

# Elephant Talk



Plano Republican Women

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## President's Byline



In recent decades, the American bureaucratic state has ballooned, extending its tentacles into nearly every facet of citizens' lives. As conservatives, we believe in limited government, individual liberty, and the rule of law. Yet, the Chevron doctrine, established by the Supreme Court in 1984, has been a catalyst for the unchecked expansion of bureaucratic power, eroding constitutional principles and diminishing the separation of powers.

Chevron deference mandates that courts defer to federal agencies' interpretations of ambiguous statutes, granting these unelected bureaucrats tremendous influence over policymaking and law enforcement. This abdication of judicial responsibility has emboldened agencies to promulgate regulations with little regard for congressional intent or constitutional constraints.

Overturning Chevron is not merely an exercise in legal doctrine; it is a crucial step in reining in the administrative state and restoring accountability to the democratic process. By restoring the judiciary's role as a check on executive overreach, we can safeguard individual freedoms and prevent the concentration of power in the hands of unaccountable bureaucrats.

Also overturning Chevron would restore the proper balance of powers envisioned by the Framers of the Constitution. Our Founding Fathers designed a system of checks and balances to prevent tyranny and safeguard the rights of the people. Allowing agencies to interpret laws unchecked undermines this fundamental principle, concentrating power in the executive branch and diminishing the role of Congress as the primary lawmaking body.

Furthermore, Chevron deference has led to regulatory overreach, stifling economic growth, and innovation. Federal agencies, empowered by judicial deference, have imposed burdensome regulations on businesses, hindering entrepreneurship and job creation. By subjecting agency interpretations to rigorous judicial review, we can ensure that regulations are grounded in law and do not exceed the authority granted by Congress.

Moreover, overturning Chevron would foster a culture of accountability within government agencies. When bureaucrats know that their interpretations of the law will be subject to judicial scrutiny, they are incentivized to act within the confines of their statutory authority. This would help prevent the kind of regulatory overreach and abuse of power that has become all too common in the modern administrative state.

Critics of overturning Chevron argue that it would undermine the expertise of federal agencies and impede their ability to respond to complex issues. However, this concern is misplaced. Judicial review of agency interpretations does not preclude deference to their expertise but rather ensures that their actions are consistent with the law and respectful of constitutional principles.

The U.S. Supreme Court is currently considering jointly two cases, [Loper Bright Enterprises v. Raimondo](#) and [Relentless, Inc. v. Department of Commerce](#), that could affect the impact of federal regulations and the Chevron decision. Ultimately, overturning the Chevron decision is not about dismantling the administrative state but instead about restoring constitutional balance and accountability to the government. By reaffirming the judiciary's role as a check on executive power, we can safeguard individual liberties, promote economic prosperity, and preserve the integrity of our democratic institutions. It is time to reclaim the principles of limited government and the rule of law upon which this nation was founded and stop the overreach of the bureaucratic state.

*Cleo Marchese*

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## Calendar of Events

**Next Board Meeting**  
May 7, 2024, 11:30-1:00  
Napoli's Restaurant  
2865 McDermott, Ste 235  
Plano

**Next General Meeting,**  
May 21, 2024, 11:30  
Saltgrass - East Plano  
3320 North Central Exp  
Plano

# PRW May Meeting



## **NEXT GENERAL MEETING:**

**May 21st, 2024**

## **The Honorable Scott Turner Childhood Literacy**

Scott Turner is the Founder and CEO of the Community Engagement & Opportunity Council. Scott Turner has always had a heart for helping people, as shown by his long history of serving others. He and his wife Robin created their family foundation in 2021 with the mission to help those living in impoverished communities by providing life-giving, sustainable resources and opportunities.

The formation of CEOC came shortly after Scott returned from his role as Executive Director of the White House Opportunity and Revitalization Council (WHORC). Here, he initiated the revitalization process in areas that have been deeply affected by poverty and hopelessness for generations. Under his leadership, private entities invested more than \$75 billion in under-resourced communities located in Federally designated Opportunity Zones. The results of his efforts have been life-changing, showing both immediate effects and long-term sustainability for so many people.

Scott Turner is from Richardson, Texas. Turner formerly served as a Texas state representative for the 33rd District, which includes part of Collin County and all of Rockwall County.

Before entering public service, Turner was an American football cornerback who played in the NFL for nine seasons with the Washington Redskins, San Diego Chargers, and the Denver Broncos. He attended the University of Illinois, where he played as their starting cornerback and graduated with a degree in speech communications.

PRW is happy to be partnering with the Honorable Scott Turner and his organization, Community Engagement & Opportunity Council, for our PRW Literary Project. We will be collecting books to present in May to the Honorable Scott Turner. We are trying to get good books into the hands of students who do not have the resources to have their own books at home when they are out of school for summer break.

Please see the attached book drive list link: <https://a.co/4lcQhta> for easy purchasing.

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**Location : Saltgrass Steakhouse Plano East**

**3320 North Central Expressway, Plano, TX 75074**

**Time: 11:15 am: Arrive and check-in, 11:30 am: Meeting, Lunch & Program**

Lunch is available for \$25.00 with RSVP, cash or check payable to PRW on arrival  
*Lunch will be salad, beef entree with vegetable, and carrot cake.*

**RSVPs for lunch must be made by 5 pm Friday, May 17th, 2024**

[RSVP here to pay with credit card](#)

Please note: all Online Credit Card Payments include a processing fee.

