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Save The Date

Luncheon Meeting

February 16th
11:00am – 1:45pm

Guest Speaker
Senator Jim Brulte

The Senator is a highly acclaimed speaker on California politics and public policy. He is regularly interviewed by local, national and international television, radio and newspaper outlets.

* IMPORTANT *

Please make your reservation by the deadline date. A reservation made is a reservation paid after that date. You can pay online or with Cash, Check and Credit Card at check-in. Guests Welcome!

Questions:

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2024 Meeting Dates

February 16th March 15th

April 19th May 17th

June 21st

July No Meeting

August 16th September 20th

October 18th November 15th

December No Meeting

You won't want to miss the January meeting where we kickoff the 2024 election year with guest speakers San Diego GOP Chairwoman Paula Whitsell and San Diego GOP Executive Director Jordan Gascon as they discuss the 2024 election and what RBRW can do to help Republicans get elected.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rancho-bernardo-rw-luncheon-and-meeting-tickets-784720649587>

**Stay Tuned for information on the
NEW GOP North County Inland
Headquarters opening January 9th!**

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RBRW Disclaimer: RBRW is in part the education arm of the Republican Party. In that endeavor, the 1st Vice-President in charge of programs invites registered Republican speakers to our monthly meetings to inform and educate our members on a wide variety of topics. The information imparted is NOT to be considered as a position or endorsement by the RBRW Board or its membership. RBRW is a 527-political non-profit organization.

PRAY FOR OUR NATION

Chaplain: Julie Carlson

Heavenly Father, as we stand on the threshold of a new year, we want to express our deepest gratitude for the blessings of the past year. Thank you for your faithfulness, your love, and your constant presence in our lives. We acknowledge your sovereignty over the days gone by and the days yet to come.

Lord, as we enter the unknown of the coming year, we ask for your guidance and wisdom. Illuminate our path with your light so that we may walk in your ways and make choices that align with your will. Help us to seek first your kingdom and trust that all other things will be added unto us.

In your name we pray, amen.

*"We all get the
exact same 365 days.*

*The only difference
is what we do
with them."*
-Hillary DePiano



*Happy
New Year*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President: Judy Simeroth | info@rbrepublicanwomen.org

Happy New Year, fellow Republican Women!

A few things about me. I was born and raised in San Diego. My parents - Korean father, Chinese mother - were both immigrants to the United States. My father came here for college, and my mother immigrated with her family through the US Navy at the age of 8.

We were brought up to value and respect our great nation. I attended SDSU, and my husband Jesse, a retired San Diego police officer, attended college in the Midwest. We own and operate property rentals and have two children: Jodi 27 and Jake 23. I hope to meet each of you and learn your family history. Everyone has a story, and together we can make changes in this world by sharing what we have brought to this earth. I have much to learn from this valuable group. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your President. I am honored, and my parents would be proud!

In December, your Executive Board members met to establish our 2024 goals. We shared ideas, strategies, and started the bonding process for team success. With an important election year ahead, know that the new board is eager to get to work!

We recognize the impact our organization has on culture and politics. However, there's a need to adjust to a new generation of women, while still serving the members who built the organization we have today. In summary, the success of our club lies in the following ideas:

1. REMEMBERING OUR HISTORY - The enfranchisement of women, both in California (1911) and the United States (1920) was a long and challenging endeavor. The women's suffrage movement changed the way our democracy works and ratified the rights and responsibilities of citizenship for women, including the right to vote.

RBRW activities center on:

- Encouraging voter registration, voting, and working on campaigns
- Teaching Americanism
- Holding political meetings, with the goal of electing Republicans to public service
- Promoting participation of women in politics
- Informing members on current legislative issues
- Supporting local, state and national level legislators while in public office
- Developing community outreach programs addressing important social issues and concerns

Our goal is to actively promote our club's missions and share our good works with the community.

