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### THE NEWLY CREATED AND NAMED BREVARD CONSERVATIVE PATRIOTS

By Chairman David Fosdick

#### FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK: MY TWO CENTS

By *Stuart Gorin*



--The Croissanterie Café in Little Rock, Arkansas, is located near the school attended by Arkansas Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders' children, and she was there for lunch with two other women. She and her security team were approached and told to leave the building over "concerns that her presence was making employees feel threatened and uncomfortable due to her political views." One individual standing with the cafe staff even shouted at the group and made an obscene hand gesture in their direction. The Governor later went on social media to say the cafe had not met the "warm hospitality standard usually found" in her state. And because actions have consequences, the unapologetic cafe has been hammered on review sites, including from diners who were present for the distasteful interaction with Sanders' party.

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--Illinois Democrat Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi – who ran in the state's Democrat Senate Primary on March 17 – held a watch party for supporters that didn't turn out the way he hoped. Demonstrating why so many people are fed up with political messaging that doesn't match reality, he raised over \$30 million for his campaign but charged everyone nearly \$13 at the event just for a single bottle of water. Critics piled on, stressing the absurdity of thanking volunteers who spent their time and energy helping the campaign by making them pay stadium-level prices for basic necessities. He lost that primary race to Democrat Lieutenant Governor Juliana Stratton, who hosted her own event with an open bar and free food.

Former Illinois Republican Party Chairman Don Tracy won the GOP Primary race for the U.S. Senate seat, which is being vacated by the retiring Democrat Senator Dick Durbin.

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If you read the Tusk faithfully, you are aware of the issues within the Republican Party of Florida and the fractured Brevard Republican Executive Committee. The fraudulent election that occurred on November 24, 2025, created a schism in the organization. Most members have told the new "leaders" – verbally, in writing or by action – that they do not recognize their authority to lead the committee. I could go on and on about the wrongs that have been committed since then, but I won't.



However, after the last meeting of the REC, when again there was no quorum (only 84 in attendance) and the auditorium emptied in disgust by walkout, I realized it was time to do something. Most of the loyal Brevard REC members who walked out or refused to attend that meeting are anxious to support the mid-term elections. They want to stay strong and do what they can to elect Republicans and not let the Democrats win.



This indicated a new voice for Brevard conservatives was needed, a voice that represents all the patriots that live in our county - for us, by us. As a response, a coalition called the Brevard Conservative Patriots (BCP), has been formed to provide an opportunity for honest and honorable people to inform the public on local political issues and to facilitate

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--Following what's occurring in California with rising taxes, homelessness, Medicare fraud, and residents leaving the state for greener pastures – which has been attributed to the incompetency of its Democrat Governor, who wants to be the next President of the United States – “The Patriot Post” came up with this gem: “If Gavin Newsom had any decency, he would resign from office because he has singlehandedly destroyed a once-covetable state. He is not fit to manage a coffee shop, let alone the world’s fourth-largest economy – and certainly not the country itself.  
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More Two Cents next month.

members getting directly engaged with local candidate election campaigns. It provides people the ability to uphold their Republican values, without having to engage with the corrupt Brevard County Executive Committee leaders or the unethical RPOF leadership.

The organization will focus on providing information about local elections and candidates running for key positions in Brevard County including School Board, County Commission, municipal and judicial offices. Our goal is to have Republicans in all elected offices who faithfully represent their constituents, and our target audience is those constituents, the electorate of Brevard County.

I believe local government is where decisions are made that most directly affect our families, schools, and communities. BCP aims to give voters the information they need to make informed choices and to encourage greater engagement from voters throughout the county. BCP believes strong local leadership is essential and was inspired by the idea that a properly informed voter will make correct decisions at the ballot box.

Initially, the efforts of this coalition of Republicans will focus on informing the public about items that will be on the ballot. Of course there will be information about candidates, especially those candidates that are not marked on the ballot with an R or D (non-partisan races). There will also be information provided about judicial candidates and any amendments or referendums on the ballot.

Information will be provided via word of mouth, social media and newsletters. Our goal is to increase the voters ballot I.Q. so they can make good choices when they vote. A secondary benefit – consistent communications about elections and voting should raise awareness and serve to improve voter turnout.

BCP’s initial focus will be providing information to voters. However, many members have invested time in previous years campaigning for various candidates. If you have the itch, BCP recommends that members volunteer to work directly on a key candidate’s campaigns. Make calls, knock doors or wave signs. There is no limit.

No one needs to sit out this mid-term election, but you can certainly choose who you work with. If you are interested in

learning more information or getting involved, please follow Brevard Conservative Patriots on social media or contact the organization directly.

On Instagram -- Brevard Conservative Patriots.

On Facebook -- Brevard Conservative Patriots.

On X – BreConPatriots.

On Email – [breconpatriot@gmail.com](mailto:breconpatriot@gmail.com).

“The future of Brevard County will be decided in local races, and voters deserve clear, reliable information to make those decisions.”

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The following Fosdick article titled “**CORRUPTION BY THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF FLORIDA LEADERSHIP**” appeared on March 13 in the on-line edition of the “Miami Independent,” the website called Florida’s premier investigative journal newspaper:

“A coordinated attack by a faction of antagonists in the Brevard Republican Executive Committee – with the cooperation of the Republican Party of Florida (RPOF) leadership – removed BREC Chairman Rick Lacey from office on October 21, 2025. He was not the only county chairman adversely affected, but it set the stage for destruction in several Florida locations.

Then, at a November 24, 2025, special BREC membership meeting that I conducted as the Acting Chairman, matters only worsened. At this meeting, the faction of 7 to 10 people fraudulently and illegally elected a new Chairman and a new State Committeeman – with the RPOF leadership affirming the fraud. We were a group of 158 members present, who were told we were “not paying attention.” That same night RPOF Chairman Power and Executive Director Helmich conspired with the faction further by instantly affirming this fraudulent REC election.

When these leaders were approached with our reports of the fraudulent election results, we were told by Executive Director Helmich, “Any issues you may have with the election that took place on November 24, 2025, should follow the Grievance Process outlined by RULE 22 of the RPOF Rules of Procedure.” So, we did. A lot of grievances (over 40) were filed. Members, looking for assistance from the Republican executive branch also sent letters to the Governor, and the Secretary of State’s office was also contacted. No one cared to be involved in righting this wrong. Along with the grievances that were filed, Executive Director Helmich was provided with 50 signed REC affidavits denouncing the results of the November 24 th election and was offered a petition with over 100 Brevard REC signatures stating the election was false.

Mid-January 2026, the minutes for the faction’s fraudulent meeting were made available. We now had 2 versions of minutes for the single meeting held on November 24th . More importantly, we had the audio recording of the REC meeting. Reading the two versions of the minutes and comparing them with the recording clearly showed what actually happened. It demonstrated the multitude of lies that had been propagated

by the faction in their version of the minutes. RPOF chairman Power was provided this information on February 4th and was again asked to intercede. He still has not responded.

Now in the beginning of March, 90 days after submitting their grievances, members of the REC began to receive a form letter dismissing the grievances from Executive Director Helmich. The reason for dismissal?" Allegations raised in your grievance are void as no Members of the SEC challenged the sitting of the Brevard REC Chair and State Committeeman, under Rule 21". They were dismissed by Executive Director Helmich, the same person who instructed us to file grievances if we had trouble with the election! He made no mention of notifying a member of the SEC to challenge the results.

This weasel-like behavior by the RPOF leadership, coupled with their collaboration with the Faction, was expected by members of the REC. We had all heard the stories about similar duplicitous authoritarian actions conducted by the RPOF on other County RECs'. Our members have lost confidence in RPOF leadership due to their lack of honor and integrity.

Most of the loyal Brevard REC members are anxious to work the upcoming elections so we have formed a coalition called the Brevard Conservative Patriots to provide a forum for honest and honorable people to inform the public on local political issues and to facilitate members getting directly engaged with grassroots candidate election campaigns. It provides people the ability to uphold their Republican values, without having to engage with the corrupt Brevard County Executive Committee leaders or the unethical RPOF leadership."

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Meanwhile, on March 25, **Rich Nink**, the BREC Election Integrity Committee Chair, wrote that on March 5, the Official RPOF Grievance Process, led by RPOF Executive Director Bill Helmich, "conveyed it's decision that the RPOF disagrees with State Committeewoman Marie Rogerson, by completely rejecting the illegal local Grievance policy that she, John Dittmore, Josiah Gattle, and Randy Stackhouse tried to sneak through for use against BREC's own members on 11/24/25.

"Marie Rogerson, as self-appointed Grievance Process Chairman, attempted to act as Judge, Jury, and Executioner by using this new onerous local grievance policy as a means to find 9 leadership/influential members guilty of contrived misdeeds. Her findings then led to an attempt to use the RPOF to remove these members from our BREC. Since the local grievance process has been rejected, her findings against these 9 members are now null and void. Marie Rogerson's attempt to remove dedicated hard-working BREC members has failed. The RPOF disagrees with Marie.

"We want you to be aware how the current illegitimate non-elected BREC leadership was rejected in their attempt to interpret and bend the rules to fit their narrative. This is just one of many acts of such overreach and complete misunderstanding of the RPOF rules and procedures."

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Following is the email that Helmich sent to Dittmore regarding the Brevard REC Grievance Policy and Procedures:

"Dear Chair Dittmore, After reviewing the Brevard REC Grievance Policy and Procedures, it has been determined that it violates RPOF Rule 22. This policy creates additional requirements outside of RPOF Rule 22 for the filing of a grievance with RPOF. The BREC maintains authority under Article V of the County Model Constitution, to remove a BREC member (not a SCM, SCW, Chairman, or member of the Legislature) for cause by a 2/3 vote, but that process cannot replace or interfere with RPOF Rule 22 and the ability of a BREC member to file a grievance with the RPOF."

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**LET ME BE FRANK**  
**By Space Coast Tusk Designer**  
**Frank Montelione**



**POLITICS OVER A SECURE NATION -**  
**A DYSFUNCTIONAL CONGRESS IS TO BLAME**

The security of American elections is not just a technical concern—it is a direct test of our democracy. When Americans walk into a polling place, they should have confidence that the system in the state where they vote is free from interference, fraud, and manipulation. Unfortunately, that confidence has been steadily eroded over the last several decades. Foreign influence through social media, fraudulent voting practices, widespread misinformation, and a lack of accountability have all contributed to growing distrust. When citizens no longer trust how their leaders are chosen, the foundation of representative government is weakened.

Every vote represents more than a personal political preference. It represents trust in a system that is supposed to be fair, accurate, and secure. That trust disappears when voters believe elections are vulnerable to abuse—whether through unsecured mail-in ballots, unmonitored drop boxes, votes cast by fictitious people, lack of security at polling locations, or same-day registration without proper verification of citizenship. Without secure elections, public confidence collapses, and democracy itself is put at risk.