**To RSVP send an email to: [rsvp@planorepublicanwomen.org](mailto:rsvp@planorepublicanwomen.org)**

**Include your name in your email and specify whether you will/will not be having lunch**

# PRW April Photos





# Legislative Report

## Legislative Report

By Jennifer Groyzman

Some bills to keep an eye on are....

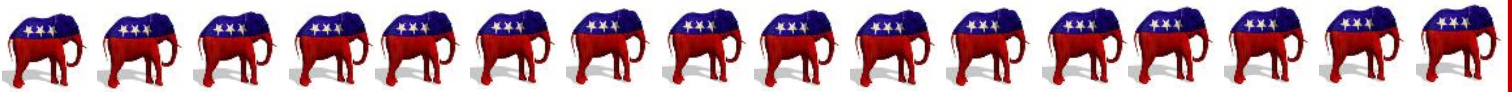
**H.R.7024 - Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act of 2024** – Some things this bill does is increases some tax credits, lets businesses deduct research expenses. This bill would “allow taxpayers to delay the date on which they must begin deducting their domestic research or experimental research costs over a five-year period until 2026. Taxpayers may therefore expense such costs incurred between 2022-2026. The title extends the allowance for depreciation, amortization, or depletion in determining the limitation of the business interest deduction. It also extends 100% bonus depreciation and increases the limitations on expensing of depreciable business assets.”

**H.R.277 - 118th Congress 2023-2024 - Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act of 2023 or the REINS Act of 2023** - “This bill revises provisions relating to congressional review of agency rulemaking. Specifically, the bill establishes a congressional approval process for a major rule. A major rule may only take effect if Congress approves of the rule. A *major rule* is a rule that has resulted in or is likely to result in (1) an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more; (2) a major increase in costs or prices for consumers, individual industries, government agencies, or geographic regions; (3) significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation, or the ability of U.S.-based enterprises to compete with foreign-based enterprises; or (4) an increase in mandatory vaccinations. The bill also provides for the designation, review, and approval of at least 20% of agency rules currently in effect.”

This bill has passed the House. It is currently sitting in the Senate just waiting to be taken up.

**S.3571 - Families’ Rights and Responsibilities Act** - This bill wants to protect the right of parents to direct the upbringing of their children as a fundamental right.

Each bill can be looked up at <https://www.congress.gov/search>



## More April PRW Meeting Photos





# AMERICANISM REPORT

by Ellen Leyrer



## GOUVERNEUR MORRIS WAS THE ODDEST FOUNDING FATHER

MAY 1, 2024

Gouverneur Morris (January 31, 1752 – November 6, 1816) Morris was born into a wealthy landowning family in what is now New York City. He studied law and earned admission to the bar. He was an American statesman, a Founding Father of the United States, and a signatory to the Articles of Confederation and the United States Constitution. He wrote the Preamble to the United States Constitution and has been called the "Penman of the Constitution". The eccentric and outspoken Gouverneur Morris contributed in multiple ways to building the core foundation of American government.

Morris graduated from King's College (later Columbia University) in 1768, studied law, and was admitted to the bar in 1771. An extreme conservative in his political views, he distrusted the democratic tendencies of colonists who wanted to break with England, but his belief in independence led him to join their ranks. On May 8, 1775, Morris was elected to represent his family household in southern Westchester County (now Bronx County), in the New York Provincial Congress, where he successfully advocated for the protection of religious liberty in the first state constitution. As a member of the congress, he, along with most of his fellow delegates, concentrated on turning the colony into an independent state. He served as a lieutenant colonel in the New York state militia and was a member of the New York State Assembly in 1777–78.

Records of correspondence indicate that Morris's political assistance to the Continental Army began as early as April 1776, when he expressed to Washington his support for the health and safety of his troops following Congress' order to move hospital headquarters to a remote island.

He was selected as a Pennsylvania delegate to the Constitutional Convention in 1787. Morris was closely involved in the long process of establishing a functional, democratic government. He devoted himself fully to the American revolutionary cause and served on the committee that wrote the final draft of the United States Constitution. During the Convention, he was a friend and ally of Washington and others who favored a strong central government. Morris was elected to serve on the Committee of Style and Arrangement which drafted the final language of the proposed constitution. James Madison rightfully admitted "the finish given to the style and arrangement of the Constitution, fairly belongs to the pen of Mr. Morris," adding that "a better choice could not have been made". He was a signatory of the Articles of Confederation, sat in the Continental Congress (1778–79), and signed the final draft of the Constitution on behalf of Pennsylvania on September 17, 1787. He has been credited by most historians with authorship of the final version of the preamble, including changing the opening line "We, the People of the States" to "We, the People of the United States."

While most Americans still thought of themselves as citizens of their respective states, Morris advanced the idea of being a citizen of a single union of states. He was one of the few delegates at the Philadelphia Convention who spoke openly against domestic slavery. According to James Madison, who took notes at the Convention, Morris felt that the U.S. Constitution's purpose was to protect the rights of humanity, which was incongruous with promoting slavery.

In 1779, he was defeated for re-election to Congress, largely because his advocacy of a strong central government was at odds with the decentralist views prevalent in New York. Defeated in his home state, he moved to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to work as a lawyer and merchant. He wrote a series of essays on finance (published in 1780), and he proposed the decimal coinage system that, with some modifications by Thomas Jefferson, forms the basis of the present U.S. monetary system.