2. RENEW OUR COMMITMENT - The 2024 election year is the moment to renew RBRW commitment to ensure not only the nation's future, but the club's as well. The focus of our energies is to help elect Republicans to office, but equally as important is to expand membership demographics. Merely maintaining the status quo is not good enough. We must instead embrace the new generation of women and their thoughts and values. Heeding the good advice and past experiences of previous RBRW boards, your new board is ready to tackle this challenge. We seek your support and commitment to achieve these goals. To achieve electoral success and increase our membership, your board will interface in new ways to realize efficiency and mutual purpose.

3. RESPONSIBILITY IN ACTIVISM - As Republican women, it is our responsibility to bring the conservative message to others. We need quality Republicans in office. Once the primary is over, let us galvanize our efforts behind the GOP nominees, no matter their office, and share the good news of limited government, fiscal responsibility, and self-determination. We should feel gratified to be Republican women and proud to declare publicly our commitment to local civic engagement and community work.

4. REVENUE PROVISION - To reach our potential, we need you to support the efforts of the Ways and Means Chairwomen. Participation in luncheons, fundraisers and events provides the revenues our club needs to build our membership, attract a new generation of women, and extend our assistance to Young Republicans, first responders, veterans and others.

Thank you for placing your trust in me.

Warmly,

Judy Simeroth

RBRW President Completes the Board by Assigning members to needed positions

APPOINTED OFFICERS

| | |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| Advisor | Patti Hime |
| Chaplain | Julie Carlson |
| Financial Review Officer | Angela Milner |
| Parliamentarian | Jean Anderson |

COMMITTEE CHAIRWOMEN – CLUB BUSINESS

| | |
|-------------------------|---|
| Americanism | Julie Carlson |
| Awards | Chrissy Stone |
| Community Service Hours | Dian Higginbotham |
| Directory | Anita Edmondson |
| Hostesses | De Hunold |
| Luncheon Check-in | Rosalind Duddy |
| Name Badges | Chrissy Stone (backup Paula Carmichael) |
| Newsletter | Sara Kadowaki (backup Patti Hime) |
| Publicity | Cydney Gant |
| Website | Dian Higginbotham |
| Social Media | Vivi-Anne Riordan |
| | Mike Hime |

COMMITTEE CHAIRWOMEN – CLUB ACTIVISM

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|----------------------------|------------------|
| Community Outreach | Charlotte Leamy |
| Local Activism/Legislation | Paula Carmichael |
| Young Republicans | Patti Hime |
| Veteran Outreach | Kay Merg |
| | Karen Boyle |



MEMBERSHIP

Connie Munoz | Chair

membership@rbrepublicanwomen.org



Please welcome these members:

Mary Lopez
Rita O'Brien
Dee Siltanen

Reba Oberman
Kathleen Reiser
Elaine Stone

Sharon Storti

We are so glad you are part of this group!

**ONLY 68 Full members and
7 Supporting members have renewed for 2024**

Let's continue to grow our membership!

Tell your friends about RBRW. Let's try to reach out to some younger women as well. Each member strengthens our club.

Our GOAL is 125 for 2024!

Let's start off the new year with a big number!

RENEW NOW FOR RBRW 2024

WE are accepting memberships NOW!

\$45 Full member / \$20 Supporting member

Please bring your checkbook to the JANUARY meeting.

There will be forms to fill out at the meeting.

RENEWING THE TRADITIONAL WAY

If you prefer, you can download and print the form found in this Republican Reporter.

Mail your form with a check to:

RBRW, P.O. Box 28422, San Diego, CA, 92198

ONLINE

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2024-rbrw-membership-drive-tickets-747551886817> When you select the button, you will be prompted to fill in the blanks and credit card information. There is a convenience charge to renew online.

Renewing online is safe, convenient and easy! You can also fill out a membership form and pay with Check / Credit Card at the luncheon. A \$4.87 fee is charged to you – save your money and write a check instead.



