



## Winds Roar Through The Foothills

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## FINDING

Women now comprise 15% of the active forces and 19% of reserve units and are the fastest growing segment of the veteran population. Yet, there are few services for women veterans at risk for homelessness that can keep pace with their increasing numbers.

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## ANOTHER SANTA?

By Aaricka Washington

It's also the season for another Santa that's coming to town - just not one we really want around. That would be Santa Ana. You can always count on these winds this time of year. They carry a certain amount of mystique but also danger. The Santa Anas are expected to kick up starting today and, with that, bring an increased risk of fire danger.

So, what are the Santa Ana winds? It's different from just regular wind.

Let me break it down to you real quick.

The Santa Ana Winds are strong hot, dry winds that start around October and last until about March during the cooler months. They can create a not-so-great wildfire environment in L.A. Fires happen because of the low moisture, which impacts vegetation.

So, peak winds are hitting us smack dab in the face tonight and will last throughout Wednesday, according to the National Weather

Service. What do the NWS experts there say we should do?

- First of all, be careful. Avoid anything that could spark a wildfire.
- Secure loose objects.
- Plan now for power outages.
- For Angelenos near wildland areas, create and familiarize yourself with an evacuation plan in case of a fire.

So why should YOU care?

Well, as UCLA climate scientist Alex Hall puts it, Santa Ana-driven wildfires cause a lot of property damage for Angelenos. L.A. is an urban-wildland, meaning that people have built infrastructure on this lush natural habitat, which makes it susceptible to fire.

The one thing we have going for us right now is that it did recently rain but please be careful out there. For more information about the impending Santa Ana Winds, check out UCLA's Institute of the Environment & Sustainability interview with Alex Hall. The Weather Channel has a good explainer on Santa Ana Winds.■



Santa Ana Driven Fire in Tujunga - by David "Doc" DeMulle'.

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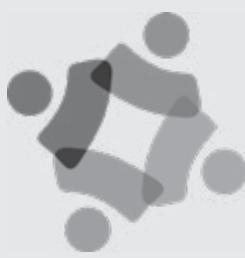
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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## WINDS ROAR THROUGH THE FOOTHILLS

By David "Doc" DeMulle'

**G**usts of up to 45 mph blew through Sunland-Tujunga Tuesday --slightly stronger than the winds that roared through on Wednesday.

The wind felled trees across Tujunga, including one in Kathy Lowes home in the 7400 block of Hillrose Street

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in Tujunga that was blown over crushing a car and taking down high voltage wires. No one was injured.

In the 6900 block of Foothill Boulevard in Tujunga, part of a carport roof came loose and flew into a power pole about 7:20 p.m., breaking the pole, the Los Angeles Fire Department said. The loss of support from the broken pole dragged down the flanking poles until the electric lines touched, short-circuiting power to homes in the area, the Department of Water and Power said.

Amazingly enough, there were no windows blown out on Foothill Blvd. But the winds sucked awnings off of carports and back yard canopies.

The California Highway Patrol issued wind advisories on several San Fernando Valley freeways. Sand and swirling dust in the Antelope Valley reduced visibility on the Golden State Freeway, said CHP Officer



*Tree vs Toyota - Car lost!*

**Richard Perez.** Motorists were also cautioned about heavy winds on the Ronald Reagan Freeway, he said.

For two days, the Santa Ana winds blew through our neighborhoods taking anything that was not bolted or chained down. Trash cans were sent flying into neighbors yards, but for all their destructive force, the Santa Anas did bring one holiday gift: stunning, smog-free views.

Gusts of up to 70 mph rattled Dowling's buildings a few times an hour throughout the morning. "I can definitely feel the windows shake," he said. "It just rocks and rolls out here."

The Santa Anas, which were fueled by a high-pressure system in northern Nevada and Utah, should settle down this week and continue to weaken.

Although Santa Ana winds are best-known for spreading

fires in the hot, dry summer and fall, it's actually quite common for them to blow in winter as well.

That, of course, was of little comfort to the DWP and Edison power crews called on to climb swaying poles--usually without safety lines--to fiddle with blown-out hardware. "People don't appreciate how hard this is, in my opinion," grumbled Edison spokesman Tom Boyd.■

## America, Reality of Death, Will we save our country?

By Glenn Mollette

**A** few Americans will live their entire lives and never vote. Many Americans will never marry or have children. Millions of Americans will never serve in the military. Many Americans will never own a house. There is much about America that not one hundred percent of Americans will share or experience. However, every American will experience death. Many of us will be affected by the loss of a family member before we experience our own death. Death is universal. My father, now deceased, often said "We will not get out of this world alive."