Morris had a 'peg leg'. In 1780 when reportedly a carriage accident left him with a mangled left ankle and several broken leg bones, the attending physicians recommended amputation of the left leg below his knee. Morris consented. Rumors forever swirled that Morris, a known ladies' man, had actually injured himself jumping from a paramour's balcony to escape the wrath of an irate husband. The Founding Father continued his activities and didn't let the loss of a limb slow him down. Despite an automatic exemption from military duty because of his handicap and his service in the legislature, he joined a special "briefs" club for the protection of New York City, a forerunner of the modern New York Guard.

Morris returned to Philadelphia as a delegate to the Constitutional Convention in 1787.

After the ratification of the Constitution, Morris went to France on business in 1789 and served as Minister Plenipotentiary to France from 1792 to 1794. His diaries during that time have become a valuable chronicle of the French revolution.

Morris returned to the United States in 1798, then represented New York in the U.S. Senate from 1800 to 1803. After leaving the Senate,



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by Ellen Leyrer



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he served as Chairman of the Erie Canal Commission from 1810 to 1813. The Erie Canal helped to transform New York City into a financial capital, the possibilities of which were apparent to Morris when he said that "the proudest empire in Europe is but a bubble compared to what America will be, must be, in the course of two centuries, perhaps of one."

It is said by some that Morris was "an aristocrat to the core". It is alleged that he thought that common people were incapable of self-government because he feared that the poor would sell their votes to the rich and that voting should be restricted to property owners. Morris opposed admitting new western states on an equal basis with the existing eastern states for fear that the interior "wilderness" could not furnish "enlightened" national statesmen.

In 1809 at age 57, the ladies' man turned a Christmas party into a surprise party by making the shocking announcement that he had wed his new housekeeper, Anne Cary "Nancy" Randolph, who was 22 years his junior. The marriage was particularly scandalous because Nancy and her brother-in-law Richard Randolph had been accused in September 1792 of killing a newborn baby who was suspected of being their illegitimate child. Nancy forever insisted that the child had been stillborn. (Morris became a father for the first time at age 61 (1813) when Nancy gave birth to a son, Gouverneur Morris Jr.)

Morris's final public act was to support the Hartford Convention during the War of 1812. He even pushed for secession to create a separate New York-New England Confederation because he saw the war as a result of slaveholders, who wanted to expand their territory.

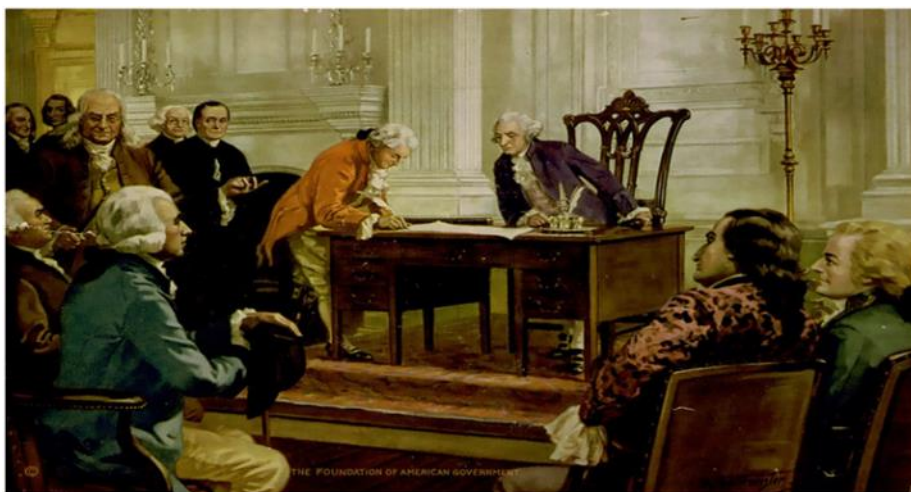
Morris was elected a member of the American Antiquarian Society in 1814.

In addition to his "peg leg", his ladies' man reputation, and writing perhaps the most famous seven words in American history, there are other reasons why Gouverneur Morris was considered the 'oddest' founding father. He spoke more often than any Constitutional Convention delegate. Despite missing an entire month of the proceedings, Morris proved the most loquacious of the delegates. He delivered 173 speeches, topping the 168 by James Wilson and 161 by James Madison.

Perhaps 'unusual' or 'unique' are better words than 'the oddest' to describe Morris. In addition to his passionate orations denouncing slavery, he often vigorously defended the right of anyone to practice his chosen religion without interference, and he argued to include such language in the Constitution.

Morris also has the distinction of shaping modern New York. In 1807 he was appointed to a three-man commission tasked with planning for the growth of New York City, which was rapidly becoming the largest city in the United States. The commission devised Manhattan's iconic street grid system with 12 parallel avenues intersected by 155 streets. Morris' involvement in the construction of the Erie Canal (1810-1813) provided a huge economic boost to New York.

Morris died on November 6, 1816, after he had caused himself internal injuries and an infection while attempting a bit of gruesome self-surgery. He died at the family estate, Morrisania. In 1943, a United States Liberty ship, the SS Gouverneur Morris, was launched. She was scrapped in 1974.



