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BREVARD COUNTY REPUBLICANS HOLD SUCCESSFUL LINCOLN/REAGAN DINNER

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK:

MY TWO CENTS

By Stuart Gorin

--For years, we celebrated the second Monday in October as Columbus Day, honoring the Italian explorer who discovered America. Then, in 2021, White House occupant Joseph Robinette Biden declared that because Christopher Columbus treated Native Americans brutally, the holiday would be called "Indigenous Peoples' Day." But now President Trump has reinstated the federal holiday as Columbus Day.

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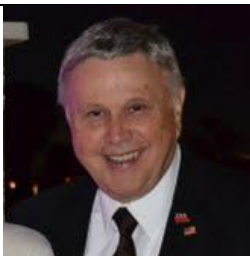
--Kentucky resident James Farthing, vacationing in St. Petersburg, Florida, got into a fist-fight with another man that escalated when sheriff's deputies attempted to break up the brawl. But responding with violence, Farthing reportedly kicked one deputy and was arrested. He was kept behind bars, because Kentucky records showed he was on parole for a series of prior convictions, including theft and drug-related offenses. He's probably hoping to get just a fine – any amount – because just three days before his arrest, Farthing purchased a \$2 Powerball ticket at a Kentucky gas station...and won a jackpot worth \$167.3 million, which is the largest ever recorded in the state.

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--Rules apparently don't matter to Texas Democrat Congresswoman Jasmine Crockett, who barged ahead of two passengers in wheelchairs about to board a jetliner in Atlanta on May 4. Aviation rules state that persons with disabilities board first, so what exactly is Crockett's disability? Does rudeness count? Said podcaster Todd Starnes: "Crockett may be flying first class, but that lady is nothing but low-class."

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More than 300 supporters of the Brevard Republican Executive Committee (BREC) enjoyed its annual Lincoln/Reagan Dinner in Port Canaveral on May 9, despite the unexpected no-show of the guest speaker, **Florida Senator Ashley Moody**.



At the last minute, she was asked to remain in Washington that same day, joining several other legislators to meet with the President in the White House Oval Office, as **Donald Trump**



signed several documents on issues they supported. Her son, **Connor**, joined her.

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--Question: Is Justice Amy Coney Barrett's full name really Amy Coney Barrett Souter????

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--When news broke this month that former President Joe Biden's prostate cancer had metastasized, as a prostate cancer survivor myself, I have absolutely no understanding why his "handlers" neglected to have him continue with annual PSA tests – which are quick and painless. But it certainly helps explain the idiotic decisions that came out of the Whitehouse those four years. Were they really his? Was he even aware of them?

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More Two Cents next month.

This was the first bill that Moody has passed through Congress since replacing **Senator and now-Secretary of State Marco Rubio**. Moody, who was asked by the President to join him during the bill signing, said she was "proud to take this fight head on to ensure that small businesses and American families are not shouldering the cost of the last administration's nonsensical regulatory state." Her son **Connor** joined her.

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BREC Chairman Rick Lacey opened the meeting by showing a brief video of Moody explaining her absence and saying she would make it up by visiting with BREC members as soon as she could.

The video was followed by a spiritual invocation from **Father Matthew Newcomb**, an appearance by the Cocoa Beach JROTC Color Guard, and **Titusville Mayor Andrew Connors** leading the group with the Pledge of Allegiance, and the singing of the National Anthem – beginning the very patriotic evening.

Lacey reminded everyone to keep their Souvenir Programs, and support those businesses who advertised in it, supporting us. The 2025 program, he said, set a new record for the number of business ads in it – more than ever before.

The Chairman also reminded the attendees that "we need to work together to insure a victory for our Republican candidates in Brevard County's June 10 special election for State Senator candidate **Debbie Mayfield** and State Representative candidate **Brian Hodgers**.



Florida District 8 State Senator Tom Wright, appearing on the program, said he is proud to be serving in the Legislature, and has one more year before he is term limited. A great Republican ally, Wright said he is working "to make Florida a safe state."

Former **Florida House Speaker and recent appointee to the Board of Governors of the State University System Paul Renner**, also on the program, said that during his term, school choice was made better, and diversity, equity and inclusion were eliminated. He said the heartbeat bill was passed as well, to protect life.



Lacey presented the dinner's annual awards to these members:

Business of the Year to Meehan Office & Arts Supplies of Melbourne

Volunteer of the Year to long-time former **BREC Secretary Paul Oddo**

Elected Legislator of the Year to **State Senator Tom Wright**

Republican of the Year to both **Kevin McKeown**, chairman of The Republican Club of Brevard, and his wife, **Susan McKeown**, president of the Republican Women's Club of Brevard



To close the evening's events, **Florida District 11 State Senator Blaise Ingoglia** told the audience "You are the grass roots and heart and soul of the GOP." He then said there are ten rules for Republicans to follow, and listed them as:

No. 10 – Stand up for veterans and first responders.

No. 9 – Stop politically correct BS.

No. 8 – Republicans need to fight for our values.

No. 7 – Be a true leader, not a follower.

No. 6 – Never apologize for saying "God Bless America".

No. 5 – Beware of wolves in sheep's clothing.

No. 4 – Be an optimist.

No. 3 – Protect Florida's Constitution at all costs.

No. 2 – Be true to yourself.

And No. 1 – Never, ever, be a "Number Two" – second place is not good enough.

TRUMP CELEBRATES 100 DAYS OF HIS SECOND ADMINISTRATION

President Donald Trump flew to Warren, Michigan, on April 29 -- the 100th day of his second administration -- and held a 90-minute rally before 4,000 enthusiastic supporters and a nationally-televised audience.



He celebrated the quick end to rampant illegal immigration on the U.S. Southern border, the deportation of thousands of illegal immigrant criminals and gang members. new trade policies that are driving

dozens of manufacturers back to the United States, and ridding the government of “woke” diversity, equity and inclusion policies and regulations.

Dismissing criticism of his tariff policy that has adversely affected Wall Street, the President said jobs are coming back and trade deals are in the works from countries clamoring to sell their products in the United States. And he touted lower gas prices, dropping mortgage rates and a decrease in core inflation and consumer prices.

“This is all done in 100 days, but when you watch the fake news, you see fake polls,” Trump told the crowd. He promised big tax cuts, including no tax on tips, overtime or Social Security, along with higher wages and an end to inflation. Social Security and Medicaid would be protected and preserved, he said, adding “We’ve just gotten started, You haven’t seen anything yet.”

The President no trouble reviving his campaign-trail persona, giving shout-outs to regulars who have attended many of his rallies, and he invited several officials to speak a few words at the microphone.

As he has at nearly every rally, Trump contested the legitimacy of his 2020 loss to former President Joe Biden, and he accused Democrats of cheating in elections. He attacked the party as “totally crazy” and hell-bent on impeaching him again. ‘They have no confidence any more as a party. They have no candidates,” he said.

He also credited Michigan for getting him elected, and paving the way for a second term that he said will be steeped in more actions to return the country to greatness.

He pledged to revive Michigan’s auto industry, saying “It’s going to happen really soon. It’s already happening, they’re signing left and right because of my taxation and tariff policies, which are policies of common sense – and genius. “The automobile business in Michigan will be bigger and stronger and better than ever before. It’s going to get better than ever before, and it won’t even be close.”

Prior to his rally, the President stopped at Michigan’s Selfridge Air National Guard Base in Harrison Township, where he announced the addition of 21 new F-15EXs fighter jets. The move will save the base from closure by giving it a new mission with state-of-the-art equipment. Extending the life of the base has been a top priority for Democrat Governor Gretchen Whitmer, who appeared at Selfridge to thank Trump.

SOUNDS FROM THE TRUMP-ET



--President Donald Trump -- accompanied by Vice President J.D. Vance and Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth -- visited Arlington National Cemetery on Memorial Day, May 26,

laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and saluted during the playing of “Taps.”

Then delivering remarks to the assembled crowd, he honored the sacrifices of all military veterans who gave their lives while serving their country. “Every day the Republic stands,” Trump said, “is only possible because of those who did what had to be done when duty called. Our debt to them is eternal, and it does not diminish with time. It only grows and grows and grows with each passing year. The greatest monument to their courage is not carved in marble or cast in bronze. It’s all around us, an American nation, 325 million strong.”

Speaking of several fallen heroes by name, the President explained that their family members were present for the solemn occasion.

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--By one vote on May 22, the U.S. House of Representatives passed President Trump’s “big, beautiful bill” containing sweeping tax and spending cuts, funding for border security and the national defense and policy changes designed to spur American energy production.

The 215-214 House vote capped a week of uncertainty as more than a dozen Republicans threatened to oppose the bill over various concerns, when GOP leaders could afford to lose no more than three. In the end, only two Republicans voted against the bill -- Warren Davidson of Ohio and Thomas Massie of Kentucky -- and Andy Harris of Maryland voted “present.”

The measure now heads to the Senate, where Republicans are eyeing changes to the legislation and hoping to pass it by July 4. The Republican Party is using the filibuster-proof budget reconciliation process to avoid having to compromise with Democrats.

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--On President Trump’s four-day trip this month to Saudi Arabia, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates, there were plenty of financial agreements struck. These included Saudi Arabia investing in medical and military research, as well as deals on oil; Qatar buying Boeing jets and U.S. arms; and the UAE building an artificial intelligence campus. Qatar even offered the President a new jet plane to replace the aging Air Force One. Everywhere he went, he was received with lavish welcomes, including opulent palaces, fighter jet escorts, and parades.

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--According to “For America The Cannon,” during President Trump’s first 100 days in office, he issued 142 executive

orders, deported 65,000 illegal aliens, saw 26 American hostages released, met at the White House with 11 world leaders, had 5 press conferences, and had estimated DOGE savings of \$160 billion.

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--Starting a new tradition on May 19, President Trump presented a "Medal of Sacrifice" to the families of three Palm Beach County, Florida law enforcement officers who were tragically struck by a vehicle and killed in November 2024, while on the side of the road dealing with a broken-down patrol motorcycle after a traffic stop. The medal ceremony honored Corporal Luis Paez, Jr.; Deputy Sheriff Butch Walker, Jr.; and Deputy Sheriff Ignacio Dan Diaz. In a nation that sometimes forgets its heroes, Trump told the officers' loved ones, "The country is eternally grateful for their sacrifice. We'll never forget their legacy, and we'll never forget the debt we owe all of these great law enforcement heroes who have given their lives to keep our communities safe and make America strong again."

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--Trump has selected General Michael Guetlein, the Space Force Vice Chief of Space Operations, to oversee the effort to get the Golden Dome missile shield up and running before he leaves office, completing a vision for national missile defense that dates to the Reagan era. "Once fully constructed," he said, "the Golden Dome will be capable of intercepting missiles even if they are launched from other sides of the world."

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--After relieving former Congressman Mike Waltz as National Security Advisor, President Trump announced on May 1 he is naming him U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations and temporarily appointing Secretary of State Marco Rubio to be the acting Security Advisor.

