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FLORIDA SPECIAL ELECTION VICTORIES RETAIN LEGISLATIVE MAJORITIES

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK:

MY TWO CENTS

By Stuart Gorin

--We do not know if the cease-fire between Israel and Iran that President Trump brokered will actually hold up the way we wish. But meanwhile, in recognition of this extraordinary and historic act, Georgia Republican Congressman Buddy Carter – in a letter to the Norwegian Nobel Committee – has formally nominated Trump for the Nobel Peace Prize “in recognition of his extraordinary and historic role in brokering an end to the armed conflict between Israel and Iran and preventing the world’s largest state sponsor of terrorism from obtaining the most lethal weapon on the planet.”

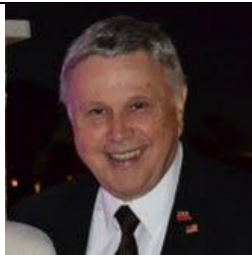
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--Following the U.S. military strikes against Iran’s nuclear sites on June 21, CNN falsely claimed that Democrats in Congress were not informed about them in advance. White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt said the left-leaning network had to retract its “fake news” blatant lie, because Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer was informed before the strike, and House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries “didn’t pick up the phone,” but was briefed on the mission soon after.

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--Even though I am a life-long Baltimore Orioles fan, the ONE major league team that I wish to pay tribute to is the Texas Rangers. During this month of June, Major League officials encouraged teams to celebrate what some refer to as PRIDE Month, and 29 of the 30 teams in the U.S. responded with enthusiasm. The Texas Rangers were the ONLY team to decline to participate. I just do not understand why PRIDE and LGBTQ have anything to do with baseball.

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It was a sweep for Brevard County Republicans on June 10, winning two Special Elections to retain the party’s super majority in Florida’s State Legislature. Voter turnout was low, but strong enough for victory.

Debbie Mayfield returns to her District 19 seat in the State Senate after defeating Democrat Vance Ahrens, a former health care surgical technician, by a 54.45 percent to a 45.55 percent margin.



A long-time state legislator, Mayfield served in the State House 2008-16, and then two terms in the Senate, as majority leader 2020-22, and as chair of the powerful Senate Rules Committee 2022-24. Originally, term limits prevented her from running again for the Senate, so she returned to the House and won again.



But in a case of “musical chairs,” former **Republican State Representative Randy Fine**, who won the Senate seat, subsequently resigned it to run instead for a vacancy in Florida’s 6th U.S. Congressional District, and was victorious in an April 1, special election.

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While this has been “Pride Month” to many, June did receive some competition from the Trump administration, which also recognized it as “Title IX Month,” honoring the 1972 federal civil rights law that bans sex discrimination.

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--And speaking of baseball, Republican lawmakers emerged victorious over their Democrat counterparts in the 2025 Congressional ball game on June 12 – marking their fifth consecutive win. This year the score was 13-2.

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--If any reader has just woken up from a Rip Van Winkle sleep and never seen ABC-TV’s “The View” -- what the Media Research Center calls “everyone’s favorite cackling coven of wicked witches” – let it be known that in the first quarter of 2025, Caryn “Whoopie-Doopie Goldberg” Johnson and company had 63 guests on the program to discuss politics, and all 63 voiced left-leaning views. Not a single right-leaning perspective graced the airwaves, which was no surprise.

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--This month I enjoyed watching on TV the live, Broadway production of “Good Night, and Good Luck,” the story of newscaster Edward R. Murrow’s battle with Senator Edward McCarthy in the 1950’s. George Clooney played the part of Murrow, whom I actually met in 1961.

President John F. Kennedy named Murrow as the new director of the U.S. Information Agency in Washington, around the same time I started working there as a writer. It was soon announced that Murrow would be visiting every office in the building to meet the staff. When he came to our newsroom, one of the young women writers was unhappy about being sent on an assignment. Murrow stopped briefly at everyone’s desk to talk, and being the new man, I was his last stop. As he greeted me, the famed, chain-smoking Murrow casually reached for an ashtray on a nearby table, chain-lit a new cigarette, and put out the stub he had been smoking. He finished conversing with me and then left the room. As soon as he was gone, another young woman – a friend of the missing one – shrieked, grabbed the ashtray, dumped the contents into an envelope, sealed it, and wrote on it: “To Jane. Ed Murrow’s butt and ashes.” Such was life at the good, old USIA.

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More Two Cents next month.

Then, because of a gap in tenure, Mayfield was again allowed to run for the State Senate seat – a decision unanimously agreed to by the Florida State Supreme Court – so she resigned the House seat.

“I’m thankful for the trust and confidence the voters of Senate District 19 have placed in me,” Mayfield said after the results were finalized. “With the support of our district, I’ll fight for property tax relief, lower insurance premiums, and to protect the traditional family values that make America great.”



That opened the door again for the House special election, in which real estate and insurance businessman **Brian Hodgers** won a three-way Republican primary in April and then defeated Democrat retired military man Juan Hinojosa in the June 10 special election by a margin of 55.37 percent to 44.63 percent.

Hodgers said he aims to use his expertise in insurance to lower rates for Floridians. He also wants to cap and roll back property taxes and ease regulatory burdens on small businesses.

“Americans continue to relocate to the free state of Florida to seek relief from the crippling impacts of big government,” Hodgers said, “As Florida’s population continues to grow, we must protect recent reforms that have stabilized Florida insurance marketplace leading to lower insurance costs, reduce Florida’s property tax burden, and provide additional funding for wastewater treatment facilities to meet the state’s demands.”

Discussing the election results, **Brevard Republican Executive Committee Chair Rick Lacey** said he, for one, wasn't all that surprised that Mayfield's margin of victory was less than 10 percentage points.

"I expected it to be close," Lacey said, noting that many Democrats and Democratic-leaning independents were motivated after the Republican landslides in the November 2024 elections to come out to the polls for this election.

"Republicans were happy, content, comfortable" with the 2024 election results, Lacey said. "Democratic voters were not happy with the election results. Anger is a great motivator."

Lacey said some people told him that this special election would be a “cakewalk” for Mayfield and Hodgers, but he didn't want the Republican Party to be overconfident, and he would rather “run scared and win vs. run confident and lose.”

Voter turnout for this special election was light, with only about 17.3% of the 401,189 eligible voters casting ballots in this race.

Of the registered voters in District 19 who were eligible to vote in this election, 44.9% are Republicans; 25.9% are Democrats; 25.5% are no-party-affiliation voters; and 3.7% are members of a minor political party.

Republican Party of Florida Chairman Evan Power called the wins by Mayfield and Hodgers "a testament to strong candidates, hard work on the ground, and the clear momentum behind our conservative message." He said they were "proven conservatives who will fight for Florida's values in Tallahassee."

Also on June 10, in Okaloosa County, former **Republican County Commissioner Nathan Boyles** defeated Democrat Dondre Wise in Florida’s District 3 state house seat race, replacing **Republican Joel Rudman**, who resigned in order to run in Florida’s Congressional District 1 race but lost in the party primary.

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U.S. SUPREME COURT DECISIONS THIS MONTH

--On June 27, just as we were about to go to press, the Supreme Court issued six major rulings in support of President Trump, all by 6-3 rulings.

The first one has effectively ended universal injunctions used by rogue district court judges. These activist judges can no longer issue universal injunctions against Presidential orders, and in doing so they exceed their constitutional authority. The Court has effectively nuked the universal injunctions used by rogue district court judges.

The second decision allowed President Trump's executive order restricting birthright citizenship to go into effect in 22 Democrat-led states, but it does not yet definitively resolve whether Trump's restrictions on birthright citizenship are constitutional, a hefty legal question that could ultimately return to the justices. The cases will now return to the lower courts for further proceedings as Trump's order partially goes into effect. The parties could bring the case back to the justices once the appeals courts issue their final rulings.

In a third high-profile case, the Court ruled along ideological lines in favor of a group of Montgomery County, Maryland, parents – religious rights advocates – who sought to opt their children out of mandatory instruction using books with woke LGBTQ themes.

In the fourth case, the Court ruled that Texas' age-verification law for porn websites is constitutional and does not violate the First Amendment. It said porn sites must verify that users are at least 18 years old.

In the fifth case, the Court upheld a multi-billion-dollar subsidy program that funds phone and internet services in rural areas and schools, rejected a conservative group's claims that Congress delegated away too much power in setting up the Universal Service Fund to help the Federal Communications Commission subsidize rural and low-income consumers as well as schools, libraries and health care facilities.

In the sixth case, the Court signed off on the structure of Health and Human Service's Preventive Services Task Force, rejecting a challenge under the Constitution's Appointments Clause. The decision keeps intact a provision of Obamacare that requires insurers to cover services the task force recommends without passing along costs to patients. It was defended by both the Biden and Trump administrations. Challengers had objected to covering HIV-prevention medication recommended by the task force.

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--And on June 26 –the Supreme Court, in a 6-3 decision (with the liberal justices in the minority), ruled that South Carolina has the power to block Medicaid funding for Planned Parenthood clinics, in a technical interpretation over healthcare choices that has emerged as a larger political fight over abortion access.

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On June 5, the Supreme Court released decisions on six cases, four of them unanimous. These included:

The case, *Medina v. Planned Parenthood South Atlantic*, centers on whether low-income Medicaid patients can sue under what is known as Section 1983 – part of the Civil Rights Act of 1871 – in order to choose their own qualified healthcare provider.

It involves South Carolina's blocking of Medicaid funding for Planned Parenthood South Atlantic, which the organization argued violated federal law. The Court noted however that the typical redress for such a violation would be for the Secretary of Health and Human Services to withhold Medicaid funding from the state, not for an individual to sue the state.

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--*Ames v. Ohio Department of Youth Services*, in which the court ruled in favor of former employee Marlean Ames, a straight, white woman, who accused her supervisor – a lesbian woman – of privileging LGBTQ employees over her during the promotion process, and then demoting her. Ames lost the case in front of a lower court, but the High Court overturned that decision.

--*Smith & Wesson Brands v. Mexico*, in which the court ruled that the Mexican government cannot sue seven U.S. gun manufacturers concerning unlawful gun sales, because the complaint does not plausibly allege the defendants aided and abetted sales to Mexican traffickers.

--*Catholic Charities Bureau v. Wisconsin Labor and Industry Review Commission*, in which the Court reversed a State Supreme Court decision favoring state officials who said the charities bureau did not qualify for religious exemption to the state's unemployment tax because its non-profits work did not serve "primarily religious purposes." The high court said the state was violating the First Amendment by privileging certain religious beliefs and actions over others.

--*CC/Devas (Mauritius v. Antrix)*, in which there was a conflict between a company that is active in the United States and a corporation owned by India. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that federal courts cannot assert jurisdiction over foreign states, but the Supreme Court reversed that decision.

--The ruling in the fifth case – *Blom Bank v. Honickman*, was nearly unanimous, with one justice taking issue with one part of the majority opinion. The court considered whether victims of terrorist attacks on their surviving family members could reopen their case against a bank that had allegedly aided and abetted terrorists by providing financial services, but the court ruled the people who brought the case did not meet the high standards that must be cleared to reopen the case.

--The sixth case – *Lab Corp v. Davis*, considering whether a federal court can certify a class action suit if some of the parties in the suit lack legal standing – was dismissed because eight of the justices felt the court never should have agreed to weigh in.

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On June 6, the Court handed two major emergency-ruling victories to the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) in its legal battle over efforts to reshape the federal bureaucracy. It lifted a block on DOGE personnel accessing sensitive Social Security Administration systems and wiped out a ruling forcing DOGE to turn over discovery in a records lawsuit. Both rulings were along the Court's ideological lines, with the three Democrat-appointed justices publicly dissenting.

In the Social Security case, the justices lifted a Maryland-based federal judge's order, and the second ruling stems from a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit against DOGE, asking if it is an agency subject to FOIA requests, but the court ruled it is not an agency, but a presidential advisory body.

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On June 12, the Court unanimously declared that lower courts had erred in dismissing the case of an Atlanta family's lawsuit against the FBI for a botched raid on its home in 2017. It asked the lower court to take another look at deciding whether the lawsuit can move forward. Federal agents had smashed through Trina Martin's front door while executing a search warrant at the wrong address, believing it was the home of an alleged violent gang member. Martin and her boyfriend at the time were startled out of bed with a flash-bang grenade and guns raised, as her 7-year-old son screamed from another room. She sued the government in 2019, accusing the agents of assault and battery, false arrest and other violations, under the Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA), which waives the government's sovereign immunity and lets people injured by certain actions of federal officers bring some claims for damages against it under state law. But a federal judge in Atlanta dismissed the suit, and the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld that decision.

In other cases, reported on June 12:

--In *Rivers v. Guerrero*, the court ruled 9-0 to uphold the conviction of an inmate in Texas seeking to overturn charges against him involving sexual abuse of a child and possession of child pornography.

--In *Commissioner v. Zuch*, it ruled 8-1 that the U.S. Tax Court lacks jurisdiction to hear a taxpayer's appeal when the IRS is no longer seeking a levy.

--In *Parrish v. United States*, the court held 8-1 that a litigant filing a notice of appeal after an original deadline but before the federal court grants reopening the case, need not file a second notice in order to be heard.