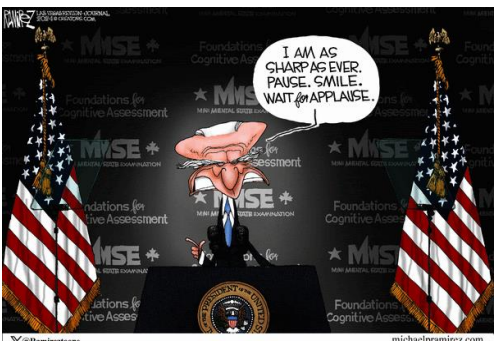
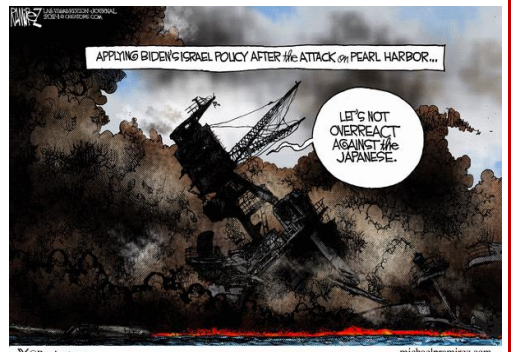
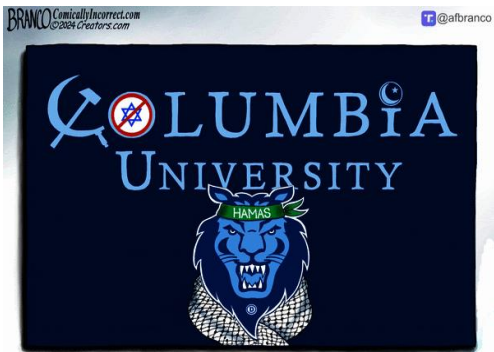
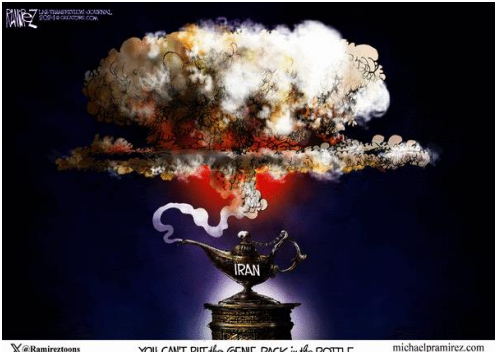
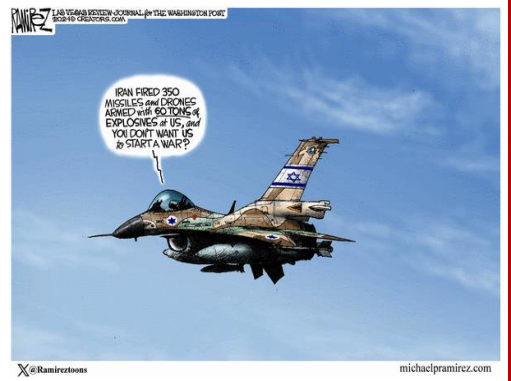
Gouverneur Morris signs the Constitution in [John Henry Hintermeister's](#) 1925 painting, *Foundation of the American Government*



Portrait of Morris, 1817

Resources: <https://www.mountvernon.org/library/digitalhistory/digital-encyclopedia/article/gouverneur-morris/>, <https://www.history.com/news/10-things-you-may-not-know-about-the-oddest-founding-father>, [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gouverneur\\_Morris](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gouverneur_Morris), <https://www.britannica.com/biography/Gouverneur-Morris>, ChatGPT

# Political Cartoons



## CARING FOR AMERICA

### Caring for America Project 2024

We will be collecting the following items at the General meetings for the rest of 2024 for the Border Care Project:

Hand sanitizer

Insect Repellent

Towelettes

Sun Screen

Wound Wash

Clorox Wipes

Snacks (none that will melt, so no chocolate)

Hydration Drops (“Drip Drops”) that can be added to water

We will collect these items at the general meetings. They will be boxed up along with Thank You Notes to those protecting our border. They will be delivered to the Quarterly TFRW Board Meetings where Deborah Wall (TFRW member who started this project) will pick them up and deliver them to the border. The boxes will be decorated and clearly marked that PRW is sending these items.

If you don't want to go shopping for these items, you can go online and purchase products through Amazon either using the following link. We will be able to get credit for these donations.

Right click on the link and select “open hyperlink.”

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3REBIY2X8ZQF8?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3REBIY2X8ZQF8?ref=wl_share)

Caring for America Chair, Kay Barnett

## PRW LITERACY PROJECT

PRW Literacy Project for Tuesday, May 21st meeting is still available.  
**Still time to purchase your books!!**

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Please feel free to contact Kathy Ward, our Literacy Chair, with any questions you have. Her cell phone number is 972-849-0989.



# #StandWithIsrael

From TadTalks, Toni Anne Dashiell:

"War is hell." That is attributed to a quote from General Tecumseh Sherman, incidentally, the same general that tore through the South during the civil war, with the intention of total defeat of the Confederacy and the destruction of the Southern will to fight.

What is happening in Israel and the Gaza Strip is tragic. I'm sure both sides would agree with General Sherman's assessment from 170 years ago. Questioning military strategy, leadership decisions or foreign aid are absolutely legitimate areas of debate. But what isn't up for debate is whether Israel has a right to exist or protect itself.

The left has predictably seized on the current conflict as the newest fashionable cause. What has been absolutely shocking though is the levels of blatant antisemitism and the tolerance of it by leftist institutions. College campuses are pretty accustomed to left wing activism. But rather quickly campuses turned from safe spaces from any number of perceived micro aggressions to welcoming protests that would make Josef Goebbels proud.

