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Some say Governor Ron DeSantis is the best governor ever. Others admit he is the best current governor in the United States of America. Why? Like Trump, DeSantis has more than delivered on the promises that he made to Floridians upon taking office in January, 2018. He tackles the issues that are important to Floridians and the well-being of the state, and does it now and he promises to continue his policies into the future. His great response to the COVID-19 pandemic is a major area in which he has recently exceled while keeping Florida mostly open and not suffering extensive business losses. Ron DeSantis is one of a kind.

Florida has achieved historic accomplishments that are of the utmost importance to Floridians and will bring our state to the next level. In conjunction with the Florida Legislature and federal, state and local partners, Florida has secured major successes for the environment, education, hurricane recovery, economic development, public safety, military, health care and more.

Ron DeSantis said that "Every day, I wake up grateful for the opportunity to go to work on behalf of Floridians. While we can reflect and be proud of these accomplishments, there is always more that can be done." The governor has been very aggressive in obtaining vaccine for the state's citizens and having a plan to get it into their arms. Since the beginning of the public health emergency, Governor DeSantis has put Florida's Seniors First. Seniors love him for that

Florida was the first state in the nation to vaccinate more than 500,000 individuals 65 years of age or older and is one of only three states to administer vaccines to more than one million people. According to publicly available age demographic data, Florida continues to have the highest percentage of vaccines administered to seniors 65 and older, with vaccinations in that age bracket accounting for nearly 65% of total vaccinations in the state. "Florida remains steadfast in our commitment to putting Seniors First and the numbers speak for themselves" said Governor DeSantis. Florida Walmart and Sam's Club locations are now vaccinating seniors. There are 119 Walmart's in 34 counties who have received more than 25,000 doses of the vaccine and the numbers are growing.

Governor Ron DeSantis and Palm Beach County Mayor Dave Kerner highlighted the success of their partnership to put Seniors First in Palm Beach County for vaccine distribution. As of February 5<sup>th</sup>, over 146,000 seniors 65 and older in Palm Beach County alone have been vaccinated, which represents over 40 percent of all seniors in Palm Beach County. Statewide, Florida continues to far outpace the rest of the nation in vaccinations of seniors with over 1.3 million seniors 65 and older vaccinated, which accounts for 31 percent (or nearly one-third) of all seniors in the state. "Florida continues to lead the nation in vaccinations of seniors, and in counties like Palm Beach, and areas like the Villages, we have made great progress by working with Mayor Kerner to vaccinate over 40 percent of their senior population," said Governor DeSantis.

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I dedicate this book to my wonderful wife Patricia; our three wonderful children Brian, Mike and Katie; and our friendly friends—Ben our always very happy dog, who recently became an Angel, and Buddy, our always cheerful Catholic Cat who now lives in Cat Heaven.

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# **Preface**

This book is to help awaken all Americans to the fact that not everything is perfect but the people can make a difference by keeping the high stakes in mind. Ron DeSantis is the best governor in America and the people love him Complain to the media about all the hate they stoke every day about great public servants such as Governor DeSantis., People are more friendly than the media helps us understand. But, we can all do better for the good of us all. Love they neighbor first in order to receive thy neighbor's love back.

One of the best ways of determining how well a governor is doing is by examining what the pundits are saying about his prospects for reelection. Are there a lot of candidates who seem ready to expect a victory if they take him on?

Quite frankly, it is getting a little crowded around the political pool as Democrats dip their toes in the water, wondering if they should jump in the race for Florida governor in 2022. Trying to gain the state's top job is tempting for all Democrat politicians but it is also daunting because other than the Democratic political class, Floridians like the job Ron DeSantis is doing.

Though the politicos dream about having a shot at winning the governorship, potential candidates also acknowledge that denying Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis a second term will be exceedingly difficult and then some.

"Can we win in 2022? It's going to be tough," said Gwen Graham, the former north Florida congresswoman who finished a close second in the multi-candidate 2018 gubernatorial primary. "Of course, it's possible." Graham said the November 2018 election "was a cakewalk compared to what 2022 is going to be for Democrats. We've got to be honest about it."

Besides Graham, you've heard a lot of the names of the same old tired politicos that have their hats ready to toss into the ring since their last defeat. Graham is certainly one of the top names frequently mentioned as potential candidates. There is also Val Demings, Central Florida congresswoman; Charlie Crist, St. Petersburg congressman and former governor; and of course Nikki Fried, the state agriculture commissioner. Not too much has been heard of last

campaign's big loser, Democrat Andrew Gillum, who went on to win the party's nomination for governor, and then lost in the general. He has the battle-scars but he is a loser.

#### What will Trump do?

One of the biggest uncertainties about 2022 is the remaining influence of the former president who now lives in Palm Beach full-time. DeSantis was a big Trump supporter and Trump will throw a lot of support his way. Since Donald Trump is expected to stay strong, that will certainly help Governor DeSantis beat any of the potential challengers.

Democrats are united by the governor in that they all would like a Democrat in office. It's difficult to overstate the intensity of their feelings about DeSantis, who has fashioned a style of combative conservative governance in the mold of Trump. He takes no crap and the people love it. They love freedom and DeSantis delivers freedom and he keeps businesses open so they can prosper.

His policies and his approach have made him a favorite of many in the Trump universe. They are the same policies and approach that also make him an anathema to Democrats who would love to deny him a second term. Wishing alone will not make the Democrats successful running against the best governor in the United States since Ronald Reagan.

I would say with three months of Biden Schumer & Pelosi under their belts, the Democrats are not well liked in America today by most Americans. The Democrats might just as well count themselves out and save their campaign finds. Just like Trump's record will help DeSantis, the Biden and the Democrat's record in the House and the Senate and their impeachment spectacle ought to be enough to keep them out of office in Florida and the rest of the country for the long haul. Who wants to be wearing facemasks forever in a state in lockdown until way after the end of 2022? Think about it.

After reading ten chapters highlighting Ron DeSantis as America's best governor, you can bet less of them will be trying to dethrone him.

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# Chapter 1

After putting up with Joe Biden as the worst US President ever for the last twenty-some months approaching two years but seeming like a lot more, I looked forward to the House and Senate elections on November 8.

# Notre Dame Clemson & Trump Rally

Like many of you, on the way to election day, with about four weeks remaining in the college football season, I was happy to find Notre Dame on National TV at home against Clemson. At the same exact time, there was a great big Trump Rally for Mehmet Oz and Doug Mastroianni and Jim Bognet in Latrobe PA. Decisions Decisions!

I looked forward to listening a bit to Donald Trump after putting up with Biden's incoherent ramblings for two years. I saw it as a real treat. In fact, my brother had just called me to tell me about the Trump / PA Republican Congress & Governor's rally on NewsMax TV.

My wife Pat and I were almost ready to comfortize ourselves in the family room in front of the big TV to watch the ND Clemson game, when our curiosity brought us to check the channel to see what was happening in Latrobe a half hour before the ND action began.

Hearing somebody make sense about the country was a very very refreshing thought and it made us miss the days when we had a smart president in office and the country was sailing along well on its own power.

ND v Clemson was to be a good game but ND was expected to lose. So, we figured we'd take a few minutes for Latrobe and then go back to the game. Once we tuned in, however, we were captured by the excitement of the crowd and Trump was right on the mark.

He was at his best and we knew we had been missing the positive and realistic rhetoric about the country. So, we kept watching. We were rewarded with great information and even more positive feelings.

We knew that for the final weeks as the midterms were quickly approaching, the former president had been teasing a presidential campaign announcement.

Recently, he said that he had a "big announcement" coming Tuesday. The former president had also taken direct aim directly at the Florida governor — likely his biggest competitor — warning him not to enter the race in 2024 because it would not be good for the party. I am not so sure about that.

My wife, Pat and I tuned in to the rally after this bluster and we missed most of it. We would not have appreciated negative comments about DeSantis. In fact, there was only one part of the hours of rally time that the former president said anything that hit us the wrong way. He called Ron DeSantis *Ron DeSanctimonious*. Pat and I looked at each other and we both said I hope he is not going to start that crap against one of the good guys.

Mr. Trump did not go back to comments about Ron DeSantis but he kept hinting about announcing for the 2024 Presidency. We both hoped he would keep it muffled until well after Tuesday's election because there are people who do not like Mr. Trump and we did not want him to change the focus from Oz and Mastroiani and Bognet to Trump negativism.

The former President Donald Trump nonetheless had a great rally in Latrobe Saturday to campaign for Republican candidates as Election Day was approaching. He had endorsed Republican candidates Doug Mastriano and Mehmet Oz in their respective gubernatorial and Senate races and he backed Jim Bognet for the Congressional seat occupied In PA District 8 against five term incumbent Matt Cartwright.

The former President's rally at Arnold Palmer Regional Airport was part of a late blitz that would also take him to Florida and Ohio. He gave a wonderful tribute to Arnold Palmer of Latrobe and told some nice stories of the best golfer of all time.

Trump and Pat and I were hoping his rally would help all of the Republican candidates prevail.

Trump was obviously hoping a strong GOP showing on Tuesday would generate momentum for his 2024 run that he was expected to launch in the days or perhaps the weeks after the polls closed on Tuesday. My wife Pat and I hoped he would hold his fire until after the mid-terms so that his advancement did not stymie the elections of Republicans we all were hoping for.

Trump was on key most of the rally and he played to what the crowd was thinking as he decried what he called "a bloody crime wave" and warned that educators were indoctrinating children with "twisted race and gender" teachings. Of his Democratic opponents, Trump said, "They're either stupid or they hate our country." He got no argument from anybody at the rally.

"If you want to stop the destruction of our country and save the American dream, then on Tuesday you must vote Republican in a giant red wave," Trump told thousands of cheering supporters, describing the United States as "a country in decline."

Trump enjoyed displaying recent poll numbers on the big screens at the rally and just once did he refer to DeSantis as "Ron DeSanctimonious." As noted, that did not go over well.

And over and over, the former president discussed how he had been robbed of the 2020 election only because Democrats cheated, while he did raise the possibility of election fraud in the coming week. Ironically in Pennsylvania and a number of other states there were unexplained glitches with machines and with problems with paper and supplies running low on Tuesday. He may have been right.

Here is one of his hints at running. Each time Pat and I quivered as he hinted. "Everybody, I promise you, in the very next — very, very, very short period of time, you're going to be happy," Trump said of another White House bid. "But first we have to win a historic victory for Republicans on Nov. 8."

Trump has been increasingly explicit about his 2024 plans.

After talking up his first two presidential runs, he told the crowd: "Now, in order to make our country successful and safe and glorious, I will very, very, very probably do it again, OK? Very, very, very probably."

## "Get ready, that's all I'm telling you. Very soon," he said.

After Trump went through his typical closing at the end of the rally, Pat and I listened to some campaign music before we turned the Notre Dame Clemson Game back on. By the time we re-relaxed for the game, we noticed we had missed the first three quarters. The Rally had been that stimulating. Both Pat and I felt we had used our time wisely as we were anticipating the big red wave on Tuesday.

We liked everything about the rally except when former-US President Donald Trump lashed out at Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, as the simmering rivalry between the two top Republicans apparently boiled over. Mr Trump took some unexpected shots and belittled his former political apprentice as an "average" governor, lacking in "loyalty".

Mr. DeSantis, 44, won re-election in a landslide in Tuesday's midterms, sealing his status as one of the Republican front-runners for the presidency.

As noted, we had missed most of the game but we were OK with it. Earlier in the evening, by virtue of Pitt's win over Syracuse, Clemson had clinched a place in the ACC Championship Game. This game will take place in Charlotte on Dec. 3.

The game itself was as good as it could have been for ND fans like us. Offensively, the Irish did much better than quite well. The Irish pounded out 348 yards with 85 through the air. They hit the line for 263 rushing yards. Both Pat and I would say it was one of the best ND games we had ever seen.

Notre Dame got on the board first. With 9:08 left in the first quarter, Prince Kollie returned a blocked punt 17 yards for a Notre Dame touchdown. The Irish would score another touchdown with 38 seconds left in the first half, making the score 14-0 at the half. Pat and I flipped back just once from the Trump Rally so we did know ND was doing well.

Coach Dabo Swinney took out Uiagalele, the Clemson QB, and he put in substitute Cade Klubnik. He entered the game with 1:30 left in the third quarter. He threw an interception on his first pass attempt which gave Notre Dame the ball on the Clemson 14-vard line. The Irish scored three plays later to take a 21-0 lead.

Swinney reinserted Uiagalelei at quarterback on their following possession. He led the Tigers 56 yards before Benjamin Morrison intercepted his pass and returned it 96 yards for another ND touchdown, increasing Notre Dame's lead to 28-0 with 12:58 left to play. ND Fans went wild.

Shipley got Clemson on the scoreboard with 10:14 left in the fourth quarter, punching the ball into the end zone with a one-vard rushing touchdown. The Irish added one more touchdown with 4:16 left in the fourth quarter.

Clemson scored the games final points, as Uiagalelei threw a fouryard touchdown pass to Joseph Ngata. What a night! A great rally and a great game

\*\*\* End of ND Game Highlights \*\*\*

### Looks like Mr. Trump was a little jealous of the Governor's success.

With his great showing on Tueday, defeating his opponent by 19 points, Ron DeSantis emerged as the Republican Party's brightest rising star. The pundits widely expect him to run for the party's 2024 White House nomination. I have yet to hear Mr. DeSantis make even the slightest comment about that.

But Mr Trump, 76, looked increasingly likely that when he does, he will stand in his way.

The former president, who has a massive campaign war chest and remains hugely popular with the party's base would be a formidable opponent for Mr DeSantis, or any other Republican who dares challenge him.

As time went by after the election, the former president took more time to deride his potential opponent. In a lengthy statement on Thursday night, Mr Trump dismissed the Florida governor as a political lightweight who had come to him "in desperate shape" when running for his first term in office in 2017. In my opinion, none of this helps America.

"Ron had low approval, bad polls, and no money, but he said that if I would endorse him, he could win," Mr Trump said. "I also fixed his campaign, which had completely fallen apart."

Trump went on to complain that Mr DeSantis was "playing games" by refusing to rule out a presidential bid. "Well, in terms of loyalty and class, that's really not the right answer," Mr Trump added. The former president was expected to announce his own plan for a White House comeback as soon as the following week.

While Mr DeSantis was basking in the glow of his re-election victory, Mr Trump was being blamed by a number of pundits for the Republicans' disappointing performance in the midterm elections.

The race for control of the House of Representatives and Senate went down to the wire. Two days after Americans went to the polls, it remained unclear which party would control the twin chambers of Congress.

The pundits' perception was that voters by and large rejected candidates who backed Mr Trump's baseless claims of election fraud in 2020, and many of his high-profile picks for office struggled or lost outright.

Even close allies of the ex-president have called for him to reconsider what he has teased to be a big announcement on November 15, which as I am writing this sentence is tomorrow.

"Republicans have followed Donald Trump off the side of a cliff," one former Trump adviser, David Urban, told the New York Times.

"I think he needs to put it [his campaign announcement] on pause," Kayleigh McEnany, Trump's former press secretary, told Fox News.

Mr DeSantis' 19-point win over his Democratic rival Charlie Crist has, by contrast, drawn universal acclaim from conservative commentators.

His margin of victory in Miami-Dade county - traditionally a Democratic stronghold - was the largest won by a Republican in four decades.

According to an October Ipsos poll, 72% of registered Republicans said Mr DeSantis should have a great deal or good amount of influence on the future of the party. Some 64% said the same of Mr Trump, 76. The governor did not immediately respond to Mr Trump's jibes on Thursday. My wife and I hope he stays quiet.

## Who will win the Betting Markets?

After his great performance on November 8, online betting markets began to give Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis (R) the edge to win the White House in 2024, overtaking former President Trump in the wake of Tuesday's midterm elections.

DeSantis's odds in the 2024 presidential race jumped to 28 percent on Wednesday, while Trump's dropped to 18.4 percent, according to Election Betting Odds, a tracking website run by conservative pundit John Stossel and his executive producer Maxim Lott that looked at the odds offered by multiple other forums.

Two of the sites that Election Betting Odds pulls from — Betfair and Smarkets — showed DeSantis holding a substantial lead over Trump, with the Florida governor coming in at 27 percent to 27.8 percent and the former president at 18.2 to 18.5 percent.

PredictIt showed a slimmer lead, with DeSantis at 31 percent to 32 percent and Trump at 28 to 29 percent.

President Biden is low man on the totem pole sitting below both Republicans in the 2024 presidential odds, with 15.2 percent, although he was up 3 percent from the day before.

The shift came after Tuesday's midterm elections failed to provide the promised "red wave" that the Republican Party had hoped for. With Trump putting his name behind GOP candidates in several major races, the midterms were largely framed as a referendum on the former president and his MAGA wing of the party.

DeSantis, meanwhile, cruised to an easy reelection, fueling speculation on the right that he could be the heir apparent for the party's nomination. We'll see! Before the polls even closed in the 2022 midterm elections, both Trump and DeSantis were fueling 2024 chatter.

The business of running the country is surely unsettled.

# Ron DeSantis Victory Speech 2022

Notwithstanding former President Trump's input on the subject, Ron DeSantis mopped the floor with Charlie Crist on Tuesday November 8

Charlie Crist who was so busy in his life's mission, that his occupation, for so many years, could have been described as *politician*, was positioned to be a formidable foe to the Fl Governor. However, he had already run out of gas from so many other attempts at big pol jobs over the years that he did not measure up.

There were many new people transplants to Florida in recent years. They probably did not know on November 8 about Charlie Crist's full political history and the roles he had in Florida over the years.

What they probably did not realize was that Crist, 66, was once Florida's governor from 2007-11. He was also the Republican who replaced term-limited Jeb Bush after he defeated Democrat Jim Davis in the general election.

Crist had held a number of offices in Florida from U.S. senator, education commissioner, and attorney general before becoming

governor. Most recently, he served in the U.S. House, representing District 13, covering Clearwater to southern Pinellas County.

During his time between working on important positions, Crist was busy shifting from Republican to Independent to Democrat. The Beach Boys might have been willing to offer him their hit tune "I Get Around" for his victory lap if he succeeded this time v DeSantis but he didn't make it. Ron DeSantis instead celebrated a great victory.

On Tuesday, Governor DeSantis gave his outstanding victory speech before a packed house at the Florida Convention Center. He was clearly pleased with his 19-point victory over the aforementioned stalwart candidate Democrat Charlie Crist. When you go over the elements of his speech, there is little wonder why these issues carried the election for him.

But, many feel there is some wonder about why President Trump chose to lash out against the victorious Republican. Most of us had hoped that the former President would hold his fire and perhaps not fire at all against a fellow Republican team member.

### Governor DeSantis began his speech:

Thank you very much. Well, thank you so much.

Over these past four years, we've seen major challenges for the people of our state, for the citizen

s of the United States, and above all, for the cause of freedom. We saw freedom in our very way of life and so many other jurisdictions in this country wither on the vine. Florida held the line. We chose facts over fear. We chose education over indoctrination. We chose law and order over rioting and disorder. Florida was a refuge of sanity when the world went mad. We stood as a citadel of freedom for people across this country and indeed across the world. We faced attacks, we took the hits, we weathered the storms, but we stood our ground. We did not back down. We had the conviction to guide us and we had the courage to lead. We made promises.

We made promises to the people of Florida, and we have delivered on those promises.

And so today, after four years, the people have delivered their verdict. Freedom is here to stay. Thank you very much. Thank you. Now, thanks to the overwhelming support of the people of Florida, we not only won an election, we have rewritten the political map.

Thank you for honoring us with a win for the ages. I want to thank all of our campaign staff, from campaign manager etc. This was the best-run campaign in the history of Florida politics. I want to thank all of our wonderful volunteers who worked so hard to get out the vote. Your support means the world to Casey and I. God bless you and thank you.

Now, it's a lot easier to run a good campaign when you've got a great record to run on, and I would not have been able to see the level of accomplishments that we saw unless I had outstanding personnel working in the executive office of the governor, as well as heading state agencies.

These folks worked hard to implement our agenda. They believed in our agenda and the results have been historic. Thank you for your support and work. Thank you to Miami-Dade County. Thank you to Palm Beach County. Now, we're still tallying the votes, but it's clearly apparent that in this election we will have garnered a significant number of votes from people who may not have voted for me four years ago. And I just want to let you know, I am honored to have earned your trust and your support over these four years.

And most importantly of all, thank you to the greatest First Lady in all 50 states for being a great wife, giving unwavering support, being a tremendous mother to our three young children, and serving as an example for women throughout this state, especially going through the battle of cancer. She is remarkable.

Now, today is the culmination of the 2022 fall elections. But in reality, Americans have been voting for many years now.

They've been voting with their feet, and the results of that behavior has been just as stark as our landslide victory today.

States and cities governed by leftist politicians have seen crime skyrocket. They've seen their taxpayers abused, they've seen medical authoritarianism imposed, and they've seen American principles discarded. The woke agenda has caused millions of Americans to leave these jurisdictions for greener pastures.

Now, this great exodus of Americans, for those folks, Florida, for so many of them, has served as the promise land. We have embraced freedom. We have maintained law and order. We have protected the rights of parents. We have respected our taxpayers, and we reject woke ideology.

We fight the woke in the legislature. We fight the woke in the schools. We fight the woke in the corporations. We will never, ever surrender to the woke mob. Florida is where woke goes to die. People have come here because our policies work. Leadership matters. We refuse to use polls and put our finger in the wind. Leaders don't follow. They lead. We set out a vision, we executed on that vision and we produced historic results.

And the people of this state have responded in record fashion. Now, while our country flounders due to failed leadership in Washington, Florida is on the right track. I believe the survival of the American experiment requires a revival of true American principles. Florida has proven that it can be done. We offer a ray of hope that better days still lie ahead.

I am proud of our achievements in this state. I am honored by your support and I look forward to the road ahead. I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race in this first term, and I have kept the faith. We've accomplished more than anybody thought possible four years ago. But we've got so much more to do and I have only begun to fight. God bless you all. Thank you very much. Thank you for a historic landslide victory.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> End of DeSantis Victory Speech \*\*\*

Will the triumphant Ron DeSantis victory in November 2022 mean that the best Governor in America will now decide to run for President. Time will tell. Governor DeSantis clearly would make a great President as Donald Trump did before Joe Biden messed up most of his accomplishments.

Folks in my family are not looking to find a battle between great Republicans such as Governor DeSantis and former President Trump. Just as through his four years as president, there are still far too many who look to demean Trump every chance they get.

