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### TRUMP SCORES VICTORIES IN NEW HAMPSHIRE PRIMARY, IOWA CAUCUSES

#### FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK:

#### MY TWO CENTS

By Stuart Gorin

When Donald Trump, as president, launched an air strike that killed the commander of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard, then-candidate Joe Biden was quick to say that he did not have the authority to take us into war without Congressional approval or the informed consent of the American people. He also said that as president, he will use military power responsibly. So this month, when he launched missile strikes in Yemen, the ironic conservative reaction was: "It's different when Biden does it."

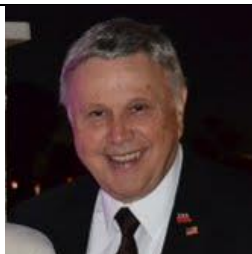
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What do you say about a so-called Republican leader who appears on CNN to call for the party to move on from President Trump's "divisive leadership" and choose a different candidate for 2024? The most shocking moment of the network's interview with former Vice President Mike Pence came when he "thanked the FBI for bringing the January 6 rioters to justice" and refuted Trump's "baseless claims that the attack was the work of the FBI." When Pence wrote his book "So Help Me God," I bought and read it. Now I'm sorry I wasted my money.

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One of my favorite TV shows is Mike Rowe's "The Story Behind the Story" – reminding us about famous people in history. This month, one of his weekly segments was on the greatest athlete in history – Jim Thorpe – and it brought back an exciting memory for me. When I was in high school in Baltimore, a family friend who collected tickets for wrestling matches at the Coliseum got me in free every week to hawk programs to the fans. I learned ahead of time that one evening

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Only two declared candidates remained in the Republican Presidential race on January 23, and former **President Donald Trump** defeated former **South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley** in the nation's first primary election, held in New Hampshire – one in which Independents were eligible to participate, and many of them voted for Haley or a number of other names.



With 92 percent of the state's precincts reporting, Trump won 55 percent of the votes cast, while Haley won 42 percent.

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there was going to be a special guest in attendance – the great Jim Thorpe. So I showed up with my autograph book in hand. There was a mob scene, of course, but I managed to meet and hand him my book, which he signed for me. This was only about a year before he passed away, and of all the autographs I still have, this is the one I treasure the most.

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A friend writes that we should be more tolerant -- Back off, and let those men who want to marry men, marry men. Then, allow those women who want to marry women, marry women. Finally, allow those folks who want to abort their babies, abort their babies. So, in just three generations, there will be no more Democrats.

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More Two Cents next month.

Even though she finished second in the race, Haley said she had a “great night” and will continue to fight for the nomination. In response, Trump said Haley was “doing a speech like she won, but she didn’t win,” and added, “let’s not have somebody take a victory when she had a very bad night.” Two days before the event, **Florida Governor Ron DeSantis** announced he was dropping out of the presidential race and supporting Trump’s re-election. “I can’t ask our supporters to volunteer their time and donate their resources if we don’t have a clear path to victory,” he said.

ABC originally planned to run pre-primary debates with the presidential candidates, but when Haley said she would not participate, and DeSantis had already suspended his campaign, they were cancelled.

On January 15, Trump easily won the 2024 Iowa Caucuses, capturing 98 of the state’s 99 counties. His 51 percent of the total votes cast statewide gave him a 30-point margin over DeSantis, the second place finisher, and Haley, who in third place, did win one county.

Businessman **Vivek Ramaswamy**’s fourth-place finish in Iowa, with 7.7 percent of the vote, resulted in his dropping out of the race and announcing his support for Trump. Also listed on the ballot were former **New Jersey Governor Chris Christie**, who announced suspension of his campaign earlier; former **Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson**; businessman and pastor **Ryan Binkley**; and “other.”

Turnout at hundreds of locations in Iowa for the caucus were lower than in past election cycles due to the extreme winter weather in the state. Still, more than 110,000 Iowans participated. And the race was such a blowout that even the left-leaning networks called the race for Trump minutes after the caucus began and only a few hundred votes were in.

After Trump was declared the winner, he met with his cheering supporters in Des Moines, and in a departure from his earlier attacks, congratulated his top three challengers for their good performances, adding that “It was time for Americans of all political stripes to come together.”

Trump also called President Joe Biden the “worst president ever,” and stressed his regular speech remarks – pledging to seal up the border and stop an invasion of immigrants on the southern border; straighten out elections; and harness “liquid gold” for U.S. energy.

Hutchinson also announced following the caucus that he, too, was suspending his presidential campaign.

Prior to the Iowa Caucus, Fox News anchors Bret Baier and Martha MacCallum held three town hall meetings on the network, with candidates taking questions from Iowa voters.

On January 8, Haley attacked President Biden for criticizing her earlier comments about the Civil War during a speech in Charleston, saying that “Mother Emanuel Church is a sacred place. For Biden to show up there and give a political speech is offensive in itself. I don’t need someone who palled around with segregationists in the ‘70s and has said racist comments all the way through his career lecturing me or anyone in South Carolina about what it is to have racism, slavery, or anything related to the Civil War.”

Haley also repeatedly accused DeSantis of “lying because he’s losing” and said President Trump “copped out” on U.S. international alliances and brought turmoil with his presidency. “Chaos follows him, and we cannot be a country in disarray,” she said.

On other issues, Haley promised to negotiate a compromise on abortion, bolster U.S. support for Ukraine, and raise the retirement age to stave off insolvency for Social Security and Medicare.

The next evening, on January 9. DeSantis vowed that “we’re going to do well here” in the Iowa caucus and emphasized that the battle for the Republican presidential nomination “is a long process.”

Trump had his town hall session on January 10. Polling as the indisputable front-runner, he walked onstage to cheers and chants of “USA,” remained to sign autographs and smiled as a questioner enthused “love you” as he listened to her question during the live telecast. Iowa voters and the co-moderators alternated asking Trump questions about pressing issues to the American people including the economy, abortion and foreign wars.

When asked how he would de-escalate global tensions, Trump said he would “do it through peace through strength.” He also blamed President Biden’s “weak” presidency for Russia’s attack on Ukraine and the Hamas invasions of Israel.

The former president said the southern border is “not sustainable for our country,” when asked how he would handle the influx of illegal migrants already in America. “We are going to have the largest deportation effort in the history of our country,” he said. “We’re bringing everybody back to where they came from. We have no choice. We have no choice.”

Trump also accused Haley and DeSantis of wanting to cut Medicare and Social Security as part of their plans to reduce the record national debt facing the nation.

At the same time as the Trump townhall on Fox News, CNN carried a debate between DeSantis and Haley, with neither candidate holding back – repeatedly denigrating each other as liars. She called him “desperate,” and he said she was “mealy mouthed” and looked down on Middle America.

Noting that Florida is facing “affordability” problems, Haley said the U.S. should not try to replicate its policies, and that the Disney Corporation has been “woke” for a long time, and DeSantis only got “thin skin” when the company criticized him. DeSantis, in turn, accused Haley of being beholden to corporate interests and liberal politicians.

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## **FLORIDA GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS DELIVERS STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS**

Speaking in Tallahassee at the opening of the Florida State Legislative Session on January 9, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis said in his 2024 State of the State Address that while “we are in the midst of a great upheaval throughout the nation,” his message for Florida is simple: “Stay the course. The state of our state is strong. Let’s keep doing what works. Let’s continue to make Florida the envy of the nation.”



Florida has “chosen well,” he said. “We have chosen Facts over fear; Education over indoctrination; Law and Order over rioting and disorder; Fiscal responsibility over debt and profligacy. Our choices, DeSantis added, “have produced results that are second to none. #1 in education freedom; #1 for parental involvement in education; #1 for talent development; #1 for higher education; #1 for net domestic in-migration for the third consecutive year; #1 in new business formation; #1 in GDP growth among large states, and better than most countries in the world; and #1 for entrepreneurship.”

He also criticized President Joe Biden on immigration, drug overdoses, federal debt and border security, and tore into blue states and cities over crime, homelessness and spending. He again called Florida a “refuge for freedom and sanity.”

Following are excerpts of the State of the State remarks:

(Begin Excerpts)

Florida now has millions more residents than New York, yet New York’s budget is twice the size of Florida’s. They have a \$4.3 billion budget deficit. Florida now has more manufacturing jobs than New York and added twice as many

jobs as New York in the past year, and our unemployment rate is 1.4 percentage points lower.

It is not surprising that we have witnessed – and continue to witness – a great migration of Americans away from cities and states pursuing these failed policies, with Florida serving as a refuge for freedom and sanity.

The failures are not a result of chance, but of choices made by elected officials to put ideology over sound policy.....

We lead the nation in school choice. Last session, under the leadership of Speaker Renner, we enacted the largest expansion of school choice in American history. Florida has close to 1.5 million students enrolled full-time in various choice programs – from private scholarships to charter schools to choose options within school districts....

School systems are important, but they exist to serve the students, parents and the community, not to supersede the rights of parents to direct the education and upbringing of their children. We were one of the first states to enact a Parents’ Bill of Rights and curriculum transparency.

We protected women’s sports – as the father of two daughters I think it is important that they have the opportunity to compete with fairness and integrity. We protected our children from indoctrination and sexualized curriculum, and we stood up for parents against the woke mob. Over the past four years, we have invested a record three billion dollars to raise teacher pay. My budget proposal for this year includes another \$1.25 billion for even more pay increases....

On October 7<sup>th</sup>, Israel suffered one of the worst terrorist attacks in modern history. We knew the effects would reverberate here in Florida. Many Floridians were stranded in Israel after the war broke out and were not receiving adequate assistance from the US embassy or the State Department, so we stepped up by organizing evacuation flights to bring Floridians home....

But we didn’t stop there. With your help, we called a Special Session of the Legislature at the first opportunity to pass expanded sanctions on Iran – who were clearly behind the heinous attacks. As threats of violence continued here at home, we stood up to protect our Jewish Day Schools, synagogues and Jewish students on university campuses.... The pro-Hamas activities and rampant antisemitism on college campuses exposed the intellectual rot that has developed on so many college campuses. In Florida, our universities must be dedicated to the pursuit of truth, the promotion of academic rigor and integrity, and the preparation of students to be citizens of our republic. We reject the modern trend of universities that subordinate high academic standards in favor of promoting an ideological agenda. To this end, we have eliminated so-called DEI from our public universities. DEI is a highly-ideological agenda – in practice it stands for discrimination, exclusion, and indoctrination – and it has no place in our public universities....

The recklessness of spending, borrowing and printing of money over the past four years by the federal government has driven up the costs of everything from groceries to housing – and has saddled Americans with high interest rates. The national debt now stands at \$34 trillion dollars. In NYC, there is a famous debt clock that shows the national debt going up in real time. I'd like to see one of those made for Florida's debt – only a Florida debt clock would be counting down, not up, because we have paid down nearly 25% of our state's debt over the past five years....