--In *Soto v. United States*, by a 9-0 vote, it reversed and remanded that medically retired combat veterans should receive full combat related special compensation.

--In *A.J.T. v. Osseo Area Schools, Independent School District No. 179*, the court ruled 9-0 in favor of a student with epilepsy who had sued her school district over discrimination related to her medical condition.

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On June 13, the Court issued three opinions:

--In *FDA v. Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine*, the Court ruled 9-0 that doctors opposed to use of the abortion pill Mifepristone lacked legal standing to challenge the Food and Drug Administration's actions.

--In *Vidal v. Elster*, it held unanimously that the Patent and Trademark Office did not violate the First Amendment by refusing to register Elster's "Trump too small" trademark.

--In *Starbuck Corporation v. McKinney*, in which the National Labor Relations Board sought an injunction for firing employees involved in union activities, the Court ruled 8-1 in favor of Starbucks.

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On June 16, delivering a victory for religious organizations, the Supreme Court vacated a judgment from the New York Court of Appeals, New York's highest court, ordering it to reconsider a challenge to New York's abortion coverage mandate. The Appeals Court had upheld the state's requirement that employer health insurance plans include abortion coverage. A coalition of religious organizations had challenged the mandate as unconstitutional.

The court also agreed to accept two cases for the next term:

--*First Choice Women's Resource Centers v. Platkin*, involving a dispute over whether a crisis pregnancy center can challenge a subpoena from a state attorney general in federal court or if they must do so in state court.

--*Chevron USA Inc. v. Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana*, addressing a circuit court split on the standard for removing a state court case to federal court under the federal-officer removal statute.

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On June 18 the Court released opinions on these cases:

--In *United States v. Skrmetti*, the Court ruled 6-3 in favor of Tennessee's Senate Bill Prohibiting Medical Procedures Performed on Minors Related to Sexual Identity, which prohibits healthcare providers from prescribing, administering, or dispensing puberty blockers or hormones to any minor for the purpose of a purported identity inconsistent with the minor's sex or treating purported discomfort or distress from a discordance between the minor's sex and asserted identity. This decision not only safeguards Tennessee's children but sets a powerful precedent for states to prioritize science and child welfare over ideological agendas, countering rogue hospitals and organizations that exploit vulnerable youth for profit.

--In *Nuclear Regulatory Commission v. Texas*, another 6-3 decision -- concerning licensing issues -- it held that Texas and a private company are not entitled to judicial review because they were not parties to it. The issue concerned 2021 decisions regarding the storage of spent nuclear fuel.

--In *Perttu v. Richards*, involving consideration of a jury trial when prisoners complain about prison conditions, the court ruled 5-4 in favor of prisoners having that right. The case was brought by a prisoner in Michigan.

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--On June 20, combining two cases – *Fuld v. PLO* and *United States v. PLO*, the Court reversed a federal appeals court decision and unanimously upheld a law that empowers Americans harmed by terrorist attacks abroad to sue in U.S. courts.

--Also on June 20, in *Esteras v. United States*, the Court ruled 7-2 that judges must base their supervised release decisions only on sentencing factors enumerated in the supervised release law.

--And in *Diamond Alternative Energy LLC v. Environmental Protection Agency*, it ruled 7-2 that fuel producers have a legal right to sue the EPA over its approval of California regulations aimed at decreasing emissions by requiring the production of more electric vehicles and fewer gas-powered ones.
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--On June 23 by a 6-3 vote, the Court lifted judge-imposed limits on the Trump administration's exportations to countries where migrants have no ties, with a scathing dissent from the three liberal justices. The administration said the injunction was endangering immigration officials stuck in Djibouti guarding a group of convicted criminals, who were destined for South Sudan. The government had argued that there is a "crisis of illegal immigration, in no small part because many aliens most deserving of removal are often the hardest to remove." It has tried to speed up deportations by removing aliens to third countries agreeing to accept them." It said, "Convincing third countries to accept some of the most undesirable aliens requires sensitive diplomacy."



SOUNDS FROM THE TRUMP-ET

President Trump – flanked by Vice President Vance, Defense Secretary Hegseth, and Secretary of State Rubio – announced on national television on June 22 that the United States has bombed three nuclear sites in Iran, engaging U.S. forces in a war that Israel launched two weeks ago.

In a brief address, he warned of continued U.S. attacks on Iran if "peace does not come quickly. This cannot continue. There will be either peace or there will be tragedy for Iran, far greater than we have witnessed over the last eight days."

In his Truth Social post, Trump said "a full payload of BOMBS" was dropped on Iran's primary nuclear enrichment plant, Fordow – a deep underground facility viewed as key to Tehran's nuclear program – as well as on Natanz and Isfahan.

Multiple news outlets reported that six "bunker buster" bombs were dropped on the Fordow facility, and that 30 tomahawk missiles were fired at Natanz and Isfahan
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--Celebrating his 79th birthday on June 14, President Trump viewed a military parade in Washington, D.C. that also honored the 250th birthday of the U.S. Army.
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--President Trump flew to Calgary, Canada, in mid-June to attend the G-7 summit with the leaders of the world's largest democracies, where he signed a statement urging resolution of the conflict between Israel and Iran.

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--Citing national security concerns, President Trump on June 4 issued a ban on 12 countries to allow its citizens to travel to the United States, and a partial ban on 7 others, saying there is not enough confidence in the system to be able to prevent problems. The full ban applies generally to most nonimmigrant visa categories, while citizens from the partial ban countries will lose access to tourists, students and exchange visas. Some exceptions were carved out, however, including those who already hold green cards as legal immigrants to the U.S., foreign adoptees, and athletes who may be coming here for the upcoming World Cup, Olympics or other major sporting events.

The 12 countries subject to full restrictions are Afghanistan, Burma, Chad, the Congo Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Haiti, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan and Yemen.

The 7 nations facing partial restrictions are Burundi, Cuba, Laos, Sierra Leone, Togo, Turkmenistan and Venezuela.
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--In a gesture to support the President, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis pleased Trump by signing legislation that creates a new name – "President Donald J. Trump Boulevard" – on a four-mile section of a highway in Palm Beach County connecting the area near Palm Beach International Airport with Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort. So the heavily traveled road with Trump's name will be front and center for countless people as they go about their daily business, as well as for visitors to his resort.
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--Trump removed Jared Isaacman as his nominee to be NASA Administrator, despite his receiving favorable Senate committee votes and awaiting a final confirmation vote. Isaacman is known for leading private SpaceX missions,

including Polaris Dawn, which achieved the highest earth orbit since the Apollo era.
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--For the time being, the President has backed off on higher tariffs on everything from cars to fertilizer, but not on aluminum and steel. He doubled tariffs on the imported metals to 50 percent, saying it was to protect the U.S. Steel industry.
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--After the Supreme Court ended the national right to abortion, the Biden administration did what it could without an act of Congress: It asserted that a decades-old federal law guaranteeing emergency care for patients, allowing them to receive abortions in an emergency, even in states that banned it. This month, the Trump administration rescinded that rule. It means there's a lot more uncertainty around what constitutes a legal lifesaving procedure for a pregnant woman, and it's likely

that providers in states with very restrictive laws will be uneasy to intervene care in emergencies.

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--Students at the Alabama Crimson Tide graduation ceremony cheered June 5 when the speaker – President Donald Trump – said, “As long as I’m president, we will always protect women’s sports. Men will not play in women’s sports. No way. They say it’s an 80-20 issue. No, it’s a 97-3 issue, I think. No, men will not be playing in women’s sports. I said that, and I classified it with a very powerful executive order, as you know. It’s done.”

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--On June 12, Trump signed a congressional resolution to overturn California’s electric vehicle mandate to phase out the sale of new gas-powered cars by 2035, setting off another legal fight with the state. California officials said its EV rules “would benefit both public health and the environment.” The state already said it would sue the Trump administration if it made such a decision.

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--The President signed an executive order this month called “Defending Women From Gender Ideology Extremism And Restoring Biological Truth To The Federal Government.” This commonsense rule said that U.S. passports should show a person’s biological sex, plain and simple. But almost immediately, Biden-appointed U.S. Judge Julia Kobick got in the way, blocking the order, and saying the policy was “arbitrary” and based on “prejudice.” This judge thinks it’s okay for passports to list things other than biological sex, even an “X.” It’s another example of an activist judge trying to make policy from the bench, instead of letting the President do his job.

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--The U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia on June 20 gave temporary approval for President Trump to strip collective bargaining rights from employees at the State Department and the U.S. Agency for International Development, saying the law grants the White House “wide latitude.” It puts on hold a lower court ruling that the President’s action was illegal.



LET ME BE FRANK By Space Coast Tusk Designer Frank Montelione

As we have all seen, the Democrat Party is in serious trouble and has become virtually irrelevant. The question I have is, “have they

become so obsessed with Trump Derangement Syndrome, or are they so gripped with the effort to regain power, that they have ignored the will of the people?” Five months into Trump’s administration articles of impeachment have already been floated. Since the Iranian attack, many of the Democrat leadership feels they have a chance to file serious charges sufficient for impeachment.



The usual suspects are all in for impeachment charges to begin. AOC (D-NY), Jasmine Crockett (D-TX) and Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT) are now the Impeachment Alliance. Three other candidates joining them for the Alliance – Reps. Robert Garcia (D-CA), Stephen Lynch (D-MA) and Kweisi Mfume (D-MD) – told Axios they wouldn’t go that far.

One of the first is Rep. Shri Thanedar (D-MI), who filed impeachment with such reasons as obstruction of justice and abuse of power, violation of First Amendment rights, bribery and corruption, all of which had been tried in his first term. All this with vague points and not a shred of evidence. *Shocking!*

As the great pundit Yogi Berra said – “It’s like Déjà vu all over again.” Thanedar was not in Congress at the time of the first two impeachment tries, or he would have been aware that many of these reasons were tried and failed. Maybe he thinks this time they will stick. Or, as Einstein had said, “the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results.”

In an Op-Ed, Andy Craig, fellow at the Institute for Humane Studies, as early as April, wrote “Since January 20, many have spoken of a constitutional crisis, the wanton lawlessness of a president trying to make himself a king in all but name. But, by and large, elected Democrats have bent over backward to avoid using a certain word. Their alarm bells ring hollow when the unavoidable implication is left unstated. But it’s time to stop beating around the bush: Trump must be impeached and removed from office.”

Organizers have been recruiting voters in every House District and bombarding House Offices with “Operation Anti-King” calls. Rep. Al Green (D-TX) by then had already called for impeachment. My own Congressman (please have pity on me) Hank (Guam Is Sinking) Johnson also called for impeachment.

Other members of Congress include Reps. Suzanne Bonamici and Maxine Dexter of Oregon, Sam Liccardo and Maxine Waters of California, and Ilhan Omar of Minnesota. A motley crew to say the least. What a lineup!

Today’s hue and cry for impeachment revolves around the “War Powers Act”.

Rep. Green, who was infamously ejected from Trump’s address to a joint session of Congress earlier this year for repeatedly interrupting and shaking his cane at the president, filed a motion for impeachment partly based on the extremely effective attack on Iran’s nuclear facilities. Over 100 Congressional Democrats sided with Republicans to kill the motion. Of course, 79 useful idiots such as the AOC/Sanders flock sided with Green.

Those same Democrats listed above are now saying the surprise raid on Iran is unconstitutional based on the War Powers Act. I suppose they hadn’t read the act, or they would know:

- The War Powers Resolution is triggered when the president deploys troops into situations of hostilities or imminent hostilities without a formal declaration of war by Congress, a specific authorization for the use of military force, or a national emergency created by an attack.

- Within 48 hours of deploying troops in such circumstances, the president is required to report to Congress, detailing the reasons for the action, the legal basis, and the estimated scope and duration of the conflict.
- If Congress does not subsequently authorize the continued use of force, the Act mandates that the president must terminate the use of military force within 60 days of the initial deployment.

In January 2024, President Biden authorized the U.S. military to launch a series of military strikes against Houthi targets in Yemen in an effort to deter further attacks on shipping.

In June 2021, Biden authorized airstrikes targeting Iran-backed militia groups in Syria and Iraq. And Republicans applauded this effort; they did not call for impeachment based on the War Powers Act.

On February 25th, Biden authorized airstrikes on buildings used by Iranian-backed militias in Abu Kamal on Syria's eastern border with Iraq. Biden said the airstrikes were in retaliation for rocket attacks on U.S. targets in Iraq earlier in February. Since then, contradicting claims and information about the airstrikes have been published by various media outlets and members of Biden's own party have criticized the attacks calling them an abuse of presidential power. All without consulting Congress and there were no calls for impeachment.

Let's look at Obama's tactics. According to The Bureau of Investigative Journalism, there were ten times more air strikes in the covert war on terror during President Barack Obama's presidency than under his predecessor, George W. Bush.

Obama oversaw more strikes in his first year than Bush carried out during his entire presidency. A total of 563 strikes, largely by drones, targeted Pakistan, Somalia and Yemen during Obama's two terms, compared to 57 strikes under Bush. Between 384 and 807 civilians were killed in those countries, according to reports logged by the Bureau.