This concern is not new. From the very beginning of the American experiment, the Founding Fathers understood that elections could be both powerful and dangerous. In The Federalist Papers, James Madison, Alexander Hamilton, and John Jay repeatedly warned that elections were vulnerable to factionalism, foreign influence, and sudden passions of the public. They believed elections were necessary for legitimacy—but only if protected by strong laws, sound institutions, and an informed electorate.

While the Founders could not have envisioned social media platforms such as X (formerly Twitter), Facebook, TikTok, or Instagram becoming primary sources of news, they clearly understood the danger of an electorate vulnerable to false information and emotional manipulation. Today, those warnings are unfolding in real time. Misinformation spreads

instantly, facts are dismissed, and too many voters no longer take the time to verify what they are told—even when credible sources are readily available. In that climate, election security is about far more than ballots; it is about preserving trust in the entire system.

That brings us to the current debate over the Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act, better known as the SAVE Act. The purpose of the bill is straightforward: to ensure that only U.S. citizens are registered to vote in federal elections. The SAVE Act would require documentary proof of citizenship—such as a U.S. passport, birth certificate, or naturalization papers—when registering to vote. States would no longer be allowed to register voters who cannot provide that proof.

This passing of this commonsense legislation is very slim and is threatened by a Democrat filibuster.

Because citizenship documents generally need to be presented in person, the SAVE Act would effectively end online, mail-in, and automatic voter registration for federal elections. It would also require states to actively review voter rolls using federal databases and remove non-citizens from registration lists. Election officials would face new legal responsibilities, including penalties for registering ineligible voters and potential lawsuits for failing to enforce the law.

Supporters argue that these measures are necessary to restore confidence in elections. Opponents argue that non-citizen voting is already illegal and rare, and that the law would make voting more difficult for eligible citizens. What the SAVE Act does not do is change who is allowed to vote. It changes how eligibility is proven.



To understand how we got here, it helps to remember the National Voter Registration Act of 1993—the so-called “motor voter” law. That legislation expanded absentee voting

and voter registration while requiring only that an individual swear under penalty of perjury that they were a U.S. citizen. That affidavit could not be questioned. In effect, the system shifted from verification to trust, creating vulnerabilities that remain today.

Opponents of the SAVE Act often claim that requiring documentation creates an undue burden. That argument falls apart when compared to everyday reality. Photo identification is already required for most government benefits, including SNAP, Medicaid, welfare, unemployment insurance, and Social Security services. It is required for air travel, hotel check-ins, car rentals, prescription pickups, banking, package retrieval, and access to secured buildings.

Opponents of the SAVE Act argue that requiring documentation is an "undue burden," but that doesn't hold up in the real world. We already use photo ID for everything—from picking up prescriptions and banking to boarding a plane or accessing government benefits like SNAP and Social

Security. Every state offers non-driver IDs, often for free or at a low cost for seniors, veterans, and low-income individuals.

The real issue is that 19 states and D.C. now hand out IDs to people regardless of their citizenship status. These cards verify who you are, but not whether you're a citizen, often carrying a "Federal Limits Apply" label. The SAVE Act simply ensures those IDs aren't enough to vote unless citizenship is actually proven. Polling consistently shows strong public support for voter eligibility reforms, with approval ranging from roughly 63% to over 80%, depending on the poll. Despite that support, the SAVE Act faces long odds due to partisan opposition and the use of the filibuster.

Ultimately, election security is about trust—trust in the process, trust in outcomes, and trust in the legitimacy of those elected. As these debates continue, voters should remember who supported efforts to secure elections and who opposed them. The strength of our democracy depends on it.

In off year elections generally the party in White House loses seats in Congress. There are two things that need to be remembered in November. The possible defeat of the SAVE Act though a Democrat filibuster is one plus the fight over funding DHS.

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It was called the Schumer shut down but now the factions within the Republican Party have shifted some of that blame to themselves. Now, the shutdown moved from squarely on the Democrats shoulders to equal blame for both Parties.

The Senate's 2:30 AM deal to partially fund the DHS has left many of us uneasy, as it pointedly excludes both ICE and the Border Patrol. While the political blame for this ongoing shutdown has shifted across the aisle, the real-world consequences are becoming harder to ignore. Speaker Mike Johnson's revelation that the plan would effectively dismantle ICE by splitting its core functions feels less like a compromise and more like a retreat from national security.

The voting public sees a continuing dysfunctional Congress and isn't interested in the rhetoric coming from the leaders of both parties.

When officials keep pointing fingers at the past instead of fixing the security gaps we have right now, they're effectively sidelining the victims of violent crime.

In the meantime, Crimes by illegal aliens continue to threaten the peace and security of our citizens the Democrats remain committed to protecting the "rights" of these criminals while they ignore the victims. Ridiculous statements come from the likes of Hakeem Jeffries who argued that ICE agents are "untrained" for airport security roles and warned that their presence could "potentially... brutalize or in some instances

kill" travelers. Chicago Alderman Maria Hadden suggested in an interview with Fox 32 Chicago that that Sheridan Gorman was in the "wrong place at the wrong time" and that she may have "startled" the individual who shot and killed was in the wrong place at the wrong time. Chicago Mayor

Brandon Johnson and Illinois Governor JB Pritzker blamed Trump for failing to enact immigration reform ignoring the fact that the perpetrator was here illegally.

For a list of victims of violent crimes committed by illegal aliens, see DHS's [Honoring the Victims of Illegal Alien Crime](#).

**Remember in November.**



For families across Florida's Space and Treasure Coasts, every paycheck matters. Whether you are a server working late nights, a first responder putting in overtime, or a retiree living on a fixed income, you deserve a tax code that rewards hard work and helps you keep more of what you earn.

That is exactly what Republicans set out to do with the Working Families Tax Cut Act – a plan that delivers meaningful, immediate relief for workers today while laying the foundation for long-term financial security for families tomorrow. Some of these changes will be felt right away when Americans file their 2025 tax returns.

First, we eliminated taxes on tips and overtime pay. For millions of workers in service industries, hospitality, healthcare, and public safety, this is real relief that shows up directly in their take-home pay. When you work extra hours or earn tips through hard work and dedication, you should not be penalized for it.

Second, we provided additional support for seniors through a \$6,000 per person deduction. Many retirees are living on fixed incomes and feeling the pressure of rising costs. This deduction offers targeted relief for those who have spent a lifetime working and contributing to our communities.

Third, we extended the successful Tax Cuts and Jobs Act provisions, preventing a massive tax increase that would have otherwise hit families and small businesses.

Taken together, these changes ensure that Americans will see tangible benefits when they file their 2025 returns. This is not theoretical – it is real money back in the pockets of hardworking families. Because at the end of the day, it is not the government's money, it is yours, and Republicans believe you know how to spend it better than Washington ever will.

But just as important as immediate relief is long-term stability. That is why additional provisions will take effect beginning with 2026 tax returns. We strengthened support for families by maintaining a \$2,000 Child Tax Credit, helping parents offset the cost of raising children. We passed new child savings accounts to give families a head start on building financial security for the next generation. These accounts will

help parents invest in their children's future from day one, whether that means education, training, or other opportunities.

In addition, we ensured that tax relief keeps pace with reality by indexing key provisions to inflation. Without this protection, families can be pushed into higher tax burdens simply because the cost of living rises, not because they are actually earning more. That is not real income growth, and it should not be taxed as if it is. By tying tax relief to inflation, we prevent this hidden tax increase, protect purchasing power, and ensure families can keep up with rising costs over time.

This two-year approach is intentional. Families need relief now, and they need certainty for the future. By delivering both, we are building a tax system that is fairer, more predictable, and more supportive of the American worker.

Here in Florida, we understand the value of hard work, innovation, and planning for the long term. From the engineers and technicians driving our space industry, to the small business owners and service workers who keep our communities running, our economy depends on people who show up, work hard, and plan ahead.

They deserve a tax code that does the same. The Working Families Tax Cut Act delivered immediate relief in 2025 and put policies in place that will continue supporting families in 2026 and beyond. It is about rewarding work, strengthening families, and ensuring that the American Dream remains within reach. That is the kind of policy we should be advancing, and I am proud to support it.



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

The Florida Division of Emergency Management in Tallahassee celebrated the opening of the new State Emergency Operations Center, a cutting-edge 208,400 square foot facility designed to strengthen disaster response and recovery statewide. The new SEOC enhances FDEM's ability to coordinate efficiently and collaborate seamlessly with state, local, and federal partners.

"This facility was designed not just for today's challenges, but for the evolving threats of tomorrow," said **FDEM Executive Director Kevin Guthrie**. "More than a building, it is a symbol of Florida's proactive approach to preparedness and our continued commitment to setting the benchmark for emergency management nationwide."

The key features are:

A 95-by-13-foot video wall capable of displaying multi-source live data feeds, weather monitoring, GIS mapping, and real-time incident tracking.

Two loading docks accommodating 53-foot trailers to streamline resources distribution and deployment.

Hurricane resistant construction capable of withstanding wind speeds up to 200 mph.

Three backup generators providing redundant power to ensure continuous operations.

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**Chief Financial Officer Blaise Ingolia** awarded nearly \$700,000 to the Brevard County Sheriff's Office, Cocoa Beach Police Department, and Indialantic Police Department to reimburse the agencies for their immigration enforcement efforts.

Florida law enforcement agencies that apply for reimbursement are awarded funding by the State Board of Immigration Enforcement. Under the 287 (g) agreement, state and local law enforcement can partner with the Federal Immigration and Enforcement agency to assist with immigration enforcement operations.

Funds awarded include:

Brevard County Sheriff's Office: \$577,021

Cocoa Beach Police Department: \$99,515

Indialantic Police Department: \$15,102

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The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) has released guidance and precautions regarding robocalls, which remain one of the most persistent consumer frustrations in the state. It reminds residents that most pre-recorded sales calls are illegal unless you have given the solicitor permission to contact you. Scammers rely on robocalls because they are inexpensive, easy to launch from anywhere in the world, and can spoof legitimate caller ID information.

While informational calls and legitimate debt-collection calls are allowed, many of the calls offering to "lower your debt" or claiming to represent agencies like the IRS, Medicare, or Social Security are fraudulent.

Tips to handle robocalls are hang up immediately if you hear a recorded sales message; do not press any numbers; do not share any personal or financial information; and consider call-blocking.

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The official portrait of **Senate President Ben Albritton** has been formally unveiled. As the 91st President of the Florida Senate, it will remain displayed in the Senate Chamber for the next 100 years, under current tradition, before being moved to the Historic Capitol for preservation.

The portrait highlights Albritton's deep Florida roots in the citrus industry, featuring a citrus tree and a bowl of oranges

As a tribute to his family's legacy in citrus growing.

The Melbourne Orlando International Airport was recently awarded \$2.5 million through the Florida Job Growth Grant Fund, a statewide economic development program that

provides competitive grants. The grants support the workforce and infrastructure needs of Florida's aerospace and aviation, military and defense, cybersecurity, and financial services industries.

MLB will utilize the funding to expand their current Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul apron. It is a large, specialized aircraft operations area which is essential in providing the ground space needed for multiple aircraft to undergo maintenance simultaneously. Expanding this apron will create 500 new jobs with an average salary of \$75,000 to \$85,000 annually.

