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## TRUMP LAUDS ACHIEVEMENTS DURING JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS

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### FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK:

#### MY TWO CENTS

By Stuart Gorin

Leave it to the Democrats – the party that allegedly believes in equality for women – to say one thing but do another. After the U.S. House of Representatives voted to exclude men from participating in women's sports in our country, and using women's dressing rooms to boot, the measure went to the U.S. Senate, which needed 60 votes to become law. But even though it passed with a Republican majority, the 60-vote threshold was not reached – falling short by NINE votes. Now, here's the kicker – FOURTEEN of those alleged equality lovers are female. If they do ever go to the gym, with whom do they share the shower?

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I didn't bother watching the Academy Awards presentations on TV or even see the winning best picture about a woman who marries a Russian oligarch. But it was annoying to read later that the unfunny host of the program, Conan O'Brian, referred to President Trump by announcing about the movie "I guess Americans are excited to see somebody finally stand up to a powerful Russian." Liberals have been falsely saying for years that the President is an agent or stooge of Russia's Vladimir Putin.

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In cheesy Wisconsin, Democrat Governor Tony Evers has a gender-neutral way to refer to those "with child." They are not women, not female, not expecting, and not pregnant. No, to him, they are "inseminated persons."

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When French Euro-deputy Raphael Glucksmann, a center-left

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Addressing a joint session of the U.S. Congress for the fifth time – but the first since being re-elected – President **Donald Trump** spoke on March 4 about his accomplishments during the first six weeks of his current term, and for an hour and 40 minutes addressed the importance of restoring the economy, bolstering energy, cracking down on illegal immigration, and reclaiming American sovereignty.



He earned multiple cheers and standing applause from Republican legislators in the audience, and favorable reports from citizens who watched his speech on national television. But the radical Democrats on the other side of the aisle were another matter. They suffered "sore fingers" by sitting on their hands the entire time – even when the

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politician claimed that France should take back the Statue of Liberty – gifted to the United States in 1886 -- because the U.S. “no longer represents the values that led France to offer the statue,” the swift response from White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt was "Absolutely not. My advice to that low-level French politician would be to remind him that it's only because of the United States of America in World War II that the French are not speaking German right now. So, they should be **very grateful** to our great country."

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So, what does DOGE really stand for? Is it Department of Government Efficiency? Or is it Democrats Officially Getting Exposed?

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More Two Cents next month.

president introduced a teenage cancer survivor, a young mad selected to attend West Point, and family members of people who tragically lost their lives.

Democrats in the audience even were heard chanting and booing as Trump started his address. The only one who did not get sore hands was Texas Congressman Al Green, who was so disruptively disrespectful to the President during the beginning of his remarks, that **House Speaker Mike Johnson** directed the Sergeant at Arms to escort him out of the chamber. In no way are today's Democrats anything like “Your Father's Democrat Party.”

Trump said that six weeks ago, “I stood beneath the dome of this Capitol and proclaimed the dawn of the Golden Age of America. From that moment on, it has been nothing but swift and unrelenting action to usher in the greatest and most successful era in the history of the country.”

He added, “Over the past six weeks, I have signed nearly 100 executive orders and taken more than 400 executive actions to restore common sense, safety, optimism, and wealth across our wonderful land. The people elected me to do the job, and I am doing it. In fact, it has been stated by many that the first month of our presidency is the most successful in the history of our nation”.

Continuing, Trump said, “We have accomplished more in 43 days than most administrations accomplish in four years or eight years, and we are just getting started. I return to this chamber tonight to report that America's momentum is back. Our spirit is back. Our pride is back. Our confidence is back. And the American dream is surging – bigger and better than ever before.”

During his remarks, Trump called out former President Joe Biden multiple times, which was an unusual and rare move for a sitting president to do. He called Biden “the worst president in American history,” while explaining that illegal migrant crossing at the southern border are down during his presidency

compared to that of his predecessor. And lamenting that his administration inherited “an economic nightmare” from the Biden administration, Trump said he is fighting “to reverse this damage.”

One of the biggest applause points in the speech occurred when Trump urged Congress to pass a mandatory death penalty for anyone who kills a police officer.

Other highlights of his speech were his promise for across-the-board tax cuts, including personal income, corporate and industry cuts; that his trade policies will remain centered around tariffs designed to boost foreign investment and balance trade deficits; praise for the work of **Elon Musk** and the Department of Government Efficiency; creation of a White House Office of Shipbuilding to counter China's strides in the shipbuilding sector; and his surprise announcement that the terrorist responsible for killing 13 U.S. service members during the 2021 withdrawal from Afghanistan has been captured and is now in custody.

Trump introduced a number of guests he had in the audience, including **D.J. Daniel**, a 13-year-old cancer patient whose dream is to become a police officer, and who was thrilled when the president surprised him by having **Secret Service Director Sean Curran** present him with a real badge making him a Secret Service Agent.

Another young attendee in the audience, **Jason Harley**, had applied to attend the West Point Military Academy, and joyfully learned from the President that his application has been approved.

**Marc Fogel**, a teacher whom Trump helped free from a Russian prison attended the speech along with his elderly mother, as well as family members of **Laken Riley** and **Jocelyn Nungaray**, who were killed by illegal aliens in the U.S., and of **Corey Comperatore**, who was killed at the rally in Virginia where Trump was shot.

When all of these special guests were applauded by Republican legislators, the Democrats in the gallery remained silent.

At one point in his remarks, Trump said, “I could find a cure to the most devastating disease, a disease that would wipe out an entire nation, or announce the answer to the greatest economy in history or the stoppage of crime to the lowest level ever recorded, and these people will not clap, will not stand up, and certainly will not cheer. Five times I've been up here. It's very sad, and it just shouldn't be that way.”

And there was one Trump comment that was considered his best quote of the evening: “The media and our friends in the Democrat party kept saying we needed new legislation; we must have legislation to secure the border. But it turned out that all we really needed ... was a new president.”

After his speech, CBS News, which is no great fan of the President, conducted a poll and reported that 76 percent of watchers indicated a favorable response to his message and presentation.

## DESANTIS OPENS FLORIDA LEGISLATIVE SESSION



**Florida Governor Ron DeSantis**, in a 30-minute State of the State address to the opening session of the 2025 Florida State Legislature on March 4, called for lower property taxes, business tax cuts, budget cuts, rolling back restrictions on firearms, and new

restrictions on petitions for constitutional amendments.

Speaking of **State Senate President Ben Albritton and House Speaker Daniel Perez**, the Governor said that “Working together, we have amassed a record that is without peer anywhere else in the entire country.”

Praising Florida for maintaining a strong economy, DeSantis said the state had a lower-than-average unemployment rate for 50 consecutive months. He also mentioned that Florida welcomed 142 million tourists in 2024, and that insurance reforms have helped reduce rates, with the most prominent companies reporting 6-10% decreases.

“Our economy is strong because of sensible spending,” DeSantis said, “Florida has the lowest state debt in America after paying off 41% of its debt over the last 6 years.” He also emphasized the state’s commitment to low taxes and providing billions in tax relief.

In education, the Governor highlighted Florida’s status as the top state for school choice, and the first to enact such a program. He introduced a Teachers’ Bill of Rights and announced increased funding for teacher salaries and civics programs.

“Florida leads. We lead with purpose and conviction, determination and strength, faith, and hope.,” he said. “Florida is the leader among the states because we lean into challenges, tackle the big issues, and deliver results for the people we serve.” DeSantis added that “our rights come from God, not government.” He added, “We chose freedom over fear; education over indoctrination; law and order over rioting and disorder.”

Thanks to the recent legislation, DeSantis said, “It is now a crime to enter Florida illegally, the days of catch and release are over, and all state and local law enforcement have a duty to assist in interior immigration enforcement efforts. The voters have spoken — and Florida has responded — we will be part of the solution, not part of the problem.”

The Governor said, “Our economy is strong in part because our spending and budget policies are sensible. We are actually spending less money in the current fiscal year than we did in the previous year.

Where else have they actually reduced spending? We have the lowest number of state government workers per capita in the country. Over the past six years, we have more than tripled our state’s rainy day fund. Florida just celebrated its 180th birthday and I’m happy to say that just since 2019, we have paid off 41%

of the debt accumulated over those 180 years. Our state has among the lowest per capita state debt in America.”

Florida has also led on education, DeSantis noted, “and has been ranked #1 in America for the past two years. We are the top state in America for school choice. This has changed lives. Our universal school choice program works -- families and students have benefitted, and the academic bar has been raised throughout the state.”

Regarding universities, DeSantis said, “We led the way in being the first state to eliminate DEI from our higher education system. We continue to lead by holding the line on tuition. We have not allowed a tuition increase since I’ve been governor and Florida has the lowest in-state tuition in America. Florida families deserve state universities that provide education, not indoctrination.”

Explaining that “We need to be a strong Second Amendment state,” DeSantis said. “Let’s get some positive reform done for the people of Florida.”

Other accomplishments achieved over the past six years, he said, included banning China from purchasing land in Florida, enactment of a digital Bill of Rights, protection against central bank digital currency, institution of the death penalty for pedophiles, repayment of state debt, protection for the sanctity of life, law enforcement bonus and scholarship programs, accountability to pharma companies to lower drug costs, and a Moving Florida Forward program to accelerate infrastructure and congestion relief projects.

The Governor said he looked forward to work together with the legislature’s presiding officers to advance shared goals. While coming from differing backgrounds, he said these leaders “have a strong desire to make Florida a better place. Congratulations on earning this opportunity to lead your respective chambers.”

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## POLITICAL JOTTINGS AND DOTTINGS



While the U.S. Senate continues to confirm multiple Trump nominees to government leadership positions, two of the nominees failed the effort. Ironically, both of them were former U.S. Representatives in Congress from Florida.

First, former **Congressman Matt Gaetz** dropped his opportunity to become Secretary of State, and then, former **U.S. Congressman Dr. Dave Weldon** was told his nomination to head the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention was being cancelled just hours before he was scheduled to be interviewed by a Senate panel for the position.

Weldon’s statement after the surprising decision was: “My big sin was that as a Congressman 25 years ago, I had the temerity to take on the CDC and Big Pharma on two critical childhood vaccine safety issues. Hundreds of parents had been coming to me from all over the country, insisting that their child has been seriously damaged by the inoculations.”



That was enough for “Big Pharma” to convince enough Senators to oppose his nomination. But still supportive of Trump, Weldon added, “The president is a busy man doing good work for our nation, and the last thing he needs is a controversy about CDC.”

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In a bombshell report, the Freedom Herald website reported controversy surrounding the autopen used for four years during the Biden Administration on executive decisions, noting that the cognitively challenged president rarely signed his own documents, relying instead on unelected bureaucrats wielding an autopen while the real power players ran America into the ground. Therefore, every executive order under Biden – including the last minute pardons issued – could be declared null and void.

