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## **US/UK Attack on Houthi's** By: Nia Davis

According to officials, Houthi rebels in Yemen launched a bomb-carrying drone on Wednesday, attacking a U.S.-owned ship in the Gulf of Aden. Large portions of Yemen have been taken over by the Houthi rebels, who claim to be supporting the Palestinians. Since the Palestinian militant group Hamas attacked Israel on October 7, resulting in the death of at least 1,200 people and starting the Israel-Hamas war in Gaza, the rebels have launched numerous drone and missile attacks on merchant ships in the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden. About 70 miles (110 kilometers) southeast of Aden was the spot of the attack. The captain of the ship reported that there was a fire on board, but it was put out. It continued, "Vessel and crew are safe and proceeding to next port of call." Following weeks of warnings from U.S. officials, including Secretary of State Antony Blinken, about "consequences" for the Houthis, the U.S. on January 12 began the first of many rounds of strikes on Houthi targets in Yemen.

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## **Sen. Grassley Hospitalized**

By: Brayden Jones

Iowa Senator Chuck Grassley, the oldest sworn senator, has been hospitalized for an infection. "Senator Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) is receiving antibiotic infusions at an area hospital to treat an infection," his office said in a statement. "He is in good spirits and will return to work as soon as possible following doctors' orders."

## **Vivek Ramaswamy** **Drops Out**

By: Brayden Jones

Republican Candidate Vivek Ramaswamy has dropped out of the 2024 presidential race.

"I will stick to the truth tonight. The first hard truth and this was hard for me, I gotta admit this, but we've looked at it every which way. And I think it is true that we did not achieve the surprise that we wanted to deliver tonight," said Ramaswamy.

Ramaswamy has since endorsed former President Donald Trump.



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## John Kerry Steps Down

By: Nia Davis

John Kerry, the US envoy on climate change, intends to leave his position by spring. He intends to retire after serving as the country's top climate diplomat for three years. The former Democratic presidential nominee and former Secretary of State oversaw US negotiations at three global climate summits. Kerry gave particular priority to the US and China resuming their international climate negotiations.

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## Jeff Duncan Not Seeking Reelection

By: Brayden Jones

Rep. Jeff Duncan (R-SC) is not seeking re-election to the House of Representatives. Duncan has represented Congressional District Three for 13 years. "I am blessed to have worked with amazing men and women in Congress," said Duncan in a statement posted on X. "At some point in a career, one needs to step aside and allow others to bring fresh ideas and abilities into the fight for liberty, just as I have."

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## Oregon Keeps Trump on Ballot

By: Nia Davis

On the grounds of the 14th Amendment's "insurrectionist ban," the Oregon Supreme Court on Friday declined to consider a request to remove former President Donald Trump from the ballot for 2024, stating that it would wait for the US Supreme Court to make a decision on the matter. Since Section 3 was no longer in use after the 1870s, the country's highest court has never made a decision on it. Liberal organizations filed lawsuits in a number of states, including Oregon, to keep Trump off the ballot in accordance with Section 3 of the 14th Amendment. This follows Trump's removal from the ballot by Colorado and Maine. A spokesman for the Trump campaign Steven Cheung applauded the decision. "Today's decision in Oregon was the correct one," he said in a press release. "President Trump urges the swift dismissal of all remaining, bad-faith, election interference 14th Amendment ballot challenges."

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## **ABC Debate Cancelled**

**By: Brayden Jones**

ABC News has canceled its scheduled debate at St. Anselm College in New Hampshire. The only Republican candidate to agree to attend is Florida Governor Ron DeSantis. “We’ve had five great debates in this campaign,” said Haley “Unfortunately, Donald Trump has ducked all of them. He has nowhere left to hide. The next debate I do will either be with Donald Trump or with Joe Biden. I look forward to it.” DeSantis and Haley will be doing town halls on CNN instead.

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## **Tim Scott Endorsed Trump**

**By: Brayden Jones**

Former Republican Presidential candidate and South Carolina Senator Tim Scott has endorsed Former President Donald Trump for president, a blow to Nikki Haley who appointed him to be US Senator in 2012 when Former Sen. Jim DeMint announced his retirement. Florida Sen. Marco Rubio, whom Haley endorsed in 2016 has also endorsed Trump.