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--In an important step to bring faith back to the nation, the President signed an executive order on May 1 to create the Presidential Commission on Religious Liberty, which will be led by Texas Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick and former Secretary of Health Dr. Ben Carson. Also appointed to the commission is First Liberty President Kelly Shackelford.

The Commission will produce a comprehensive report on "the foundations of religious liberty in America, the impact of religious liberty on American society, current threats to domestic religious liberty, strategies to preserve and enhance religious liberty protections for future generations and programs to increase awareness of and celebrate America's peaceful religious pluralism." It will be completed on or before July 4, 2026 – the 250th anniversary of the birth of our nation.

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--Following up on suggestions from the Media Research Center, the President on May 1 also issued an executive order cancelling taxpayer funding for National Public Radio (NPR) and the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS), because today the media landscape is filled with abundant, diverse, and

innovative news options. "Government funding of news media in this environment," the executive order states, "is not only outdated and unnecessary, but corrosive to the appearance of journalist independence. At the very least, Americans have the right to expect that if their tax dollars fund public broadcasting at all, they fund only fair, accurate, unbiased, and nonpartisan news coverage."

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--In response to the President's executive order to increase U.S. mineral production, the Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council has installed projects to be featured as FAST-41 transparency projects.

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--The President designated May 8 as World War II "Victory Day" in the United States, coinciding with the "Victory in Europe Day" celebrated in many countries since the 1945 German surrender. America should join in, he said, "because we did more than any other country, by far, in producing a victorious result."

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--In a decisive move to protect students and restore order in America's classrooms, President Donald Trump signed an executive order dismantling the Obama-Biden administration's racially biased school discipline policies. These disastrous guidelines, first imposed in 2014 and later reinstated by the Biden administration, forced schools to ignore misconduct by certain racial groups to avoid federal scrutiny – putting politics over student safety. Under Trump's leadership, commonsense discipline is returning to schools, ensuring that teachers can maintain safe learning environments without fear of federal retaliation.

The Obama-era guidance, issued by the Department of Justice and Department of Education, weaponized civil rights laws to pressure schools into adopting discriminatory discipline practices. If black students were disciplined at higher rates than white students – regardless of their behavior – schools risked losing federal funding. This reckless policy led to chaos in classrooms, as administrators turned a blind eye to violence and disruption to avoid appearing "racially biased." As the executive order states, "The letter effectively required schools to discriminate on the basis of race by imposing discipline based on racial characteristics, rather than on objective behavior alone."

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--The President announced on May 4 he would rebuild and reopen the infamous Alcatraz prison in the waters off San Francisco that had been closed for years. The island fortress once held men like Al Capone and "Machine Gun" Kelly and earned a reputation for being nearly escape-proof.

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--Trump has withdrawn Dr. Janette Nesheiwat's nomination for Surgeon General, instead naming Dr. Casey Means to the post. The decision followed criticism of Nesheiwat's pro-vaccine stance, and she will now serve in a different capacity

under Health and Human Services Secretary Robert Kennedy, Jr.

The President also withdrew the name of Edward Martin to be the chief prosecutor in Washington, D.C., Replacing him, Trump nominated former Judge and Fox News host Jeanine Pirro.

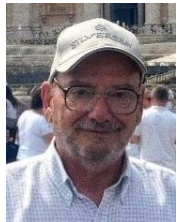
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--Trump's pick for U.S. ambassador to China – former Georgia Republican Senator David Perdue – was sworn in on May 7 by Secretary of State Marco Rubio, just days before a highly anticipated meeting with China.

In Beijing, Perdue – who also spent years as a CEO of several companies in the business field – will promote American interests and stability in the Indo-Pacific, help stop the flood of Chinese fentanyl across our borders, ensure the safety of our citizens overseas, and promote peace in the region and in the world.

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--Government officials whom President Trump fired in May included Librarian of Congress Carla Hayden, for pursuing diversity, equity and inclusion programs; and Register of Copyrights Shira Perlmuter, for reporting how using copyrighted material to train artificial intelligence technology could overstep laws governing fair use.



LET ME BE FRANK By Space Coast Tusk Designer Frank Montelione

Elections have consequences, unless you're a Democrat. In that case, ignore the polls, ignore the results of the election, ignore the reason for their failures.

The Democrats are landing on the wrong side of almost every issue that is important to the American citizen. Whether it's the border, the economy, national security or trade.

Let's look at **immigration**. Roughly one-third of U.S. adults (32%) say all immigrants living in the country illegally should be deported, while 16% say none should be deported. About half (51%) say at least some should face deportation according to Pew Research. ([Americans' Views of Deportation](#))

Recently, the Arlington, Virginia County Commission voted to bar any interactions between local law enforcement and ICE. Takis Karantonis, Chair Arlington County Board stated on May 13th; "The rhetoric and actions of this administration have led to tremendous stress and fear in our community, and we want to make sure all residents feel safe in engaging with local government, particularly with local law enforcement." U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and their law enforcement partners conducted an operation in northern Virginia that took place from March 1 to 13 and apprehended 214 illegal aliens. They focused on organized crime, gangs,

and illegal alien offenders. They targeted gangs including MS-13 and 18th Street gangs. The 18th Street gang is the juvenile arm of MS-13.

Arlington is not alone. 11 states are considered Sanctuary States, all run by Democrats. These states harbor some of the most vicious illegals whose crimes range from homicides, rapes, extortion, human trafficking and other crimes against the values of our nation. Many have been convicted or charged with these crimes in the nations they originated in.



Democratic Rep. LaMonica McIver was charged with assaulting a federal law enforcement officer in the May 10th incident at an ICE detention facility in Newark, New Jersey. 75%

of those housed in this facility have criminal convictions or pending criminal convictions. These are the people that the demonstrators were there to support. Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY) even ominously warned the federal government that Democrats would bring down the house if it tried to charge McIver: "It's a red line. They know better than to go down that road." AOC warned "You lay a finger on someone, on Rep. Bonnie Watson Coleman... or any of the representatives that were there, you lay a finger on them, we are going to have a problem".

Milwaukee County Circuit Judge Nannah Dugan has been charged for allegedly helping a Mexican man, Eduardo Flores-Ruiz evade immigration officials through a back door during an arrest attempt. A **statement Homeland Security spokesman said** the illegal alien "has a laundry list of violent criminal charges including strangulation and suffocation, battery, and domestic abuse. Ruiz illegally entered the US twice.

There have been numerous district courts that have issued injunctions or rulings that have limited or challenged ICE's actions, particularly regarding immigration policies and deportations. These decisions by District Courts making national policy outside their district will eventually make their way to the Supreme Court.



Then there is the **transgender athlete** controversy. A [New York Times/Ipsos poll](#) conducted in January found broad opposition to whether transgender athletes should be allowed to compete in women's sports. 79% of American adults said they "should not" be allowed, while 18% said they "should be allowed."

In 2025, a significant number of states mostly run by Democrats, allow transgender athletes to participate in sports

aligned with their “gender identity”. Specifically, states like California, Colorado, Delaware, District of Columbia, and New York, among others, have policies or laws that support this inclusion.

A Republican-led bill that would prohibit federally funded schools from allowing transgender athletes from participating in women's sports was blocked unanimously by Senate Democrats.

The unfairness in sports has been seen in cases such as Leah Thomas, a biological male, was allowed by the NCAA to compete in women’s swimming events and crashed many records held by real women.

In fencing competition, Stephanie Turner refused to compete in a women’s event against a challenger. She believed that the athlete at the other end of the strip was not like her in one crucial way. The other competitor was a biological man.

“I told them that I was refusing to fence because this person is a man, and I’m a woman, and this is a women’s tournament and I refuse to fence on principle,” Turner told Fox News.

House committee hearings on **anti-semitism** on college campuses showed how embarrassingly one-sided that fight against bigotry has become. With Jew-hatred being normalized in universities across the country, Republicans have focused on the problem while Democrats have demonstrated, to a truly stunning degree, that they didn’t care.

It follows a pattern of indifference. In January 2024, Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) told Columbia University’s then-president, Minouche Shafik, that despite rampant obstruction, harassment and even violence against Jewish students since October 7, 2023, “political problems are really only with Republicans.”

On May 7th as university presidents from Haverford College, DePaul University and California Polytechnic State University fumbled their attempts to justify inaction in the face of calls for genocide, harassment of Jewish students and vandalism. Only Republican members of the education committee called out the lack of a response from administrators as Jewish students were assaulted, intimidated and harassed daily—not for their politics or support for Israel, but for being Jewish.

Rep. Randy Fine (R-Fla.), questioned why Harvard still employed a professor who believes that “Zionist” students should be denied access to education, the House Education and Workforce Committee chair, Rep. Tim Walberg (R-Mich.), read into the record a letter from Haverford’s on Campus Rabbi stating that although “Jewish students have been marginalized, ostracized, and at times outright attacked, ... their pain has been met with indifference.”

Bill Clinton in his 1995 State of the Union address promised to speed up the deportation of illegal immigrants who were arrested for crimes and "to better identify illegal aliens in the workplace."

Barack Obama, who has been referred to as the "deporter in chief" by immigration groups, over 2.5 million immigrants were removed from the country between 2009 and 2015.

Hillary Clinton, who was a senator for New York at the time, spoke to the Council on Foreign Relations in 2006 about immigration, and notably argued for "tougher employer sanctions," physical barriers and increased security.

Senator Joe Biden. "We’ve got to get tougher with employers. In fact, the person we should send to jail is not the illegals, we send to jail the employers," Biden said during a 2007 campaign event.



So, what went wrong? Simply stated, it seems the Democrat party, as a whole are suffering from a severe case of TDS (Trump Derangement Syndrome). Because of this condition, it is obvious that their party seems to be on the wrong side of every issue that helped Donald Trump, and the Republicans assume power in the 2024 elections. We should thank them and hope they continue their wrong sided rhetoric and help us increase our numbers in every aspect of our government.



HIGHLIGHTING CAPITOL HILL

By Mike Haridopolos
Florida District 8 Congressman



Isn’t it nice to have a President that actually delivers on the promises he campaigned on? That’s exactly what we’re seeing today with the advancement of the “One Big Beautiful Bill”, a sweeping, thoughtful piece of legislation that reflects core conservative values: Rewarding hard work, easing the burden on working families, and importantly, respecting those who’ve spent a lifetime contributing to this country.

As House Republicans continue work on the One Big Beautiful Bill, much of the public attention has understandably focused on provisions designed to support today's workforce. Eliminating federal taxes on tips and overtime pay will return real dollars to the pockets of hardworking Americans and reinforce our commitment to rewarding labor. But meaningful tax reform must do more than address the needs of the present. It must also honor the generations who helped build this country through a lifetime of work, service, and sacrifice.

These men and women spent decades paying into the system, raising families, starting small businesses, and contributing to their communities. They never asked for special treatment, ly the assurance that the promises made to them would be kept. That is why this bill includes a key provision that deserves greater attention: Targeted tax relief for seniors. It is a common-sense and fiscally responsible measure that

recognizes the contributions of older Americans and offers real help to those living on fixed incomes.