According to the Heritage Foundation Oversight Project, Biden rarely if ever signed his own documents, instead relying on the bureaucrats with an autopen to authorize everything from executive orders to international agreements. This isn’t just incompetence – it’s potentially one of the greatest constitutional crises in American history. The autopen – a mechanical device that reproduces signatures – was apparently used extensively throughout Biden’s term, raising serious questions about who was actually making decisions affecting over 330 million Americans.

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Too late for last month’s issue, **President Donald Trump** held the first Cabinet meeting of his second administration at the White House on February 26, discussing a wide range of topics, including government-shrinking efforts, the Ukraine rare earths deal, and Taiwan.

Despite a recent decline in border crossings, Trump said he would continue with his plans to impose tariffs on Canada and Mexico, noting that “Millions of people have died because of the fentanyl that comes over the border.”

Having recently proposed “Gold Card” visas to wealthy immigrants in exchange for a \$5 million investment in the United States, the President said, “I don’t know, maybe it will sell like crazy.”

**DOGE leader Elon Musk**, who attended the Cabinet meeting said that the email sent to federal employees from the Office of Personnel Management asking for a bullet-point list of five work accomplishments from the past week had been misinterpreted as a “performance review,” but it’s a “pulse review”. Adding, “Do you have a pulse, and can you reply to this email?”

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Several days after Trump said he wanted to see **Florida Congressman Byron Donalds** run for Governor of Florida after Ron DeSantis’ tour of duty finished, Donalds appeared on Sean Hannity’s Fox News show to announce his candidacy. “I think now is the time to take the mantle and lead our state into the future,” he said.

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Former **Florida Attorney General Ashley Moody**, who was appointed by DeSantis as U.S. Senator to replace **Marco Rubio**, who was elevated to the position of U.S. Secretary of State – has filed as a candidate to seek another Senate term.

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To fill Moody’s old slot of Attorney General, DeSantis picked **James Uthmeier**, his former Chief-of-Staff and Campaign Manager. Referring to Uthmeier as his “bulldog” who gets things done, the Governor said he has been instrumental in virtually all of Florida’s achievements over the past six years – from fighting COVID authoritarians to defeating woke ideology to enacting strong policies against illegal immigration. As a shining example of the Left’s worst nightmare, Uthmeier said, “We will champion an America-first agenda, and we will fight back against the cartels, the gangs, and the traffickers that have wreaked havoc on our country for far too long. We will fight the activists that try to weaken our duly enacted laws, that try to challenge our constitutional order, and that try to harm the unborn.

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These additional nominations by **President Donald Trump** to fill government positions: have been confirmed:

--Army 1st Lieutenant-turned-businessman **Daniel Driscoll** as Army Secretary, by a 66-28 vote on February 25.

--Former **Small Business Administration leader and World Wrestling Entertainment head Linda McMahon**, as Education Secretary, by a 51-45 vote on March 3.

--Former **Oregon Congresswoman Lori Chavez-DeRemer**, as Labor Secretary by a 67-32 vote on March 10.

--Businessman **Stephen Feinberg**, as Deputy Secretary of Defense, by a 59-40 vote on March 14.



## SOUNDS FROM THE TRUMP-ET

--**President Donald Trump** signed an executive order on March 25 requiring people to provide proof of American citizenship when they register to vote and demanding that all ballots be reviewed by Election Day.

The order requires government-issued proof of U.S. citizenship on its voter registration forms, and directs the Attorney General to enter into information-sharing agreements with state election officials to identify cases of election fraud or other election law violations.

"There are other steps that we will be taking in the coming weeks," Trump said. "We think we'll be able to end up getting fair elections." Noting that he personally signs all executive orders, he said, "It's a great honor to sign this one."

--When the President delivered the first joint congressional speech of his second term on March 4, he chose that date for a specific reason. For more than a century, this was the original date that presidents were sworn into office, until the 20<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Constitution moved it in 1933 to January 20.

Some people might call that a “coincidence,” but Trump seems to find a way to work “a sense of history” in his favor.

During his address to the joint session of Congress, Trump highlighted instances of government waste and misuse of funds, including “spending \$8 million on making mice transgender.” That caused CNN to charge the President with a “falsehood.” But forcing CNN to retract its comment and spotlighting again how mainstream media can mislead the public, the White House then presented evidence confirming that \$8.3 million had indeed been allocated for “studies that involve mice receiving treatments that can be used in gender-affirming healthcare.”

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--President Trump signed an executive order on February 28 making English the official language of the United States for the first time in American history and rescinding a 2000 mandate issued by former President Bill Clinton requiring federal agencies and recipients of federal funding to provide language assistance to non-English speakers.

Trump’s order reportedly is intended to celebrate multilingual Americans who have learned English and passed it down to their family members, while also empowering immigrants’ to reach the American dream via a common language.

While the United States is home to an estimated 350-430 different languages, the new order does not eliminate multilingual services entirely, since federal agencies will still be able to assess whether to offer their services in languages other than English, based on their specific missions.

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--Following an investigation into allegations that Columbia University did not adequately address recent incidents of discrimination and harassment against Jewish students on campus, Trump slashed \$400 million in federal grants from the school over its antisemitism failure.

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--Now with the passing of Pete Rose – the most prolific hitter in baseball history, who was given a lifetime ban for betting on games – Trump believes it is time for him to be added to the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Noting that baseball is a game of redemption and second chances, and that Rose’s gambling involved betting on his team and not against it, the President had this to say: “Major League Baseball didn’t have the courage or decency to put the late, great, Pete Rose, also known as ‘Charlie Hustle,’ into the Baseball Hall of Fame. Now he is dead, will never experience the thrill of being selected, even though he was a FAR BETTER PLAYER than most of those who made it.”

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--The president announced that during February – his first full month in office – illegal border crossings were the lowest ever recorded, down 94 percent from last February, and 96 percent from the all-time high of the Biden administration.

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--Beginning the process of his pledge to shut down the Department of Education, Trump on March 20 signed an executive order reducing its size and scope. “We’re going to be returning education, very simply, back to the states where it belongs,” he said. “This is a very popular thing to do, but much more importantly, it’s a common sense thing to do, and it’s going to work. Absolutely, it’s going to work.”

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--Awarding Boeing a multi-billion-dollar contract to build the U.S. Air Force’s most advanced fighter jet, Trump described it as “the most lethal aircraft ever built,” and “a version of it has been secretly flying for the last five years.” The high-speed stealth aircraft – designed to fly alongside unmanned drones in combat – has been dubbed “the F-47.” Wonder why that number was chosen!



## LET ME BE FRANK

By Space Coast Tusk Designer  
Frank Montelione

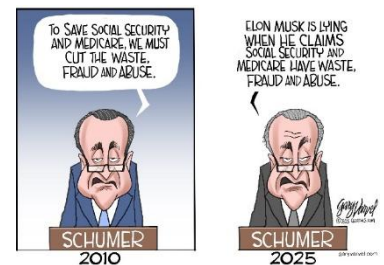
### Some Observations

Recently I have spoken to members of the Democrat Party. Of course, I heard the same trite arguments that come right out of the Democrat National Committee. Notice that it is not the Democratic Committee because there’s nothing Democratic about the Democrat Committee. Ask Bernie Sanders about the 2016 Primary.

One of the first things that was said was about Elon Musk calling the Social Security Administration a “Ponzi Scheme”.

In 1935, in the midst of the Great Depression, saw a need for a “safety net” for the elderly, the unemployed and the disadvantaged. The Social Security Act was signed into law as part of the New Deal.

It didn’t take long for politicians to see the Social Security Fund as a means to fund projects they may not be able to get financing through Congress. Lyndon Johnson was the first President to break open the Social Security Piggy Bank. Every President since then saw the Fund as their personnel slush fund. Although the funds must be replaced with interest, it is often put on the back burner in the National Budget.



When questioned we are told it is not a "raid" of the Social Security funds, but rather a way for the government to manage its finances, using the surpluses to avoid borrowing from the public debt markets. We’re told the government simply lends

it's surplus to the Treasury and it uses these "resources" to finance other government activity and avoiding going into public debt markets to borrow.

Sounds like a raid to me. So, when they say, "Social Security Administration will run out of money in the near future" I would like to know where all the surplus went, after all, it's our money.

So yes, it's a sort of Ponzi Scheme.

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Then the Department of Education was the next topic. "Why is this administration taking funding away from our children?" needs are different than Florida's. Every state has their own unique needs. Curriculums should be administered by state and local school boards. Government closest to the people is the most powerful government. You know your school board members. They are your neighbors and friends. It is easier to deal with the state and local boards that trying to buck the bureaucracy that is the Department of Education.

There is NO money being taken away from educating our children. Rather, it will be going from the Treasury to the States which will better control education in various areas of the nation. We cannot use a cookie cutter approach. New York's needs are different than Florida's and every state has their own unique circumstances that need to be addressed on a state by state basis.

President Jimmy Carter established the Department of Education in 1979, keeping a campaign promise to the nation's largest teachers' union, the National Education Association. It was a bribe made offered to the Teachers unions. He did so over the objections of his own presidential transition team and many in Congress — including fellow Democrats.

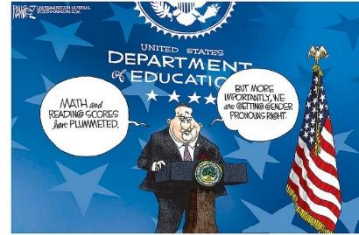
After 40 years there has been a dramatic drop in the level of education our children have been receiving. With the assistance of and at times the direction of the Teachers Unions, school administrators have been bogged down with paperwork and often forced to change their curriculum to fit the comply with experimental programs which were mandated by the Department of Education. Billions have been funneled into the Department. The gap between school districts in middle to upper class neighborhoods and low income neighborhoods has not narrowed. The federal taxpayers spent around \$200 billion in additional education funding during COVID-19, yet mathematics and reading scores in public schools have declined. One reason is that Randi Weingarten, the president of the largest teachers union made one excuse after another to keep school closed. But at least we have the term "What's your pronoun" thanks to the Department of Education and the teachers unions.

Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), a group of mostly highly developed, democratic nations ranks the United States as 28<sup>th</sup> among OECD members in math. The U.S ranked 37<sup>th</sup> out of 37 in science according to [Pew Research](#).

Harriet Hageman (R-Wyoming) reports that the federal Education Department has a "budget of about \$280 billion a

year. Less than 25% goes to educating our students."

"The federal Department of Education spends — has a budget of about \$280 billion a year. Less than 25% goes to educating our students," she said. "So where does the other \$220 billion go? It goes to a bureaucracy, it goes to a consultant, and that consultant then donates money back to the Democrats, and then it goes to a different consultant, and then it goes to" a nongovernmental organization." ([Statesman.com](#))



"Public education spending in the United States falls short of global benchmarks and lags behind economic growth; K-12 schools spend **\$857.2 billion** total (\$17,277 per pupil) annually" according to the [Education data Initiative](#).

We spend more per student than any other industrialized nation, yet we lag behind in math, science and reading.

So, where does the money go. I guess the unions are doing pretty well with our money.