There were drone strikes under Obama in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Somalia, and Yemen. In August U.S. warplanes started hitting the group hard in Libya. The U.S. declared 495 strikes in the country between August 1 and December 5 as part of efforts to stop the Islamic State of Iraq from gaining more ground, Airwars data shows. Again, without consulting Congress and again no calls for impeachment.

What bewilders me is how Democrats can raise impeachment talks and never look in their own closet. It wasn't difficult to find these examples. Too bad the Democrats never looked for them.

Can you imagine going to Congress for authorization? First they need to form a committee which will meet occasionally. Then it needs to be passed out of the newly formed committee to House Foreign Affairs Committee and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. After weeks of debate and finally calling for a vote, the measure goes to the floor for endless debates and possibly a

filibuster tactic by AOC and Company. Not to mention leaks by Democrat Congressional aides. Brilliant plan!

As I stated in last month's article, the Democrats seem to be on the wrong side of history. Today they have fallen ever further behind. Nearly three-quarters (73%) of registered voters questioned in a new Fox News national survey said they think Iran poses a real security threat to the U.S. That's a 13-point boost since Fox News last asked the question six years ago.

And the poll, conducted June 13-16, indicates wide support across the partisan spectrum. Majorities of Republicans (82%), Democrats (69%) and Independents (62%) agreed that Iran poses a threat. The survey also showed that 78% of those questioned said they were very or extremely concerned about Iran obtaining a nuclear bomb.



And the Democrats polling: Quinnipiac University polling published this month revealed a 21% approval rating for Democrats in Congress, which is the lowest point since 2009. Similarly, a CNN/SSRS poll found the party's

favorability at 29%, a record low since 1992. Democrats fear these numbers may signal a troubled future.

MSN reports from The Sun Herald (TCA) that "amid Democrats' low approval, the Democratic National Committee (DNC) faces significant challenges under the leadership of Chair Ken Martin. Internal conflicts with the DNC have been fueled by Vice Chair David Hogg's push to challenge sitting Democrats in primaries as well as a reported drop in donor funding. Lower cash reserves reported in 2025 threaten the party's unity and electoral strength."

So, I ask again, is it Trump Derangement Syndrome or an insatiable lust for power? Let's not wait for an answer.



HIGHLIGHTING CAPITOL HILL

By Mike Haridopolos

Florida District 8 Congressman



It's Time to Make Washington Keep the Receipts

Every American family knows the importance of a balanced checkbook. Whether you are paying the electric bill, planning

for groceries, or setting aside savings for a child's education, we keep track of where every dollar goes. From a young age, we were taught that fiscal responsibility starts with knowing where every dollar goes.

Sadly, bureaucrats in Washington must have skipped that day in their Home Economics class. Earlier this year, Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent and DOGE uncovered that more than \$4.7 trillion in federal payments had been disbursed over recent years without essential tracking information: No clear purpose,

no recipient details, and no explanation of the legal authority behind the payment.

In other words, trillions in taxpayer dollars disappeared into the bureaucratic ether, basically unmarked and untraceable. What government bureaucrats might just look over as a bookkeeping oversight is a genuine crisis of accountability that sits at the heart of Washington's spending problem.

Imagine if a business operated this way, cutting checks without recording why, for whom, or under what authority. They would be bankrupt or in handcuffs. Yet our federal government has been doing just that, with your money. With such weak checks on how we spend our money, is it any wonder why America is running a \$1.5 trillion budget deficit?

That is why I recently introduced the Locating Every Disbursement in Government Expenditure Records (LEDGER) Act, alongside Senator Rick Scott. The LEDGER Act is straightforward: it requires that every federal payment be logged with basic but vital information: The date, amount, recipient, purpose, and the legal authority justifying the expenditure. In other words, when Uncle Sam spends your tax dollars, he needs to keep the receipts.

This is not a new idea, in fact, it has been proven right here in Florida. As President of the Florida Senate, I worked hand-in-hand with then-Governor Rick Scott to enact the Florida Accountability Contract Tracking System (FACTS). That reform brought sunshine to our state's budget, making it clear where every taxpayer dollar spent by the state goes. It's one of the reasons Florida has become a national model for fiscal responsibility.

The LEDGER Act brings that same common sense to the federal level. It codifies what Secretary Bessent has already begun (making the use of tracking codes mandatory) and ensures that no future administration can revert to the days of shadow spending.

For too long, Washington has grown comfortable in the fog of untraceable payments. That ends now. The LEDGER Act is our opportunity to restore public trust and impose the kind of fiscal discipline that every American practices at the kitchen table. This is a simple but crucial idea: Track our spending, respect the taxpayer, and bring accountability back to government.

Let's make Washington accountable again, one line item at a time.



THE MAYFIELD MINUTE

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

The Florida Legislature finally ended its 2025 session by passing the budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. and sending it to Governor Ron DeSantis for his signature. It totals over \$115.1 billion, which is lower than the current year's budget of \$117.4 billion. This will mark the first time since 2011 that the state budget has been reduced from one fiscal year to the next.

The budget includes funding for these critical programs: revitalization of the state's historic citrus industry, salary increases for law enforcement officers and fire-fighters, teacher pay increases, health care services for veterans, water quality improvement programs, restoration of the Everglades and Indian River Lagoon, and land conservation programs.

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Governor DeSantis awarded \$10 million in grants to five state colleges to expand their career and technical training programs. They include Eastern Florida State College, Indian River State College, Polk State College, Valencia College, and Seminole State College. He said they will help students develop the skills in demand in key industries – ensuring the state remains the national leader in workforce development and economic growth.'

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Senate Bill 112 addressing Children with Developmental Disabilities was signed by Governor DeSantis this month. It increases opportunities for early detection, intervention, and support for children with autism and their families.

The bill designates the Center for Autism and Neurodevelopment at the University of Florida as a coordinating hub for autism research, program administration, and best practices. The center will collaborate with state and local agencies that provide early intervention, education, medical, employment, financial, and daily living services.

Highlights of the bill include expanding free screening and early detection opportunities; advancing an early steps extended option; creating specialized summer programs for students with Autism; and increasing school choice options for children with autism.

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The Courtyard by Marriott Melbourne West was named Business of the Year by the Melbourne Regional Chamber in recognition of the hotel's leadership and dedication to service.

Additionally, Marriott International recognized the Courtyard by Marriott Melbourne West's General Manager Leah Blackmore with the Craig Lambert Award, one of the company's highest honors for outstanding property performance. The local team has also been recognized by Highgate Hospitality, with the Rising Star Award for excellence in guest relations, associate engagement, and community relations.

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The Florida Cabinet – Governor Ron DeSantis, Attorney General James Uthmeier, and Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services Wilton Simpson – approved the protection of more than 78,000 acres of land throughout the state, including over 76,000 in rural areas,

These key acquisitions close the final, major gap in a 100-mile, 1.6-million-acre network of public and private lands connecting the Ocala and Osceola National Forests.

Since 2019, the state has invested more than \$1.4 billion in land conservation through the Florida Forever Program. This consistent funding has enabled the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to acquire over 374,000 acres for conservation.

“Florida’s continued success depends on our ability to make responsible decisions today that will preserve and protect our land, water, and working resources for generations to come,” Simpson said. “The actions reflect a commitment to strategic conservation, productive land management, and sustainable resource use. I’m proud to support efforts that not only protect our environment but also strengthen Florida’s agricultural foundation and rural communities.”

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The Florida Institute of Technology has partnered with Patrick Space Force Base to open a new off-campus instruction center on the base to provide flexible master's degree programs for busy service members.

The programs to be offered are the Master of Science in Acquisition and Contract Management, Master of Science in Space Systems, Master of Science in Space Systems Management, and Master of Business Administration. Each was selected in response to express demand to ensure they match the needs of our military personnel looking to lead in sectors vital to aerospace advancement, homeland security, and economic innovation.

“This is a great day for community partnership. Florida Tech is pleased to bring these educational offerings to Patrick Space Force Base,” said Florida Tech President John Nicklow. “Helping those who serve our nation to realize their educational dreams is indeed a privilege. We look forward to many years of meaningful collaboration.”

Air Force Colonel Christopher Bulson, Deputy Commander of Space Launch Delta 45 said, “By providing our Guardians and civilians with access to cutting-edge education, we are empowering them to lead and innovate, ultimately strengthening the Space Force’s ability to execute its critical mission.”



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

I remain committed to championing the priorities that matter most to our community, from supporting veterans and public safety, to strengthening our local economy and protecting Florida’s future. The 2025 Legislative Session brought both major wins and unique challenges. While we made significant progress on policy, the session formally extended beyond its original timeline due to continued negotiations on the state budget. While it may have gone on longer than expected, the 2025 Legislative Session finally has come to an end. During the late

hours of June 16, the Florida Legislature passed the 2025-26 budget for the state.

This budget continues to reflect Florida’s values of fiscal responsibility, strategic investment, and an unwavering commitment to our people and communities. With a balanced budget of \$115.1 billion, we are funding critical services while growing our reserves, paying down debt, and delivering over \$1.3 billion in meaningful tax relief.

A major highlight of this budget comes from the tax package. The Florida Legislature made the decision to permanently eliminate the business rent tax, the only one of its kind in the country, helping small businesses reinvest in their employees and communities. We’ve also expanded permanent sales tax holidays on essential items like back-to-school supplies, disaster preparedness goods, and even state park admissions. These broad-based savings keep Florida affordable for families while keeping our economy competitive.

With education being a priority for many, we committed over \$20.9 billion in Pre-K–12 education funding and \$8.9 billion for higher education, we are continuing Florida’s leadership in school choice and academic excellence. We’ve boosted per-student funding and dedicated over \$1.35 billion to teacher pay raises. I’m especially proud of our funding for school safety, career training, and early autism detection.

With incredible natural resources like the Indian River Lagoon, Brevard County understands the importance of prioritizing the protection of Florida’s environment. This year’s budget includes nearly \$691.5 million for Everglades restoration, \$675.2 million for water quality projects (\$25 million dedicated to the Indian River Lagoon), \$170 million for flood mitigation, and \$250 million for rural land preservation. We’re also investing in removing derelict vessels, expanding artificial reefs, and cleaning up harmful algal blooms, ensuring the Space Coast and all of Florida remains beautiful for generations to come.

As always, Florida remains committed to our veteran and law enforcement communities. I’m proud that this budget includes nearly \$240 million for the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs, supporting critical services and infrastructure like our

Veterans’ Nursing Homes. We also approved significant pay raises for state law enforcement officers, including a 10–15% salary boost based on tenure. These brave men and women deserve nothing less.

One more important thing to highlight is the head-on approach we are taking when it comes to Florida’s debt. While Washington racks up debt, Florida is doing the opposite. We’re paying down \$830 million in state debt this year and establishing a \$250 million annual debt reduction program through SB 1906. Combined with \$12.4 billion in reserves, we are ensuring Florida remains resilient in the face of future challenges.

It is important to note that the budget was still pending Governor DeSantis’ review and signature, with the potential for vetoes.

Following his review, I look forward to sharing some of the great local projects that we have funded across Brevard County. If you have any questions, concerns, or need assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office at 386-304-7630 or email me at wright.tom@flsenate.gov.

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



**RENDEZVOUS WITH
REPUBLICAN WOMEN**
By Xiaoqi Wang
BFRW President

The Brevard Federated Republican Women had another phenomenal luncheon meeting on June 4, at which we honored five bright young women with \$1,000 scholarships. They remind us of who we are and what we fight for!

Our scholarship recipients are:

Sierra Lydic, the Future Leader Scholarship.

Catriona McDonald, the Lillian Banks Memorial Scholarship.

Reese Rosenquist, the Babara Davis Memorial Scholarship.

Sydney Stefurak, the Bradley Moore Memorial Scholarship;
and

Lily Schrack, the Bish Family Scholarship.

The scholarship sponsors are **Matt Susin, Brian Hodgers, Patricia Moore-Carroll, The Bish Family, Linda Davis and The Banks Family**. Thank you to our scholarship sponsors; we could not do this without you!



Our guest speaker, **Brevard Clerk of the Court and Comptroller Rachel Sadoff**, said that one of the first questions people ask is: What does Clerk of the Court do? She explained that the Office of the Clerk and Comptroller provides record keeping, information management and financial management for the courts and county government in three main areas. They are Clerk of the Circuit and County Courts (acting as the court system administrator); Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners (and serves as accountant, auditor, and custodian of county funds); and the County Recorder (maintaining the county's official documents and public records).

After listening to Sadoff, we realized that Clerk of the Court's Office is an important part of pretty much every aspect of our life. The clerk's office works closely with judges, county commissioners, law enforcement and state legislators. Its mission is to ensure accountability, accessibility, and unparalleled customer service for all those that utilize the services of the Brevard County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller's Office.

Sadoff said her office offers a series of courses designed to help Brevard residents understand how the system works, and she strongly urged all of us to visit their website and make use of her Office's online educational services.

Since June 14 was President Trump's birthday, we all signed a birthday card and took a group photo to send to the President to let him know our unwavering support for him and his American First agenda.



On June 19, BFRW had a good time with **Melbourne Mayor Paul Alfrey** at our "Evening with the Mayor." Alfrey is a constitutionalist who believes in the rule of law and fiscal responsibility. He told us that the City has no debt and talked about crime prevention and infrastructure improvements.