I encourage you to read the below from TFRW VP of Legislation Jill Tate. She has seen footage from the 10/7 attack at the Israeli Embassy in D.C. while that embassy was surrounded by a leftist mob. It's a harrowing report on what she saw on video and at the embassy itself. Her account is definitely worth your time.

Israel did not start this war, Hamas did. And it won't truly end until hostages are returned and Hamas is destroyed. Once the military action has ceased there might finally be space for a real and lasting peace. But in the meantime we continue to support Israel as they fight for their hostages and their right to exist.

## Never Forget

Wednesday night before the NFRW Legislative Day, members of the NFRW Board of Directors were invited to the Israeli Embassy in Washington, D.C. We were invited to screen raw footage from the October 7th Hamas attacks in Israel and to be briefed on the current situation. Most importantly, we were asked to be a witness and tell the story. Just as the world said, "Never Again," and "Never Forget," after the Holocaust, we must be the voice of our Jewish brothers and sisters as it is happening AGAIN.

I knew this would be heart-wrenching and very hard to watch. In my role as a Board Member of the Texas State School Safety Board, I have sat through some pretty awful and hard discussions. I knew this would be the same. Just as I believed it is my duty to sit through those hard school safety discussions to keep our school children in Texas safe, I felt it was my duty to be the witness to the atrocities of October 7, 2023. If my grandfather, as a 19-year-old sheep herder from New Mexico, could liberate the concentration camps of World War II, I could sit through 45 minutes of footage.



When we pulled up, demonstrators were outside with their bullhorns screaming at the Embassy and us. They had sirens and noise-makers on high volume that faced the Embassy, blaring 24 hours a day. It is interesting to note that these protestors were white, American, college-aged people. I'm not sure they have ever even been to Israel. They had their ear protection on from the sirens, bull horns in one hand and their Starbucks in another. Yes, that's right, you read that correctly, they had Starbucks in their hands. Do they know the privilege of getting a Starbucks or even food in this region? In the Embassy, the noise was deafening even with all doors and windows shut and at least 50 yards away from them. It is their right, and my grandfather helped guarantee that right. But I wondered, do they know their freedom of speech does not exist in most Muslim countries?

We could not bring any recording devices, including our phones, and were asked to sign an agreement that we would not distribute any photos or images seen that evening. The Israeli government is very careful about who screens and sees these images to protect the victims and their families, many of whom have not seen this footage of their loved ones. However, we were asked to tell the story.

The next few sentences are hard to read but please read them because we must be a witness and tell the world. The footage was taken from body cameras and cell phones of the Hamas terrorists and some closed-circuit cameras in homes. The terrorists kicked in doors of homes and shot families hiding under tables, threw grenades into safe rooms and cars, pulled passengers from cars to shoot them, set houses on fire and surrounded houses shooting inside. Victims were burned alive in their homes or shot when they retreated outside. Parents were killed in front of their crying and terrified children. Terrorists' boldly ate from their victim's refrigerators after killing the entire household.

# #StandWithIsrael

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From TadTalks, Toni Anne Dashiell:

They dragged people from their homes of all ages, tied their hands, then threw them like animals in the back of trucks to be taken away as hostages. They brutally violated and maimed both live and dead victims. Those actions are just too hard to write about. They shouted “Allahu Akbar” as they maimed and killed, high-fiving each other, laughing and cheering while killing and destroying. One terrorist called his family to say he had killed 10. His parents cried with pride and praised Allah.

When the footage was over, we sat with the lights low for several minutes, absorbing what we had just witnessed. I said a silent prayer and wiped a few tears as I thought of two boys, my son’s age, I had just seen. The images of children in their Mickey Mouse pajamas and teenagers at a music concert burned in my head. When the lights came up, members of hostage families came in with the posters of their loved ones. Hostages from the ages of 1 to 80 were represented. Some knew where their loved ones were, and some did not. One woman who spoke was taken hostage with her family. She was released after 50 days; she does not know where her family is. They asked us to tell their story, and in my heart, I promised I would.

The Embassy officials took questions and asked us to remember three things:

1. **We stand with Israel.**
2. **Israel did not start this war.**
3. **The hostages still held must be released.**

As our ladies descended onto Capitol Hill on Thursday, we were resolute in sharing this message with our lawmakers.

At the end of the Embassy meeting, before leaving the room, we stood together, held hands and said the Lord’s Prayer. When we went back outside to leave, the chanting and screaming by protestors was even louder. Being Republican Women and Americans, we broke out into “God Bless America” to drown them out!

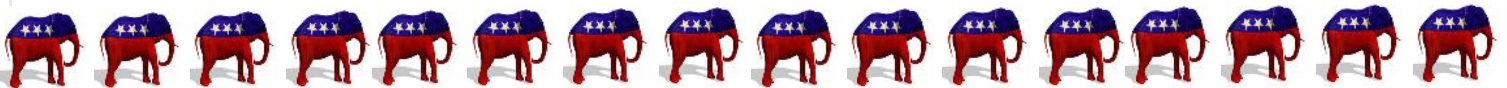
Never Forget, that’s what the world said. Israel is under assault by Hamas. It was the largest killing of Jews in one day since the Holocaust. Memory and education are vital. WE must never forget, never give up, and tell the story. They attacked on Saturday; their next attack will be on Sunday.