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Members of the U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Unit Port Canaveral have distributed flyers at boat ramps near Port Canaveral to raise awareness for "Operation Clear Channel," its safety and enforcement initiative designed to keep navigational channels clear for commercial vessels such as cargo ships, tankers, and cruise ships.

The operation is based on 33 U.S. Code 2072, which states that vessels under 65 feet and fishing and sailing vessels must not impede the passage of a vessel that can only safely navigate within a channel. Violations can result in civil penalties up to \$5,000 and possible vessel confiscation.

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The Florida Division of Historical Resources has received a donation of 51 silver objects from the 1715 Fleet Society. Discovered in 2021 by Captain Michael Perna and the crew of the Mighty Mo, the objects were recovered from the site of a shipwreck that was identified off the coast of Indian River and St. Lucie Counties. The ship was part of the Spanish Plate Fleet, carrying cargo to Europe from Spain's American colonies, when it sank during a hurricane that impacted Florida's East Coast in 1715.

The donated artifacts were likely part of a single object that was to be reassembled upon arrival in Spain. These items are believed to be part of two never-before-seen plaques bearing a horseman, similar to depictions used during Spain's Reconquista in the 15th century. These historic items have been added to the state's public collections where they will be made available for exhibit, loan, and research for the benefit of all Floridians."



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

As the 2026 Florida Legislative Session has now concluded its regular 60-day term, I want to take a moment to reflect on the work accomplished in Tallahassee and the work that still lies ahead. On March 13, the Florida Legislature adjourned Sine Die, marking the close of the regular session. While the Legislature passed more than 200 bills and made meaningful progress on a wide range of priorities, the constitutionally required state budget was not finalized before adjournment, which means

we will return to Tallahassee in April for a special session focused on completing that responsibility.

Governor Ron DeSantis has also called a separate special session for April 20 through April 24 regarding congressional redistricting. Even with budget negotiations continuing, this session reflected something I believe strongly: Florida works best when we stay focused on the fundamentals. That means supporting public safety, protecting families, strengthening healthcare access, encouraging innovation, defending individual freedoms, and keeping Florida in a strong fiscal position for the future. Those priorities shaped much of the work this year and continue to guide our efforts as we prepare to return.

An important victory from Session was my work to pass Senate Bill 1602: Housing for Veterans. SB 1602, which has now been sent to the Governor's desk, creates the "Homes for Veterans Property Management Incentive Pilot Program." The program is designed to help reduce veteran homelessness by encouraging landlords to lease housing to veterans participating in the federal HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) program, which combines rental assistance with case management and clinical services provided through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Under the pilot program, administered through the Florida Housing Finance Corporation, participating landlords may apply for financial incentives to make housing available to eligible veterans. These incentives can include compensation for holding a unit vacant while a veteran completes the housing process and reimbursement for property damage beyond the security deposit, up to \$2,000. The program aims to address barriers landlords face when renting to veterans while expanding housing opportunities for those who have served our nation.

For me, the session is never just about what happens inside the Capitol. It is about what those decisions mean back home. Every meeting with a local government, nonprofit, business leader, veterans organization, educator, or constituent helps shape the work I do in Tallahassee. The voices of Brevard and Volusia Counties are always with me, and I am grateful for the many residents who took the time during session to share ideas, advocate for their communities, and stay engaged in the process. That kind of civic involvement makes our state stronger and helps ensure public policy remains grounded in the real needs of the people we serve. This district has always been filled with hardworking, patriotic, and deeply committed citizens, and representing them remains one of the greatest honors of my life.

As we head into April, our work is not finished. The regular session may have ended, but the responsibility to govern continues. I am confident that the Legislature will return ready to complete the budget process and continue addressing the important issues before our state. Florida has earned its reputation as a leader because we do not shy away from serious work, and I remain committed to doing my part to keep our state moving in the right direction.

Thank you for the privilege of serving you in the Florida Senate. I look forward to continuing to fight for the priorities of District 8 and to keeping you updated in the months ahead. If you have any questions, concerns, or need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 386-304-7630 or by email at [wright.tom@flsenate.gov](mailto:wright.tom@flsenate.gov). Until next time – stay safe, stay engaged, and stay informed.



## **THE 2026 FLORIDA LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

**By District 32 State Representative  
Brian Hodgers**

Results Matter: Delivering for Florida in a Tough Session. The 2026 Florida Legislative Session made one thing clear: it's easy to file a bill – it's much harder to pass one.

This year, more than 1,900 bills were filed, but only 235 made it through both the House and Senate. That means nearly 90% of proposals never crossed the finish line. In that kind of environment, results matter.

As a freshman legislator, I was proud to deliver – successfully passing two of those 235 bills: HB 895 and HB 1343.

HB 1343 brings long-overdue clarity to Florida's trust system. For too long, trustees who did their job correctly were left exposed to ongoing liability and uncertainty. This bill fixes that. It creates a clear, common-sense process for trustees to close out their responsibilities by providing full transparency to beneficiaries. If no objections are raised within **60 days**, the trustee is discharged from liability on matters properly disclosed. That means less unnecessary litigation, more certainty for families, and a more efficient legal system. But most importantly saving a tremendous amount of money for Florida families. This bill is one of many ideas I have to fight the affordability issue in Florida.

HB 895 focuses on the future of Florida's workforce. This legislation opens new doors for individuals entering the insurance industry by expanding qualification pathways and, for the first time, creating a direct connection between high school education and professional licensing.

By establishing a new insurance and personal finance course, we are giving students real-world skills and a head start in a growing, high-demand industry. It's a practical solution that strengthens both our economy and our workforce pipeline.

And an incredible by-product of this bill, is for those kids that don't ultimately enter a career in insurance. When they turn 18 they will be buying insurance the rest of their lives, and this education will help them make wise decisions.

But passing good bills is only part of the job. A major focus this session was also stopping bad legislation – because not every bill that gets filed should become law. Behind the scenes, that means asking tough questions, working through committees, and in some cases, making sure flawed ideas

never make it to the floor. Protecting Floridians from bad policy is just as important as passing good policy.

At the same time, the session exposed areas where we must do better.

While we made progress on key issues, I would have liked to see the state budget **completed on time**. Instead, we are now scheduled to return to Tallahassee on April 20th for a special session on redistricting, and it is likely the budget will be finalized either just before or just after that session.

The budget is only mandated item the Legislature must complete, and it should be handled with the urgency and discipline Floridians expect.

This session ultimately reinforced a simple truth: leadership isn't about how many bills you file – it's about what you actually get done, and what you stop from getting done.

In a session where only a small fraction of bills passed, I'm proud to have delivered real results – while also working to prevent bad ideas from becoming bad law.

And we're just getting started. As we head into the next phase, my focus remains the same: fight for practical solutions, protect Floridians, and tackle the affordability crisis.



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

The Brevard Federated Republican Women had another great luncheon meeting on March 4. We unanimously passed our updated 2026 Bylaws, and are very proud of our Bylaws Committee Chair, Dorothy Walsh, and the committee members, who did an outstanding job reviewing and updating the bylaws.

Our **Supervisor of Elections Tim Bobanic** gave a very informative presentation on the state of elections in Florida and Brevard County. We thank him and his office for the excellent work they do. Their professionalism, organization, and transparency help ensure that our community continues to have confidence in the election process.

We also heard from candidates running for the Brevard School Board, **Tammy Dennis** and **Gene Trent**, as well as candidate for Port Commissioner **Gregory Loyd**, and our **Tax Collector Lisa Cullen**. We appreciate them taking the time to share their thoughts and connect with our members.

On behalf of the membership and Executive Board of Brevard Federated Republican Women, thank you for making our 2026 Red Wave to Victory Dinner on March 21 a great success.

**Florida Chief Financial Officer Blaise Ingoglia** delivered a very inspiring keynote speech; he gave an update on the Florida legislative activities and encouraged the attendees to help conservatives win big in 2026 and the future. His mission

is to provide real transparency into local governments' spending, so Floridians know exactly what their tax dollars will go towards.

For far too long, Ingoglia has said, "local governments have benefited from ambiguity and inaccessibility in their spending habits. Not anymore. Now, local governments will be required to make budgets more accessible and identify areas in which spending can be reduced. The days of unchecked spending are over. Taxpayers deserve nothing less."

Our Master of Ceremonies, **Tina Descovich**, Founder and Executive Director of Moms for Liberty, did an amazing job. We also thank **Florida House Representative Monique Miller**, who told us the job she and other Republican legislators have done in Tallahassee. Huge thanks to **Brevard Sheriff Wayne Ivey** for stopping by the dinner — our audience always enjoys hearing from their Sheriff. It was also a pleasure to have the Space Coast Young Republicans join us for the evening.

The Red Wave Dinner is an extension of our ongoing Get-Out-The-Vote efforts. Our goal is to energize our community and encourage strong support for Republican candidates in the 2026 midterm elections. This year's program placed a special focus on candidates and the upcoming elections. The Candidate Caucus provided a great opportunity for candidates to connect and engage with our attendees.

The Federation of Republican Women proudly supports our Republican candidates and elected officials. We are committed to helping ensure Republican leadership at every level of government. We will work with you, support you, and stand with you. We are here to help Republicans win, and we look forward to seeing everyone on the campaign trail in the months ahead.

A fantastic laser show lit up the evening, energizing our audience with patriotic spirit and inspiring everyone to play a part in strengthening our great republic as we approach America's 250th anniversary.

Our April 1 Luncheon will feature a panel discussion with our State Attorney and our Public Defender. This conversation promises to be one of the most interesting discussions you will hear at a club meeting. It will give us a deeper understanding of our justice system and help us better understand some of the important issues of our time – without speculation or misunderstanding. Join us for an informative conversation featuring Brevard State Attorney William Scheiner and Public Defender Blaise Trettis as they discuss their roles within our criminal justice system. The panel will provide insight into how our justice system works and why both sides are essential to ensuring fairness and the rule of law.

The BFRW 2026 Scholarship is now accepting applications. The Brevard Federated Republican Women have established four \$1,000 scholarships to support high school and college students who demonstrate leadership, integrity, and commitment to conservative values. Please check our website

for more information and apply at [www.brevardfederatedrepublicanwomen.org](http://www.brevardfederatedrepublicanwomen.org).

Join the BFRW Turn Brevard Cities RED Committee Today! In the City of Rockledge, 43% of voters are registered Republicans, yet the majority of the City Council members are registered Democrats. One Republican City Council member and the Republican Mayor are not seeking reelection. A Democrat council member has filed to run for Mayor. If Republicans do not take action, there may be only ONE Republican City Council member on a seven member City Council. This is unacceptable in a red county like Brevard. Because of the structure of city council and election cycles, it may be more than five years before Republicans have a chance to turn the City of Rockledge red.

In the City of Cocoa, 37% of voters are registered Republicans and 36% are registered Democrats. Yet only one of the five seats on the City Council, including the Mayor, is held by a registered Republican. How did this happen? It shows that registration numbers alone do not determine election outcomes —organization, participation, and engagement matter just as much.