- Jan 2 • Karen Buelterman
Deborah Lowery
- Jan 5 • Audrey Recchia
- Jan 10 • Linda Van Vark
- Jan 11 • Angela Milner
- Jan 30 • Liz Glover



- Feb 1 • Martha Lyles
- Feb 3 • Fiona Theseira
- Feb 4 • Anita Stone
Lynn Leclercq
- Feb 9 • Virginia Ruble
- Feb 10 • Kathleen Reiser
- Feb 11 • Audrey Staley
- Feb 17 • Charmagne Tabor
- Feb 18 • Roberta Sharpe-Martin
- Feb 20 • Rose Marie Dishman
- Feb 22 • Vivi-Anne Riordan

2024 Membership Application

Rancho Bernardo

Republican Women

P.O. Box 28422, San Diego, CA 92198-0422



Name: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip Code

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Birthday (month, day, year): _____

(to verify voter registration)

Do you want your information (name, phone, email, birthday/month, year joined, and photo) to be included in the RBRW Directory?

☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ **Regular Member (\$45 annually)** - Republican women who support RBRW with and without active participation. Regular members have voting privileges.

☐ **Supporting Member (\$20 annually)** – Any Republican man in the County of San Diego, or Republican woman (or man) residing out of the County of San Diego. Supporting members are non-voting members.

Rancho Bernardo Republican Women (RBRW) publishes a monthly newsletter, which is available on their website. I, _____, hereby authorize RBRW permission to release my name and my image in photographs for publication in the RBRW Republican Reporter newsletter.

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

www.RBRepublicanWomen.org or contact: membership@rbrepublicanwomen.org

FOR OFFICIAL USE: REC'D _____ ☐ CASH ☐ CHECK # _____ ☐ CREDIT CARD
_____ ☐ M/C _____ ☐ S/S _____ ☐ E/N _____ ☐ W

WAYS & MEANS

Patty So and Kimberlee Rizzuti | Co-VPs

We are happy to kick off the new year with exciting activities. For the January luncheon, will have Cabi samples from prior seasons for sale to benefit the organization \$20 for 1, \$35 for 2, \$45 for 3, and \$60 for 4 items. There will be a variety of sizes, so if you ladies wish to try tops on, you can wear a cami to avoid running to the restroom to pop a top on, but there will also be some pants/skirts/denim that you can try on in the restroom if needed. Payment can be cash, check, or Square. All sales final. We will continue with the "Share the Purse" raffle. We are looking forward to creating new activities for you!

Upcoming luncheons:

Feb: "Pretty in Pink" goodies

March: "Go for the Green" plant/gardening

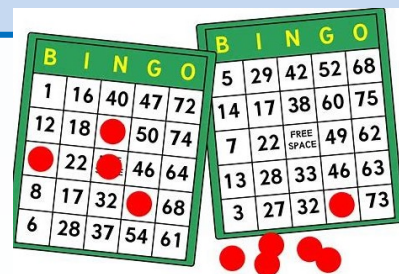
Outgoing report from Judy Fizzard and Lavada Jurcsak | Co-VPs

We hope everyone enjoyed the Jingle Mingle Bingo Luncheon at the Heights Fireside Banquet Room. Thanks to Linda, Elsie and Jenny for selling the 50/50 **Share the Purse** raffle tickets and Teri's wonderful raffle baskets which were a huge hit. We had 5 ladies winning \$31 each for the 50/50 raffle giving the Club a total of \$186 and 8 ladies winning \$25 each for Bingo. The "Elves" arrived and gave each guest a Christmas gift. Thanks to Teri, Paula, Patty H., Jean, DeAnn, Judy F. and Lavada for making delicious desserts for us to thoroughly enjoy.

Ways and Means wants to congratulate Patty So and Kimberlee Rizzuti, we know they will do a phenomenal job.

It's been a real pleasure and honor to be Co-Chairs of Ways and Means these past 4 years. Enjoyed the challenge making centerpieces and coming up with ideas for fundraising items each month. We earned a Grand Total of \$6,889.50 over the past 2 years, these proceeds help with club expenses. We could never have been successful without all the help from Linda F, Elsie J, Jenny C, Raenell H and our generous and supportive Members, we greatly appreciate all of you.

*Lots and lots of
concentration
while playing
Jingle Mingle Bingo*



ACTIVISM

Jan Stewart, VP of Political Action

I am excited to follow in the capable shoes of LaJoyce Robinson as VP of Political Activism for 2024-2025.

We all know that 2024 will be a very exciting time with many challenges for our state, our Party and our Nation.