A relative of mine has recently moved in with another relative due to the diagnosis of terminal cancer. His doctor said that his time is short. Over the next few weeks or maybe only few days we will watch and try to help as our loved one becomes weaker and life more difficult. Hospice is involved. When morphine begins to be routinely administered then it won't be long until he succumbs with a final breath and his life will be over.

I have officiated or eulogized between 450 to 500 funerals in my lifetime. Possibly more. In every scenario there was a common thread - life was over for someone.

We are all preoccupied with the present. We have so many concerns and stresses, goals and hopes that we have difficulty numbering our days and grasping that our existence on this planet will only last a few more years or maybe even a few more moments. We are all only one heartbeat from death.

I realize you are not enjoying this column a lot. I'm not enjoying writing it very much. Death is a downer. No pun intended. For people of faith it's an upper, we believe. Death is saying goodbye to all people and all things as far as this world is concerned. We say goodbye to the spouse, the friend, the children and hobbies such as gardening, recreation, travel and writing. We say goodbye to the world because when death occurs this world is over.

In view of our upcoming appointment of finality we should at least know that life is short regardless if you live a hundred years. There are numerous centurions in the world.

You might make the club but you might not. We should all have a Will and Last Statement that an attorney or you personally have put together. Whatever directives or decisions you want to make must be made before death. You can't direct or control anything after death.

Realize we are only stewards or managers. We talk about my land, my house, my car, and my money. Someone else will own all of this. Nothing we have or think we own is ours forever. Everything is passed on to someone else. You should start practicing now not talking about everything as "mine."

You are only a manager of your millions or of your pennies. Someone soon will have it all.

Seems to me that everyone throughout America and the world would work together better if we realized we are only temporary caretakers of this world and rapidly throughout the centuries everything is passed on and on.

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Darn, we Angelinos have really forgotten what community fun is like. Yup, we're spoiled. I can't remember when I've fielded so many complaints about the increasing burglaries. And like a lot of other things, if it involves the houseless, it seems like there's not a thing we can do about it. But on the other side – there are some things that we can actually do something about.

Dis-organized crime appears to be increasing with a rise in catalytic converter theft on the rise. Like the weather, there is really nothing you can do but protect your vehicle. And that takes getting out of the "denial" stage and actually making plans on how to make your vehicle inaccessible to thieves.

Think about it, 15 minutes of thinking about protection can save you \$1,500 in replacement costs. And NO! You can't run around without one. I'm one of the lucky ones, I have a built-in MOTION SENSOR in my truck.

And they're available for about \$125. on Ebay. I read that one person had a bracket welded to his converter and the thief couldn't steal it. He got so frustrated trying that he smashed in their windshield. SMH.

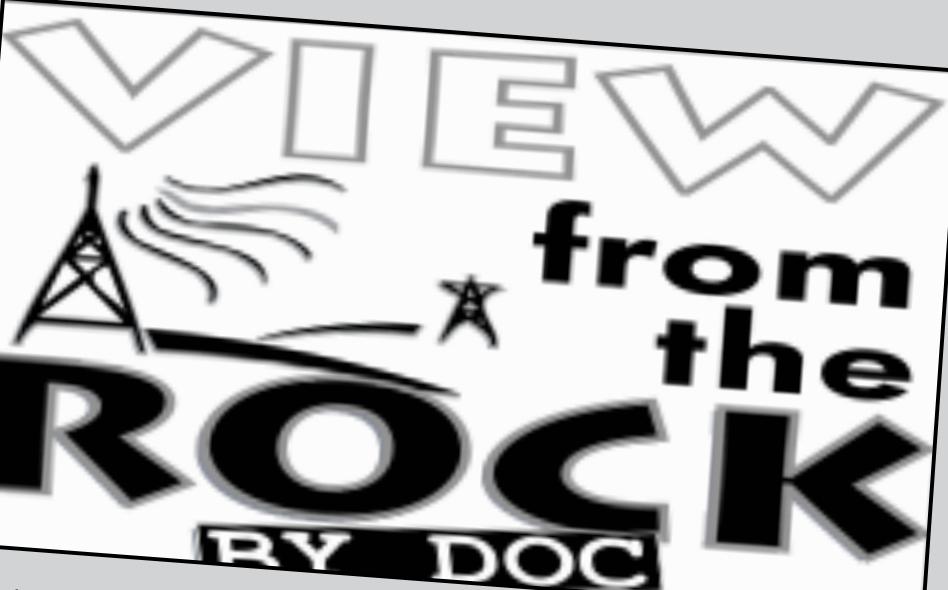
Ah well, welcome to the new NORMAL. Where if it's out of the normal – then it is normal. I've been sitting on the side lines for a while, watching what the Neighborhood Council is doing – And who is doing what to it. Now don't get me wrong, the NC is doing the best they

can with what they got. Enough said on that.