This year, my budget proposal reduces the budget by \$4 billion from the previous year, placing \$16.3 billion in reserves and paying down another \$455 million in state debt ahead of schedule. We have run budget surpluses and paid down debt while also enacting record-setting tax reductions, and even with these tax savings given to our residents, we have brought in \$1.3 billion over projections since the start of the fiscal year....

We have made it tax free to raise a child in Florida by permanently removing taxes on baby items – cribs, strollers, diapers, baby wipes, clothing, and children's shoes, among other items. We also provided relief for Florida commuters. The Toll Relief Program reduced commuter costs by \$470 million, helping nearly 1.2 million Floridians save as much as \$400 each....

Our policies to support law enforcement officers, eliminate riots, keep criminals off the streets, and remove lawless prosecutors from office have kept Florida at a 50-year crime low and have brought new law enforcement recruits to Florida from all 50 states.....

Thanks to the leadership of President Passidomo through the Live Local Act and record housing funding, countless police officers (as well as other staples of the community like teachers and nurses) will now be able to live in the communities they serve....

Last year, hundreds of Floridians had their homes destroyed or rendered uninhabitable by Hurricane Idalia. We rallied resources to the Big Bend region before, during, and after this powerful Category 3 storm made landfall.

At my direction nearly 30,000 utility linemen were staged in preparation for the storm, and among the thousands of first responders and National Guard who prepared to respond, there were members of our newly reformed Florida State Guard that deployed for the first time since 1947.

As a result of our preparations, in less than one week, ninety-six percent of power was restored, a record for such a rural part of the state....

Here in the Sunshine State, we have delivered good government that protects liberty and maintains order. We have won the unprecedented backing of a populace reflective of our country at large. And we have put forth a blueprint for

America's revival that has instilled hope into the hearts of millions that a new birth of freedom can emanate from this land once more.

We are the heirs to the spirit of 1776 represented by the Liberty Bell. Over the next two months let's enact policies that Focus on Florida's Future, and that keep faith with our nation's founding ideals.

Together, we will keep Florida free and provide hope for a revival of the American spirit throughout these United States.

(End Excerpts)



## POLITICAL JOTTINGS AND DOTTINGS

--After struggling to see gains in polling, former New Jersey Governor Chris Christie announced on January 10 that he is ending his 2024 presidential bid, saying "It's clear to me tonight that there isn't a path for me to win the nomination.: Bur to inject drama into his remarks, he added, "I am going to make sure that in no way do I enable Donald Trump to ever be president of the United States again." Christie's departure was soon followed by those of North Dakota Governor Doug Burgum, businessman Vivek Ramaswamy, former Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson, and most recently – Florida Governor Ron DeSantis.

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--When an Iowa voter asked former South Carolina Governor and presidential hopeful Nikki Haley whether or not a man could become a woman, rather than answer with a simple "no" – as her rival DeSantis, has said – she blurted out instead: "After the age of 18, we want to make sure people can live any way they want to live. I don't think government needs to be in control of anybody's life. You go live the way you want to live; you should be free to live the way you want to live. And government and everybody else should stay out of your way."

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--February's election calendar includes: February 8 – Nevada and Virgin Islands caucuses; February 24: South Carolina primary; and February 27: Michigan primary.

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--The Republicans' slim majority in the House of Representatives dwindled down to just two seats on January 21, when Ohio 6<sup>th</sup> District Congressman Bill Johnson resigned his seat to take the new position of president of Youngstown State University. To fill the seat for the rest of the calendar year, a special primary will take place on March 19, followed by the general election on June 11.

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--The Florida Republican Party on January 8 ousted its chairman, Christian Ziegler, saying his leadership became untenable after a woman who accused him of rape also said she previously had a consensual three-way sexual encounter with both Ziegler and his wife, Bridget. Ziegler denied the rape accusation and has not been criminally charged, but the situation was viewed as a drag on the party in a presidential election year. Vice Chairman Evan Power was elevated to the chairman's position.

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--California Federal District Judge David Carter, who was appointed to his post by former President Bill Clinton, ruled on January 3 to dismiss "with prejudice" a lawsuit that sought to keep former President Donald Trump off the 2024 Republican primary ballot in the Golden State. "With prejudice" means the case cannot be submitted to the same court again.

## LET ME BE FRANK

By Space Coast Tusk Designer  
Frank Montelione



I find it amusing how the administration is pushing Electric Vehicles down our throats and being largely unsuccessful. They use climate change and the need to move away from fossil fuel.



Recently, the nation has been under freeze warnings even here in Georgia. One story that caught my eye was a statement by one EV owner who said, "We got a bunch of dead robots out here,". The problem, Electric Vehicles take longer to charge in cold weather and their efficiency is drastically lower than in warm climates.

Fox called the charging lots "car graveyards," describing the abandoned cars left in the lot after cars wouldn't charge. Tesla driver Brandon Welbourne told CBS2 that multiple cars had been towed from an Evergreen Park charging station.

A study by Just Energy, a retail energy provider specializing in electricity and natural gas commodities, found that charging stations are powered by whatever the power grid runs on, which might include oil, coal, and natural gas. They stated that "... researchers at Idaho National Laboratory looked at data from a fleet of EV taxis in New York City and found that charging times increased as temperatures dropped.

The researchers found that charging times increased significantly when the weather got cold. When an EV battery



was charged at 77 degrees, a DCFC charger might charge a battery to 80 percent capacity in 30 minutes. But at 32 degrees, the battery's state of charge was 36 percent less after the same amount of time. So, the more the temperature dropped, the longer it takes to charge an EV. And the more the temperature dropped, the longer it took to charge the battery. Under the coldest conditions, the rate of charging was roughly three times slower than at warmer temperatures.

Axios reported that Tesla driver Brandon Welbourne told CBS News Chicago that a charge that should take 45 minutes was taking two hours. "I've been here for over five hours at this point and I still have not gotten to charge my car," he said. On top of that, the distance range dropped by approximately 30 percent. "Battery researchers have known about the degradation of charging efficiency under cold temperatures for a long time," said Yutaka Motoaki, an EV researcher with INL's Advanced Vehicles research group.

The EV community advises buying an expensive heat pump and having it installed at an additional expense and making other arrangements if you are travelling any distance.

Temperature problems aside, the administration uses climate control as a reason to buy electric vehicles. My 16-year-old granddaughter told me that she didn't understand how owning an electric vehicle would help the environment. As stated earlier, charging stations use fossil fuel to power their generators. If you want to really help the climate you will need to find a charging station that uses solar or wind power.



Good luck with that. The range of an EV is under 300 miles. A typical electric car (60kWh battery) takes just under 8 hours to charge from empty-to-full with a 7kW charging point. You see more and more charging stations in parking lots of malls. Check them out the next time you see one. They are not free. It can cost from \$.30 to \$.60 per kilowatt hour. You also have the added expense of purchasing a special chord and installing a charging point in your home. Then there is the problem of replacing a battery. Electric car batteries can be expensive to replace – anywhere from \$2,500 to over \$20,000 if you have to pay for them out of pocket.

Electric Vehicles often weigh 30 percent more than gas-powered vehicles. The main reason is the weight of their batteries, which can add hundreds of pounds or more. That weight means less efficiency, longer stopping distances, more impact on collision, more road wear, and a lot of added components to accommodate the bulk.

On top of all that the components of an EV's lithium-ion batteries have to be mined, and electric car batteries aren't easily recycled, which adds to a growing worldwide e-waste problem.

Finally, according to “Business Leader”: “How lithium-ion batteries are sourced is a real concern for EV manufacturers because numerous materials involved in their manufacture, including iron, steel, aluminum, and copper, are sourced from China’s Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region. This region is particularly vulnerable to human rights violations, so this is a widespread problem the industry is currently facing,”

So, for all you people in the colder states up north, good luck with your EV and charging it, if you can find a charger that works. According to the manufacturer of my car, I can get from 420 miles in city driving to 515 miles on highway driving and it takes about 5 minutes to fill the car from empty. Thank you, but I’ll keep my “efficient” gas-powered vehicle.



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

As I enter my last year of service in the Florida Senate, I will continue to fight for Florida families by securing meaningful tax relief and empowering parents to choose what is best for their children. I will continue my support for the revitalization of the Indian River Lagoon, and further my ongoing efforts for policies and funding which protect our waterways and the environment for residents and visitors to our region as they help our local businesses to thrive. My work in supporting our law enforcement officers, first responders, Veterans, and military families is ongoing, and I will continue to advocate for your Second Amendment rights.

There is always more work to be done, and I look forward to making my final year of service in the Florida Legislature the most beneficial for District 19 families and our State.

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The following new laws passed by the Legislature and signed by Governor DeSantis in 2023 will take effect on January 1, 2024, with one exception, the “Investments in Iran” will take effect on January 10, 2024:

**“Florida’s Move Over Law”:** Adds three additional situations to the existing law requiring drivers to move over for a disabled vehicle that is stopped and displaying warning or hazard lights, emergency flares or signage; or if one or more persons are visibly present. Violators may incur a non-criminal traffic fine up to \$158.

**“Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday”:** The first winter “Back-to-School” sales tax holiday took place from Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, through Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>.

**“Floridians First Campsite Reservations”:** Florida residents will have a one-month advantage over non-Floridians in reserving campsites and cabins at state parks. Floridians will be able to secure their reservation 11 months in advance, while out-of-state visitors will only be able to make reservations 10 months in advance.

**“Investments in Iran”:** In support of Israel in its war with the Iran-funded Hamas terrorist group, the Legislature expanded on a 2007 state law that requires the State Board of Administration to divest from “scrutinized” companies with links to Iran’s petroleum industry. “Under the expansion, companies will be added to the list if more than 10% of total revenues or assets are linked to Iran and involve economic sectors such as energy, manufacturing, or shipping. Companies can avoid being added to the list by demonstrating ‘substantial action’ to correct the issues flagged by the state.”

**“SunPass Frequent Traveler Program”:** The 50% credit for frequent travelers (35+ toll road trips monthly) using SunPass and other Florida transponders expired on December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**“Local Elected Official Financial Disclosure Forms”:** More detailed forms similar to the forms filed by statewide elected officials and legislators will be required by Mayors and other elected municipal officials. The forms include disclosures including income, assets, and liabilities.

**“Florida Business Workers’ Compensation”:** Florida businesses will see an overall 15.1% decrease in workers’ compensation insurance rates. Rate changes will vary for individual businesses.

**“Florida Healthy Kids Corp.”:** Eligibility is expanded for the KidCare subsidized health-insurance program and establish premium tiers based on household incomes.