In fact, they enjoyed taking to time to talk about a number of Republicans who put a lot of distance between themselves and Trump. They claim that those that did were the Tuesday election's peak performers. I am not so sure.

Clearly the one they highlight, Ron DeSantis, according to the Anti-Trumpers, sent Trump into spasms because the Florida governor "would not kiss the pontiff's ring." They say he didn't ask for Trump's endorsement. He didn't want his stump speech, his rally or even his robocall. So what?

He ignored Trump, and after the midterms, the former president reportedly expressed rage. Then Trump answered the silence with some nasty remarks . For example, they say that he threatened to divulge dark secrets about DeSantis if the governor decides to run for the 2024 Republican nomination for president. I know that my family does not like that kind of talk. I would advise both DeSantis and Trump to avoid such collisions and try to work together. Otherwise Biden will become another four term Roosevelt

To sum up some of the negative post-election banter, the press has former President Donald Trump as the major perpetrator as they claim he issued fresh broadsides against two Republican governors who have captured the hearts and minds of many Americans.

I know that I would not mind either as a presidential candidate in 2024 – Governor Glenn Youngkin or Governor Ron Desantis. I like Trump also. These two fine leaders emerged as early favorites to challenge Donald Trump for the party's 2024 presidential

nomination. That's OK. Just leave the nasty rhetoric where it belongs—noplace.

Trump clearly does not like talk of competition for 2024. He recently claimed without offering evidence that, during his time as president, he sent the FBI to intervene in Florida to help Ron DeSantis in his 2018 race. If he did that, thank you President Trump. Republicans are supposed to help Republicans and that's the way most Americans like it

The former President also took some time after the election to mock Virginia's Glenn Youngkin's name, saying it sounded Chinese. That helps nobody. We already mentioned his slam of Ron DeSanctimonious. Many hope that Trump settles down and all Republicans get together to fight the real foes. We know them as the dirty, nasty Democrats.

Trump's advisers see a political landscape fundamentally changed by the former president as millions of voters remain loyal to his America First agenda. Folks in my family do not want Mr. Trump to dilute the affection he has gained with Americans by offering gratuitous nasty comments about potential opponents. Please keep it buttoned Mr. President if it isn't helpful for the country and it doesn't help defeat the nasty Democrats..

# Chapter 1 Governor Ron DeSantis Introduction



# So how did this chapter come to be?

I once wrote a book about Ron Desantis as the best governor in the United States. He clearly is. Before that book, I had written 267 books and was working on my 268th when I started to think about our upcoming vacation trip to Florida. It was after a call I had received from the Villages about coming back to the Villages. I informed the nice representative we would not be going to the Villages this year but we love the Villages and we will be back again.

I also said that yes, we are thinking of one day perhaps living there. It is so nice. She told me all I needed to know that Florida is THE PLACE in the US to go during the pandemic. And, the reason IMHO, is the good governance of their Governor, Ron DeSantis. You can't get anybody better than Ron DeSantis to head your state.

Governor DeSantis was officially certified as the winner of the Florida general election on November 20, 2018. It was a tight

election but Floridians by a small majority used their good senses to vote for the right guy. This time, in 2022, it was a tsunami.

#### Who is Ron DeSantis

So we all know, Ron DeSantis was raised by working-class parents, much like yours and mine. From his modest beginnings, he was able to make some great moves . First he went to the Ivy League for school and sports and then he served in the U.S. military and then he went on to Congress. He has a great pedigree, Ron DeSantis has produced a biography for any occupation, especially politics. It could not be better if a strategist had concocted it.

His Wife Casey is always in his corner—every step of the way. When asked why voters should pick DeSantis in the bubble next to her husband's name when he ran for governor, she responded that "Ron's story" should impress people, as an indication of his work ethic and integrity — yet another reminder of how heavily his campaign has hinged on his biography."

When he was just a 12-year-old, the lanky "D" DeSantis, as he was called, made the newspaper headlines for his baseball triumphs. How about this headline "This D Powered Dunedin," the people read in the St. Petersburg Times in 1991, preceded the 12-year old saying that he was "pumped" for his team's win against their Seminole foes.

In another article, he was described as "one of the team's aces on the mound and a top hitter at the plate." He was a fine athlete at an early age. It was with that level of discipline that he earned admission to Yale for his undergraduate career. At Yale, he studied history and political science, while simultaneously serving as the captain of the baseball team. He was a hit in the classroom with a 3.75 GPA and he was a great hitter, with a .336 batting average.

After considering becoming a history teacher in Georgia. he decided to attend Harvard Law School and then he became a lawyer for the U.S. Navy. He was assigned to Guantánamo Bay and Iraq, advising troops on their legal parameters when handling prisoners.

Ron DeSantis left active duty in the military in February 2010. Like many others, he stayed on to continue serving has country in the reserves as a lieutenant commander. In this capacity, he worked in Mayport, near Jacksonville. He was deemed to be the epitome of professionalism by his commanding officer, Capt. Dan Bean.

In this new role, DeSantis advised active duty military lawyers in the southeast United States on how to proceed with sensitive military cases. He won cases ranging from drug use to allegations of rape.

After considering a run for the Legislature, DeSantis instead won a seven-way Republican primary and from this effort he gained the congressional seat for Florida's sixth district.

He made a name for himself by creating his image on Capitol Hill of a strict adherence to duty. He put in a ton of time preparing for his time on the legislature floor by working and often sleeping in his office. He refused to sign up for his congressional pension and healthcare, and he also called for term limits—in his first term.

Ron DeSantis was one of the founders of the Freedom Caucus, the ultra-conservative group that pushed then-Republican House Speaker John Boehner into early retirement for being too moderate. Known as hard-liners who drew their politics from the Tea Party movement, the Freedom Caucus continues as a force for the good with which to be reckoned. They also drove the federal government to the brink of shutdown over Obama's questionable executive orders on immigration.

DeSantis moved on after resigning from Congress in September when he was running for governor. He cited his need to focus on the governor's race and said "it would be inappropriate to accept a salary" while he was on the campaign trail.

Everybody knows now what a great choice this was for the people back then. It did not come easy. The victory followed a machine recount. DeSantis defeated the Democratic nominee who was also the Mayor of Tallahassee, Andrew Gillum.

Nobody denies that Governor DeSantis's tenure as governor had been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The corrupt press tried to elevate other Democratic Governors who locked their states down to be ranked ahead of Governor DeSantis. Their actions, such as Cuomo in NY and Pritzker of Illinois, and Murphy of New Jersey. caused many unnecessary hospitalizations and deaths, especially among the elderly in their states.

Despite all the negative rhetoric cobbled together by a corrupt press, the Florida Governor has been a great administrator in tough times. Many who are affected give him full credit with being the reason why people from across the country are still enjoying Florida as visitors. Many more are still uprooting their lives in lockdown areas and crime ridden areas like NY and moving south for the opportunity to live in the great Sunshine State.

Many pick on Governor DeSantis because the Democrats have been taught to hate Trump and all other Republicans who might support Trump. Governor DeSantis backed Trump and he paid the price in the corrupt press coverage. From my perspective there are still Dems who think their Party is like it once was and see the Party in the same positive light such as back when the Democrats actually championed the good of the people. Those days we know are long gone.

There is little difference today between socialists, leftists, communists and Democrats. Listen to them, especially if you are a long-time Democrat like me who had been expecting good things for the people. See who they really are. It is disgusting. Ron DeSantis knows who they are and that is why he keeps their flawed policies out of Florida

The closest the people get to that kind of government where the good of the people are the main purpose for government is when they elect Republicans. Governor DeSantis represents good government. Despite hard proof to the contrary, the Dems keep the narrative stirring in the complicit press through lies after lies and then more lies. But, anybody paying attention knows what's what.

Ron DeSantis is my choice and the choice of many others for the best governor ever in the US. I heard Robert Cordaro, filling in for Jason

Barski on WILK Radio, a local station, this morning while I was waiting for my wife to complete her doctor's appointment. He cited Ron DeSantis as one of the most effective governors in dealing with the COVID-19. And he cited Florida as the best state. He is right.

If there were a contest for best governor, and there is not, Ron DeSantis would have tough competition today as there are a number of other top national Republican governors who have done the right thing. None, however, were and are as effective as DeSantis. I list ten competitors below in no order of importance.

I see Governor DeSantis as a Trump-like Governor—he is the best just like Donald Trump. He beats out all the great conservative governors in my book. He is the best regardless of the constant attacks by the liberal press. He is not a unanimous choice because the competition is so tough. However he is my choice and he is the best regardless. .

ALEC stands for The American Legislative Exchange Council. It is a nonprofit organization of conservative state legislators and private sector representatives who draft and share model legislation for distribution among state governments in the United States. They are not bad guys. They may not think like me on everything but they are surely OK.

This group plus a group of conservative economists have rated the governors of Texas, Georgia and South Dakota as best in the nation. I think Ron DeSantis even before his recent 2022 victory deserved more credit than anybody gave him. Governor Kemp from Georgia's 2018 election performance proved that he should not be on anybody's list of top conservative governors with his style v Trump.

What I am saying is that after the election debacle in Georgia, I bet ALEC would like their votes back. Their ranking was largely based on spending and tax rates, Democrats always fare poorly in such rankings because they don't care about the people.

DeSantis towers above all others in my opinion for sure. I am saying that the GOP leaders picked by ALEC are all unworthy of consideration but none of them lead as large a state as Florida even though they do their best. None can hold a candle to Ron DeSantis.

Please know that though Governor DeSantis tops my list, I do like a lot of Republican governors. Most have done a fine job this year and in years past. Think about Texas Governor Greg Abbott and especially Governor Kristi Noem of SD as fine examples. Abbott has been criticized by Texas Democrats for not spending billions of dollars in federal funds sent to the state through the CARES Act.

Fine with me! His decision to hang onto the money, however, has helped earn him top marks from a pair of conservative organizations. Kristi Noem is a hero in South Dakota and would be my #2 or 3 choice for best governor with Greg Abbott as the other.

Ron DeSantis is in everybody's big-list top ten. The top ten include Mark Gordon, R-WY; Larry Hogan, R-Md.; Charlie Baker, R-MA; Phil Scott, R-VT; Kristi Noem, R SD; Chris Sununu, R-NH; Doug Burgum, R-ND; Ron DeSantis, R-FL; Greg Abbot, R-TX, Asa Hutchinson, R-AR; Kay Ivey, R-A1

I check on life in Florida quite frequently. It is my favorite state and has been for many years. My favorite area recently has become the Villages because I love the State and this major City—the Villages.

## Chapter 2 The Villages in Florida, My **Favorite**



Ordering URL <a href="https://www.amazon.com//dp/1951562070">https://www.amazon.com//dp/1951562070</a>

I recently asked a guest coordinator at The Villages if everything was open in Florida, especially my favorites—the Town Squares in the three great Villages' Towns. What you get there is 5:00 PM concerts; great shopping, and of course Cody's—my favorite fun Villages restaurant. And that is just for starters.

She asked which Cody's and I said Sumter Landing and she said that was her favorite also but admitted that the Cody's in Brownsville is also very nice. I agreed. I told her that I had written a book about the Villages (see above) after our trip last year and I promised to send her five copies of the book highlighted above.

None of this would be happening during the pandemic without a great Florida Governor. Check out the picture of the Villages book. The ordering information is close by just in case. Go ahead take a minute to take a gander.

I admit that last year when Pat and I went to the Villages, it was six months before her heart attack. Look at how great she looked then. She is back looking and feeling great again thank the Lord, and Dr. John H. Ellis, her cardiologist and Dr. Patrick Kerrigan, DO. Dr. Ellis put a great stent in and Dr. K, our family doctor helped Pat understand the purpose of all the medicines she is now on. God, were we lucky.

Pat is now well healed and she looks just as good as in this picture. A week after we got home, the COVID pandemic was declared by Anthony Fauci. Six months later in her first cardiology appt after the operation, my dear wife mistakenly greeted her cardiologist with a hearty Good Morning Dr. Fauci. There is a little resemblance between Fauci and Ellis. Ellis enjoyed being Fauci that day. He saved Pat's life and he is a great man.

I like Ellis better than Fauci because I believe him. I do not believe a word Fauci he says. I know my wife and my daughter, who is my wife's right arm now, are both OK, and I appreciate their hard work in making both of them feel great. Thanks Pat and Thanks Katie.

When the Villages representative called, she looked up the book on Amazon. I told her that the lovely lady in the picture was my wife Pat and we had a nice conversation about how the Villages and Florida were handling the pandemic. She said the Villages is open and have been for a long time. She praised Governor DeSantis and the care he has shown for the elderly in Florida. He gives them the first class treatment they deserve.

The Villages is the largest retirement community in the country and thanks to Ron DeSantis, they have a very low COVID-19 rate.

Before I tell you about that let me give you the lowdown of Florida's greatest retirement community, known as The Villages.

The Villages is unique. My wife and I have been there three times We're going back again this year. First we went for one day, then four days and then seven day Villages Lifestyle adventures. We're

going back this year for just a day but next year, it will be a lot longer.

Each time, we were more inclined to buy a nice home. Maybe someday we will but in the meantime we are snowbirds. Next time, it'll be a month. #1 rated, the Villages is the largest gated over-55 community in the world. It is home for more than 126,000 residents in an area bigger than Manhattan. Everyone gets around via golf cart. What a treat

Four years ago, Yogi Bernardo. one of my Meyers High School classmates (PA) invited me to his home in the Villages for a Florida reunion. It prompted me to take a Florida vacation. My wife and I were happy to have been able to book a room after being on a waiting list for the Magnificent Waterfront Hotel in Sumter Landing in The Villages.

As a Villages resident, Yogi called the hotel and got me a reduced rate of \$193.64 in February 2017. What a great place!. At other times than February, the hotel has better prices. The reunion was at noon. Pat's younger sister joined us at Yogis, and at 5:00 PM we all left his Villages home at Goldenrod, and we left for the Waterfront. We found a great place next door called Cody's Roadhouse and had dinner and some adult liquids. Pat and her sister went shopping in Lake Sumter Landing-- magnificent.

Two years ago on Nov 18, we took a Villages Lifestyle 4-day vacation. The cost was special too--\$99.00 a night with an included two bicycles and a golf car for the four days. The Villages put us up in one of their three bedroom, 2 bath new homes--beautiful;. While there, we took, a Saturday trip to Gainesville and saw the Football Gators rip apart UAB 36-7. Great fun at The Villages.

This past February, 2020, we went again for a reunion and spent seven days. It still was not enough time at The Villages. When we left on February 13, we had just enjoyed 4 days of 86 degree sunny weather with plenty of great swimming in one of the Villages 57 pools at last count. We don't golf but we might soon as there are 52 championship golf courses in the Villages. Since we came in peak

season the price was \$199 per night in a brand new home for what they call their lifestyle event. Wow!

That's just part of it. The Villages is unique because it was built to be unlike any other community. More than 126,000 happy residents cannot be all wrong. There is something for everybody. With over 3000 clubs/activities, you'll run out of days to have fun before you run out of Villages activities to keep you interested.

How does free music and dancing on the public squares from 5 to 9 sound with top bands. How about pickleball, paddle tennis, swimming, polo or fun bars with two-fors from 12:00 Noon? The Villages has the largest Red Hats club in the nation so you'll have lots of friends.

Triathlons, running, cycling, bowling in one of 86 leagues. Art shows and clubs from basic drawing to pottery with. Special golf car roads to get you anywhere in the villages. Whether or not you golf, everyone has a golf car. For those that love movies, there are three huge theatres showing eight attractions each per day. Learn about all this and more in the tell-all book shown above. You'll know why the Villages is Americas greatest playground for those 55 and older.



On the right is the bandstand – Daily free concerts and cheap adult beverages



Town Center in Spanish Springs, a great Villages Town



More Spanish Springs



Sumter Landing – Fun! Fun! Fun!



Sumter Landing Relaxation

#### Give me a few more reasons why Ron DeSantis is the US #1 Gov

This year, just a few weeks ago, when I spoke to the Villages representative she assured me that on September 25, 2020, everything in Florida was opened by the Governor. Florida's Governor Ron DeSantis lifted all state COVID-19 restrictions on businesses statewide. Only those on the hard left gave the governor a hard time about this and they are still whacking him, while praising the Empire State which is almost in last place nationally on COVID-19..

#### NPR updated this piece at 5:01 p.m. ET on September 25, 2020

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis says he is lifting all restrictions on businesses statewide that were imposed to control the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19. Most significantly, that means restaurants and bars in the state can now operate at full capacity.

Up to now, restaurants and bars in Florida could serve customers indoors at 50% of legal occupancy. DeSantis said his new executive order lifts that restriction statewide, though local governments can keep additional limits in place if they're justified for health or economic reasons.

"Every business has the right to operate," DeSantis said. "Some of the locals can do reasonable regulations. But you can't just say no."

DeSantis also said his order would stop cities and counties from fining people for not wearing mandated face coverings. He said fines and other penalties imposed so far would be suspended. Currently, Miami-Dade, Broward and other counties in South Florida have locally imposed limits on the hours restaurants and bars can operate and how many customers they can serve indoors. Not anymore!

## Chapter 3 Ron DeSantis Florida Press Conference

## Transcript from February 1, 2021



This chapter contains a great fireside chat, so to speak, by Ron DeSantis addressing Floridians about the coronavirus. It happened several weeks ago and it gives the reader an opportunity to understand why DeSantis is held in such high regard by citizens of the Sunshine State.

This is a wonderful press conference—chock full of facts and good news for Floridians in all areas of the state. Donald Trump must have given him lessons. Or, perhaps Ron DeSantis, a Trump favorite is a natural. Either way, by hearing the care Ron DeSantis gives to the elderly, it is no wonder he is a favorite person in the Villages and wherever the many retirement communities exist in the fun state of Florida.

When people such as my friends in PA see DeSantis in action, they wish they were not locked down as we are in Pennsylvania. Our governor, Governor Wolf along with the Governors of NJ and NY think the solution is to take the opportunity to wipe out as many

seniors as possible. Well, if you argue with me that it is not their philosophy, why is it happening in these and other lockdown states?.

Below very soon, you will begin to read Florida Governor Ron DeSantis' COVID-19 Press Conference Transcript from February 1, 2021. While Floridians were happy for the good news, an ever jealous Andrew Cuomo with his brother Chris holding the family crying towel, were not thrilled with the good news from Florida.

Meanwhile the people of NY were getting more and more angry with CUOMO BROS INC. Soon after this press conference the calls for impeachment in NY would be getting louder. Can a network show host be impeached? We'll defer on that? It seems that the Democratic House and the Democratic Senate can impeach anybody they please. If only they could find some facts, one day they might find somebody who is guilty of wrong-doing in the form of High Crimes & Misdemeanors. For now, regarding Trump, they are Owen2. That's 0-2—a pretty shabby record would you not say.

Here is the press conference, indented by a few pixels so you know which parts are from the transcript. The timing from the conference is shown from each segment to the right of the speaker name. Enjoy.

Florida Governor Ron DeSantis held a coronavirus press conference on February 1, 2021. Read the transcript with updates on COVID-19 vaccine distribution right below:

#### Ron DeSantis: (00:00)

Oh, I remember we did the rapid test there. Good afternoon. Always great to be in America's friendliest hometown. I want to thank Gary Leicester, VP of the villages for community relations. We also have state representative Brad Hage, District 33. I want to thank you guys both for being here. Appreciate it. So we were here a few weeks ago to announce that we would do a drive-through vaccination site in the villages, and there was a lot of demand and they went through that very quickly, but I said.

"Look, the places that are doing well, that are showing that they can use these doses. As we get more vaccine delivered, we're going to make sure that we send more vaccine into those communities." And so we had been getting about 266,000 initial

doses delivered in the state of Florida from the federal government over the last several weeks. This week coming up today, tomorrow, Wednesday, the deliveries will total about 307,000 initial doses.

#### Ron DeSantis: (01:07)

That's about a 40,000 dose increase. And because of that increase, we are able to announce that beginning this Thursday, that drive-thru site will be able to be open again, but this time it's going to be a permanent vaccination site. We're going to feed 4,000 doses, initial doses to that site on a permanent basis as long as our supply remains what it is. So the site will be in addition to other permitted vaccine location in Sumpter County at the Wildwood Community Center, which has also been good, but we have a lot of seniors here.

There's a lot of demand. And we think that this drive-thru site will work very, very well. So we're happy to do it. So yeah, 4,000 doses of the Moderna vaccine for this week's shipment, that's going to be allocated. We think it'll probably arrive sometime tomorrow and then people will be able to sign up. And then Thursday, you'll start having the cars go through.

### Ron DeSantis: (02:05)

And of course, if we get another 40,000 on top of the 307,000, we could do even more than 4,000 here and we're happy to do that. It's all contingent upon the supply that's being sent to the states from the federal government, but this was a very well run site. I was able to be here. I spoke with a number of the seniors. They were very happy with how it went.

And so when you know that something works, you want to continue to see that go. So to schedule an appointment, you can visit sumpterfl.saferstart.net. Also, this week in addition to this village's site where we're going to have drive-thru testing, we're going to do a pod in the Sun City Center area.

So last week, I was in Sun City Center to announce for the Sun City Center community that we would do 5,000 doses drive-thru, golf cart driving as well. It's a similar community to the villages in that respect. Was very well run. It is very successful.

[In PA, as an example, we get nothing like this governor actually engaging. Wolf is too busy I suspect. If I wanted to be negative I would call our PA governor a doofus. But he has a huge contingent of doofus Dems (I am a DEM but not a doofus) propping him up.]

#### Ron DeSantis: (03:04)

There was also a senior community across the street from Sun City Center called King's Point. And so we already have the infrastructure in place at Sun City Center. So this coming week, there'll be 5,000 additional doses for the residents of King's Point, which is also another senior citizen dominated community. So we think that the Sun City Center has gone very well. People are happy.

Folks across the street at Kings Point said, "Hey, what about us?" And so we said, "Yeah, we'll get you some." We're also doing a pod of 3,500 in Palmera community in Broward and we think that that'll go very well as well. So when you're talking about places like the villages, which is obviously the big enchilada in Florida, but all these other senior communities, you're able to get that vaccine in there. You got a lot of folks who want it. It's very convenient and we really can get a lot of shots in the arm.

## Ron DeSantis: (03:53)

So we're excited about the villages site, but we're also excited about those other sites as well. And so far, Florida has done a higher percentage of its vaccinations to senior citizens than any other state in the country. We decided to be the first state in the country to put seniors first. That has been our goal. That's been our policy. We haven't wavered from that. And of course, now many states are following Florida to put seniors first.