If Joy Reid is a sample of public education, we are in trouble. In case you haven't heard, according to Joy we fought the Canadians during the War of 1812, the Canadians burned down the White House and we lost the war.

Don't believe it? Watch the video [HERE](#).

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Next, this administration is an oligarchy. I doubt most democrats know the definition of oligarchy. Mariam Webster defines it as "a government in which a small group exercises control especially for corrupt and selfish purposes". I assume that democrats like Berney Sanders and AOC feel that the savings that DOGE is creating means that that excess money is going into someone's pocket and not to reduce government debt and curtail government spending.

If we go by the simple definition of a government that is ruled by a small group of elite people might actually define the Biden administration. Maybe that's not fair. After all, we don't really know who was running the country during those abysmal 4 years. We know that Jill Biden ran some of the very few Cabinet meetings Joe had. And do we count the electronic pen as one of the few, elite people?

As we look back at the Biden era, we see that in all likelihood our government was run by the White House staff and Jill Biden. Once Biden and Johnson met in the Oval Office, the speaker asked the president about his pause on LNG exports.

"I cannot answer this from my constituents in Louisiana," Johnson recalled telling Biden. "Sir, why did you pause LNG exports to Europe? Liquefied natural gas is in great demand by our allies..."



Johnson recounted how a stunned Biden replied: "I didn't do that."

"He genuinely did not know what he had signed," Johnson said. "And I walked out of that meeting with fear and loathing because I thought, 'We are in serious trouble—who is running the country?' Like, I don't know who put the paper in front of him, but he didn't know."

So, Oligarchy must be in the eyes of the beholder. While democrats are quick to point out wealthy donors to the Trump campaign, they are quick to avoid talking about the sale of meetings brokered by Hunter, the donations received from people like George Soros, Bill DeBlasio, Silicon Valley corporations and Michael Bloomberg.

Sometimes it's tiring to have to correct misinformation that democrat acquaintances hear. But I must admit I like to gloat over the lack of knowledge they have and knowing the answers to their irrational assumptions.

When I did point all this out, the answer I got was "why didn't anyone tell us that?". My answer was "Duh!!!"

So, what is the future of the Democrat Party? While the two liberal stars, Sanders and AOC are on an Oligarchy Tour the dynamic duo have not said what the party stands for other than Resist! or what they will do if they found their party back in power. They have a new target alongside Trump, their favorite mark. It's Chuck Schumer, who they are incensed about for voting for the Continuing Budget. They apparently would have wanted to shut the government down, not until a deal could be made but for the remainder of the physical year. The Democrat Party's approval ratings are in the 20's with no outlook for gaining in the polls without a serious plan other than "We're Not Trump" and throwing out words that we wouldn't want our children to hear.

There's an old saying: "When you find yourself in a hole, stop digging". They are not using a shovel but a bulldozer. It's not looking good for them anytime soon.



## HIGHLIGHTING CAPITOL HILL

**By Mike Haridopolos**  
**Florida District 8 Congressman**



DOGE is the wake-up call that Washington needs. Every dollar the federal government squanders is a dollar taken from hardworking Americans, and that is why I'm all in for Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) – and why I'm stunned at the resistance it's facing from Democrats and the entrenched bureaucracy.

If there's one thing we should all agree on, it's that your tax dollars shouldn't be thrown away on frivolous nonsense. DOGE is here to fix that, and Congress needs to get on board.

It's no secret that the federal government is a mess. I've been hammering this point since my days in the Florida Legislature, where we fought to keep spending in check. Now, in Washington, I see the same disconnect at a scale many times larger than I saw at the state level. Take USAID – supposedly helping people around the world who are in crisis, yet somehow finding \$1.5 million for LGBTQ programs in Serbia, \$25,000 for a Peruvian opera, and \$13 million for a "Sesame Street" clone in Iraq.

I'm not against aid where it's needed, but this? This is a slap in the face to every American scraping by, paying 20-30% more for gas and groceries while Washington plays global philanthropist with their money.

As you might expect, Democrats are howling at these efforts. They're mad because they lost the majority and can't keep the gravy train rolling. But here's the truth: People are hurting. They work hard, pay their taxes, and expect a government that doesn't treat their dollars like Monopoly money.

Let me be clear: Cutting waste doesn't mean slashing what matters. Social Security and Medicare are earned commitments, not bargaining chips. You paid into them for the last generation, you've earned the same benefits. DOGE isn't coming for them; it's protecting them. By rooting out billions in fraud and trimming fat from bloated agencies, we're ensuring these programs stay solvent for the people who've paid into them.

I've fought for Florida's retirees my whole career, and I'm not going to let bureaucratic excess jeopardize their security. Florida has long lead the way on this issue. When I was President of the Florida Senate, we launched a website that tracked every budget allocation and shows exactly where it was spent. We put spending in the sunshine because taxpayers deserve to know how their dollars are being spent. That website is still running today at [www.transparencyflorida.gov](http://www.transparencyflorida.gov). Florida is proving we can do better, and I'm working right now to bring that sort of transparency to the federal government (stay tuned!).

Congress has to step up. We're not here to coddle the swamp – we're here to drain it. Democrats call it a "reign of terror." I call it accountability that's long overdue. If transparency scares them, maybe they're the ones who need to explain themselves.

This isn't about ideology; it's about stewardship. Whether you're a Republican, Democrat, or independent, you should want a government that works for you, not against you. DOGE is a chance to right-size this beast and give Americans the efficient, transparent leadership they deserve.



## THE MAYFIELD MINUTE

**By Florida District 32 State Representative**  
**Debbie Mayfield**

The Florida Legislature convened at the Florida Capitol for Opening Day of the 2025 127th Regular Legislative Session on Tuesday, March 4th at 10:00 a.m. **Governor Ron**

**DeSantis** delivered his annual "State of the State" address during the Joint Legislative Session.

During the 2025 session we will be addressing key issues including (but not limited to):

- Illegal Immigration
- Economy and Infrastructure
- Government Efficiency
- Affordable Housing
- Homeowners, property, and health care insurance
- Hurricane/storm preparation and recovery
- Workforce shortages, K-12 schools, and school choice
- Environmental and economic development

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Governor DeSantis, highlighting the many accomplishments of the Florida State Guard (FSG) since re-establishment in 2022, said it was established "to act as a force multiplier for state, local, and federal public safety and emergency response efforts."

Some of the FSG highlights include: an astounding 425% growth in personnel; establishment of three new operational units; initiation of five construction projects to support statewide posture requirements; and its forces have been deployed ten times throughout Florida, Texas, and North Carolina in support of emergency management and public safety operations.

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**Governor DeSantis** announced the early completion of the NASA Causeway Bridge in Brevard County, one of two recently completed bridges, six months ahead of schedule. The new bridge officially opened to traffic on March 19, According to the Governor's office, "The new, taller, and wider bridges stretch 4,025 feet over the Indian River and, as fixed spans, they eliminate the need for drawbridge openings."

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**Florida U.S. Senator Ashley Moody** introduced the Homes for Every Local Protector, Educator, and Responder (HELPER) Act which will create a first-time homebuyer home loan program for law enforcement, firefighters, EMTs, paramedics, and teachers. "In Florida, we're a law-and-order state," she said. "That will never be a question. We will always make sure that we don't just support them by our words, but by our actions and that they have the tools, the resources, the community, the state support that they need."

The bipartisan bill, HR 2094, with support from **U.S. Representatives John Rutherford (R-FL), Bonnie Watson Coleman (D-NJ), Andrew Garbarino (R-NY)**, was recently reintroduced and Moody and **Georgia Democrat Jon Osoff** introduced companion legislation in the U.S. Senate.

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Florida House Bill 175, referred to as the "Jason Raynor Act," passed the Judiciary Committee with strong support. The bill aims to ensure the toughest penalties on perpetrators who

commit crimes against police officers and other law enforcement personnel.

On June 23, 2021, Officer Jason Raynor of Daytona Beach was attacked and shot while in the line of duty. He tragically died 55 days later. The criminal was charged with 1st degree murder but was found guilty of the lesser charge of manslaughter due to a legal technicality.

House Bill 6017, to recover damages for medical negligence resulting in death, passed the Judiciary Committee with overwhelming support.

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The Melbourne Police Department held its annual awards ceremony to celebrate police officers, communications officers, and civilian employees for outstanding accomplishments, dedication, bravery, and professionalism.

Here are the 2024 winners:

- Officer of the Year - **K9 Officer Frank Legate**
- Communications Officer of the Year – **Chelsea Johnson**
- Employee of the Year – **Crime Scene Investigator Valerie Houston**
- Detective of the Year – **Detective Jay Hazelett**
- Supervisor of the Year – **Sergeant David Helms**
- Field Training Officer of the Year – **FTO Briana Fahy**

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The Brevard County Sheriff's Office recently announced plans to build a \$20 million regional law enforcement training complex in Viera. The new 45,000 square foot facility will be located off Judge Fran Jamieson Way between the Government Center and the Florida Department of Health building. Construction will begin in January 2026 with anticipated completion by May 2027.

The training center will provide specialized instruction in crisis management, de-escalation tactics, and human trafficking awareness.

The law enforcement training complex will also serve multiple counties including Indian River, Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, and Volusia, in addition to Brevard County. According to the Sheriff's office, the center will also serve to strengthen partnerships between local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies for the improvement of regional emergency response capabilities.

In addition to law enforcement training, the facility will be equipped to hold community engagement events such as citizen workshops and educational programs for students.

The Brevard County Sheriff's Department officials have submitted a \$10 million request to the Florida Legislature to help fund the training center.

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In October 2023, boaters in the Sebastian Inlet reported a struggling sea turtle entangled in a crab pot line. The veterinary team at the Brevard Zoo Sea Turtle Healing Center was alerted



and they performed a six-hour surgery to amputate "Mischief's" right flipper due to the prolonged lack of circulation.

Over the next 16 months, Mischief underwent multiple procedures to clean the wound and remove dead tissue before being cleared for release on February 18 at Paradise Beach Park.

According to Brevard Zoo officials, Mischief has adapted to life with three flippers, and they expect he will thrive in the wild given his lengthy recovery time.

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Florida Attorney General James Uthmeier announced a \$79 million settlement with vape company JUUL Labs, Inc. to resolve litigation over the company's marketing targeted toward Florida children. JUUL is now prohibited from the advertising, promotion, or marketing of products to Florida's youth.

"As a father, the safety and wellbeing of children is top of mind, all the time. Florida has been a leader in the fight to end teen vaping, and I'm proud to announce this monumental settlement with JUUL," Uthmeier said.

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House Bill 949 passed the House Education Administration Subcommittee with unanimous support.

The bill prohibits students from using wireless communication devices during school days rather than just during instructional time. It also requires schools to designate locations within the school building where students can use their cell phones with the permission of a school administrator. It also provides school districts with the flexibility to implement the best fit policies for their school district including whether students can have cell phones with them in their school bags.