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Brevard County Schools are set to benefit from Governor DeSantis’ recent announcement of more than \$35 million in funding from the Workforce Development Capitalization Incentive Grant program for the creation or expansion of semiconductor-related instructional programs for students. Florida is currently #5 in the nation for semiconductor manufacturing jobs and #3 for semiconductor facilities.

“By providing workforce education in our classrooms, students learn skills they can use to obtain high-paying jobs in growing industries like semiconductor manufacturing,” DeSantis said. “This investment continues our commitment to making Florida number one for workforce education and positioning our state at the forefront of innovation.”

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In recognition of National Human Trafficking Prevention Month, **Attorney General Ashley Moody** has provided information on available resources and tips to help parents keep children safe from online predators and traffickers. “We have enlisted thousands of Floridians in our fight to end human trafficking. If you have not joined this vital cause yet, there is no better time to get involved than National Human Trafficking Prevention Month,” Moody said.

In the United States, approximately 40 percent of sex trafficking victims are recruited online. Be vigilant and safeguard your children with these actions: 1) Foster open and honest conversations with children about online activities and potential risks; 2) Teach children about the dangers of sharing personal information online and the importance of privacy settings; 3) Regularly monitor and supervise children's online interactions and the platforms they use; and 4) Emphasize the significance of reporting any suspicious or uncomfortable online encounters to a trusted adult.

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**Florida Commissioner of Agriculture Wilton Simpson** announced the first acquisition of a permanent rural land protection easement through the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

The easement protects the Curren Dairy property, a 237-acre agriculture operation, in Okeechobee County through the department's Rural and Family Lands Protection Program. Rural land protection easements prevent future development of the land and allow agriculture operations to continue to contribute to Florida's economy and the production of food, timber, and other resources vital to the prosperity of Florida.

Simpson said the rural land protection easements "strengthen our food security through the protection of prime agricultural land, keep the protected property on the local tax rolls, and require every property owner to maintain the land and its natural resources according to best management practices."

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The Melbourne Fire Department is actively hiring for new firefighters. It describes the positions available as 'careers of a lifetime and a way to serve our community.' Established over 105 years ago, the MFD has been protecting the 80,000 residents of the City of Melbourne since 1916.

Since 2022, the MFD has been designated an ISO Class 1 department, placing it among the top 1% of fire departments in the nation and the top 10% of fire departments in Florida. MFD was the first fire department in Brevard County to receive a Class 1 rating.

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The Florida Department of Law Enforcement announced its 2023 accomplishments, including assisting Texas law enforcement agencies investigating violent criminal activity along the Southern border; coordinating law enforcement response in the Florida Keys; and continuing monthly criminal interdictions along Florida highways. Other actions were participating in Operation Unified Front with local, state and federal law enforcement partners – resulting in the seizure of more than 17 pounds of Fentanyl, 10 pounds of methamphetamine, and 55 pounds of cocaine; and securing Florida elections by reviewing hundreds of election crime allegations involving individuals casting more than one ballot, officials charged with money laundering, and certification of false or incomplete campaign treasurer's reports and expenditures.



**AN UPDATE FROM  
MY OFFICE  
By Florida 8<sup>th</sup> District  
State Senator Tom Wright**

The commencement of the 2024 Legislative Session on January 8 marks a pivotal moment for our state. The importance of this legislative session cannot be understated. We are at a critical juncture where the decisions we make will significantly impact Florida's economic and technological trajectory, especially in the aerospace sector. I am dedicated to ensuring that our state remains at the forefront of aerospace innovation and development.

This year, our vision is to implement policies that will strengthen Florida's position as a global hub of aerospace commerce, leading the charge in economic investment and critical infrastructure and technological advancements in the aerospace industry.

A key focus this session is on ensuring the continued success of Florida's spaceport territory, which is crucial for attracting a diverse range of aerospace companies and investors to new regions of our state. This will drive greater economic growth and support military resiliency. As a part of this focus, I introduced Senate Memorial 370, which is a significant step forward for Florida's aerospace industry.

This Memorial urges Congress to categorize spaceports as qualified for tax-exempt status under private activity bonds. The intention is to support and stimulate investment in spaceport infrastructure, which is crucial for the development of our aerospace sector. This move is aimed at bolstering both Florida's economy and its role in national aerospace endeavors. I have already successfully presented this Memorial at its first committee stop and look forward to continuing to move it forward this Legislative session.

I'd like to highlight another significant piece of legislation from the 2024 Legislative Session - Senate Bill 440. This bill, which I introduced, focuses on Utility Terrain Vehicles (UTVs). It's aimed at authorizing the operation of UTVs on certain roadways and provides a clear definition of what constitutes a "utility terrain vehicle" or UTV.

This bill is an important step towards modernizing and regulating the use of these vehicles, ensuring both their safe operation and their proper integration into our transportation system. This bill represents a key development in our state's approach to vehicle regulation and road safety, allowing individuals to register, insure and operate a vehicle that provides alternative options for our diverse communities.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas you'd like to share, please don't hesitate to reach out at 386-304-7630 or by email at [wright.tom@flsenate.gov](mailto:wright.tom@flsenate.gov). My office is always here to hear your concerns and work on the issues most important to you. Your input is invaluable as we work together to build a stronger and more vibrant Space Coast.



## THE BREC CORNER By Chairman Rick Lacey



Buckle your seat belts my friends; it's going to be a wild ride this election year! 2024 is giving us the opportunity to restore common sense in our country. If

we all work together we can get rid of the failed policies of the Biden left wing, win the U.S. Senate and add to our majority in the House of Representatives. The secret is rolling up our sleeves and as **Florida Senator Rick Scott** says, "Let's get to work!"

Our January 11 meeting was extremely successful, with reports from our Election Integrity Committee and the great news that we reached a new milestone with over 75,000 more Republicans than Democrats registered in Brevard County,

**State Committeeman Mike Thomas** and **Committeewoman Kim Adkinson** reported on the election of **Evan Power** as our new Republican Party of Florida Chairman, and **Treasurer Sharon Rose** reported the success of our December 15 Christmas/Hanukkah party

I announced our new project to encourage NPA voters to register Republican by February 20 in order to vote in the March 19 Presidential Primary. I hope everyone helps out in this important assignment.

Please mark your calendars for Saturday June 22 for our 2024 BREC Family Picnic and Straw Poll.

**Precinct Committeeman Ed Brankey** and I are working on a speaker for our 2024 Lincoln/Reagan Dinner. Details will be announced soon.

BREC members participated in a non-binding Presidential poll, and the results were overwhelming for **President Trump**.

**Vice Chair Cindy Roberts** swore in eight new members, and I announced that **Thomas George** was awarded Committeeman of the Month for January, and my favorite BREC member –**Maureen Lacey** – was awarded Committeewoman of the month.

Due to the unavailability of our meeting location on its regular date, the February BREC meeting at the Space Coast Association of Realtors Building will be on Monday, February 5.

Let's make 2024 the biggest Red

Wave ever!



## By BFRW First Vice President Xiaoqi Wang

The speaker at the January 3 meeting of the Brevard Federated Republican Women, Brandy

Crisafulli, president and founder of Life Recaptured, said her organization's leaders have more than 28 years of combined training in human trafficking awareness and prevention. The team provides refuge and freedom to victims of sex trafficking through its Safe Home and three phase program.

Crisafulli encouraged the attendees to learn the signs of human trafficking in order to accurately alert local or federal authorities. For a victim of trafficking, she said, this may save a life.

Life Recaptured, she said, offers well informed training sessions, and also in-depth training for their safe home resident programs. It offers women who are trapped in sexual exploitation a way to refuge and freedom. They work with the community to eradicate sex trafficking through awareness, prevention, and restoration, and offer a complete approach to bringing solutions to end sex trafficking and heal survivors through physical and mental health care, case management, spiritual guidance, and mentorship.

Crisafulli said the restoration program for sex trafficking survivors is through their residential safe home, and their journey is symbolic to that of a butterfly. The butterfly enters the chrysalis, finds relief, gets renewed, and receives transformation. Their program is a life-long commitment.

Life Recaptured is working on partnering with state, local, and federal governments to successfully reach and rescue those who have been trafficked. Their future goals include a 24/7 rescue hotline that can be called any time day or night by anyone wanting help leaving "the life." After receiving the call, the Hotline Team Responder will coordinate with the Rescue Team to go pick the caller up in a safe meeting location and transport her to one of our safe homes.

Crisafulli encouraged the BFRW members to check the website [www.lifecaptured.org](http://www.lifecaptured.org), and volunteer with them to END SEX TRAFFICKING.

Some Human Trafficking Facts, she added, are that it is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest criminal activity behind drugs, which is a \$150 billion a year industry, while \$99 billion is from sexual exploitation; that Florida ranks third in the United States in human trafficking cases reported, behind only California and Texas; that in Florida, most victims are in the hospitality tourism industry, agriculture or are young girls involved in the sex trade; and that Florida's Safe Harbor Act protects anyone under the age of 18 involved in commercial sex acts.

Proof of fraud or coercion is not required. Human trafficking is defined under Florida law as the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force fraud or coercion, Crisafulli said, and concluded that it is a zero-tolerance state for human trafficking.

The speaker for our February 7 meeting will be **Rick Lacey**, Chairman of the Brevard Republican Executive Committee. He will discuss the Brevard Republican Party's plan to win



the 2024 Presidential Election, which will be “the impost important election in our lifetime.”

Advance registration for the luncheon meeting must be made by noon on Friday, February 2. Call the 24-hour reservation line at 321-727-1212 or register online at [www.brevardfederatedrepublicanwomen.org](http://www.brevardfederatedrepublicanwomen.org).



**NORTH TO THE PARTY**  
**By Board Member Robin Ricker**  
**North Brevard Republican Club**

We are off to a running start this new 2024 year! **Sheriff Wayne Ivey** was the guest speaker at our January 16 meeting, along with his trusty sidekick Junny, and as always, he never disappoints! His department is staying on top of this county’s direst national security risk, illegal immigration. They are on the constant lookout for human trafficking, fentanyl trafficking and all that goes with the illegal immigration crisis. Ivey touted the many programs that citizens can become involved in to help our communities; all you have to do is reach out to his office. Our communities always work their best when our citizens are involved.

Our speaker for next month, on February 20, will be **Blaise Trettis**, Brevard and Seminole Counties Public Defender, 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial Court. He will be speaking on the indictments filed against President Trump. It should be quite interesting.

Pro-Life Leader **Frank Pavone**, who is the Priests For Life National Director, was voted in as an Honorary Member of our Club for all the work he does for our community, locally and nationally. He has been a true supporter in all we do.