I urge you to go to www.victorhanson.com and read Victor Davis Hanson's Christmas article "**2024 - the Year of our Reckoning**".

With a Presidential election this year, there will be many controversial situations to address and always the October surprise, yet to be revealed.

As Republicans, we have endured the many hoaxes thrown out by the Democrats such as Russian Collusion, the laptop disinformation, two politicized Impeachments, the Mar A Lago document raid, all designed to degrade our campaigns, elections and political customs, traditions and discourse. I stole that info from VDH's article. But because we live in a "new world", thanks Harvard, that's no longer called Plagiarism, it's now called "**Duplicative Language**"!

There are issues that will face us as San Diegans living in a border town, but I think one of the most pressing is Illegal Immigration. November 2023 CBP had 242,418 encounters at the southern border. That is the highest November on record, 3rd highest month ever. Eagle Pass, Texas has photographed "gotaways" carrying rifles as they invade. There is a large caravan coming toward the US expected to be 15,000 strong by the time it reaches our borders. And as President Trump said, "They're not sending their best". ICE recently arrested more than two dozen illegal sex offenders in two days in Los Angeles, some convicted of child sex crimes. It's imperative that we ramp up our city, state and national security. Unfortunately, according to American Military News, going into 2024 our US Military will be the smallest force since 1941 - 80 years! The Diversity/Equity/Inclusion directives and forced vaccines have cost us dearly in preparedness as many have chosen to leave all branches. Thankfully they have gotten the message and new recruitment advertising is more focused on strength, bravery and honor.

I attended the Turning Point USA AmericaFest convention in Phoenix December 16th-19th and was so encouraged by the enthusiastic young college-age people who are getting involved in shaping our nation. You can download the **TPUSA app** to watch the many speakers who were in attendance firing up the youth.

Locally we must all get involved in the fight to take back our country. Our new North County Inland GOP office will be a great place to start. Come in on Thursdays and learn how you can help us get the right people in the right positions. Also download the **BillBlaster app**, developed by Steve Bannon's team at the War Room. When we have a call to action, you can open the app and all our Senators and Congressmen contact information will be at your fingertips.

I look forward to working with all of you!

GO to your Apple App Store or Google play store and download these two apps



BillBlaster

Congress at your finger...



TPUSA

News

Get Involved!
Our country needs
YOU!

ACTIVISM

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reformcalifornia.org

californiapolicycenter.org

www.sandiegorepublicans.org

www.sandigonewsdesk.com

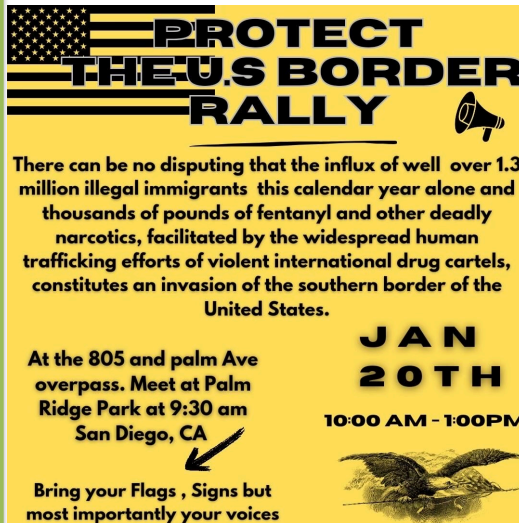
Election Integrity Project

<https://capoliticalreview.com>

www.sandiegoyoungrepublicans.org/

<https://publicsq.com>

If you are interested in rallies, here are two that you might consider



PROTECT THE U.S. BORDER RALLY

There can be no disputing that the influx of well over 1.3 million illegal immigrants this calendar year alone and thousands of pounds of fentanyl and other deadly narcotics, facilitated by the widespread human trafficking efforts of violent international drug cartels, constitutes an invasion of the southern border of the United States.

JAN 20TH
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

At the 805 and palm Ave overpass. Meet at Palm Ridge Park at 9:30 am San Diego, CA

Bring your Flags , Signs but most importantly your voices



WORLD WIDE RALLY FOR FREEDOM CALIFORNIA SAN DIEGO

TOGETHER, WE ARE FREE!