I stand in support and solidarity with our valued friend and ally, Israel, and our Jewish brothers and sisters. Please join me.

***#NeverForget #BringThemHomeNow***

- Jill Tate



## Connections for May, 2024

We are “switching gears” following the May General Meeting from helping others to helping ourselves.

Please join Lisa Babb as she guides us thru the improved PRW website. She will help us use the website to our individual advantages.

Bring your device (cell phone, tablet or laptop) and follow along or come observe “how to...” and go home more knowledgeable and equipped to use our PRW website.

**Unfortunately, WWII is not covered in any detail in what passes for American History that is taught today. Here is but one of many stories that should have been passed down to all generations. Today most young people don't know anything about World Wars I and II and what the United States did to save the world from tyranny and what little they do know has been distorted. It is up to my generation to tell these stories.**

## John 5:13      **The Four Chaplains**

First Corinthians 13:13 tells us that three things endure forever—faith, hope, and love, and that love surpasses the others. Love is the greatest force in either the spiritual or the material world, and according to Jesus, “Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friend” (John 15:13). One of the clearest modern displays of “greater love” occurred during World War II in one of the most heroic acts of the conflict.

When the war began, America was not prepared militarily; the armed forces has been steadily downsizing for years preceding the war, and its armaments were largely antiquated. The American war machine finally began to gear up and produce modern ships, planes, and munitions, but in the meantime, it converted whatever it could to military usage, including turning commercial luxury cruise liners into troop carriers.

One of those ships was the *Dorchester*. In early 1943, it was part of a convoy of three transport ships carrying troops from Newfoundland to an American base in Greenland, on their way to Europe. They were accompanied by three Coast Guard cutters to help fend off German U-boats constantly prowling those sea lanes, which were often called “torpedo alley” or “torpedo junction” because so many American ships had been sunk there.

On the night of February 2, 1943, the convoy thought it might have detected a submarine on its crude sonar, so the captain of the *Dorchester* ordered all soldiers to sleep in their clothing and wear their life jackets, but many ignored him. After all, the ship was only 150 miles from its destination, and the soldiers' quarters were cramped and stuffy, making it extremely uncomfortable to sleep in the hot bulky life jackets.

At 12:55 A.M. on the morning of February 3, a German periscope bork the dark waters of the North Atlantic, spotted the *Dorchester*, and sent three torpedoes speeding toward it. One hit its mark well below the waterline, and the ship began filling with water. The Captain gave the “abandon ship” order, and within some twenty minutes of being struck, the ship slipped beneath the black and icy waters.

The impact of the torpedo not only killed scores and wounded many more, but it also knocked out the power. The soldiers who slept below deck, now scrambling in complete darkness and with frigid water pouring in upon them were unable to orientate themselves or locate escape routes back to the main deck upstairs. Add to that the screams of the dying and wounded, they were understandably gripped by terror, panic filled the ship.

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Many made it topside but began jumping from the ship into the freezing waters without life preservers, trying to swim to lifeboats, several of which were soon overcrowded and capsized. And other lifeboats that had been released and dropped into the sea began drifting away before anyone could get into them.

In the midst of the confusion and chaos, four voices brought calm and clarity—the voices of Chaplains George Fox (Methodist), Alex Goode (Jewish), John Washington (Catholic) and Clark Poling (Dutch Reformed). The four moved among the soldiers, tending to the wounded, praying for the dying, encouraging the frightened, and guiding the bewildered and disoriented to safety. One survivor testified, “I could hear men crying, pleading, praying. I could also hear the chaplains preaching courage. Their voices were the only thing that kept me going.”

The chaplains tried to maintain order topside, handing out life jackets to soldiers emerging from below deck. When they finally ran out of life jackets, four young soldiers were still without one, so the chaplains took off their own vests and gave them to the four. One survivor who saw it testified, “It was the finest thing I have seen or hope to see this side of heaven.”

As the *Dorchester* finally sank beneath the icy Arctic waters, survivors in the lifeboats testified that the final sight of the ship was the four chaplains standing together on the slanting submerging deck—a Jew, a Methodist, a Catholic, and a Dutch Reformed—their arms locked together and their voices raised in prayer as the ship forever slipped beneath the freezing waters.

Tragically, of the 902 on board, only 229 survived, and they credited the chaplains for saving most of those lives. But the sacrifice of the Four Chaplains was not forgotten and was frequently invoked across subsequent years to remind the nation of the remarkable love, courage, and character that a strong faith in God had produced in each of the four.

For example, in 1948, President Harry Truman arranged for a special postage stamp to memorialize the four,<sup>1</sup> and three years later in 1951, he spoke at the dedication of the Chapel of the Four Chaplains at Temple University in Philadelphia, reminding the nation:

*This chapel commemorates something more than an act of bravery or courage. It commemorates a great act of faith in God. The four chaplains whose memory this shrine was built to commemorate were not required to give their lives as they did. They gave their lives without being asked. When their ship was sinking, they handed all the life preservers that were available and then took off their own and gave them away in order that four other men might be saved. Those four chaplains actually carried out the moral code which we are all supposed to live by. They obeyed the Divine commandment that men should love one another. They really lived up to the moral standard that declares “Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.” [John 15:13]. They were not afraid of death because they knew that the Word of God is stronger than death. Their belief, their faith, in His word enabled them to conquer death.”<sup>2</sup>*