**Rick Lacey**, Chairman of BREC, graciously installed our officers and board members for the 2024 year. He spoke of the necessity of getting down to the hard work of staying involved in our communities and the election process of getting the right candidates into office. Case in point was the open Florida House Seat in District 35, where Republican candidate **Erika Booth** narrowly lost to Democrat Tom Keen. As our major fund-raising effort of the year, we are having a Gun Raffle. These funds are to be used for an office we hope to have prior to the 2024 election. We are still looking for a good location in Titusville, which has been hard to do this year. For \$10 you will receive 1 ticket for a chance to win a:

- 1) Smith & Wesson Tactical Rifle M&P 15 (AR style) or a
- 2) Smith & Wesson 357 stainless steel revolver with NRA emblems or a
- 3) 380 semi auto Smith and Wesson smooth slide pistol perfect for smaller hands.

We will have tickets for sale at our February 20 meeting at the

American Police Hall of Fame in Titusville, which begins at 6:30 pm, and also at the next few BREC meetings. You can call **Club President Pat Deen** at 321-212-8128 or text **Board Member Sue Ricco** 321-264-2540.



**REMEMBER WHEN**  
**By Heritage Isle Republican Club**  
**President Michael Hoagland**

Remember when presidential elections were somewhat civilized? That was decades ago. Our generation has witnessed the Marxists degrade the political discourse to a slimy gutter activity. Keep in mind that the Marxists are all Democrats. Not all Democrats are Marxists, but the Democrat leadership is driven by the Marxist ideology and regular Democrat voters don’t even question the activity of this destructive group.

If any Democrat would study the playbook of Marxists to take over a country, it is being put in play today. Any Democrat who thinks that this White House is doing an outstanding job has no understanding of what is going on. Obama is calling the shots. Our porous border is affecting our entire country in such negative ways. We could write a book on the negative consequences. Our economy has been affected in ways that we won’t see improved anytime soon. High inflation, high interest rates for everything, high energy costs, increased crime, sanctuary cities causing budget deficits, a woke military (can’t get recruits), government involved in consumer issues (gas stoves, refrigerators, a/c units, heating), mandating electric initiatives, ruined our educational system and much more.

All of these are Democrat initiatives. Why would anyone admit they are a Democrat? I haven’t even mentioned the foreign policy failures which could well get us into a world war. This would require a separate book. Anyone opposing any of these issues is labeled a racist and white supremacist among other names....

Americans know that Donald Trump is the only one who can end this liberal Marxist effort to change America into their vision of a socialist, government controlled country. We won’t have any personal freedom. Why Democrats don’t see this, I don’t understand. We do need Trump to dismantle the unelected deep state bureaucrats that believe they run our country. He will reverse every destructive executive order issued by Joe Biden. Of course, Trump will face unprecedented opposition from Globalists, RINOs, democrats, lobbyists, media, tech companies, federal bureaucrats. Mudslinging will reach new lows. Trump will still win because his America First agenda resonates with patriotic Americans. Let’s help.

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And remember when Viera High School football team was discovered to have hazed and abused at least one of their teammates? This student transferred to another school. This

young man will be forever scarred as a result of this disgusting event. Who should have known the culture within this locker room? The coach was terminated. The athletic director might have known. The principal could have known. Who would not have known? No school board member could have known, but when the school board became aware, they went into action. The 2023 season was temporarily suspended. The board investigated, followed protocols, implemented controls, and certainly condemned the actions of a few. Law enforcement investigated. Any of us who were athletes know that locker rooms have a culture. Much is positive, but not all. As I said, this young man will forever have to relive his trauma. Wish him the best.

Why am I discussing this incident now, you may ask? Remember when we started our journey together? We picked the Brevard County school board as an area of focus. We decided that educating our youth was extremely important.

Ridding the schools of indoctrination and focus on education. Our participation in the election process contributed in the Brevard County School Board flipping from liberal to conservative. View the number as 3 conservatives and 2 others. The margin is slim. Much positive change has occurred since the last election. I, also, warned that the Marxist liberal political actors were not going to roll over and that they would come up with their strategy to return our schools to indoctrination.

As you all understand, the Marxists divide our country into two groups. There are those that are oppressed and those that are the oppressors. White individuals are designated as oppressors. Others are designated as the oppressed. The Marxists call this "White Privilege". This description allows them to attack our constitution which says, "All men are created equal". Their argument doesn't work if we all consider we are all equal.

Now to the point. Matt Susin, our School Board district 4 representative, is running for reelection. He has been targeted by the Marxists liberals as the one they are going to attack. How are they doing that. Well, as of December 20, 2023, Avanes Taylor has registered to run as a Democrat in an attempt to unseat Susin. She is the mother of the abused young man that I referenced in the beginning of this communication. She is other than "white". Therefore, she is one of the oppressed. The media sycophants along with liberals have already started attacking Susin because he more than anyone has contributed to the positive changes within the Brevard County school system. This election will get dirty. It already has.

Education is important, as we have all agreed. Matt Susin MUST be reelected in order to keep in place all the positive changes that have been implemented. If Taylor were to win, our school system would return to the radical culture we have all seen around the country. The Marxists would rejoice. Please support and vote for Susin for reelection!

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Anyone who is not aware of the corrupt judicial system in our country must have their heads buried in the sand. New York Judge Arthur Engoron, who is presiding over the case brought by Letisha James, denied Donald Trump the opportunity to present a closing argument in this sham of a trial. Trump is being accused of inflating his property values in order to secure loans. Keep in mind that no one within the prosecution has any clue as to the value of Trump's properties. The Judge valued Mar-A-Lago in Palm Beach at 10 million dollars. It is truly somewhere between \$500 million and \$1.2 billion.

Trump is being accused of fraud yet there is no victim. Before this trial even started, the judge declared Trump guilty, and the trial would determine damages. James is asking for \$370 million having just raised the request previously requested of \$250 million. This same judge denied a request for a jury trial. All are partisan democrats funded by Soros. They also coordinate with the DOJ who supports their arguments.

Now, we have Fani Willis, Fulton County DA, prosecuting/persecuting Trump for attempting to alter the 2020 presidential election outcome. She hired her boyfriend, an outside lawyer, to prosecute Trump and to date has paid him approximately \$700,000. The boyfriend takes Willis on exotic vacations. They are alleged to be more than boyfriend/girlfriend. She has coordinated with the DOJ and Jack Smith in Wash DC. The democrats all coordinate the timing of their court dates to hamper Trump's ability to campaign.

We have the issue that the Attorney General did not have the constitutional authority to appoint a Special Counsel to prosecute/persecute Donald Trump. The authority for this action must come from Congress. Do any of us believe that this DOJ or White House even cares about our constitution? We have seen the constitution repeatedly violated.

We witness the attempts to keep Trump off ballots in states run by Marxist democrats. Let's pray that our Supreme Court has the courage to do the right thing. Justice Roberts can be dangerous. He likes to be part of the social scene in Washington.



**A GLIMPSE AT GOVERNANCE OF  
THE BREVARD COUNTY  
SCHOOL BOARD  
By School Board District 4  
Representative  
Matt Susin**

Brevard County Schools continue to lead Florida in trades programs and is showcasing them for the world to see! On February 10, at the Space Coast Convention Center, the trades programs that have given Brevard Schools the title "Best in the State," will be on display for prospective students, the parents of those students, and companies the programs are aligned with to fulfill their employment opportunities. Let's get these kids to work!

Programs on display will include: the Aviation Program at Eau Gallie that is currently building the Mars Rover tracks for NASA, and where Governor Ron DeSantis proudly hosts his press conferences; a Welding Program at Astronaut, whose students are the backbone of Kennedy Space Center's launch infrastructure; a Marine Mechanics Program that annually takes top awards at the Yamaha National Competition; and an Autobody Paint Program that is currently training students to paint Embraer's executive jets; as well as a host of other programs.

Brevard has put a large focus on trades over the past eight years and we've seen the expansion of our construction, automotive, law enforcement, firefighting, and many other programs that are feeding the workforce pipeline of Brevard.

The cell phone ban is holding! Last year, the strong leadership moves this school board made put teeth in a cell phone ban that gave back the power to the classroom teacher to educate, not police their students. At a special school board meeting, horrible stories were told about students texting and streaming videos, completely disregarding their teachers and destroying the educational environment for all other students. The behavior referrals teachers were writing were falling on deaf ears, and many educators had given up and could not teach. This board took action and with overwhelming support from the teachers and parents, cell phones were banned, and the students were held accountable. With recent reports being published on the negative effects of the cell phone screen time, and the long term effects on our children, we have to stand together against this epidemic and protect our children. The Brevard School Board is going on tour! Our school board will be visiting local municipalities in joint work sessions with staff to collaborate on how our schools and the cities can work together to reduce cost, align trades programs, build workforce housing, offer stronger afterschool/summer opportunities for students, and many other topics. This is a combined effort with the elected boards, local chambers, regional leaders and workforce partners in each municipality. Satellite Beach, and Palm Bay are the first two stops on the tour.

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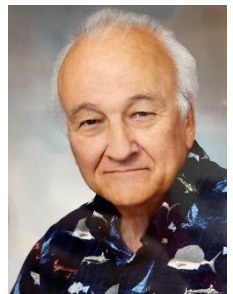
## THIS AND THAT

**RED WAVE TO VICTORY DINNER.** Florida Secretary of State Cord Byrd will be the keynote speaker at The Brevard Federated Republican Women's Red Wave to Victory Dinner at the Space Coast Convention Center in Cocoa on March 16. Other speakers on the program will be Florida Congressman Bill Posey, State Senator Tom Wright, and conservative radio commentator Bill Mick. Brevard County Property Appraiser Dana Blickley will be the Mistress of Ceremony. To purchase \$100 dinner tickets and \$50 VIP reception tickets, mail checks made out to BFRW to Brevard Federated Republican Women, PO Box 410143, Melbourne, FL 32941-0143, and include name, address, phone number and email address.

**JIMMY PATRONIS.** In his January 19 Rundown Report of the Florida Department of Financial Services, **Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis** announced that 117 banks in the Sunshine State have signed an agreement not to politically discriminate against their customers. With the continued rise of Environmental and Social Governances (ESG) infiltrating our economic institutions, he said, he was happy to see that these banks have committed to put returns over politics. They understand that if they de-bank customers over political persuasion, they are threatening their own bottom lines.... Patronis also said he has issued a statement supporting Florida Senate Bill 469, which among many things would recruit students to trades, such as construction, and would lower the age requirements for those who wish to work in construction-type jobs. Noting that he has been in business his entire life, he said there is nothing more empowering than when a young man or woman gets a check that they earn for their hard work....And following the impacts of the powerful storm and tornados that hit the Florida Panhandle, Patronis highlighted the work being done at the Disaster Resource Center, and encouraged all who were affected by the storm to utilize its services.