Under this bill, Americans aged 65 and older with an income below \$75,000 as individuals (or \$150,000 for joint filers) will receive an additional \$4,000 standard deduction starting in the 2025 tax year. For those living on fixed incomes, especially those relying on Social Security benefits, this deduction is more than a line on a tax form. It's respect. It's recognition. It's a reflection of a nation that honors its commitments.

Let's remember: Social Security is not a handout. It is an earned benefit, paid into over the course of decades of work and sacrifice. This provision helps ensure that those benefits are not hindered by unnecessary tax burdens.

There are over 56 million Americans aged 65 or older. For many of them, the rising cost of living, whether it's groceries, utilities, or prescription medications, poses real challenges. By increasing the additional standard deduction, and extending it to itemizers as well, we're helping seniors retain more of what they've earned and saved. It's a common-sense approach that respects their dignity while promoting financial security.

Importantly, the deduction will begin to phase out gradually – at a rate of 4 percent – once incomes rise above \$75,000 for single filers and \$150,000 for couples. That's a fiscally responsible design that targets relief where it's needed most.

Effective governance means matching policy to principle. This senior tax deduction does exactly that: It's responsibly targeted, fiscally sound, and morally grounded. It honors the dignity of work and the people who spent decades contributing to our economy, without growing government or expanding dependency.

The One Big Beautiful Bill is built on the idea that we can empower Americans at every stage of life. For working families, for small business owners, and yes—for seniors who deserve to live with dignity after a lifetime of contributions.

This is good policy. This is responsible governance. This is something that President Trump and House Republicans campaigned on, and it's something we are determined to deliver on. And this is what happens when we prioritize the American people over bureaucratic inertia and political signaling.

Let's get this done!
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On May 16, I introduced my first piece of legislation, HR. 3343, The Greenlighting Growth Act. This bill will help small public companies by clarifying financial reporting requirements and removing outdated regulatory roadblocks to growth. It amends federal securities law to ensure that Emerging Growth Companies (EGCs) can continue to benefit from streamlined disclosure rules created under the bipartisan Jumpstart Our Business Startups (JOBS) Act of 2012.

Emerging Growth Companies are an engine of innovation and job creation across this country. This targeted legislation removes a needless roadblock and sends a clear message that we're committed to smart reforms that reward innovation, fuel growth, and keep America the best place in the world to start and scale a business.

Then on May 20, the House Committee on Financial Services favorably reported the measure. I want to thank Chairman Hill and my colleagues on the committee for advancing this legislation.



THE MAYFIELD MINUTE
By Debbie Mayfield
Florida District 32 State Representative

May is Military Appreciation Month, a time when we honor the exceptional courage, dedication, and selflessness of the members of our armed forces: Army, Air Force, Coast Guard, Marines, Navy, and Space Force. Military Appreciation Month was established by a Joint Resolution of Congress in 1999 and continues to be recognized annually in May to pay tribute to all service members.

Since November 2024, there has been a tremendous resurgence in recruitment and retention throughout the military. According to the Department of Defense, as of February 2025, five of the military branches met their recruiting goals after failing to do so in 2022 and 2023.

The U.S. Army leads the way in reaching its highest recruitment levels in 15 years. This exciting accomplishment comes just as the branch will celebrate their 250th birthday next month on June 14.

In Florida, we are fortunate to have the third largest military Veteran population in the nation with over 1.6 million Veterans living in our state, of which 67,000 reside in Brevard County.

Thank you to all Veterans and families who served our great nation and the active-duty service members continuing to serve. May God bless you and your families and keep you safe as you protect our country.
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Our country recognized National Police Week in honor and recognition of the women and men in law enforcement. In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation designating May 15 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day and the week surrounding this date as National Police Week. In 1994, President Bill Clinton signed a law to have flags flown at half-staff in all government buildings on May 15th each year out of respect for those serving and the lives lost in the line of duty.

The week-long observance in Washington, D.C. attracts crowds of 25,000 to 40,000 from across the United States for

a unique opportunity to celebrate law enforcement officers and share respect for those who serve, those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, and the family members left behind.

Florida always stands out as a leader in the support and empowerment of law enforcement officers, including the recent escalated efforts to combat illegal immigration. More than 100 Florida Highway Patrol troopers were sworn in as Special Deputy U.S. Marshals this month, and this authority allows our state troopers to execute federal warrants and remove dangerous illegal alien criminals from our communities.

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The 2025 Atlantic Hurricane Season begins Sunday, June 1 and lasts through Sunday, November 30. The season historically peaks in September, but catastrophic storms have been known to develop throughout all of the summer months. An average Atlantic Hurricane season experiences 14 storms of which half become hurricanes and three are categorized as major hurricanes (category 3 or higher).

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The last day of school for Brevard County is Tuesday, May 27, and the summer break officially begins on Wednesday, May 28. Brevard Public Schools offers many summer programs, and camps will run June 2 through June 23 at schools throughout the north, central, and southern parts of the county. The camps run from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for elementary school and 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for grades seven to 11.

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Florida's Main Street program began 40 years ago to help revitalize the state's historic downtown areas to encourage economic development along with historic preservation. Local communities have reported nearly \$7 billion in investments, more than 51,000 completed projects, and 11,000 new or expanded businesses. The program has helped to create more than 35,000 new jobs. Florida Main Street serves more than 50 communities across the state by providing technical assistance and encouraging economic development in Florida's historic districts.

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As part of ongoing efforts to clean and oxygenate the Indian River Lagoon, drones dropped millions of clams to improve the overall health of the waterway. Experts say the clams help to balance out algae blooms that deplete oxygen from the water largely caused by excess nutrients.

Clams use their gills to extract oxygen as they filter out their food, then expel the oxygen and siphon waste from the water. Recent testing shows the water quality in the northern Brevard area of the lagoon is in good condition, while the central area is having issues and the quality in the southern region is moderate.

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Florida State Parks and the Florida Prepaid College Savings Program are partnering for the fourth year to help families

invest in their children's future while enjoying the natural wonders of our State.

Through June 30, 2025, families can enter for a chance to win one of 10 prize packages that include a \$1,000 Florida 529 Savings Plan scholarship, a Florida State Parks Family Annual Pass, and a Junior Ranger gift pack featuring an inflatable stand-up paddle board.

"Florida State Parks play a role in inspiring curiosity, stewardship and a love of Florida's natural resources," said Florida Department of Environmental Protection Secretary Alexis A. Lambert. "Partnering with Florida Prepaid allows us to support families in connecting that sense of wonder with meaningful educational opportunities for the future."

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The *Orlando Business Journal* reported that nearly all Chambers of Commerce in Central Florida grew exponentially with record revenue in membership fees, sponsorships, and special event attendance.

Topping the Journal's list is the Greater Palm Bay Chamber of Commerce, citing the largest revenue increase in the region. PBCC grew by more than \$200,000 to reach revenue of over \$500,000.

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Space Coast Honor Flight has taken 2,128 Veterans, in recognition of their service, on 81 flights for a "Day of Honor" to visit our nation's Capital and the Memorials and landmarks representing the wars in which they so courageously fought.

The next trip is June 15, with a send-off reception taking place at the Wickham Park Senior Center in Melbourne. Veterans will arrive at 1:30 a.m. and the program begins at 2:45 a.m. The entire community is welcome to join in the send-off.



AN UPDATE FROM MY OFFICE

By Florida District 8 State Senator Tom Wright

The 2025 Legislative Session was one of the most dynamic and consequential in recent memory. It was marked by both important progress and unexpected delays.

While we didn't finish on time due to ongoing budget negotiations, the work we did accomplish laid a strong foundation for Florida's future.

As your Senator for District 8, I've always believed in results over rhetoric. This session, I focused on legislation rooted in real stories and real needs from the communities I serve. From enhancing public safety measures to protecting local control, I remained committed to ensuring that Tallahassee doesn't forget the voices of Volusia, Brevard, and beyond.

One of the defining issues this year was the state budget. While we were set to adjourn in early May, unresolved negotiations between the House and Senate kept the budget from being finalized. As a result, scheduled returning to

Tallahassee soon to complete that essential work. I remain optimistic that we will reach a resolution that reflects our shared priorities and fiscal responsibility.

I'm proud to report that over 25 local projects from our district are still under consideration for funding. These projects aren't just line items; they represent real solutions that impact real people. Whether it's upgrading emergency response systems, investing in mental health services, or strengthening infrastructure and education, I am fighting to ensure our communities receive the support they need and deserve.

In addition to budget work, I remained a strong advocate for Home Rule, fighting to preserve the ability of cities and counties to govern their own communities. This year, we saw several bills that would have stripped away local authority, especially in areas like zoning and code enforcement. I worked closely with my colleagues to push back on these overreaches, and I'm proud that several harmful provisions were either removed or significantly revised before final passage. I will always believe that the best decisions are made closest to the people they affect.

Looking ahead to the summer, my work is far from over. I'll be continuing my efforts with the University of South Florida on a groundbreaking study into the effects of Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT) for Veterans suffering from PTSD. We've already seen extraordinary anecdotal results through state-funded individual treatments, and now we're working to produce the kind of clinical evidence that can persuade federal VA officials to consider HBOT as a viable treatment rather than relying solely on pharmaceuticals.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you. I'll continue to keep you updated as we return to Tallahassee to complete the budget and pursue the critical work of building a safer, stronger Florida. If you have any questions, concerns, or need assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office at 386-304-7630 or email me at wright.tom@flsenate.gov. Until next time—stay safe, stay engaged, and stay informed.

THE BREC CORNER



By Chairman Rick Lacey

The Brevard Republican Executive Committee continues to grow, adding 9 new members on April 28, and 10 more at our May 19 meeting. It's important to keep growing, since we will face a major challenge as we enter the Mid-Term Election Season. History shows that it is an uphill fight for the party in the White House to increase seats in mid-terms.

However, I believe if we roll up our sleeves and get to work, we can make history beginning with the June 10 Special Election, in which **Debbie Mayfield** is on the ballot for a Florida State Senate seat, and **Brian Hodgers** is on for a State House one. Sign up for phone banks, early voting and door to door canvassing today.

I also presented some new ideas for fundraising at the May 19 meeting, including a Christmas in July rummage sale and a Victory Casino Cruise sailing from Port Canaveral.

BREC also approved to execute a direct-mail appeal in targeted precincts, and we announced **Marc Arrigo** and **Mary Ellen Galanopoulos** as Committee man and woman of the Month for April, and **Dan Heim** and **Caron McCullough** for May.

There will not be a June meeting. We will focus on winning the Special Election.

At the April 28 meeting, BREC members voted 95-16 to call for reforms to Florida's campaign finance laws, which were significantly altered in 2013, removing contribution limits for Political Committees and allowing unlimited transfers between them. While this change was well intended, it has made it difficult for voters to understand who is funding political messages, undermining transparency and trust.