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*“In 1943, four chaplains died heroically in a gesture of unselfish love for others. In the disaster which befell the transport ship Dorchester, they gave up their lives in order to save fellow countrymen on board. It is most appropriate that Civitan International has dedicated the week of February 1-7, 1976 to commemorate the supreme sacrifice of these four chaplains and in this way to honor clergymen everywhere. I am sure that the members of Civitan are joined by all Americans at this time in expressing appreciation to those who continue to work humbly and to serve God and man.<sup>4</sup>*

Clearly previous generations not only knew but also regularly retold the story of the Four Chaplains, but unfortunately that account is largely unknown today. And while Jesus Christ will always be the ultimate display of “greater love” by giving His life so that every individual could be reconciled to God and have eternal life and peace, the Four Chaplains will also always serve as praiseworthy examples of the John 15:13 “greater love.”

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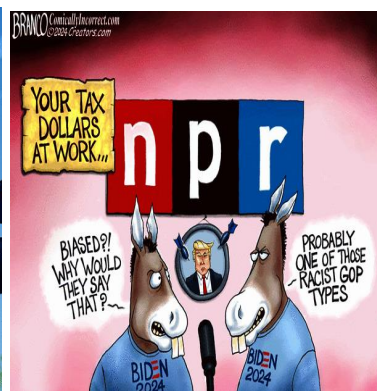
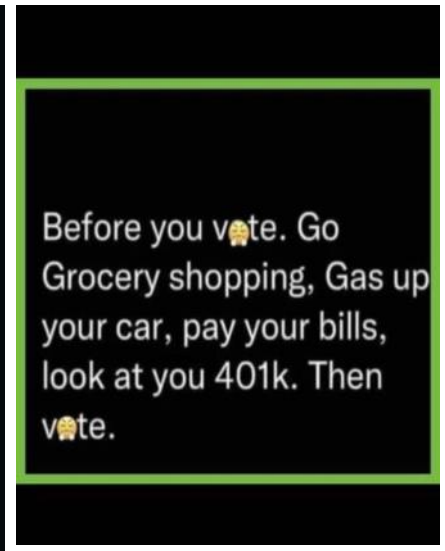
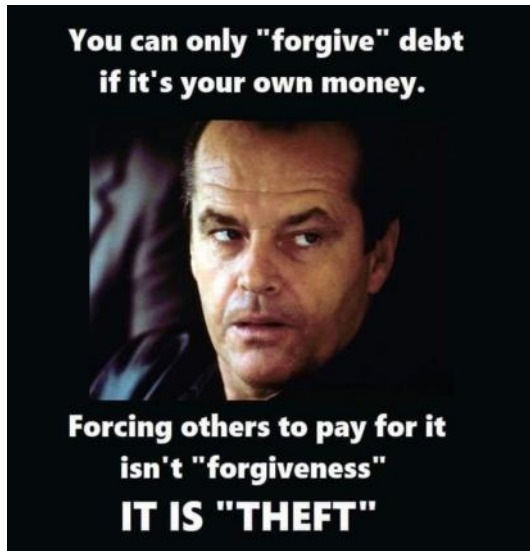
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# Political Cartoons



Meanwhile, in New York ..



# We Are Turning the Lights Off on Ourselves

By Stephen Moore, April 4, 2024 Updated April 9, 2024

## Commentary

The Biden administration has announced in recent weeks new stringent emissions requirements for virtually the entire U.S. transportation system.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will mandate that by the year 2035, virtually every car made and sold in the United States must be an EV. No more gas cars. The New York Times comically declared that motorists don't have to worry because this "is not a ban on gasoline-powered vehicles." Sure it isn't.

Today, less than 2 percent of cars use the electric power grid for fuel. So soon we will see 50 times more demand for electricity from autos.

Then the EPA announced new rules for trains in California to go electric—even as the Association of American Railroads has declared the mandate infeasible.

But wait. The climate change lobby is just getting started. There is now a new scheme to mandate that the long-haul trucking industry convert to electric battery operation from diesel fuel.

This is a technological and financial nightmare for our trucking industry. A 10-ton long-haul truck is going to carry cargo across the country on an electric battery? Really?

Planes haven't been mandated by the climate lobby to stop using fossil fuels. But stick around.

Even if the technology existed to meet these mandates, this added strain on the electric grid system comes at a time when power production is already in short supply. The Wall Street Journal reports that power demands are expected to double over the next decade because of artificial intelligence and other technologies that use multiple times more energy than does the internet.

It also comes at a time when the left has insisted that more than a dozen coal and gas plants need to be shuttered. Nuclear plants continue to get shuttered, too. Locally, greens also have started a movement to stop transmission lines and pipelines from being built.

What is the likely outcome of vastly expanding electric power demand at the same time the Biden administration is reducing supply? An energy calamity. Prices could as much as double. In California, which is at the forefront of the go-green movement, residents pay electric bills 29 percent higher than the U.S. average.

California is also second in the nation in power outages, with 221 from 2019 to 2023, according to Payless Power. This leaves schools, hospitals, and millions of homes without electricity.

Some of the more honest green groups concede that a power shortage is coming as a result of their radical "decarbonization" agenda. Their solution is rationing energy. The government will tell you how much power you can use and when you can use it. There is also a move afoot to conserve energy by abolishing air conditioners and "nonessential" air travel—and gas stoves and power lawnmowers.

