncle Sam had allocated a whopping \$168,000 for that project. But DOGE announced that the contract for the exhibit has been canceled. That came as the Department of Health and Human Services canceled 62 contracts worth \$182 million in a mere 48 hours. And none of that spending had anything to do with supplying medical care to the people. ‘These contracts were entirely for administrative expenses – none touched any healthcare programs,’ DOGE revealed. A screenshot of the contract for the Fauci exhibit posted by DOGE said that the agreement was signed at the end of October 2024 and was to be completed by the end of July 2025, meaning that Elon Musk’s government reform project may have discovered the contract just in time to cancel it. The contract priced in ‘project management,’ site visits and a design consultation, ‘detailing and samples,’ an introduction panel and a ‘related support structure,’ and other elements of the display.... Entities like the National Institutes of Health and the Department of Health and Human Services, to the extent that they have an actual legitimate purpose, should purely focus on completing their lawful responsibilities as efficiently and effectively as possible. But instead, those entities have become a slush fund for our bureaucratic elite, who burn billions of taxpayer dollars on vanity projects rather than simply serving the people.... We are done being ruled by unelected bureaucrats who entrench themselves into the federal swamp and enrich themselves in the process.”

Managing Editor Tyler O’Neil, writing on the USAID-George Soros partnership in “The Daily Signal”:



“Texas Senator Ted Cruz slammed the U.S. Agency for International Development after “The Daily Signal” highlighted its longstanding partnership with the leftist funding network established by Hungarian American billionaire George Soros. ‘It is no surprise that the woke leftists running USAID had the same priorities as George Soros and his global NGO network,’ Cruz said in an exclusive statement. USAID has received renewed scrutiny after President Donald Trump froze foreign aid on his first day in office. The White House has cited reports from the Department of Government Efficiency, headed by SpaceX founder Elon Musk, revealing how federal funds distributed through USAID promoted so-called diversity, equity, and inclusion programs, along with gender ideology. DOGE agents entered USAID, its website went offline, and Trump selected Secretary of State Marco Rubio as acting head of the foreign funding agency. ‘Under the Biden administration, USAID was weaponized to fund leftwing projects and progressive operatives,’ the senator noted. ‘They poured uncountable amounts of money into

places like the Hamas-controlled Gaza, knowing it would benefit anti-American and anti-Israel genocidal terrorists—and hid much of it from Congress and the public. At the very least, the United States needs a new structure for distributing aid that is responsive to oversight and accountability.’ White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt condemned the ‘insane priorities’ that USAID has funded, mentioning ‘\$1.5 million to advance DEI in Serbia’s workplaces, \$70,000 for a production of a DEI musical in Ireland, \$47,000 for a transgender opera in Colombia, \$32,000 for a transgender comic book in Peru’....As Cruz noted, critics have also argued that foreign aid funds disbursed through USAID have bankrolled terrorists, particularly in the Middle East....The Biden administration gave more than \$1 billion to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency, through the State Department. Israel has claimed that at least a dozen United Nations Relief and Works Agency staff participated in the October 7, 2023, terrorist attack against the Jewish state. USAID directed other funds to Gaza. As for Soros, the Hungarian American billionaire has funded a bevy of leftist causes, from DEI to gender ideology to climate alarmism. Open Society Foundations, the nonprofit organization he founded and which his son Alex currently runs, has a long history of partnering with USAID. ‘Biden’s USAID and George Soros’s Open Society Institute frequently partnered by co-funding joint programs that promoted radical social agendas throughout the developing world,’ Max Primorac, former acting chief operating officer at USAID, told ‘The Daily Signal’ in an interview...Former USAID Administrator Samantha Power met with Open Society Foundations at least twice and with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation at least five times between 2021 and 2023. Foundations in the Open Society umbrella have worked with USAID for decades. In 2001, the Soros foundation network listed USAID among its ‘donor partners,’ alongside other government aid agencies in countries such as Britain, Sweden, Canada, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Germany, and Austria....The Open Society Foundations’ connections with USAID run so deep, an Open Society nonprofit actually sued USAID not once but twice – and both cases reached the Supreme Court. Alliance for Open Society International sued to oppose a USAID funding requirement that nonprofits receiving tax dollars pledge to oppose prostitution...The Open Society Foundations is part of the Left’s dark money network that funnels millions of dollars to the far-left nonprofits that staffed and advised the Biden administration. Biden awarded Soros the Presidential Medal of Freedom.”