In recent elections, voters in Brevard received misleading mailers using unauthorized Republican branding, creating confusion and harming the credibility of legitimate endorsements. These incidents highlight the challenges of tracing political money under the current system, which can unintentionally allow outside or even foreign interests to influence elections without proper oversight.

Brevard Republicans believe it is time to restore clarity and confidence in Florida's campaign finance system. We urge legislators to support reforms that will:

- Restore reasonable contribution limits for PCs;
- Establish clear reporting standards for PC-to-PC transfers;
- Require timely, searchable disclosures of financial activity; and
- Strengthen safeguards against misleading political advertising.

We understand that reforming campaign finance is complex, but it is essential to protect the integrity of Florida's elections and ensure voters can make informed choices.



RENDEZVOUS WITH
REPUBLICAN WOMEN
By Xiaohui Wang
BFRW President

May is Brevard Federated Republican Women's "Back the Blue" month. This year at our May 7 meeting, we honored two fine female deputies from the Brevard Sheriff's Office: **Lieutenant Christine Bisbee** and **Corporal Breean Lewis**.

Lt. Bisbee holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and was awarded the Corrections Deputy of the Year in 2024.



Corporal Lewis is a 12-year veteran with BCSO, and has advanced training certifications in crisis intervention, domestic violence intervention

and investigations, child sex crimes, detecting deception, social media and open-source investigations, speed measurement, breath test operator, basic patrol rifle, tactical shotgun, instructor techniques and is an FDLE certified firearms instructor.

BFRW's guest speakers, **Tax Collector Lisa Cullen** and **Brevard Sheriff Wayne Ivey** introduced the two deputies, recognizing their excellence in serving and protecting Brevard County, and the outstanding contributions they make to our community every day.

During the luncheon, Cullen also gave a very informative explanation of "The Real ID Act and What It means to You." She explained that the federal REAL ID Act of 2005 sets new standards for the issuance of driver licenses and ID cards, and valid REAL ID credentials have a star in the upper right corner of the card.

The REAL ID Act became effective nationwide on May 11, 2008. Florida has been a REAL ID compliant State since January 1, 2010, and all Florida licenses and ID cards should be accepted nationwide. Starting May 7, 2025, a driver's license or ID card from a non-compliant state may only be used in conjunction with a second form of ID for boarding federally regulated commercial aircraft. Brevard County residents can obtain a REAL ID-compliant driver's license or identification card from the Brevard County Tax Collector's Office.

During the luncheon, Representative Debbie Mayfield hosted BFRW's first Legislative Trivia Contest, and everyone had fun while brushing up on their civics.

June will be another busy month for BFRW. The monthly luncheon speaker on June 4 is Racheal Sadoff, the Brevard Clerk of the Court. BFRW will present Scholarships to six amazing young ladies. Also, BFRW will celebrate President Trump's birthday by signing a Birthday card and taking a group pictures for delivery to him.

On May 15, BFRW members and guests had a good time with Titusville Mayor Andrew Connors at the first "Evening with the Mayor" event. The next Evening with the Mayor will be on June 19 with Melbourne Mayor Paul Alfrey.

You are also invited to BFRW's 75 Year History Celebration Fashion Show and Tea Party on July 19. Please check the website www.brevardfederatedrepublicanwomen.org for tickets and information on how to be a Table Hostess.



NORTH TO THE PARTY

By NBRC President Robin Ricker

We opened our May 20 meeting by enthusiastically collecting petitions to place **Timi Tucker** on the upcoming 2026 ballot for County Court Judge, Group 3. We then went on to remind everyone how the Priests For Life, particularly **Frank Pavone**, has always been a supporter of ours, and we of theirs, in their efforts to protect the unborn. The past Pope had defrocked Pavone. And since there is a new Pope, Leo XIV, Pavone is requesting to be returned to his priestly duties. He is currently meeting with one of the highest ranking Cardinals in the Vatican.

Pavone has never wavered in his love of God and commitment to the unborn. He has been doing the same full-time, pro-life work as he has done for 32 years. Now he is going to ask again for what he asked 32 years ago: the Church's blessing to do it as a priest. Many of his supporters in our club are not Catholic, but this goes beyond religious sect. You can lend your voice to ours at <https://www.priestsforlife.org/reinstate>.

Our speaker for the evening was **Kevin Daugherty**, Director of the Titusville-Cocoa Airport Authority (TICO). He had a great slide presentation on all 3 airports that TICO encompasses. Arthur Dunn Airpark (X21) is known as a recreational airport for skydiving, also flight training. The airport with the most runway and closest to KSC, Space Coast Regional Airport (TIX), also have helicopter training. Then the 3rd is Merritt Island Airport (COI) which has banner towing, flight training, bi-planes and recreational flights.

Susan Hodgers, representing her husband, **Brian Hodgers**, candidate for State House District 32; and **Marisa Kahn**, representing Debbie Mayfield, candidate for State Senate District 19, also were on the program. They discussed the necessity to reach out to these 2 districts and remind them there is a special election on June 10, of which many people are still unaware. Door knockers, drivers and phone banks are being requested, and all districts can help these 2 districts remain red for our county.



REMEMBER WHEN

By Heritage Isle Republican Club
President Mike Hoagland

Can any of us remember when our generation was taught American Civics, our Constitution and understood how the branches of government were meant to work? Today, you would think we live in another country. Mark Levin refers to our current situation as "Judicial Tyranny". Just observe our judicial system at work. First of all, the "deep State bureaucracy", the Marxists, the Democrats, the media and liberal entities are all taking advantage of decades of the liberal lifetime appointments of federal judges by Marxist

leaning or liberal presidents. What has been the result?

President Trump, who was elected on an America First platform, has attempted to implement every commitment that he has made to “We the People”. If successful, his agenda will destroy the left’s plan to take over America and make it a socialist haven. The Marxists know this.

Virtually, every initiative that the Trump administration puts forth is challenged by some leftist entity. They shop federal jurisdictions to a district that has a leftist judge who will issue either a restraining order or a temporary restraining order. They have many more lawyers to do this than the federal government has to fight these. It’s like playing whack-a-mole. Our Supreme Court needs to step in if this is going to be stopped. John Roberts may be too weak to risk offending those in his social circle. Samuel Alito and Clarence Thomas are really the only ones that can be counted on to put up a fight.

Did anyone ever believe that a president could not deport illegal criminals? Can you believe our president can’t cease giving financial grants to entities involved in waste, fraud or abuse? Can you believe that the president, as the chief executive of our country, can’t terminate his subordinates? Can you believe that all federal workers can’t all be required to return to the office to work? Can you believe that the president can’t require voters to sign their registration form stating that they are American citizens? Why do American taxpayers have to give financial grants to universities? The answer is because federal district judges say so!

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“We the People” elected Donald Trump as President in support of his agenda. Let’s address just a few of his initiatives. Closing the border has been done with unprecedented expectations. Inflation is at its lowest in 20 years. Energy costs are reduced. Gas prices are reduced. Our military’s mission has been made to support its reason for existing war fighting readiness. All this in less than 4 months. Can you imagine what could be accomplished in our country if small people would cease impeding Trump from implementing the agenda for which he was elected? Let the naysayers debate and disagree but quit the obstruction in the courts and media. As for the Democrats, they have no message, and they have no conscience. They do lie repeatedly. Many Republicans don’t have the courage to stand up to special interests. The media is so corrupt they are beyond truth telling.

Our President will continue his America First agenda in spite of the petty negative vitriol that he and all of us have to endure on a daily basis. Donald Trump will “Make America Great Again” and his haters will just have to enjoy our country’s success. No matter what anyone says, Donald Trump is the most consequential president in our lifetime. District judges, democrats, RINOs, media, special interests, Marxists, haters, bureaucrats and foreign actors can’t stop the MAGA movement. They will have to just “suck it up.”

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I have discussed issues concerning Republican legislators holding office in Florida, and now I want to point out issues that “We the People” witness taking place in Washington D.C (the swamp). We elected Donald Trump as President because we wanted to see him implement his agenda. Voters across this country voted for Republican candidates to assist him with the implementation of his agenda. How is that working? In my opinion, each Republican legislator is either MAGA or establishment. Trump has transformed the Republican Party to represent ALL Americans. The establishment types are diminishing in number as time passes. After a few more election cycles, there will probably be only America First MAGA Republicans or whatever name the party decides to call itself.

Meanwhile, America First citizens will have to accept that those Republicans who suffer from TDS will do whatever they can to undermine the President’s actions. Every legislator has special interest groups that determine how they will vote on issues. The system is still corrupt, but Trump is smart enough to create workarounds when he encounters opposition.

North Carolina Senator Tom Tillis has killed the appointment of Edward Martin to be the Chief Prosecutor in the District of Washington. Martin has done a great job as the temporary prosecutor. Tillis has been compromised and forced to this “No” decision. He will not be re-elected in 2026. Know that Trump had a back-up plan. He has appointed former Judge Jeanine Pirro in this position. Had he not done this, Judge Boasberg would have made this appointment. You can imagine Tillis and Boasberg conspired on this but got outfoxed by Trump.

There are other Republicans that can’t seem to support anything Trump proposes. Maine’s Susan Collins, Alaska’s Lisa Murkowski, and Kentucky’s Mitch McConnell come to mind. Then there are the RINOs, and South Carolina’s Lindsay Graham and Texas’ John Cornyn fit that bill. There are any number of house members that also fit this description. Republicans are more interested in satisfying special interests than their voters.

What are we to do? We have to do a better job of vetting federal candidates. Any that have been in office for any length of time are probably compromised by some special interest group. Most legislators spend an inordinate amount of time fund raising in order to manage their next campaign unless they find a sugar daddy who contributes a large sum. Significant amounts of money come from foreign actors.

Again, campaign finance laws are needed. Who will fight our corrupt system? It is difficult finding those who have the courage to do what is “right” because they have difficulty getting elected. Local political organizations need to be active and support honest candidates.

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There is so much going on in the world and our country that it is difficult to cut through all the noise to arrive at a rational

point of view. We all may not realize it yet that Donald Trump survived multiple assassination attempts and became president for a reason. I believe this is the result of divine intervention. His agenda, which got him elected, will save our country and the world. I am not going to dwell on the haters but rather the republicans.

Republicans in Washington are the impediment to the implementation of Trump's agenda. Many don't have the courage to do what's best for the country because they have to answer to their supporters, whose interest may be at odds with an agenda that is best for the entire country. SALT is an example of this. Blue state Republicans can't support the Great Big Beautiful Bill currently being worked on in the house.

Trump ran on an agenda that took courage because many of his positions went against traditional Republican ideology. His agenda got him 77 million plus votes. What I find amazing is that every Republican candidate now runs as a MAGA supporter. Yet, most have no idea what the agenda is.

If Republicans could all get on board with Trump's agenda and trust that he and his financial advisors are the best in the world, we will see an explosion in growth we couldn't even imagine. It will take political courage and there is just not enough of that to go around in this country. I know that if this legislation is not passed, we lose the mid-terms and there will be nothing but impeachment hearings. We risk the White House in 2028. If this bill passes, we secure the mid-terms and the White House for decades.