The Mayor was personable, answered all of our questions and, having been raised and worked as a police officer here, his love for Melbourne was clear. We thank Mayor Alfrey for taking the time to meet with us!

Florida District 8 Congressman Mike Haridopolos will be the guest speaker at our July 2 Monthly Luncheon Meeting. For more information, please see our website: www.brevardfederatedrepublicanwomen.org.



NORTH TO THE PARTY
By NBRC President
Robin Riker

It was a pleasure to welcome **Brevard Sheriff Wayne Ivey** as our guest speaker to the North Brevard Republican Club meeting this month. We had the privilege of meeting his new K-9 bloodhound "Saint," named after Saint Francis of Assisi.

Ivey spoke about the press conference where he was present a few days ago. He reiterated Governor DeSantis's stance of no tolerance of any violence in very blunt terms, hoping this would make it clear there would be severe ramifications to anyone causing problems or harm. It had the desired effect; there were peaceful protests throughout Brevard.



The Sheriff repeated what he said at the news conference, that he fully supports anyone's right to peacefully protest, that is an American right, and he will defend that right. He also spoke of

the Federal Housing rules when it comes to housing illegal immigrants that are arrested. If they claim to be a female, he said, they are housed with females, and so forth. Housing is becoming in short supply, but they are working on solutions. He welcomes everyone to watch his Facebook page and YouTube for updates. There's also a streaming app for BCSO to see videos.

Ivey reminded us that there are non-emergency hotlines you can call. "If you see something, say something," he said. He credits the public with Brevard's low crime rate. The public is very good about working with law enforcement, allowing them use of ring videos, calling in crimes, and using the hotlines. There has been a 52% decline in crime in the last 12 years in Brevard, and that's saying quite a bit since the population has grown so much since then.

Next we discussed the June 10 election results. It was a definite Red win, but the percentage of voter turnout (17.24%) was disappointing. This simply proves how hard we are going to have to work next year to keep our state conservative. It will take all of us.

We are looking forward to our July 15 speaker, **States Attorney of the 18th Judicial Circuit of Brevard and Seminole Counties, William Scheiner**. He is the recipient of multiple Prosecutorial Awards for his dedication and excellence.



PUMPING UP WITH PATRIOTS
By Chairman Michael Wilson
Space Coast Patriots Club

Brevard County Property Appraiser Dana Blickley addressed a standing room only Space Coast Patriots meeting June 9, giving the members a comprehensive presentation on property taxes, exemptions, and Merritt Island incorporating

Undoubtedly, no one left the meeting without learning more than they knew before they attended. Because there had been much talk at the State level about eliminating property taxes, Blickley made it clear that eliminating property taxes would not eliminate the state's offices.



Next in her program was a presentation of taxable and non-taxable property. We have approximately \$125 billion of (just) total value property in Brevard, Blickley said, of which, approximately \$67 billion is taxable. 46% of the property in Brevard is immune or exempt from taxation. As most of you know, there are homestead exemptions plus federal, state, county and municipal properties which are not taxed.

Also, there are religious exemptions and companies that get abatements for various reasons. The question is should we the taxpayers ask our County Commissioners to take a hard look at some of these exemptions as part of a DOGE type movement? Seemingly we can't fund government without taking a look at busting our Brevard tax cap of 3%.

I have a feeling Republicans will not like such an idea. As the evening wrapped up, Blickley was asked if Merritt Island were to incorporate what would be the impact be on taxpayers. She said she has been through the process and pointed out what she believes to be the advantages and downsides. Blickley did say that total tax rates are generally higher for incorporated cities and it does mean greater bureaucracy and we all know that does not mean more efficiency.

As a final question, she was asked if she believes wealthy corporations should receive tax abatements and said some see it as Corporate Welfare and some see it as incentives for the businesses.

Blickley was very generous with her time and answered all questions that were presented with easy to understand, cogent answers.



REMEMBER WHEN
By Heritage Isle Republican Club
President Mike Hoagland

Remember when President Carter (Democrat) facilitated the Islamist takeover of Iran in 1979? This is the same president who gave away the Panama Canal. Iran was a theocracy that shortly after taking power. let it be known that their goal was to destroy Israel (the little Satan) and the United States (the big Satan). Over the years, Iran has funded proxies like Hezbollah, Hamas, Houthis and others to attack Israel and U.S. Iran developed the IED technology which the Taliban used in Afghanistan. Iran for decades has supported their proxies that led to thousands of American deaths. While the proxies were killing Jews and Americans, Iran was using their oil wealth to develop a nuclear program with their stated purpose of attacking Israel and the United States.

In order to delay Iran's development of a nuclear weapon, President Obama (democrat) along with his negotiator John Kerry (democrat) gave Iran pallets of billions of dollars and a nuclear agreement that established a timeline by which they could develop their nuclear program sometime in the future. Along comes Donald Trump (republican) who sanctioned Iran in order to get Iran to give up their nuclear ambition. Iran was effectively bankrupt by the end of Trump's term in office. Unfortunately, Joe Biden (democrat) was elected president, and his brain trust (democrats) removed all Trump sanctions, gave them billions of dollars and Iran was off to the races.

Numerous intelligence agencies have determined that Iran was within weeks of possessing nuclear weapons. Israel had to act in self-defense. As of this writing, Israel is fighting for their survival, and they are winning at this point. Note that the Arab countries in the region have remained quiet. They don't want an Iran with a nuclear weapon. Israel does not have the capability to penetrate a few of Iran's underground sites. So, Trump has sent 7 B-2 bombers to drop our 30,000 pound "bunker buster bombs". We dropped 14 of these bombs and it will take some time to determine their effectiveness. Israel will continue with

their mission to affect regime change. The U.S. fulfilled its goal of eliminating a nuclear threat to our country although Iran now threatens the United States.

Of course, at home, the democrats are calling for Trump's impeachment. Even some RINOs are criticizing our president for this action. It amazes me that after decades of Iran's contribution to thousands of American deaths along with threats to use nuclear weapons to destroy us, there are so many U.S. residents that condemn Trump for protecting America. Anyone criticizing Donald Trump for this action is either a traitor or anti-American. Democrats are infected with Trump Derangement Syndrome. Just look at how the democrats protect illegal criminals, anti-American alien protesters or how they demonize those trying to protect our citizens (ICE, DEA, ATF, FBI and police). Why don't democrats leave America and go where they would feel most comfortable? Any immigrant who protests America should be deported. Send them to Iran. But for the district judges this would occur.

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Los Angeles was having riots as a result of ICE, DEA and other federal agencies arresting illegal criminal aliens. What is the result? People were burning American flags and waving Mexican flags. New York will burn American flags and wave Hamas flags. Same in Boston. One nation? If our government tries to penalize those who support these actions, district judges will intervene and stop the government from taking appropriate action. We have Democrat political leaders who actively support criminal illegals

The Democrats are using immigration as their issue attacking this administration as racist and uncaring to people in need of assistance. They don't address the threats to the country our immigration system has caused. China, our adversary, has had over 26,000 men enter our border illegally. We don't know where they are. The Chinese have approximately 270,000 students attending our universities. Are their intentions well-meaning for America, or could they return to China with new technology? Are we naïve? Radical Marxist Democrats know and are in support of radical anti-American activity as long as it benefits their opportunity to return to power and control. Criticizing immigration is one of their tools.

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Can we all remember when Donald Trump, in his 2015 campaign, said he would drain the swamp that is Washington, D.C.? Again, he made the same commitment in his 2024 campaign. The Trump haters were able to thwart his attempt because he was an outsider and was not aware that everyone in his cabinet wasn't on board with his agenda. Trump had very few supporters during his first term. So, as the saying goes "Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me".

Trump has surrounded himself with loyalists and has received severe criticism as a result. The Trump political adversaries are blocked, and they are frustrated beyond belief. This Cabinet is completely loyal to the President. The media, Democrats, RINOs and bureaucrats claim these are unqualified individuals. You hear it every day, but they continue implementing the

president's agenda. If you recall the 20 agenda items on which Trump campaigned, he has either implemented them or they are in process.

The only reason Trump has not completed many issues on which he campaigned is because his enemies have gone to a new strategy to thwart his agenda. The Democrats, bureaucrats, media, RINOs, globalists, and lobbyists recognize there are no weak spots in the White House. They now use the court system to do their dirty work. Judicial tyranny is in play. We all witness how radical district court judges issue restraining orders in an attempt to either slow down Trump's agenda or stop it altogether.

Government employee groups, Democrats, liberal organizations and others, search for a radical federal judge who will issue a ruling in their favor. These district judges make decisions on issues over which they have no authority. Trump could ignore many of these much as Biden did. What has occurred is that Americans continue to be angered. As long as this goes on, Republicans should clean up in the mid-terms.



President
Kevin Jeffrey

The guest speaker for the June 19 meeting of the Brevard County Republican Assembly was Republican political operative **Marisa Kahn**, who recently represented **Debbie Mayfield** in her successful run for Florida District 19 State Senate Seat.

Kahn spent the better part of an hour engaging with the audience and answering questions about her job. She hails from a judicial family. Her father is a Brevard county lawyer, and her mother is a retired judge. Kahn traded a marketing career to be a political operative.

She also spent time during the presidential election campaign stumping for **Governor Ron DeSantis**, and the early part of the campaign drumming up support in Iowa during the Iowa Caucuses. She also served as a liaison to the Jewish community across the country for the former presidential candidate.

Kahn noted that door knocking is "king" to a campaign, and phone banking is "queen." Both are seen as essential to an election, and said she believed the biggest campaign day is "door knocking on a Saturday."

Her success is rooted in the candidates that she chooses to work for, Kahn said, noting that she refuses to work with anyone who does not display integrity. "Ethics and transparency are important to me," she said, emphasizing that she looks for candidates who engage with their constituents.

Also in attendance at the meeting was **District 1 County Commissioner Katie Delaney**, who talked about the hospital crisis in Brevard County and some of the possibilities to solve it. She stated there was a possibility that Health First may

expand its bed count in Titusville to account for the shortage that now exists with the closure of the hospital in Rockledge. Delaney also encouraged the engagement of the citizens in the discussion of the County Comprehensive Plan, which will be the game plan for “years to come”

Also discussed at the meeting is the upcoming Florida Republican Assembly State Convention, which will be hosted by the Brevard County Assembly. The event will take place at the Space Coast Convention Center in Cocoa on August 23 from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. The event is slated to be a star-studded event with noted speakers: **U.S. Congressman Cory Mills; Dr. David Martin**, founder & chairman of M-Cam Inc., political activist **Roger Stone**; voter integrity expert **Dr. Douglas Frank**; **Florida Right to Life President & Lobbyist Lynda Bell**; Board-Certified Family Physician **Dr. John Littell**, and other nationally acclaimed speakers as well.

Tickets for the State Convention can be purchased by scanning the QR code on the attached flyer which is available [HERE](#)

The next Brevard County Florida Assembly meeting will be July 17 at 6:30 at 705 Harrison Ave. The guest speaker will be **Seth Tweeddale**, Turning Point USA.

THIS AND THAT

WAR OF THE WORLDS IN MINIATURE.

For the first 130 days of the second Trump administration, the President and Elon Musk, the world’s richest man, were a two-part mutual admiration society. Musk – who strongly supported Trump’s re-election – served as head of the Department of Government Efficiency, deleted massive amounts of government pork, and could do no wrong. At the mandated end of his temporary, 130-day assignment, Trump even presented him with a gold key for his efforts. But only days later, as the President pushed for his “one big, beautiful bill” in Congress, Musk suddenly denounced the measure as not having enough spending cuts, even calling for his impeachment, and declared Trump never would have won the presidency again without his help. He even accused the President of involvement with the late, notorious pedophile, Jeffrey Epstein. But coming to Trump’s defense, Epstein’s attorney, David Schoen, publicly stated Epstein had nothing on the President. There was back-and-forth name calling and bashing between Trump and Musk, with the Tesla CEO even questioning whether it was time for a third political party in the U.S – potentially “The American Party.” Trump, who owns a Tesla automobile, said it was time to sell it. Meanwhile, Fox News host Greg Gutfeld told his national television audience – assuming at the time that both men were watching – they should “knock it off,” and refocus on advancing



America’s resurgence. “I think what you are seeing is a battle between the purist and the pragmatist,” Gutfeld said. “This is an incredible moment for our country. It’s awake. It’s optimistic, It’s on board with the Golden Age. Don’t sabotage it with the self-inflicted feud.” After a few days, there was an uneasy truce, as Musk said he regretted that some of his posts “went too far,” and that despite being at odds over the budget bill, he made it clear that he agreed with Trump on other issues.

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DELAYED JUSTICE FOR ASHLI BABBITT.