20TH OF JANUARY, 2024
BALBOA PARK
PRESIDENTS WAY LAWN @
PARK BLVD & PRESIDENTS WAY
RALLY AND MARCH AROUND THE WORLD (HOUSES)
11 AM - 2 PM

#WewillALLbethere

Ways to volunteer:

WE HAVE A COUNTRY TO SAVE



Current projects:

- Election integrity – Voter ID
- Stop all tax hikes
- Save Prop 13
- Restore public safety
- End homelessness

<https://reformcalifornia.org/volunteer>

1320 W Valley Pkwy
Escondido, CA 92025

Phone: (619) 786-8019

Sign up for one or more of these volunteer roles –

- Help at Reform California Office
- Make phone calls
- Collect signature
- Volunteer at events in my area
- Send text messages
- Work on mailing projects



MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

Luncheon Program Highlights



We jingled, mingled and "bingoed" away and had so much fun. We were fortunate that Rudolph and Herme, the elf stopped by.

AMERICANISM

Submitted by Julie Carlson

Our Founders' Faith in Faith

AMAC Magazine, November 2023

We live in a time when Judeo-Christian values, beliefs from the Old and New Testament, are sorely tested. We should be fortified by the past, which awaits rediscovery, especially at Christmas. Our Founding Fathers were circumspect and wise, yet also faithful and kind. Our beacon is theirs – if we will hold tight to it.

We know the First Amendment was first because its freedoms of speech and faith were essential for preserving the other amendments; likewise the second protected the first. But few recall how universal the respect for faith was.

James Madison, not a firebreather, was more in tune with Judeo-Christian values than historians tend to portray. He studied in New Jersey at what would become Princeton, an institution that then was an evangelical seminary led by Reverend Witherspoon. No wonder Madison, the Father of our Constitution, focused on the First Amendment, rejecting the idea that religion should be "tolerated" and instead insisting on "free exercise." Madison's version of the First Amendment included an assurance that "the civil rights of none shall be abridged on account of religious belief or worship {...} nor shall the full and equal rights of conscience be in any manner, or on any pretext, infringed."

Why? The Founding Fathers knew in their time – and intentionally secured for our time – one truth: A moral society flows from a focus on freely held faith and attention to one's conscience. Such a society creates character, people who care about one another.

John Adams, in his forceful way, wrote, "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people, warning us to beware the loss of character.

Thomas Jefferson, much quoted on religious liberty, practiced what he preached, as he regularly attended church, often alone, and raised money for Christian churches. While such practices were largely private, they were very real.

In a time when religion seems to divide us, Jefferson's words rang: "Neither Pagan nor Muslim nor Jew ought to be excluded from the civil rights of the commonwealth because of his religion." He counted himself a Christian, but Jefferson loved no human being less for holding a different faith – indeed a Christian value at its core.

It was George Washington who wrote to a Jewish congregation in 1790 that "all possess alike liberty of conscience and immunities of citizenship. {...} For happily the Government of the United States, which gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance, requires only that they who live under its protection should demean themselves as good citizens." Shalom, As-salaam alaikum – "On Earth peace, goodwill toward men."

But to me, the stories about these men count as much as what they wrote. They lived close to the Earth. They abided by love, family, and faith, their Judeo-Christian values. In this season, have faith in faith itself. They all did, and we should and can.