We are reporting about 1.25 million seniors that have had at least one shot, but I would caution everybody, and we're finding these reports are lagging by sometimes four or five days. If you go back and look, seven, 10 days ago, those numbers have kind of kept growing even the week after they kind of do, so we believe that there are a lot more people that have actually been vaccinated than are necessarily reported.

The reports come in and obviously we do it, but I'm worried about when the shots are getting in arms. I want instantaneous reporting, but the reporting to me isn't as important as the fact that the shots are doing.

#### Ron DeSantis: (05:02)

And so we're now getting close to 30% of our senior population that has had at least one shot. And again, that is either number one in the nation or very close to number one in the nation in terms of what percentage of our senior population has gotten a shot. And we have a very large population. We have 4.5 million.

So that is why we're seniors first and we're going to continue to do that. We think it's the right strategy. Now ,we also have in many counties, Publix pharmacies, 20 different counties, 261 pharmacies. We hope to be able to announce some additional Publix in the very near future. And so stay tuned on that, but that allows folks, particularly in areas that may not have as robust of hospital systems as some of the other places. If you look at like Orlando, they've done a lot with their hospitals, have done a great job. You look at further South in South Florida, some of those systems have done a great job.

[Wegmans is another great store chain above the Mason-Dixon line. They operate great stores and pharmacies in PA. Unfortunately, Wegmans does not operate in Florida, probably because stores such as Publix do not operate in the Northeast. Publix has DeSantis and Wegmans has Wolf and Cuomo.

If Wegmans in the NE complains, then maybe the corrupt tech giants who control speech in the US complain to the governor and

Wegmans gets hurt. But the fact is it is not Wegmans at fault—it is the state governments in the northeast. PA stinks. I know that because I live here. The NY prescription to beat the PR race v Ron DeSantis is to keep throwing big stones or rocks or even pebbles at Ron DeSantis rather than ask him his secret or take his lead. Too bad for PA and NJ and NY. Thank God the people are preparing to take over America.]

#### Ron DeSantis: (05:58)

Some of these Publix's have really filled a need getting into communities in a convenient way where folks are able to go and do that, so there's 261 of those throughout the state. And as I said, I think we're going to add more, very, very soon. We've also worked with county health departments and we're supporting 77 additional community vaccination sites.

We've also done 25 vaccination events at places of worship in 15 different counties and we're going to continue with that program, which we believe has been very successful. So we're going to do another 23 houses of worship this week. So from doing the nursing homes and the long-term care facilities to doing senior community, starting at King's Point down in Delray Beach before the new year even started, obviously the villages and other similar situated communities. There's a lot good.

#### Ron DeSantis: (06:52)

One thing we're also going to be doing this week is setting aside a small number of vaccines, about 1500 initial doses for homebound seniors. So you have folks who may not be able to go to a drive-thru site, may not even be able to go to the grocery store or the hospital. So those are folks that we want to be able to provide vaccines for. So that effort is going to begin this week as well. And I think that that's something that's good.

Now, some hospitals have already been doing that because they have different clients who may... they are already doing different types of treatment for home bound. But we know there's other folks who may not be able to be as active as a lot of seniors in the villages, quite frankly. So we want to look out for them too.

So our ability to vaccinate seniors can increase dramatically just based on additional supply. So we hope we continue to see increased supply. I think that there's a lot of capacity with hospitals. They're now getting some more vaccine. They did a good job working through what they had over the first four or five weeks. We're going to continue feeding these sites, but every single site we have can just simply be expanded. So if you have the drive-thru

#### Ron DeSantis: (08:03)

... Have, can just simply be expanded. So, if you have the drivethrough at The Villages, you're going to do a certain number of days. We can just add another lane or two if we have sufficient number of vaccines. So we're hoping we're able to do that. Final thing I say, point out—is we've got some really, really good news about the Phase Three clinical trial data from the Johnson and Johnson vaccine.

If you watched some of the headlines and reports, it was like, oh, not as effective as Pfizer and Moderna was what I was seeing. I was like, "Oh man, that really stinks." But then you look at it and veah, they said 66% efficacy in terms of preventing infection, and that was, it was higher in the US, but they looked at all worldwide data to come up with that.

#### Ron DeSantis: (08:45)

But, after 28 days, one single dose of Johnson and Johnson vaccine was found to be 100% effective at preventing death and almost 100% effective, practically 100% effective, at preventing hospitalization. So, look, to me, if no one got infected fine, but if you have something that will rule out fatalities and rule out. for all intents and purposes, people even being admitted to hospitals, that is a successful vaccine. Sign me up for that.

So, we look very forward. They're going to be submitting an application for emergency use authorization probably this week, maybe next week, but very soon. If we, if you look at the way

that the FDA handled the Pfizer and the Moderna, once that application is filed, they then set a date where they will then convene. So, that was I think, seven to 10 days after the application was received.

#### **Ron DeSantis: (09:49)**

That would mean under that timeline, we could get an approval for emergency use this month of February, which would be a really, really good thing. So, I see a one-dose vaccine, very easy to store. You don't have to have negative 70. You don't even have to have a freezer. You can just put it in the refrigerator. You jab it one time, and then you don't have to worry about people coming back for the booster shot. We'll get more data.

There'll be more put out beyond just what Johnson and Johnson has done. Even if it's slightly less "efficacious" than Pfizer, Moderna, for workforce people, for folks that may be younger with comorbidities, to me, this is something that we should be very excited about. When you're looking at all but preventing severe disease, after 28 days, to me, that's the whole name of the game.

## Ron DeSantis: (10:43)

I don't think we would change society because somebody had a cough for two days or has a cold for two days. I mean, those are normal, mild maladies that we see all the time, regardless of COVID. So, if that is the worst that would happen with Johnson & Johnson, to me, that's something that's very, very positive.

So, I think the data was better than how it was portrayed. So, I would tell folks that, yeah, this will be a really important tool. Then the final thing is just this AstraZeneca, they're giving it in Britain. They've given a lot of doses of this. There may, the FDA is making them go back and do American data, when they have data in other parts of the world. I just wonder why not try to get that on a fast track, so that could be yet another option for folks? Because I'm not sure how much is going to be, is produced right away

#### Ron DeSantis: (11:34)

I know Johnson & Johnson's under contract for 100 million doses. I don't think that that's going to be on day one. I think that's going to take several months, but even if they have 10 million doses by February, March, that'll make a big difference. That'll help a lot of folks. So, Johnson & Johnson, very positive. We're looking forward to that.

Obviously, we're going to be ready if that is approved, we're going to look for our allocations and want to put that to very good use very quickly. I think there's a lot of great news that's happening. If you look in Florida, the COVID situation, throughout the whole winter respiratory cycle, our per capita hospitalizations were significantly lower than States like California, New York, some of the other, all these lockdown states.

#### Ron DeSantis: (12:19)

What we've seen here, and I think some of it's seasonal. Some of it is community immunity. Maybe some of it is the vaccine, but we've seen a huge decline in hospitalizations over the last two weeks. The admissions have gone down dramatically over the last few weeks, and we hope that that trend continues. But we're right now, I think we've probably done well—we over the summer, we peaked at nearly 10,000 COVID-positive patients in hospitals statewide. Considering not bad!

In the winter respiratory season, a completely open state where we trust people to work, live, do as they see fit, we reached 70, I think 7,700. So, 25% less than what we were over the summer and much less per capita than many of these other states. Now we're going down dramatically.

I think Seniors First is part of that, but I can tell you this, the more seniors we vaccinate, the lower that hospitalization number is going, because those are the folks that are most likely to need admission to the hospitals.

#### Ron DeSantis: (13:24)

So, that's a really good one trend. Really, the two things we've looked at the whole time, I don't get bent out of shape about these positive tests, because if you test 200,000 people, you're going to get a lot of positive tests. So, that's never been the barometer we've used. We've used Emergency Department visit for COVID-like illness. That peaked on January 3rd. [Christmas visits]

It's been going down for the rest of January, and then the hospital census, which peaked in the middle of January has been going down in the last two weeks. Those aren't trends unique to Florida. COVID is receding everywhere in the United States.

Now, maybe that's seasonal. Maybe it'll come back stronger in the spring. We obviously had a summer wave. Maybe, that's something we'll have to contend with, but I think that with the vaccines continuing to be put out, I think it's going to be harder for COVID to really have a serious spike, when you combine the people that have natural immunity through infection and then the vaccine.

#### Ron DeSantis: (14:20)

So, we're making some really good progress as a country on this, the state, we're doing, I think, well, and we want to keep those trends going as we go forward. So, the Villages drive-through site, it was so successful. We said, if you use it, we're going to work to get you more.

Finally, we're able to get another 41,000 doses on top of our normal allotment. This is a beneficiary of that, as well as the community in Broward and in Tampa, and we're going to keep doing it and keep working hard, putting seniors first, and not resting until every senior that wants to get a vaccine is able to get a vaccine. Thanks.

#### Speaker at the DeSantis Press conference1: (14:58)

Governor, can you address the Sharecare? Some of our counties here say, they're not going to sign up yet for that safe registration

site, because they want the kinks to be worked out. Are you confident in that system, that that's the best way

#### [crosstalk 00:15:13]

#### Ron DeSantis: (15:12)

Well, they're free to do their own system. It's not required, so that's up to them if they want to do it. But I think some other counties have used it, and I think it's worked satisfactorily. But, there's people working on it as things develop. They obviously want to work, to try to fix it. Yes, sir?

#### Speaker 2: (15:28)

Governor, the growing racial disparity that we've heard about between in particular, blacks versus whites being vaccinated versus the number of blacks dying from COVID. I know one of the pushes from you was churches. How do we do this? How do we overcome the gap?

#### Ron DeSantis: (15:45)

Well, so the church program's been successful. I think you've gotten a lot of buy-in from the parishioners, partially because it's not some wild-eyed public health bureaucrat shaking their finger at them, telling them to get it. It's someone that they trust. Having a pastor, having these people that they know, and so I think it's been-

#### Ron DeSantis: (16:03)

Having a pastor, having these people that they know. And so, I think it's been good. All of our other sites, community sites, the Publix, the hospitals, just to be clear, there's not any type of racial discrimination. They're not accounting for race. It's all based on age, regardless of any of that.

And that's obviously the way it needs to be. I think the church program is just meant to bring it closer to home, get it into communities, getting it to people, getting it where people who are trusted in those communities are able to advocate for it. And so we're going to keep doing that, but all the other programs are obviously open to everyone, as it should be. Yes ma'am.

#### Speaker 3: (16:44)

Yes, governor. This is [inaudible 00:16:47] with Telemundo. Are you doing any special effort to vaccinate communities that are minority, like Hispanic and Black communities, especially in Osceola, Orange, and Seminole County? Leaders of minority communities are calling attention to lack of access to these things.

#### Ron DeSantis: (17:02)

Well, so, as we've mentioned, we've been doing these church programs for weeks and weeks, where we go, and it's predominantly been African American churches, but not limited to that. I know we've worked with folks in Osceola on that, and we'll continue to do that. We think that that's an effective way to get folks there. And it's also, the pastor can reach out to the parishioners and then say, "Okay, I got 500 people for you." You go. So from an administrative perspective, it makes it a little easier for us to do that as well. So we're going to keep doing that 100%.

## Ron DeSantis: (17:33)

I would say, if you look around the state, some of the areas... Miami Dade has had the most vaccines of anybody administered. They've done a good job with that. And I think the Central Florida area has done a good job. Orlando has done a lot of vaccines. I think part of it is because your healthcare system has really, really done a good job.

But all of those are not limited, based on any type of community, based on any type of racial consideration. It's open to all comers. Again, we're focusing on seniors first. And so we want to focus

on those who are 65, but that's based on age. It's not based on anything else. Yes, ma'am.

### Speaker 4: (18:17)

The 1500 doses that are [inaudible 00:18:18], is there a system in place already to get those out, or how does that work?

#### Ron DeSantis: (18:20)

We'll have an announcement on that soon, but basically, there's certain communities have reached out. And so we've said, "Okay, what can we do to do it?" So for example, there's folks who were Holocaust survivors, who were in their 90s in certain communities. And so we said, "Okay, let's work to do that." So we'll have an announcement on that soon. Their hospitals and other folks have been doing this, to a certain extent. This adds to that, which I think is something that's very, very important. Not everyone is just in a position, and not everyone has the same level of support as some of the... Here, people are very active. They're very self-sufficient, but that's not everyone. So we're trying to prevent people from falling through the cracks. Yes, sir.

#### Speaker 5: (19:06)

Governor, the White House is offering for potentially a FEMA infrastructure to help, not just Florida, but every other state. Would you welcome that? And if so, in particular, in what areas do you feel it could be used with that?

#### Ron DeSantis: (19:18)

So what I've just said is what the state of Florida needs, and I think most governors agree with me, is just simply additional doses of the vaccine. The infrastructure to do these shots is there. These hospitals could double their output. Our community sites could probably double their output. And I know Publix, we could do 700 Publix stores. We have 261. They have 750 stores. So we have the capacity to do it. And so I would just say, figure out how we can get additional doses of the vaccine.

If the choice is, "Hey, we have 50,000 doses for you, but you only get it if we administer it." Then I'll say, "Go ahead and do it." But it's the notion that kind of started in December and the beginning of January, "Oh my God. The US, they're not getting the doses out. They can't do it." Really was somewhat of a misnomer for two reasons.

#### Ron DeSantis: (20:10)

One, the doses, most of them got dropped during Christmas and New Year. So the hospitals are getting this. They're trying to get their staff's done, but they weren't in a position to do a major community drive at that point. The minute the new year changed, and you could see in Florida, from that Monday, January 4th, man, they were doing it. And all these other sites as well, we're doing it very well. So some of that, I think, was a misnomer.

But then also, the way it's reported, there's a lag on the reporting. And so if whatever Florida's reporting, I can tell you, there are tens of thousands, at a minimum, additional people that have been jabbed, who just haven't been put into the system yet. And there's some folks who are given the shots are reporting it two weeks later. We want them to do it within the 24 to 72 hours.

#### **Ron DeSantis: (20:56)**

But bottom line is, that's the case. So I think it's not just Florida. I think it's throughout the country. These doses are getting into people's arms. It's just a matter of, can we do more doses? And then once everyone's kind of involved in this, from hospitals to community sites, to all these other things, the pharmacies, can you do more?

We're hoping that the Federal Pharmacy Program will be sending some additional doses directly to some of our locations. So for example, Publix would be a participant in that, Walmart, we've worked with to see whether they would be willing to do it. And then also Winn-Dixie, so that gives you even more. And if

they do turn on Federal Pharmacy Program, that would be in addition to our current allotments. I think that would really be helpful. And I think you have folks that are willing to play ball on this with those companies.

#### Ron DeSantis: (21:47)

So there's a lot that can be done with the existing infrastructure. I would say the problem is not infrastructure. The problem is not a lack of people to be able to jab people in the arms. It's just people are running through the vaccine. At The Villages, they burned through it. They did the right thing. We want it in people's arms. And if we would have had more vaccine over the last week, 10 days, we would have given more there.

Now that we're getting some more, we're doing it. And we're also doing a lot more second doses now, which is good, because that is the full regimen. I know people have said, "Oh, well, you should just don't give people the second dose. Just use it on other stuff." Not here. The seniors want the second dose. We're going to make sure they get the second dose. But that is now kicking up a lot.

[How about that. Would you not like your governor to say the same thing, PA, NJ, NY? As a resident of PA, I know I would like my governor to begin rooting for the people.]

#### Ron DeSantis: (22:31)

You're going to see this week, and again, the reporting lags on it. But you will absolutely see 50, 60, 70,000 second doses a day, throughout this week. Because the Pfizer came due last week for a lot of the seniors. Moderna is going to be coming due, yeah, probably right at the end of last week, beginning of this week will be that 28 day mark. And so they're scheduled for it. The federal government has sent the second doses.

We got a lot of the Moderna the beginning of last week and have used some of it. But you're going to see a lot more of it go out to go out the door and into people's arms, which is going to be great. And I do think, once you do that, once we get that second dose, yes, the hospitalizations are going down. The ED visits are going way down. But you start to have a million, a million and a half, 2 million seniors fully vaccinated, that's just going to dramatically reduce the pool of people who may end up hospitalized.

#### Ron DeSantis: (23:29)

And that'll be a really, really good thing, I think, for all of us. Yes, sir.

#### Speaker 6: (23:32)

And governor, when the White House-

#### Ron DeSantis: (23:33)

Oh wait, do we have one more? He hasn't asked one. Yes?

#### Speaker 7: (23:43)

Governor, what is the state doing to make sure hospitals are getting to vaccinate those people under 65 who have comorbidity [inaudible 00:23:43] have sent some [crosstalk 00:23:43]-

#### Ron DeSantis: (23:43)

Yeah. Yeah. So we did it. So from my executive order, from the beginning said... So seniors first was obviously the overriding policy. But we said, "Hospitals can administer to anybody, regardless of age, who's especially vulnerable to COVID." So a number of them immediately started just going to their cancer wards and offering it to folks. That's totally appropriate.

#### Ron DeSantis: (24:03)

They're just going to their cancer wards and offering it to folks. That's totally appropriate. We've now sent more doses, I think about 30,000, because we got more this time. So we sent about 30,000 to various hospitals saying, "Obviously you can continue

to do seniors, but the executive order does say these comorbidities.

We're trusting you to do it." So they're going to be doing more of that and I think you're going to see that with folks who have compromised immune systems, in particular. Again, regardless of age, will be able to have access to that. And I think that that's important. Clearly, if you're under 65, but you have some of those, you're more at risk. Now, age is the most important, but that's a significant one. So you'll see more and more of that, but some hospitals have been doing that all along and that was something that we encourage

#### Ron DeSantis: (24:46)

What we didn't want though, is if we're putting it in pharmacies and we're doing drive-through sites, to have a pharmacist or a nurse have to referee someone's comorbidity. Oh, that doesn't count. So we said, "This is something that the doctors have to handle. It's got to be in the confines of a hospital system." So I think that that makes what we're doing here, more efficient, to focus on the 65 and plus, and then trusting our medical professionals to be able to identify those patients of theirs existing or people in the community who really are especially susceptible to significant impacts from COVID.

Speaker 8: (25:22) I've got one more.

#### Ron DeSantis: (25:22)

One more, yes. Speaker 2: (25:23)

Governor, when the White House said last week that you were not getting the shots into the arms, only 50%. I know you pushed back, you called them disingenuous. You said, "Send us the shots," as you continue to say today. Do you feel like they're hearing you?

#### Ron DeSantis: (25:35)

Well, and other governors said the same thing. We are reporting lags on this. So you've really got to go back a week to look to see now what was done that week, because we keep adding more and more, and that's true with every state. But what they had said was we had the big dump of the Moderna second doses, and oh, we'll just give those out.

Those are already scheduled because people get scheduled for their shots. So if you got a shot on January 4th, you're going to be in early February. And so if I get that dose six days early, am I supposed to give it to someone and then you may not have your dose? So it's getting out.

And you can also see, if you look January 4th week, first full week back from the new year, 355,000 initial doses administered. The next week, January 11th, we had 455,000 initial doses. The next week, January 18th, even though that Monday was a holiday, 355,000-ish. Last week, it's going to take four or five more days to be able to get all that.

### Ron DeSantis: (26:37)

But it'll be over that 266,000 number that we're doing. Look, I think that when you're dealing with this, our goal is putting seniors first, and that means putting seniors ahead of politics. And what I've seen since January 20th is too much politics thrust into the COVID response. When they're saying that there was no plan for vaccine distribution by the federal government, that's just factually false.

I had meetings with governors, conference calls. I met with Warp Speed multiple times in the White House. We had phone calls. And they have been getting vaccines out to the states. So I understand it was a campaign. The campaign's over and now let's just focus on putting seniors first, regardless of policy, regardless of politics or regardless of party. And I think if we do that, then I think we'll be more effective.

#### Ron DeSantis: (27:31)

No one has called me and said, "Governor, what would make sense? What have you found? What are some of the things, lessons that you've learned? What's been effective? What's not been effective?" We've learned a lot over the last month and a half. I think that we've done a really good job. Obviously we're leading the nation in vaccinating seniors. The highest percentage of our vaccines have gone to seniors of any state.

We've also vaccinated the highest percentage of our seniors, either number one or two in the country, and that toggles back and forth. But we're getting close to 30% of seniors in Florida have had at least one vaccine shot. There's some states that are still in single digits on that. Some of these states were vaccinating prisoners instead of seniors. They're vaccinating drug addicts instead of seniors.

#### Ron DeSantis: (28:19)

And look, I mean, if we had unlimited vaccine, vaccine who you want, but this is limited vaccine. Whose priorities are you looking out for? We're looking out for our parents and grandparents here in Florida, and there's no way you're going to get some prisoner a vaccine over a senior citizen. And so our seniors first promise is iron clad.

We're making good progress. Look, if I had half a million additional doses a week, we'd be able to do even more, but we're happy we got the extra 40,000. We think the Villages is a good place to apply some of that. Our commitment, what I've told my guys is, look, they did a good job here. We told them to use it. They used it. Let's keep getting it to them. So in future shipments, we're budgeting this amount to continue to keep the Villages operating with the drive-through site.

### Ron DeSantis: (29:15)

The seniors like it. When the weather gets a little warmer, maybe we'll see more golf carts. I didn't see a lot of golf carts the other day, because quite frankly, it was probably about 50 degrees

outside. So as the weather gets a little bit better, we'll have the opportunity to do the golf carts as well. So I'm excited about the progress we can make in the Villages with this site. I'm also excited about all the homes you guys are selling. If you look there was ...

Did you see the thing where they had the 25 communities that had the most new-home construction? The Villages was number one in the country by a country mile. It wasn't even close if you look. The next closest was like, it's like the Villages and everyone else. And I think Florida, we had at least five of the 25, maybe even more than that with the Villages leading the way.

#### Ron DeSantis: (30:03)

So they say it's America's friendliest hometown. It's going to get a lot friendlier with a lot of new faces and hey, what's not to like about being in the Villages. If you're a little bit older and very active, you play golf every day, you socialize.

And then when everyone gets vaccinated, I know the partying and the events you used to do can resume full throttle. So we're looking forward to that. And I will come back and help you guys ring that in. So, thanks everybody. We appreciate it. Speaker 8: (30:30)

Thank you.

## Speaker 2: (30:30)

Thank you, sir.

## Ron DeSantis: (30:30)

Let us know how we can be helpful, but we think this will be good.

# Chapter 4 Florida v Northeast States



From New York A Place of Cold & Snow & Lockdowns

## No Comparison

Florida's average of 237 days a year of sunshine definitely beats Binghamton NY at 157. Don't forget it can be zero degrees in NY and still count as a sunny day. See Florida picture on the next page.