“New York Post” opinion writer **Michael Goodwin**, on TV anchors leaving their stations days apart:

“First it was Norah O’Donnell at CBS, then Jim Acosta at CNN, and now it’s Chuck Todd at NBC. Who says all the news is bad? Their loss of prime pulpits is America’s gain. Despite their different networks and

roles, the common denominator is that they all believed they

were too important to merely deliver the news.... They oozed contempt for the working and middle classes and saw themselves as members of a ruling elite. They told viewers how to think about everything and created narratives that reinforced their prejudices, especially when it involved Donald Trump. For eight years, all stories involving him ended the same way: Trump is bad, wrong and often evil. Everything else is detail. They were often out of touch with the nation and reality.... Because they were standard-issue Democrats in disguise, their fall from grace is something to cheer as Trump begins his second term. Yet the vast majority of TV news continues to tilt so far left that three evictions must be just the first step if there is to be meaningful change. The next step should include the networks imposing something of an informal fairness doctrine on their news programs. Let viewers draw their own conclusions instead of being force-fed progressive mush.... They and their corporate owners desperately want to avoid confrontations with Trump and his administration because that could be very, very bad for business.... Across the TV news business, it would be ideal if the bosses suddenly saw the light about America’s need for honest, nonpartisan journalism and made changes in their approach. But we can at least be hopeful that the networks will move closer to where they should be, even if it’s only because they fear Trump and want to protect the bottom line.”

THOUGHTS TO PONDER

“I am hearing that highly respected **Congressman Byron Donalds** is considering running for Governor of Florida, a state that I love, and won big in 2016, 2020, and 2024. I know Byron well, have seen him tested at the highest and most difficult levels, and he is a total winner! Byron has a great wife, Erika, and three beautiful sons. They are very proud of him! As Governor, Byron would have a BIG Voice and would work closely with me to advance our America First Agenda. He will fight tirelessly to Secure our Border, Stop Migrant Crime, Strengthen our Military, Protect our Vets, Restore our Economic Power, Advance American Energy Dominance, and Defend our always-under-siege Second Amendment. Byron Donalds would be a truly Great and Powerful Governor for Florida and, should he decide to run, will have my Complete and Total Endorsement.”

--**President Donald Trump**, endorsing a potential candidate for Florida Governor

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“Even if President Donald Trump is successful and carries the midterms, the Deep State will sustain its resistance after he has left office. It is in the nature of bureaucracies that they outwait hostile administrations and, if they cannot deter President Trump’s restoration, they will burrow into the structure of permanent government and await the next president. This means not only that Trump must maximize his reforms and set them into legislative concrete before leaving office, but he must also be followed in the White House by eight years or more of like-minded leadership. Donald Trump may have overwhelmed the Left’s Washington defenses in his

first month in office and he may continue to do so, but it will take more than four years to eliminate 92 years of leftist rot. Our constitutional system offers a proven pathway for national self-sustainment. If our current and future leaders remain dedicated to that pathway, we will remain The United States of America.”

--Former **U.S. Ambassador Stanley Escudero**, on protecting America’s future

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“Democrats once claimed to be the party of compassion and human rights. They at least pretended to care about the most vulnerable among us. But in today’s America, where President Trump’s resolute leadership has forced them to reveal their true agenda, we’re seeing exactly who they really are.... Senate Democrats blocked the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, legislation that would simply require medical care for infants who survive failed abortion attempts. Every single Democrat present voted against the measure, while Republicans, energized by Trump’s pro-life leadership, stood united in protection of these precious lives.... Senate Judiciary Democrats attempted to justify their vote by claiming the bill was ‘unnecessary’ and would ‘harm doctors.’”

--Writer **Mick Farthing**, on the contrast between conservative principles and Democrat extremism

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“A disproportionate number of illegal immigrants go to blue states. They amplify the effect of a blue state vote. My understanding is that Democrats would lose approximately 20 seats in the house if illegals were not counted in census. And that’s also 20 less electoral votes for president.”

--**DOGE head Elon Musk**, on the impact of illegals on control of the House and the presidency

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“The Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) discovered an identification code linking U.S. Treasury payments to a budget line item, which accounts for nearly \$4.7 trillion in payments which was oftentimes left blank. ‘The Treasury Access Symbol (TAS) is an identification code linking a Treasury payment to a budget line item (standard financial process),’ DOGE wrote in a post on X. ‘In the Federal Government, the TAS field was optional for ~\$4.7 Trillion in payments and was often left blank, making traceability almost impossible. This is now a required field, increasing insight into where money is actually going.’ The agency thanked the U.S. Treasury for their work in identifying the optional field.”