Nearly four and a half years after Capitol Police Lieutenant Michael Byrd shot and killed Air Force veteran Ashli Babbitt at the Capitol building during the January 6 incursion, widower Aaron Babbitt, on June 6 signed an agreement to settle a wrongful death suit against the federal government. Although the government admitted no liability in the settlement, it agreed to a \$4.975 million payout for the Babbitt family. It is a tacit admission by the U.S. Justice Department that Byrd was reckless and used excessive force when he slid from a hidden position in the House Speaker’s lobby and fired one shot at Babbitt, who had climbed into a side window just outside the Capitol’s entry door. The lawsuit also alleged that Byrd was negligent in his use and handling of his sidearm, and reckless in his decision to fire into the crowded hallway outside the Speaker’s Lobby. It also claimed the Capitol Police Department was negligent in its supervision of Byrd, who had a long disciplinary history that includes firing his pistol into a fleeing vehicle near his home in 2004, and leaving his gun on a toilet tank in the Capitol Visitor Center. Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton, who handled the lawsuit pro-bono, said, “Ashli should never have been killed, and this settlement destroys the evil, partisan narrative that justified her outrageous killing and protected her killer.” The settlement brings a measure of justice to Ashli’s husband and her mother, Micki Witthoeft.



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COMMEMORATING D-DAY.

Two dozen American military veterans of World War II gathered in Normandy, France, on June 6 to commemorate the 81st anniversary of the D-Day landings – a turning point in the war that ultimately precipitated the downfall of Nazi leader Adolf Hitler’s regime. They traveled to the beaches, along with troops from other nations, to honor the thousands who died on D-Day, as well as the tens of millions who died in the war. D-Day set the stage for the defeat of Nazi Germany by effectively establishing a Western front. It forced Germany to divert resources and troops away from the Eastern front, weakening their overall defensive capabilities. **U.S. Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth**, a Major who served in Iraq and Afghanistan, also attended the commemoration – which happened to fall on his 45th birthday. Hegseth paid tribute to the fallen veterans, honoring their enduring legacy of sacrifice and valor. “We don’t forget that our oldest allies were there in this grave moment of our history, I say it with deep respect in front of you, veterans, who incarnate this unique friendship between our two countries,” he remarked.

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WHITE HOUSE CHIEF OF STAFF SUSIE WILES. According to the “Wall Street Journal,” Susie Wiles is the apparent target of a hacking scam, which the White House and FBI were investigating. Political and business leaders apparently received fake communications supposedly from the White

House Chief of Staff. The newspaper said phone calls to these leaders left AI messages that sound like Wiles’ voice but did not come from her phone number. An FBI warning said these messages use techniques known as smishing and vishing and are efforts to establish rapport and gain access to personal accounts.
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REMEMBERING PHIL ROBERTSON.

The outspoken Christian pro-lifer who rose to fame after starring in the Duck Dynasty reality TV series, Phil Robertson died at age 79 on May 25 after being diagnosed with Alzheimer’s disease. Robertson was an avid duck hunter who, in 1973, founded Duck Commander, offering more realistic duck calls for hunters and eventually creating everything from hunting gear to lifestyle products. The success eventually led to the “Duck Dynasty” series, which ran on the A&E network for eight years and made the Robertson family internationally famous. This year, “Duck Dynasty” is back on TV, but began filming without Phil due to his sickness. In addition to their hunting gear company and over-the-top beards, Robertson and his family were notable because most are outspoken about their Christian faith and are openly pro-life, following the example of their patriarch. Louisiana native Robertson is survived by his wife, Kay; sons Willie, Jase, Jep and Alan; daughter Phyllis; siblings Si, Jan, and James; and grandchildren Sadie and John Luke. The Louisiana native will be missed not only by his family members, but also by thousands of “Duck Dynasty” fans throughout the country.



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GOLDEN STATE “GOTCHAS.” Thousands of anti-ICE rioters descended on a major freeway in downtown Los Angeles in early June, blocking traffic in both directions, while rioters downtown set off fireworks and torched several cars. Mayor Karen Bass urged Angelenos to have “peaceful” demonstrations and not engage in violence and chaos, but Police Chief Jim McDonnell admitted his police were “overwhelmed” by the scale of the rioting as property was destroyed and objects were thrown at his officers. In response, President Trump sent 2,000 National Guard troops to the city to quell the riots. He also dispatched about 700 U.S. Marines to help protect federal buildings and personnel. “A once great American City, Los Angeles, has been invaded and occupied by Illegal Aliens and Criminals,” he said. “Now violent, insurrectionist mobs are swarming and attacking our Federal Agents to try and stop our deportation operations – but these lawless riots only strengthen our resolve.” Vice President J.D. Vance said California’s progressive leadership had consistently enabled mass illegal immigration, undermining law enforcement and burdening public services. “Democrat leadership has no solution for the

economy, for prosperity, or for security,” he said. “They use their power... to import millions of illegal immigrants.” So, what was the reaction by California’s Democrat Governor Gavin Newsom to Trump’s order? He said the federal move was “escalatory, unlawful, and would be met with a lawsuit.” Criticizing Newsom for allegedly obstructing federal efforts to restore law and order, House Speaker Mike Johnson said he “ought to be tarred and feathered.” The Speaker added that the Governor “is applauding the bad guys and standing in the way of the good guys. He’s a participant, an accomplice in our federal law enforcement agents being not just disrespected but assaulted. This is a serious problem.” Former Vice President and Democrat Presidential Candidate Kamala Harris had this gem: “Deploying the National Guard is a dangerous escalation meant to provoke chaos. In addition to the recent ICE raids in Southern California and across our nation, it is part of the Trump Administration’s cruel, calculated agenda to spread panic and division... Democrats in defense of our immigration neighbors have been overwhelmingly peaceful.” Let California be California!

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WHERE TO GO? Illinois Governor JB Pritzker was caught red-handed – during a House Oversight Committee hearing, he denied advocating for men to use women’s bathrooms. But Texas Congressman Brandon Gill asked him directly about his 2017 tweet urging Americans to use opposite-sex bathrooms in order to protest President Trump’s transgender policy reversal. Pritzker appeared uncomfortable and responded, “I’m not sure why this has come to this issue.” When pressed on whether he regretted the tweet, Pritzker responded, “Not that I can recall,” seemingly unwilling to disavow his past statement. [Republicannews.org](https://www.republicannews.org) reports that the bathroom controversy is just one aspect of Pritzker’s extensive record of supporting extreme LGBT policies. Under his leadership, Illinois has implemented legislation decriminalizing the intentional spread of HIV, mandating insurance coverage for in vitro fertilization (IVF) for same sex couples and requiring schools to incorporate gender identity topics into sex education.

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SO-CALLED “JOURNALIST” JIM ACOSTA. Failed CNN anchor Jim Acosta reached a new low while “joking” on a liberal podcast about President Trump’s late ex-wife Ivana – the mother of Don Jr., Ivanka, and Eric – who passed away in 2022 after an accidental fall in her New York home. Attacking the President and his family, Acosta told his cackling podcast co-hosts: “I got a question: where are the ICE raids at the Trump properties?” Dragging his family into the discussion, Acosta asked: “How many immigrants has he married? He’s got one buried at his golf course in New Jersey. Isn’t she buried by the first hole or the second tee or something like that?” The remark was met with more laughter from his morally bankrupt colleagues. Responding to the not-so-funny jokester, White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt condemned the despicable behavior, calling Acosta “a disgraceful human being.”

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ANTISEMITISM IN ARIZONA SCHOOLS. Katie Hobbs, the Arizona Democrat Governor, has vetoed a proposal that would have banned antisemitic teaching at the state's public schools and colleges. The Republican proposal would have prohibited teachers and administrators from promoting such actions that create a hostile environment, calling for the genocide of any group or requiring students to advocate for an antisemitic point of view. It also would have barred public schools from using public money to support the teaching of antisemitism.

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TWO ANIMAL TALES. Thanks to quick thinking by animal control officer Phil Blair in Muskogee, Oklahoma, a life was saved, while one was lost. Responding to a call that a deer had been struck by a car, Blair found a doe that had four broken legs and could not be saved. But he also noticed movement in the dying animal's abdomen, and realized she was about to give birth. Working quickly, although not a trained veterinarian, Blair delivered a fawn and helped it begin to breathe normally. He then took the baby deer to an animal rehabilitation specialist to help it survive without its mother. Several days later, the facility reported it was thriving in its new environment. A spokesperson for the city said Blair "is truly an asset to Muskogee. It is clear that he is passionate about his work, and I am truly impressed that he stepped up to this challenge in this way"In Clearwater, Florida, police saved the life of a trembling, shaking, and visibly distraught five-month-old puppy that was thrown into a metal crate by an owner for the "crime" of accidentally defecating on her bed. The owner, La'Myah Rumph, reportedly struck the puppy with her fist and poured a large amount of hot sauce and pickle juice on it while being confined. Police also observed that the puppy was unable to bear weight on one leg, and Pinellas County Animal Control came to take custody and transport it to a veterinarian for examination and treatment of injuries. After it recovers, there is a chance the puppy will be put up for adoption. Meanwhile, Rumph was arrested and booked into the Pinellas County jail on a felony charge of animal cruelty. In Florida, felony animal cruelty carries potential penalties of up to five years in prison, five years of probation, and a \$10,000 fine.-0-

RONALD REAGAN CLUB. Addressing the Ronald Reagan Club in Satellite Beach on June 23, **Will Scheiner**, the State Attorney for Brevard and Seminole Counties, opened with a news flash. His office announced that day the ruling that former Brevard County Clerk of Courts Mitch Needelman has been ruled "competent to stand trial for a second time" on charges including bribery, conspiracy, bid tampering and official misconduct. It was in 2017 that he had been found guilty at trial of those charges, but a judge threw out his conviction due to a juror's misconduct and ordered a new trial. However, Needelman's attorney was able to have him declared "mentally incompetent due to memory issues." But this month – eight years later – Scheiner presented Circuit Judge Melissa Souto with a report from a recent neuropsychological evaluation indicating Needelman had no significant mental issue, and she signed an order finding he "has



been restored to competency." Scheiner said, "The State Attorney Office remains committed to the pursuit of justice for all – in this case the citizens of Brevard County who were taken advantage of by the criminal conduct of Mr. Needelman." The charges against him stem from a relationship with a soft wear company that received millions of dollars on contracts from the Clerk's Office in exchange for "contributions to Needelman's campaign." Needelman's relatively brief term in office was between two much longer terms by popular Clerk of Courts Scott Ellis. In addition to discussing the Needelman case, Scheiner told the club members about his time as a prosecutor, saying, "It is a great honor that comes with the desire to do the right thing." This includes, he said, "investigating, charging, and convicting." Noting that he is "not a political guy," Scheiner said he would never jeopardize his morals and ethics. He assured his audience that he would prosecute illegal criminal aliens precisely as the law dictates, and enforce the Supremacy Clause, which means the Constitution is the supreme law of the land and takes precedence over conflicting state laws. Scheiner also warned his audience members not to fall for scams that are affecting county residents. The top three scams affecting Florida seniors recently, he said, are 1) toll collection fraud, in which text messages appear on the phone saying unpaid E-pass tolls are owed, and asking for credit card payment; 2) tech support, in which fraudsters call and ask for remote access to victims' computers, and once in, they steal funds and financial information; and 3) Real ID scams, in which scammers offer "Real ID registration" for a fee. Elected to his position in 2024, Scheiner said the office's mission is "to pursue vigorous and fair prosecution of criminal cases, with a commitment to serve as an advocate for the rights of all victims and promote the safety and well-being of the public." For more information, visit the website: www.sa18.org.

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THE BREVARD REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Fourth of July is a cherished celebration of America's independence, and there's no better way to honor our nation's heritage than joining with other organizations in the Melbourne Fourth of July parade. The parade brings American Patriots together in a display of patriotism, unity, and pride. Exciting car clubs, an array of decorated floats from all types of organizations and groups just marching together, the parade is a living tribute to the freedoms we enjoy and the people who made them possible. It's a time to reflect on our shared values while creating new memories with friends and neighbors under the red, white, and blue. This year, as in past years, the Brevard Republican Executive Committee is pleased to again to participate in this parade with a float and a group of supporting marchers. Beyond the fireworks and cookouts, this parade offers a more personal way to celebrate Independence Day. It allows all types of local organizations to take part in something meaningful, fostering a sense of belonging and community spirit. Kids wave flags, families cheer, and the streets come alive celebration. By participating in this Fourth of July parade, Brevard Republicans commemorate

our nation's founding but also acknowledge the bonds that hold our communities together. BREC welcomes friends and their families to join us marching in the Melbourne Fourth of July parade.

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Five days before Florida's special election for the vacant seat in the state's Legislative District 32, candidate **Brian Hodggers**, an insurance business

owner, told the June 5 meeting of the Heritage Isle Republican Club that there is need to focus on increased competition among the state's insurance companies because "competition breeds better pricing," and need to protect the tort reforms that the Legislature enacted in 2023 and prevent them from being rolled back. Noting that most people are unaware that "re-insurance" is what backstops their insurance carriers, he said this activity affects their insurance costs. Hodggers said another need for the Legislature is to focus on swifter Justice reform, because "We have judges making way too many continuances dragging court cases out. This is especially hard on victims and is a massive waste of dollars on both sides of a case." Additional legislative needs, he said, include accountability to the Indian River Lagoon clean-up, funding road expansion, wastewater treatment facilities and smart traffic systems. Florida also needs to focus, Hodggers said, on scholarships and or grant money to local colleges and universities to fund programs to get young people into trade programs. "We are putting too many kids into college racking up debt and not coming out with a meaningful degree to get a good job," he said. If elected, he added, "I would like to focus on helping support the Governor in working on the Trump immigration crack down. I fully support legal immigration as I have worked with many folks in my career that have come to the US and opened businesses and invested into our community. Therefore, they are paying taxes, and part of the community, and I encourage that form of immigration. Those who come here illegally should be deported." Finally, Hodggers said, "We need to work with criminal justice reform to start getting tough on prosecution of crimes. Stop the plea deals and make the process swift."