Again, this will not be an easy change, but it is possible if Republicans organize, recruit strong candidates and stay committed over time. No matter how challenging it may be, it is our responsibility to do the groundwork for the future now. We owe it to ourselves, our children and our community!



**FEDERATED  
REPUBLICAN WOMEN  
IN ACTION**  
By President Erika Orriss

We had a great membership meeting on March 6, going over club business and having some education about the National Federated Republican Women and its history. I presented a PowerPoint presentation on the history and an explanation of the difference between being part of a Federation rather than a Club. It was very insightful, and the speech empowered the members to know they have not only joined a group, but they have in fact joined something bigger than themselves.

**District 6 Representative Xiaoqi Wang** expanded on the message, emphasizing our shared mission: electing Republicans at every level -- national, state, county, and local.

I also spoke about the last NFRW Conference, and discussed the bylaws that were amended and why, noting the new National Officers and stressing how important national networking is for our state and our local clubs. There is knowledge to be gained using the National and State websites: [nfrw.org](http://nfrw.org) and [ffrw.net](http://ffrw.net).

Locally, we are still seeking a **3rd VP for Fundraising. Ann Ryder** was nominated for Treasurer and was unanimously approved by those present Regarding fundraising and events in the works: We are organizing a ladies' shooting day at FrogBones Family Shooting Center, estimated at \$25 per person, tentatively planned for April 15.

Additional fundraising ideas discussed: a community yard sale at Theresa's home in July, a Murder Mystery dinner, or a Casino night.

A happy hour is tentatively planned for May 14. Suggested locations include:

Whiskey Business (downtown Melbourne)  
Rooneys (Palm Bay)  
Pineapples (Eau Gallie)  
Urban Prime (Viera)

Community Involvement Opportunities

Consideration of a booth/tent at Melbourne Beach Founders Day and/or July 4th in Palm Bay.

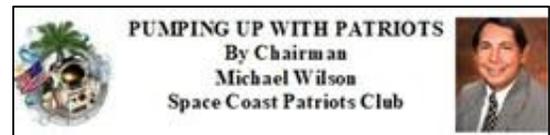
Suggestion to enter the 4th of July parade in Melbourne.

Come join us! We are a statewide federation whose main purpose is to get Republicans elected. Our April meeting has been canceled in respect for Good Friday and Easter weekend. The following weekend is the FFRW Spring Conference and half our board is planning on attending this event. Our next meeting will be Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at Memaw's BBQ in Palm Bay. Speakers to be announced soon!

Some of our members will be attending BFRW's Red Wave to Victory dinner to support our sister club Brevard Federated Republican Women. As our past state president said "Together we win!"

Contact President Erika Orriss (407-460-6198) or Membership Chair Theresa Holland (321-447-9544) with any questions.

Have a great Easter or Passover, and we look forward to seeing you in May!



Federal politics and local politics were the topics of the day when **Florida 8<sup>th</sup> District Congressman Mike Haridopolos; Brevard School Board Member Gene Trent; and Brevard Planning and Zoning Advisory Board member John Hopengarten**, spoke covering subjects of great interest to the Patriots at our March 9 meeting.

Haridopolos kicked off the meeting with an update on the accomplishments of the Trump Administration, including closing the border, the capture of Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro, and numerous other achievements. He briefed us on the war in Iran, gas prices and upcoming midterm Elections, and also stressed the highly important SAVE Act, which will require voter identification in order to vote. This Act would help a great deal to take the cheating out of elections. Haridopolos also took numerous questions from the audience and was unafraid to take on even the toughest ones.

Next, Trent took the podium to give an update on our schools and let everyone know he is running for re-election in District 2. In citing some of the Board's accomplishments, he said the District has achieved an A rating for the past two years, and he also noted that Brevard's graduation rate is 92.7% -- the best in the history of Brevard Public Schools. Prior to Trent's election to the Board, he said, discipline in the schools was not up to par but now that issue has been turned around. He noted that the principal of each school has now been given the autonomy to hire staff and make discipline decisions.

Trent answered a wide variety of questions from the Patriots to assuage any of the Patriots concerns. In closing, he said as a candidate he will seek common sense solutions like keeping boys out of girl's bathrooms and making sure Civics and Financial Literacy are key components of our students' learning.

Hopengarden, speaking as a citizen, discussed Project 222, saying that for clarity, as a board member he is familiar with the Project, which has become an issue in Merritt Island because a developer is asking for a variance to put an apartment project of 222 units into an 11 acre property and wetland that is currently zoned for 5 single-family homes or agricultural use. A full house of Patriots attended to object to the rezoning because it is not a good fit into the immediate community, which is almost entirely single-family homes.

A wide range of objections included huge future and current traffic problems, the project does not conform to the County's current Comp Plan, safety issues, privacy issues and noise pollution to name a few. Hopengarden did a fine job explaining what was being asked by the developer and how the Advisory Board makes recommendations to the County Commissioners. He also addressed some of the concerns raised by the Patriots. A vote of the County Commissioners will be held April 2 to deny or approve the rezoning request.



### **NORTH TO THE PARTY** **North Brevard Republican Club** **President John Scully**

Our March 17 club meeting was a tremendous success, bringing together members, guests, and community leaders for an engaging and impactful evening. We were honored to welcome **Florida's Lieutenant Governor, Jay Collins**, who is currently a candidate for Governor.

Collins shared his personal story as a United States Army Green Beret, his vision for the future of Florida, and his commitment to strong, principled leadership. His remarks resonated deeply with those in attendance and sparked meaningful conversations about the direction of our state.



Following the event, Collins shared kind words about his visit on social media, saying: "I was glad to attend the North Brevard Republican Club meeting last night and to spend time with so many engaged community members and proud

patriots. It's always great to connect, share ideas, and enjoy an evening with people who care deeply about their neighbors and the place they call home."

His remarks reflect exactly what our club strives to be – a place where engaged citizens come together to connect, share ideas, and strengthen our community. The energy in the room was a clear reflection of the growing enthusiasm and dedication within our club. From long-time members to first-time guests, it was encouraging to see so many people come together with a shared goal to making a difference in our community.

As we build on this momentum, we invite you to join us for our next meeting on April 21, where we will welcome guest speaker **Mindy Gibson**, a candidate for the Florida State House District 31 seat. Whether you're a returning member or attending for the first time, this is a great opportunity to get involved, meet like-minded individuals, and stay informed on the issues shaping our community and our state. We look forward to seeing you there.



Members of the Space Coast Republicans Club participated in an engaging meeting on February 28 that highlighted both national political priorities and important developments within Brevard County schools. The event included remarks about a roundtable discussion with **Congressman Mike Haridopolos** and a presentation by **Brevard County School Board District 2 Representative Gene Trent**.

During the roundtable with Haridopolos, several key issues were emphasized as Republicans prepare for the upcoming midterm elections. Immigration and border security were highlighted as areas where the party believes significant progress has been made. Members were encouraged to actively communicate these accomplishments to voters. Affordability and economic concerns were also identified as major messaging priorities as the party prepares for what is historically a challenging election cycle for the party in power. Grassroots involvement—whether through phone calls, volunteering, or door-to-door outreach—was stressed as essential to maintaining political momentum.

Attendees also reflected on the recent State of the Union address, noting themes of economic strength and national leadership. The recognition of national heroes during the speech was described as one of the most moving moments of the address.

Trent, a former teacher who is seeking reelection, spoke about the changes that have taken place since the election of a new board majority in 2022. According to Trent, the board focused on restoring parental involvement in education, removing controversial policies, and addressing concerns about materials in school libraries. The board also made significant

administrative changes, including replacing the superintendent and restructuring certain district guidelines.

Trent provided an overview of the size and complexity of Brevard Public Schools. The district serves nearly 70,000 students across approximately 100 schools and employs about 9,000 people, with an annual budget of roughly \$1.7 billion. Managing transportation, facilities, and operations at this scale requires careful planning and oversight.

Student safety has been one of the board's major priorities. Initiatives have included installing cameras on school buses to deter illegal passing, increasing wages to address a shortage of bus drivers, and implementing metal detectors—known as the “Open Gate” system—at high schools. The district has also adopted the Guardian Program, which allows carefully trained personnel to carry firearms on campus as an additional security measure.

As Trent prepares for his reelection campaign, he emphasized that the board's work is ongoing. He encouraged continued community involvement and support to maintain the policies and reforms implemented over the past several years.



The March 19 meeting of the Brevard County Republican Assembly was held at the Royal Oak Ministries headquarters in Titusville with guest speaker Brevard County School Board Chair Matt Susin, who spent his time highlighting the accomplishments of Brevard Public Schools under a conservative-led board. Among those accomplishments are:

- Hiring Dr. Mark Rendell as superintendent
- Achieving an “A” rating as a school district for the second year in a row, and being on pace for a third
- Implementing changes in discipline
- Becoming the number one school district in the state and country for career and technical education

Susin noted that many people are unaware of the district's accomplishments due to increased security measures. “We are a very secure and safe environment. We do have a lot of barriers. You just can't walk into our schools anymore,” he said. “After 2018, with Marjory Stoneman Douglas, the state started regulating us more strictly in terms of safety. So, many of the things we once invited the public in to see on a regular basis can no longer happen.”

He also praised the banning of cell phones during school hours, which he believes has led to increased student interaction, and he recounted a Viera teacher who requested board games to help fill time previously occupied by cell phone use.

He further highlighted the district's increased emphasis on extracurricular activities, which has encouraged greater

student participation. His personal favorite is midget racing, which has been introduced in the district.

Prior to his address, the group viewed a PragerU video emphasizing the importance of Americans understanding the Bill of Rights. These rights, which comprise the first ten amendments to the United States Constitution, were designed to protect individual liberties from the federal government.

A review was given of the February 28 rally for Matt “The Welder,” co-sponsored by the Brevard County Republican Assembly. Matt, formerly known as Matt Taylor, legally changed his name to appear on the ballot as Matt “The Welder.” He is running as a candidate for Florida Commissioner of Agriculture and spoke about the pushback he has received since announcing his candidacy, including efforts to have Republican Executive Committees advance their endorsement timelines in order to limit his opportunities.

He also discussed a bill that was considered – and passed by both houses in Tallahassee – that would prevent individuals who change their name within 365 days of an election from appearing on the ballot. He was well received during his first visit to Brevard, with more than 150 people attending the rally.

The next meeting of the Brevard County Republican Assembly will be held on Thursday, April 16. The featured speaker is expected to be **Florida's 7th Congressional District Congressman Cory Mills.**



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

Do we remember when the Arab Islamists took over Iran in 1979? Democrat President Jimmy Carter assisted the Islamists with the removal of the Shah as leader of the country. Iran was supposed to remain an ally of the United States but instead turned to the USSR. The Islamists immediately began with their chants of “Death to America.” They then took over our embassy and held our personnel hostage for over a year. They used their oil revenue to fund terrorist proxies who spent decades killing Americans everywhere.