Carol Markowicz from the New York Post, wrote a neat article about NY and its response to COVID-19 with Guv Cuomo and Mayor DeBlasio running the comedy of errors show. We included this excerpt as a comparison of the two locations—FL & NY. Florida has a few bad Mayors also such as the 59th Mayor Tampa, former Police Chief Jane Castor. DeBlasio eat your heart out.

Anybody paying attention knows most of this already but it sure begs the question: Why isn't everybody moving out of NY and moving to Florida? I heard just today because of the lockdowns and the high taxes, even the venerable NY Stock Exchange may be heading to the Sunshine State.



Where are the cars in the Villages?

Don't worry cars are permitted too . So warm and so pretty. I would not mind being the governor in Florida for a few weeks or months every year. Just today, my buddy John Martinson greeted me in our phone call with this opening. Well, Brian, it's 84 degrees here in Bonita Springs. It was right before noon on Feb 11. John then asked the bone chilling question for me.

How is it up there? It is 25 degrees right now, lots of snow on the ground but the sun is out. How deceptive? After John M. got his second COVID-19 shot last week he took off to his alter-home site in Florida. He has a great place Ask him about some Stella Artois and I bet he has an answer.

#### Will New Yorkers ruin Florida?.

You bet—they ruin everything they touch. The transfer migrants from NY need to be reminded of why they fled the great northeast in the first place. My advice to them is to change their negative attitudes before they move to Florida. Floridians are not looking to become

New Yorkers. Those of you with NY ideologies won't like Ron DeSantis but Floridians do.

Stay away! Decide ahead of time, before you move that rather than force Floridians to move to Mexico for some air because of your liberal thinking, why should you not move to Mexico instead yourselves. Save Floridians the problem of rejecting your attempts to live in the Sunshine State by changing its way of life.

Bad things happen every day as the rest of the world tries to conquer Ponce de Leon territory (Florida) because it is the best. With the Sunshine State having the best governor in the country it makes moving there even more appealing. Floridians do not want New York (#2 in COVID-19) attitudes or PA or NJ (#1 in COVID-19) attitudes because they are corrupting and not good for any state.

So, rather than force the Sunshine State stalwarts into giving up, we're asking the NY migrants to take their Democrat progressive socialist attitudes to Mexico with them and don't come back. Forget about Florida. Ruin Mexico like you did NJ & NY. Stay out of Florida.

You would not have had to leave the northeast if you did not insist that your ideas needed to become the CUOMO or DeBlasio law. Now, Carol Markowicz knows exactly why Empire Staters are trying desperately to escape NY. Again it is because their terrible ideas are now the law. It's not fun, is it folks? She would suggest taking your warmed over slop with you out of the country like maybe straight to Mexico or Guatemala if they will have you. By the way, Mexico also has a nice climate

#### NY Land of Taxes

NY is considering creative new taxes to spring on its captive population and those working there. In the City, the esteemed Mayor DeBlasio has already taxed everybody as far as he can go. His new game is supposedly to tax the rich. But, *surprise*, the rich think they are already overtaxed.

Nonetheless, Mayor Bill de Blasio said he wants to tax the rich but even he isn't sure what that really means. The royal hizzoner who has been calling for boosting taxes on the rich for years had a press conference a few days ago and he could not provide specifics when pressed about what income levels would trigger the new levies he'd like to impose on New York's wealthiest if he could—if he could! Humph!

"What I think, is for millionaires and billionaires, there should be higher taxes, particularly for billionaires," de Blasio testified at a virtual joint legislative budget hearing on local governments while under questioning from state Sen. Jim Gaughran (D-Suffolk) --as much as possible When asked "who do you define as wealthy and what tax rate should we raise, if it was up to you?" "That's a couple of straightforward points so I would say that I think billionaires in particular is where I'd put a lot of the emphasis," de Blasio said. The people are leaving NY City and Ny State as fast as they can. COVID is simply giving them another reason to get out.

Among other bad things, New York has been named the worst state in the U.S. for its economic outlook. It is so bad that New York City visitors can actually see the people "fleeing the city."

In the recent rankings of the American Legislative Exchange Council called "Rich States, Poor States," NY City and State are at the bottom. Based on competitiveness and economic outlook and policy choices this year was the seventh in a row for NY to finish #50 out of 50. Gotham got dinged from having major property tax burdens, estate/inheritance taxes, average workers' compensation costs and the kicker, "recently legislated tax changes." If I could find one reason people were staying in New York, I'd tell you—but I am trying to tell the truth 100% in this book.

About the Wall Street proposed taxes, here are some words from the gothamist.com

"While some see this as a tax on the securities industry itself, it is actually a tax on working families saving for retirement and college, pension funds that secure retirement for millions, as well

as many individual investors, foundations and endowments," the group wrote. Imposing any form of a stock market tax, they noted, "could lead financial firms to move their back-office operations and related jobs outside of New York."

Why am I picking on NY. Because they are picking on Florida. Who really likes New Yorkers. I want them all to stay put in NY. If they move to Florida, they will probably vote to elect the same kind of crap politicians – Cuomo & DeBlasio that destroyed New York.:

Markowicz has it correct when she writes after a recent trip to FL. "Landing at Palm Beach International Airport, I was ready to see how the other half lived. The COVID-sane half, that is.

"Our family hadn't left New York since March. We had read about how Florida was able to maintain a case rate similar to or lower than New York's while shunning our crippling lockdowns. Still, we were apprehensive. "Be careful down there, no one wears a mask," was typical of advice I got from well-meaning friends.

"And indeed, Florida has a reputation as one of the looser states. In mid-April, after a short lockdown, Gov. Ron DeSantis gave the green light for beaches to open. "Wait two weeks!" the naysayers urged back then. But two weeks came and went, and Florida's numbers remained relatively steady after a peak in mid-July.

"Stepping off the plane, we noticed something odd: Everyone was, in fact, masked. And keeping their distance. There was hand sanitizer everywhere. The COVID "Mad Max" world was nowhere to be found. Yes, everything was open, but precautions-wise, southern Florida looked a lot like New York.

"The main difference: Masks aren't worn in no-risk situations. In Gotham, it's very common to see people masked even when all alone on empty streets. Small children wear masks outside. In Florida, we saw mask-less children playing together outside. It looked like the Before Times."

Just one visit to Florida and one will realize that it is a lie that the Floridians do not take the coronavirus seriously. They are leading their lives first and COVID is a secondary issue that they work around. What Ron DeSantis's Florida officials have done to make the state both sane and safe is to get rid of the policies that don't work, while keeping the ones that do. Andrew Cuomo wants to control your life.

I have no faith in Andrew Cuomo other than that he could beat Ron DeSantis in a bloviation contest hands down. They could reactivate that old TV show that I liked called the Closer and have it as a show about NY State. Cuomo would not have to star as the Closer because he is the Closer. NY has closed more businesses with Cuomo and DeBlasio sharing the helm than any other state.

Here is a little story about NY. On the day he closed indoor dining in NY, Gov. Andrew Cuomo, admitted that that the COVID spread in restaurants is about 1.4 percent of cases. That is it. In Florida, they decided low numbers like that meant that there was no gain to shutting down indoor dining so it should stay open.

In NY State, Cuomo foolishly did not let things stay open and DeBlasio did the same great job for NY City. They did not rely on the fact that restaurants were not interested in being disease spreaders so they would take recommended actions. Moreover, diner patrons were not interested in getting infected so they would stay away from "hot spots" no matter how good their drinks were. Regular people are a lot smarter than regular politicians.

In Florida, Governor DeSantis used common sense, In New York, they were wrestling with its spelling. DeSantis prioritized school openings In New York, Cuomo huffed and puffed and gave "great" speeches, earning him an EMMY from the Hollywood elites.

He told the people in so many words that he is the boss and is in charge of schools. But then he did nothing else. He washed his hands when it was time to get the hard work done to get the schools back open after he had closed them. If George Orwell were alive today, he could create a new book called CUOMO and he could use all the text from 1984 and it would have the same meaning as the Orwell Classic.

Florida had great results. South Dakota with Kristi Noem had great results. Texas with Gregg Abbott had great results. NY, NJ. MA and all the states with inept Democrat Governors did not measure up. Florida's policies bore positive fruit.

On Jan. 9, 2021, for example New York reported about 18,000 new cases. Florida has about 2 million more residents than New York. The Sunshine State had less than 15,500. Florida is open. NY is still in shutdown/lockdown mode. How can an open state such as Florida with the second highest population in the country have fewer COVID cases than an almost totally closed state like New York? Does that fact alone prove that protracted lockdowns are a failure. What more do you need to know. Continued after the chart below:

As you can see in the chart below, NY is #2 in deaths behind New Jersey. Here is a breakdown of COVID-19 deaths per 100,000 people in all 50 U.S. states and Washington, D.C. The data was last updated at 7:50 a.m. CST. beckershospitalreview.com as of Feb. 11, 2021 has charted about 471,000 people in the U.S. who have died after contracting COVID-19. NY is #2 in deaths; Florida is 26th.

Louisiana: 198

Alabama: 181

Indiana: 178

Note: These are the latest numbers available. The list includes ties.

New Jersey: 250 per 100,000 people Arizona: 199

Population: 8.9 million residents Population: 7.3 million

New York: 231

Population: 19.4 million Population: 4.6 million

Massachusetts: 221 North Dakota: 191 Population: 6.9 million Population: 762,062

Mississippi: 214

Population: 3 million Population: 4.9 million

Rhode Island: 213

Population: 1.1 million Population: 6.7 million

Connecticut: 205 Pennsylvania: 178 Population: 3.6 million Population: 12.8 million

South Dakota: 205 Illinois: 173

Population: 12.7 million Population: 884,659

Arkansas: 171 Wisconsin: 115 Population: 3 million Population: 5.8 million New Mexico: 165 California: 115 Population: 2.1 million Population: 39.5 million Iowa: 164 Minnesota: 113 Population: 3.2 million Population: 5.6 million Michigan: 159 Wyoming: 112 Population: 10 million Population: 578,759 Tennessee: 156 Nebraska: 108 Population: 6.8 million Population: 1.9 million South Carolina: 150 Colorado: 102 Population: 5.1 million Population: 5.8 million Nevada: 149 Ohio: 101 Population: 3.1 million Population: 11.7 million Kansas: 148 Idaho: 100 Population: 2.9 million Population: 1.8 million Georgia: 141 Oklahoma: 99 Population: 10.6 million Population: 4 million Texas: 139 North Carolina: 98 Population: 30 million Population: 10.5 million District of Columbia: 137 Kentucky: 97 Population: 705,749 Population: 4.5 million Florida: 131 New Hampshire: 82 Population: 21.5 million Population: 1.4 million Delaware: 128 Virginia: 81 Population: 973,764 Population: 8.5 million Missouri: 124 Washington: 61 Population: 6.1 million Population: 7.6 million Montana: 124 Utah: 55 Population: 1.1 million Population: 3.2 million

Maryland: 123
Population: 6 million

West Virginia: 121 Population: 1.8 million Oregon: 49 Population: 4.2 million

Maine: 48 Population: 1.3 million Alaska: 37 Vermont: 30

Population: 731,545 Population: 623,989

Hawaii: 30

Population: 1.4 million

Somehow the press highlights CUOMO's NY as the greatest and damns Florida's DeSantis. They treat DeSantis like Trump because it makes them hate his success even more. Would it not be nice if there was truth instead of media bias?

So, what does Cuomo do to get back at DeSantis' success. You may know that he has an advisor named Rich Azzopardi. This "wise advisor" who doubles as a Cuomo suck up, claimed that the disparity is proof that Florida has "cooked the books on case numbers."

He felt incapable apparently to admit that his boss had destroyed NY restaurants and other businesses for no reason. Coverups do not bring along solutions. NY should learn from Florida but there is too much Cuomo and DeBlasio bravado.

So, let's say that Florida was somehow hiding numbers. Dead bodies are a lot harder to stash. Florida has had 22,000 COVID-19 deaths while NY tops the US charts with 38,000. What's the problem. Maybe it is spelled C-U-O-M-O. Maybe the solution is spelled D-e-S-A-N-T-I-S.

Could it be the warmth of Florida and the chill of NY? Weather cannot account for the difference. Yes, Floridians are often outdoors thanks to the Sunshine State's balmy climes. But that doesn't explain why the virus is raging out of control in tightly locked down California. Set the thermometer on warm and you get more cases. The virus loves the warm dark indoors.

DeSantis' Florida has already proven that perhaps moderation is actually the key to fighting COVID-19. A New Yorker in Florida constantly wonders, "Why doesn't my own state government trust me the way the government in Florida trusts its people?" The answer is Democrats seek to control the population whereas Conservatives want the people to be free. That is it.

New York authorities and a host of other red states have no faith in their own people to do the right thing for themselves and their neighbors. Consequently, the lives of the people in NY are held hostage to the bully Cuomo's whims. Floridians know what to expect, and it normalizes their lives to a large extent.

FYI, on February 8, 2021, NY State just added out of the wind, which is sending in updates to CUOMO's people, 1500 new COVID victims. Where did these deaths come from. We all now know that the NY Guv chose to not report half of the COVID issues in NY State. I am not sure what the people of NY can believe.

Carol Markowicz of the NY Post sums the answer up quite simply. She says that "Florida uses sanity. We don't.

## Chapter 5 Yes, Tampa Is in DeSantis' Florida.



Well folks, some might call it dumb luck for Tampa Bay Florida's sports teams having such a great year. I think it is Divine Providence. But, there is no doubt that the luckiest moment for Tampa Bay and the rest of Florida was not their sports accomplishments. It occurred on November 20, 2018 and had nothing to do with the Super Bowl.

It was the day Ron DeSantis was officially certified as the winner of the general election for Governor of Florida, following a machine recount. He narrowly defeated the Democratic nominee and mayor of Tallahassee, Andrew Gillum. Of course some might argue that even before that great day, their real luck was that the Democrats and the Dominion Voting machines were not able to pull off an election steal.

Lucky, Lucky, Lucky Florida. And Lucky, Lucky, Lucky Tampa Bay. As my favorite state of the Union, even though I pay all my taxes to Pennsylvania, *Land of Taxes*, I do spend a part of every year in the Sunshine State and hope one day to live there.

The February 13 Super Bowl can be described as a victory based on skill and not on luck but we'll let the pundits resolve that over time. There was a lot of luck in getting to the Super Bowl but the biggest coup for Tampa Bay was having a great coach and some great transplants from the New England Patriots, especially Tom Brady, the Super Bowl MVP for the seventh time.

Ron DeSantis created an open environment for winning games. There is no question about that. So, a part of the reasoning for the Florida teams to do so well in this, the year of the pandemic, was because the people, fans, and players alike were not treated like caged animals in their own homes all year. That, my friends is because of the policies of none other than the best Governor of all time, Ron DeSantis.

This year, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, the Tampa Bay Lightning and the Tampa Bay Rays were not only on their league championships, two of them became world champions. The Tampa Bay Rowdies would have been right up there also but their season was canceled.

## The Tampa Bay Lightning Win Stanley Cup

Let's look at them each in order of their seasons. First let's look at the Lightning. Their record in the NHL Atlantic Division was 43-21-6 (92 points). They scored 92 points and finished #2 in the Division for a great season.

It was a weird season, but the Lightning won what in Hockey can be compared to the Super Bowl. Tampa Bay won the championship however, in Edmonton, Alberta in Canada.

Americans and Canadians know that you can't get warmer than Tampa Bay Fl and you can't get any colder so to speak than Alberta, in Canada. Regardless of the home team's weather, two US team's vied for the championship. The Tampa Bay Lightning defeated the Dallas Stars, 2-0, more than two months after they entered the N.H.L. bubble in Toronto,. They left Edmonton as the winners of the 2020 Stanley Cup finals.

This important series began on September 19, 2020, and it concluded on September 28 while the football and baseball seasons were still being played. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the entire series was played behind closed doors at Rogers Place in Edmonton. So much for the weather.

In the season, the Lightening scored 245 goals (1st of 31) v 195 scored against them (9th of 31). They started preseason with odds for the Stanley Cup +675; O/U: 108.5. They won the first round 4-1 over the Columbus Blue Jackets. They then won the second-round over the Boston Bruins. They followed this by winning the conference finals (4-2) over New York Islanders. They finished the season as the undisputed champs when they were the victors in the Stanley Cup Final (4-2) over Dallas Stars

## Rowdies Tie for Soccer Championship

So, who would have thunk that Tampa Bay would also be dominant in soccer. Well, they used the famous winning DeSantis formula to lock in an almost championship but the game was not played.

The USL Championship Final between Tampa Bay Rowdies and Phoenix Rising FC was canceled on October 31, 2020. That's about as close to a victory as you can get in a season. The Rowdies were co-champions. Not a bad season.

The USL Championship Final between the Tampa Bay Rowdies and Phoenix Rising FC was canceled after multiple players on the Tampa Bay Rowdies covered persons list tested positive for COVID-19 after a second round of rapid testing on the Saturday morning before the game. Instead of putting the game off for another month, the league chose to name Tampa Bay and Phoenix as the Eastern Conference and Western Conference champions for 2020, respectively.

"First and foremost, we want to applaud these two teams on an incredible season," USL President Jake Edwards announced in a league release. "They deserved the opportunity to play for the USL Championship Final trophy and we are disappointed that we won't be able to watch them on Sunday night. With that said, we want to

thank all of our clubs, our supporters, our players and our staff for all of their time, hard work and energy this season. We've grown closer under difficult circumstances and we can't wait to be back together again soon. "We look forward to seeing all our players back in action at the start of next season.

### The Tampa Bay Rays



Unlike the great seasons in Hockey, and Soccer, the Tampa Bay Rays were not mentioned in the major headline for the 2020 World Series.

Perhaps Mayor Castor put a hex on them.

Unfortunately, this was one Tampa Bay sports team that in the 11<sup>th</sup> hour could not muscle it together. And, so the headlines read:

DODGERS
WIN 2020
WORLD
SERIES
OCTOBER 28,
2020

Sorry Rays fans, I did not know until I researched this chapter that your favorite baseball team had not won the 2020 World Series. I stopped watching baseball in 1994. Maybe you can forgive me. Some still remember the excitement back in 1994. That World Series was the one that wasn't.

It would have been the championship series of Major League Baseball's (MLB) 1994 season, but it was canceled on September 14 of that year due to a strike by the MLB Players Association that started on August 12.

I checked out my salary at the time, and their salaries and the intransigence of the talks and the lack of consideration for the fans and since that year, I have not watched a complete baseball game—ever since. I did not see one game in the COVID 2020 shortened season.

I do believe however, that if Ron DeSantis was the league president, and Governor of Florida, with all of Florida's great stadiums, he would have rescued the entire season and the Rays would have been the winners going in as the home-town favorites. What a difference a governor makes.

So, this year, in game 6, the Dodgers dimmed and then ended the Ray's hopes. LA Dodgers became champions once again.

In what will surely be one of the most memorable and controversial World Series games in recent memory, the Dodgers defeated the Tampa Bay Rays 3-1 to win the World Series in six games and deliver Los Angeles its second professional sports championship in the month of October.

Some may remember it did not have to be this way. In the 6th inning of game 6, the series, turned on a single decision by Rays manager Kevin Cash that might very well live in MLB infamy.

Rays' ace Blake Snell took the mound for Game 6, looking to save the Rays' season. Through 5.1 innings, he was doing just that. Snell was in a rare zone. He had permitted just one hit while throwing only 73 pitches. He was rolling!

However, it was not to be. After Austin Barnes got the second Snell hit, the pitcher was pulled by Manager Cash. Bad move! The Dodgers did what they needed to do to win the series, but it's fair to wonder if the Game 6 result would have been lots different if Snell

had remained in the game. There has been lots of second-guessing on that.

What happened? Some call it pitching by committee. With Snell who was on a roll, abruptly being taken out, the Dodgers got an immediate confidence boost.

The move backfired on the Rays when the next two Dodgers hitters, Mookie Betts and Corey Seager gave Los Angeles the lead. "I'm not going to ask any questions," Betts said of the Rays' pitching change. "[Snell] was pitching a great game ... They made a pitching change. It seems like that's all we needed."

Four different Dodgers pitchers got at least two strikeouts, with Julio Urias finishing off the game with 2.1 innings of hitless baseball, striking out four batters to seal the deal for Los Angeles.

Life is good but one decision by a manager can change the outcome of a game and a World Series. Hey Rays, Get 'em next year.

## The Basketball Raptors – Temporary Champs

Notice the Toronto Raptors did not pick New York to finish their season. They went to the City of winners. Tampa Bay and the state of Governor Ron DeSantis who made sure the Raptors and everybody else felt welcome in Florida.

The Toronto Raptors are a Canadian professional basketball team based in Toronto. The Raptors compete in the National Basketball Association as a member of the league's Eastern Conference Atlantic Division.

When the NBA season started back before Christmas, the Raptors held out hope they could return to Toronto their home city, to close out the season. The virus has not cooperated. It is tough to play an international sport when there are border restrictions.

With a mandatory 14-day quarantine still in place for all visitors to Canada, the Raptors announced they would finish out this season in Tampa Bay. No US b-ball team wanted to get stuck in Canada in the

middle of the winter. So guess where the Raptors played the rest of the season—Tampa Bay.

"Florida has been really welcoming to us and we're so grateful for the hospitality we've found in Tampa and at Amalie Arena — we're living in a city of champions, and we intend to carry on the tradition of winning for our new friends and fans here," Raptors President Masai Ujiri said."

"But home is where the heart is, and our hearts are in Toronto. We think often of our fans, of our Scotiabank Arena family, and all those we are missing back home, and we can't wait until we can all be together again." That will likely be next season.

Maybe Tampa Bay will get its own NBA b-ball team soon. The NBA is the only major sports league that does not have a team in Tampa Bay. Florida is home to two NBA teams: the Orlando Magic and Miami Heat. Maybe Tampa does not need the NBA. The Tampa Bay Titans are an American professional basketball team based in Tampa, Florida. I think the NBA will be playing basketball in China long before it is in Tampa—just sayin!

After Super Bowl Sunday, the Bucs, the Lightning, and the Rays, all had had their great season and, quite frankly, so did the Rowdies though their final was canceled.

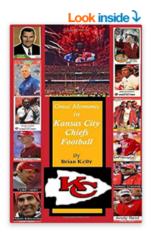
Let's talk about the TB Bucs now

## Tampa Bay Buccaneers Win the Super Bowl

I really forget where I read this but I remember it well so I will put my memory to work to recount this quote for you all:

What was once considered the black hole of professional sports is suddenly hot. As the Buccaneers ready for their first playoff game in 12 years, the radar of even casual sports fans was on Tampa Bay.