Everybody has their demons, those do-gooders that are like the proverbial "bull in the China shop." When the Cleghorn dominated NC had their hitman Joe Barret attack everyone that they didn't like, no one batted an eye. Joe almost single-handedly destroyed Sunland-Tujunga. Then there was Kurt "Curtles" Koestler who was the Rotary Club's stooge. Yup boys & girls, those were the heydays of the local clubs and political action groups.

AND NOW, there is the ARNIEVILLE. Who could fault a group with the auspicious name of OUR LOCAL OLIGARCH. Every day here is an adventure. I grew up with a view of the world that wasn't as slanted as the kids have now. We had dreams and fantasies, sometimes they were one and the same, and we enjoyed them. We had our heroes, we had our villains, and our Super heroes. I don't know what we have given our kids to believe in.

We knew that the ALAMO could not be defended, yet we loved to hear the story of the "13 Days of Glory." People want heroes, no matter how stupid the quest. What does any of this have to do with the STNC? It has to do with a bunch of good hearted (most of them) people believing that they really have a voice in LA City Hall. I used to worry about it,



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I got older and a bit more knowledgeable of what these political bodies are really about. Doesn't anyone think it's amazing that 1/4 of the LA City Council were either arrested or indicted?

What does that tell you about them, and we voted them in? And let's fall back to our own impotent NC. Why are they still locked out of the North Valley City Hall under the direction of first, Felipe Fuentes, and now, Monica Rodriguez.

That yellow Kool-Aid that the city is passing out isn't necessarily Kool-Aid. Something is really wrong here. And then we should fall back and look at our good friend and elected official M-Rod, who we all fawned over and licked her feet.

What happened there? And by the way, where has she been for these past years? Did our NC really piss her off so much that she wooed and nurtured those people that were out

to sink the NC so that they could progress up the political ladder? It's time for a re-assessment of what's going on here. How much insult can our community stand before they give up and fight for community? Or will they just roll over and whimper about what they lost? Will anyone actually stand up and yell "We're tired of this and we're not going to take it anymore?" I really don't think so – not even while our friends are getting killed by the crazy/drunken drivers, the local service organizations becoming a den of thieves and our LAPD putting out fake news. (Do you remember this Sonia as you rape the chamber pot of commerce?) When will we ever learn that rape is really rape and not just a case of following too close? Yes boys and girls. It's time you begin to ask yourself those questions, and no! It's not the water.■

# FINDING HOME

by Brian Buckwalter of DAV

**R**ecent Department of Veterans Affairs stats show a more than 50% decline in veteran homelessness over the past decade. But this often-touted statistic clouds another fact: While the rate of homelessness among male veterans has decreased, the rate of homelessness among women veterans increased by as much as 9% between 2016 and 2019 based on the latest data available. A woman who has military service is more than twice as likely to experience homelessness than someone who hasn't served.

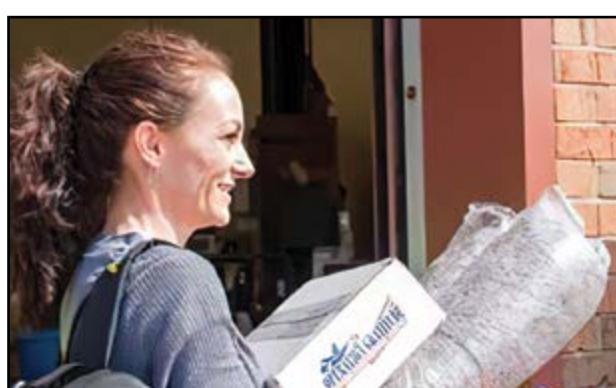
Women now comprise 15% of active-duty forces and 19% of reserve units and are the fastest-growing segment of the veteran population.

Yet, the availability of services for women veterans at risk for homelessness has not kept pace with their increasing numbers.

According to the VA, women transitioning from the military can face many challenges when returning to civilian life that put them at risk for homelessness: single parenting, domestic abuse, psychological aftereffects related to military sexual trauma (MST) or combat, substance abuse, employment and affordable housing.

Despite experts knowing the needs, many women may find it challenging to know where to seek help.

This was the case for Army veteran Penni



Lo'Vette Brown.

She said the post-traumatic stress and Military Sexual Trauma (MST) she suffered was initially untreated post-military.

There was also domestic violence in her marriage. She needed to find protection for herself and her three young children but felt she had nowhere to turn.