AUDACITY AND IDIOCY

Here are this month's "winners":

--Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, for coming out of hiding on June 26 -- and in clear defiance of reality -- ludicrously claiming after his nuclear weapons facilities were obliterated, both "victory over Israel" and "delivering a hand slap to America's face."



--There are not enough vulgar words in the English language to properly describe New York Democrat Congressman Hakeem Jeffries, the House minority leader, for reportedly outrageously threatening -- in the wake of the riots in Los Angeles -- to have Mexican drug cartels murder the wives and children of ICE agents.

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--Far-left Florida Democrat Congressman Maxwell Frost, for taking extremist rhetoric to a new low by referring to Ashli Babbitt, the U.S. Air Force veteran who was shot and killed at the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021, as "a domestic terrorist."

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--Federal Judge in Massachusetts Denise Casper, who was appointed to her position by President Obama, for ruling to block President Trump's executive order requiring voters to show written proof of U.S. citizenship when registering for federal elections. Opponents of the executive order had claimed that requiring such documentary proof would deter people from registering.

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--Moorhead, Minnesota mother Valerie Zamora, for delaying critical medical attention for her 20-month-old son, first by waiting for her partner to join her, and then by going shopping en route to the hospital, where the severely ill boy was declared dead. Investigators noted bruising on the boy's body, and an autopsy revealed blunt force trauma from an assault, along with rib fractures and contusions. Faced with the evidence, Zamora said she feared repercussions from child protective services due to "neglect." She now faces second-degree unintentional murder charges.

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--A jury in Louisville, Kentucky, for ONLY recommending a 35-year prison sentence for Jeremy Thompson, who was convicted of murdering his girlfriend with a shot to the head following an argument and then leaving her two-year-old daughter beside her body. Authorities did not find Kierrea Stone-Gonzalez and her unattended child in her apartment until four days later.

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--Arizona Democrat Governor Katie Hobbs, for vetoing legislation passed by the State Legislature banning the Chinese communist government from buying and owning land in the state. The bill's sponsor, Republican State Senator James Shamp, accused Hobbs of making a politically motivated veto that was "utterly insane." The CEO of State Armor Action, Michael Lucci, said it allows Communist China "to buy up American land near critical assets like Luke Air Force Base and Palo Verde nuclear power plant."

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--Woke officials running the so-called Miss America pageant, for stripping Kayleigh Bush, the 2025 Miss North Florida winner, of her title for refusing to sign a Miss America contract that falsely defines "female" to include castrated males. The contract requires candidates to agree to compete against such

“females.” The religious liberty law firm Liberty Counsel says the pageants violate both the U.S. Constitution and Florida law.
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--Biden loyalist U.S. District Judge Gordon Gallagher, in a display of judicial overreach, for blocking the deportation of the wife and five children of Egyptian terrorist Mohamed Sabry Soliman, who were in the country illegally. Sabry Soliman, also an illegal alien, is facing charges of firebombing a pro-Israel demonstration in Boulder, Colorado, in which 12 people were injured when he hurled Molotov cocktails into the crowd and wielded a flamethrower while screaming “Free Palestine.”
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--Brazilian Judge Barbara de Lima Iseppi, for sentencing comedian Leo Lins to eight years in prison and fining him the equivalent of \$54,000, for the “crime” of telling jokes during a theater comedy special THREE YEARS AGO, that she ruled were “discriminatory” based on his Wikipedia page and became harmful when they showed up online. She added that the performance contributed to “the spread of verbal violence in society and promoted intolerance.” Lins’ legal team plans to appeal the decision based on a Supreme Court ruling from 2023 that overturned a lower court that had criminalized his words.
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--Federal judge Mark Walker, for blocking key portions of a law signed by Florida Governor Ron DeSantis in 2024 banning social media accounts for children under 14 and requiring parental permission for 14 and 15-year olds to use these platforms. DeSantis is planning to challenge the decision in the 11th Circuit.
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--Caryn “Whoopi Goldberg” Johnson, for claiming on her “The View” television program that “being Black in America is equivalent to living under Iran’s oppressive regime.” Really? She should go to Iran to test out her theory.

YOU CAN’T MAKE THIS UP

--Retiring U.S. Capitol Police Chief Thomas Manger showed his bias toward the Trump administration last month by calling the President’s pardoning of January 6 convictions “one of the most troubling moments of his career.” He also was “extremely disappointed” when the Justice Department agreed to a “chilling” \$5 million settlement with the family of Ashli Babbitt, the Air Force veteran shot and killed at the Capitol. So, a settlement for a citizen shot by law enforcement is “chilling,” but pardons for citizens who many believe were overcharged and politically targeted are “troubling”? Now, here’s the kicker – in 2021, Manger wasn’t even Chief on January 6. He was appointed in July that year, tasked with rebuilding the force and implementing reforms after the fact.
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--Davina Marx, a 53-year-old grandmother from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, is anything BUT grand. In 2022, following the

death of her son, she gained custody of her two grandchildren – a boy who is now 10 and a girl now 8. Marx has now been arrested and faces charges of child abuse and neglect following allegations that she drugged them and confined them in a dog cage while away from the home. The children were taken to a clinic for medical examinations and investigative interviews, and doctors reportedly identified bruises consistent with belt lashings. The granddaughter reportedly told a social worker that Marx is “mean and abusive,” and the grandson told police he was forced to take prescription drugs not prescribed for him. Neighbors also said they heard Marx verbally abuse the children.
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--According to the American Parents Coalition, the YMCA (Young **Men’s** Christian Association) new policy on gender identity is not very Christian, and that for overnight camps, it allows boys in girls’ cabins, locker rooms, and teams not based on biology. The coalition said parents often are not told this, and that some YMCA locations defended these gender identity policies even after indecent exposure incidents occurred. It is warning parents about the YMCA’s policy on gender identity and who may be allowed to bunk with girls. One such camp, Olson in Longville, Minnesota, says, “Sex assigned at birth, physical characteristics, or presentation should not dictate the use of gendered space. Trans individuals may select either restroom.”
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--Police in Fort Pierce, Florida, found the decomposing body of 6-year-old Ra’myl Pierre in his bedroom several weeks after his death during a “demon exorcism.” School officials had expressed concern over his not attending class. The boy’s mother, Rhonda Paulynice, explained that she was told by God to exorcise demons out of the child’s body, and when he stopped moving and passed away, she said she felt he had been released from the demons – and she was just waiting for his decomposing body to basically come back. Paulynice has been arrested; jailed without bond, and charged with second-degree murder, failure to report a death, and tampering with a body.
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--Students at Mesa High School in Mesa, Arizona, were relieved when math teacher Jesse Ruiz resigned his position, prior to having his teaching license suspended for two years. In class, Ruiz wore a Devil’s costume in class, waved a pitchfork over students’ heads while saying “Hail, Satan,” and wrote inappropriate remarks in students’ yearbooks. Comments included “Gay Sex...LOL,” “I’m gonna miss the ‘f’ out of you” ... “You should have run away from home, or we should have kidnapped you,” and “I found some new eye candy.” Before he will be allowed to teach again, Ruiz will have to complete a course about professional boundaries.
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--When Christian pastor Russell Johnson held a worship event in a Seattle, Washington, park last month that was attacked by hundreds of Antifa protestors – some of whom threw urine-filled balloons at the attendees – the media falsely described the worship event as “some sort of anti-LGBTQ -type rally.” There



were multiple arrests, but Seattle Mayor Bruce Harrell's office defended the protesters and the LGBTQ community and criticized the "far-right rally" for provoking the violent reaction. Pastor Johnson responded to the mayor's stance saying, "It's a clown show with these leftist, agitator-supporting politicians who are so out of touch with a wide swath of their constituents."
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--It took a year to accomplish, but Davidson High School in Lexington, North Carolina, has to pay 10th grade student Christian McGhee a \$20,000 settlement and the Davidson County Board of Education is to issue a public apology for suspending him from school for the "crime" of using the phrase "illegal aliens." Reportedly, the teacher had used the word "aliens" in class, and the then-sophomore asked if she was talking about "space aliens or illegal aliens who need green cards." That was enough for the school to determine his suspension was necessary for "making a racially insensitive remark that caused a class disturbance," and for the County Board to mischaracterize him "in a racially biased manner." The monetary compensation is intended to help with the costs of the new private school to which he transferred following the incident."
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--The Trump White House has confirmed that the Biden administration allocated more than \$8 million in taxpayer dollars to fund transgender animal experiments. The National Institutes of Health (was the good doctor Anthony Fauci involved?) examined the effects of hormone therapies on mice to study health outcomes relevant to transgender individuals.
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--In Philadelphia, a pregnant woman was struck in the head several times and slammed into a wall by another woman and needed to be hospitalized for her injuries. The attacker then fled the scene and had not been arrested. The fight occurred at the John Wister Elementary Mastery Charter School – over seating arrangements to watch the school's kindergarten graduation ceremony. At least one parent seems less mature than her child.
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--A federal grand jury has indicted New Jersey Democrat Congresswoman LaMonica McIver on two felony counts and one misdemeanor charge related to a physical altercation with federal officers outside a Newark immigration detention facility. McIver was joined by several Democrat colleagues and Newark Mayor Ras Baraka for a congressional oversight visit on May 9, and she allegedly struck two federal officers – once with her forearm and again while attempting to block the arrest of the mayor for entering a restricted area without authorization. If convicted, she could face up to 17 years in prison. McIver has denied the allegations, claiming the charges are politically motivated
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--Joshua and Rachael Piland of Lansing, Michigan, were each sentenced to a minimum of 20 years in prison this month, convicted of second-degree murder and first-degree child abuse for refusing medical treatment for their newborn daughter,

Abigail, who died of Rh disease, a condition related to blood incompatibility between mother and child. It could have been prevented and treated with recommended prenatal care, but the couple said they believed in faith, and that prayer – instead of medical treatment – would serve as the ultimate cure.
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--It took a dozen days of careful watching and waiting, but authorities in Orlando, Florida, finally recovered more than \$700,000 worth of diamond earrings from jewel thief Jaythan Glider, who stole them from a Tiffany store and swallowed them when he was soon arrested. He underwent a body scan where detectives were able to spot foreign objects working their way through his digestive tract and was kept in an area hospital before the earrings were finally expelled from his system. The earrings were cleaned by Tiffany's Master Jeweler and then turned over to a company Security Manager to return to the store. Now charged with first degree grand theft and robbery, what was Glider's reaction to all of this? He said, "I should have thrown them out of the window."

EXPERTS' EXCERPTS



Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton, writing on *Activist Judges Must Be Impeached*, in the *Association of Mature American Citizens* magazine:

"The Constitution is under attack by public servants who have sworn to protect and preserve it: federal judges who have become political activists. As a final step in the years-long lawfare campaign against Donald Trump, several federal judges have manipulated their legal authority to thwart the administration's legitimate actions. In the name of preventing tyranny – which they deem Trump's attempt to fire incompetent bureaucrats, shutter bloated agencies, and deport violent, illegal immigrants to be – they are usurping the will of the people, hijacking presidential powers, duties, and responsibilities, and trampling the Constitution's separation of powers. Their actions are hypocritical to the core. The Founders' definition of tyranny was in fact the accumulation of executive, legislative, and judicial powers in the same branch – thus, it is these federal judges' obstruction of executive action that is the true prologue to tyranny, not Trump's legitimate exercise of executive power. As laid out in Federalist No. 81, the purpose of the judiciary is to interpret the law, not create or enforce it. But today, the federal judiciary has proven so self-assured and swayed by political frenzy that it has commandeered powers unique to the executive and legislative branches. These rogue judges' crusade against the Trump administration not only disrupts the delicate balance of powers laid out in the Constitution but also manipulates judicial power and degrades the integrity of the law. Our legal system should not be weaponized by politicians in robes as part of a duplicitous political coup.... This process certainly includes preventing the tyrannical use of executive power in the rare case it arises, but judges who abuse this power to bring down policies they oppose only demean the rule of law

and their own judicial legitimacy. The interpretation of the law should transcend the fleeting, chaotic nature of the political arena. It should be a deliberate process that highlights the gravity, dignity, and neutrality of the rule of law instead of degrading itself by becoming an instrument of political factions' mercenary agendas....Blurring the lines between the three branches by allowing the judiciary to pilfer executive and legislative power – as several judges have done with their far-reaching decisions impacting our national security, foreign relations, and governmental administration – disrupts the operation of our constitutional republic and undermines the will of the people. The Founders considered judicial overreach a serious enough issue to institute impeachment safeguards, Congress would do well to at least educate the American people about the constitutional option to rein in out-of-control judges. The obstruction of self-government must be prevented – especially when done in Lady Justice's name and in her courtrooms. No one is above the law as written in the Constitution – especially not those who interpret it.:



Media Research Center senior writer Kurt Etheridge, on differences in the media biased coverage of President Trump compared to President Biden:

“In June 2020, President Trump delivered a commencement address at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. After his speech, he was filmed walking slowly and cautiously down a long, steep ramp that lacked a handrail. Describing the ramp as ‘very slippery,’ Trump was accompanied by Lieutenant General Darryl Williams, the academy's superintendent. The moment went viral, sparking intense media scrutiny and speculation about his health. Right on cue, the election-meddling press pounced. ‘The New York Times’ ran the headline ‘Trump's Halting Walk Down Ramp Raises New Health Questions.’ CNN devoted over 22 minutes to the story, with anchor Alisyn Camerota asking medical expert Dr. Sanjay Gupta if there was a neurological issue affecting Trump's balance, and anchor John King described Trump as ‘a little shaky.’ MSNBC spent nearly 29 minutes on the topic, with then-anchor Joy Reid tweeting, ‘Serious question: What is going on with [Trump]?’ Joining forces with their media cronies, Nancy Pelosi announced plans to introduce legislation creating a ‘Commission on Presidential Capacity’ to assess a president's fitness to serve under the 25th Amendment. Yet, Joe Biden's conspicuous infirmities, wobbling like a toddler on ice skates, fumbling his subject-verb alignment, were swept under the rug or excused as ‘cheap fake’ videos by the media. And no constitutional calls from the media or Democrats for Biden's removal due to disability’.....CNN's Jake Tapper suggested that the media's previous refusal to entertain questions about Biden's cognitive or physical health was a result of routine journalistic ‘politeness.’ That's been the story among the corporate media for some time, that journalists just ‘missed’ the signs that Biden was fading, because supposedly it's just not something journalists are supposed to pry into. Hmmm? But if that's the case, then Tapper and his ilk owe all of us an explanation for why, from 2017 through 2020, these same journalists were so

intensely concerned about President Trump's health that they managed to incorrectly diagnose him with dementia, early-onset Alzheimer's, profound mental illness, and heart disease. In 2019, when President Trump paid an unscheduled visit to Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, journalists quickly dismissed the White House's official explanation that it was for a routine check-up. The proposed explanations on leftist airwaves ranged from an emergency CAT scan to a heart attack. Funnily enough, at the 2023 Easter Egg Roll, Joe Biden froze like Wile E. Coyote after his own botched dynamite blast – dazed, smoke billowing from the top of his head – yet no media demands for CAT scans.”

Columnist **Michael Goodwin**, writing in the “New York Post” on “60 Minutes” host Scott Pelley's anti-Trump diatribe at Wake Forest University's graduation ceremony:



“It turns out that the man from CBS is full of BS. The surprise is that he outed himself in such a revealing and public spectacle. Pelley's description of America and Trump's agenda is so warped by partisanship that he can't see straight. His version of reality brings to mind the distortions of a fun-house mirror – without the fun.... He never mentions the president's name but doesn't have to. His language steals from the headlines of Trump-bashing media everywhere. It's a testament to their conformity that we know who and what he's talking about because the legacy outlets all think and speak in lockstep. Day in, day out, the heights of journalism plumb the depths of conformity. Everything Pelley said, we've heard 10,000 times before...He didn't go to Wake Forest to be fair. He went to recruit those who don't hate and fear their president by trying to scare them half to death. ‘Our sacred rule of law is under attack. Journalism is under attack. Universities are under attack. Freedom of speech is under attack,’ Pelley insisted. ‘An insidious fear is reaching through our schools, our businesses, our homes and into our private thoughts. The fear to speak. In America?’...Actual fairness doesn't interest him or his network. The once-trusted CBS has become just another dog barking at shadows. Worse, Pelley is a member of the ‘60 Minutes’ team that is leading the charge downhill...Neither Pelley nor any of his colleagues saw the slightest hint that Joe Biden was suffering from serious cognitive decline. To admit it would have helped Trump, so they looked the other way. You know, to save democracy. The program continued to shill for Biden up until the minute he dropped out of the presidential campaign, then immediately shifted gears to shill for Kamala Harris.... His speech should mark the death knell of his CBS career. How can it be otherwise when the underlying assumption is that if you aren't consumed with hate and fear over the president, there's something wrong with you? It breaks my heart to say it, but this is the ethos of most contemporary journalism, where independent thinking is verboten....‘Tuition liberation day’ is what many parents call graduation, but Pelley didn't even have the grace to make anything other than a passing reference to those who paid the outrageous bills Wake Forest charges. All they got was a lecture about what a horrible country they and their children live in because there is a monster in the White

House. Things are so bad that Pelley felt compelled to compare the current mood to the run-up of the Civil War, the early days of World War II and the campus rebellions over Vietnam. The fact that Trump was elected – and carried – North Carolina, where Wake Forest is located, never figures into the screed. That’s not an accident. To acknowledge that a contrasting point of view exists would cast doubt on Pelley’s dogma. He calls himself a ‘reporter,’ as if he’s Detective Joe Friday, another television creator who just sticks to the facts. In Pelley’s case, that’s not only false modesty – it’s also inaccurate.”



Red State writer **Stacey Matthews**, a former liberal who also writes under the name "Sister Toldjah," on gymnast Simone Biles unexpectedly going “full mean girl” on swimmer Riley Gaines:

“I did not have ‘Simone Biles attacks Riley Gaines’ on my bingo card, and yet here we are. Biles, of course, won 11 Olympic medals in women's gymnastics, with seven of them being gold, while Gaines was a champion collegiate athlete in women's swimming and became a fiercely outspoken critic of having men participate in women's sports after having to compete against transgender swimmer Lia Thomas. Gaines has made it her mission to protect women's sports and has been instrumental in legislation passed and signed into law at the state level, as well as the Executive Order on the issue signed by President Donald Trump in February. The Biles-Gaines X war started after Gaines responded to a tweet posted to a high school girls' softball team's account by noting that the tweet had the replies turned off for a reason. Gaines wrote: ‘Comments off lol. To be expected when your star player is a boy, Minnesota State High School League. Meet Champlin Park, the Class AAAA Softball State Champion for 2025 (led by a transgender pitcher).’ For some bizarre reason, this set Biles off, and she issued a very cringeworthy, very juvenile response to Gaines: ‘You’re truly sick, all of this campaigning because you lost a race. Straight up sore loser. You should be uplifting the trans community and perhaps finding a way to make sports inclusive OR creating a new avenue where trans feel safe in sports. Maybe a transgender category IN ALL sports!! But instead... You bully them. One things for sure is no one in sports is safe with you around!!!!’ And in another tweet that a third grader would be embarrassed to write, Biles wrote: ‘Bully someone your own size, which would ironically be a male @Riley Gaines.’ Conservative commentator and former ESPN co-host Sage Steele had one of the better responses, shredding Biles for her betrayal of female athletes: ‘Easy to say this @Simone Biles when you only had to compete against fellow women. Every one of your Olympic medals came competing against fellow women. @Riley Gaines was not only forced to compete against a man but forced to share a locker room with a man. THAT is SICK. Shocked and disappointed that you’d attack another woman who has done nothing but uplift other women. If YOU think it makes sense to create a league for trans people, go for it! Use that huge platform of yours! But to attack Riley for what she has done for little girls who want to be the next Simone Biles is.....sick’.... Gaines also pushed back, writing ‘This is so disappointing. My take is

the least controversial take on the planet. Simone Biles being a male-apologist at the expense of young girls’ dreams? I didn’t have that on my bingo card. Maybe she could compete in pommel horse and rings in 2028’.... Isn’t it especially interesting that Biles, like Megan Rapinoe, has conveniently taken this stance only after she’s hinted that she’s pretty much done with competing and knows she herself won’t have to compete against a trans athlete?”

American Security Council Foundation Senior Analyst Laurence F. Sanford, writing on Ukraine - Survival Vital to the U.S., in his “SOS – Sanford On Security publication:



“Ukraine’s survival is vital to the U.S. and Western Civilization. The fall of Ukraine to Russia would lead to more aggression in Moldova, the Baltic countries, and Poland. China would be heartened to invade Taiwan. Russia’s President Putin is the modern-day equivalent of Germany’s Führer, Hitler, of the 1930s. Common features of both autocrats include: 1) Grievances against outsiders for lost territory, wealth, and prestige; 2) Ethnic superiority; 3) Murder of millions for socialism is justified; 4) Hatred of Western Civilization’s individual freedoms and free market economy; and 5) Alliances with other autocrats: Hitler - Axis with Japan and Italy; and Putin - New Axis of Evil alliance with China, North Korea, and Iran. The West slept while Hitler built up Germany’s military and seized neighboring lands in the name of uniting Germanic peoples. Putin wants to resurrect the old Soviet Union communist empire, whose demise Putin called the greatest tragedy of the twentieth century. Ukrainians are not Russians. The history is complicated, but Ukraine generally looks West toward Western Europe and not East toward Russia. It is doubtful that Crimea will return to Ukraine. From 1783 to 1954, Crimea was part of Russia; prior to that, it was part of the Ottoman Empire. The Ukrainians have surprised the world with their resilience, innovation, and courage in the face of the Russian invasion. Ukraine’s survival has been dependent on military and economic aid from the United States and Western Europe. The Trump administration has not authorized further American military aid. The aid now flowing through pipelines, approved by the Biden administration, is expected to end in a few months. If no further American military assistance is forthcoming, Ukraine will likely fall. The ramifications of such a fall will be far greater to America than the disgraces of Afghanistan and Vietnam. It is vital that the non-Russian-speaking area of Ukraine stays independent and acts as a buffer to Russian expansionism.... The cost of American aid to help Ukraine survive is ‘chump change’ compared to the cost of losing Ukraine to Russia.”

Podcaster Todd Starnes, writing on a high school telling a valedictorian to remove God from his speech:



“A North Carolina high school valedictorian was told to remove references to God and Jesus from his commencement address. Liberty Counsel, a law firm that handles religious liberty cases, was contacted by the young man

and they immediately intervened. The law firm decided not to release the name of the school to protect the identity of the student. The teenager had been required to submit his speech to administrators before graduation day. When he received the speech back, the young man noticed that several key phrases had been redacted. He was told to take out the following sentences: 'I want to thank my Lord Jesus Christ for getting me through because if it weren't for Him, I don't know how I would've gotten through life' and 'Jesus Christ loved me.' Liberty Counsel explained that the statements were made within the context of a speech that referenced a serious illness the young man had overcome. The law firm fired off a letter to the district informing them that removing 'references to his faith in God or Jesus Christ in his graduation speech are all protected by the United States Constitution. Voluntary student religious expression, including student graduation messages or graduation prayer, may not be censored by school officials.... After receiving the letter the school district permitted the student to keep the religious references in the speech. According to the valedictorian, after the speech both the school staff were touched by his emotional remarks and one teacher expressed her approval because he stood firm in the face of pressure to change them. Liberty Counsel Founder and Chairman Mat Staver said, 'The valedictorian's respectful approach to correcting the administrators' constitutional errors resulted in an uncensored, faith-filled graduation speech. Voluntary references to God or Jesus Christ in a graduation speech are all protected by the First Amendment and may not be censored by school officials'.... When good people stand up to evil, good will triumph. Well done to this North Carolina student and to Liberty Counsel. "

THOUGHTS TO PONDER

"Forcing taxpayers to bankroll the left-wing propaganda machine that is PBS and NPR isn't just a slap in the face – it's flat-out illegal.... For nearly 40 years, the organization I run has documented PBS and NPR thumbing their noses at the Public Broadcasting Act of 1967, which demands strict adherence to 'objectivity and balance' in controversial programming. Objectivity? Balance? They tossed those out the window faster than you can say 'state-run media' For years, we have documented endlessly the seemingly infinite segments framing conservatives as villains, the soft-ball interviews with progressive darlings, and the relentless push for narratives that align with the far-left playbook. We will not stop calling out their bias, but exposure alone is not enough. Lawmakers must act."

--**Media Research Center President David Bozell**, on a call to action against PBS and NPR
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"The House of Representatives delivered a big win by pulling taxpayer funding from PBS and NPR as part of a \$9.4 billion rescissions package to cut back a small amount of Washington's bloat. These DOGE cuts are exactly what's needed to stop government-funded propaganda pretending to be neutral news, and claw back nonsense foreign aid. It's a solid first step, but there's plenty more wasteful spending to cut. This isn't just about

saving money, it's about ending the forced taxpayer support of left-wing media. Officials have vowed that this is just the first of many, and Congress needs to fulfill that if we have any hope to balance our budget. The swamp won't drain itself. Let's keep these cuts coming."

--Another **Bozell** comment, on cutting wasteful government spending

"We at the State Policy Network have much to be thankful for. Seventeen states now have universal school choice – that's 1/3 of the country! Compared to a mere five years ago, when only one state, Arizona, boasted a universal Education Savings Account program, the momentum has never been stronger, and the impact has never been higher. Our Network puts the power back where it belongs, in the states, to allow them to make the best policy possible for their constituents.....While Washington debates and deliberates, a quiet revolution is taking place across America's states. Innovative organizations and entrepreneurial leaders within our 50-state Network are pioneering alternatives to conventional approaches that have long dominated the policy areas that matter to Americans, like school choice and reliable energy. The states truly are the test labs of liberty."