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## **Asa Hutchinson Drops Out**

**By: Brayden Jones**

Former Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson has dropped out of the 2024 presidential race. Hutchinson, who launched a long-shot bid for the White House in April of 2023 only earned 0.2% of the vote in the Iowa Caucuses. “I congratulate Donald J. Trump for his win last night in Iowa and to the other candidates who competed and garnered delegate support.” Hutchinson said in a statement “Today, I am suspending my campaign for President and driving back to Arkansas.”



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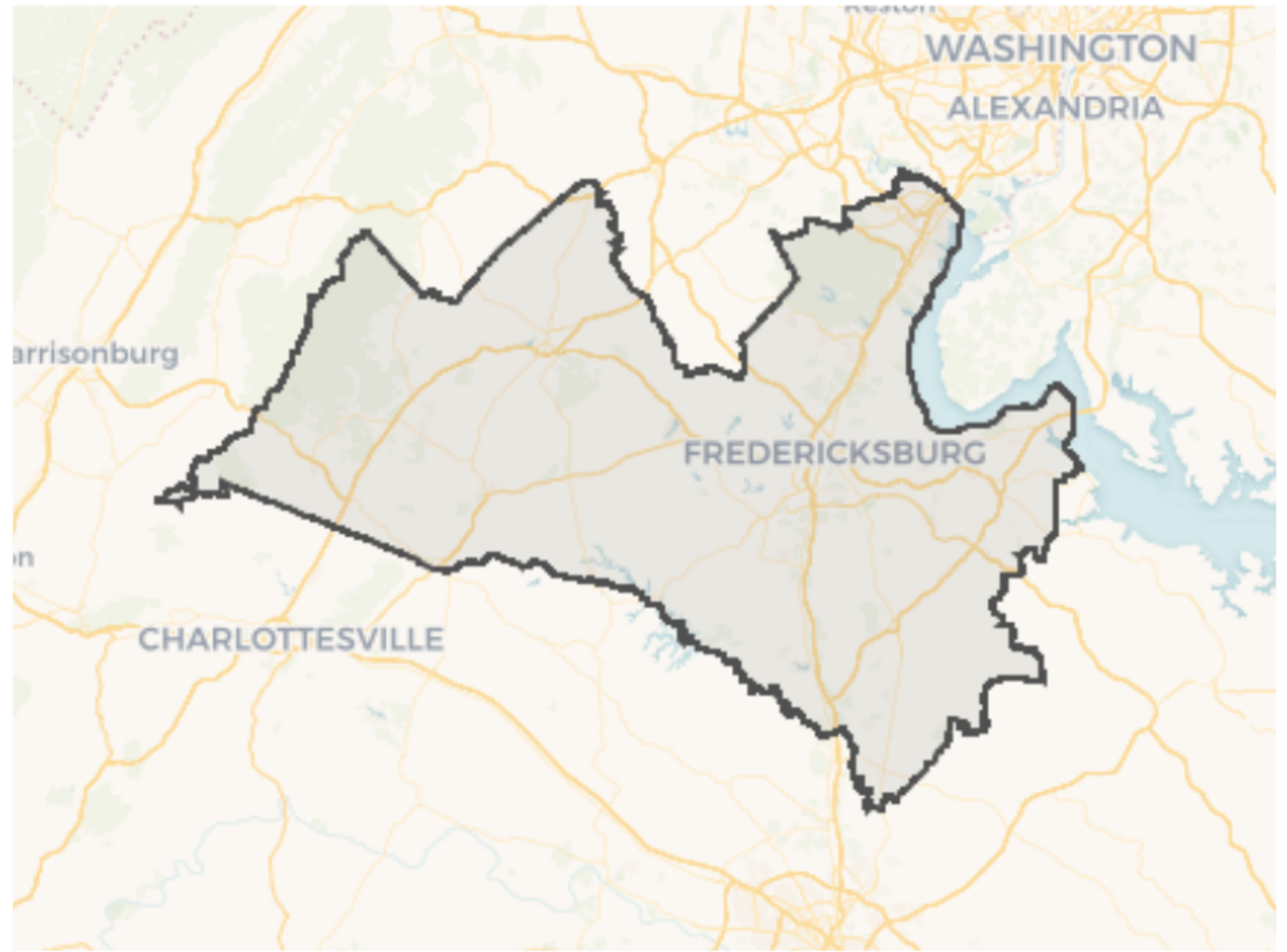
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## *Candidate Spotlight: Terris Todd*