--Fox News writer **Greg Wehner**, on identifying U.S. Treasury payments

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“During an interview with Fox News host Sean Hannity, President Donald Trump said he plans on taking America back, noting former President Joe Biden’s botched policies, including his mishandling of U.S. inflation, the abrupt removal of U.S. troops from Afghanistan, which essentially turned the country back over to the Taliban within hours, and

the war in Ukraine. Trump said if he had taken the presidency back in 2020, none of that would have happened, and further took aim at the ‘radical left’ and their failed policies.... Hannity noted the Trump administration is inheriting many problems left behind from Biden’s administration, to which Trump replied all the problems facing America now, are able to be solved with time, effort, and funding.”

“Trending Herald” writer **Jeff Callahan**, on Trump reflecting on his White House return

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“The mean girls who run Vogue published a scathing attack on First Lady Melania Trump’s official White House portrait.... Writer Hannah Jackson blasted Mrs. Trump’s power pose, her wardrobe and the black & white image photographed by Régine Mahaux. ‘Trump looked more like she was guest starring on an episode of *The Apprentice* than assuming the role of first lady of the United States,’ Jackson wrote. ‘Trump’s clothing certainly didn’t help the boardroom pastiche. The first lady wore a black Dolce & Gabbana tuxedo jacket with satin-trimmed lapels over a white button-up.... The choice to wear a tuxedo – as opposed to a blazer or blouse – made Trump look more like a freelance magician than a public servant’ It’s unclear why Vogue directed their poisonous venom at Mrs. Trump. Envy, perhaps? Or it could just be that they hate bold, confident Republican women. Barbara Bush, Laura Bush and Mrs. Trump have never graced the cover of Vogue. Hillary Clinton, Michelle Obama, Kamala Harris and Jill Biden, however, have been the subjects of multiple cover photographs.”

--**Podcaster Todd Starnes**, on Vogue’s snarky report on Melania Trump

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‘Our right to keep and bear arms as we know it is always on the minds of international meddlers who want us to confirm to their anti-freedom agenda and enforcement efforts through international agreements and ‘consensus.’ They might not highlight it publicly, but it’s still at the very top of their list of ways to get America to conform to the standards of the ‘international community.’ As the undisputed leader of the American freedom-rights movement, the National Rifle Association cannot ignore the international threat to our members’ Second Amendment rights. Rest assured that we constantly monitor and address international threats both large and small, and we will continue to do so in the future.’”

--**NRA President Bob Barr**, on combatting gun control efforts

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“Margaret Brennan, host of CBS News’ ‘Face the Nation,’ was accused of revisionist history for an interview with Secretary of State Marco Rubio, in which she said that Nazi Germany took advantage of free speech to carry out the Holocaust. Her comments came in response to an address by Vice President J.D. Vance at the Munich Security Conference, in which he dinged European nations for backsliding on freedom of expression. ‘He was standing in a country where free speech was weaponized to conduct a genocide,’ Brennan said. Rubio immediately challenged

her claim, saying ‘the genocide was conducted by an authoritarian Nazi regime ... there was no free speech in Nazi Germany.’ The Holocaust Encyclopedia backs him up, saying that the German constitution guaranteed freedom of speech and freedom of the press until shortly after the Nazis assumed power in 1933.”

--“Washington Times” writer **Valerie Richardson**, on “free speech”

UPCOMING BREVARD COUNTY EVENTS

- **March 5:** Brevard Federated Republican Women meeting, Space Coast Convention Center, Cocoa, 11:30 am.
- March 6:** Heritage Isle Republican Club meeting, Heritage Isle Clubhouse, 10 am.
- March 7:** Federated Republican Women in Action meeting, Memaw’s BBQ, Palm Bay, 11 am.
- March 8:** BFRW Veterans and Military Appreciation Dinner, Space Coast Convention Center, Cocoa, evening.
- March 10:** Space Coast Patriots meeting, Merritt Island library, 6 pm.
- March 18:** North Brevard Republican Club meeting, American Police Hall of Fame, Titusville. 6 pm.
- March 18:** Florida Republican Assembly Brevard meeting, 705 Harrison Avenue, Titusville, 6:30 pm.
- March 20:** Republican Women’s Club of Brevard meeting, Suntree Country Club, 11 am.
- March 20:** Space Coast Young Republicans meeting, Whiskey Business in Melbourne, 6:30 pm.
- March 22:** Space Coast Republican Club meeting, Red Lobster, Merritt Island, 11:30 am.
- March 24:** Ronald Reagan Club meeting, Oceanside Community Church, Satellite Beach, 6 pm.
- March 24:** Brevard Republican Executive Committee meeting, Space Coast Association of Realtors Building, Melbourne, 7 pm.