--**SPN President and CEO Tracie Sharp**, on the organization's accomplishments
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"The presence of good guys with guns saves lives. Rather than banning firearms, schools should be allowed to implement armed defense measures and adopt security policies similar to those used to protect politicians and government buildings, such as having an armed resource officer on campus as a first responder. If we can defend banks, courthouses, and celebrities with armed security, why not our children?.... America had plenty of guns and virtually no school shootings a few decades ago. The question should be: How do we go back to the positive elements of that society – a healthy society in which the population, including teenagers, was moral enough to have guns without worry?"

--Former public school teacher and co-founder of a K-12 online school **Kali Fontanilla**, writing on the rise of school shootings
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"When the Constitution took effect in 1789, the first order of business was to straighten out the nation's disastrous financial situation. That is why the new State Department started out with only five employees while the Treasury Department had 40. When Alexander Hamilton became the nation's first Secretary of the Treasury, he immediately began to prepare a schedule of tariffs, along with excise taxes on such commodities as alcohol and tobacco. The Constitution forbids taxing the exports of any state, and so American tariffs have always been laid only on imports.....One of the provisions agreed to by the U.S. in the early GATT agreements following World War II was differential tariffs; the U.S. lowered its tariffs more than its trading partners did. Again, the purpose of this was to speed the economic rebuilding of allies and former enemies who had suffered devastation during the war. But World War II has now been over for 80 years. The economic recovery of Western Europe and the Far East has long since been accomplished. Yet the differential tariffs in many cases are still in existence."

--Author **John Steele Gordon**, writing on Tariffs in American History for Hillsdale College
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"Florida is home to 21 military installations and three combatant commands, so it is imperative we keep our bases protected and secure. This month, I introduced the Drone Espionage Act, which would make it a federal crime to take unauthorized videos of U.S. military installations. The legislation updates the Espionage Act of 1917 to include videography of sensitive national defense sites as a crime and would strengthen current authorities to hold individuals who seek to threaten our national defense accountable. I am fighting to modernize our laws in order to meet technological advances and protect our nation against bad actors wishing to collect intelligence on American soil."

--**Florida Senator Ashley Moody**, on legislation to protect America
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"We now know that the FBI under President Biden launched a nationally coordinated effort to monitor traditional Catholics as 'potential domestic terrorists' because his administration perceived them as political enemies. This frontal assault on the First Amendment should horrify every American – and it must never be allowed to happen again."

--**Catholic Vote Vice President John Mercer**, after a leaked 2023 memo from the Richmond, Virginia FBI Field Office likened Catholics to "violent, bigoted extremists"
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"USAID's a leftist menace, and we're taking it out. Moscow, 2013. USAID didn't fight poverty – they funded LGBTQ groups that Russians saw as a direct insult. Putin himself called it 'foreign meddling,' and his government cracked down hard, expelling USAID and deepening the chill between our nations. This wasn't aid; it was a leftist taunt that escalated tensions, risking global stability. Your tax dollars paid for this geopolitical blunder. And it's not just Russia. In Saudi Arabia, USAID's LGBTQ pushes sparked diplomatic rows, with locals rejecting 'Western values' as cultural aggression.... Trump's battling to kill USAID, but activist judges keep it alive. On March 18, 2025, Judge Chuang blocked Trump's shutdown, babbling about 'worker protections.' Then, on March 28, 2025,

the 4th Circuit let some cuts slide but kept USAID limping along. Every day these courts stall, your wallet bleeds – \$220 per family for their woke disasters. Meanwhile, USAID's LGBTQ stunts make America look provocative, weakening our global standing."

--**Judicial Watch and Freedom Watch founder Larry Klayman**, on the battle to shut down the U.S. Agency for International Development

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"200 Christians were brutally slaughtered in Nigeria. The June 13th attack in Benue State marks yet another chapter in the ongoing religious cleansing campaign that mainstream media conveniently ignores. These weren't random victims – they were specifically targeted for their Christian faith by Islamic Fulani militants who stormed into a shelter for already displaced families. Where's the global outrage? Where are the hashtags and celebrity statements? The deafening silence speaks volumes about which victims matter in today's political landscape. The initial death count of 100 was later revised to 200, making this the deadliest single attack in the region's bloody history. Not that you'd know any of this from watching CNN or MSNBC.... Church leaders have voiced their fears of a coordinated plan to eliminate Christians entirely from the area. The evidence supports their concerns – nearly 10,000 Nigerian Christians have been killed by Islamic extremists in just a two-year period from 2022 to 2024, according to Global Christian Relief.... While Western politicians trip over themselves to condemn Israel for defending itself against Hamas terrorists, they remain conspicuously silent about the ongoing genocide of Christians in Nigeria. The hypocrisy is as transparent as it is disgusting."

--**The freedomherald.com website**, on systematic religious cleansing in real time in Nigeria
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"The Israel Defense Forces intercepted and arrested climate alarmist and notorious Israel-hater Greta Thunberg, along with her fellow passengers aboard the *Madleen* yacht, just miles off the Gaza coast. The so-called 'Freedom Flotilla,' a thinly veiled propaganda stunt aimed at demonizing Israel, was swiftly shut down by the IDF, which released a damning video of the activists surrendering with their hands up. Thunberg, who has long abandoned any pretense of being a neutral environmental activist in favor of full-blown anti-Israel extremism, recorded a panicked video before her arrest, whining about 'oppression' and 'injustice.' The clip, which she likely hoped would go viral, instead made her look like exactly what she is – a clueless pawn in a larger geopolitical game. The IDF's footage showed Thunberg and her comrades being detained without resistance, their performative activism crumbling in the face of real authority. This stunt was never about 'humanitarian aid.' If it were, Thunberg and her ilk would have coordinated with Israel, which has facilitated thousands of aid trucks into Gaza. Instead, they chose to stage a reckless maritime provocation, hoping to paint Israel as the villain."

--**"The Patriot Chronicles" writer Daphne Moon**, on the arrest of Greta Thunberg

UPCOMING BREVARD COUNTY EVENTS

--July 2: Brevard Federated Republican Women meeting, Space Coast Convention Center, Cocoa, 11:30 am.

--July 3: Heritage Isle Republican Club meeting, Heritage Isle Clubhouse, 10 am.

- July 11: Federated Republican Women in Action meeting, Memaw's BBQ, Palm Bay, 5:30 pm.
- July 14: Space Coast Patriots meeting, Merritt Island library, 6 pm.
- July 15: North Brevard Republican Club meeting, American Police Hall of Fame, Titusville, 6 pm.
- July 17: Republican Women's Club of Brevard meeting, Suntree Country Club, 11 am.
- July 17: Florida Republican Assembly Brevard meeting, 705 Harrison Avenue, Titusville, 6:30 pm.
- July 17: Space Coast Young Republicans meeting, Whiskey Business in Melbourne, 6:30 pm.
- July 22: Republican Liberty Caucus of Brevard meeting, Italian American Club, Melbourne, 6 pm.
- July 26: Space Coast Republican Club meeting, Red Lobster, Merritt Island, 11:30 am.
- July 28: Ronald Reagan Club meeting, Oceanside Community Church, Satellite Beach, 6 pm.
- July 28: Brevard Republican Executive Committee meeting, Space Coast Association of Realtors Building, Melbourne, 7 pm.

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COMICAL CLOSERS

When Gavin Newsom challenged President Trump's actions to quell rioting in California, the satirical "Babylon Bee" (The world's best satire site) came up with this gem:

"In defense against the mounting criticism from across the country over his response to violent anti-ICE riots, California Governor Gavin Newsom said it's his duty to represent the illegal immigrants who elected him. 'I have a responsibility to serve the people who voted for me when they weren't legally allowed to do so,' a defiant Newsom told reporters. 'This is America. A land of freedom and liberty that is ruled by laws. And when those laws are broken, it's my job to stand up and represent the people who broke those laws.'"

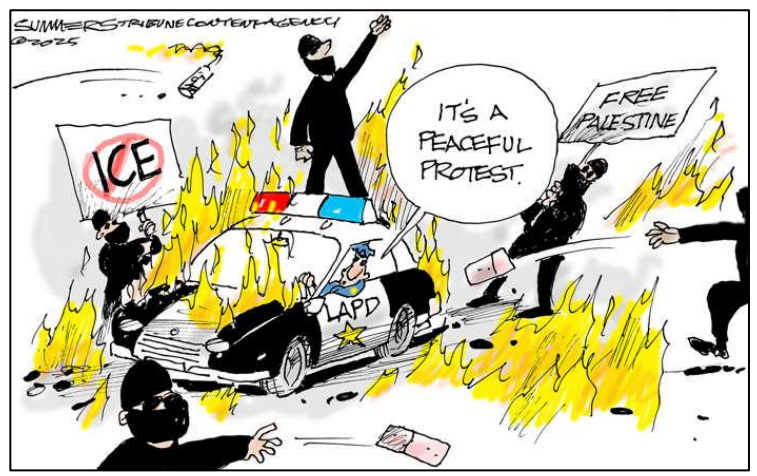
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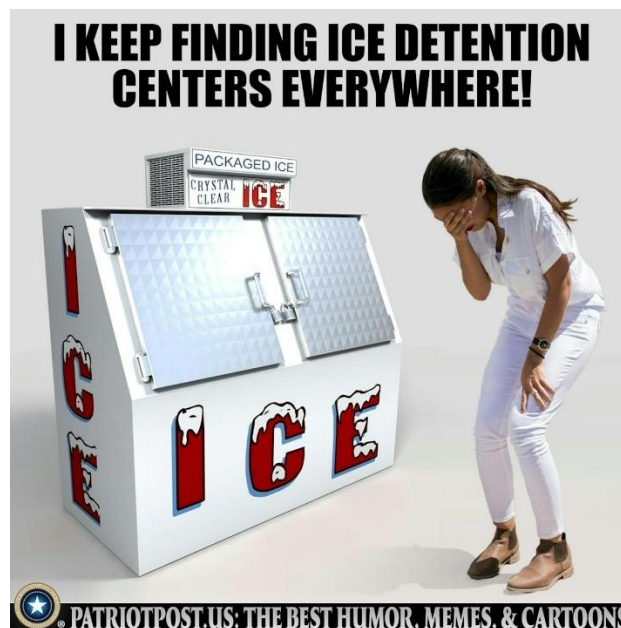
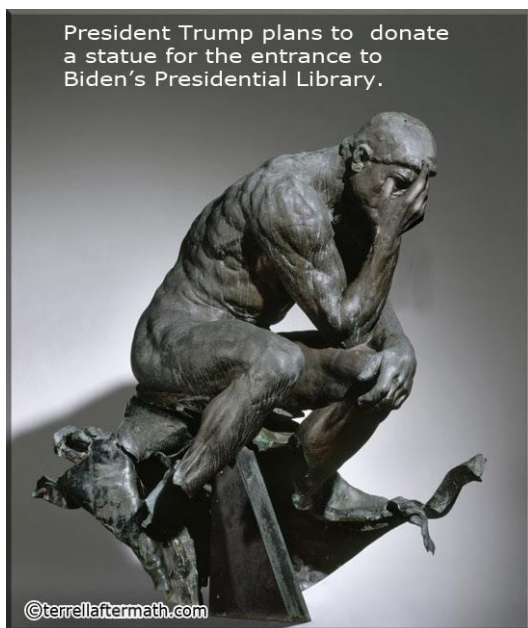
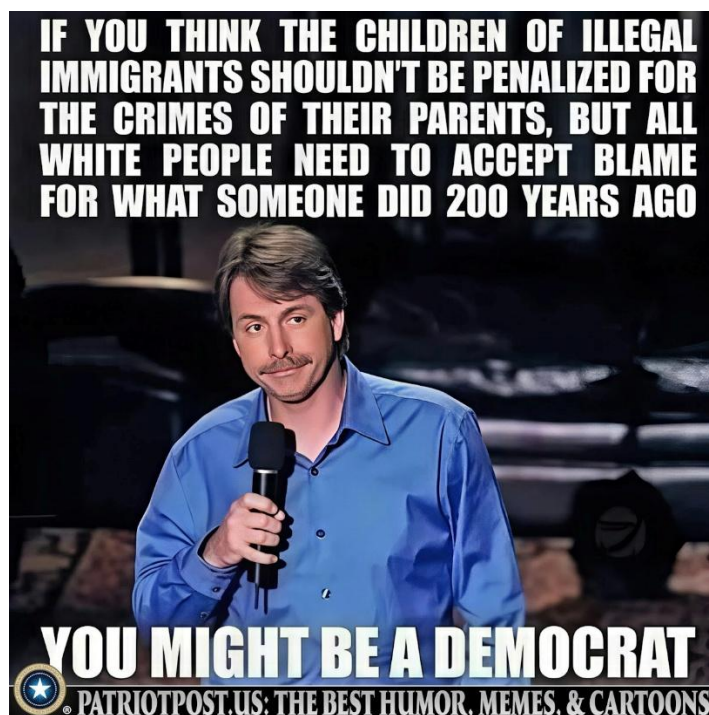
Ahead of the Juneteenth national holiday celebrating Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, the "Babylon Bee" announced that Democrats across the country would be celebrating the event by giving their slaves an extra five-minute break during the day.

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