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House Bill 907 codifying the Florida Institute for Pediatric Disease as a statewide resource passed the House Education Administration Subcommittee with unanimous support. The Institute's goal is to conduct research, develop diagnostic and genetic screening tools, provide multidisciplinary clinical services and care, educate and train healthcare professionals, and collaborate with other institutions and organizations



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

As we embark on the 2025 Florida Legislative Session, which commenced on March 4, I am deeply committed to addressing the needs and aspirations of our community. The initial weeks have been both demanding and rewarding, marked by significant events and legislative initiatives aimed at enhancing the well-being of our residents. I have been actively involved in presenting bills and collaborating with budget chairs to secure funding for local projects. A highlight of the month was sponsoring Senate

Resolution 1844, designating March 11, 2025, as "Space Day" in Florida. This resolution recognizes the immense contributions of the space industry to our state's economy and technological advancement.

Celebrating Space Day at the Capitol provided an invaluable opportunity to engage with industry leaders and advocate for continued support of this vital sector.

A pressing concern that has emerged is the announcement by Orlando Health regarding the closure of Rockledge Hospital, scheduled for April 22. This decision has understandably caused anxiety among residents, as the hospital has been a cornerstone of our community's healthcare infrastructure. The abrupt nature of this announcement has raised significant concerns about access to emergency medical services and overall healthcare availability in Central Brevard County.

In response, I am actively collaborating with Governor DeSantis' office to explore viable solutions to this challenge. Our priority is to ensure that residents continue to have access to essential healthcare services without interruption. I stand with other members of the Brevard County Legislative Delegation to advocate and fight for an equitable solution that will protect the residents of Brevard County. Moreover, we are advocating for transparent communication from Orlando Health, including a clear timeline and interim measures to support the community's healthcare needs.

On March 13, the Florida Senate came together to honor the life and legacy of Democrat State Senator Geraldine Thompson, who passed away on February 13 at the age of 76. Senator Thompson was a distinguished legislator, civil rights icon, and educator whose contributions have left an indelible mark on our state. Her dedication to public service and her unwavering commitment to justice and equality serve as an inspiration to us all. The ceremony on the Senate floor was a poignant reminder of the impact one individual can have in championing the rights of others and fostering positive change in society.

As we progress through the legislative session, my focus remains steadfast on the issues that matter most to our community. Such as economic development by supporting initiatives that stimulate job growth, particularly in emerging industries such as aerospace and technology. Also, healthcare access by ensuring that all residents have access to quality healthcare services, especially in light of recent developments concerning local hospital closures. As well continuing to support our veterans through comprehensive programs that facilitate their transition to civilian life and honor their service to our nation.

I encourage all constituents to stay engaged and share their perspectives on these and other issues. Your input is invaluable in shaping policies that reflect the collective aspirations of our community. Together, we can navigate the challenges ahead and work towards a prosperous and equitable future for all.

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](mailto:wright.tom@flsenate.gov). It is an honor to serve

District 8, and I will continue to work tirelessly on behalf of the great people of Florida.

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



## THE BREC CORNER By Chairman Rick Lacey



Our February 24 BREC meeting gave everyone a chance to challenge all of the Republican candidates running in the April 1 Special Election for State Senate and State House District 32.

**Marci Adkins, Mark Lightner III, Debbie Mayfield, and Tim Thomas** all addressed the issues of property insurance, taxes, gun rights, term limits, the lagoon and more in the State Senate race.

**Brian Hodgers, Terry Cronin, and Bob White** addressed issues of insurance, abortion, gun rights, fiscal responsibility and who could be the most effective in Tallahassee in the State House race.

**Rich Nink** addressed the audience on the topics of poll watching and election integrity.

**Vice Chair Dave Fosdick** and I presented the Republican Committeeman of the month award to **Russ Pate** and the Republican Committeewoman of the month to **Cindy Olsen**.



From left to right: Lacey, Olsen, Fosdick, and Pate.  
Photo by Connie Smith

I reminded everyone that we need volunteers for our upcoming Lincoln/Reagan dinner on Friday, May 9. Please step up and help us. Remember, you can make a difference.

A report on the March 31 BREC meeting will appear in the April newsletter.



**Brevard  
Federated  
Republican  
WOMEN**

## RENDEZVOUS WITH REPUBLICAN WOMEN By BFRW President Xiaoqi Wang

We had another full house for our March 5 luncheon meeting, with more than 75 great women in attendance. This was the first in a series of Panel Discussions featured four great lady lawyers: **Robyn Hattaway, Anne McPhee, Renee Torpy** and **Timi Tucker**. The discussion was



moderated by **Charles George**, an appellate attorney, and they discussed legal issues ranging from governmental regulation, to wills, trusts and estates, to law enforcement while protecting civil rights, to grandparent rights. BFRW has and will always work to

advance women of all backgrounds in leadership positions by providing a forum in the political, governmental and civic arenas.

Also in attendance were Florida State Senate candidates **Tim Thomas, Mark Lightner** and **Debbie Mayfield's** representative **Marisa Khan**, as well as State House candidate **Brian Hodgers**. They discussed their campaigns, the issues, and the upcoming special elections. BFRW values all the Republicans who are willing to step forward and serve at the local, state and national levels.

Another highlight this month was our biannual Veterans & Active Military Appreciation Dinner, which was held on March 8, coinciding with Women's Day.

We sincerely thank every one of our sponsors and guests for their backing. Without their unwavering support, BFRW and its illustrious 75-year history would not exist. Your patronage inspires us to be better, to do more for our veterans, our active-duty members, and the freedom we all value.

**Brevard Clerk of Court Rachel Sadoff**, a great Republican, a dear Federated sister and a dedicated public servant, was Master of Ceremony for the dinner. Her humor and ability to ad lib made the evening so much fun for all of us.

Our Keynote Speaker, retired **Colonel Lawrence Miller**, was inspiring. He shared with us a heartfelt letter written to his loved ones during his Iraqi deployment. Colonel Miller discussed how strong the Iraqi people's desire to vote was; how amazing it was to see women who had voted, evidenced by a pink mark on their index finger, hold up their pink fingertip for the world to see. Even when sniper shots exploded over their heads, people did not flee; they stayed to cast their vote for Iraqi freedom, he said.



Miller also spoke of the bravery and selflessness of our Marine Corp Infantry. He recalled the story of a soldier, whose hands and ears were severed by the scorching fire of an armored vehicle explosion, who used humor to soften the pain, the agony of living with his injuries.

**Brevard Congressman Mike Haridopolos** was also on the program, and he discussed the work being done in Washington. Under **President Donald Trump's** leadership, our Republican Congress is working hard to cut spending, reverse Biden-era regulations, and protect our border.

Haridopolos disclosed that SpaceX would be making a \$1.8B investment in Brevard County that will create hundreds of high paying jobs and keep Florida's Space Coast the center of America's space industry. He also said that he will push NASA to move its headquarters to Brevard County. Good job Congressman Haridopolos!

**Barbara Rumpel**, a member of the Board of Directors of the National Rifle Association, also spoke with us. Rumpel and the NRA have, and continue to do, so much in defense of our Second Amendment rights. She believes that gun rights and women's rights go hand-in-hand and, as the only woman on the Board of the NRA, is an inspirational role model for all our Federation sisters.

The evening ended with new friendships made, old friendships reinforced and, most importantly, a renewed appreciation for our Veterans and Active Military members.

The April 2 luncheon meeting will feature our Federation Sister, veteran, educator, former School Board member, author, and advisor **Dr. Karen Hiltz**, Ed.D.

Education is the key to a bright future for our Nation. To defend our Nation and combat progressive ideology, Republicans must arm themselves with knowledge!

**Also on the April program, Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Pavone**, Senior Army Instructor at Cocoa High School, will give a brief introduction to the school's JROTC program, whose mission is to motivate young people to be better citizens, and whose female Color Guard performed the "Missing Man" Ceremony at the Veterans & Active Military Appreciation Dinner.



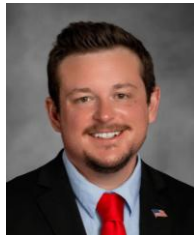
### **NORTH TO THE PARTY** **By NBRC President Robin Riker**

We enjoy meeting at the American Police Hall of Fame, at 6350 Horizon Drive in Titusville each month because we love supporting our Law Enforcement community and all that they do. There will be a Memorial Service there on Friday, May 16, and they are asking for volunteers to help this be a memorable event. The hours will be 5-9 pm.

Anyone wishing to help should contact Lorie at [loris@aphf.org](mailto:loris@aphf.org) and she will get back to you. This is truly a worthwhile event.

Our main speaker of the evening at our March 18 meeting was **Titusville Mayor Andrew Connors**, who has been working tirelessly to make real improvements in our community.

Here are just a few of his accomplishments:



- 1) Economic Development. He is collaborating with KSC to include local business owners insuring they have access to KSC and working at a long-term plan to privatize economic development in North Brevard.

- 2) Infrastructure improvements- He is a representative of Titusville the Space Coast TPO and North Brevard to the Tourism Development Council to make sure Titusville voices are heard at all county and state government levels.
- 3) Public Safety- Strengthening bonds with TPD and the community, also creating partnerships of groups who service the homeless, so it takes the burden off of taxpayer dollars.
- 4) Environmental Preservation-Leading efforts to restore and protect the IRL, addressing challenges of pollutants that cause excess nitrogen from fertilizers and septic systems.

Mayor Connors is working daily to foster a thriving and sustainable community now and for future generations.

We also had the privilege of having Candidate **Brian Hodgers**, who is running in House District 32. As many of us do, he has justified concerns about the insurance market in Florida. With the knowledge he has as an insurance agent, he sees many things that could be accomplished for our residents that most legislators do not realize, because frankly, most of them are attorneys and not insurance knowledgeable.

Hodgers said he would like to bring more insurance companies into Florida, which would increase competition and lower costs. He would like insurance companies to have the ability to offer ala carte policies, providing the insured with the ability to purchase the coverages they need, without buying bundled coverages they do not need, which would lower costs. He would also like to see the insurance companies' capacity to reinsurance, similar to what was done in 2022. He is a Real Estate Broker too, which makes him very relatable as far as home ownership goes.

Other Republican candidates of House District 32 race – **Bob White** and **Terry Cronin**, -- were unable to attend our meeting. We reminded everyone that if they want a mail-in ballot, it has to be requested again for the new year at [www.votebrevard.gov](http://www.votebrevard.gov).

We encourage everyone to help get the vote out for the Primary Election on April 1, even though it is a limited election with only 2 districts involved. Many of us know individuals in those districts we can encourage. When Republicans have weak showings in any election, it just helps Democrats win in the long run. We want a strong showing even in a Republican Primary.

### **REMEMBER WHEN** **By President Mike Hoagland** **Heritage Isle Republican Club**



Do we remember when the November 5, 2024, election delivered the overwhelming victory for Donald Trump? Seventy-seven million voted for Trump's agenda. What a joyous feeling we had. Trump promised to close the border, deport criminals, implement energy initiatives, reduce the size of government, eliminate waste and fraud from the budget, rid government of



deep state operatives, return the military to its intended lethality, end all the WOKE and DEI policies in every government agency, keep men out of women's sports, create fair trade agreements through use of tariffs and stop the war in Ukraine.