Remember all the kidnappings? Remember the Marine Corps barracks in Beirut, where we lost over 200 soldiers? Remember the Navy ship USS Cole? Remember all the roadside bombs in Afghanistan that killed, wounded and maimed so many soldiers? The Islamists declared war on America decades ago, and our leaders just took the loss of lives and property without any action.

Democrat Presidents Barack Obama and Joe Biden gave them billions of dollars to play nice. The Iranian Islamists are bullies, and the world has stood in fear of their many threats if they were not treated as they thought they should. The Middle East was in constant upheaval as the Iranian leadership continued with their efforts to eliminate Israel. Just look at all the terrorist groups Iran funded in an effort to

achieve their goal. Iran began working on nuclear weapons decades ago and were now close. Imagine a bully with a nuke. They vowed to destroy the Great Satan (U.S.) and Little Satan (Israel). President Trump has the courage to stop them and, in turn, save the world. How stupid are Trump's critics?

Well, we now have a President who has the courage to take on this worldwide threat. The U.S., along with Israel, has now taken the steps necessary to eliminate this worldwide threat. But listen to the critics. Rather than support our military and the President's decision, Democrats, RINOs and main street media are attacking our action as criminal, unconstitutional and cruel. This criticism even includes FOX.

Trump is accused of not making the case for this attack. These people must live under a rock. I understand the Trump haters who suffer with TDS, but is there this level of ignorance within others? The Iranian government just killed over 32,000 of their citizens for protesting against their government.

Know that 80% of Iran's 90 million population are secular and mostly Persians. They love America and Israel and they hate the Islamist regime. The people want freedom. Prior to 1979, Iranians were free, secular and friends of the U.S. and Israel. The people want that back.

At home, we continue to hear from Trump's critics. They continue to demonstrate their Marxist liberal ideology. They are not patriots. They truly are enemies of America. Just listen to Omar, Jeffries, Schumer and AOC. We have a few RINOs as well (Massie, Paul). Of course, there is the media that cannot be trusted with the truth. Trump will prevail. He is here because of divine intervention in my opinion. A choir boy could not handle this job today. Let the patriots speak out now. Have the courage to do so. We can never trust a Democrat politician to do the right thing, it appears.

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Can we ever remember when there has been so much political and civil dysfunction as we witness today? I am referring to the Iranian situation. The Trump haters and U.S. enemies all refer to Trump saying that he would not start new wars. Well, for those who are not privy to current history, let me inform you that Trump is not starting a war with Iran. He is ending it. Iran has declared war with the U.S. for the past 47 years. How often have we heard their mantra "Death to America"? The loss of American lives due to Iranian activities number in the thousands.

Iran has been killing Americans since 1979. They use proxies to perform their dirty work. They gave weapons and funding to the likes of Hamas, Hezbollah, Boko Haram, Al-Shabab, Houthis and others. Iran exported terror on a global scale. Just recall all the Islamist terror attacks in Europe. The EU is petrified of the Iranian Islamists. Migration of Islamists has overrun many European countries. They threatened the entire Middle East and any country that needed their oil. The threat included closing the narrow Strait of Hormuz, a location where 20% of the world's oil shipments travel. This affects all Middle Eastern countries that ship the oil, but it affects those

countries dependent on this oil. America does not need this oil.

The Democrats, media, RINOs and Trump haters are all critical of Trump attacking Iran and Iranians. Most critics don't even know that Iran is not led by Iranians. It is run by Arab Islamist clerics and Muslim Islamists. This group represents 5% of a population of 90 million. Of course, the 5% legally control 100% of the guns. Note that in excess of 30,000 protesters were murdered within the past month by the Islamist government. Iranians hate the Islamist clerics and their government and they support Israel. Iran was very close (weeks) to having nuclear weapons. They had sufficient material for up to 11 bombs. Trump had to move now to stop them.

What a time for the Democrats to stop the funding for the Department of Homeland Security. With the open border policy of the Democrats and Biden, thousands of Islamists have entered our country. We have had citizens murdered by Islamists recently. We have to sit back and watch as the Democrats and liberal judges support Marxist funded activists who stop ICE agents from removing any dangerous or criminal illegals from our country.

We have been warned that there are sleeper cells of Islamists in our country, but the Democrats would rather spend time urging for the unmasking of our ICE agents. Keep in mind, these activists are paid. Funding comes from George Soros, China and others. Money flows to NGOs that then distribute the cash. I truly think current Democrat politicians are the most unpatriotic group of Americans in our history. How could any patriotic American vote for these people?

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## THIS AND THAT



### CONGRESSIONAL MEDALS OF HONOR.

President Trump this month awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor to three U.S. Army soldiers – two of them posthumously -- whose courage and sacrifice exemplify the highest ideals of service to the nation. On hand to receive the award was retired **Sergeant Major Terry Richardson**, who is credited with saving the lives of 85 other service members during the Vietnam war. He repeatedly risked his life under enemy fire during a reconnaissance mission. After the enemy forces fled, Richardson was found alive and declined medical evacuation so he could remain with his fellow soldiers. Family members at the ceremony accepted the awards for the late **Staff Sergeant Michael Ollis**, who was killed in action in Afghanistan in 2013, and the late **Master Sergeant Roderick Edmonds**, who saved American prisoners in Nazi Germany during World War II. Edmonds died in 1985.

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**OLYMPICS BOBSLED CHAMPION KAILLIE HUMPHRIES.** While the media dragged American hockey heroes through the mud for daring to celebrate with the President, one of the greatest Winter Olympians in history



fired back – with the kind of authority that comes from earning six Olympic medals the hard way. **Kaillie Humphries** didn't just defend Trump, she defended legal immigration, women's sports, and everything the

left has spent years trying to tear down – and she did it wearing the American flag on her chest. Humphries is a 40-year-old bobsled pilot who tied speed skater Bonnie Blair with six career medals. Born in Canada, she started the path to U.S. citizenship in 2016, married an American, lived here, and completed the process in December 2021 – just in time to compete under the red, white and blue in Beijing. "I stand with legal immigration; it's not an easy process. It shouldn't be an easy process," she said, proudly lecturing Leftists who've spent years demanding that America erase its borders. Asked what she would say to politicians who call protecting women's sports "bigotry," Humphries responded, "I would ask if they've ever been to an Olympic level of sport and had to try and compete against someone of a world-class caliber. Women have their own category and deservedly so. If the trans community would like to compete in a sport, there should be a category for them as well." Back in the United States, and at a Women's History Month event at the White House, Humphries presented President Trump with an Order of Ikkos medal created to honor exceptional coaches and mentors that Olympic athletes bestow upon someone instrumental to their success. Noting that Trump is the first president in history to receive the honor, Humphries said: "I want to recognize the support and impact you've had on women's sports throughout the Olympic movement – specifically standing up to keep biological women in women's sports, to keep the field of play safe and allow for fair competition. Furthermore, your policies are creating greater access to IVF, so families like mine can continue to grow."

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.** The U.S. Senate on March 23 confirmed **Oklahoma Senator Markwayne Mullin** by a vote of 54-45 as the new Secretary of Homeland Security, replacing **Kristi Noem**, who is being reassigned to a new role in the

Trump administration as special envoy for the Shield of the Americas. Kentucky Senator Rand Paul was the only Republican not to support Mullin, who said it is his goal for DHS to "not make news headlines every day," which would be a major change for the department. "I hope DHS is just able to be laser-focused on doing their job, and it isn't controversial about taking care of the homeland," he said. **Attorney General Pam Bondi** conducted Mullin's swearing-in ceremony.

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**COUNTER SOTU.** While **President Trump** was delivering his State of the Union address at the Capitol Building on February 24, the "Patriot Clash" website reported that nearly

50 Democrat lawmakers decided they had better things to do, so they staged their own competing production on the National Mall. The counter event, branded the "People's State of the Union," drew hundreds of activists as well as the Democrat members of Congress. While President Trump was inside outlining his agenda on border security, economic growth, and law and order, Democrats were outside chanting "Abolish ICE" and holding signs that read "No Money for ICE" and "Healthcare Not Warfare." The event opened with what were described as Portland anti-fascist frogs dancing on stage. Attendees wore green outfits and inflatable frog gear to fit a swamp theme. At one point, a man in a giraffe costume was spotted in the crowd. This is apparently how serious policy alternatives are presented in 2026. Boycotts are nothing new in Washington. But skipping the State of the Union to dance in frog costumes and listen to Hollywood lectures is a choice. The American system does allow for dissent, protest, and counter programming. That is part of free speech. Still, the contrast was striking. Inside the Capitol, a president addressing the nation. Outside, chants, costumes, and celebrity outrage. Voters will decide which vision of leadership they prefer."

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In response to a Freedom of Information Act request, the conservative foundation Judicial

Watch has received 458 pages of records from the Minnesota Department of Children, Youth, and Families that show a strong pattern of false billing, misstated attendance records, repeated licensing violations, grant fraud, and inadequate supervision of children across multiple daycare facilities in Minneapolis. The records indicated overpayments totaling hundreds of thousands of dollars assessed, and in some cases, facilities continuing to operate and accrue new violations even after prior enforcement actions. **Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton** said, "The number of violations and intentionally false reporting committed by these facilities is staggering."

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**CELEBRATING THE REVEREND JESSE JACKSON.**

Despite pleas to keep politics out of the service during the more than five-hour long celebration of the life of the late Jesse Jackson in Chicago on March 6, the Democrat politicians in the ceremony – former presidents and elected officials – turned the event into a "message machine," repeatedly tying Jackson's legacy to upcoming elections, voting battles, warnings about the direction of the country, and criticism of President Trump. It showed how quickly a religious setting can be repurposed into an organizing platform once cameras arrive and political VIPs take the microphones.

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**MINNESOTA MISJUSTICE.** When Minnesota Department of Human Services employee Dylan Adams became upset with Elon Musk and DOGE last year, he went on a rampage and vandalized Tesla automobiles to the tune of \$20,000. Then he faced Minnesota misjustice. Adams was

sentenced to missing pay for one day of work and then was back on the job.

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**AUTO HIJACKER??.** Antônio Luiz Laghi walked into his garage in Brazil – where his car was left with an open window – and opening the car door, he unexpectedly came face to face with a red-handed thief. Actually, it was brown handed. Found hanging from the steering wheel was a wild sloth. Laghi found the experience amusing and took a photo of the would-be hijacker. In what may have been the world’s slowest animal release project, he and his apartment’s doorman got the sloth out and helped return it to a nearby wooded area. As for the photo, it went viral on Tik-Tok, where it was viewed more than 1.4 million times.

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**LOU HOLTZ.** Famed football coach **Lou Holtz**, the only person to lead six different programs to bowl games and guide four of them to final top 15 rankings – compiling a career record of 249-132-7 – died in Orlando, Florida, on March 4 at the age of 89. Just one of those accomplishments involved a national championship for undefeated Notre Dame in 1988. After retirement, he worked as a broadcast analyst for CBS Sports and then ESPN. Elected to the College Football Hall of Fame in 2008, Holtz also was active in Republican Party politics, including speaking at the nominating convention in support of President Trump’s re-nomination. Trump ultimately presented him with the Presidential Medal of Freedom. One day after Holtz’ death, because of his pro-life views, he was attacked on social media by former ESPN broadcaster Keith Olbermann, who disgustingly called him a “legendary scumbag.” The comment immediately drew scathing criticism from many social media users who condemned the far-left commentator for his lack of class and decency.