Republican Liberty Caucus of Brevard meeting – To Be Determined

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COMICAL CLOSERS



--If you can believe the satirical “Babylon Bee,” then you can believe that President Donald Trump has announced he has officially replaced the entire 3 million-member federal workforce with one single teenaged Chick-Fil-A employee – Bryan

Sanders of Wilmington, Delaware. Trump’s Chief of Staff, Susie Wiles, reportedly said Sanders’ taking over of all the jobs will be “seamless,” and he will provide a massive upgrade in terms of how pleasant it will be to interact with government employees.” Sanders said he will remain enrolled in high school and plans to squeeze in during the entire work of the federal government each evening – before doing his school homework.

His mom, Julie, said she didn’t want to have the work interfere with his studies, but “If he can handle the lunch rush at Chick-Fil-A, doing the work of millions of bureaucrats will be a cinch.”

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Who are the top ten most attractive persons in the new Trump administration?

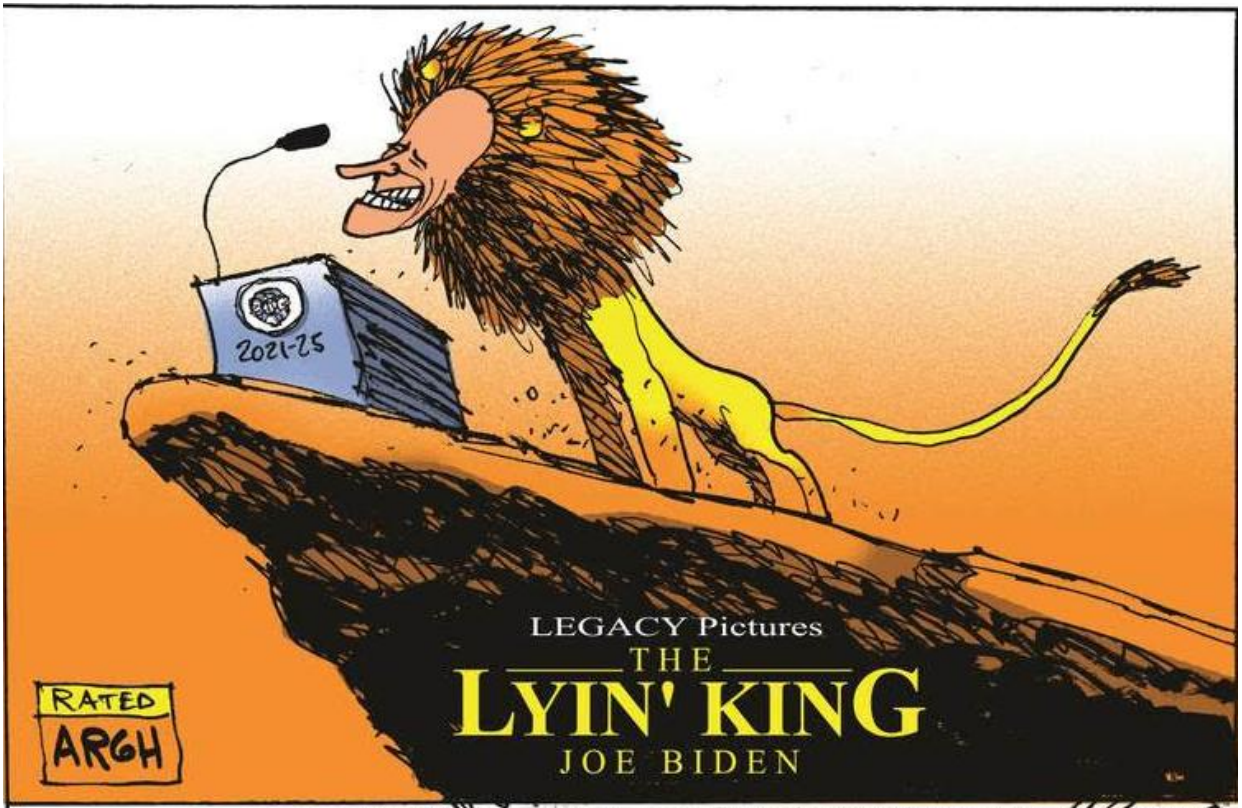
The satirical “Babylon Bee” website says it knows the answer knows the answer. Does the list include Director of National Security Tulsi Gabbard? How about U.S. Attorney Pam Bondi? Or Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem? NO, NO, and NO. What the “Bee” says is that ALL TEN SLOTS belong to none other than Ton Homan. Did we say that The Bee specializes in satire?