President Kevin Jeffrey opened the May 15 Brevard Florida Republican Assembly meeting with the quote of the

month by **Richard Buckminster Fuller**:

"You never change things by fighting the existing reality. To change something, build a new model that makes the existing model obsolete."

Jeffrey reminded members the emphasis for FRA is on Christian values and promoting candidates who display those values. He announced that the FRA State convention will be on Saturday, August 23, 2025, at the Space Coast Convention Center, 301 Tucker Lane, Cocoa, Florida. Information about tickets and a list of VIP guest speakers will be forthcoming. For more information, go to

www.FloridaRepublicanAssembly.org.



The guest speakers for the meeting were pardoned January 6er's **Michael Perkins** and his wife, **Brittany**. Before telling of their harrowing experience on January 6 and the following nightmare that ensued, they gave God the glory for sustaining them through the most difficult time they have ever had to endure. It was their strong faith in God and clinging to the truth of

God's Word that inspired them to stay strong.

The Lord provided in miraculous ways when there was a financial need for their family. One incident occurred after an encounter with a prison guard. He noticed something different about Michael and told him that he didn't belong in prison. After discovering the truth about January 6 and how badly many of the J6er's were treated, the guard felt a burden to help Michael's family, so he deposited \$7,000 into an account to help with their family's expenses.

There were many times when Michael struggled with discouragement, especially after going nine months without seeing his family. He was moved constantly to several prisons throughout the country, and he recounted the horror of his incarceration, from black mold, disgusting food, prison guards withholding toilet paper and sharing a cell with rats.

Michael endured solitary confinement simply because he was a J6er. Prisoners were treated like animals, but the J6er's received harsher treatment from the guards. While in the D.C. prison, every night at 9 pm the J6er's would sing the National Anthem. The guards would beat them in an attempt to shut them up. God knew when Michael needed encouragement the most. Whenever he found himself at a low point, a letter of encouragement would arrive, or he would have the opportunity to lead another prisoner to the Lord.

After President Trump pardoned the J6er's, the guards refused to release them. They locked the prisoners out of the TV room so they couldn't get any news updates. The prisoners found out about the pardon through another prisoner, who had a hidden phone. Michael discovered there is much corruption within the prison system. If you have money as a prisoner, you can get almost anything you want. After the guards were informed that they were holding them against the President's will, they finally released the J6er's.

The Perkins are extremely grateful for the support they received, specifically from the many Florida Republican Assembly groups throughout the state. While the Democrats attempted to hide the actual truth of the events of January 6, the truth is slowly coming out of their strategically planned deception and the doctored videos they created to fit their false narrative as well as the exposure of many corrupt judges and prosecutors. While it will take time, the Perkins are confident that President Trump is working on it to make things right.

The next meeting of the Brevard Florida Republican Assembly will be June 19 at 6:30pm at Royal Oak Ministries, 705 Harrison Street, Titusville.

THS AND THAT



On May 6, the U.S. Supreme Court overruled two lower court decisions to allow the Trump Administration to begin enforcing a ban on transgender troops serving openly in the military, which the administration has broadly sought. In an emergency application, the Justice

Department had asked the court to lift a Seattle-area federal judge's nationwide injunction blocking the policy. The injunction was paused until the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit rules on the Trump administration's appeal and the high court has the chance to consider whether to hear the case. The six Republican-appointed justices on the Supreme Court – even Amy Coney Barrett and Chief Justice John Roberts – overturned the stay, while the three liberal justices -- Sonia Sotomayor, Elena Kagan, and Ketanji Brown Jackson -- all dissented.... On May 16, the Court issued a 7-2 ruling against the Trump administration regarding its use of the Alien Enemies Act (AEA) to deport Venezuelan migrants, with Justices Clarence Thomas and Samuel Alito dissenting.... But then on May 19, it ruled 8-1, with only Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson dissenting, to allow the administration to end Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for approximately 350,000 Venezuelans in the United States. This decision lifted a lower court's order that had blocked the administration from rescinding the Biden Administration order.... On May 20, the Court ordered the Maine House of Representatives to restore the vote of a Republican lawmaker who was censured after she wrote an online post defending fairness in women's sports and criticizing the intrusion of a trans-identifying male athlete into female competition. Maine Representative Laurel Libby filed the emergency appeal while a lawsuit over the social media post plays out. In the post written earlier this year, Libby criticized a male high school athlete who won a girls' track meet and included in the post the male student's name. The Democrat-controlled Maine House decided that Libby's post violated ethics in identifying the student, and when she chose not to apologize, Libby was subsequently banned from speaking and voting on the House floor.... On May 22, the Court deadlocked 4-4 on a case concerning a proposed Catholic charter school in Oklahoma, to be the first publicly-funded religious charter school in the country – with conservative justices supporting the effort. Justice Amy Coney Barrett recused herself from the case, however, leaving in place a lower court's decision blocking the school's establishment.

FLORIDA LEGISLATION. Florida's Republican Super Majority could not pass the state's next fiscal budget during the Legislature's 60-day session, so the members must keep going back to Tallahassee until they do. June 30 is the deadline to keep the state from default. Meanwhile, **Governor Ron DeSantis** has been signing numerous bills that they did pass. Just a small sampling of the new legislation covers a statewide ban on adding fluoride to city water supplies, public safety bills on penalties for false reporting, law enforcement arrest of individuals with medical conditions, school safety measures, school start times, screening of newborns, state park protection, human trafficking awareness, new rules for owners of dangerous dogs, licensure for family foster homes, requirement for school districts to provide basic first-aid training (including CPR) in secondary schools, and reducing the timeframe for a health insurer or HMO to submit claims to a licensed psychologist. Among the passed legislation that the governor said he would veto were repeal of the law that restricts who can sue for medical malpractice in cases of

wrongful death, and allowing employers to restrict employee mobility for up to four years.



Thirty-eight years ago, more than 80 percent of Americans said they had complete trust in the

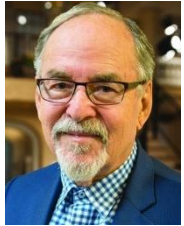
multi-billion-dollar leftist media machine, and **Brent Bozell** plus a small band of determined patriots formed the Media Research Center, and with faith in conservatism, committed to neutralizing media bias and reshaping the national discourse. Over the years, MRC has become America's Premier Media Watchdog – ensuring that truth prevails in an ever-evolving battle for America's cultural soul. And today, the tide has turned – 80 percent of Americans now distrust the media, eroding the progressive press' credibility, viewership, and influence. Now, the MRC's guiding light, Brent Bozell, is stepping down as founding president of "the honor of my life," and this month is passing the torch as president to his son, **David Bozell**, who has been MRC's vice president for growth and development, as well as president of the issue-advocacy organization "ForAmerica", and writing its "The Cannon" column. "What began as a mission to expose media bias has grown into a movement," Brent Bozell said. "I'm incredibly proud of what we've built, and I have full confidence in David to carry this work forward. The fight for America's culture is far from over – but thanks to MRC, it's finally a fair fight." The Chairman of the MRC Board of Directors, **Karl Ottosen**, said, "Brent Bozell's vision changed the American media landscape. He built an institution that holds the press accountable like no other. We are deeply grateful for his legacy and confident that David Bozell is the right person to lead MRC forward. His experience and strategic clarity will ensure MRC thrives in the fight for truth."

MORE MRC. This is the fourth year for the Media Research Center's Bulldog Awards, presented to unsung heroes in the conservative media as part of its mission to hold the leftist press accountable. As trust in left-wing media continues to collapse, the MRC says, independent news sources featuring fearless truth-tellers are on the rise. The Bulldog is MRC's mascot, whose "iron grip mirrors its determined mission." The eight award winners for 2025 are: **Thomas Sowell** of The Hoover Institution, for Lifetime Achievement; **Kimberley Strassell** of "The Wall Street Journal," for Outstanding Columnist; **Megyn Kelly** of "The Megyn Kelly Show," for Outstanding Podcast; **Elon Musk** of "X," for Outstanding Social Media Personality; **Erick Erickson** of "The Erick Erickson Show," for Outstanding Radio Talk Show Host; **Gabe Kaminsky**, of "The Free Press," for Outstanding Investigative Journalist; **Spencer Lindquist** of "The Daily Wire," for Outstanding Blogger; and **Scott Jennings** of CNN, for Outstanding Achievement Behind Enemy Lines.

WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENTS'. It was a different WHCA dinner in Washington on April 26 this year. There were thousands of attendees at the 111th annual black-tie gala, but breaking with tradition, it featured neither the President in

attendance nor a comedian on the program. While presidents on both sides of the political spectrum have participated, President Trump has always skipped it. WHCA President Eugene Daniels said the event's responsibility "is not to align with any one party or any one of gender, but to serve the people of this country with integrity and dedication." He added, "We are not the enemy of the state."

OPERATION TIDAL WAVE. A joint effort by US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents and state and local law enforcement personnel in Florida that began in late April, resulted in the arrest of nearly 800 people in its first week of operation. All Florida county sheriffs are partnering with Ice in the effort. **Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem** said, "This is a warning to all criminal illegal aliens. We're coming for you. We will hunt you down, arrest and deport you. That's a promise." Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for Public Affairs Tricia McLaughlin added that MS-13 gang members, including convicted murders, rapists – "all these people are now off our streets who have otherwise been acting with impunity and terrorizing U.S. communities. You are going to be seeing this throughout the country."



REMEMBERING DAVID HOROWITZ.

Conservative writer, thinker, and activist **David Horowitz** -- who started life as a hardline leftist and Marxist until he saw the light, turned 180 degrees and founded the David Horowitz Freedom Center – died April 29 of cancer at the age of 86. Through

dozens of books, regular op-eds and frequent public appearances, Horowitz became known for his uncompromising critiques of the progressive movement. He often warned against the dominance of left-wing ideology in academia, media and cultural institutions. Widely considered his definitive work, his 1996 memoir "*Radical Son: A Generational Odyssey*," chronicles his ideological evolution and defends values such as individual liberty, Judeo-Christian ethics and American exceptionalism. But his influence extended beyond books. Through the Freedom Center, he helped shape conservative discourse on college campuses, cultural issues and political strategy. Horowitz consistently argued that American values were under siege – not just politically, but culturally. He stood for small government, free markets, national defense and the preservation of Western moral foundations. Horowitz is survived by his wife. April; sons Benjamin and Jonathan; and daughter Anne. His family said, "In the end, David helped countless people and expended every fiber of his being pushing society towards freedom. He may not have saved the world, but he most certainly made it a better place – especially for us. He was our superhero."

HARVARD UNIVERSITY. Department of Homeland Security Secretary **Kristi Noem** announced on May 22 that the Trump Administration has revoked certification of Harvard University Student and Exchange Visitor Program for failure to adhere to the law. The decision prohibits the school from enrolling international students, and holds it accountable for fostering violence, antisemitism, and

coordinating with the Chinese Community Party on its campus. "It is a privilege, not a right, for universities to enroll foreign students and benefit from their higher tuition payments to help pad their multibillion-dollar endowments," Noem said. "Harvard had plenty of opportunities to do the right thing. It refused." The next day, however, Harvard filed a lawsuit against the Trump administration, and U.S. District Judge Allison Burroughs, an Obama appointee to the bench, issued a temporary restraining order preventing enactment of its decertification order.