**REMEMBERING DALE YOUNG.** Republican activist and businessman Dale Young, who among other things founded the Ronald Reagan Club and established Trump campaign headquarters in Brevard County, following a lengthy illness passed away on December 10, one week after his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Young shared numerous commentaries on political issues by email and was a past Republican State Committeeman. Interested in local government decisions and actions, he formed a group called Brevard Citizens for Better Government and served as a member of the county's Budget Committee and Board of Adjustment for many years. Born in the small farming community of Pebbles, Ohio, Young attended Ohio State University and served two years in the U.S. Army, stationed in Texas with another soldier – named Elvis Presley. In business, he worked in sales and estimating, and formed his own construction company, building schools and hotels in Ohio. Moving to Melbourne, Florida, in 1986, he worked in wall and ceiling construction, and was a realtor with Young and Young Properties. In 2008, he served as president of the Melbourne Area Realtor's Association. Young was married to his wife, Beth, for 35 years, and in 2021, they retired to Jefferson County, Florida. He will be remembered for his in-depth study and knowledge of world events and will be missed.



**JUSTICE PREVAILS.** With the help of the Alliance Defending Freedom, justice has prevailed in Vermont for a father and his daughter who had been punished for expressing concern over a transgender student using the girls' locker

room. When Blake Allen, a 15-year-old member of the Randolph Union Middle/High School girls volleyball team, complained about it, she was suspended from school. Then, her father, Travis Allen, the school's girls' soccer coach, came to his daughter's aid, the school fired him for defending her and "misgendering" the transgender student. That is when Alliance Defending Freedom entered the picture, and following a court settlement in their favor, the Allens were awarded a \$125,000 settlement, all references to disciplinary actions were removed from their records, and they were reinstated – she as a student-athlete, and he as the soccer coach.

**FOR WANT OF A SMILEY PUMPKIN FACE, A BATTLE IS BREWING.** When a woman in Tampa, Florida, named Cynthia Kelly purchased a package of Reese's Peanut Butter candy, and saw that the picture of a jack-o'-lantern facade on the wrapper was not the actual shape of the candy inside, she said this was an example of false advertising. So she has filed a \$5 million class action lawsuit against the Hershey candy company, claiming "its labels for the products are materially misleading and numerous consumers have been tricked and misled by the pictures on the products' packaging. It did not contain any of the artistic carvings of the mouth or eyes as pictured on the label."

**HARVARD UNIVERSITY.** It was the shortest tenure as president in the school's history. Following numerous charges of plagiarism in her published scholarly writings and even her Ph.D. dissertation -- and backlash for claiming in Congressional testimony that students' anti-Semitic speech calling for genocide against Jewish people in wake of the Hamas attack against Israel did not violate university rules -- Claudine Gay resigned on January 2 as president of Harvard. She had been in the position for just six months, also serving as a professor of Government and of African and African-American Studies. Provost Alan Garber will serve as Harvard's interim president as the school searches for a successor, but ironically, it will allow Gay to remain on the teaching staff.



Addressing the Brevard chapter meeting of the Association of Mature American Citizens on January 23, **Kevin Jeffrey**, president of the

Brevard County Chapter of the Florida Republican Assembly, spoke to the members on Preserving Freedom For The Next Generation. Jeffrey, who also is Pastor of Grace Bible Church in Titusville, firmly believes in the concept of limited government. The problem with many elected officials, he said, is that rather



than believing that laws are being enacted for the greater good, many of them feel they are being enacted for their

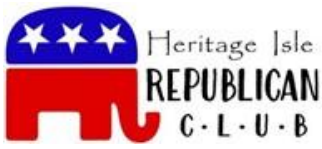
benefit. Local government decisions, he said, "will impact you more than what comes out of Washington." There are three things, he said, that we, the people, can do to secure freedom in our county: 1) reject the notion of political correctness; 2) redirect national issues to the local level; and 3) be independent thinkers. Jeffrey said that when people use the term "racist" against you, they are just trying to disarm you, and in response, we have to turn to "objective truth." Criticizing today's media, he said that so-called "news sources" are just opinion, and "true news stories require facts. The Florida Republican Assembly is a Judeo-Christian grassroots organization committed to restoring the Republican Party to its founding principles, and works to build legislative partnerships that introduce, reform and block legislation at the local, state and federal levels. Jeffrey noted that the late President Ronald Reagan called Republican assemblies "the Conscience of the Republican Party." Also, Jeffrey added, the assembly's goal is to "make changes one politician at a time."



In a video presentation to Florida supporters of Michigan-based Hillsdale College in Melbourne on January 9, **Dr. Roger Butters**, Associate Professor of Economics, explained why "There's Nothing Nice About Socialism." His analysis of the difference between socialism and free market economics in the video was inspired by his live lectures on the subject in the classroom at Hillsdale.



The problems with socialism, Butters said, are that it deals with collective or government ownership, and its goals are no private property or free trade, and it has government controls. This is not a new idea, he said, noting that socialism dates back to the early days of Plato in Greece, and more recently, in the Communist Manifesto of Karl Marx. It consists of promises and is full of lies, Butters said. Among other problems, he said, are that shortages are the hallmark of socialist society, and it can be destroyed by poverty. But, Butters added, the concept of socialism is popular on college campuses due to student unawareness and left-leaning professors. This is not the case, however, he said, in the free world, where economic freedom means capitalism, and the right exists to control one's own labor and property. Free markets, he added, move goods and services and solve economic problems. Even in colonial America, he said, property rights were created. Butters closed his presentation by stating that the choice between socialism and economic freedom are there for our children and grandchildren.



**William Scheiner**, the chief trial attorney for Brevard County, addressed the Heritage Isle Republican Club on January

4, saying he is a candidate for his office's top position – State Attorney for both Brevard and Seminole Counties – since the position will be open with the retirement of incumbent **Phil Archer**. Scheiner, who has been a prosecutor for 15 years, said this is a profession that comes with power and consequences in decisions that are made, and it comes with great responsibility. “A prosecutor must always be prepared and diligent,” he said. “To do otherwise would be a miscarriage of justice and a disservice to the community we serve.” Noting that his path to becoming a prosecutor was not a traditional one, Scheiner said that in 2001, while working to pursue a degree in history with the goal of being a teacher, he was a gun crime victim, robbed and shot, but saved by the police. Scheiner added that as the Brevard State Attorney’s office prosecuted his assailant, and he met police officers, lawyers and judges, and saw the system at work, he realized how it impacts so many lives, and he changed his college major – setting his sights on law school with the goal of being a prosecutor himself. He then received his undergraduate degree from UCF in legal studies and his law degree from Florida Coastal School of Law in Jacksonville in 2007. The following year he was hired to work in the Brevard County State Attorney office, and over the years has served as Misdemeanor Trial Attorney, in the Felony Trial Division, in the Sex Crimes and Child Abuse Unit, in the Career Criminal and Firearms Unit, as Felony Division Chief and as Chief Trial Attorney. Scheiner is a widower who is raising two young daughters, whom he calls his “rock and inspiration.” For additional information, visit the website:



[www.williamscheiner.com](http://www.williamscheiner.com).



The president and founder of the Network of Enlightened Women (NEW), **Karin Lips**, told the Leadership Institute’s Wake-up Wednesday

Breakfast meeting on January 3 that her organization – which is located on college campuses throughout the United States – educates, equips and empowers women to be principled leaders for a free society. NEW had



its beginnings at her alma mater, the University of Virginia, where she told the director of the Women’s Center she would like them to co-host a gathering for conservative female students, but her request was rejected. Lips said in 2004 she organized a book club on the campus anyway, and over the decade it grew nationwide into the NEW program. She explained that the education portion of the program covers the principles of freedom and opportunity by hosting speakers, holding debates, and providing intellectual resources to provide intellectual diversity on college campuses and in public discussions on women, policy and culture. Under equip, NEW trains pro-liberty women to serve as leaders through campus sessions, national conferences, leadership retreats, and professional development programs. And through empower, it cultivates a community of women through campus chapters, professional chapters, and an online presence to embolden participants to advocate for pro-liberty ideas in schools, workplaces, homes, and communities. Each summer, it also hosts an annual national conference in Washington, D.C. NEW is present today on more than 40 college campuses, Lips said, and as members graduate, they have become involved with professional and alumnae chapters. She is the author of “You’re Not Alone: The Conservative Woman’s Guide to College,” which focuses on such topics as picking a college major, running for student government, building a community, and how conservative young women can thrive in this environment. Concluding her Leadership Institute remarks, Lips said, “We need more people standing up and speaking out for conservative values.” For more information, visit the website: [www.networkofenlightenedwomen.org](http://www.networkofenlightenedwomen.org)

### AUDACITY AND IDOCY

The “winners” for the first month in the new year are:



--Freshman Florida Democrat Congressman Maxwell Frost of Orlando, for not only claiming that protecting the nation’s southern border is “bigoted,” but also proposing legislation to remove the Statue of Liberty from New York, claiming that it is “America’s largest symbol that tells people to come here.” Does he not know the difference between “illegal” and “legal” immigration?

--Ohio Republican Governor Mike DeWine, for vetoing legislation passed by the state General Assembly to ban gender procedures on minors and prevent boys from competing in girls’ sports in the state. The veto faced an override by Ohio’s Republican legislative supermajority. But in a special session of the legislature, the House voted 65-28

to reject DeWine’s attempt to kill the SAFE Act, and later the Ohio Senate voted 23-9 to overturn the veto.

--New York Democrat Governor Kathy Hochul, for announcing a new budget proposal to increase funding for illegal aliens in the state and offset it by cutting funding for 44 school districts – which ironically are located in conservative areas.

--Peter Smulowitz, the chief medical officer at the woke Massachusetts hospital Milford Regional Medical Center, for warning patients that they could be denied medical care if they use words or actions that are “disrespectful, racist, discriminatory, hostile or harassing” or if their “tone of voice doesn’t make hospital bureaucrats happy.”

--The Methodist Church in the United Kingdom, for issuing a language guide urging ministers and church goers to avoid using words such as “husband and wife,” because “those terms can be hurtful and offensive.” The church’s ideology comes from the worldwide agenda to promote LGBTQ lifestyle choices.

--New York officials, for moving nearly 2,000 illegal immigrants from a tent shelter to the James Madison High School in Brooklyn to avoid a massive rainstorm, thus forcing students out and making them learn remotely from home for one day. After this frustrating experience for the students, New York City Mayor Eric Adams shockingly boasted on “Good Morning, America” that his city has “done a great job” handling the migrant surge, and the problem “has nothing to do with sanctuary cities.”

--City officials in Bryan, Ohio, for charging Pastor Chris Avell with 18 criminal counts and zoning law violations for the “crime” of opening his Dad’s Place Church to help the homeless with a place to sleep during the cold winter months when the local city homeless shelter was full. First Liberty is representing the pastor in his legal challenge to the city.