There is much more but I am not writing a book.

What has happened in the past two months of Trump's term? He has attempted to implement every promise he made that got him elected. What have we learned? The "deep state" is alive and hard at work undermining our president at every turn. The radical leftists assist in the efforts to undermine the president.

The Democrats support these radicals as you know. They can never be allowed to be in authority again. Ever! Every initiative of the presidents is his to implement as they all come under the executive branch's authority. Yet, the Marxists venue shop to find a radical judge that will restrain Trump's administration from fulfilling their responsibilities. Cabinet members are stopped regularly from doing their jobs because of these tactics. John Roberts does not have the courage to put a stop to this leftist strategy. Trump wanted Judge James Boasberg to be impeached. He is the judge who wanted the planes flying the Tren De Aragua terrorists out the country to turn around and bring them back. Rather than chastise the judge, Roberts chastised Trump. By the way, the judge's daughter works for a non-profit that provides legal service to illegals including Tren De Aragua.

The Democrat party has no agenda other than to attack Trump's administration every day. They have no message. They attack Elon Musk who is merely identifying the waste and fraud in government. The left loved Elon up until he endorsed Trump for president. We have all seen the incredible amounts of wasteful spending of taxpayer money. Government bureaucrats funnel money to NGOs (non-governmental agencies). There is no accountability. Much of this is fraudulent. Most of this activity is by Democrats. Most bureaucrats are Democrats. The EPA gave an NGO controlled by Stacy Abrams from Georgia, \$2 billion to assist in reducing energy consumption by delivering stoves that are efficient to a few hundred homes in a small Georgia town. This is rampant within the Democrat "deep state."

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The local Brevard County Democrat Party is asking everyone to recognize March as "Women's History Month" to celebrate the achievements of women in America. Well now. Does this mean the Democrats are admitting there are two genders, women and men? They are such hypocrites. If Democrats cared about women, they would condemn trans-men participating in women's sports. Of course, they cannot deviate from their party's platform. I never did get their answer to "How many genders are there"?

Republicans believe there are only two genders, male and female. They support women's achievements every day. Just look at the cabinet of Donald Trump. Talk about achievement. Tulsi Gabbard, Elise Stefanik, Kristi Noem, Kelly Loeffler, Pam

Bondi, Linda McMahon and Lori Chavez-DeRemer. Trump topped it off by selecting Susie Wiles as his Chief of Staff. Karoline Leavitt was selected as Press Secretary.

Talk about a powerhouse group of women. No trans on this list. The Democrats have never, nor will they ever match the quality of these women. So, let's recognize each of them for their achievements for their roles in the best administration in our lifetimes.

What else does the local Democrat party have to say about MAGA Republicans? They say we lack character and decency. Wow! I suppose their supporting trans men in women's sports is decent. I suppose allowing trans men in women's locker rooms is decent. I suppose supporting open borders allowing criminals in our country is decent. I suppose impeding ICE from arresting illegal gang members is decent. I suppose all we are learning about the financial fraud, abuse and corruption within our government by the Democrats and Biden is decent. What hypocrisy.



## **PUMPING UP WITH PATROTS**

**By President Michael Wilson  
Space Coast Patriots Club**

On March 10 at the Merritt Island Library, **Brevard Sheriff Wayne Ivey** was the guest speaker, and he updated the members on his efforts to apprehend criminal illegal aliens and general policing matters. He assured the group he will work with ICE, FHP and other agencies to enforce immigration laws.



In fact, Sheriff Ivey has been imbedded with **Governor Ron DeSantis** recently to work on ideas to combat criminal illegals and has enacted a program named Operation Shield. Everyone should go to the Sheriff's Facebook page to get more details on his work in this area and to learn more about Operation Shield.

Ivey told the very attentive audience that an area for concern for entry into Brevard County is Sebastian Inlet, and he has been arresting about 6-7 criminal illegals per week. The Sheriff's office will also be doing intense training for his deputies to make sure they are well prepared in every way to take on their job of arresting people who are not legally in the U.S.

The Sheriff was asked many tough questions, but one that stood out was, what should we do if we see illegal activity? Ivey quickly responded by saying, "if you see something, say something." He was well received by the Patriots and covered a wide range of subjects with great ease and confidence.

## **CONSERVING THE FUTURE**

**By Vice President Garrett Jacobellis  
Space Coast Young Republicans**



**SPACE COAST YOUNG  
REPUBLICANS**



The Space Coast Young Republicans had an incredible start to 2025, packed with exciting meetings and activities. We celebrated Saint Patrick's Day together, attended the Brevard Renaissance Fair, attended the Liberty Bell Museum's Patriot Awards Dinner, and even enjoyed a movie night.

January was especially exciting as we welcomed our new Executive Board and recognized several outstanding members for their contributions. **Brevard County Clerk of the Court & Comptroller Rachel Sadoff** administered the oath of office to our 2025–2027 Board of Directors, followed by the presentation of awards to some of our most dedicated members.

The new officers are:

President – **Logan Luse**

Vice President – **Garrett Jacobellis**

Treasurer – **Ethan Packey**

Secretary – **Chris Batchelor**

Communications – **John Scully**

Membership – **Alexis McGuire**

President Emeritus – **David Neuman**

Our second meeting took place at the American Muscle Car Museum, where we heard from **Brian Rodgers**, a candidate for Florida House District 32. Members enjoyed an engaging and informative discussion about his vision for Florida and the importance of strong conservative leadership.

In March, we had the privilege of hearing from our very own freshman congressman, **Mike Haridopolos**, who shared valuable insights and updates from Washington. We are proud of the momentum we've built and look forward to an even more exciting year ahead!"

The next meeting will be on April 17 at Whiskey Business in Melbourne, beginning at 6:30 pm.



By President Kevin Jeffrey

The Brevard County Republican Assembly

opened our monthly meeting on March 20 with a quote by President John F. Kennedy: "Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country."

The assembly discussed the passing of lifetime member Jerry Johnson on March 15 following a brief illness. Johnson was a 30-year veteran of the U.S. Navy, where he achieved the rank of Master Chief. He was also skilled in Navy intelligence. Johnson spent his retirement years rescuing small businesses from financial ruin. The Brevard Republican Assembly will miss his leadership. Johnson is survived by his wife Donna of 25 years.

On the docket at the meeting was the swearing-in of new members, each one being awarded a certificate of membership as well as a copy of the Assembly By-laws.

The Assembly's March raffle is for a Smith & Wesson 9mm EZ Pistol. There are 50 tickets available for \$25.00 each. Call

321-626-8398 for more information on the purchase of a raffle ticket.

The main event of the night was a 2025 Special Election Forum for State Senate seat 19. Both **Marcie Adkins** and **Mark Lightner III** are among four candidates vying to replace **Randy Fine** in the seat. Two other candidates, **Debbie Mayfield** (who was in session in Tallahassee) and **Tim Thomas** were not in attendance at the Forum.

Adkins and Lightner III sparred for nearly 45 minutes. The topics covered ranged from property taxes to term limits to the Live Local Act. Adkins disagreed with the ruling of the Florida Supreme Court to allow State Representative, Debbie Mayfield a term limits exemption to run for office. Lightner III, insisted that the court had no choice, considering a loophole in the law.

Adkins was open to maintaining the property tax system, while Lightner III leaned toward looking into a new means of taxation apart from property taxes. Both candidates disagreed with the live local law that provides exemptions to developers for the building of affordable housing. Each decried the assault upon the authority of local governments to properly serve its citizens.

Members of the Brevard County Republican Assembly voted following the Forum to endorse Lightner III by an overwhelming margin. You can view excerpts of the Forum on the Brevard News Facebook page.

There was an announcement following the Forum about the Small Business Workshop to be sponsored by the Assembly on March 29. Speakers scheduled for the event included: **Jessie Wright**, Searstown Mall Developer; **Christopher Childs**, vice-chairman of Titusville Planning & Zoning; **Matt Agnini**, president of the Brevard Business Alliance and **District 1 County Commissioner Katie Delaney**.

The goal of the workshop is to provide guidance for navigating ordinance issues; licensing and other regulatory issues that hinder small businesses. The workshop will also offer collaboration opportunities for small businesses. It is hoped that such collaboration would lead to the formulation of an agenda to aid municipalities in curbing regulations.

The next Brevard County Republican Assembly meeting will be April 17, at 6:30 pm at Royal Oak Ministries, 705 Harrison Avenue in Titusville. The guest speaker for the meeting will be **Titusville City Councilwoman Megan Moscoso**.

## AUDACITY AND IDIOCY

Here are this month's "winners":

--Boston's Democrat Mayor Michelle Wu, for her response to an incident in which a man with a knife chased after two people, threatening to stab them. A police officer intervened, shooting and killing the man when he refused to drop the knife. So, what was the good mayor's reaction? While failing to acknowledge the people who were nearly stabbed, she immediately offered condolences to the family of



the attacker – which drew sharp criticism from across the political spectrum.

--Administrators of the Deerfield, Illinois, School District and teachers at Shepard Middle School, for forcing a group of middle school girls to undress and change into gym clothes in front of a male student in the locker room who claimed to be a girl and punishing those who refused to conform. Parents attending a contentious school board meeting argued that the administrators and teachers involved should be fired and fined.

--Radically liberal actress Jane Fonda, whose claim to fame during the Vietnam War was to support Hanoi over Saigon, for accepting the Screen Actors Guild Life Achievement Award with a speech advocating wokeness and urging Hollywood to adopt an anti-Trump stance.

--The Sigma Chi and Delta Upsilon fraternities at the University of Central Florida, for being suspended from the campus – accused of striking pledges with cars during hazing incidents. The fraternities are under police investigation for “felony hazing” that poses “a risk of injury or death.”



### YOU CAN'T MAKE THIS UP

--Leave it to the woke Psychiatric Security Review Board in Blue State Connecticut to release “Cannibal Killer” Tyree Smith from psychiatric confinement after serving only 20 percent of a 60-year psychiatric hospital committal. A team of psychiatric doctors and clinical professionals told the review board that at the hospital, Smith had “demonstrated long-term stability, remained engaged in all recommended treatments, and consistently followed his care plan.” It was in 2011 that a three-judge panel found him not guilty by reason of insanity for killing Angel Gonzalez with an axe and then eating his brain and eyeball.  
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--President Trump’s new Agriculture Secretary, Brooke Rollins, has cancelled a \$600,000 grant that the U.S. Department of Agriculture during the Biden Administration granted to Southern University Agriculture & Mechanical College in Louisiana. The absurd reason for the grant was for the study of “Menstrual Cycles in Transgender Men And People With Masculine Gender Identities, Intersex, and Non-Binary Persons.” It’s cancelled, so now I guess we will never know!!  
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--Speaking on an MSNBC show, Texas Democrat Congresswoman Jasmine Crockett said that despite entering our country illegally in violation of federal law, the act is a “civil accusation,” but it is “not a crime.” Therefore, the illegals are NOT criminals subject to confinement or deportation, Crockett rationalizes. What a crock!