RONALD REAGAN CLUB. **Dr. Dave Weldon**, of Indialantic, Florida, is a former U.S. Congressman from the Sunshine State. He was nominated by President Trump to be the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), a federal agency under the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). He spoke to the Ronald

Reagan Club meeting in Satellite Beach on April 28 about his nomination and the withdrawal of his nomination the night before his senate confirmation hearing. Weldon described his relationship with HHS Secretary Robert Kennedy, Jr., as starting 25 years ago, when Kennedy helped the then-Congressman in removing a toxic mercury containing preservative called thimerosal from childhood vaccines. He was first being considered for the CDC in 2016, and then, after Trump announced his intent to appoint Kennedy to HHS last year, they began discussions regarding the CDC post for Weldon again. Weldon said the real opposition to his candidacy came from the pharmaceutical industry "Big Pharma," not only for his work to get the mercury out of childhood vaccines, but also for his call for better research on vaccine safety. Weldon pointed out that many Americans share his concerns on vaccine safety with recent surveys showing 80 percent of Republicans and 40 percent of Democrats not trusting the CDC and its vaccine recommendations. Ironically, Weldon said it was a small group of Republican Senators -- Bill Cassidy of Louisiana and Susan Collins of Maine --- who pressured the White House to withdraw his nomination. Senate confirmation of the CDC Director is a new requirement. Prior directors only needed a presidential appointment to serve. Weldon said that while he was disappointed in his withdrawal, he was not surprised by it. So instead of moving with his family to Atlanta, Georgia, where the CDC is headquartered, he said he will remain in Brevard County and continue with his medical practice – working shorter hours with less headaches.

AMAC. Brevard County Supervisor of Elections **Tim Bobanic** reminded members of the Association of Mature American Citizens meeting in Suntree on May 6 that the special election in Florida for a State Senate seat and a State Representative seat will be held on June 10. Republicans **Debbie Mayfield** and **Brian Hodgers**, respectively, will face Democrat



opponents. The Republican candidates had won special election primaries on April 1, he said, in which the low voter turnout was only around 22 percent. Noting that voters still had the options of early voting and mail-in voting as well as day of, Bobanic said if mail-in voters receive word that they either did not sign the ballot return envelope or the signature on that envelope does not match the county's records, a person's ballot will not count unless his office receives a signed affidavit plus a copy of the voter's identification by 5 pm on the second day after the election. Proud of the fact that Florida is one of the fastest states in the nation to announce election results, Bobanic said that is because following state law, he is allowed to tabulate (but not release) voting results immediately. In many other states, he said, nothing is counted until the election is over, and that causes a delay in learning results.

REPUBLICAN LIBERTY CAUCUS BREVARD. Meeting in Melbourne on May 20, the Republican Liberty Caucus of Brevard elected **RLC Florida Chairman Bob White** to resume heading the organization's Brevard Chapter as well. The new slate of officers joining him are **Vice Chairman Blaise Trettis, Secretary Rick Castillo, and Treasurer Joyce Loyd.** The members also approved a change to the by-laws making the election of members of the Board of Directors at-large rather than each one representing a specific election district in the county. The new slate of directors includes **Patrick Lehman, Steve Lindsley, Greg Loyd, Chris Perry, and John Weiler.** **State Senator Debbie Mayfield,** who is running for re-election in a special election on July 10, told the group that because the Florida Legislature is still in session due to not passing the state's annual budget, she has to keep going back to Tallahassee and is not able to participate in campaign fundraisers for her re-election. She stressed that the budget must be passed and signed by the Governor no later than June 30, or the state will be in default. White reminded the members to sign up for RLC's annual Constitution Day Banquet, which will feature **Florida Congressman Byron Donalds** as speaker. It will be held on August 30 at the Radisson at the Port. White also announced that regular monthly meetings of RLC Brevard will be on the 4th Tuesdays of the month at Melbourne's The Italian American Club.

A HEARTWARMING BIRTHDAY STORY. Using his granddaughter's TikTok account in March, Ohio World War II Army Air Corps veteran Denver Moore of Massillon, Ohio, recorded a message for President Donald Trump: "I'm gonna be 104 in May, and I'm inviting you to my birthday party. I got to vote for you again, and I hope I can vote for you some more." Along with nearly 900,000 other people, Trump read the message, and despite being engaged in critical international affairs, he prepared a personal video response, which he had Ohio Congressman Michael Ruilli deliver on Moore's birthday. The President's message was: "I want to wish you a very happy 104th birthday from your all-time favorite president. That's me, Donald Trump. And I'm sorry we weren't able to get to your party. I would love to get to your party, but I'm working on Russia, Ukraine,

China, and all sorts of other places, and I know you want us to do well." After watching the video, Moore quipped: "Couldn't happen to a nicer guy."



AUDACITY AND IDIOCY

Here are this month's "winners":

--The school board in the alleged "free state of Maryland's far, far left Montgomery County (where the Editor lived prior to escaping to sunny Florida 19 years ago), for denying a high school senior the right to graduate – with honors. A star student known only as "Jane" to protect her privacy, she is actively involved in her school, holds a 4.76 weighted grade point average, and received a 1450 SAT score. But her parents are fighting the county's woke School Board because as a devout Christian, she refused to attend a LGBTQ class – which is mandatory for graduation. The family was refused any alternatives, and Podcaster Todd Starnes says the county wants to ensure that "all of their students are radicalized on LGBTQ issues." A solution for the family? Come on down to red state Florida.

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--Unhinged English teacher at Maine's Waterville Senior High School JoAnna St. Germain, who is being investigated by the school district and law enforcement officials, for posting on Facebook a series of hate-filled messages calling for the deaths of not only President Trump, but also his supporters.

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--Federal Judge Charlotte Sweeney in Colorado, the first openly lesbian judge west of the Mississippi, for ruling that the school board in Elizabeth, Colorado, cannot remove 19 sexually explicit, profane, and transgender books from school libraries "because the school board is conservative."

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--The Democrat-controlled California Senate Public Safety Commission, which voted AGAINST a bill to keep male sex criminals out of female prisons in the "Not-So-Golden" State. If passed, it also would have given female prisoners privacy in sleeping arrangements and showers – which California's lax laws do not.

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--Lefty Wisconsin Circuit Judge Monica Isham, for threatening to not hold court to protest the arrest of another Judge, Hannah Dugan, for allegedly helping a Mexican illegal migrant evade federal immigration officers. Isham also threatened to "start raising bail money" for defendants.

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--Progressive U.S. Judge Jessica Hedges in Massachusetts, for ordering the release of UMass student Owen McIntire, who is charged with firebombing a Tesla Center in Missouri while on spring break, causing more than \$200,000 in damages to charging stations and vehicles. The judge released him so he can continue sex change procedures. "This care, along with mental health support," the Judge said,

“is integral to his wellbeing. By moving back home with his parents, he will have access to the care providers who are familiar with him and his specific needs.”

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--Bill Gates and the Canadian government, for working together to create a new “no consent required” aerosol version of the COVID mRNA vaccine – called SeroVa – for which a drone can be used to sneak up to spray a person. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation paid for McMaster University in Canada to develop it, and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research also spent \$8 million in taxpayer money developing the technology.

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--“Lawmakers” in Boise, Idaho and Salt Lake City, Utah – for making the LGBT Rainbow “Pride” flag official, thereby sidestepping state laws that would have barred their display in their respective cities.

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--Texas Democrat Congresswoman Jasmine Crockett, for absurdly stating during an interview on MSNBC that Americans suffered from “amnesia” because they “never had to worry about skyrocketing prices” when Joe Biden was in office. But the only one suffering from amnesia was Crockett herself, because inflation shot to its highest levels in 40 years thanks to Biden’s socialist spending.

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--Officials at Auburn High School in Auburn, Alabama, for encouraging students to wear ribbons in support of transgender people on “Trans Visibility Day,” an event sponsored by the school’s LGBT club. Many parents, furious about the decision, called for the firing of teachers involved in the action, and said schools should be focused on the basics of education instead of “woke ideology.”

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--Activist judges on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, for ruling that Florida’s anti-explicit drag show law making it a crime to knowingly admit a child to an adult live performance – that was signed by Governor Ron DeSantis – is “likely unconstitutional” and not enforceable. Additionally, Federal Judge John Steele ruled that Naples Pride’s so-called “Family Friendly Drag Performance” – which the City Council moved indoors and restricted to adults only – constitutes “speech” within the meaning of the First Amendment and can be held outdoors and include children in the audience. Angry conservatives called the judicial actions “outrageous” and “shameful.”



YOU CAN'T MAKE THIS UP

--When a thief broke into the home of an 82-year-old grandmother in Rochester, New York, expecting to rob her, he had no idea

that the occupant – Willie Murphy – is not only a bodybuilder, but also a weight-lifting champion. After getting police on the phone, she went to town on the would-be thief, battering him with a table and a broom, stomping on him, and pouring a bottle of shampoo on his face – all while the police were still on the phone with her. Murphy said that when they arrived at her home to take him to the hospital, he seemed relieved to no longer “mess with grandma.” A few days later, Murphy showed up at her YMCA to work out and was greeted as a hero by her friends. Hoping the suspect learned a lesson, she said she was not filing charges against him.

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--A First National Bank of Commerce employee in Pocahontas, Arkansas, named Heather Pankey, was arrested and jailed on charges of property theft, forgery, financial identity fraud, and computer fraud, for allegedly stealing more than \$240,000 from multiple customer accounts. She reportedly moved the money between different accounts in a financial shell game, and then transferred the funds to one shared with her grandmother, from which she withdrew the money. When confronted with evidence of the unauthorized transfers, she claimed she was merely “borrowing” the money from customers whom she believed would not need immediate access to their funds. Facing charges involving lengthy prison time, perhaps a more appropriate first name for Heather Pankey would be Hankey.

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--When Charlie Rothenberger of Champlin, Minnesota, was 9 years old, his mother successfully petitioned Hennepin County District Court to alter his birth certificate. A new one was then issued, changing his sex to “female,” and his name to “Marissa.” Now at age 17, the six-foot male “Marissa” is dominating girls’ softball as a pitcher, and hiding his true identity at Champlin Park High School, even being named “Player of the Month” in the league. A former team member complained that his athletic abilities are “much more than what any of the girls are capable of,” and while we “work so hard to achieve something through this sport, we find it unfair that our spot can be stolen from us.”