Last year I wrote a 436 page book about the history of the Kansas City Chiefs culminating in their Super Bowl Victory. It sold well as all my NFL books do.. Here is what the book looks like as it is sold on Amazon:



Great Moments in Kansas City Chiefs Football: Begins at the beginning of Football and continues through the Andy Reid era. Paperback – April 23,

2020 by Brian Kelly (Author)

This book is written for those of us who love Kansas City Chiefs Football. Those who dislike the Chiefs for their own reasons, wil also want this book, so they can try to get a leg up on the facts missing from the bookshelves of those Chief's fans who do not have this book. The book first tells the story about the founding Read more

I had begun my Ron DeSantis book (Dah as John Martinson would say – that's this book), while I was watching the Super Bowl. If the Chiefs had won. I would write another 20 to 30 pages addendum to last year's book – an easy task and I would have a definite 2021 book hit

If the Buccaneers won, I knew I would have to do a lot of research to pump out another 400+ page book about the Buccaneers. It took me about two months to write the KC book so now that I have begun the Bucs book, I expect it to be ready at some time in April 2021. Lots of work to finish a compendium as complete as one of my Great Moments books because they start at the beginning of football and take the team to the current year.

I promise not to contact Ron DeSantis for his cogent thoughts on the Super Bowl. Other than permitting fans at the game, which was a great thing, instead of insisting on cardboard painted placards, I think Governor Ron is a bit too busy to offer football commentary.

But, if Tom Brady is reading this book right now, I would be pleased to interview him on his and the Bucs phenomenal season.

I would travel to his home or the closest greasy spoon diner to score the interview and it would be in the Buccaneers book of 2021. Of course since I am a writer with almost 270 books published, I might also write a Tom Brady book if he would like. If you read this note and you know Tom, it won't cost him anything for me to interview him unless he decides to ask my wife Pat to come with me—all that expense for her would be is on him. Hah!

### Some skid marks on Tampa Bay sports

If I were to write a Super Bowl book about the NFL's Buccaneers, which I do expect to do, it helps to recall that they were 0-26 before their first win—that's well into their second year in the NFL. The Bucs came in after the AFL-NFL merger in 1970. The Chief's team was founded in 1960 as the Dallas Texans by businessman Lamar Hunt. It was another 16 years for the Bucs to get their chance. Look how far they have come.

The Buccaneers were awarded the National Football League's 27th franchise in 1974 with the first kickoff scheduled for 1976. The team was founded by owner Hugh Culverhouse, a successful Florida tax lawyer and broker, hired John McKay as the first coach of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Where the coach once famously replied when asked about his team's execution, that he was "*in favor of it*." Now, the greatest quarterback of all time – somebody they called the GOAT – was ready to take snaps on the second weekend in February 2021. And boy did he change the way people think about the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

By the way, In any sport, "GOAT" stands for "Greatest of All Time." For the longest time, Brady has been considered the GOAT with what he accomplished as the QB for the New England Patriots.

The fact is that the Buccaneers more or less bought the best quarterback in NFL history. But for Tampa Bay fans, unless you're a season ticket holder, you can't see him play in person. The COVID Maladies is the name of that ruse. Seating was limited due to COVID.

## Summation of the Tampa Bay Sports Year

Most of us who have unknowingly heralded Tampa Bay and Florida for being the leaders of freedom in the US, may not know that other than the Governor, Ron DeSantis, the Democratic Party exists in Florida to undermine any of the spirited "insurrections" against the Democrat nasty spew.

And so in this the best year in Tampa Bay Sports ever what can one find that is negative about one of Florida's most successful cities? Nobody in the Democrat party likes success. That's why they now hate Florida and Tampa Bay in particular. But, they do love the liberal progressive Democrat Mayor Jane Castor who has never met a form of lockdown that she did not like.

We all know that but there are a number of good people who think their dads, who were Democrats in day's old, would actually approve of the socialism and all the crap the Dems are throwing at the people. My dad stepped aside and said, No way!

The last Dem my dad went for was Bob Casey Jr. He never voted Democrat again. That did not mean my dad was against the people who are Democrat. It meant that the leaders of the Dem party were leading him and all the other Democrats in ways the founders would not agree with. I still have friends who vote D because their parents did. Their parents did not like Khrushchev or Lenin or Stalin or Karl Marx. Today's Dems don't know as much as their parents did.

If you are a good American and you are a Democrat, check your colors again. My dad and your dad would not buy into anything that works against America. DeSantis lives in Florida. Heck even the benevolent Donald J. Trump lives in Florida. The Northeast wants to shut down travel to Florida. Why? Because hard-liner New Yorkers are upset that since September 2020, Florida has been almost back to normal and the people love it.

This has been a year for Tampa Bay sports like no other, though the area's successful professional franchises haven't had a chance to truly

capitalize on the boom and energize pockets of a fan base that in recent years have earned the tag of front-runners.

It has been — and continues to be — a missed opportunity because of the coronavirus pandemic. But, at least with Governor DeSantis, the citizens of Florida have their freedom though the naysayers such as Mayor Caster still would like to take it away.

Her spokesperson said that during Super Bowl week, the city planned to enforce its face mask ordinance inside bars. Though Gov. Ron DeSantis has not allowed local governments to fine customers who don't mask up, business owners can be fined for failing to require patrons to wear masks.

Trying to be the boss, Castor signed an executive order mandating the use of face coverings outdoors in areas downtown and near the stadium designated for events tied to the Super Bowl.

### Castor oil and a Grinch too!

Her message was that Face masks were required to attend the game, as well as for all those passing through Tampa International Airport. Castor was making her mark on unsuspecting visitors who thought Florida was open. The airport offers coronavirus testing for any visitors who request it. Big deal! You might feel free but Mayor Castor still has you.

Many people in the city had been bucking the guidance to wear masks. City and county officials had been trying to make it tougher despite DeSantis wanting more freedom. Look for more ways to clamp down, to motivate more compliance, the Hillsborough County Commission said in December that only people who are eating or drinking in indoor bars or restaurants can remove their masks.

In an interview late last year, Castor, a former police chief, credited businesses with enforcing masks for employees and customers. "We are very happy with compliance," she said. "It's unusual to see people without masks inside." Castor likes being in control

Tampa has 400,000 residents and a bit more than 56,000 COVID-19 cases, according to state data. That makes them fourth highest in the state so Castor is not doing so well despite her shutting down the fun.

Castor said last year that she would prefer to see everybody at home and see the bars closed to protect people from transmitting the COVID-19 virus. It didn't happen. She is so determined to snuff out relaxation that she offered to provide federal COVID-19 relief money to pay bars to stay closed. She is determined to steal your freedom.

What or who is stopping her? Castor's efforts to shut bars were stopped after DeSantis took that power away from local governments in September, 2020 along with their ability to enforce mask mandates against customers.

Florida had ordered all bars and breweries to close from March to September, except for three weeks in June. DeSantis regretted it but made the moves because of Democrat pressure. He reopened bars in September. Democrats hammered him for that but let all the Cuomo Nursing Home deaths slide. Within weeks of his actions at 50% capacity, the daily number of new infections across was reported to have increased. At the same time, there was a semi-scandal about Florida counts being wrong. Democrats do anything to win their points.

In the first week of March 2021, I sat at a bar since the week before St. Patrick's day 2020. Thank you Florida.

## Castor bounty hunter for mask-less gamers

The headline and sub headline say:

Tampa Mayor To Hunt Down Mask-less Super Bowl Attendees

"Bad actors will be identified, and the Tampa Police Department will handle it."



Mayor Castor in rare footage without her broom

Just when you were having your last celebration beer at Tampa Airport, after the great Super Bowl victory and Tom Brady's great performance, you may have heard this over the airport loudspeakers.

"We had our cameras going you curs at the game and afterwards and if you want to save money send your fine in now. before we track you down. And, we will."

Sorry Tampa visitors, Mayor Castor owns you now. Tampa Bay won the Super Bowl and you enjoyed it, Not good enough unless you had your mask on. With their recent Super Bowl win, residents and visitors of Tampa, Florida, have a major cause to celebrate right now. But not everyone.

The Mayor enjoyed making this statement but you could feel her anger in her words:

"I'm proud to say that the majority of individuals that I saw out and about enjoying the festivities...were complying," Mayor Jane Castor, a Democrat, told reporters at a press conference on Monday, referring to the mask directive she put in place before Sunday's big event. "But those few bad actors will be identified, and the Tampa Police Department will handle it." Get your wallets out wherever

you are. Castor has the evidence on you. You bet she does. No escape!

I was in Orlando last week – March 7, far from the madding crowd of Castor's Tampa Bay. Sorry she is still trying to grinch up the fine everything in Tampa Bay with her personal lockdown. Can Mayors be impeached?

Bullies will be bullies. Perhaps when Cuomo is impeached they'll look to Tampa to bring in Castor to fill the role. She is well practiced. Tampa Mayor Jane Castor, while I basked in Orlando's beverages. Mayor Castor was counting the maskless fines she collected during Super Bowl time in her city.

Videos went viral on social media, showing throngs of mostly maskless fans and packed sports bars as the clock inside Raymond James Stadium ticked down on a hometown Super Bowl win for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Yeah Bucs!

Boo Castor!

# Chapter 6 Florida Baseball & Rush Limbaugh

#### AN ANNUAL SPRINGTRADITION IN FLORIDA



The Best of Spring Training in Florida

Is there an annual spring tradition in Florida that governors or Mayors have shut down.

No sir. Florida in 2021 is definitely open for baseball and in 2020 it was until it was prematurely shut down. That is not going to happen this year, no matter what the Mayors say. During the months of February and March, the State of Florida plays host to 15 Major League Baseball teams for their annual Spring Training. The Yankees and the Phillies and the blue Jays train on Florida's West Coast—the Golf Coast.

While Spring Training fields are found throughout the Sunshine State, the St. Pete/Clearwater area (and nearby Tampa) has some of the most legendary - the NY Yankees, the Philadelphia Phillies' Spring Training camp in Clearwater and the Toronto Blue Jays' camp in Dunedin.

But that is only part of the year. What about the beaches? See next chapter. Rush Limbaugh died while I was in the middle of this chapter. Wow! What a great person!

## Rush Limbaugh

### **Rush's Famous Quotes**

"The day's gonna come, folks, where I'm not gonna be able to do this. I don't know when that is. I want to be able to do it for as long as I want to do it and I want you to understand that, even when the day comes, I'd like to be here. 'Cause I have this sense of needing to constantly show my appreciation for all that you have done and meant to me."

- Ruh Jimbanf

As soon as I sat to write this chapter on the Florida Gulf Coast today, I stopped the chapter and wrote this instead when I heard the sad news.

"Ironically before I began to continue writing this book today I made chicken soup because my wife and I are getting our second COVID-19 inoculation tomorrow. Our doctor said we might feel a little bad afterwards so he suggested the chicken soup. As I finished up, I heard a lady on the Rush Limbaugh show about 12:06 PM. Rush was not feeling good for two weeks so I thought he had brought in a female guest-host as a first."

"As the lady spoke, she was very somber. I learned later that it was Kathryn Limbaugh--Rush's wife. In due course, she announced that her husband Rush Limbaugh had passed away this morning. I found tears coming down pretty quickly after the news as he was my favorite talk show host and quite frankly, he is a favorite person of mine even though I never met him. I can't believe he is gone."

What I decided to do in honor of Rush is to stop here with today's plans for this chapter and create a new chapter tomorrow . For the remainder of this chapter, I am inserting this Fox News tribute to Rush that I just found on the Internet. My thanks to Fox below for

permission to use their write-up. I hope there are a lot of Rush babies and Rush fans and Ditto-heads out there who will enjoy this.

### Rush Limbaugh dead at 70 after cancer battle

Conservative talk radio pioneer Rush Limbaugh died at the age of 70 after a battle with lung cancer, his family announced.

Rush Limbaugh, the monumentally influential media icon who transformed talk radio and politics in his decades behind the microphone, helping shape the modern-day Republican Party, died Wednesday morning at the age of 70 after a battle with lung cancer, his family announced.

Limbaugh's wife, Kathryn, made the announcement on his radio show. "Losing a loved one is terribly difficult, even more so when that loved one is larger than life," she said. "Rush will forever be the greatest of all time."

The radio icon learned he had Stage IV lung cancer in January 2020 and was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Trump at the State of the Union address days later. First lady Melania Trump then presented America's highest civilian honor to Limbaugh in an emotional moment on the heels of his devastating cancer diagnosis.

"Rush Limbaugh: Thank you for your decades of tireless devotion to our country," President Trump said during the address.



Rush and Kathryn after his receiving the Presidential Medal

Limbaugh is considered one of the most influential media figures in American history and has played a consequential role in conservative politics since "The Rush Limbaugh Show" began in 1988. Perched behind his Golden EIB (Excellence in Broadcasting) Microphone, Limbaugh spent over three decades as arguably both the most beloved and polarizing person in American media.

The program that began 33 years ago on national syndication with only 56 radio stations grew to be the most listened-to radio show in the United States, airing on more than 600 stations, according to the show's website. Up to 27 million people tuned in on a weekly basis and Limbaugh has lovingly referred to his passionate fan base as "Dittoheads," as they would often say "ditto" when agreeing with the iconic radio host.

In his final radio broadcast of 2020, Limbaugh thanked his listeners and supporters, revealing at the time that he had outlived his prognosis.

"I wasn't expected to be alive today," he said. "I wasn't expected to make it to October, and then to November, and then to December. And yet, here I am, and today, got some problems, but I'm feeling pretty good today."



Limbaugh helped boost Trump's influence prior to the 2016 election simply by taking him seriously as a candidate when other established conservatives didn't want the former reality television star anywhere near the Republican Party. Many of Limbaugh's listeners eventually became Trump supporters and the radio legend continued to defend Trump throughout his presidency despite occasional disagreements.

In the heat of the 2020 presidential election, Limbaugh hosted Trump in October for what was an unprecedented two-hour "radio rally", during which the president was virtually given control of the coveted golden microphone to answer questions from the host and his listeners.

Limbaugh, born in Cape Girardeau, Mo., on Jan. 12, 1951, began his radio career in 1967 as a "helper" when he was only 16 years old. He eventually graduated to disk jockey and worked at a small station roughly 100 miles south of St. Louis while attending high school.

"I was totally consumed," Limbaugh told the New York Times in 1990, noting that his idol was a Chicago radio host named Larry Lujack. By 1971, Limbaugh was a morning radio host in Pittsburgh, where he was oddly told to cover a certain amount of "farm news" because the area was surrounded by many

agriculture communities. In 2007, he explained how the young radio host kept listeners despite the bizarre requirement.



Rush Limbaugh in an undated photo. (M.peterson/Corbis via Getty)

"The last thing that the audience of my show cares about is farm news. If farm news came on, bam! They pushed the button and go somewhere else. So, we had to figure out, 'Okay, how do we do this and protect the license?' So I turned the farm news every day into a funny bit with farm sound effects and the roosters crowing and so forth, and I'd make fun of the stockyard feed prices or whatever it was, so that we could say, 'We're doing barn news,' agriculture news. There was all kinds of things like that," Limbaugh told listeners.

The tidbit offered a glimpse into Limbaugh's early days, proving that he was a master of keeping audiences engaged from a young age. Limbaugh has said he realized America was the "greatest country ever" when taking trips to Europe and Asia in his late 20s & early 30s, experience that helped shape his political views.

"I'm aware that the United States is young compared to countries in Europe and Asia that have been around for hundreds of years. They're thousand-year-old civilizations," he told listeners in 2013. "So, I go to Europe and say, 'Wait a minute. Why is this bedroom so damned old-fashioned and doesn't work? What the hell is this? They call this a toilet?' So I started asking myself, 'How is it that we, who have only been around 200 years, are light-years ahead of people that have been alive a thousand?' So, I started thinking this. It was a matter of

genuine curiosity to me, and not from a braggadocios standpoint."

Limbaugh continued the trip down memory lane: "I was literally interested in how that happened, and then I started to think about all the other things that we led the world in:

Manufacturing, technology, innovation, invention, creation, and it all led back to liberty and freedom and the pursuit of happiness and dreams coming true and working hard for whatever you want and being able to do what you love, not just have to dream about it."



### PHOTOS: RUSH LIMBAUGH THROUGH THE YEARS

From that point forward, Limbaugh believed that "American exceptionalism" shouldn't be frowned upon, and his conservative views became more prominent.

"We stood for the concepts that are in our Declaration of Independence: Right to life, liberty, pursuit of happiness. We stood for that, and we were the beacon for it, and to this day that is why the oppressed of the world still seek to come into this country," he said.

Limbaugh also credited National Review founder William F. Buckley Jr. for teaching him how to articulate conservative views.



Rush Limbaugh at a Pittsburgh Steelers game in 2012. (George Gojkovich/Getty Images, File)

"He single-handedly is responsible for my learning to form and frame my beliefs and express them verbally in a concise and understandable way," Limbaugh once said.

In 1987, the Federal Communications Commission repealed the Fairness Doctrine, a policy that had been in place since 1949 and mandated that both sides of controversial political issues receive equal time on radio programs. The decision by the FCC paved the way for Limbaugh to broadcast his conservative views without fear of being punished by the government, quickly leading to the now-prominent talk radio format that he pioneered.

After local radio gigs in Pittsburgh, Kansas City, and Sacramento, Limbaugh landed at WABC in New York shortly after the Fairness Doctrine was repealed. It was there that he changed talk radio forever when "The Rush Limbaugh Show" became a cultural phenomenon for both the message and the way it was delivered.

"Unlike most radio talkers, who affect a casual, intimate style, Limbaugh sounds like he's on a soapbox. He is intoxicated by words, especially those flowing from his own lips. His vocabulary is extensive; his diction tends to the grandiosely formal, though overblown to the point of self-parody.

His nervous energy plays out through hands that never stop moving. They rattle the papers, slap the desk, punch the console. Whap! Whap! Whump! This muted percussion is often heard on the air, a rhythmic accompaniment to Limbaugh's voice," author Lewis Grossberger wrote in New York Times Magazine in 1990.



At one point after early struggles to find success in the radio business, Limbaugh temporarily left the industry and worked for the Kansas City Royals baseball team. Lucky for conservatives and "Dittoheads," he eventually returned to radio.

"Thanks for all you're doing to promote Republican and conservative principles. Now that I've retired from active politics, I don't mind that you have become the Number One voice for conservatism in our country," President Ronald Reagan once wrote in a letter to Limbaugh that was published by National Review in 2003.

"I know the liberals call you 'the most dangerous man in America,' but don't worry about it, they used to say the same thing about me. Keep up the good work. America needs to hear the way things ought to be," Reagan continued.

Limbaugh was eventually enshrined in the Radio Hall of Fame and the National Association of Broadcasters Hall of Fame. He was a five-time winner of the National Association of Broadcasters Marconi Award for "Excellence in Syndicated and Network Broadcasting," a No. 1 New York Times bestselling author and was named one of Barbara Walters' 10 Most Fascinating People in 2008 and one of TIME's 100 Most Influential People in the World in 2009.



Rush Limbaugh speaking in San Jose, Calif., in 2005. (John Medina/WireImage, File)

While Limbaugh made his career on radio, a speech he delivered at the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) in 2009 is widely considered one of the most important moments of his career -- an explanation of "who conservatives are" that caused the crowd to erupt with chants of "USA! USA!"

"We love people. When we look out over the United States of America, when we are anywhere, when we see a group of people, such as this or anywhere, we see Americans. We see human beings. We don't see groups. We don't see victims. We don't see people we want to exploit. What we see -- what we see is potential. "

"We do not look out across the country and see the average American, the person that makes this country work. We do not see that person with contempt. We don't think that person doesn't have what it takes. We believe that person can be the best he or she wants to be if certain things are just removed from their path like onerous taxes, regulations and too much government," Limbaugh told the crowd."

"We want every American to be the best he or she chooses to be. We recognize that we are all individuals. We love and revere our founding documents, the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence," he continued. "We believe that the preamble to the Constitution contains an inarguable truth that we are all endowed by our creator with certain inalienable rights, among them life, liberty, Freedom and the pursuit of happiness."

In 2001, Limbaugh was diagnosed with an autoimmune innerear disease that drastically affected his hearing.

In 2003, Limbaugh checked himself into a treatment facility after becoming addicted to pain medication that he was prescribed following back surgery. Also in 2003, Limbaugh resigned from a brief role as ESPN's "Sunday NFL Countdown" after making controversial comments about then-Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb, who the broadcasting legend said was overrated by media members who wanted to see a Black quarterback thrive.

Limbaugh is survived by his wife.

Fox News' Charles Creitz, Yael Halon and David Rutz contributed to this report.

Rush Limbaugh's wife, Kathryn, announced his death on the radio show. Rush Limbaugh was known as conservative talk radio pioneer



Kathryn Limbaugh, the wife of conservative talk radio icon Rush Limbaugh, announced his death Wednesday on his radio show to his millions of listeners.

Limbaugh died Wednesday at 70 years old from complications of lung cancer. He first learned of his cancer diagnosis in January 2020. Former President Donald Trump awarded the radio host the Presidential Medal of Freedom shortly thereafter during his State of the Union Address.

### His wife's words:

"I, like you, very much wish Rush was behind this golden microphone right now welcoming you to another exceptional three hours of broadcasting...For over 32 years, Rush has cherished you, his loyal audience, and always looked forward to every single show. It is with profound sadness I must share with you directly that our beloved Rush, my wonderful husband, passed away this morning due to complications from lung cancer."

"As so many of you know, losing a loved one is terribly difficult. Even more so when that loved one is larger than life. Rush will forever be the greatest of all time," she continued. "Rush was an extraordinary man. A gentle giant. Brilliant, quick-witted, genuinely kind, extremely generous, passionate, courageous, and the hardestworking person I know."

## Governor DeSantis with Rush on Election Day

https://www.rushlimbaugh.com/daily/2020/11/03/governor-desantis-on-the-presidents-chances-in-florida/

Our deepest thank you to the Rush Limbaugh Family.

RUSH: We have yet another guest with us today on Election Day. Time to welcome back to the program the esteemed, highly achieved governor of the state of Florida, Ron DeSantis. Welcome back, Gov. It's great to have you with us today. How are you doing?