### THIS AND THAT

**WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENTS ASSOCIATION.** With the WHCA in “the fight of its life” after the Trump

Administration stripped the body of its core responsibility, the unwelcome spotlight began shining on the group’s liberally biased president, Eugene Daniels. He has a history of calling Republicans “racist,” and was a staunch supporter of Vice President Kamala Harris. A Politico correspondent covering the White House, Daniels planned to leave that position to co-host a liberal panel show on MSNBC.

**VOA. Kari Lake**, who was sworn in on March 3 as Special Adviser for the U.S. Agency for Global Media, announced that the Voice of America will terminate its contracts with the Associated Press, Reuters, and Agence France-Presse, saying she is looking forward: to serving America and “streamlining” the agency. The cuts follow the President’s push to review the government’s wasteful spending.



### FOR AMERICA’S “THE CANNON”.

A recent Daily Blast from this publication asks What can be done about activist judges? and responded: “It feels like with every action Trump takes, an equal and opposite reaction is made by an unelected, activist judge hellbent on undermining the President of the United States. There have been 15 instances of these activist judges subverting the will of the American people in the two months that Trump has been back in the White House. Some of the more notable ones range from halting deportation efforts recently, to blocking Trump’s ban on transgender people in the military, to attempting to force Trump to reinstate foreign aid. What can the President do in the face of judicial activism? Well, in 1832, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court John Marshall ruled that Georgia’s laws over Cherokee lands were unconstitutional. President Andrew Jackson was infamously quoted saying, “John Marshall has made his decision; now let him enforce it.” Trump needs to bring that same energy. The judiciary – especially a lower court – has no enforcement power on their rulings. There’s nothing these activist judges can do to force the President to comply with their rulings. Most of these rulings like Judge Boasberg’s order that Trump stop deportation flights under the Alien Enemies Act, undermine the President’s constitutional authority as the chief executive. Beyond that, Trump was sent to the White House with a mandate to enact the policies that Americans voted for. Trump not only (arguably) has the legal right to defy this judicial tyranny, but he owes it to We the People to do what he elected him to do.”

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.** According to the conservative news website “For The Right News,” the U.S. Department of Education – which **President Donald Trump** is attempting to dismantle – gave \$2 billion in U.S. taxpayer money in 2024 to the American Federation of Teachers – the second-largest teacher union in America. “That money didn’t go to any American teachers, and it didn’t pay for any initiatives to improve education in the classroom for American students,” the website said. “The money went into the campaign coffers of Democrat candidates for the U.S. House, U.S. Senate, state legislatures, gubernatorial races, and the Joe Biden/Kamala



Harris failed run for president. The Department of Education takes your tax dollars and gives the money to political candidates.” The website added, “Before anyone claims we’re being partisan about this, we would be just as opposed if our tax dollars were being stolen and given to Republican candidates for office as well.”

#### THE U.S. AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION.

USADF is an obscure government agency that provides grants to promote local economic development in African nations. When representatives from the White House and the State Department went to visit the organization’s headquarters, bureaucrats there refused to allow them to enter. But the next day, they returned – this time accompanied by federal marshals, and they were let in, with the bureaucrats remaining outside the building. No fools, as soon as the Trump administration officials entered it, they immediately changed all of the locks, preventing the rogue bureaucrats from getting back in.



Retired U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel Tim Thomas, who is one of four Republicans seeking the Florida State Senate District 19 seat, told the

Heritage Isle Republican Club on March 6 that if elected, he will be fighting for the citizens of the Space Coast, who demand “a real warrior, not a politician.” He stressed that “we, the people, are in charge.” During his 23-year military career, Thomas served on two combat missions in Iraq, a recovery mission to bring home the remains of nine soldiers killed during the Korean War, and earned the Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, and Airborne and Air Assault badges. Upon retiring, he created and ran the Junior ROTC program at Florida’s Viera High School and then served two terms on the Melbourne City Council. In participating in the April 1 primary election, Thomas said his State Senate goals are to fight for policies that protect job economy from artificial intelligence; for solutions to protect residents from rising insurance costs; for competitive pay for first responders and firefighters; to advance infrastructure, roadways, and housing economy; for state funding to increase protection agencies and advance local police forces; and to fund local veteran organizations to advance healthcare, mental health, and support services. As a military man, Thomas said, he supports the Second Amendment and agrees there should be open carry allowed in Florida. “I am also a First Amendment guy,” he added, showing support for freedom of speech, religion, the press, the right of assembly, and the right to petition the government....A second speaker on the HIRC program,



**Brevard County School Board District 2 Member Gene Trent**, said the five district representatives comprising the current board are “like-minded members” who brought the county schools to an A rating – advancing excellence in education. He is now serving the third year of his current term, after



being elected to “change the system,” While the previous board included a Democrat and an Independent, the current five members are all Republican. There are 21 schools in Trent’s District 2, and he said this school year there has been a 97 percent retention rate for teachers. Two things that are of concern to the Board as a whole, he said, are the retention of teachers and school bus drivers. Trent said the academic achievements by Brevard County schools last year included an “A” rating for the first time in five years, and the graduation rate increased from 87.2 percent to 89.8 percent. To enhance workforce readiness, he said, 17 new Career & Technical Education programs were established. Safety remains a top priority in the schools, and weapons detection systems have been installed in all of the high schools. Trent added that at the start of the current school year, every bus route was staffed with a driver, and every day, more than 15,000 students in Brevard County are transported to school daily.

#### EXPERTS’ EXCERPTS

**Washington Examiner” political analyst Michael Barone**, writing on “A Formidable President Storms Ahead”:



“Some thoughts spring to mind after President Donald Trump’s 100-minute address to Congress. The first is that this 78-year-old man has amazing resilience and perseverance. Consider that in the past 12 months, he has had to spend hours listening to a kangaroo court proceeding before a hostile judge in New York, has maintained a campaign rally schedule that would daunt candidates half his age, has participated in planning sessions for a detailed set of executive orders he might never have an opportunity to issue, has faced the former president and vice president of the United States in televised debates with moderators he had reason to believe were biased against him, and suffered a bullet wound that came within 1 inch of killing him...A second thing to say is that, long before minute 98, his speech was almost entirely about what he has been doing, saying, proposing and persuading others to do. Four paragraphs near the end gracefully evoked themes from history, but he otherwise spoke about his orders withdrawing from United Nations institutions, eliminating government censorship (while renaming the Gulf of Mexico), overturning racially discriminatory diversity, equity and inclusion policies, and his Department of Government Efficiency’s identification of dubious U.S. Agency for International Development programs....My third observation is that, as the Zelenskyy letter suggests, Trump is mostly getting his way. It was surely no accident that the narrow and previously fractious Republican majority in the House elected a speaker and passed a budget resolution with just one dissenting vote. Similarly, Trump’s top-level appointees have all been confirmed by the Senate. ...Fourth, there was no return to norms of civil discourse. Trump called former President Joe Biden ‘the worst president in American history’ and condemned ‘the open-border, insane policies that (Biden had) allowed to destroy the country.’ Democrats have a point when they say Trump started this with his derogatory nicknames for 2016 opponents. Republicans

have a point when they say Democrats escalated this with the Russia collusion hoax and baseless post-presidential prosecutions.... Fifth, Trump continues to disregard free-market economists' (in my opinion, wise) advice. True, he is encouraging congressional Republicans to reup the tax-cut-for-all legislation they passed eight years ago, but with political payoff add-ons such as no tax on tips. However, he also devoted multiple paragraphs extolling his imposition of tariffs, notably on Mexico and Canada.... This leads to my sixth observation: that he's aware that the Constitution and calendar set limits on his time. Early in his speech, Trump noted that measures of illegal crossings on the southern border have immediately dwindled to almost nothing. Smugglers and potential illegals clearly got his message, even as Democrats and much of the press argued that only new legislation could stop the flow. His only problem is that solving a problem can deprive you of an issue.... Current polls show that Trump's disapproval is rising, but his approval rate is steady at just under 50%, while Republicans keep making gains in party registration. What is Trump planning for years two, three and four? I'm not sure, and I suspect he's not, either. Trump knows the Constitution's 22nd Amendment prevents him from running again. He must know that's likely to reduce his clout with foreign leaders and American politicians.... Like him or not, he is a formidable man."



**"The Federalist" senior editor John Daniel Davidson**, writing on January 6, 2021, in the Hillsdale College publication "Imprimis":

"Partisans on the Left accept the official narrative of the Democrats and the corporate press believing that January 6, 2021

amounted to an insurrection and a violent attempt to overturn the results of the 2020 election. Partisans on the right believe that however bad the events of that day were, the federal government's reaction has been even worse, amounting to a weaponization of the Department of Justice to criminalize certain political views. Many ordinary Americans are left wondering what to believe.... The official report of the House Select Committee, which runs to more than 800 pages, is too deeply biased to give much help. This was foreordained given the way the Select Committee was formed.... It's report, issued in December 2022, omitted important information about January 6 and failed to address many lingering questions about the government's role and response. Its partisan (and specifically anti-Trump) purpose can be deduced from its recommendations that the Department of Justice pursue criminal charges against Trump and that Congress bar Trump from ever again holding federal office. In some instances, the Select Committee showed a blatant disregard for facts.... More important than the report's factual errors are the serious questions never investigated by the Select Committee. Why did Democrat congressional leaders turn down repeated offers of National Guard troops to protect the Capitol that day? Why was security so lax outside the Capitol despite expectations of a large demonstration? How many FBI informants and other undercover federal law enforcement officials were in the

crowd?....Until those questions and others are answered, our understanding of January 6 – no matter our political leanings – will be incomplete. Here is what we know happened. On the morning of January 6, 2021, tens of thousands of Trump supporters gathered for a rally on The Ellipse, a park south of the White House, to show support for the President and protest what they believed were irregularities and election fraud that marred the 2020 election. Trump addressed the crowd and then encouraged them to march to the U.S. Capitol to protest 'peacefully and patriotically.' Trump never incited the audience or suggested anything other than peaceful demonstrations.... Much of what we have learned about this is from more than 40,000 hours of security footage that had been kept under seal by House Democrat leadership and excluded from the Select Committee's inquiry. This security video was released to Tucker Carlson by Speaker of the House Kevin McCarthy after Republicans took over the majority in the House in the 2022 mid-terms....The video released by McCarthy shows that Ray Epps, a man who is suspected of being an FBI informant and who was at the heart of the events of January 6, lied to Congress about his movements. When the Select Committee had him testify in an attempt to clear his name after footage emerged of him urging the crowd to storm the Capitol.... The mystery surrounding Epps is in some ways representative of everything we still don't know about January 6. And to be clear, the reason we do not know is that efforts to get to the truth have been actively thwarted. Until that changes – until we know all the basic facts about that day – Americans will have no reason to be confident that justice has been served."