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--While the rest of America celebrated Mother’s Day this month, kindergarteners at Ferry Elementary School in Gross Pointe Woods, Michigan, were taught that the holiday is actually called “Special People Day.” The school sent a note home to parents saying it was “excited” that each child will create handcrafted gifts for “special people” in their lives, who could even be a grandparent, aunt or uncle, older sibling, family friend, or anyone else your child holds dear. Some of the responses by outraged mothers were: “This sounds like another way woke leftists deny the use of the word ‘mother;’” “You school administrators make me sick.” “I absolutely object to the indoctrination of young school age children who are being poisoned by this awful woke agenda,” and “I’m a bit surprised Grosse Pointe did not simply rename the holiday ‘Birthing Parent Day.’”



EXPERTS' EXCERPTS

Atlantic Council President Frederick Kempe, writing for his “Inflection Points” newsletter on President Trump’s Middle East trip this month:

“There has never been a U.S. presidential visit to the Middle East like this one (to

Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates). Success will be measured not in conventional diplomacy, peace deals, or arms sales, although Donald

Trump did make some news by lifting sanctions on the Syrian leadership, urging Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman to join the Abraham Accords by normalizing relations with Israel, and agreeing to a \$142 billion weapons package for Riyadh. What sets Trump’s visit apart is the greater focus on the hundreds of billions of dollars of new Middle Eastern investments into the United States (\$600 billion from Saudi Arabia alone). Gulf partners will measure success by the Trump administration’s willingness to lift restrictions on the sale of hundreds of thousands of advanced semiconductor chips to the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia. Trump will also measure success by his ability to outmaneuver China in securing a closer relationship with Gulf monarchies than the Chinese have, even though Beijing is their biggest fossil-fuel customer. It’s not that Middle East security threats or peace negotiations have gone away. There’s the war in Gaza, and the release of the American hostage Edan Alexander. There are new efforts to rein in Iran’s nuclear-weapons potential through negotiations. And there’s Trump’s dream of finding a path to Saudi-Israeli diplomatic normalization (and ongoing progress toward a civilian nuclear deal with the kingdom). However, my conversations with senior Middle Eastern officials involved in planning Trump’s trip underscored that the overwhelming focus has been on doing deals. The Trump administration would rather swim in a stream of Gulf investments than get bogged down in the region’s enduring problems. In an extraordinary speech in Riyadh that set the tone for all that will follow, Trump said: ‘Before our eyes, a new generation of leaders is transcending the ancient conflicts and tired divisions of the past, and forging a future where the Middle East is defined by commerce, not chaos; where it exports technology, not terrorism; and where people of different nations, religions, and creeds are building cities together – not bombing each other out of existence.’ The contest for Gulf money is also about gaining the upper hand in the Trump administration’s ongoing trade standoff and technology contest with Beijing...One piece of major news that’s flying under the radar is Trump’s decision to rescind the Biden administration’s ‘AI Diffusion Rule,’ which imposed restrictions on the export of advanced semiconductor chips to countries that included the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia – as well as India, Mexico, Israel, Poland, and others – due to the danger that they could be “leaked” to adversarial nations, in particular China...The White House also unveiled deals with Saudi Arabia that included a commitment by Riyadh’s new state-owned AI company, Humain, to build AI

infrastructure using several hundred thousand advanced Nvidia chips over the next five years. Humain and Amazon Web Services also announced plans to invest more than five billion dollars in a strategic partnership to build a first-of-its-kind ‘AI Zone’ in the kingdom – part of Riyadh’s evolving ambitions to be a global AI leader. What seems to be winning out is the Emirati and Saudi argument that if they are going to throw in their lot with the United States, and if they are to restrict their advanced technology relationships with China in the global AI arms race, Washington needs to do its part and remove the restrictions placed upon its technology....For the United States to stay a step or two ahead in the AI race, it will require new investments and partnerships. That shift is at the heart of what we’re witnessing in the Middle East. Trump’s moves underscore his seriousness of purpose, but the battle has been far from won. Trump the aspirational peacemaker will still try to strike deals on Gaza and Iran, as uncertain as they are, but Trump the dealmaker has a clearer path to closing artificial intelligence and investment deals that are higher and more achievable priorities.”



WND writer **Bob Unruh**, on lawsuit against Chief Justice John Roberts:

“A new lawsuit alleges the chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court is running what’s being called an ‘unconstitutional shadow agency,’ going beyond the responsibilities of the judicial branch by taking regulatory

actions. The fight was launched by America First Legal Foundation, which was started by Stephen Miller, President Donald Trump’s deputy chief of staff for policy. Chief Justice John Roberts was cited in his capacity as the head of the U.S. Judicial Conference. Also named was Robert J. Conrad, the director of the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts. A report from Fox News explains: ‘The complaint accuses both the U.S. Judicial Conference and the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts of performing certain regulatory actions that go beyond the scope of resolving cases or controversies, or administratively supporting those actions, which they argue are the core functions of the judiciary.’ It also charges that records of those organizations should be subject to Freedom of Information Act requirements. The newest fight comes amid a campaign by district judges, those who run the entry level of the federal court system, to issue a long list of nationwide injunctions through which they claim the authority to make decisions for the executive branch, which by the Constitution are the responsibility of the president. Those injunctions cover topics from deportation of illegal alien criminals to firing unwanted federal employees to handing out taxpayer cash that Trump wants to keep and use for American interests to securing the border and deciding who can claim American citizenship.... The complaint states, ‘Under our constitutional tradition, accommodations with Congress are the province of the executive branch. The Judicial Conference and the Administrative Office are therefore executive agencies.’ Such a ruling would give the president more authority to deliver instructions to those organizations. The U.S. Judicial Conference is the national policymaking body

for the courts. It is overseen by the Supreme Court's chief justice and tasked with making twice-yearly recommendations to Congress as needed. The Administrative Office for the U.S. Courts, meanwhile, operates under the guidance and supervision of the Judicial Conference. Its role is to provide administrative support to the federal courts on certain administrative issues and for day-to-day logistics, including setting budgets and organizing data, among other things....At the 'Gateway Pundit,' a report said the allegations amounted to a 'bombshell' against Roberts. It characterizes the lawsuits as accusing 'the powerful duo of running what AFL describes as an unconstitutional shadow agency and violating federal transparency laws....It charges, 'For several years, the media and enterprising lawmakers have launched an onslaught to destroy the impartiality and political neutrality of Article III courts and, particularly, the Supreme Court. Justices Thomas, Alito, and Kavanaugh have all faced political and physical threats because of the politization and weaponization of the law. This lawfare has been led by Senator Sheldon Whitehouse and Representative Hank Johnson, relying upon an ideologically favorable legacy media to falsely accuse Justices Thomas and Alito of ethical improprieties. Their aim was simple: to chill the judicial independence of these Supreme Court Justices.' The court case follows requests by AFL for information, and arguments that the bureaucracies must comply with FOIA because they exercise executive powers."



Political analyst **Dick Morris**, writing on "China Pays for Trump Tax Cuts," at his website: dickmorris.com:

"No tax on tips? Or on overtime? Or on Social Security benefits? Tax deductions for auto-loan interest if the car is American? Where is the money coming

from for the Trump tax cuts? China. Trump's trade deal with China provides for 30 percent tariffs on Chinese imports to the U.S. They sell us \$500 billion per year – that's \$150 billion of revenue. More than enough to fund the tax cut and a great deal more besides. And, if China's revenues won't cover it, Trump is imposing a 10 percent blanket tariff on everybody. With the U.S. importing \$4 trillion annually, that's \$400 billion more of revenue. Donald Trump is a sort of international Robin Hood – robbing China to pay the American people. The Congressional Republicans haven't factored these revenues into their calculations. They are bleeding themselves white battling over cuts to Medicaid when there is all this new revenue staring them in the face. No cuts needed to fund the tax cuts! Trump negotiated his trade deal with China...and Speaker Mike Johnson unveiled the tax cut program. Why has no media or no member of Congress thought to correlate the two? After decades of ripping off America with unfair and illegal trade practices, now China is being made to pay us back! And the money is going to waitresses who are hustling for tips, workers stuck at their desks doing overtime, social security beneficiaries, and

purchasers of American-made cars. This is the genius of Donald Trump!"



American Security Council Foundation Senior Analyst Laurence F. Sanford, writing on "China – Tariffs & Trade" in his "Sanford on Security" publication:

The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) tariffs and trade restrictions against the United States are a significant component of China's unrestricted warfare for world domination. China is pursuing a mercantilist national economic policy designed to maximize exports and minimize imports. This results in a massive accumulation of resources to develop China's industrial and military complex. Fusing civilian and military organizations is a key strategy in maximizing China's strength. The U.S. trade deficit with China in 2024 was \$295 billion. U.S. imports totaled \$439 billion, while exports totaled \$144 billion. Over the past five years, the trade deficit totaled \$1.6 trillion, averaging \$323.5 billion annually. President Bill Clinton's advocacy for China's entry into the World Trade Organization in 2001 was one of the most calamitous policy decisions in U.S. history. Clinton argued that by agreeing to adopt the WTO's open market-oriented approach to international trade, China would move toward greater freedoms and global economic prosperity. On the contrary, China has reduced personal liberties with increased domestic surveillance while harming American workers and hollowing out American factories. The U.S. Trade Representative Report of 2022 cited "China also has a long record of violating, disregarding, and evading WTO rules to achieve its industrial policy objectives. China continues using numerous and constantly evolving unfair, nonmarket, and distortive trade policies and practices to pursue harmful and anticompetitive industrial policy objectives." At the same time, China has sought to frustrate WTO oversight mechanisms, which were designed to address good-faith disputes. The CCP does not act in good faith. Trade restrictions utilized by the CCP to access Chinese markets include mandates for technology transfers and limited access to markets. Intellectual property theft has an estimated value of \$600 billion annually. One in three American companies doing business with China claim that the Chinese have stolen intellectual property from them.... Actions to take: 1) Immediately lift tariffs on Canada and Mexico. Unfair trade restrictions should be negotiated. 2) China is an existential threat to the U.S. and should be treated as such with high tariffs. 3) The WTO is to remove China's "special status" as a developing nation. 4) Establish an anonymous American tip line for individuals pressured into intellectual theft by the CCP. 5) Establish a U.S. Government legal fund to sue Chinese entities that steal intellectual property. 6) Countries that are friendly to American interests should have low tariffs. Any unfair trade restrictions against U.S. goods are to be negotiated. 7) Countries that are not friendly to American interests should have high tariffs. Reciprocity should be the foundation of U.S. foreign policy.