DESANTIS: I'm doing great, Rush. You know, when Thomas Jefferson showed up to France to become ambassador, he was asked if he was "replacing" Benjamin Franklin. He said, "No, no, no. I'm succeeding Dr. Franklin. Nobody can replace him," and you are irreplaceable. And what you have been doing, knowing what all you're going through? It's been fantastic, and people are responding, and they love you out here in

Florida, Rush, and it's making a difference. And I just wanted to say God bless you. You love this country, and you are not gonna see it go down the drain.

RUSH: Well, I really appreciate that. (chuckles) I really do. Thank you very much. Let me run something by you that I've been hearing all day, and that is that Republican turnout in Florida today is historic. Marco Rubio tweeted a little bit after noon today that "early turnout reports indicate Florida's witnessing a Republican voter participation percentage of historic proportions." Is that accurate? Is that really happening?

DESANTIS: Yeah, it is. You know, we went into Election Day down 108,000 ballots, D over R, which is actually closer than we were when we ran against Hillary in '16. She was up 1.4%. This is about 1.1%. But what we've seen on Election Day turnout is we're running up two-or-three to one Republican ballots over Democrats. I mean, there's some areas of the state, you know, where it's breaking 70-20. Even in places like Palm Beach, Rush, your home, last time I looked at the beginning of the afternoon, 10,000 more Republican ballots cast on Election Day than Democratic ballots.

RUSH: See, this is why I have been telling people, Governor, for the past week: "Election Day turnout is how whatever chicanery the left is planning..." We know that's where they're spending their money. They're not spending their money on the ground game. They don't have a get-out-the-vote effort. They're working on lawyers and everything for postelection. This is wait you beat that, right? Election Day turnout?

DESANTIS: It really is. And, you know, one of the things I did when I became governor is I accepted Brenda Snipes' resignation as Broward supervisor of elections and then removed the Palm Beach supervisor of elections. So we have a new team in there. They've been very professional, and so Florida typically has had problems in those two counties.

Everything's running smoothly. I think it's gonna be a fair and accurate count, and I think people should have confidence in that. But, yeah, I think the Republican voters, they want to see that ballot go into the box. We've historically done pretty good in vote-by-mail, but we've seen a huge shift, and not just on Election Day, early vote. We cleaned the Democrats' clock on in person early vote. They beat us substantially on the vote by mail and a lot of this is, I think, the Democrats have told their voters with COVID, "Do the mail."

RUSH: Yeah.

DESANTIS: I think it's biting them right now, Rush, because we have... You know, they're not converting 100% of their mail ballots that have gone out. Not even close, and so some of them may decide not to go to the polls, whereas Republicans, you know, they're guns blazing to get out to vote.

And I think you're gonna see, you know, some areas really, really be surprising compared to what the media's been saying about Florida. And as we know, these polls in Florida are usually — these media polls are usually — wrong. They always pick the Democrats. I was supposed to lose. Trump was supposed to lose in '16.

RUSH: Right.

DESANTIS: And we always end up overperforming. I see that happening now. What I would tell your listeners is, "You've still gotta vote. Stay in line." I think what the media's gonna start doing is releasing exit polls in the next hour or two that's gonna say, "Oh, this is gonna be a Biden, Reaganesque landslide." It's gonna be garbage but I think it's gonna be designed to get people not to go vote.

RUSH: Wait a minute. We're talking to Governor Ron DeSantis Florida. I was talking about exit polls I didn't recall. With 100 million people already having voted, how can they even pretend that their exit polls are accurate when they will not have access to those 100 million votes to put in their sample?



DESANTIS: Do you think that's gonna stop them?

RUSH: No!

DESANTIS: Of course it's not gonna be accurate, but none of these exit polls — 'cause just think about it. You go back to 2016. How many Trump voters are gonna want to talk to an NBC News exit poll person?

RUSH: I know.

DESANTIS: They're not gonna want to. They just want to get home. So it's always kind of skewed. But, yeah, look, I think that there's kind of a huge problem with that. But they are going to do it, and so people should just understand that. So if you're in line —

RUSH: I know. They did it in 2004. They declared John Kerry the presidential winner at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, based on exit polling.

DESANTIS: That's right.

RUSH: So no, you're exactly right. I was just thinking that they may not even do exit polls. Ah, that's silly. They will. Because they want to use them exactly as you have described. But one other thing I want to run by you: We're assuming something that I don't think is true. I think based on the way they sample people that go to Trump rallies, you know how many Democrats are showing up at these rallies, governor?

DESANTIS: Yeah. Absolutely.

RUSH: Half the people there are Democrats. So who's to say that some of these Democrat votes in the early voting, in the mail in, are for Trump as well as the Republican-count side?

DESANTIS: No, I agree. I think Trump will you do better with Republicans than Biden will with Democrats, and so if we have a ballot advantage, that ballot advantage is understating the difference. And I'll tell you this, Rush. And you see it in the rally data about people who didn't even vote in 2016.

RUSH: Yeah.

DESANTIS: These are people coming out to a Trump rally, they didn't even vote for him the first time —

RUSH: Right!

DESANTIS: — and now they're showing up at rallies. Everywhere I go, I will have someone come up to me — usually 30, 40, 50 years old — and say, "I've never voted in my life. I'm gonna vote in 2020," and that's something that's hard to capture in a poll. But I think you're gonna see that today and I think we already are seeing it, and I think that's been gonna be really, really huge for the president.



Look, we know the habitual, liberal Democrat voters are gonna vote against the president. We know the habitual Republicans, you know, are gonna be with him. But then you have these other voters who Trump has brought into the process, and it's not just unique to Florida. I think you see it all over these — all over these places with (crosstalk).

RUSH: I was gonna talk to you about that. Have you talked to any governors elsewhere and gotten the lay of the land in their states today as to how turnout is happening and what they think is going on—on the ground?

DESANTIS: So I've spoken with some folks from the Trump campaign. I think we're generally pleased across the country. I mean, obviously we want people to still go out and vote. You know, in Florida, we track this. Basically every 15, 30 minutes, updates are put out.

Most states are not doing it the extent that we are, so it's a little bit more anecdotal. But, yeah, everything I've heard is that you're in a line in the election in some suburban or exurb or some rural county, and it's like red hats and American flags and everything. (chuckling) So you can probably figure out which way those voters are gonna go.

RUSH: Right. Well, you know, I really I appreciate your time. Your comments here at the beginning of the phone call were deeply moving. I can't tell you how much I appreciate it. And I really appreciate the fact I've gotten to know you. He's a great guy, folks. He's like so many young Republicans, there's nothing artificial, there's nothing phony about Governor DeSantis. Just a real guy and confident.

You know, I remember on your own election where it was looking iffy and your opponent, Gillum, looked like — and you were just calm, "No, no, no, we've got the ballots, we've got the votes, it's gonna be working out fine." You were exactly right about it. There's no substance for confidence, I don't think, in inspiring people, motivating people. And you have it. You have it in spades. It's great. I really appreciate the chance I've had to get to know you, sir.



DESANTIS: Well, God bless you, Rush. You've had a phenomenal impact. You've made a big difference in this election. And you didn't have to do it. You have a bunch of stuff going on, and you did it. And it's been very meaningful and everybody really appreciates it.

RUSH: Thank you, Governor, again. I appreciate it. And best of luck. I'm sure we're gonna be chatting soon about all of this. And I'm envisioning that conversation taking place with gigantic smiles on people's faces.

DESANTIS: From your lips to God's ears, my man.

RUSH: Ron DeSantis, governor of Florida.

## Governor Ron DeSantis paid his respects

Gov. Ron DeSantis released a statement on behalf of his family expressing sorrow at the death of conservative radio personality Rush Limbaugh.

Limbaugh died Wednesday at the age of 70 following a battle with lung cancer.

DeSantis, who was visiting the Lakewood Ranch area earlier in the day, released the following statement:

Casey and I are truly saddened to learn of the passing of fellow Floridian and our friend, Rush Limbaugh. Born into a family of Missouri lawyers, Rush pursued what was, for a Limbaugh, the road less traveled: a career in radio.

Through hard work, the will to succeed and, yes, talent on loan from God, Rush became the most dominant radio personality in American history.

His skills behind the Golden EIB Microphone were matched only by his ability to connect with his listeners across the fruited plain — the hard-working, God-fearing and patriotic Americans who were and are the subject of derision and ridicule by the legacy media.

Rush busted through a media landscape in which a handful of media outlets served up pre-cooked, liberal narratives. By providing a fresh, conservative perspective, Rush attracted millions of listeners and paved the way for the proliferation of conservative media. Rush was no flash in the pan — he was the dominant force in radio for decades.

# Chapter 7 Beaches on the Florida Gulf Coast



Shandley McMurray wrote a nice piece about the 16 Best Beaches on the Florida Gulf Coast. I used it as the basis for this chapter. Nice Job Shandley

The based on original Article was written by Shandley McMurray on Nov 3, 2020

#### Here we go

Shandley McMurray hit a home run in an article about what some think of as the baseball coast, and others see as the Gulf Coast of Florida in her recent article written for readers of planetware.com. Folks, if you know or knew what Shandley knows about the West Coast of Florida perhaps you could have written enough good stuff to make me forget about Shandley—but I don't think so. Nice job.

This chapter is in a book highlighting the goodness of the current Governor of Florida, Ron DeSantis. The book chapters stop at major venues in the Sunshine State to show that under DeSantis, like the rest of the state, they too are alive while the rest of the country is being forced to pretend to be dead.

This chapter on West Florida is as uplifting as it can be thanks to Shandley McMurray's input on the subject. You may be able to find her piece if you link <a href="https://www.planetware.com/florida/best-beaches-on-the-florida-gulf-coast-us-fl-451.htm">https://www.planetware.com/florida/best-beaches-on-the-florida-gulf-coast-us-fl-451.htm</a>

Shandley says and no government official countermands what she says and Governor DeSantis encourages her proclamation:

"Nothing screams beach holiday like relaxing on the sunny shores of Florida's Gulf Coast. Unlike its busier eastern neighbor (i.e. the Atlantic Coast), this calmer, quieter side intrigues vacationers looking for tranquility, as well as those traveling with kids.

As a typical non swimmer but beach lover, I like that she says that the Florida Gulf Coast beaches feature everything from the silky white sand of postcard fame to the crystal-clear, turquoise waves that inspire selfies.

Speaking of ocean waves, she says that you won't find massive surf on all coastal beaches but for some that makes swimming, snorkeling, and paddle-boarding more enjoyable. At 73 as of January 30, 2021, my latest birth date, that sounds great for me. I am heading to Florida in about a week and I really would like to stay longer than a week.

For you lovers—yes, I mean the smoochie kind, even I watch the Hallmark channel. I am now taking facial emoluments such as splashes of red wine to one day be able to play a thirty-five year old in a Hallmark Christmas special. That may not be magical but it would require magic.

But the channel forces me to consider that whether I want a secluded beach frequented by more turtles than people, or a more popular strand featuring water sports and amenities, I am assured to find something I love on the Gulf Coast. It makes me very pleased that I do invite my lovely bride of forty, or is that thirty.

Or is that twenty-some years to accompany me each trip—not just every other trip as my buddy Bucko Grimes. Hah! Gotcha Bucko??? He never misses a trip to Florida because three of his daughters and his eight thousand grandchildren live there and he is an artisan willing to help. Bucko also helps me whenever I ask.

So what should we do in Florida if Ron DeSantis is not the guest host. My suggestion is to keep your cool. My buddy George Mohanco who I still love to pieces loved Florida longer than I even knew it existed. George was known to send "get jealous" postcards at spring break in 1966 to 1969, when we all graduated from King's College.

Though George is now RIP, when he visited the Florida Sunshine State each year, 50 years ago, he never failed to tease his buddies at King's College with his samo post-card that included a beautiful beach like the ones I show from the Gulf coast below. From wherever he was, he would insert the temperature into the post card, which was always above 81 degrees. He was not lidding as he came back every year with a fine tan.

I know that at King's I loved getting his post-cards because I was working hard to excel at King's and I hoped there was something more than school after graduation. He proved there was a lot more and he did not give a crap about what I was trying to achieve. He was always working on "more."

George Mohanco knew what he wanted and he lived that way until he took an unexpected bad step at my age and he is no longer with us. What did he know in the 1960's that took me so long to understand. Maybe nothing but he had a great life. I miss him profusely if that is a word.

I have radio programs on all day talking about Rush Limbaugh. He was the great equalizer in that he could take the crap of the day and equalize it so that we would all gain the right perspective. Not only

am I going to show you the beautiful beaches of the gulf coast, I have a revelation:

My buddy George Mohanco from Pennsylvania moved to Pensacola. FL a while ago after a career with IBM in Atlanta or as George would say, HotLanta. He invited us there numerous times but we were raising our families at the time. Can you imagine my buddy with the post cards would actually have a great beach house on Pensacola Beach. He sure had a great life. He was quite a guy. I sure wish I had one of those post cards or all four.

I will show a few of the top sixteen beaches on the West side of Florida. I would bet that beach # 17 through 35 are not bad places to visit but I have only so many pages. I think you can be assured no matter where you live in Florida that he cares and he will do his best to make sure your life is as good as it can be to the extent that the Governor can control it.

#### Let's look at a few of the great Gulf beaches now. Check out the list on the next page.

#### **Gulf Coast Beaches**

- 1. Siesta Key Public Beach, Sarasota
- 2. Clearwater Beach, Clearwater
- 3. Sanibel Island Beaches, Sanibel Island
- 4. Henderson Beach State Park, Destin
- 5. Pensacola Beach, Pensacola
- 6. Fort Myers Beach, Fort Myers
- 7. Pass-a-Grille Beach, St. Pete Beach
- 8. Venice Beach, Venice
- 9. Naples Municipal Beach, Naples
- 10. Anna Maria Beach, Anna Maria Island
- 11. Manatee Public Beach, Anna Maria Island
- 12. Madeira Beach, Madeira Beach
- 13. Tigertail Beach, Marco Island
- 14. Barefoot Beach Preserve, Naples
- 15. St. George Island State Park Beach, St. George Island
- 16. Navarre Beach, Navarre

Let's now begin a more detailed examination of the top 16 Gulf Coast Beaches according to Shandley McMurray. If this book about what a great governor Ron DeSantis actually is, never comes to market, it means that I did such a good job on myself that I am now living on one of the beaches in the story line beginning on the next page and then below after that:

## 1. Siesta Key Public Beach, Sarasota



Siesta Key Public Beach Southwestern Gulf Fl.

Located near downtown Sarasota, Siesta Key Beach spans eight miles, offering visitors a ton of space to walk, run, or build sandcastles. Made up of mostly quartz, the sand never gets too hot, which is perfect for those toting little ones. Families also love the beach's shallow shoreline.

### 2. Clearwater Beach, Clearwater



Clearwater Beach Island has a great beach. It is on a barrier isle just off the west coast of Clearwater. They say that this lovely strand offers a fun small-town vibe and plenty of shops, restaurants, and cafés to choose from. When you've had enough sun, it's time to head to the nearby Clearwater Aquarium (home to Winter, star of the film, Dolphin Tale). I bet that's not all.

## 3. Sanibel Island Beaches, Sanibel Island



How can you beat these Colorful chairs on a Sanibel Island beach

It's easy to see why Sanibel Island was dubbed the "Shelling Capital of the World." Each of its 15 miles of beaches are filled with unique shells (including sand dollars) that rolled in from the Gulf of Mexico. There are so many beautiful strands that we couldn't pick just one.

#### 4. Henderson Beach State Park, Destin



It is a sparkling gem on Florida's Emerald Coast, Henderson Beach State Park is great The Emerald Coast is an unofficial name for the coastal area in the US state of Florida on the Gulf of Mexico that stretches about 100 mi (161 km) through five counties, Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, and Bay, which include Pensacola Beach, Navarre Beach, Fort Walton Beach, Destin, and Panama City.

#### 5. Pensacola Beach, Pensacola



The emerald green water of Florida's northwestern Gulf Coast caresses the soft, white sandy shores of Pensacola Beach in Pensacola. The beach itself spans close to eight miles on Santa Rosa, a barrier island. It is surrounded by the Gulf Islands National Seashore, a protected area that boasts phenomenal wildlife (we're talking sea birds, turtles, stingrays, and other marine creatures).

## 6. Fort Myers Beach, Fort Myers

The wide beach slopes gently towards the Gulf of Mexico, where activities like parasailing, snorkeling, and kayaking await. Those looking for a photo-worthy vista should walk along the fishing pier.



Cabanas on Fort Myers Beach

#### 7. Pass-a-Grille Beach, St. Pete Beach



Aerial view of Pass-a-Grille Beach

As we move off the coast of <u>St. Petersburg</u>, A pleasant seaside community has been built around this lusciously white shore, creating an entertaining place to spend a day. Sun yourself on the pristine sand, play a game of pickup volleyball, boogie board, paddleboard, ride a Jet Ski, or hop in a glass-bottomed kayak. You'll never get bored.

#### 8. Venice Beach, Venice



Aerial view of Venice Beach

Venice Beach: Kids will feel super cool when they return from Venice Beach with a handful of shark teeth. A record number of these teeth wash up on the shores of this family-friendly strand, dubbed the "shark tooth capital of the world." Insider's tip: **Venice Jetty** is the best place to find some. Insiders' tip: Visit between May and October for a chance to spot nesting turtles.

## 9. Naples Municipal Beach, Naples



Naples Municipal Beach

Naples may not be cheap (it's the west coast's version of <u>Palm Beach</u>), but this glamorous town is worth visiting for those looking for a quiet and stylish beach vacay. Home to Naples Municipal Beach, this elegant city boasts numerous upscale restaurants and shops near its sandy shore, offering respite from the heat.

### 10. Anna Maria Beach, Anna Maria Island



Sea oats on Anna Maria Beach

Anna Maria Island is a small barrier isle lined with seven miles of unspoiled sandy beaches. It is flanked by the warm, turquoise waters of the Gulf of Mexico. Visitors love it. They especially love to spend much of their time either in the water or lounging beside it. There aren't amenities here, which is actually a good thing as it keeps the crowds away.

# 11. Manatee Public Beach, Anna Maria Island



Manatee Public Beach

Manatee is another sandy beauty. It is a family-friendly strand that everyone seems to love. It is a part of the town of Holmes Beach-another stunning beach on Anna Maria Island. It boasts the stark white sand and bright turquoise water everybody comes for, and to top it off, it is speckled with pretty shells. You won't find a quiet spot on popular Manatee Public Beach.

#### 12. Madeira Beach, Madeira Beach



Sea oats on Madeira Beach

Grouper and pirates and sea oats, oh my! There's so much to love about Madeira Beach. Sandwiched between the Gulf of Mexico and St. Petersburg, this quiet beach sits on an idyllic barrier island and is lined by sea oats waving in the warm ocean breeze.

## 13. Tigertail Beach, Marco Island



Tigertail Beach

Located on one of Florida's best islands, this lavish beach is both long and wide, covering over 30 acres of land on Marco Island. Visitors can expect to spot dolphins, manatees, and interesting sea birds (like sandpipers, plovers, and osprey) along this unspoiled part

of the coast. Insider's tip: Nearby South Marco Beach is hands down the best spot to watch the sun set.

### 14. Barefoot Beach Preserve, Naples



Families enjoying the Barefoot Beach Preserve

This is an undeveloped barrier island that is home to the stunning Barefoot Beach Preserve. It is one of the best beaches in Naples. Not surprisingly, the sand here is soft enough to enjoy while walking without shoes, hence the name. It is in a protected area covering 342 acres. You'll love the creatures including turtles nesting among the sea oats. It is dues south of Bonita Beach Park which has restrooms, showers and concessions.

# 15. St. George Island State Park Beach, St. George Island



St. George Island State Park

This is a place where stress disappears. It is a 28-mile-long pristine, protected barrier island on the northern Gulf Coast, this pristine isle is protected. You can swim, snorkel, paddleboard, and shell. Plus, you can also enjoy amenities like a basketball court and playground.

#### 16. Navarre Beach, Navarre



Navarre Beach Pier and Navarre Beach

Welcome to Navarre Beach, a place where fascinating wildlife, lush ivory sands, and the most vibrant emerald water await visitors. Home to the largest fishing Pier on the Gulf coast—the Navarre Beach Pier is 1,545 feet long — you'll have plenty of chances to score a beautiful view and try your luck at catching some fish. There's a small fee to walk the pier, but the vista is worth it.

## Chapter 8 Beaches on the Florida **Atlantic Coast**

#### **Atlantic Coast Beaches in Florida**



Miami Beach

Charity De Souza is a fine writer, who, just like Shandley McMurray in Chapter 7, hit a home run in her article about the beaches on the Atlantic Coast of Florida. Folks, if you know or ever knew what Charity knows about the Atlantic Coast of Florida perhaps you could have written enough good stuff to make me forget about Charity's great article, but I don't think so. I love reading good stuff about great places. Like all of Florida, the Florida East Coast beaches are fantabulous.

This chapter, in a book about the good governance of the current Governor of Florida, Ron DeSantis, stops again at major venues in the Sunshine State. It demonstrates that under Governor DeSantis, that the people count first. It is just like the rest of the state.

All areas are alive and there are no lockdowns while the rest of the country is being forced by other governors to pretend to be dead. What a world in which we all live? It would be much better if every state did not just have a regular governor. Instead, the states all need their own Governor DeSantis or a reasonable facsimile thereof. The governors of many eastern states are tyrants and the results of their lockdowns hurts the citizens of their states. Hopefully, by seeing Florida actually working despite the pandemic, other states will have the confidence to vote out the tyrants that are keeping them down.

Like many of the chapters in this book, this particular one about the beautiful Florida East Coast of Florida is uplifting. My thanks to Charity De Souza's input on the subject. She is a real pro. You may be able to find her piece if you link to https://www.tripstodiscover.com/best-florida-atlantic-coast-beaches/

Her research is editorially independent, and she takes no commission for purchases made through any of the links in her articles. They are there to tell the good story about the Florida beaches. Give the Florida businesses and the writers credit as you post about this book when you visit her site.

The Atlantic Florida Coastal region is a can't miss no matter where you choose to park your car or even if you decide to drive directly on the beaches of Daytona much like in the Sandra Dee and Elvis Presley movies of the past. I bet some shots of old Sandra Dee movies were made in the last century with the movie Grease topping the charts with Olivia Newton John as Sandra Dee—look-alike High School Sweetheart of John Travolta. You can have fun on the Atlantic Coast of Florida whether parked or driving on the wet packed sand. If your walking, my wife and I learned early on that cars, and especially cool cars and motorcycles have priority over those crossing the two-lane sand highway.

In *Where the Boys Are*, song by Connie Francis, 1960, we see four very different college girls drive to Fort Lauderdale, Florida for spring break and seek out various adventures and romance for themselves.