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A thought to Ponder: It’s been many months since the on-line purchase of the book titled “How to Scam People..” It still hasn’t arrived.

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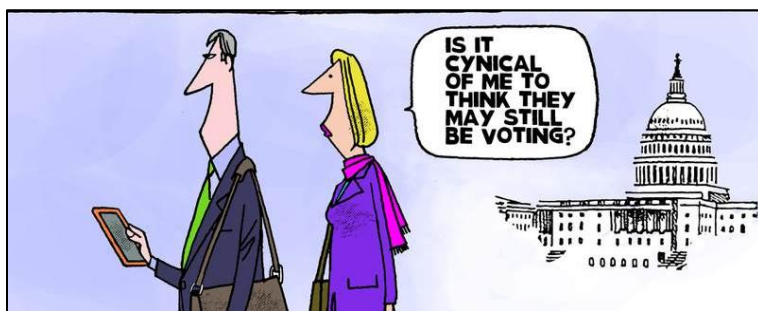


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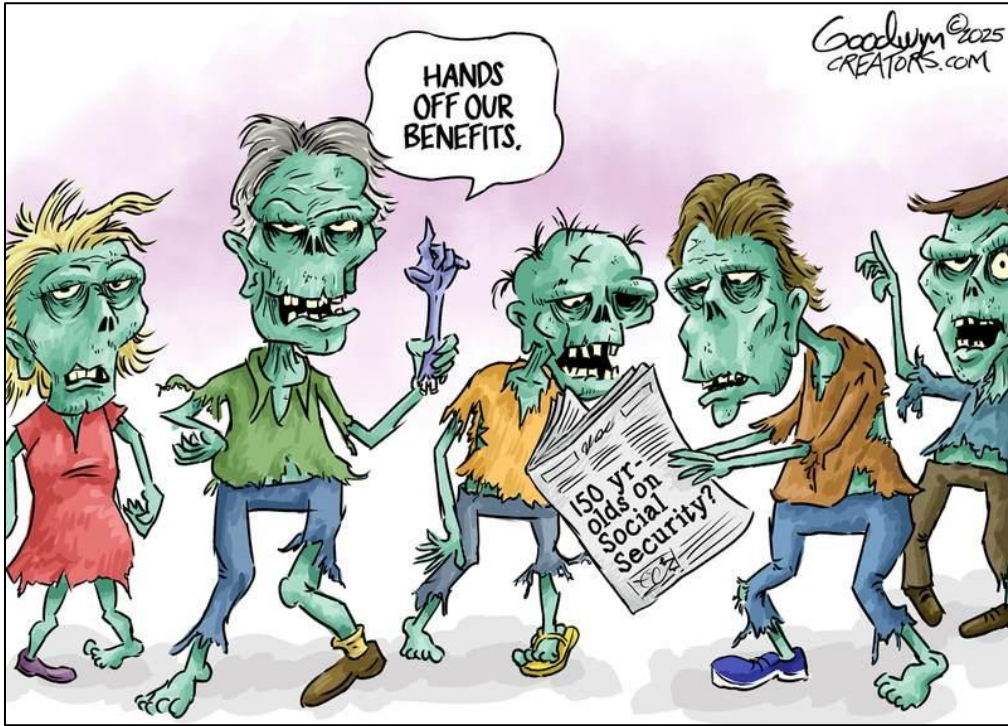