Terris Todd Headshot

**Source: Terris Todd Campaign for Congress**



Virginia's 7th Congressional District  
**Source: Virginia Public Access Project**

**By: Brayden Jones**

Meet Terris Todd, Todd is a candidate for Virginia's 7th Congressional District. The current representative Abigail Spanberger is not seeking re-election. Todd has a long background in politics and education. Todd was a five-term County Commissioner, Civil Service Commissioner, and the Vice Chairman of the Michigan Republican party. Todd was then appointed by the White House to the Department of Education under Former President Donald Trump and moved to Virginia. Todd has been a teacher and former principal. If elected to Congress the main issues Todd will fight for are a secure border, the economy, education, parental rights, and addressing crime. Since Spanberger is not seeking reelection VA-07 has a heavily Republican-dominated candidate field with six other Republican candidates vying for the party's nomination compared to four Democratic candidates. VA-07 will be the most competitive district in the Commonwealth heading into the General Election in November.



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## *Candidate Spotlight:* *Krystle Kaul*



Krystle Kaul Photograph

Source: Krystle Kaul Campaign for Congress



Virginia's 10th Congressional District  
Source: Virginia Public Access Project

**By: Brayden Jones**

Meet Krystle Kaul, Kaul is running for Virginia's 10th Congressional District. The current representative Jennifer Wexton is not seeking reelection. Kaul is a small business owner and teacher. Kaul's days in defense and intelligence, most notably as a Director (GS-15) at the Department of Defense, instilled in her a profound understanding of national security, a foundation that fuels her vision for a safer, stronger country. Her passion for education is evident in her role as a teacher, where she empowers the next generation at MIT through the 2U program. As a local small business owner, Kaul has experienced firsthand the economic challenges and opportunity challenges in Virginia. If elected to Congress, Kaul hopes to focus on education, healthcare, public safety, and promoting minority-owned small businesses. Kaul is not a politician; Kaul wants to bring a fresh new perspective to Congress. Kaul is joined by a large democratic field for the party's nomination. Other candidates include Travis Nembhard, Atif Qarni, Del. Dan Helmer, and many others.



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## Analysis of VA-02

By: Chase Bowes

Jen Kiggans, a former Navy pilot and nurse practitioner, prevailed against incumbent Elaine Luria by a margin of 3.4 points. In 2020, President Biden won the seat by 2 points, making this seat one of 18 districts voted for Biden in 2020 but for a Republican in 2022. Virginia's newly redrawn 2nd district includes the cities of Virginia Beach, Chesapeake, and Suffolk, along with the Eastern Shore. Virginia Governor Glenn Youngkin likely assisted Kiggans in her victory, being popular in southeast Virginia as a Hampton Roads native. Even so, this incredibly urban seat is one of the most competitive in the nation. I predict that the slight rightward trends in Virginia and incumbency advantage will keep Kiggans in her seat in 2024. I currently rate this seat "Lean R".

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## 2024 election

WHO IS RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT?

### **Democratic Party**

President Joe Biden  
Author Maryanne Williamson  
Talk show host Cenk Uyger  
Rep. Dean Phillips

### **Republican Party**

Former President Donald Trump  
Former South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley  
Florida Governor Ron DeSantis  
Businessman/pastor Ryan Binkley

### **Third Party**

Lawyer Robert F. Kennedy Jr  
Dr. Coronel West  
Dr. Jill Stein

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## Upcoming Dates

New Hampshire Republican Primary-January 25th  
South Carolina Democratic Primary-February 3rd  
South Carolina Republican Primary-February 23rd  
Super Tuesday-March 5th