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## YOU CAN’T MAKE THIS UP



--The highest ranking transgender in the U.S. Space Force – Bree Fran, a man wearing a dress -- has been promoted to the rank of Lt. Colonel. He says that “inclusion is our nation’s greatest national security imperative.”

In response, podcaster Todd Starnes points out that “Now you understand why so many red-blooded American young men refuse to volunteer to be a part of this freak show of a military. Our enemies are laughing at us, America.”

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--Last month, Karl Frisch became the new vice chairman of the Fairfax County, Virginia, School Board. Frisch, an open homosexual, chose to be sworn-in on a stack of pornographic books that depicted pedophilia. and that he called a “benefit” to children. Now, he was surprised to learn that he is the target

of a recall campaign from outraged parents in the county, who say his affinity for porn makes him “unfit to hold office on this school board.”

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--A grand jury in Warren, Ohio, refused to indict Brittany Watts, 34, who was accused of felony abuse of a corpse – flushing her miscarried, stillborn baby down the toilet and leaving it clogged before going to a hairdresser appointment. A group of 150 Leftists, claiming that the prosecutors “abused their power” in the case, cheered her non-indictment. They also said that because Watts is a black woman, the authorities were “racist.”

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---A man carrying a machete and a knife who was arrested by police last month at the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington – 23-year-old Leonardo Marquez – turned out to be an illegal immigrant from Venezuela who was stopped in Texas in 2022 but released under the Biden Administration’s lenient border policies. Now, he has been charged with carrying a dangerous weapon and possessing a prohibited one.

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--The Georgia United Credit Union, which has more than 150,000 members in the Peach State, has sparked outrage and a backlash in its membership by instituting an amendment to its terms of agreement. The woke institution now prohibits the use of its financial services to purchase firearms, ammunition, firearms parts, and accessories.

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## EXPERTS’ EXCERPTS



Historian and author **Victor Davis Hanson**, writing on Biden “saves” Democracy by destroying it, in the “Daily Caller”:

“When faced with the possible return of former President Donald Trump, the current agenda of the Democrat Party is summed up as simply as ‘We had to destroy democracy to save it.’ The effort shares a common theme. Any means necessary are justified to prevent the people from choosing their own president, given the fear that a majority might vote to elect Trump. Sometimes the anti-democratic paranoia has been outsourced to state and local officials and prosecutors to erase Trump from the primary and likely general election ballots as well. One unelected official in Maine, Secretary of State Shenna Bellows, is a Democrat, an official never elected by the people, and a non-lawyer rendering a legal edict. Yet she has judged Trump guilty of ‘insurrection.’ And presto, she erased his name from the state’s ballot. Yet Trump was never charged, much less convicted, of ‘insurrection.’ The statute Bellows cites is a post-Civil War clause of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment. It was passed over a century-and-a-half ago. It was never intended to be used in an election year by an opposition party to disbar a rival

presidential candidate. In the earlier case of Colorado, the all-Democrat Supreme Court, in a 4-5 vote, took Trump off the ballot. In sum, just five officials in two states have taken away the rights of some seven million Americans to vote for the president of their choice. Note that Trump continues to lead incumbent President Joe Biden in the polls. Sometimes, indictments are preferred to prevent Americans from voting for or against Trump.... Georgia prosecutor Fani Willis campaigned on promises to get Trump. She now faces allegations that she outsourced the prosecution to an unqualified personal injury lawyer – her current stealth boyfriend who was paid handsomely by Willis’ office and traveled on pricey junkets with her. New York partisan Attorney General Letitia James likewise sought office on promises to destroy Trump. She preposterously claims Trump overvalued his real estate collateral to a bank. Yet it eagerly made the loan, profited from it, and had no complaints given that Trump paid off the principal and interest as required.... Federal special prosecutor Jack Smith claims Trump should be convicted of improperly removing classified documents after leaving office. In the past, such disagreements over presidential papers were resolved bureaucratically. Biden, for example, improperly took out classified files after leaving the Senate and Vice Presidency, and stored them in unsecure locations for over a decade....Biden has hammered Trump as an insurrectionist and guilty of a number of egregious crimes against democracy – even as his own attorney general has appointed a special counsel to try Trump on just those federal charges concerning the January 6 demonstrations, a dead horse that Biden periodically still beats to death to scare voters....Yet the more Biden and the Left weaponized the judicial system to prevent Trump from running, and the more Biden screams and yells that Trump supporters are anti-American and anti-democratic, the more Trump soars in the polls while Biden sinks. The left privately knows that its historically unprecedented strangulation of democracy is increasing Trump’s popularity. But like an addict, it cannot quit its Trump fix.”

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**James Patterson**, a member of the North Brevard Republican Club, writing on “The Goals of Whom?,” for this publication:

“When I was a young boy who listened to President John F. Kennedy say, “Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country,”

I was very impressed and deeply moved. In my heart, I became a Democrat that day. Over the years, however, the Democrat Party has moved farther and farther away from JFK’s ideals and my beliefs.

Many years later, I watched President Jimmy Carter do a very poor job, and when it came time to vote for his reelection, I couldn’t do it, and voted for John Anderson of the Independent Party. But during the next four years, I watched President Ronald Reagan closely.

A cowboy, no; a man who had sophisticated ideas expressed in simple terms. A hollow movie star, no; a man who had a deep understanding of how the world was, how things work, and how the world should be. A mean man bent on war, no; a man who would stand tall against the slings, arrows, and outrageous rhetoric. A man who said what needed to be said and did what needed to be done.

In 1984, I was able to vote for the re-election of Ronald Reagan. A vote well spent. The transformation had begun. During the next four years, I listened to the outrageous rhetoric that would go on and on against good and even great ideas. Why, I thought. Why attack great ideas?

In 1987, President Reagan went to Germany and said, “Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall.” Still, they attacked with the same outrageous rhetoric from 1980, “He is going to start a war.”

The wall dividing East and West Germany came down. The wall was destroyed by great ideas. It was destroyed by strong and powerful words that would not be shouted down. As the wall crumbled, the USSR began to crumble from within. The USSR was destroyed by ideas, words, and strength required to do what was right.

In those years, I was a Democrat once removed. I didn’t see Republicans versus Democrats as us versus them. Reagan called the USSR, Russia, “The Evil Empire.” I agreed with that. The Democrat leadership argued against him and his statement. Why would Americans argue against an American President and defend the USSR?

I began a list of pros and cons; for and against. I realized that my core values were more often in the conservative side than the liberal side. As the years went by the liberals displayed ideas farther and farther to the left.

Next, I built a list of policies that was very far to the left, and compiled a list of goals based on the policies that was so shocking, I couldn’t even believe it was true.

This information will be of help to nervous Republicans, cautious Independents, and Democrats that need more help getting to the hard truth.

I gave my untitled list to a friend. He said it was a list of Democrat goals. I said it was a list of goals of Communist Russia. He said they are the same thing.

So it turned out that my list of Communist Russia goals and policies -- AND Democrat goals and policies – were one and the same.

Here is the list:

- Destroy Morality
- Create a Sick Society
- Destroy Religion
- Take Away Freedom of Speech
- Destroy the Military
- Take away the right to bear arms

Destroy the Industrial Base  
Plunge USA into Debt or Bankruptcy  
Destroy Elections and their reliability  
Make Americans Weak  
Demonize America and Americana  
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Columnist **Marc Thiessen**, writing on the 10 worst things President Biden did in 2023, in “The Washington Post”:

“After the disasters Joe Biden unleashed in 2022, I didn’t imagine his presidency could get worse – but it did. Here are the 10 worst things Biden did in 2023: 10) He made the child-care crisis worse. As

my Post colleague Alyssa Rosenberg and I pointed out in September, child-care costs have been rising at nearly twice the rate of inflation. We proposed expanding the State Department’s au pair program, making this lower-cost option available to more families. Instead, the Biden administration put forward a plan that would double the cost of hiring an au pair by tying compensation to state and local laws on minimum wage, which will effectively put the program out of reach for many working families. 9) He made us more dependent on Russian uranium. If Biden wants to speed Americans’ transition from fossil fuels to electricity, we will need more nuclear power. Yet the president restricted development on more than 1 million acres of land that includes the only U.S. source of high-grade uranium ore....8) He circumvented the Supreme Court on student loan forgiveness. With the stroke of a pen, Biden tried in 2022 to cancel half a trillion dollars in student debt, only to see his unconstitutional plan blocked by the Supreme Court. So the president used other regulatory means to write off nearly \$132 billion in student debt anyway – He effectively forced blue-collar workers to subsidize the higher education of white-collar professionals and launched a frontal assault on Congress’s power of the purse. 7) He failed to police antisemitism on the left.... He condemned the right-wing bigots in Charlottesville ‘chanting the same antisemitic bile heard across Europe in the ’30s, yet he failed to forcefully confront the explosion of antisemitic bile on the left, from college campuses to Capitol Hill, after Hamas’s October 7 terrorist attack on Israel. 6) He allowed a Chinese spy balloon to violate U.S. airspace. For days, the Biden administration did nothing to stop the 20-story Chinese craft until someone in Montana looked up at the sky and said: What the hell is that?. ....5) He allowed Iran to attack U.S. forces with impunity.... Iran’s proxy Hamas killed more than 30 Americans during its attack against Israel. Since then, Iran’s partners in terror have carried out reportedly more than 100 attacks on U.S. forces in Iraq, Syria, and the Red Sea. Yet Biden has imposed no cost on Iran, sending a message of weakness that invites more attacks. 4) He allowed the worst border crisis in U.S. history get even worse. In fiscal 2023, the record for the most encounters at the southern border was broken for the third straight year....3) He blocked allies from giving Ukraine a clear path to NATO membership. 2) He

continued to slow-roll weapons to Ukraine. After resisting for nearly a year, Biden finally agreed in January to provide Ukrainian forces with M1A1 Abrams tanks, but the first tanks did not arrive until September....1) He announced he is running for reelection. Biden is the most unpopular president since the end of World War II. Monmouth polling in October found 76 percent say he is too old to serve another term.... This list barely scratches the surface.”