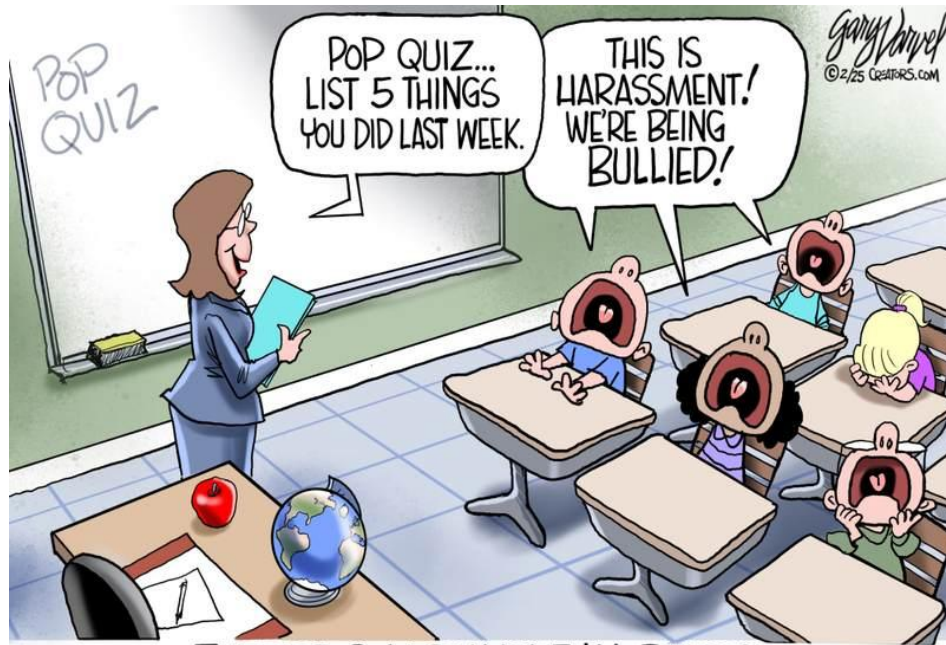
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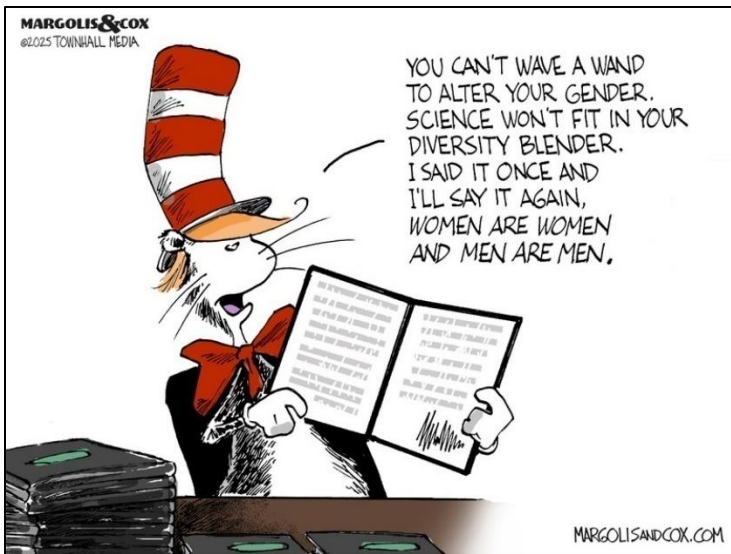






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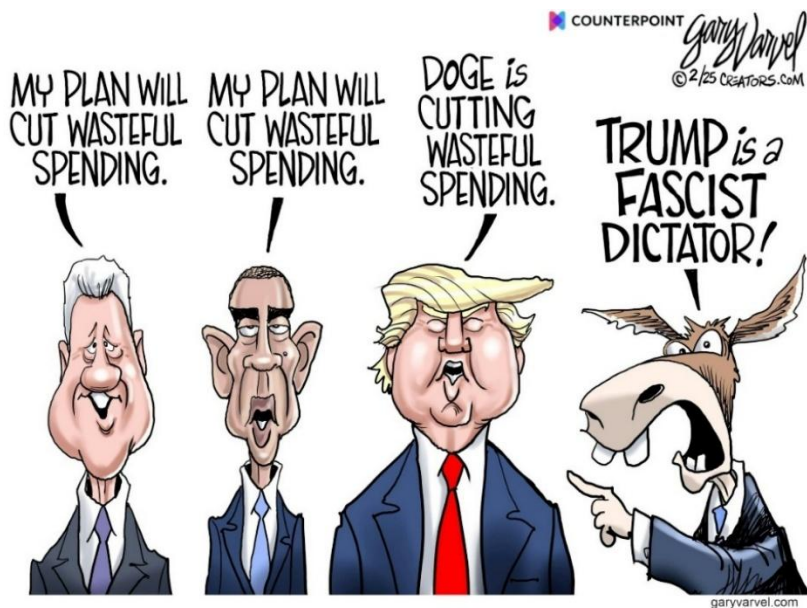
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