**The Western Journal" writer Randy DeSoto**, on the Supreme Court and President Trump:



'Justice Amy Coney Barrett has joined Chief Justice John Roberts as the 'conservative' members of the Supreme Court most likely to side with its liberal wing. The most recent example was when Roberts and Barrett joined with Justices Sonia Sotomayor, Elena Kagan and Ketanji Brown Jackson to order the Trump administration to restore United States Agency for International Development funding 'for work already completed.' The majority instructed the district court overseeing the case to 'clarify what obligations the Government must fulfill to ensure compliance' with its temporary restraining order. The next day, U.S. District Judge Amir Ali, a Biden appointee, directed some of the \$2 billion in question to be released. Further, the judge said he would weigh a timeline for releasing the rest of the funds as he reviews the claims being brought. Justice Samuel Alito, joined by Justices Clarence Thomas, Neil Gorsuch, and Brett Kavanaugh, dissented from the majority ruling, arguing it gave far too much discretion to the lower court judge. Alito pointed out that Roberts had initially issued a stay blocking the lower court's ruling as SCOTUS reviewed the matter. 'Unfortunately, a majority has now undone that stay. As a result, the Government must apparently pay the \$2 billion posthaste – not because the law requires it, but simply because a District Judge so ordered. As the Nation's highest court, we have a duty to ensure that the power entrusted to federal judges



by the Constitution is not abused. Today, the Court fails to carry out that responsibility,' Alito wrote. 'Today, the Court makes a most unfortunate misstep that rewards an act of judicial hubris and imposes a \$2 billion penalty on American taxpayers. The District Court has made plain its frustration with the Government, and respondents raise serious concerns about nonpayment for completed work. But the relief ordered is, quite simply, too extreme a response. A federal court has many tools to address a party's supposed nonfeasance'....Supreme Court watchers have become used to Roberts being the swing justice on the court, but the hope was that Barrett and the other four conservative justices would make his intermittent inclination to flip irrelevant. Barrett's increasing proclivity to join him in taking the liberal position is disappointing, particularly since Trump appointed her."



**American Security Council Foundation Senior Analyst Laurence F. Sanford,** writing on "Israel – Judea and Samaria" for his "Sanford on Security" publication:

"The 'West Bank' will now be called 'Judea and Samaria' by the United States. American political leadership is changing its positions in the Middle East. President

Trump in 2018 moved the U.S. Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. Now Trump and Congress are re-defining the 'West Bank.' Republican Representative Brian Mast of Florida, Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, has instructed staff to use the term 'Judea and Samaria' instead of 'West Bank' Republican Senator Tom Cotton of Arkansas said 'The Jewish people's legal and historic rights to Judea and Samaria go back thousands of years. The U.S. should stop using the politically charged term West Bank to refer to the biblical heartland of Israel.' Senator Cotton has introduced legislation recognizing Judea and Samaria, but it is unlikely to pass in the Senate with Democrat opposition and the 60-vote threshold requirement. Ambassador to Israel-designate Mike Huckabee has said 'There is no such thing as a West Bank. It is Judea and Samaria and is legally part of Israel.' The term 'West Bank' is an invention of the Kingdom of Jordan that describes lands west of the Jordan River which the Kingdom occupied from 1947 until 1966. The Turkish Ottoman Empire ruled the area from 1517 until 1917, when the victorious Allies of World War I allocated the territory to the British Mandate of Palestine. In 1947, Israel was established. Neighboring Arab states immediately attacked Israel with the intent to eliminate the Jewish state. Israel survived the onslaught but over 600,000 Palestinian Arabs fled primarily to Jordan, Egypt, and Syria. One million Jews fled Arab countries and settled in Israel. Jordan invaded Judea and Samaria and called them the West Bank. In the 1966 war, Israel seized the lands from Jordan and has controlled them since.... The usual definition of 'bank' along a river is a narrow strip of land; not an area of approximately 2,000 square miles. 'West Bank' is, however, a useful term to delegitimize Jewish historical connection to the land. Judea and Samaria are names of territories that go back to biblical times. Judea and Samaria are names of ancient Israelite kingdoms with Jerusalem in the center; Judea in the south and

Samaria in the north. After two unsuccessful Israeli revolts against the Roman Empire, Emperor Hadrian (117-138 CE) named the provinces Syria Palaestina to root out Jewish nationalism. The U.N. and International Court of Justice view Israeli control of Judea and Samaria as illegal and an 'occupation' and the land as Palestinian territory.... Approximately 4 million Palestinian Arabs live in Judea and Samaria, including East Jerusalem.... The two-state concept of Israel and Palestine is dormant. Palestinians want to eliminate Israel and kill Jews. There will be no Palestinian state as long as Israel has the power to prevent it. The two million Palestinian Arabs living in Gaza on October 7, 2023, proved beyond reasonable doubt that peace will not happen as long as Islamic ideology controls the Palestinian culture in Gaza and Judea and Samaria. Billions of U.S. dollars through USAID and the United Nations Relief Work Agency (UNRWA) since 1949 have supported the Muslim Brotherhood and Hamas teaching of hate against Israel and against the U.S. and Western Civilization. Israel has been reluctant to incorporate Judea and Samaria into Israel for political reasons. They fear that by doing so, the Muslim population as citizens would harm Jewish democracy.

**"New York Post" contributing writer Douglas Murray,** on the future of the Democrat party:



"New York Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez has been floated by former CNN host Don Lemon as a potential future leader of the Democrat Party.... It is only if the Democrats swing to the hard left that they can make sure the Republicans continue in power unchallenged. Desperate times may call for desperate thinking. And these are certainly desperate times for the Democrats. First, it is utterly leaderless. Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer is trying to hold the party together, but his decision to allow a vote on the Republicans' government funding bill has led to fallout among the party's gerontocracy. Former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi jabbed at Schumer for giving something to the Republicans "for nothing" in exchange. So dire has been the backlash against Schumer that he has cancelled his upcoming book tour. 'Security concerns' have been offered as the reason. That isn't security concerns from Republican rivals – but rather from disgruntled members of his own party. Second, there is the dire bench that the Democrats have coming up. One-time golden boy Gavin Newsom has spent recent weeks trying to tidy up his image faster than he tried to tidy up the Palisades. Yet the disasters of Newsom's time as governor will continue to swirl around him.... At a recent protest against federal government expenditure cuts, Democrat Congressman Emanuel Cleaver told an audience: "I want to send a massage to somebody. Elon, take your musty millions and musty Moscow rights to the moon, because if you don't, we are going to do what we need to do....But in case anyone forgets, Representative Cleaver is a member of the Financial Services Subcommittee, and this is the best that



he and his colleagues can do?....Similar vibes come out of Boston, where Mayor Michelle Wu said she would not comply with ICE agents working to remove illegal immigrants from her city. Wu said, “We stand with immigrants. You belong here. Boston does not back down. If you come for one of us, you will get all of us.” So Wu is willing to stand off against the federal government and law enforcement based on the idea that someone who breaks into America illegally and stays in Boston has as much right to be there as anyone who has spent their whole life working in the city and paying taxes there? That’s a heck of a platform to run on.... Former VP candidate Tim Walz cropped up to boast about how masculine he is and how threatening that makes him to Republicans....If the Democrats are willing to take any friendly advice, they should accept the fact that they really need to come up with some coherent policies. Something at a higher level than a street protest. But if you were their enemy? Well then, like Don Lemon, you’d tell them to go the way of AOC and Cleaver and Walz and Wu.”

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## THOUGHTS TO PONDER

“President Donald Trump is not just a proven leader of boundless energy and unlimited love for his country. He is a wise warrior whose accomplishments may make him more consequential than Ronald Reagan, more influential than Franklin Roosevelt, perhaps our most important president since Abraham Lincoln. Standing strong at his side is Elon Musk, the greatest genius our planet has produced in over 100 years. Musk’s many inventions and advances have already benefitted humanity in a host of ways and now his genius and Donald Trump’s willpower are well on the way to transforming a wasteful, politicized, feckless government into a rightly guided, efficient, pared-down governing machine. The lines are drawn. Trump and Musk stand proudly atop the mountain, looking down on the world and building the American mountain peak to rise even farther above all the rest. The Democrats and those who benefit from the socialist near-destruction of our country fight to pull them from the peak and tear down the mountain with every weapon at their disposal – political media-based and violent. We have reached a crucial moment in our nation’s history. American populism and its Republican Party must win the elections of 2026 and 2028. It will be those contests which make clear whether the country is to rise or fall.”

--Retired **U.S. Ambassador Stanley Escudero**, on the view from the mountain top

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“The cast of ‘Hamilton’ has cancelled their shows at the Kennedy Center in Washington because President Trump banned drag shows for children. I kid you not. Sounds like someone might need to start investigating the cast of ‘Hamilton’? Might find some concerning pedophilic tendencies.”

--Podcaster **Nick Sortor**, on the Center’s planned March 3-April 26, 2026, production

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“Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders platformed ‘transgender’ singer Laura Jane Grace spewing anti-Christian hate at his rally in Wisconsin. Mr. Grace sang one of the most profane and disgraceful songs about Christianity and Almighty God. The song went on to mock Jesus and Easter Sunday. (The vulgar words used are not repeated in a family newsletter.) The performance was pure evil – and demonic. Sanders actually went out of his way to thank the transgender singer. The Christ-hating Democrats never mock the Muslim faith, do they? It’s always the Christians that triggers this nasty bunch of heathens.... Sanders, you might remember, once said that born-again evangelicals should not be allowed to serve in the federal government. He literally screamed at OMB director Russell Vought, demanding to know if he believed Jesus was the only way to Heaven. One day, Christ-hating Democrats like Bernie and his transgender pal will stand before the great judgment throne to answer for this filth. God will not be mocked.”

--Podcaster **Todd Starnes**, criticizing the Sanders rally

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“A teacher at Salem Elementary School in Russell County, Kentucky, is in hot water for telling kids about God. The students were given assignments telling them that God created everyone. The children were then told to write three things that made them unique. There was also an issue about the teacher giving the kids Nativity puzzles and a read-aloud story book called ‘The Christmas Story.’ The Freedom From Religion Foundation says a concerned community member complained. They say the lessons promoted Christianity and she abused her position. The Wisconsin-based atheists accused the teacher of turning her classroom into a Sunday school....The school district said in a letter to the atheists that they had met with the teacher and the situation had been resolved....We assume that means the teacher will no longer be allowed to tell the children that they were made in God’s image or that life is precious. Or that Jesus is the reason for the season.”