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**American Security Council Foundation Senior Analyst Laurence Sanford**, writing on Jihad in Africa, for the ASCF publication “Peace Through Strength”:

“Islamic jihadists are committing genocide against Christians in Africa. The most dangerous country in Africa for Christians is Nigeria, with over 52,000 Christians having been slaughtered by Muslims in the past decade; 18,000 churches and 2,200 schools have been burned down. Muslims celebrated Christmas Day in 2023 by hacking to death over 100 Christians with machetes. Nigeria is the most populous nation in Africa, with over 220 million citizens. Muslims represent slightly over 50 percent of the population. Ruled by Fulani Muslims since 2014, the central federal government has done little to stop the genocide committed by Fulani Muslim terrorist groups or Boko Haram, which means “Western Education is Forbidden.” The group’s official title is “People Committed to the Propagation of the Prophets Teaching and Jihad.” Launched in 2009, Boko Haram’s objective was to create an Islamic state under Sharia law. Presently, twelve northern Muslim-majority states have imposed Sharia law on Muslims. A parallel legal system applies to infidels. The Obama administration urged the Nigerian government not to use military force against Boko Haram, claiming the slaughter was due to social inequities between Muslim Fulani herdsmen and Christian farmers caused by climate change. A Nigerian nun, Sister Moniker Chikwe, said, ‘It is tough to tell Nigerian Christians this isn’t a religious conflict since what they see are Fulani fighters, clad entirely in black, chanting Allahu Akbar and screaming Death to Christians.’ The United States Agency for International Development provided more than \$500 million in aid to Nigeria in fiscal years 2021 and 2022. Much of the aid went to the northeastern region of Nigeria, where the majority of atrocities are committed. Following the slaughter of more than 200 Christians over the 2022 Christmas holiday season, Roman Catholic Bishop Kukah of Sokoto of Nigeria, called the Fulani Islamists ‘sons of Satan’ who came from ‘the deepest pit of hell.’ Pope Francis, the Roman Catholic Marxist Liberation Jesuit, should be defending Christians but has said nothing about Islamic atrocities in Nigeria or elsewhere in the world. He is too busy condemning Israelis for defending themselves and falsely accusing Israel of killing two Christian women in a Gaza church. When has he condemned Muslims for killing thousands of Christians? Nigeria also led the world in the number of Christians abducted, sexually assaulted, forcibly married, or abused. In 2014, Boko Haram abducted





276 schoolgirls from a government secondary school in Chibok, Borno State. Few have been returned to their families. Most were forced into marriage. Since Chibok, thousands of school-age children have been kidnapped, and thousands of teachers killed. Children are no longer being educated.... Mainstream media has closed its eyes to reporting on Islamic genocide. A mosque is destroyed in Gaza storing Hamas military weapons, and the world is aghast. 18,000 churches in Africa are destroyed, and the world yawns. No U.N. votes are condemning the atrocities. No Washington D.C. rallies are protesting the slaughter and enslavements.

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## THOUGHTS TO PONDER

“I would be remiss if I didn’t add a comment about MAGA Republican Extremists that have been referred to already, and often on the House floor. A MAGA Republican Extremist is someone who, for example, doesn’t believe the government should spend more money than it takes in. It shouldn’t put our country in hopeless debt for which our children and grandchildren are going to suffer. A MAGA Republican Extremist doesn’t believe the government should encourage over 8 million people to illegally invade our southern border, and then reward them on the backs of law-abiding American citizens. MAGA Republican Extremists think we should teach our children how to think in school, not indoctrinate them in what to think.... I just think that the public should be aware of what a MAGA Republican Extremist actually is. They support law enforcement, they don’t malign and vilify and try and defund law enforcement, they just simply want to make America great. Most of my constituents think that way, and I would hope most of yours do as well.”

--**Florida Congressman Bill Posey**, speaking on the House floor about MAGA Republicans

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“This is a time of great trial. The Democrat Party is at war with the United States and its founding traditions and principles. The 2024 election may well determine if we conservative patriots can restore and conserve the things which guaranteed our freedoms and guided our success. Should they win, We The People will no longer be permitted to be who we are – who our Constitution enabled us to be. We will be forced to be who they want us to be. America's history, our core beliefs, and our sense of common purpose fueled our national success and welded us back together as a nation even when brutally divided by civil war. Today we face deep and dangerous divisions at a time when the very alignment of political and cultural power has shifted away from the sovereignty of the people. America, as America, may not survive. The crucial moment is upon us when We The People are all together called upon to restore and conserve the heart and wisdom of our founding greatness. Or fail, and kneel in misery as we fall onto that vast trash heap of humankind's lost causes. And so, I ask you to look back to the founding principles of our country, recall the crucial importance of our Constitution to our creation, to our nation's success and to America's continued existence. And when you prepare for what is to come, remember who we are.”

--Former **U.S. Ambassador Stanley Escudero**, on remembering America, and what we stand for

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“Sigmund Freud, the founder of psychoanalysis, chronicled various neurotic disorders, including “projection” and other psychological defense mechanisms. Projection occurs when someone ‘projects’ their own feelings, motives, behaviors and thoughts onto others. It’s a way of coping with one’s own insecurities and to blame one’s problems on others. Another Freudian concept is “denial.” That’s when someone dismisses external reality and formulates his or her own ‘truth.’ Both disorders are not only rampant among America’s political left but have become tools in their war on common sense, truth and decency....No one epitomizes this more than President Joe Biden, who has warned darkly that Republicans, white people, conservative Christians and former President Donald Trump and his ‘MAGA’ forces are out to destroy democracy and usher in authoritarian government.”

--“**Washington Times**” columnist **Robert Knight** on Biden’s projection and denial

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“President Biden requires a lot of vacation. In 2023, Biden spent 142 days – 38.9 percent of the year – on vacation. That includes at least 30 trips to Delaware, 10 trips to Camp David, portions of two visits to the U.S. Virgin Islands, and vacations in Nantucket and Lake Tahoe. After nearly three years in office, Biden remains well on track to outpace each of his modern-day predecessors in leisure.”

--**RNC Director of Rapid Response Jake Schneider**, on the President’s time away from the White House

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“The United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) was complicit with Hamas in the October 7, 2023, genocide and atrocities against Jews. The United States was also complicit in funding UNRWA, which in turn funds Hamas. UNRWA-supported schools and textbooks teach children to hate Jews and that Israel has no legitimate right to exist. By demonizing Jews and Israel, Palestinians are encouraged to commit violence and become martyrs.... When UNRWA began operations in 1950, it serviced 750,000 Palestinian refugees. Seventy years later, the total number of refugees is 5.9 million. Only UNRWA classifies descendants of refugees as refugees.... President Trump terminated U.S. funding to UNRWA in 2018 due to its support of Hamas activities, and President Biden restarted it, which in 2022 totaled \$344 million. Since 1950, the U.S. has voluntarily donated more than \$6 billion to UNRWA.”--**American Security Council Foundation Senior Analyst Laurence Sanford**, on the United Nations’ support of Hamas

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“BRICS is an economic trading bloc that openly states a desire to replace the U.S. dollar as the world’s reserve currency. It was organized in 2010 by Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa to reduce U.S. economic influence worldwide

and to develop alternative payment methods to the U.S. dollar.... If the United States wants to remain as the world's reserve currency, it should tend to its own garden by strengthening its military, economy, and culture. Perhaps the greatest danger to America is the internal Marxist assault on American civilization through the poisoning of grievances - the oppressed versus the oppressor. Wokeness, DEI, BLM, and identity politics all flow from Marxism taught in universities and K-12."

--another Sanford quote, this one on global attempts to replace the U.S. dollar in global currency

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"Throughout all of 2023, the late night comedians told a total of 9,518 political jokes, and of these 7,729 or 81 percent were directed at someone or something on the right side of the political spectrum. From January 3 through December 22, MRC analysts analyzed all six of the daily late night shows: Comedy Central's The Daily Show, ABC's Jimmy Kimmel Live!, NBC's The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon and Late Night with Seth Meyers, CBS's The Late Show with Stephen Colbert and The Late Late Show with James Corden until its April cancellation."

--Media Research Center news analyst **Alex Christy**, on an MRC study of late-night comedians

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"FBI agents have arrested a Texas man on charges that he and six other men gang-raped two toddlers in the restroom at Houston's Galleria shopping mall and posted a video of the assault online. Hector Fernandez, 29, who worked at a kiosk in the Galleria faces up to life in prison, and a federal magistrate has ordered him held without bond.... Fernandez previously worked at a store in the Galleria that has since shut down, according to the complaint. Both children seen in the videos, ages 2 to 3, were related to women who also worked at the mall, the complaint said. 'The Houston Chronicle' is not naming the stores or the women to avoid releasing identifiable information about the children. The women sometimes took the children to their workplaces at the mall when they couldn't afford or find child care, the complaint said. Both women considered Fernandez their friend and previously had allowed him to take the children around the mall while they were busy working, according to the complaint."

--"**Red State**" writer **Streiff**, on toddlers being raped in a Houston mall restroom

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"Senate Republicans are bullish that 2024 will conclude with former President Donald Trump's return to the White House and the party back in the majority in the upper chamber after a four-year hiatus, 'The Hill' reports. 'People are over it with [President Joe Biden], and I just think that whoever we nominate is going to be well-positioned to win the presidency, and I think that bodes well for the Senate,' said South Dakota Republican Senator John Thune, the Senate Minority Whip. Only 10 Republicans are defending seats this year, compared to 23 Democrats, including independents who caucus or vote with the majority party."

--Political analyst **Michael Reagan**, on his take of the 2024 election

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"There's big trouble in the Windy City of Chicago. Tesla owners were left stranded in the middle of a blizzard. That's because their car batteries died. CBS News reports that electric vehicles were lined up at charging stations that either did not work or would take hours to charge....AAA found that cold temperatures can reduce an electric vehicle's range by more than 40 percent - especially when drivers are using interior heaters. So, if you're going to drive a Tesla during the winter months, you need to bring along extra gloves, a scarf, mittens and a blanket."

--Podcaster **Todd Starnes**, on the "joy" of owning an electric vehicle

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"The NFL announced that the black national anthem will be performed alongside the real National Anthem at the 2024 Super Bowl. They will not be performing the Asian-American national anthem or the Hispanic national anthem. A caller to my national radio show asked about the LGBT national anthem and whether the rainbow flag would be on display. The NFL did not respond to my queries about whether 'Y.M.C.A.' will be performed or whether the rainbow flag will be posted. You might recall it was President Trump who declared The Village People's famous song as the gay national anthem. Andra Day will sing 'Lift Every Voice and Sing,' a spiritual that has long been known as the black national anthem. Hundreds of my readers posted angry messages on my social media pages, accusing the NFL of dividing the nation."