"In 1999, I became homeless with three babies on my hip," Brown said.

She made more than two dozen calls looking for a shelter for her and her children before finding one in Santa Barbara. That shelter started her on a path to becoming a barber, finding permanent housing and receiving VA medical care.

Other women veterans have not been as fortunate because help can be limited, hard to find or nonexistent.

To help, Brown now counsels at-risk women veterans as the DAV (Disabled American

Veterans) Department of California women veterans advisor.

She points at-risk women veterans to federal, state and community resources in California.

Nationally, homelessness is a major concern for DAV.

Both the DAV Charitable Service Trust and Columbia Trust provide funding to the DAV Homeless Veteran Initiative, which promotes partnerships and collaboration at all levels of government to develop assistance programs. The Charitable Service Trust has also distributed 111 grants totaling nearly \$3.8 million over the past five years for veteran homelessness initiatives.

DAV departments and chapters conduct homeless veteran Stand Downs throughout the country. These outreach events connect homeless and at-risk veterans with community resources and assistance, including employment, legal, housing, medical and veterans benefits.

Today, Brown is commander of DAV Chapter 91 in Lompoc. She also owns a barbershop, counsels women veterans and is enrolled in law school. Her children are now grown and enjoying successful careers.

She said she was blessed, but she also worked hard to ensure her experience was temporary.

"It was tenacity," Brown said. "I had babies that I had to make sure were OK." ■

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**Dear Rusty:** I'm nearing 68 years old, have never signed up for Medicare but thinking that I should look into it. I'm currently covered by my wife's health insurance through her employer. I would greatly appreciate some simple guidance regarding Medicare. I've tried watching some videos about the subject, but it was always so boring that I never finished watching. I get lost in all the Part This & Part That. I would just like some solid insight into the coverage that I truly need & the cost.

**Signed: Confused**

**Dear Confused:** Medicare is, indeed, a confusing topic, but I'll try to clear it all up for you. Think of it this way – Medicare has two main parts – one which provides coverage for in-patient hospitalization services (that's called Part A) and another which covers outpatient services like doctors, medical tests, etc. (that's called Part B). Part A is usually free (if you're getting or will get Social Security), but there is a monthly premium for Part B. For 2023, the monthly Part B premium will be \$164.90, and that's either deducted from your Social Security payment, or paid directly to Medicare if you're not yet collecting Social Security.

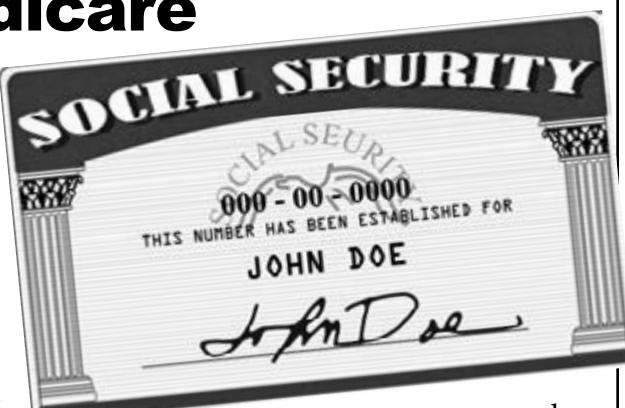
There are deductibles and copays

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for both Part A and Part B, so they don't cover 100% of your healthcare expenses - they generally cover about 80% of specific types of medical services, after deductibles are satisfied. The deductibles aren't high - \$226 for Part B and \$1600 for Part A - but that still leaves you with some uncovered healthcare costs under Medicare. And for those uncovered costs, many people choose to get additional private coverage, known as a "Medigap" (or Medicare Supplement) plan, or a Medicare Advantage plan (which is usually called Medicare "Part C"). This additional coverage isn't mandatory, but usually prudent to have.

The standard age for enrolling in Medicare is age 65, but if you have other "creditable" healthcare coverage from your wife's employer you can defer enrolling in Medicare until that employer coverage ends or is about to end. Having that "creditable" employer coverage after age 65 protects you from incurring a Late Enrollment Penalty for enrolling in Medicare after age 65. From what you've written (assuming your employer coverage is "creditable") you can enroll in Medicare at any time now without a penalty for enrolling after 65. You can enroll online at [www.ssa.gov/medicare](http://www.ssa.gov/medicare), or by calling Social Security at 1.800.772.1213.

Medicare Part A and Part B do not include coverage for prescription drugs. For that, you would need to acquire a private Prescription Drug plan (called Medicare Part D), if you wish such coverage after age 65 and after your employer drug coverage



ends.