--Another Starnes thought, on keeping religion out of the classroom

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## UPCOMING BREVARD COUNTY EVENTS

- April 2: Brevard Federated Republican Women meeting, Space Coast Convention Center, Cocoa, 11:30 am.
- April 3: Heritage Isle Republican Club meeting, Heritage Isle Clubhouse, 10 am.
- April 4: Federated Republican Women in Action meeting, Memaw’s BBQ, Palm Bay, 5:30 pm.
- April 14: Space Coast Patriots meeting, Merritt Island library, 6 pm.
- April 15: North Brevard Republican Club meeting, American Police Hall of Fame, Titusville. 6 pm.
- April 17: Florida Republican Assembly Brevard meeting, 705 Harrison Avenue, Titusville, 6:30 pm.
- April 17: Republican Women’s Club of Brevard meeting, Suntree Country Club, 11 am.

- April 17: Space Coast Young Republicans meeting, Whiskey Business in Melbourne, 6:30 pm.
- April 26: Space Coast Republican Club meeting, Red Lobster, Merritt Island, 11:30 am.
- April 28: Ronald Reagan Club meeting, Oceanside Community Church, Satellite Beach, 6 pm.
- April 28: Brevard Republican Executive Committee meeting, Space Coast Association of Realtors Building, Melbourne, 7am.
- The Republican Liberty Caucus of Brevard – To Be Determined.
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### COMICAL CLOSERS

Here’s the latest from our favorite satirical site,” The Babylon Bee:

‘While a number of unelected federal judges are working overtime to try to stop President Trump from fulfilling his agenda, the “Bee” has come up with its own list of new rulings against the administration, including “Owning a Tesla is unconstitutional,” “Trump is not allowed to move his head during the next assassination attempt,” and “DOGE must restore inefficiencies to all governmental agencies.”

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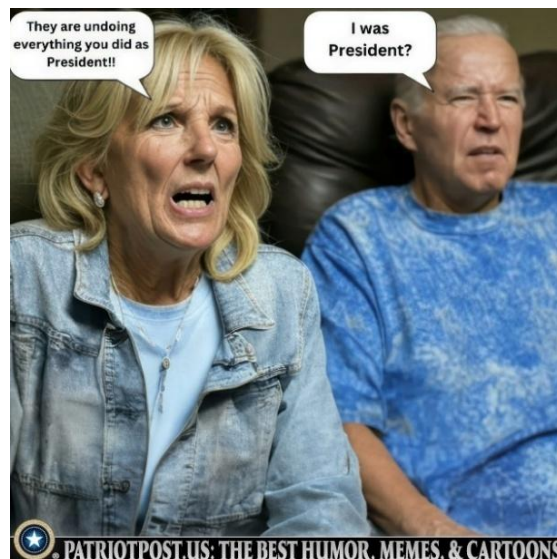
Shocking Americans of every stripe, when President Trump missed the deadline to respond to the email from the Department of Government Efficiency requiring all federal employees to list five things they worked on last week, DOGE leader Elon Musk fired him, stating that “A rule is a rule. Despite accomplishing an impressive list of other tasks, he failed to reply. He was the one who signed off on the idea. Any government employee who did not respond to the email with what they accomplished within the allotted time was to be terminated.”

Musk added, “Presidents are not immune. It’s unfortunate for his second term to come to an end this way, but we simply cannot afford to make any exceptions. The United States wishes Mr. Trump well in his future endeavors.

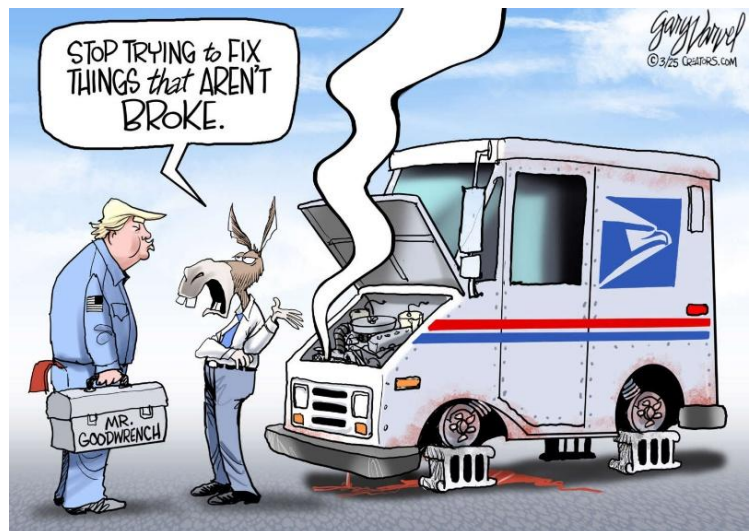
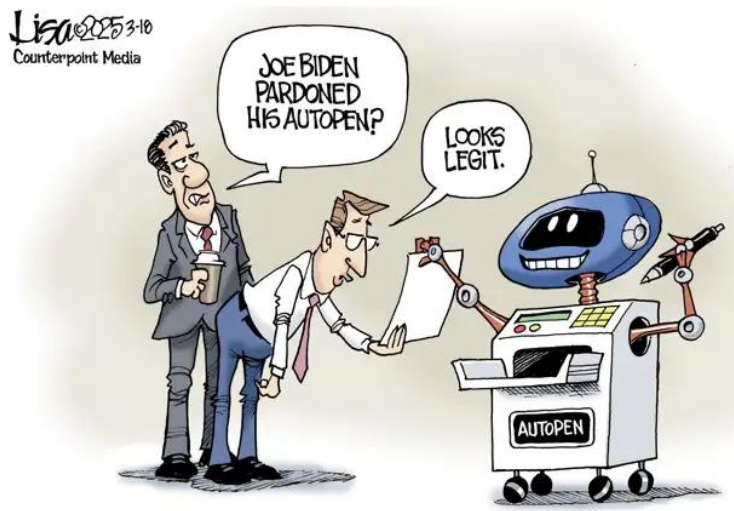
A disappointed Trump responded, “We had a great run. I thought for sure I had sent the email, but I apparently left it open on my phone without hitting 'send,' do you believe it?”

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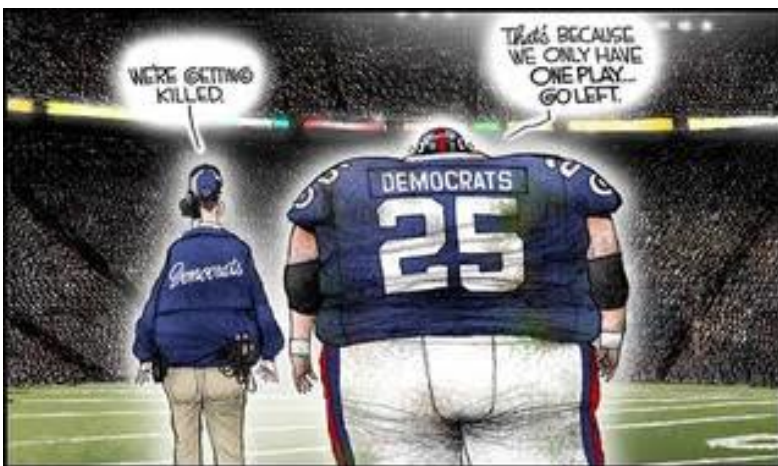




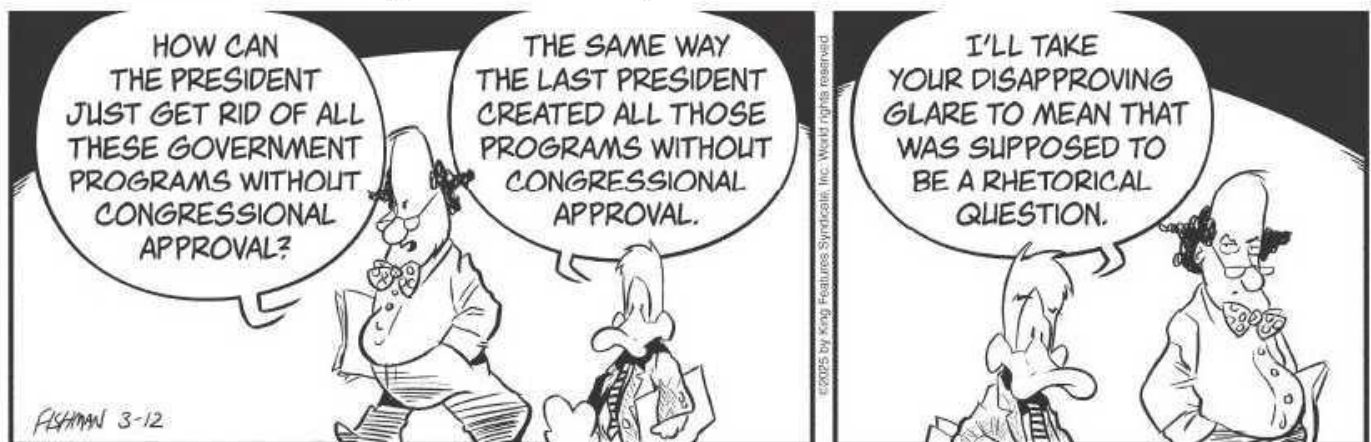
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—Buck Sexton

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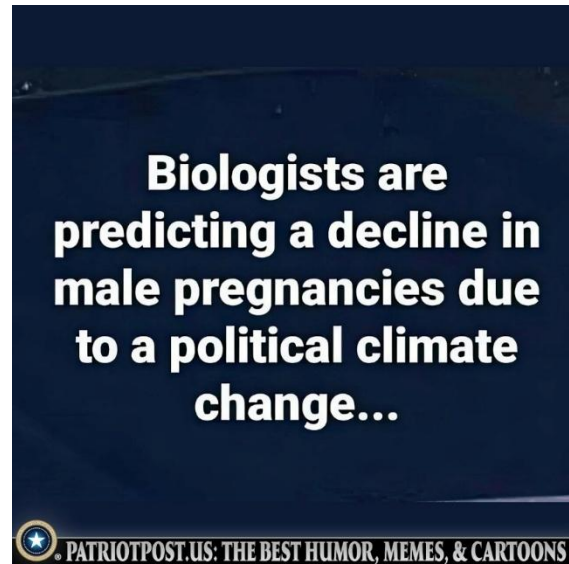
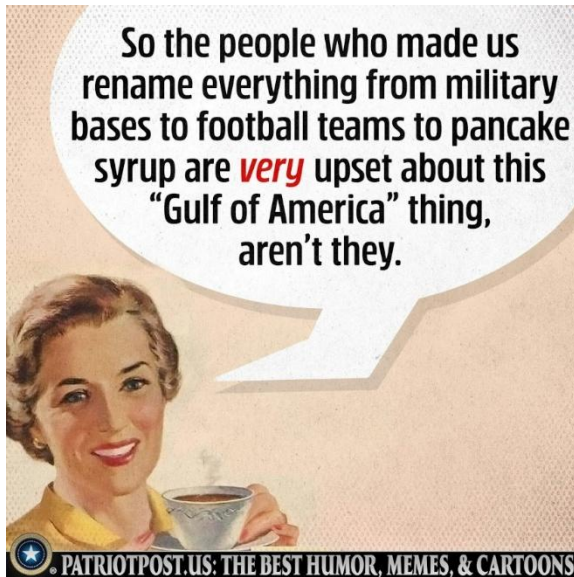


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