Connie Francis interviewed at 80 years of age noted the power of the movie and the draw of Fort Lauderdale. "Fort Lauderdale wasn't prepared at all for what happened when it was released in 1960 — 75,000 kids inundated the town and were sleeping on the beach," Connie, 80, exclusively tells Closer Weekly in the magazine's latest issue, on newsstands now. "The National Guard, Coast Guard and Florida Highway Patrol had to be called in. The townsfolk wanted to either give me the key to the city or assassinate me!"a

In Spring Breakers, 2012, the beaches were more beautiful than the raunchy beauties as four college girls hold up a restaurant in order to fund their spring break vacation. While partying, drinking, and other things, they are arrested, only to be bailed out by one of the nasty people they meet along the way. This like many other films about the Florida beachers—even much better ones than this were actually filmed by the Hollywood set on the West coast pretending to be florida.

Daytona Beach weekend is a little known movie about fun on the beach. The movie highlights romantic and comedic hi-jinks that ensue when a group of students take a break from college and go to Daytona Beach. Who'd a thunk?

#### Why come to the Florida Atlantic Beaches?

The Atlantic beaches offer a combo of blue skies and slow crashing waves. It is a great experience. Florida's 360-mile east coast shoreline give you plenty of opportunities to enjoy a day of fun in the sun. And there is also plenty of shade with cocktails when you find the shade.

Some people look for the glitz and glam that West Palm Beach and Miami provide but I prefer the easy-going atmosphere of Amelia Island and Vero Beach. Even families like it there. Regardless, you're sure to find the perfect oceanside landscape to meet your needs. There is big stuff—big surfs too and little stuff and—little surfs too. There are small surf towns where canned beer is a treat to action-packed hot spots where bartenders meet to concoct the finest cocktails in the country. The message is to wake up early for sunrise

views at one of these top Atlantic Coast beaches in Florida and then set your wheels to "GO."

By the way, most of the closed beaches in Florida re-opened in mid-April 2020 but some closed a few times for short periods as the virus count increased. Governor DeSantis said that between late May and early June, racial justice protests after the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis actually diverted attention from the pandemic, and people began to feel more comfortable going out. Now of course Florida is fully open for business and the beaches are thriving. I just got back.

South Florida restaurants and businesses restarted operations with some restrictions in the middle of May after wide closures, but some municipalities delayed the reopening to later that month. Beaches in Miami-Dade County, the hardest-hit, only reopened in mid-June. "I do think you saw some of the vigilance wear down a little bit," DeSantis said. Nonetheless things are great in Florida and the beaches on both costs are great.



Miami-Florida-Beach-¶

#### 1.Miami Beach

Nobody knows everything about Miami Beach but all Americans knows something.

It is a combination of a vibrance of diverse cultures and Art Deco facades. The beaches of Miami are simply inviting. – great for people watching and water-based adventures. South Beach is where you engage with a mecca of luxury hotels and palm-lined beaches, while Miami Beach is a great place to enjoy a day of swimming, boogie boarding and surfing. Give it a try.



Fernandina Beach on Amelia Island

### 2. Amelia Island

Amelia Island and nearby Fernandina Beach are two of Florida's most cherished getaways. Why? There is a perfect area for those looking for a quiet landscape of picturesque shoreline. Spend your days collecting seashells on the white sand beaches, then exercise

some retail therapy in the array of charming boutique shops that line the historic downtown area.



Fort Lauderdale

## 3. Fort Lauderdale Beach

This is "Where the Boys Are." This popular beach is known to many as the "Venice of America." College Students ignore that nickname and go ahead and party at Spring Break in non-covid years and even this year because the governor opened up the beaches.



Jacksonville, Florida

## 4. Jacksonville Beach

#### Some cities are big and other cities are just BIG

There is a city of such magnitude that it is known as the largest city by area in the continental United States. Yes, you guessed it. Jacksonville boasts a captivating combination of stunning beaches and family-friendly attractions. It's beachfront is perfect for a day of beachcombing, hiking and fishing, while nearby Talbot Island State Park offers a unique landscape filled with washed up trees. Go have fun in Jacksonville.



West Palm Beach

### 5. West Palm Beach

If you're looking for a luxury getaway in the Sunshine State, West Palm Beach and Palm Beach are a great place to start. You will find historic landmarks, upscale resorts and sun-kissed beaches. The scenario begs you to spend your afternoon lounging along the shore, shop through the couture shops along Worth Avenue and walk along South Ocean Boulevard to admire the Mediterranean mansions. Clematis Street offers a lively nightlife scene, while luxurious day spas offer plenty of pampering opportunities.



St Augustine Beach

# 6. St. Augustine Beach

This is the oldest city in the United States. St. Augustine is a popular family-friendly destination filled with historic landmarks and fascinating cultural attractions. The city's beaches stretch from Vilano Beach to Crescent Beach, where idyllic state parks and public beaches provide plenty of opportunities to enjoy its wide sands, peaceful atmosphere and diverse wildlife. Spend an afternoon at the unspoiled Anastasia State Park, where its scenic trails and 4-mile beach are the perfect escape from reality.



Cocoa Beach

### 7. Cocoa Beach

Known for its surf-worthy waves made famous by pro surfer Kelly Slater, Cocoa Beach is also popular for its laid-back ambiance. The beach is lined with cool waterfront bars and fishing pier. The beach's sandbanks, along with sea oats and rolling dunes, create the perfect spot to lounge in between surf sessions and they are also perfect for sucking up the rays.



Melbourne Beach

## 8. Melbourne Beach

There is lots of picturesque shoreline on Melbourne Beach just opposite the City of Melbourne F1. It is on the space coast and is very peaceful. It is a very homey place that families love.



New Smyrna Beach

# 9. New Smyrna Beach

New Smyrna Beach is 13 miles wide and it is a nice, quaint, beach town with white sand beaches. It is lined with mom & pop restaurants you're sure to like.



Vero Beach

#### 10 Vero Beach

A literal breath of fresh air, this attractive barrier island beach lacks the tourist crowds but includes tranguil ocean landscapes. It is a very appealing destination throughout the year. Its picturesque beachfront is filled with pelicans, sandpipers, and turtles. Seafood lovers will delight at the array of fresh offerings available, while the historic downtown is lined with boutique shops and art galleries. You'll like it.



Daytona Beach is cool

# 11 Daytona Beach

My good buddy Roger Neyhard was a Daytona guy every year and he loved the h--- out of it every February. Most know Daytona Beach for its enthusiastic race fans, as the Daytona International Speedway hosts thousands of visitors ready to watch the iconic Daytona 500 NASCAR race. Watch you don't get hit by a cool car or motorcycle on the two-way beach highway on the beach. Cool man cool!





Delray Beach—nice 'n fun

# 12 Delray Beach

This is what many call the "Most Fun Small Town in America. Delray Beach boasts an easy-going atmosphere and a collection of beautiful picturesque beaches. You get everything from surfing to sailing to kayaking. These are all popular outdoor activities that find their way to the top of visitors' itineraries. They also have cultural experiences such as colorful Japanese-inspired landscapes at nearby Morikami Museum & Japanese Gardens.

# Chapter 9 Attractions in Central Florida



#### **Central Florida Attractions**

To get your own attraction map, type *attraction map for central Florida* into your web browser and you can learn about any and all of 60 different great attractions such as

#### **Central Florida Attractions**

- Busch Gardens
- Disney's Animal Kingdom
- Disney's Epcot
- Disney's Hollywood Studios

#### Plus

... 60 more

Central Florida offers numerous attractions for tourists to experience. This map covers all of the primary theme parks, including Disney, Universal and SeaWorld, as well as smaller attractions and lesser-known theme parks and points of interest that are considered to be local treasures.

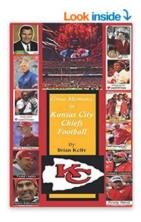
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There is only one thing that I can think of that is worse than being in the Sunshine State with all the attractions closed like they were in March 2020. Ya wanna know what it is? How about leaving the Villages and coming home on Valentine's Day 2020 to find that Pennsylvania was preparing for a lockdown. Pennsylvania is tough in winter to enjoy anything but when Pennsylvania went into lockdown in March 2020, to put it mildly, it was the pits. I'd rather be in the sunshine for sure even with nothing to do. Florida is the best state to relax and do nothing.

Governor Ron DeSantis was not and is not a fan of lockdowns and though he was talked into a few because of the unknown aspects of the COVID-19 Pandemic early on, those closed days are gone. DeSantis tried to keep Florida from closing.

Before we even began to take the pandemic seriously in February 2020, my wife and I we were enjoying my sister's rental in Kissimmee where about ten of us enjoyed the Super Bowl and I went home a two weeks later to write a book about the Kansas City Chiefs, the victors

Since then, we still have not had another real vacation but we are heading back to Orlando / Kissimmee and the Villages next week and I have already begun my next book titled *Great Moments in Tampa Bay Buccaneers Football*. You should expect to see the new book sometime in April 2021.



Great Moments in Kansas City Chiefs Football: Begins at the beginning of Football and continues through the Andy Reid era. Paperback – April 6, 2020 by Brian Kelly (Author)

This book is written for those of us who love Kansas City Chiefs Football. Those who dislike the Chiefs for their own reasons, will also want this book, so they can try to get a leg up on the facts missing from the bookshelves of those Chief's fans who do not

#### https://www.amazon.com//dp/1951562089

Last year we stayed at Westgate Town Center by Orlando. It was great. This year, we were at the Marriott Grand Vista. We stayed away from Disney because it is long waits and aggravation and lots of things closed. In fact, the parking lots are so packed because that is how they limit traffic. They no longer have the tram cars so my sister's family had to walk almost an hour to get in. Tough. Even Disney is not worth it. When they open up for real, we'll be back. People I talked to are revisiting some great places like Sea World.

Before it shut down in 2020, we went to Ragland Road, in Downtown Disney (What I call it) and we spent a day at Epcot, a good part of which was spent at the English Pub with adult beverages and great fish & chips. We love to eat at the Disney Polynesian Ohana Restaurant but last year we could not get reservations and this year, it is not open.

The "Beatles" imitation band was absent from Epcot's English Pub in 2020 when we were there but we'll see it again next time—maybe in 2022. Great free music. We finished it up our Florida time in a great three-room home in the Villages. Beautiful. I had a big prime rib at Cody's and water glasses of red win at the town centers for just \$5.00 a throw. I love vacations. The Villages is 100% open.

My wife Pat and I both got our second inoculation a few days ago. Pat got a little sick with s slight temperature. I got nauseous for 45

minutes then I was OK. COVID is worth taking seriously. This year we are staying at the Marriott Grand Vista in Orlando. My brother gets these breakaway deals because he has a time share. Can't wait to get there. Last year after the Chiefs book, I used a great picture of my wife in a great Villages pool as the front cover and I wrote a book about the Villages:

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Why Is "Everybody" Moving to The Villages?: If your friends & relatives can afford a home in "The Florida Villages," how about you? Paperback – February

27, 2020

by Brian W. Kelly ~ (Author)





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Start with just a week visit. There are many reasons why—Come as a one week or a one month a year snowbird-- you will definitely want to come back. This book tells you why!The Villages is unique. My wife and I have been there three times First one day, then four days and then seven day Villages 
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According to the guidelines set forth in May 2020 by Governor Ron DeSantis' re-opening plan, restaurants, gyms, recreation, and retail are allowed to reopen under specified social distancing guidelines. Because of this, it is now safe for some local attractions to re-open, including:

# Old Town in Kissimmee, Fla.

Started in May to reopen its offerings. Restaurants that were previously doing take-out and delivery will now allow an interior capacity of 25 percent. At some locations, outdoor seating will be provided with at least six feet between tables. Retail locations will also open with strict 25-percent interior occupancy levels at all times.

Business hours during Phase 1 were limited to 12-9 p.m. to allow for additional daily cleaning measures overnight and before the property opens. Old Town will regularly sanitize high-touch areas like tables, benches, restrooms, hand railings, vending machines and doorknobs. All merchants at the destination are required to follow sanitation guidelines throughout the day and after closing to ensure customer safety. We're still not out of the woods but the pandemic is slowing down. Yeah Team!

# The Escape Game

The Escape Game on International Drive in Orlando opened about the same time, but like everything else it had new safety protocols to allow guests to enjoy the attraction in a safe way: You know what I mean almost everything began this way

- Disinfecting between each game
- Contactless check-in
- All private experiences
- Game adjustments to remove high-touch elements
- Employees will remain six feet away from guests and wear face coverings



#### Dinosaur World

Dinosaur World in Plant City, Fla. Also reopened in May Only the Dinosaur Walk and the indoor museum were open initially as all hands-on activities stayed closed for a while . Admission was reduced to \$10 plus tax per person until everything can be reopened. The park will also enforce limited capacity levels inside the park and gift shop in order to maintain social distancing.

Congo River Golf

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**Congo River Golf** also opened their Florida mini-golf locations in May.

#### Dave & Buster's

**Dave & Buster's Orlando** on International Drive was another lucky one to open in May,

## The Old Central Florida Stand-Byes

Most people who visit Florida with regularity already know that Central Florida is the epicenter of family fun with world-famous theme parks, including Walt Disney World Resort, Universal Orlando Resort, LEGOLAND® Florida Resort and Busch Gardens Tampa Bay. We're thrilled to know you want to visit! If you're planning your first trip to Florida or your fifteenth, remember Florida is just not Disney and Sea World anymore. There are a ton of attractions and all of them are open now with some minor limitations for safety.

Here are some that you might find interesting

#### LEGOLAND

Far from being a LEGO store or Discovery Center, this is a bona-fide new THEME PARK with roller coasters, rides, a water park and three onsite hotels. It is built for your kids who are ages two to twelve. Legoland is among the top things to do with kids in Central Florida and has more than fifty rides and attractions.

#### **Bok Tower Gardens**

If you do not like crowds and long lines when you visit unique Central Florida attractions, these are good stops for you. The Bok Tower Gardens for example is a National Historic Landmark in Lake Wales featuring a 250-acre garden designed by Frederick Law Olmstead, Jr., a 250-foot tall Singing Tower with carillon bells, dedicated children's garden, daily concerts, onsite restaurant, outdoor kitchen and gift shop.

## Florida Southern College

Don't forget to tour the largest one-site collection of Frank Lloyd Wright architecture in the world when you visit Florida Southern College in Lakeland.

# Safari Wilderness

You can also embark on a wildlife safari by open-air vehicle or Camelback to experience magnificent herds of African and Asian animals on 260-acres of Florida wilderness at Safari Wilderness in Lakeland.

# Chapter 10 Ron DeSantis for President

#### 2028 & 2032 for sure



Ron DeSantis will one day be president of the United States of America because as you have witnessed in this book, he passes all positive expectations with an *Outstanding Exceeds* grade. In many ways he is firm like President Trump. He uses his own mind to make major decisions, and more importantly, he is pro-people.

He has not only helped make America great again, he has made Florida great again by enacting principles that favor the people of Florida even when the corrupt press is against him. He knows how to fight and he wins like President Trump.

#### Ron DeSantis President or Vice President

I think that under all circumstances, the Governor should run for reelection in 2022.

So that there is no mistake about my preference for president in 2024. It is Donald J. Trump, hands down. My preference for vice president in 2024 is Ron DeSantis. I have not heard many offer this as a thought; but I would bet the DeSantis supporters would love getting their guy into the second chair in the US Government in 2024.

It would be just four years from then that VP DeSantis could and would ascend to the first chair. How could he lose other than via a Democrat orchestrated stolen election? Moreover, with four years as VP, DeSantis would be the logical choice for the next eight years after that—giving the Republicans or the Patriot Party or the American Party or whatever conservatives are calling themselves by then, the top prize.

That means, twelve full years of Conservatives running the country without a Democrat having a prayer. All we have to do is go with Trump and DeSantis and get the RINOS out of the House and US Senate.

Donald Trump has not fully announced his plans at the end of February CPAC convention. He has plenty of time.

The press said that Former President Trump teased about another possible presidential campaign during his speech at the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) while repeating his true claim that he had won the 2020 election by a landslide, of course.

He noted that he was sure the Democratic Party will endure "withering losses" in the midterm elections and will "decisively" lose the White House in 2024.

Trump said that "who knows, I may even decide to beat them for a third time," prompting big-time cheers from the crowd at the conference. He took the time to slam the Biden administration's first month in office as "the most disastrous." He particularly found fault with Biden's efforts to reverse Trump's immigration policies. Biden clearly is not for America and eventually I sure hope that Americans see through the entire communism ruse.

Matt Gaetz R-Fl a DeSantis friend along with President Trump. pulled no punches in suggesting that DeSantis could run for president in 2024 if Trump is out of the picture. Though we would all welcome Governor DeSantis to the presidential table, most of us are hoping for Trump's continued good health and energy and an assurance of clean elections so that we could make him the 45th and also the 47th President of the US.

Matt Gaetz, R-FL thinks the world of his governor. There is no doubt about that. He should. He is joined by many Floridians in his admiration. Gaetz made the remarks Sunday during one of his interviews on Fox News in which the governor responded to reports of President Biden's administration potentially implementing travel restrictions around Florida due to the state's [low] coronavirus cases. Biden hates all strong Republicans.

Press secretary Jen Psaki ameliorated the press and Floridians telling them that no final decisions had been made. DeSantis did not take it lying down. In Trump fashion, he immediately sent a volley back at Biden telling Fox host Maria Bartiromo that such a move by the Biden administration would be "unconstitutional" and a "political attack against Florida." Biden should not be messing with the Governor of Florida as he is well outmatched.

Gaetz later in the same day told Fox that he was "proud" of DeSantis, adding that "the truth is that the Biden folks know that if Donald Trump is not the candidate in 2024, the leader of our movement will be Ron DeSantis." No argument here for sure.

Gaetz said that "people see that in Florida, businesses are opening, unemployment is dropping, home buying is increasing, and that type of prosperity is very attractive to people who are having to endure lockdowns in other parts of America."

Ron DeSantis was also at CPAC and he delivered a great and fiery speech exhorting Republicans to get moving or be overtaken.

The word is all good for Gov. Ron DeSantis in a straw poll of conservative activists Sunday. They love him as we all do for his great job and the promise of more – the presidency.

Our former President Donald Trump won the CPAC straw poll for President in 2024 but most notably, Florida's Governor was the clear 2024 second choice. When Trump is not in the mix, the governor wins. By the way before I continue, I have a great idea for what President Trump should do in the interim between now and the 2024 campaign season. I just wrote the book titled:



Donald Trump, Governor of California: After the Newsom recall, the former president is the perfect candidate to turn California back into one of the United States. Paperback –

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"Millions of Americans." declared Dallas megachurch pastor Robert Jeffries in 2017, "believe the election of President Trump represented God giving us another chance—perhaps our last chance—to truly make America great again. Our job was to elect him once God showed us the way. We thank Our Lord to this day Read more

As noted, the Florida Governor kicked off CPAC and gave a fiery speech to kick off the Orlando event. I was in Orlando Florida last week and we could still feel the positive vibes.

Ron DeSantis is clearly a leading choice of movement activists who were polled this weekend, but only if Trump does not run in 2024. The numbers were Trump 55% and DeSantis 21% if both men were running. Without Trump in the race, we got a different race with DeSantis the choice of 43%, and the great South Dakota Gov. Kristi Noem a far behind second at 11%. There will be a great election if the Republicans handle HR1 the way they should.

Last week DeSantis attacked the media for what he argued was a double standard with how large marches for social justice were covered as opposed to celebrations in Tampa following the Buccaneers' Super Bowl win. DeSantis refuses to be pushed around,

His remarks came following concerns from local health officials and Tampa's mayor over videos circulated on social media showing hundreds of fans without masks crowded together in streets and bars immediately after the game. The lockdown press does not like freedom.

DeSantis also faced unwarranted criticism this month after a photo of him at the Super Bowl without a mask circulated on the internet, to which the GOP governor shot back: "But how the hell am I going to be able to drink a beer with a mask on? Come on. I had to watch the Bucs win "







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## Stolen Election?: Democrats say: "fair and just;" Republican cowards surrender to Democrats

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The facts show that Democrats believe nothing unless CNN & all the liberal media outlets tells them it is so. Have you heard one true story about election fraud and corruption executed by the bad actors in the corrupt battle ground states of Arizona, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Wisconsin, Nevada, Georgia, & Wisconsin? Yes, I know the picture on the front-cover is not 2020. If you found that, you will enjoy the book. Surely, unless you get your news from CNN, you know that in December, the State of Read more

Folks, this is a different country without Trump at the helm and it is not different in a good way. Reports are that 55% of the people do not like how Biden things are going. Even stolen elections! See the Amazon ad for my latest book above.

Here we are working on our fourth month after the most corrupt election of all time. We now know that we are stuck with an inept Congress made powerful by voiceless RINO Republicans. Conservatives like you and I are talking about how to stop Biden from ruining the country. Heck if Biden knew how to stop himself from ruining America, he might do it himself. But he has no clue. And I am not so optimistic to think he or his administration would care even if they were awake.

Unfortunately spirt is not as high as it should be in the Republican ranks because the RINO Republicans in Congress, but for a few, are not even making a peep about disagreeing with EO (Executive Order) Joe. Mitch McConnel has re-positioned himself as the guy everybody thought he always was—a piece of guano. Trump had given the Turtle a nice facelift, dressed him up and gave his wife a job but Mitch scraped off the makeup to find his true Democrat Rino skin underneath. He then lashed out at real conservatives who support our last real president.

Why would Mitch McConnell do such a thing. Yes, I have the answer. He is the soulless reincarnation of a new form of a Tin man. Mitch has a heart because he needs it to pump blood to stay alive, but he has no soul because lousy people can get by without a soul until they die. Mitch McConnell is a stinking lousy person.



Crowds shout "We Love You" at Presidential Rally

Like many of you, I love President Trump and I liked him better when he was officially in office. The next election for President is a bit more than three years away, but I think when we solve the

election problems in the battleground states and everywhere else, Florida's governor, should run only if President Trump decides not to run on his own. It helps to repeat that message. We are not dead. We are very alive and Governor DeSantis is a prime mover in our efforts to gain the top spot again.

As I pointed out, DeSantis would be a great VEEP. From my perspective Pence is too risky to trust. I don't even want him at CPAC. He was not there when we needed him. He had his chance. See my book, Stolen Election—Amazon ad above—for the facts on Pence's choices. Pence failed us as VP. Who needs him now? Ron DeSantis would be a great one term VEEP and then he would definitely be our elected president.