--Another Starnes quote, this one on songs at the February 11 Super Bowl

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## UPCOMING BREVARD COUNTY EVENTS

- February 1: Heritage Isle Republican Club meeting, Heritage Isle Clubhouse, 10 am.
- February 2: Federated Republican Women in Action meeting, McMaw's BBQ, Palm Bay, 12 pm.
- February 5: Republican Liberty Caucus of Brevard meeting, La Loma Restaurant, Melbourne, 6 pm.
- February 5: Brevard Republican Executive Committee meeting, Space Coast Association of Realtors Building, Melbourne, 7 pm.
- February 6: Moms For Liberty meeting, Pizza Gallery, Viera, 6 pm
- February 7: Brevard Federated Republican Women meeting, Space Coast Convention Center Cocoa 11:30 am

- February 12: Space Coast Patriots meeting, Merritt Island Library, 6 pm.
  - February 15: Republican Women's Network of South Brevard meeting, Suntree Country Club, 11 am.
  - February 20: North Brevard Republican Club meeting, American Police Hall of Fame, Titusville, 6 pm.
  - February 22: Space Coast Young Republicans meeting, Pub Americans, Melbourne, 6 pm.
  - February 23: Truth-Fest meeting, Brevard County Government Center, Viera, 7 pm.
  - February 24: Space Coast Republican Club meeting, Red Lobster, Merritt Island, 11:30 am.
  - February 26: Ronald Reagan Club meeting, Oceanside Community Church, Satellite Beach, 6 pm.
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## COMICAL CLOSERS

We just received our 2024 Social Security Stimulus Packages. They contained a monthly benefit increase of two cents, a Biden "Build Back Better" bumper sticker, a prayer rug, a Kamala Speech Decoder Ring, a solar powered machine to blow smoke up our butts, a coupon for a free oil change on our Tesla, and a "Blame it on Trump" sign for the front yard. The instructions were in Spanish.

Yours should arrive soon.

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Question: What is the truest definition of Globalization?

Answer: Princess Diana's death. Because an English Princess with an Egyptian boyfriend crashes in a French tunnel, riding in a German car with a Dutch engine, driven by a Belgian who was drunk on Scottish whisky, followed closely by Italian paparazzi on Japanese motorcycles, treated by an American doctor using Brazilian medicines. This information was provided by a Canadian, using American Bill Gates' technology, and being read on a computer or phone that uses Taiwanese chips, and a Korean monitor, assembled by Bangladeshi workers in a Singapore plant, transported by Indian truck drivers, hijacked by Indonesians, unloaded by Sicilian longshoremen, and trucked to you by Mexicans who are in the U.S. illegally. And. That, is globalization.

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"The Babylon Bee" says if you are reading its satirical emails, the chances are you already are on a watch list, and the FBI listens in on your phone calls. So it offers a couple of creative ways to mess with them. For example, say the school board protest has been moved somewhere else, and they will send a SWAT team to the wrong location; say that President Trump is both an "insurrectionist dictator," and "our savior," and they won't know whose side you are on; and identify yourself as Hunter Biden and pretend you are ordering a Ukrainian hooker, and they will hang up faster than you can say "bribery scam."

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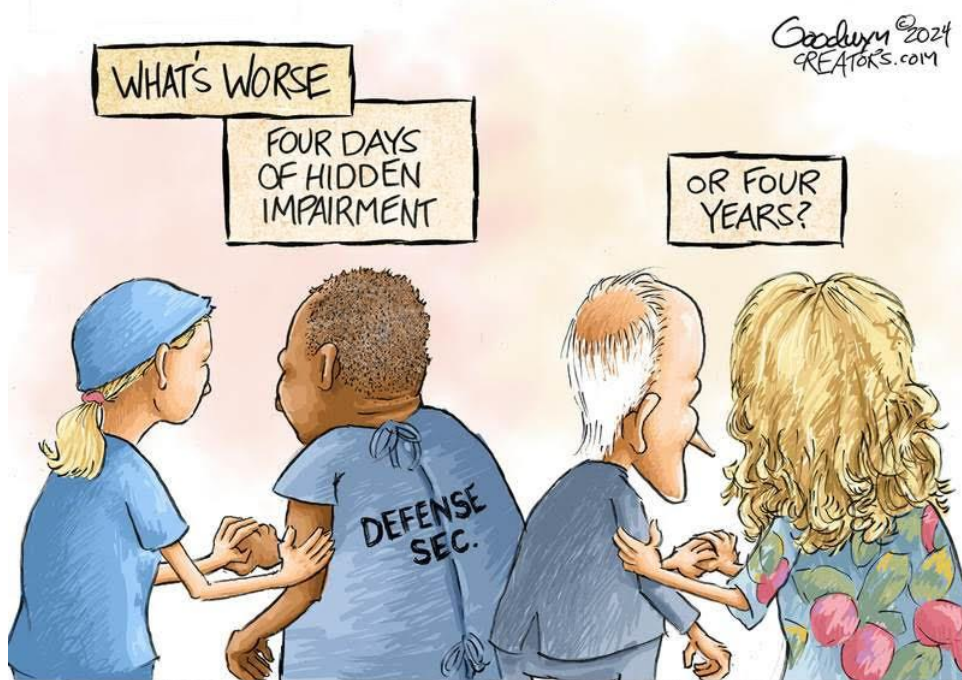
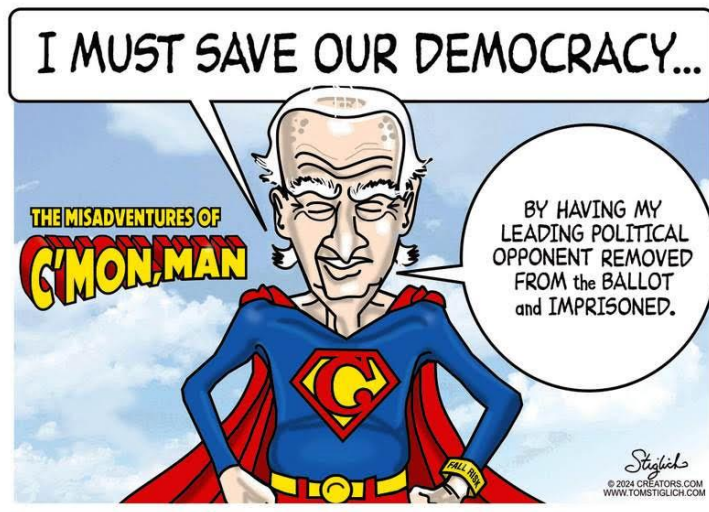
A man told his friend: "You won't believe what happened last night. My daughter walked into the living room and said, 'Dad, do not pay off my college tuition loan, cancel my allowance, throw away all my clothes and take my iPhone and laptop. In addition, please take all of my jewelry to the Salvation Army. Then, sell my car, take my front door key away from me and lock me out of your house. Then, disown me and never talk to me again. And don't forget to write me out of your will and leave my share to anyone you choose.'

"Wow," said the friend, "She actually said that?" The father replied, "Well, she didn't actually put it quite like that. I'm paraphrasing a little. What she actually said was, 'Dad, meet my new boyfriend, Mohammed. We're going to work together on Biden's 2024 re-election campaign.'"



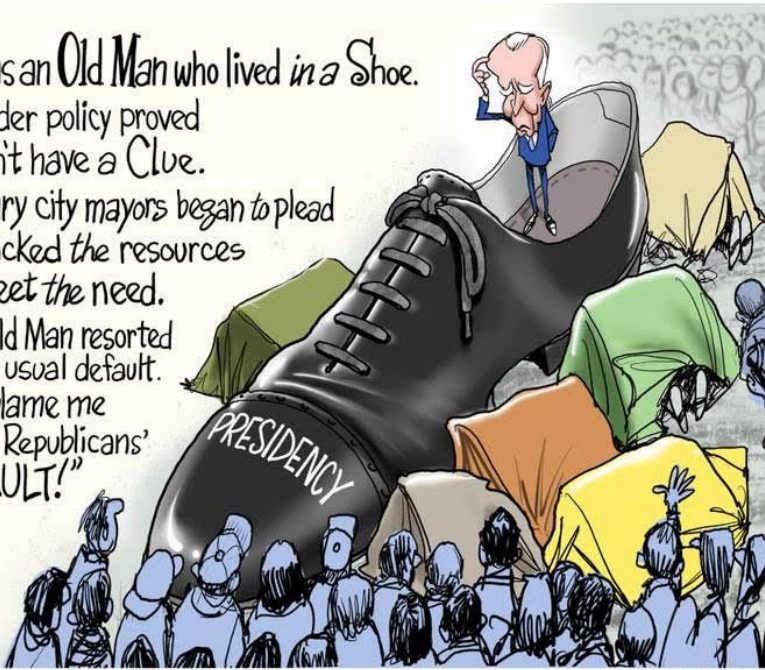
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 to meet the need.  
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 to his usual default.  
 "Don't blame me  
 It's the Republicans'  
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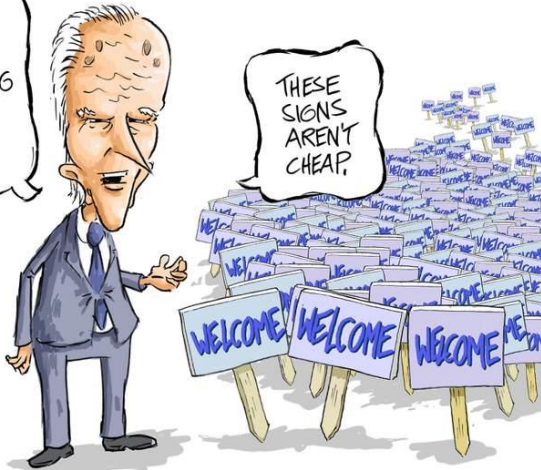
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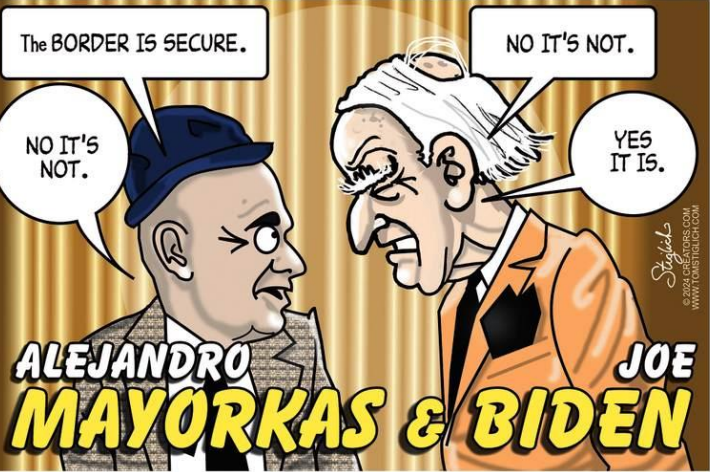
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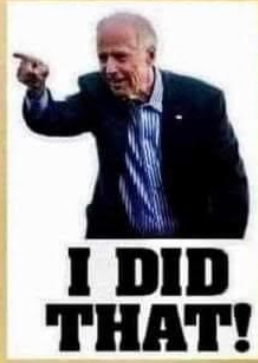
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