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Addressing the Leadership Institute’s Wake Up Wednesday Breakfast meeting on March 4, attorney and law professor **Michael Donnelly** – who is a longtime advocate for homeschooling, parental rights, and educational freedom – spoke on the subject of birthright

citizenship. This is inscribed in the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution but is being challenged by President Trump regarding births by non-citizen women who come to this country for that purpose. A Persian Gulf War Army combat veteran, Donnelly taught Constitutional Law at Patrick Henry College for nearly two decades and currently teaches International Law at Regent Law School. Pointing out that the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment – which was written in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century – is controversial due to its broad language of granting citizenship to persons born/naturalized in the United States, he noted that undocumented aliens could have allegiance to other countries. “If America is to remain a nation



of consent, sovereignty and self-government,” Donnelly said,” it must be willing to question assumptions, challenge administrative narratives, and boldly contest accepted narratives. That is what our heritage demands, our Constitution requires, and our children desire” .... In mid-March, **L.I. President Morton Blackwell** reported that at the organization’s Youth Leadership School in San Antonio, Texas, 92 conservative student leaders from 54 schools in 26 states were trained in how to organize youth activities; start and grow conservative student groups; and organize, lead, and win. The Youth Leadership School is widely known as the “boot camp of politics” for young conservative leaders.



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The mission of the Brevard County Tax Collector’s Office, said **Tax Collector Lisa Cullen**, “is to serve citizens by collecting and

distributing funds for local and state agencies, guided by principles of customer-oriented service, honesty, efficiency, fairness, accountability, and transparency. They are committed to professionalism and improving the public’s experience.” Addressing the Heritage Isle Republicans on March 5, Cullen discussed the wide range of projects and programs that her office provides. Re-elected several times since first assuming office in 2007, Cullen actually began working for the office in 1985 at the front counter of a branch office. “Our mission is important to me,” she said, “especially its transparency and accountability.” Today there are 200 employees in seven offices located throughout Brevard County, and Cullen – an elected Constitutional Officer – is responsible for the collection of real, tangible, and tourist development taxes. She said she also acts as the agent for the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, titling and registering vehicles as well as issuing drivers’ licenses and identification cards. New Florida car license plates are available this year, she said, honoring America’s 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary. She also accepts new and renewal applications for concealed weapon licenses on behalf of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Cullen explained that her office collects ad valorem (or real) property taxes based on their value annually and are paid in arrears. Discounts are extended for early payment. Cullen, who is a graduate of the University of Central Florida and is a Certified Florida Collector (CFC), and her husband Robert, a retired Brevard County Sheriff’s Office Lieutenant, have two daughters and two grandsons.



**HEROES UNITED TO HEAL FOUNDATION.** The foundation held a Gala of Hope and Healing in Cape Canaveral on February 28, dedicated to honoring service, restoring hope, and changing lives, and blending patriotism, purpose, and powerful storytelling in support of those who have served our nation and communities. The two keynote speakers discussing their experiences were former Sheriff and current U.S. Congressional candidate **Mark Lamb** and retired U.S. Navy SEAL **Ross Munro** of SEAL Team SIX. Former prisoner of war Jessica Lynch was guest of honor at the event, and the emcee was **Brevard County Clerk of Court and Comptroller Rachel Sadoff**. **Brevard Sheriff Wayne Ivey** presided as the evening's auctioneer for guests to bid on items to raise funds for the foundation.



### AUDACITY AND IDIOCY

Here are this month's "winners":

--Norfolk, Virginia Attorney General Ramin Fatehi – who is supported by Socialist financier George Soros –for outrageously blaming the fatal shooting on the Old Dominion University campus of a decorated Army officer in an ROTC classroom not on Mohamed Bailor Jalloh, the terrorist who shouted “Allahu Akbar” during the plot and was previously convicted for providing support to ISIS, but instead said it was caused by “Republican lawmakers who support the Second Amendment.” Fortunately, ROTC cadets on the scene were able to take down Jalloh before any further violence occurred, using physical force rather than weapons, for which they received praise from FBI Director Kash Patel. Fatehi's blaming of gun laws instead of radical Islamic terrorism revealed a corruption of logic so profound it would be laughable if it weren't so dangerous.

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--Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, for outrageously lying that the SAVE Act could prevent millions of married women from voting because they now have different last names. “Republicans in Congress want to make it harder for you to vote. Tell your senator to oppose the SAVE Act,” she said. But in reality, all the women have to do at the voting station is show a copy of their marriage license with the name change, and they will be able to vote.

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--Krise Transportation Company, which contracts to provide bus services for the Littlestown Area School District in Pennsylvania, for informing driver Dave Bonhoff that he can no longer wear his Make America Great Again hat on the job. Bonhoff, a retired police officer, said the hat is patriotic, not political, and the order was a violation against his right to free speech. As much as he liked his job and the kids he drove to and from school, the driver then quit his job rather than restrict his self-expression.

### YOU CAN'T MAKE THIS UP



--Democrat Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer ignited a political firestorm after claiming that the SAVE America Act Republican-backed election integrity bill could allow federal authorities to remove “tens of billions of people” from voter rolls. The statement immediately drew criticism and confusion, given that the entire population of the United States is roughly 330 million, and the entire world population is only about eight billion. Schumer also claimed the proposed bill “isn't voter ID, it is about voter registration.” He went on to argue that under the legislation, voters could arrive at the polls only to learn they had been removed from the rolls without warning.

Then, on March 21, Schumer seemed to get his words twisted on the Senate floor when he spoke against the SAVE America Act. What Schumer actually confirmed was “The evidence is that almost no illegal aliens vote” in U.S. Elections. But “almost no” is not the same as “zero,” so on camera he admitted that election fraud does exist. The question is no longer whether the problem exists – Schumer answered that himself. The question is why is he blocking the solution?

It was a far cry from 1996, when Schumer argued in favor of identification requirements tied to preventing fraud. “Let's admit the truth,” Schumer said at the time. “Everywhere people go they're asked for a Social Security card. In fact, one way to prove you're a bona fide person who can have a job is to ask for a driver's license and a Social Security card. This is an anti-fraud amendment.”

So, what was the difference between 1996 and 2026? Could it be that the “good Senator” had a Democrat president then and a Republican one now??

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--During the memorial service for the late Reverend Jesse Jackson on March 6, former President Joe Biden – who is known for going “off-track” when speaking – recounted how he was mocked as a child for stuttering, and that speech impediments are often mistaken for a lack of intelligence. He then told the other mourners during his tribute to the late civil rights leader that he is “a hell of a lot smarter than most of you.” He later told them that “the continent of Africa is going to be the largest continent in the world.”

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--Mark Walker, the U.S. District Judge for Northern Florida, is at it again. The Obama appointee to the federal court, who has a track record of blocking the state's conservative policies, has now issued a preliminary injunction blocking Florida Governor Ron DeSantis' executive order designating CAIR as a terrorist organization, ruling the governor usurped the federal government's exclusive authority to make such designations. Earlier, Walker struck down Florida's social media restrictions for minors, and he partially blocked the state's ballot amendment process.

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--Dr. Donald Landry, the new interim president of the University of Florida and the Chair Emeritus of the Department of Medicine at Columbia University, is now facing a federal lawsuit for deactivating the entire College Republicans chapter in Tallahassee, based on allegations from an organization not even affiliated with the chapter that during a large political candidate event, one or two members made antisemitic remarks. But instead of investigating them, Landry, without giving the students a hearing, shut down everyone. Attorney Anthony Sabatini, representing the chapter, said Landry's move was completely illegal, violating First Amendment rights, and the college Republicans would be asking a federal judge to order the school to pay compensation and legal fees.

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--After illegal alien Jose Medina-Medina was charged with murdering Loyola University student Sheridan Gorman in Chicago, Democrat Alderwoman Maria Hadden suggested that Gorman "might have been in a wrong place at a wrong time," and "might have startled this person unintentionally, and shares blame" in the shooting. Hadden faces public backlash for her absurd suggestion.

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--Woke administrators at The University of West Florida in Pensacola continue to push DEI ideology on campus despite the state banning the process, claiming brazenly that they "can't comply" with Florida law because "their accreditor requires DEI." Accuracy in Media is going undercover to catch the people who think they can ignore the law and get away with it.

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## EXPERTS' EXCERPTS



Former Assistant Secretary of State **Wess Mitchell**, writing on "Recovering the Lost Art of Diplomacy" in the Hillsdale College publication "Imprimis":

"Diplomacy is an instrument of strategy that great powers use to survive and gain an advantage in competition with other powerful states. Excellence in diplomacy is a vital prerequisite to the success and endurance of great powers. Diplomatic skills atrophied in the United States after the end of the Cold War, as we came to rely on military technology and economic sanctions as the main tools of our foreign policy. But now we are entering a dangerous age in which great powers are competing for the things they have competed over from the beginning of time: territory, resources, influence, and prestige. In this setting, the United States will need to recover the lost art of diplomacy.... I mean the use of negotiations to reconcile conflicting interests on matters of war and peace. Diplomacy is an art and is best defined by its outcomes rather than by its processes. The most consequential outcome by far is the constraint of the power of one's adversaries—in other words, setting limits to the hostile accumulation of power. Powerful states are naturally constrained by all kinds of things, such as geography, fearful neighbors, and limitations

of military technology. Diplomacy works to maximize these constraints in order to restrict an aggressive opponent's options for conquest. Of all forms of diplomacy between great powers, the most important concerns itself with limiting, avoiding, or preparing for war. I should also define what I mean by strategy: it is the matching of national means, in the form of military and economic resources, to national ends, in the form of foreign threats and opportunities. ... There are two erroneous conceptions of diplomacy that have become entrenched in the modern mind, one mostly on the left and the other mostly on the right. The main error on the left is thinking that diplomacy's purpose is to build rule-making institutions that transcend nation-states and that will eventually expunge war from the human experience.... The main error on the right is thinking that human societies can only find true safety and honor in a preponderance of military power, and that diplomacy is more often than not a form of surrender.... The situation of the U.S. today is not so different from other great powers throughout history. We face a rising peer in China, a resurgent Russia, plus Iran, North Korea, and numerous smaller opponents like the Houthis. As two consecutive National Defense Strategies have made clear, our military is not postured or equipped to fight all of these opponents simultaneously. That's unlikely to change any time soon. America has a \$30 trillion debt. We now spend as much on annual interest payments on that debt as we do on our defense budget. These are classic conditions for the use of strategic diplomacy.... The running focus of U.S. diplomacy should be to ensure favorable balances of power in the world's major regions: Europe, the Middle East, and the Far East. Our diplomacy needs to foster a sufficient degree of indigenous stability in the first two of these regions through the skillful use of coalitions, such that we are able to concentrate greater U.S. military effort against the main threat, which is China. Re-embracing a balance of power logic will require changing how the U.S. has approached foreign policy for the past generation. The biggest change is a recognition of limits.... Diplomacy is not surrender, and talking to an opponent is not a reward for good behavior. In dealings with China, Russia, or Iran, U.S. diplomatic initiatives must always be measured not by the process or optics—or by whether they support an abstract goal—but by whether the outcome results in greater or weaker constraints on a rival's ability to harm us and our interests. Does it increase or decrease his dependency on us? Does it aid or complicate his ability to concentrate military power against us? Does it ease or impede his path of conquest?... I am optimistic that our country can recover the lost art of diplomacy. Over the past year, the Trump administration has undertaken more big diplomatic initiatives than probably all previous post-Cold War administrations combined. The breakthrough in Gaza, efforts to end the war in Ukraine, the ongoing reform of American alliances, and efforts to renegotiate the trade relationship with China show that Americans are capable of wielding diplomacy as an instrument of strategic statecraft in the style of Teddy Roosevelt. The Trump administration has also had success resolving a number of seemingly intractable regional conflicts, including Azerbaijan–Armenia, India–Pakistan, Egypt–Ethiopia, Thailand–Cambodia, and Rwanda–DRC.