#### I have a far out thought that makes sense

Donald Trump as Governor of California—introduced above. It answers the question "What should Donald Trump do in the interim?" The first time you hear this it sounds silly but soon it sounds great if you repeat it to yourself a few times. Trump has more than two and half years to decide whether to run and what other things he would like to do. He handled 50 states worth of business for four years. If he chose to govern one state for two and a half or three and a half years, it would keep him fresh as a daisy. Please consider this.

What if Donald Trump decided to become the Governor of California, after Gavin Newsom gets his recall. One thing for sure, even in California, name recognition counts. Trump would get elected because that's how recall elections work. It is all about name recognition.

Think of the major impact that a conservative force such as President Trump could have in California for a country and a state that deserves a break. Besides, California needs great leadership. Our guy, Trump can be back in the saddle again and with no impact on a presidential run in 2024 he can straighten out California and decide to run for president again in 2024 if he chooses to do so. He can have another great record posted in California.

#### How did this opportunity come about?

Gavin Newsom's recall is almost assured as I write this paragraph 2/3 of the way through February 2021. A recall in the nation's most populous state would become a marquee contest with national implications. It would be watched closely as a barometer of the public mood heading toward the 2022 elections, when a closely divided Congress again will be in play.

I am not talking about it in this book but don't forget about primarying Rinos, and winning back the House and the Senate in 2022. There is a good chance that will happen because there are a total of 55% or more American who do not like what the Democrats are doing to the country. How could they? The people are finally sick of Democrats.

California voters had it worse than the rest of the country with a know-nothing governor. Californians are weary of restrictions that have cut them off from jobs, classrooms and friends, combined with anxiety from the continuing threat of the coronavirus.

This is a formula that is expected to create a volatile mix at the ballot box. Newsom is on the edge of the diving board and just a few more recall votes and he is off the board. He is also in the process of weathering a public drubbing for dining out with friends and lobbyists at a San Francisco Bay Area restaurant last fall, while telling residents to stay home. Just a little hypocrisy among friends?

While younger voters lean to the political left, that doesn't mean they reflexively vote Democratic. For example, many young Bernie Sanders followers didn't support presidential candidate Hillary Clinton in 2016. They are looking for a candidate who "speaks to them and seeks to involve them in a campaign." If the recall qualifies, an election likely would occur in late summer or fall. The good news for Republican hopefuls is that there were cautionary signs in the November election that the state might not be as rigidly Democratic as registration numbers suggest.

When the recall election takes place, things will seem strange. First of all, anybody can run. There's no limit on the number of candidates who can run to replace an official on a recall ballot. And whoever

gets the most votes wins — even without a majority. So it's entirely possible that someone could be elected in a recall while winning less than half the votes. That person can be Donald Trump, a Republican just like it was once Arnold Schwarzenegger, a Republican.

That's actually is what happened in 2003, when then-Gov. Gray Davis was recalled by 55% of voters. More than 100 people ran to replace him, carving up the votes and allowing action movie star Arnold Schwarzenegger to win with 48.6% support. Trump would come to such an election with the absolute most name recognition and would more than likely carry the state. Would that not be great?

Why should Trump put his hat into the ring? Being Governor of California for President Trump would be sweet revenge for "The big bad orange man." After being shut down by big tech social media, he would have the power and could wield it to shut down Big Tech in Silicon Valley forever. Not having a favorable government in Sacramento would disable Big tech. Trump could split them up into parts manageable by even a Biden Administration until Trump became president again.

He could do lots of other great things in California for the state and for the country as a whole. For example, he could make the Golden State a clean state again where the state plant would no longer be human FECES. I might even try to become a Cal resident myself to vote for Trump for Governor. Think about it.

While Rush was taking calls a couple weeks ago before he went off the air, he took a call from a guy who suggested that Trump try to become the Recall Governor because it is a name recognition contest and Trump would do great. Since then, I have been chewing on his words. The late great Maha Rushi did not dismiss the innovative thinking in the caller's suggestion.

Let's save Ron DeSantis, who definitely one day will be elected President of these United States for after we exhaust the notion of what happens between now and 2024. California has a big play in the deal.

If Trump is ready to be a real sport and he has a little spare time on his hands, there are a lot of folks who believe that he or even one of his kids after a short required California residency would have enough name recognition to win the governorship in the recall election. A Trump could turn the Golden State around to become part of America again.

Why? Well, consider that there will be a ton of candidates to replace Newsom. Most of them will have such popular names as Joe S. the Rag Man. I think even Joe has a chance in the recall election but somebody named Donald Trump would win in a landslide. Then, our wonderful president could again become our president in 2024 if he decided not to stay in the Golden State.

It was just months ago that the notion that a liberal progressive favorite like Newsom could or would be ousted by voters in such as heavily Democratic state seemed farcical. These would be the same Democrats who put him in office in a landslide two years ago would – an impossibility? But politics is me first and when the people are upset, anything can happen and allies can become opponents overnight.

Of course there was the pandemic and Newsom made many confounding decisions on vaccines and reopening businesses and schools to which otherwise reasonable people, on either side of the ideological stream would have objective to in normal times have joined together to make the first-term Democrat Gavin Newsom, a poor leader to all, look vulnerable.

This is not a book about California's governor but he is the very opposite of Governor DeSantis and Californians have noticed the difference. At the very least Californians want teachers in the classroom—something which Florida has and has had and something which Trump would have demanded and would demand wherever he were to become a principal.

Newsom, who is a member of the Pelosi California Oligarchy, saw his popularity tumbling when he forgot about the fact that his constituency is made up of American people who are not asking to have their lives destroyed by political hacks. When Newsom upset his base, they reacted and so now there is a recall election that appears on track to qualify for being on the California ballot.

Somebody has to win the recall election. More than likely it will not be Newsom because most of the people hate his decisions and his hypocrisy. California voters have become very weary of restrictions that have cut them off from jobs, classrooms and friends, combined with anxiety from the continuing threat of the coronavirus.

Pundits and experts conclude that this explosion of temperaments could create a volatile mix at the ballot box. Newsom also has been put down by even friendly press for his public drubbing when he dined to the finest with friends and lobbyists at a San Francisco Bay Area restaurant last fall, after admonishing residents to stay home

If there is a winning formula for Newsom, so far, it has not appeared. There is now an ever-expanding fraud scandal at the state unemployment agency from his leadership during the pandemic. It is under even closer scrutiny and is receiving lots of negative PR.

The reason Newsom is on the block is very simple. The electorate is very angry and very frustrated. They get nothing from Newsom and so they are being driven by emotion, not facts – even though the facts are not so good either.

His advisors remember well when former Democratic Gov. Gray Davis was ousted in a 2003 recall election and replaced by Republican Arnold Schwarzenegger. Newsom has reason to worry and Trump has reason to take the reins as it would give him a chance to make things right in 1/50th of America while Biden was destroying the other 49/50.

Republicans have not won a statewide race in heavily Democratic California since 2006, but the party senses shifting ground. Candidates for Newsom's seat are already lining up, hoping to tap into the forefront of the angst over Newsom's pandemic rules that have reordered everyday life for nearly 40 million people. Few Californians find Newsom a revered word.

Before Newsom, Californians were looking for the truth. What they got was a scenario in which California had become the land of broken promises. It is what it is.

It's notable that the former president's reported interest is in the runoff of the Newsom election after the recall is approved. He is not as interested in the signature gathering process. This may mean that our President Trump may be interested in endorsing a candidate for governor so I say how about endorsing himself or one of the Trump children?

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#### Mike Grant takes on Donald Trump; Brian Kelly takes on Mike Grant; Pick the winner!

The people have had enough! The hateful impeachment of Donald Trump began long before he was elected. The hard left wanted him gone from the beginning and were prepared to do so at all costs. Trump hammered back at the political establishment & they hate him for his success. Are we not sick of the hate. Michael Grant, my co-writer on this book is sick of the hate but he can't help adding a little hate to the Trump mix. James D. Veltmeyer, MD from LaJolla nailed it: "The savagery, frenzy, and outright hysteria displayed by the President's enemies within the Democratic Party, the media, and various power centers of the globalist elites, have no prior precedent.'

This book pits Michael Grant's Trump perspective which is hardly positive or quite negative so to speak, against Brian Kelly, yours truly in a battle royal worth your reading. Some might notice that Lets Go Publish! the publisher, is headed by Brian Kelly so only the items that Michael Grant wrote himself take his position. The rest such as this book description are stock publishing items without both sides taken into account.

The fact is that Donald Trump got elected because the majority of the voters had begun to no longer trust Democrats or Republicans. Many of the regular people in America decided that they could trust Trump and in fact, they continue to trust him to do what was best for America. Trump so far has not let those people down. The left cannot stand that fact.

Americans had gotten sick of the elected officials in all levels of government doing the bidding of slimy politicians or political donors and hacks in the various government swamps. Donald Trump came across as the only candidate for president who offered Americans a breath of fresh air from the stodgy, bossy, establishment elites in both major parties. That's why I voted for Trump. He was brave enough to defy the status quo of rich donors controlling the government for their personal benefit. Trump is rich enough thanks to his father's and his own cunning business sense that he alone of all candidates did not

Everybody has an opinion but too many people have their opinion shaped by crooked politicians and crooked news media. The Crooked News Network, CNN tops the untrustworthy media scoundrel list. So many of my good friends who are otherwise smart people believe CNN like it is Christ's gospel. I mean even good people that cannot see their own faults because CNN tells them how it is. Too many people for example get all their news from crooked CNN. Yet it is now fact that at 9:00AM daily, CNN executives get their marching orders from the president of this network news organization. More or less, they are told to avoid being fired, they must continually strengthen all aspects of the political (no facts needed) effort to disparage to the death, President Trump. That must be their focus

Trump in his winning 2016 election campaign held rallies of from 20,000 to 50,000 people who believed that Donald J. Trump loves America and American traditional values. Look at the goodness that he instilled into his own children. He is not a liberal fool or a progressive socialist tool who hates America. He is simply for America and Americans first. So are many of you and I if we really think about it.

above the people's news—or they better read the WANT Ads. .

The corrupt anti-American mainstream press has recently merged with the corrupt Democrat Party. Together they regurgitate the most obnoxious collection of hate known since the Civil War. So, now together, they hate Trump because he represents normal Americans and not the fringe actors who have together decided to unseat him as president and crown Hillary for the job. This pond scum had no rallies like Trump because there would be few attendees.

assistance devices. Americans who love America could not endure the mephitis. Nefarious shameful left-leaning political leaders preach that Trump is bad, bad, bad. Good people are swayed by the miscreants who care little for the truth. Trump calls them all out as the fakes they are. They hate him because he is not controlled by anyone—Dem Party or wimpy swamp-rat-dwelling Republicans. Neither give Trump an inch and they undermined America for years by undermining our president. When America is gone, then what? S

Moreover, the stench of their corruption would be too strong for normal breathing

The prior opponent of Donald J. Trump in the 2016 election for president was none other than the inglorious Hillary Rodham Clinton. In a national presidential debate, she had vowed to accept the results of a fair and honest American election even if she were to lose. Unfortunately, for America she was only kidding. Since the election, her forces have worked tirelessly with the Democrat Party and the corrupt media to muster up enough national hate to unseat the duly elected President, whose name happens to be Donald J. Trump.

Those investigating all the shams regarding the Trump election and the Deep State plot to destroy him have found that Hillary had a major role. As the primary perpetrators of the hate and the hoax, her team lied about it all.. Many investigative reporters have given reports and their unified word is that Mrs. Clinton is behind mostly all of the efforts to remove Donald Trump from office. Yet, she asks her fawning media to not portray her actions as those of a sore loser. What do you think?

When Trump first ran for president, the once Secretary of State had caused four Americans with mothers and fathers back home to be killed in Benghazi and the press would not even

acknowledge the story. Something was wrong, and you know what it was. Trump was ready to forgive her but she wanted Trump out.

The Democrats & mainstream press have corrupted America so that their whopper lies and their leadership on the hate parade, are often taken as truth. The country needed Donald Trump and Mike Pence to bring America back to reality and truth. That's why Trump got elected and it is why Never-Trumpers fear correctly he again was elected in 2020 but the election was stolen as everybody knows...

Good people still feel the scourge of the dishonest politicos and the biased, corrupt press. Even good Democrats, few as there may be, such as my own liberal sister-in-law, were in many ways pleased when Hillary lost. The spew that this candidate fostered was as bad as that of the "Squad" who would rather Sharia Law than our Constitution.

Each election the people over the years have decided whether a Muslim should run America or a Christian, Agnostic, or an atheist or another non-Christian. As a matter of truth, Democrats have given up both God and love of country to side with the vapid scoundrels that want to change America to become socialist and perhaps even a communist nation. Trump had promised to fight against them. That is the big reason that they hate him and why those Americans that can still think clearly love to support President Donald Trump.

Before President Trump, the country's issues included oppressive taxation; legal and illegal immigrants stealing the best jobs; regulations choking businesses; huge debt and deficits shackling our capital resources; a government Obamacare system that added taxes and made health worse; and corporate offshoring, which created a weaker nation.

Mrs. Clinton was ready to continue this Obama program because she supported the former president's policies 100%. It did not matter to Mrs. Clinton that t Some think the people changed their mind by electing Joe Biden. Think hard about a candidate that could not find 100 people at any of his "rallies." His policies with Obama's had created the whole mess in the first place. The people clearly voted "NO." on Hillary and many think they voted No again in 2020. Is Joe Biden our president?

> by Michael Grant &

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## Is there life among the Trump-haters

Where does the hate come from. I would say it is from the corporate media. The most hate today comes from those who claim to be anti-Trump. After listening to both sets of arguments in this book, perhaps we can agree to agree and agree to disagree on parts without as much vitriol. We can all do better. Even me!

#### This piece comes from <u>American Thinker</u> By Josh Kantrow October 7, 2019

My anti-Trump friends have truly lost it. I guess because I'm one of the few Republicans they really interact with, and perhaps because I've done a lot of media appearances lately, they are taking it out on me. Big time.

Their bile comes in all forms — nasty text messages, emails, and tagging me on their Facebook pages to try to generate traffic for themselves and get me to waste hours of my life arguing with their deranged Trump-hater friends (most of whom hate all Republicans). I have ignored them.

Perhaps my favorite screed is this: "Until you get on the right side of history, I'm gonna need to re-evaluate our friendship. (Proving the old adage that no good deed goes unpunished, I helped this "friend" find a job after he was out of work for six months.)

Or this one, from a true limousine liberal who is constantly screaming "Unity!" from the comfort of his lily-white suburb, where he moved when it was time to put his kids in school: "You are a disgrace. Hillary was right about you and your fellow Trump supporters."

Look, I'll be the first to admit I was not happy (with good reason) that Obama was president, but I never stooped to one tenth of the level of obsession and hatred these folks have. I'm lucky to have a full life, with many hobbies and interests that don't involve politics, and I have a wonderful family and friends.

These folks need to get a life. The last time I checked, the United States is experiencing unprecedented peace and prosperity, and Trump hasn't gotten us into any unnecessary wars, signed any stupid deals that hand over billions to a terrorist state that it uses to threaten our allies, or drawn any red lines in the sand that he failed to enforce. Further, he hasn't spent eight years taunting those of us who have worked hard to get where we are that we "didn't build that. Nor has he tried to redistribute our hardearned money.

So if these Trump-haters think their texts, emails, and tagging are going to get me to stop speaking out on radio, TV, American Thinker, the Chicago Tribune, other outlets, they are dead wrong.

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## Picking on Trump today seems cool? Really?

In his seventies today, Donald Trump is easy to pick on but in his youth, he was bigger and stronger than most men and so they might call him a jerk behind his back, which a lot of men do today. But, if they thought they'd ever have to face him outside a bar for those words, they'd think twice about it.

Donald Trump never had to fear his manhood and he took no crap from anybody and just like most men who claim to be men, he still does not take any crap, no matter what the mainstream media, aka, the drive-by media think about it. What a treat to have such a man as our president. Would you rather a wuss such as Barack Obama or worse than him, Mitt Romney.

Why? Because the detractors are wimps and cowards and Trump is still a big and powerful man. At 74, he is not inclined to want to show it but a takedown of Trump would require an awful lot of wimps banding together. It would be like an attack on the Giant by the Lilliputians.

Think about it. folks. I'd buy tickets and take bets on the long promised Biden v Trump match out by the proverbial woodshed. How about you?

It is too bad that a dishonest and corrupt fourth estate (the drive-by media) reports the news in 2021 or we all might have some truth to read. Our America is being destroyed by Biden and the radicals. The Democrats are wondering what happened to America just like the Republicans. But they are not brave enough to talk to conservatives about their misgivings.

#### How about this editorial never published:

"Just as the kind and gentle Barack H Obama took out Osama Bin Laden when he was "commander in chief," so also did Donald Trump take out Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi. "

The press could have written that but it was not helpful to their takeout plans for President Donald Trump.

--Never published-

Obama could have congratulated Trump on his success just as Trump congratulated Obama but giving praise to Trump was not permitted and Obama is not strong enough to say that it is as it is.

However, Trump gave Obama his due as president, while the press has decided to call al-Baghdadi a great scholar, like as if he never killed Americans.

Here is the statement of Trump congratulating Obama:

I want to personally congratulate President Obama and the men and women of the Armed Forces for a job well done.

The press praised Baghdaddi in ways they would not praise most Americans with the proper credentials. The WAPO did not care that few think the dead terrorist matches their memorialized description. I found no press report about Obama congratulating Trump on his takedown of al Baghdaddi. Why?

As hard as it is for Americans to believe about a US-owned newspaper, the one and only Washington Post (WAPO) published this obituary headline after searching to find the proper words that would not upset the ISIS world. Many in the US who are for the good of the US and not the Middle East could not understand why WAPO chose to honor a terrorist when great American soldiers just had cornered this scum and the tracking dog was hurt while capturing this coward by running after him in a tunnel?

al-Baghdadi was responsible for many American and others suffering brutal beheadings and—let's call them regular brutal deaths. WAPO could not stomach giving credit to those brave Americans who risked their lives to capture this bad guy but they did choose to praise the thug who placed many notes to terrorists to kill Americans inside suicide vests. Baghdaddi was killed by pulling the string on his own vest which also took out the coward's family, who were fleeing with him in the tunnel. He knew his children would die but he pulled the string anyway. That's why Trump called him a big whimpering coward.

It would be nice for American papers to honor Americans in their work and give no glory to the bad guys. .

Nonetheless, here is the WAPO obituary text.

#### "Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, austere religious scholar at helm of Islamic State, dies at 48,"

Should we put a contingent together to attend his wake?

Whoops...he has already been buried at sea.

Perhaps it is now clear why it is tough to trust the perspectives of today's hateful anti-Trump press when this terrorist is elevated and the president is mocked.

See the next page for a random note sent by somebody with a perspective on the bait and switch tactics that the Trump team used to snag Al Baghdadi

# The man with no face has the Trump Hate answer—More Trump Hate!

The below email was submitted to TribLive by Robert Jalphabet (my alias for him), specifically to the Tribune-Review as a Letter to the editor titled *Trump 'hate' is justified* on Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. Here it comes. Hold your nose.

Let's be clear about the emotion of hate. Some letter-writers are aghast at the degree of hatred that has been directed at Donald Trump and his presidency. Here are two questions for their consideration.

- 1. From our earliest years, are we not taught to hate mendacity, fraud, arrogance, narcissism, rudeness, crudity, lewdness, bullying and bigotry? [not exactly but within circumstances perhaps]
- 2. When these "abstractions" are personified, i.e., exhibited in the behavior of a person, is it not understandable that a hate reaction is warranted and likely to occur?

Our nation is suffering a great wound. And before healing can begin, the wound must be cauterized. Trump personifies and demonstrates in his life and his presidency all the listed elements that provoke the hate reaction. It's as if our country has unwittingly shot itself in the foot by electing him.

Fortunately, most Americans recognize that the wound is not fatal. We have elections. And our fondest hope is that a candidate will emerge with the right message, broad popular appeal and strength to counter the vituperation Trump is a master at discharging

— a candidate who loves truth and truth-telling and exhibits humility, grace, selflessness and manners.

It takes a powerful stimulus to release a powerful emotion like hate. But hate is a justifiable reaction against a target deserving of it. One need not apologize for harboring or expressing it, much less cower under the opprobrium that the self-righteous tend to apply to it.

Robert Jalphabet

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Robert J. Where are your facts? What do you know that the millions of Trump supporters somehow do not know?

Those who hate Trump unfortunately carry their nastiness to the outer limits of reason. For example a religious figure is OK until he says something nice about Trump. Well, for my money, Franklin Graham and his dad Billy Graham and the whole Graham family are worth more than thousands of Trump haters. And, I am a Roman Catholic.

Same for those looking to attack the Martin Luther King's family or Pastor Robert Jeffries. Here is one comment about a recent interview with Pastor Jeffries: Absolutely perfect dear pastor!!! God bless you!!!! I still believe President Trump is not over !!!! Years to come together!!! God bless America.

#### God loves us all and thankfully he loves Joe Biden also

Christian evangelist, Franklin Graham took the time to slam slimy Republicans for taking "30 pieces of silver' from Nancy Pelosi in Trump impeachment 'betrayal.' Who wants to take a good man like Franklin Graham on. Should he be ostracized for some Trump hate monger's pleasure?

Graham calls it like it is. He is much more truthful than his namesake Lyndsey Graham. The "now" controversial evangelist, Franklin Graham, compared Republicans who voted for Trump's impeachment to Judas. They are certainly liars and cowards. Impeachment for what?

He just recently chastised Republicans who should know better. It came the day after the House of Representatives voted 232-197 to impeach Trump for the trumped up charge of inciting the Capitol riot several weeks ago. The scaredy cats then called on guns held by Americans to protect them. Non Sequitur. a

He began: "Shame, shame on the ten Republicans who joined with Speaker Nancy Pelosi and the Democrats in impeaching President Trump yesterday. After all that he has done for our country, you would turn your back and betray him so quickly? "And these ten, from his own party, joined in the feeding frenzy. It makes you wonder what the thirty pieces of silver were that Speaker Pelosi promised for this betrayal," he continued later in the post.

"It was degrading': Black Capitol custodial staff talk about what it felt like to clean up the mess left by violent Antifa and BLM activists while blaming whites who were in the crowd listening to the President tell them to "walk peacefully.".

It is not good to lie, regardless of who it helps or who it hurts. We cannot solve our major divide while people in powerful positions lie about the facts. Shame on them! Now there is no shame recognized today on anything. A Democrat victory of sorts. Are the Demsproud of that. I bet they don't even know.