THOUGHTS TO PONDER

“In only 100 days, President Trump has initiated a range of reforms and restorations which, if completed, will comprise the most far-reaching and fundamental program of American change since the days of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, maybe ever. Republicans and American conservatives look on in awe. Democrats, socialists and other leftists recoil in terror....A simplistic review of perhaps the 10 most important of the President’s agenda items would include: 1) Establish and sustain control of our borders; 2) Establish a true fair trade regime via imposition of tariffs on our international trading partners which balance or eventually eliminate other nations’ tariffs; 3) Convince a hesitant and narrowly-divided Congress to pass an enormous bill which would reduce taxes and spending, make permanent earlier temporary tax cuts, eliminate certain departments and agencies of government, and legalize a wide range of executive orders; 4) Reverse the Biden Administration’s drive toward renewable energy and unleash America’s hydrocarbon industry; 5) Creation of the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) to examine every department and agency of government, identify and recommend reduction or elimination of fraudulent, absurd, unnecessary, or ineffective programs, agencies or departments; 6) Rebuild America’s military into the world’s most lethal warfighting machine by modernizing its weapons systems in air, land, sea and space; 7) Negotiate an end to the Ukraine War which recognizes the realities of the conflict while guaranteeing Ukrainian independence; 8) Work with Israel to end the terrorist threats from Hamas, Hezbollah, and the Houthis; 9) Develop a wide range of international political, economic and potential military cooperation to weaken the axis between China, Russia, Iran and North Korea; and 10) Restoration of the Founders’ Judeo-Christian principles, the centrality of religious faith and an end to anti-Semitism, along with termination of all government support for ‘woke’ concepts such as DEI.”

--**Former U.S. Ambassador Stanley Escudero**, on President Trump’s proposed reforms, which are excerpted from a much longer article, “The Significance of the Passage of Time”
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“Throughout Joe Biden’s four-year term, the MRC exposed what the mainstream media deliberately concealed: the stark reality of Joe Biden’s cognitive and physical decline. Looking back, the spectacle is not just revealing – it’s profoundly tragic. It’s painfully clear that the deep state saw in Biden an empty vessel, a ventriloquist’s dummy they could animate while pulling the political strings behind closed doors. The scenes are beyond cringeworthy. Biden’s aimless wandering, vacant stares, and stumbles...painted a picture of a man struggling under the weight of a presidency he was increasingly unfit to bear. These weren’t mere gaffes; they were glaring red flags, willfully ignored by those entrusted to inform the public. Yet the left and its media henchmen, consumed by a manic lust for power, cloaked Biden in a protective veil....And now, we learn Joe Biden is battling a dire case of prostate cancer, scored at a life-threatening Gleason score of 9, a condition top medical experts assert he

likely carried throughout his presidency, concealed from the American public.”

Media Research Center Senior Writer Kurt Etheridge, on ignoring Biden’s decline
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“‘Separation of church and state’ is one of the most abused phrases in American politics. It’s not in the Constitution. It’s not even in any of our founding documents. It’s something Thomas Jefferson said in a letter, and it’s been taken wildly out of context and used as a cudgel by atheist Leftists to root Christianity out of the public square. When Jefferson said it, it referred to stopping the government from enforcing religious beliefs on the people, protecting citizens’ free exercise of religion, but certainly did not call for banning any mention of God in public spaces. In fact, while Thomas Jefferson was President, he attended church services at the Capitol building – a fact that completely rebukes the ‘no prayer in school’ Leftists....Stopping the government from enforcing religion isn’t the same as banning public officials from holding religious beliefs. It’s not a license to discriminate against Christians – or a free pass to block religious groups from the same rights and resources as secular ones. It’s a fundamental, wittingly or unwittingly, misinterpretation of the founding fathers.”

--**“For America” President David Bozell**, on the misinterpretation of “church and state”
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“Live Action released disturbing undercover reporting that proves Planned Parenthood is irreversibly damaging minors with cross-sex hormones in service of their radical gender agenda. Across the country, Planned Parenthood is providing dangerous cross-sex hormone drugs to minors, requiring no mental health screening or prior history, and offering these irreversible drugs the same day as a teen’s very first appointment, even if she just decided she was ‘trans.’ This is not healthcare. This is the exploitation of vulnerable young people. And it is happening at Planned Parenthood clinics that receive over \$700 million in taxpayer funding every year. It must end. Planned Parenthood must be completely defunded. This is the same organization responsible for over 1,000 abortions every single day, killing preborn children and now targeting confused teenagers with powerful drugs that sterilize and destroy. Our children deserve protection. Preborn babies deserve life. And Planned Parenthood deserves not one more penny of public funding.”

--**Live Action President Lila Rose**, opposing Planned Parenthood
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“When journalists pretend they are not biased, they are obviously lying, which proves their bias. But they are not just biased against Trump. They are biased against America.... They want to be right so badly, that Democrats are begging for Trump to throw them in jail. This isn’t a dictatorship; it’s a counter-revolution, and journalism can’t keep up because they’re stuck protecting the status quo.”

--**Fox TV host Jesse Watters**, on media bias
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“Defending America and America’s friends and allies is expensive. If you add up the price tag – not even including secret programs or the cost of U.S. intelligence – our current defense expenses stand at \$875 billion per year. When you add the cost of intelligence, which is vast, the total cost of defense rises to about \$1 trillion annually. Despite these expenditures, the Ukraine War has exposed some dramatic inadequacies. We have learned that America’s arsenal as it stands today would be quickly depleted in any future sustained conflict. And we’ve learned that our allies are in far worse shape....An important thing we learned very early on in the Ukraine war was that the incredibly expensive tanks we gave to the Ukrainians were defenseless against very inexpensive drones. A thoughtful defense establishment would have launched a crash project to develop an effective, inexpensive answer to drones. No such project was launched, so when the Iranian-backed Houthis started firing drones at ships in the Red Sea, what was the U.S. response? For each \$30,000 drone we shot down, we employed two \$2 million missiles. A grade scholar could do the math. That is not a sustainable policy....We need new thinking – something that doesn’t come naturally to large bureaucracies like the one in the Pentagon – about national defense. A guiding principle of that new thinking must be that the defense budget is not inexhaustible. We should remain hopeful that the new leadership in the Pentagon will shake things up.”

--“Asia Times” senior correspondent and former Deputy Undersecretary of Defense **Stephen Bryen**, on new thinking on national defense
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‘I can’t help but see this decision as a missed opportunity rather than a final defeat. With Barrett’s participation, the math suggests religious charter schools would have gained constitutional protection. Instead, we’re left in a holding pattern while millions of American families continue searching for educational options that align with their faith and values.... This isn’t just about Catholic schools. It’s about the fundamental right of parents to direct their children’s education according to their own beliefs – a right increasingly under assault in public schools that promote progressive ideologies while marginalizing traditional values.”

--“I Stand For Freedom” writer **Noah Stanton**, on the Supreme Court’s split decision keeping religious charter schools in limbo

UPCOMING BREVARD COUNTY EVENTS

- June 4: Brevard Federated Republican Women meeting, Space Coast Convention Center, Cocoa, 11:30 am.
- June 5: Heritage Isle Republican Club meeting, Heritage Isle Clubhouse, 10 am.
- June 6: Federated Republican Women in Action meeting,

Memaw’s BBQ, Palm Bay, 11 am.

- June 9: Space Coast Patriots meeting, Merritt Island library, 6 pm.
- June 17: North Brevard Republican Club meeting, American Police Hall of Fame, Titusville, 6 pm.--
- June 19: Republican Women’s Club of Brevard meeting, Suntree Country Club, 11 am.
- June 19: Florida Republican Assembly Brevard meeting, 705 Harrison Avenue, Titusville, 6:30 pm.
- June 19: Space Coast Young Republicans meeting, Whiskey Business in Melbourne, 6:30 pm.
- June 23: Ronald Reagan Club meeting, Oceanside Community Church, Satellite Beach, 6 pm.
- June 24: Republican Liberty Caucus of Brevard meeting, Italian-American Club, Melbourne, 6 pm.
- June 28: Space Coast Republican Club meeting, Red Lobster, Merritt Island, 11:30 am.

The Brevard Republican Executive Committee will not meet in June.

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 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.

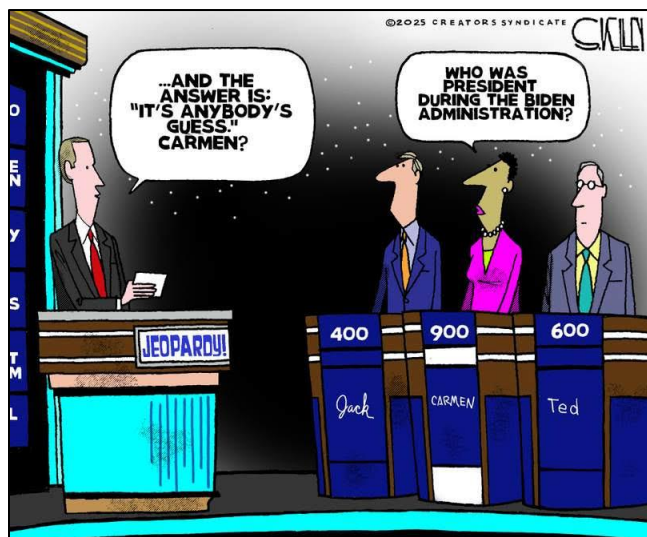


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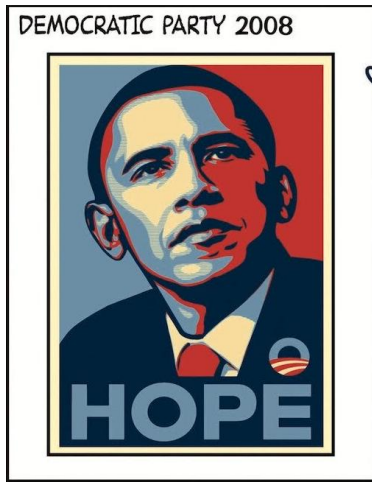
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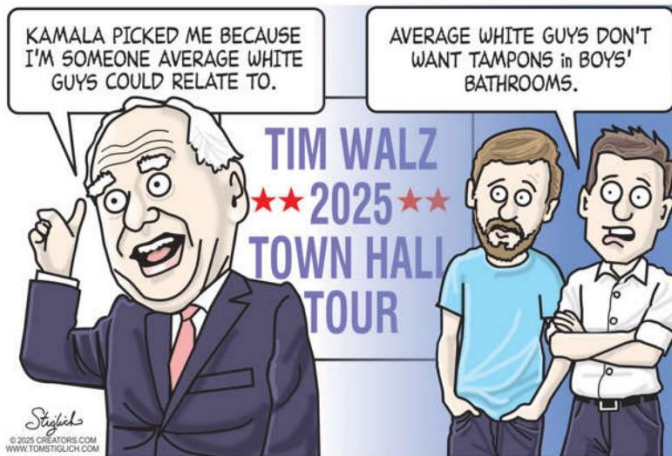
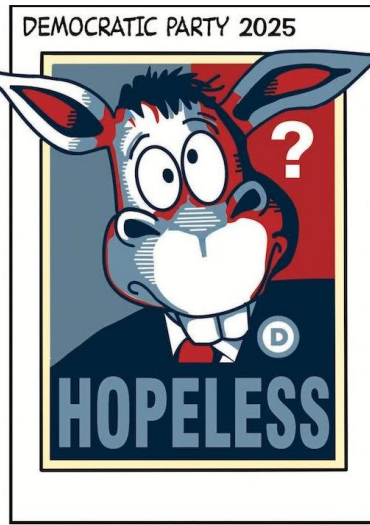
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Democrats Warn Abolishing Department Of Education Could Result In Kids Being Too Smart To Vote For Democrats