And Secretary of State Rubio's reforms are refocusing the State Department on its core mission. We are on the right track, and it is important that we stay on it."

**Mike Wheeler**, the Small Business and Consumers Alliance Regional Communications Advisor, writing on the Dangers of Third-Party Lawsuit Financing:



Florida State Senate Judiciary Committee approval of legislation that will bring transparency to the legal process and help put the brakes on third party financing of lawsuits, is a big win for consumers and national security. Currently, there are big investors and even investment funds that provide capital financing for lawsuits. The longer a case goes, the more likely there is to be a big settlement. These investors know this and are willing to play the waiting game by financing the legal work necessary to keep a lawsuit going. On the one hand, it seems that this should be a free-market solution for a plaintiff that should be left unregulated. However, there are some very good reasons to have some basic regulation in place. The main reason for demanding regulation relates to national security and the protection of American companies' private intellectual property. Peter Charles Choharis of the American Security Project noted in a recent piece he wrote that: 'U.S. adversaries and competitors could be using this practice (third party financing) to steal or misappropriate intellectual property, obtain confidential business or industry information, and harass U.S. businesses and even entire industries without oversight or accountability. The potential for states like Russia and China to use Third Party Litigation Financing as a conduit for economic espionage presents a potential threat to U.S. strategic interests.' It is only right that juries know when a plaintiff (who may look as though he is acting alone) is being bankrolled by a lawsuit investment cartel.... The least litigation financiers could do would be to disclose to juries that a bigger entity is financing the lawsuit as a means of profiteering so that juries can use that information to make an informed decision. Presuming that juries don't make decisions on the basis of who the plaintiff is and who stands to benefit in a jury award is naïve at best. More transparency is important. This is also important for consumers. The fact is that the cost for lawsuits aimed at businesses and insurance companies is always passed along to their customers. Legitimate lawsuits are a part of doing business. But artificially pumping them up with foreign funding ends up being a drain on American citizens. Casting light on the otherwise dark money practice of litigation financing is an excellent way to protect American consumers and businesses alike."

American Security Council Foundation Senior Analyst Laurence F. Sanford, writing on Spies on the Space Coast in his "Sanford on Security" publication:

"Spies on the Space Coast are making a mockery of America's security systems and law enforcement agencies. They blatantly utilize all tradecraft techniques, including 'honey trap,' intrusions, drones, balloons, trespass, and electronic gathering. Yet law enforcement at all levels, from the FBI to

local police, to the judicial system, to the political system, gives the spies, when caught, a slap on the wrist and sets them free. The Space Coast, located in Florida's Brevard County, is home to: Cape Canaveral space facilities, where NASA, SpaceX, and Blue Origin launch rockets vital to US national security; U.S. Space Force Patrick base, whose mission is the control of space launches and warfare training for space. It is the Department of War's East Coast spaceport; and the Naval Ordnance Test Unit (NOTU) which tests submarine ballistic missiles. 'Vanity Fair' recently published 'Spylandia: How a Stretch of Florida Real Estate Has Become a Covert Corridor for Chinese and Russian Spies.' The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) is waging 'unrestricted warfare' or a 'smokeless war' against the United States and Western Civilization. The CCP and Islamism have formed a Red/Green alliance to undermine and subjugate the US and the West. The 'enemy of my enemy is my friend.' The CCP's unrestricted warfare is unrelenting and encompassing: Honey trap espionage - attractive Chinese females seduce prominent politicians, businessmen, military personnel, and academics: Eric Swalwell, the U.S. Representative and current candidate for governor of California, was supported socially and financially by Fang Fang, a suspected Chinese spy. The FBI eventually gave a defensive briefing to Swalwell on Fang Fang, and he terminated his relationship. She is no longer in the U.S. Bars in Brevard County near space launch control are scenes of Chinese women 'cold bumping' men for introduction and then probing them for work responsibilities and personal vulnerabilities. Brazen behavior goes unpunished. Foreign diplomats who aren't supposed to travel in the U.S. feign vacation travel to Disney World but never actually visit it. They disappear into Florida with its Space Coast, 21 military installations, hundreds of defense contractors, three military combatant commands, and other critical infrastructure....A Chinese-made drone launched from a vessel at sea breached restricted airspace over Kennedy Space Center prior to a manned SpaceX launch to the International Space Station. It flew four times higher than permitted for recreational use. The drone returned to the vessel, but security could not get an interdiction team to it before it bugged out. 71-year-old [Xiao Guang Pan](#) was arrested by the feds for flying drones on three separate occasions over Cape Canaveral Space Force Station and photographing payload processing stations, munition bunkers, and other sensitive installations. He pled guilty, was placed on probation, and deported to Canada....The list of Chinese intelligence operatives operating with impunity against America and Western Civilization are endless. Yet government authorities seem hapless and helpless in protecting and delivering justice for blatant breaches of

security protocols. The FBI, with limited resources, is overwhelmed with Chinese espionage cases, Russian spies, Islamic jihadists, North Korean cyber warfare, and Mexican cartels. The U.S. judicial system is designed for American freedoms and the presumption of innocence. Foreign nationals are not Americans, and there is no necessity that they be afforded the liberties and due process of American citizens. A new court system should be established to prosecute foreign nationals who break the law and pose a

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## THOUGHTS TO PONDER

“Donald Trump rarely does anything for only one reason. Our conflict with Iran should be seen as just the latest and most violent step in a carefully designed global policy mosaic which, when complete, will re-establish the United States as the predominant political, military and economic power on the planet. To do this he must severely reduce the capacity of China to challenge our dominance without risking a great power war which would destroy both countries. President Trump realized this from the beginning. Recall that, in his first term, his earliest foreign visits were to Saudi Arabia, to begin to counter Chinese efforts to expand their support for Iran and penetration into the economies of other Persian Gulf countries....At this point, President Trump’s America First strategy seems to be winning the day. Today the major threat to his success – to America’s success – is the rabid anti-Trump opposition of the Democrat Party which, under control of its far-left wing and wealthy foreign leftist donors, has morphed in recent years into our country’s primary internal enemy. If the Dems are turned aside in the coming midterm elections, the Trump grand strategy will deliver a golden age for America at home and abroad. But if our Marxist enemies win control of either House, much will be lost and the shining vision of a golden future which Donald Trump offers to America, and the world will be tarnished.”

--**Former U.S. Ambassador Stanley Escudero**, writing on the President’s grand strategy

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“There was no moment in presidential history in my lifetime that was as strong as President Reagan’s ‘Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall’ line – until last night. And that moment was when President Trump said: ‘If you agree with this statement, then stand up and show your support: The first duty of the American government is to protect American citizens, not illegal aliens.’ That’s the easiest applause line ever presented in American politics. You shouldn’t even think, you just stand

up. That's not even partisan. And yet, zero Democrats stood up. You can't clap for removing dangerous rapists and criminals from the country? We can disagree on immigration all you want. We can debate visa quotas. You can argue about asylum reform. But when you can't stand for deporting violent criminals, that's not a strategy. That's the end of your brand. That's moral confusion. I was stunned by that."

--Political commentator **Glenn Beck**, on the greatest line in President Trump's State of the Union speech

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"Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei may have been one of modern history's biggest monsters, but you'd never know it from reading America's two most prominent newspapers. The ayatollah's nearly four-decade reign of terror came to an inglorious end when he was killed by an airstrike in President Trump's regime change operation, terminating his command of the Islamic Republic with extreme prejudice. But while Iranians and the civilized world celebrated his demise, the "New York Times" glossed over his repressive rule with a headline that downplayed the reality that he was a brutal dictator and a religious fanatic. It was even worse at the "Washington Post," which, in its own obit for the dearly departed despot, described Khamenei almost as a benevolent Santa Claus type of figure, with his bushy white beard and easy smile...Fact check: Khamenei was a ruthless tyrant who kept a radical Islamic boot on the necks of Iranians and presided over the country during a time when it became the world's top exporter of terrorism."

--Bizpacreview.com writer **Chris Donaldson**, on the Times' and Post's "slobbering"

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"At the State of the Union, the President asked everyone in attendance to stand if they agree that the first duty of the American government is to protect American citizens, not illegal aliens. What followed was shocking. While I stood along with every Republican, every single Democrat remained seated. The Democrats can't hide the truth any longer. I saw it with my own two eyes – and so did the entire country! These radicals will never stand for America to succeed if it means giving President Trump and his voters like you even an ounce of credit. While Republicans stand firmly behind the American people, Democrats HATE our country and the people who make it great."

--**Texas Senator Ted Cruz**, on standing for America

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"I'm constantly reminded of Germany in 1935, what was happening there, the Brownshirts, those people that are marching through, particularly Berlin and rounding up people, putting them in boxcars, sending them off. Now, this administration wants to build large detention centers and for what?" That voice, spouting a vile and historically bankrupt comparison, belongs to Morgan Freeman, the man who once embodied wisdom on screen but has traded it all in for

deranged political talking points.... Freeman's invocation of Nazi Germany is not just offensive; it's an intellectually bankrupt and disgraceful fabrication that desecrates the memory of the millions who suffered under that evil regime. To compare the Trump administration to the architects of the Holocaust is a slander of the highest order. This kind of paranoid fantasy is what happens when you spend too much time in the Beverly Hills bubble.... At the end of the day, this isn't just about one actor's meltdown. It's a clear signal from the cultural establishment that they no longer wish to tell America's stories; they just want to scream their contempt for half of it."