Energy is the master resource. Everything we have is derivative of cheap and reliable energy. The more energy a country uses, the richer it is. If you want to disrupt a nation's progress, take away its energy sources.

This is usually a tactic that nations use against their enemies when they are at war. We are foolishly and self-destructively turning the lights off on ourselves.

*Views expressed in this article are opinions of the author and do not necessarily reflect the views of The Epoch Times.*

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# GOP Guest Article

## Governor Abbott Condemns President Biden's Illegal Rewrite Of Title IX

April 29, 2024 | Austin, Texas | [Press Release](#)

Governor Greg Abbott today sent a letter to President Joe Biden condemning his recent revision of Title IX, which forces schools to treat biological men as women. The Governor also informed the President that Texas will not adhere to the new rules.

"Title IX was written by Congress to support the advancement of women academically and athletically," reads the letter. "The law was based on the fundamental premise that there are only two sexes—male and female. You have rewritten Title IX to force schools to treat boys as if they are girls and to accept every student's self-declared gender identity. This ham-handed effort to impose a leftist belief onto Title IX exceeds your authority as President.

I am instructing the Texas Education Agency to ignore your illegal dictate. Your rewrite of Title IX not only exceeds your constitutional authority, it also tramples laws that I signed to protect the integrity of women's sports by prohibiting men from competing against female athletes. Texas will fight to protect those laws and to deny your abuse of authority."

Last year, the Governor signed the Save Women's Sports Act into law to protect the integrity of fair competition and women's sports by prohibiting biological men from competing against female athletes at Texas colleges and universities. In 2021, Governor Abbott signed a similar law to protect girls' sports in Texas public schools.



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

April 29, 2024

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The White House  
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Abbott".

Greg Abbott  
Governor

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# Political Action Hours

By Political Action Chair Jennifer Groysman

I am happy to report our members turned in 4,331 political hours. Fantastic job ladies. With the primary run-off, local elections, and the Texas Republican Convention coming up, there will be more opportunities to volunteer and collect hours. Some dates to keep in mind...

## Local Elections

### May 4, 2024 General and Special Election

Early Voting: Mon, April 22, 2024 - Tue, April 30, 2024

Election Day: Sat, May 4, 2024

### Republican Primary Run-off

Early Voting Schedule: Monday, May 20, 2024 - Friday, May 24, 2024

Election Day: May 28, 2024



What counts as

## Political Activity Hours

- **Attending Political Meetings**
  - Political Events & Fundraisers
  - County or State GOP meetings
  - School Board or City Council meetings
- **Travel**
  - Any time you spend traveling to and from political events and meetings.
- **Legislative Advocacy**
  - Time spent calling, writing, about legislative issues
- **Campaign Activities**
  - Block walking, sign waving, phone banking, digital work
  - Running for office
- **Election Support**
  - Election Judge, Election Clerk, Deputy Voter Registrar
- **Appointed or Elected Service**
  - Prep time, travel time, and attendance at meetings you were appointed or elected to serve at any level

*Any political activity you do that is not for your primary job counts!*

# Membership Report

By Membership Chair Lisa Babb

## Many Thanks To Our Club Patrons

**These members have donated \$100.00 in cash, given items to the club, or paid budgeted expenses valued at \$100.00 or more.**

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## PRW Membership Report

By Ushma Ferguson

We are currently accepting Membership Renewals for 2024! And we always welcome new members!

As of today, we have 93 paid members.

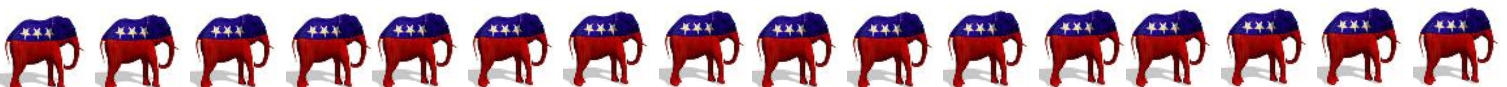
We had previously turned in to TFRW 81 members, and we will add 12 more this month for a total of 93

In 2023, PRW had 105 members, we hope that 2024 will bring even more women in to network and work together for Republican values and Republican candidates.

Membership dues can be paid at the meeting, online through our website  
<https://planorepublicanwomen.org/membership>  
or checks can be mailed to the PRW Post Office Box.

Memberships:

- \$40 Full Active Single Membership (PRW receives \$15, TFRW and NFRW receive \$25)
- \$45 Full Active Membership with Spouse
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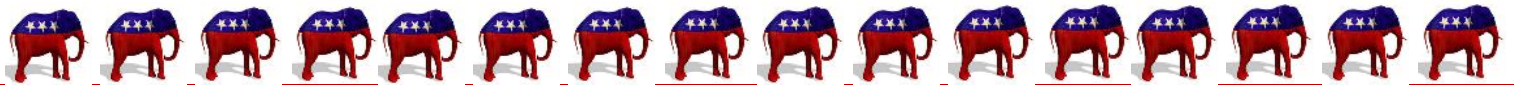


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## May Birthdays

### Member Birthdays:

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Pat Greer	5/12
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Stephanie Casson	5/14
Valerie Greenberg	5/23
Rita Greenwell	5/30

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Ray Huffines	5/1
Bob Voss	5/3
Corrine Mason	5/9
Kim Missildine	5/18
Sammy Knapp	5/19
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Andrea Thompson	5/31