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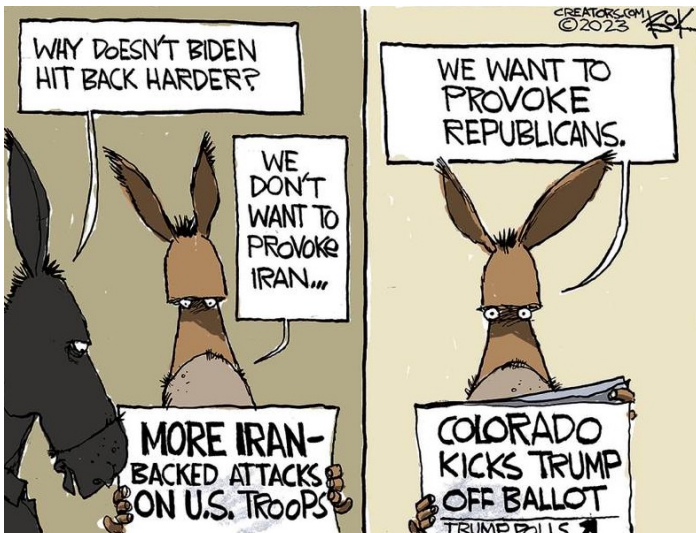
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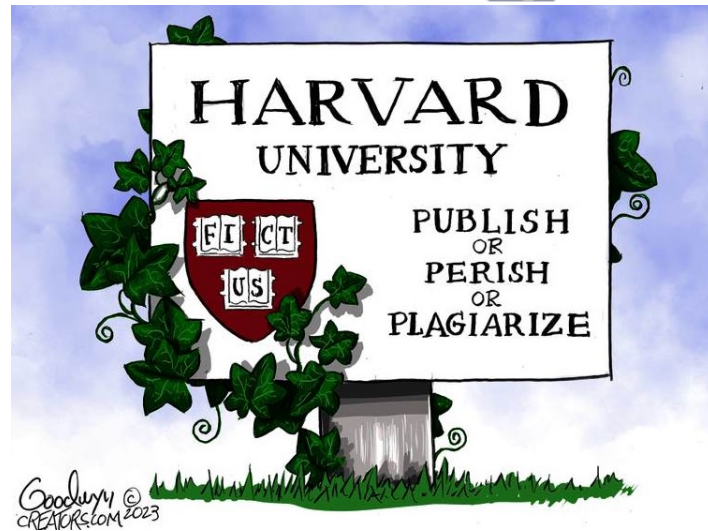
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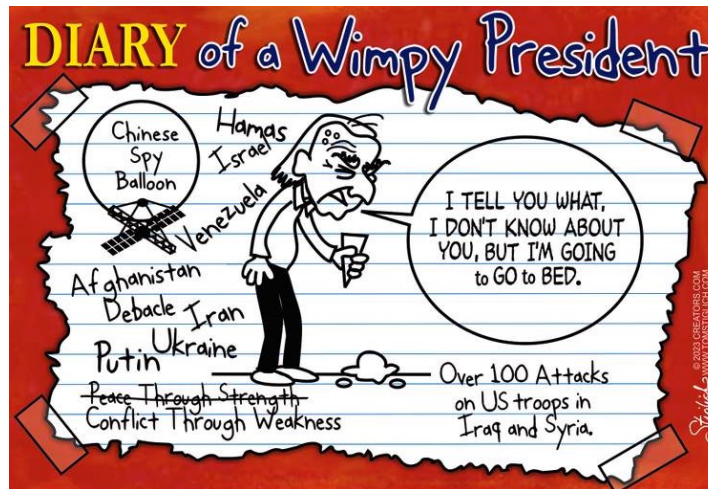
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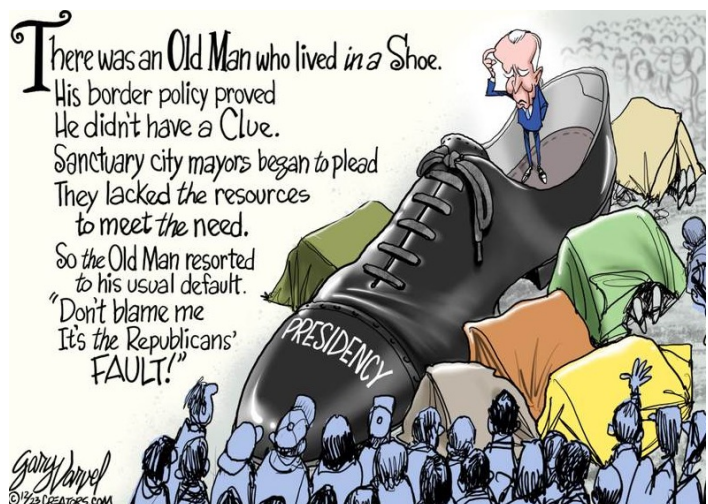
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