--"Patriot Journal" writer **Cole Harrison**, on comparing the Trump Administration to Nazi Germany

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### UPCOMING BREVARD COUNTY EVENTS

- April 1: Brevard Federated Republican Women meeting, Space Coast Convention Center, Cocoa, 11:30 am.
  - April 2: Heritage Isle Republican Club meeting, Heritage Isle Clubhouse, 10 am.
  - April 3: Federated Republican Women in Action meeting, Memaw's BBQ, Palm Bay, 11 am.
  - April 13: Space Coast Patriots meeting, Merritt Island library, 6 pm.
  - April 16: Republican Women's Club of Brevard meeting, Suntree Country Club, 11 am.
  - April 16: Florida Republican Assembly Brevard meeting, 705 Harrison Avenue, Titusville, 6:30 pm.
  - April 16: Space Coast Young Republicans meeting, Whiskey Business, Melbourne, 6:30 pm.
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  - April 21: North Brevard Republican Club meeting, the North Brevard Shrine Hall, Titusville, 6:30 pm.
  - April 25: Space Coast Republican Club meeting, Red Lobster, Merritt Island, 11:30 am.
  - April 27: Ronald Reagan Club meeting, Oceanside Community Church, Satellite Beach, 6 pm.
  - April 28: Republican Liberty Caucus of Brevard meeting, Italian American Club Melbourne, 7pm
- Brevard Republican Executive Committee – to be determined

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**ABOUT THE NEWSLETTER.** Through email, website and Facebook, we are now reaching nearly 2,000 people on our ever-increasing distribution list. The newsletter goes to readers not only all over the country, but beyond. **Editor Stuart Gorin** and

**Designer Frank Montelione** hope to see the numbers continue to grow as we pass on information. We continue to cover activities of the Brevard Republican Executive Committee, Republican clubs in the county, and conservative organizations, so both elected officials and the typical “man-in-the-street” are kept abreast of what is happening at the local, state and national levels. Since Republicans as well as Conservatives will never agree 100 percent on all issues – for example, differences between Conservative members and establishment Republicans – we will not necessarily support any writer’s positions, but will present them so you, the reader, can make up your own mind – fair and balanced. There is a link to this issue at [www.thetusk.org](http://www.thetusk.org) and several recent back issues are available in the archives on the same website. To sign up for your free subscription (or to unsubscribe, if you are so inclined), or to send your comments, suggestions or information to share, email: [spacecoasttusk@gmail.com](mailto:spacecoasttusk@gmail.com).

## COMICAL CLOSERS

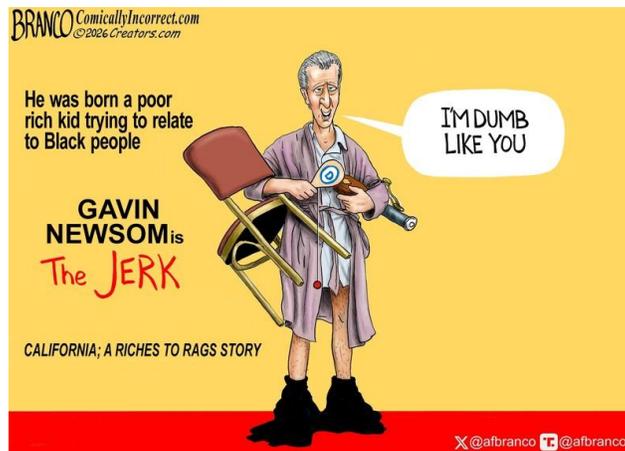
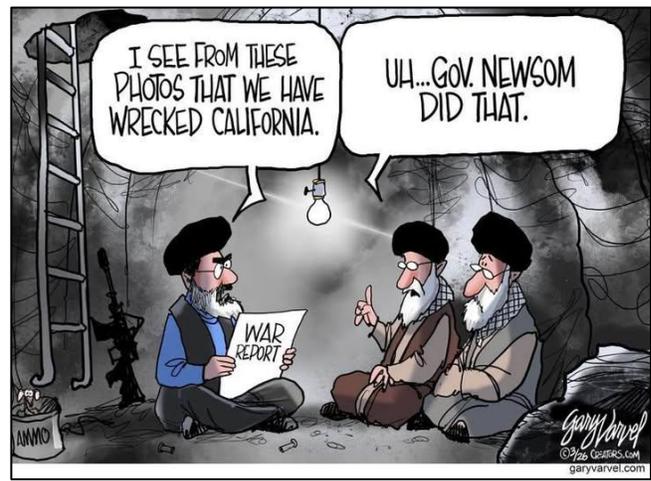
--If you can believe the satirical website “The Babylon Bee,” Democrats are furious over Secretary of War Pete Hegseth audaciously spending U.S. dollars on food for U.S. soldiers instead of funding Somali daycare centers in Minnesota. Financial records reveal he did not send a single penny from the Department of War to fund any "Learing Centers." A miffed Democrat Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer said that "Giving soldiers things to eat is fascism 101. I will never rest until I bring down this corrupt administration that is wasting taxpayer money that could have gone to the Minneapolis ‘Chilrens Scool Hous.’" He was further devastated to learn that Hegseth even provided the soldiers with a small dessert.

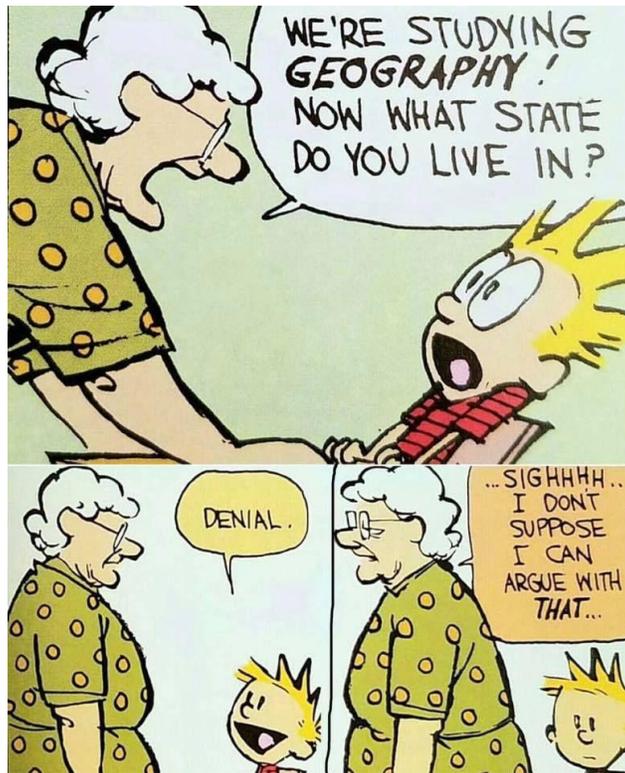
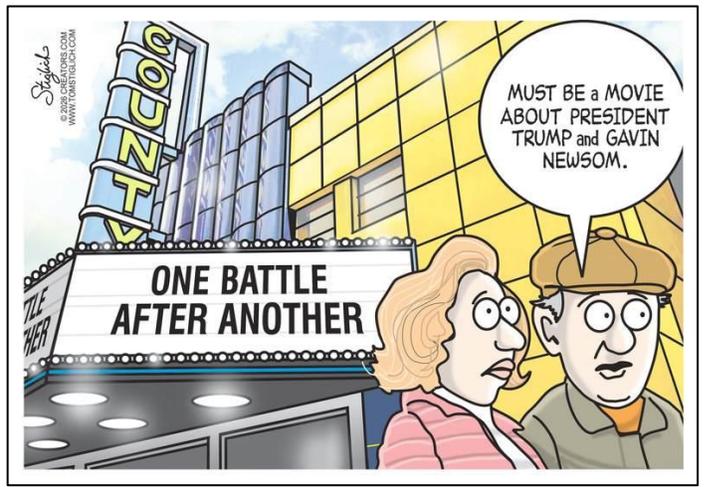
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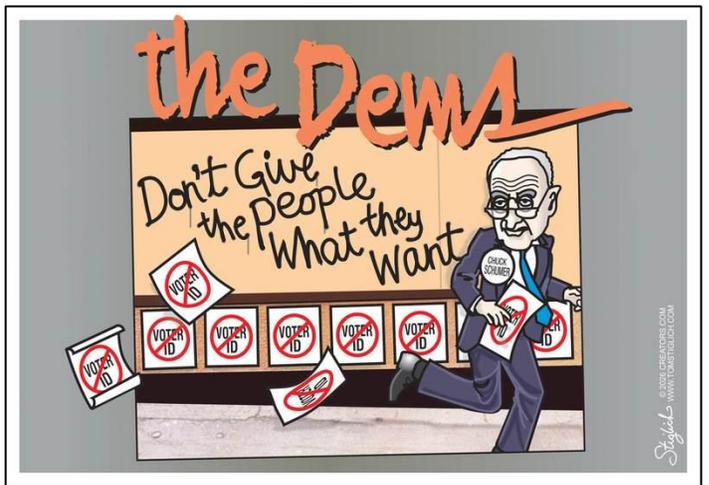
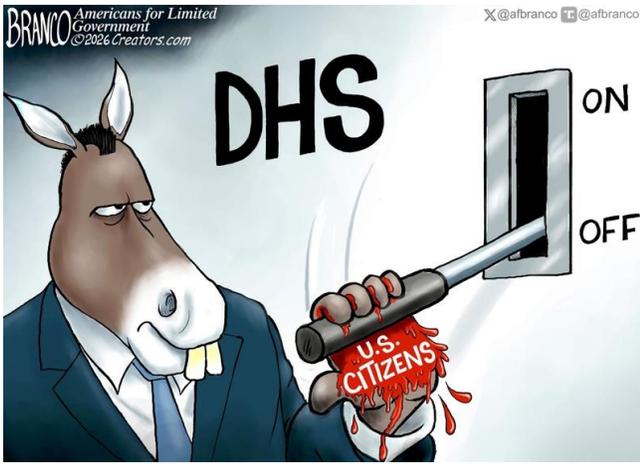
The “Bee” also reported that Iran originally planned to attack California but cancelled those plans once it realized that Governor Gavin Newsom had already destroyed the state.

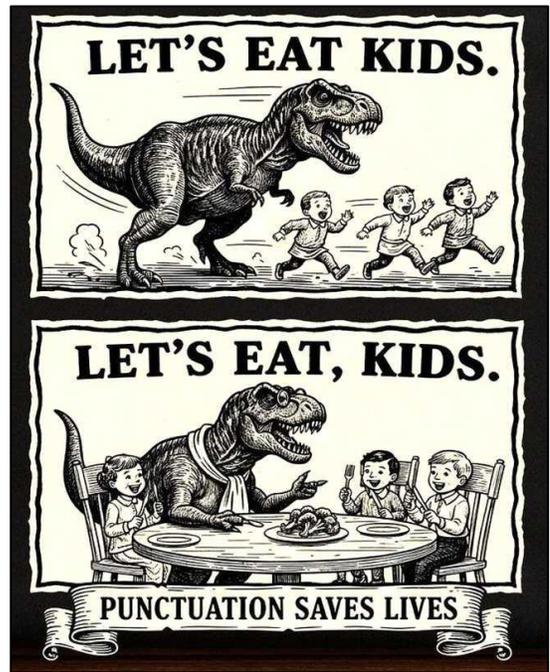
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**Stuart and Frank Wish Our Readers  
A Happy Passover and a Blessed Easter**

*"Zissen Pesach!"*

*"May the miracle of Easter bring you renewed faith"*