Part D plans aren't usually expensive – in the \$15 - \$50 per month range – depending on the specific plan and drug "formulary" (the amounts the plan pays for each type of drug). To sort all of this out and figure out your best options for additional coverage, you may wish to contact AMAC's Medicare department ([www.amac.us/medicare](http://www.amac.us/medicare)) and speak with a Medicare insurance specialist.

To recap, in your personal circumstances you are eligible to enroll in Medicare without penalty, even though you're now 68, because you have had "creditable" healthcare coverage through your wife's employer since you were 65 ("creditable" is a group plan with at least 20 participants). You can also simply stay on that employer plan if you wish, and only enroll in Medicare when your employer coverage ends or is about to end. At that time, you will enter a Medicare Special Enrollment Period during which you can enroll in Medicare without incurring a late enrollment penalty. The bottom line? If your current coverage from your wife's employer is creditable and suits your current needs, you can wait until that coverage ends to enroll in Medicare. The only caveat is that you must take free Medicare Part A if you collect Social Security after age 65.■

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Sadly we fight over land, natural resources, strategic power positioning. We fight among ourselves and hate each other. For years, America has been taunted as the Christian nation. There is so much hate in America today that we should be ashamed to call ourselves a Christian nation. Prejudice, hate and violence are still ugly realities of what is supposed to be the greatest nation in the world. The political parties and political figures drag our nation down with constant backbiting and war against each other. All the while many media groups have aligned themselves with political parties and contribute to the national devouring.

Death comes to every individual and sadly history records even death comes to great nations and empires. We die by disease, disaster and design or just do nothing and eventually die anyway. America doesn't have to die. We can have a nation for our children and grandchildren. We can pass all that we have on to our families and children in hopes that they will preserve this great country. Or, we can fight each other until what we have is simply taken over by China, Russia, Japan or someone who is simply watching us die slowly and intends to be ready to step in and take over.

If every American would wake up before we die we might save this country from dying with us.

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# November 8: The Stupid Party Strikes Out...Again

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The birth of modern Republican congressional majorities came in 1994, when Newt Gingrich and his "Contract with America" led the GOP to a gain in the House of Representatives of more than fifty seats, giving the party its first majority since the Eisenhower years in the 1950s. After forty years of wandering in the desert, Republicans by the late 1980s and early 1990s began to think they would never control Congress, that only the Presidency – due to a supposed "lock" on the Electoral College (since erased by mass illegal immigration into states like California) – was attainable, as it was with Reagan and Bush in 1980, 1984 and 1988.

While the Gingrich majority could boast of some successes, such as forcing welfare reform and a few balanced budgets on the Clinton administration, Republicans failed to achieve any major trajectory change in America's accelerating downfall into Roman Empire-style degeneracy and debasement. America's embrace of the 1960's sexual debauchery had become so entrenched by 1998 that Bill Clinton's disgraceful abuse of a young intern in the Oval Office enabled his party to gain seats in Congress, rather than be wiped out as might have happened in a previous generation where traditional morality still reigned.

Republicans hung on until 2006, essentially accomplishing nothing for conservative policy objectives but rather ratifying globalist George W. Bush's forever wars, enrichment of Communist China, empowerment of the national security state after 9/11 and expansion of the welfare state. Bush's criminal war in Iraq sealed the Republican Party's fate in 2006 and Nancy Pelosi took control of the gavel from GOP Speaker Denny Hastert whose main claim to fame was being a convicted felon and serial child rapist. It was probably at that point that the Republican Party itself should have committed hara-kiri and a new party established in its place.

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movement which initially arose as a reaction to Bush's \$800 billion bailout of his Wall Street banker-masters who crashed the global economy in the Fall of 2008. Millions of hard-working American taxpayers had difficulties with the idea of sending fat checks to Wall Street banking houses while they were getting evicted from their homes because they couldn't pay the mortgage. That movement -- which also rallied the public to oppose Obamacare -- allowed the Republican Party to recapture control of the House that year with a jolting gain of 63 seats.

The Tea Party never became a separate political party. It stuck by the Republican Party, naively thinking that the wins of 2010 would lead to quick action in Congress to clip Obama's wings, but under the leadership of the feckless Speaker John Boehner, the Tea Partiers were left jilted at the altar by the GOP. Obama was

in memory -- saw that it was now or never to arrest and reverse America's descent into darkness. At age 69, even he didn't have that much time to take on such a task.

These are the facts, true and indisputable: In 2016, Donald Trump achieved something no Republican had done in three decades: he punctured the so-called "Blue Wall" of the Rust Belt, winning Wisconsin, Michigan, and Pennsylvania with a message on trade and immigration – not cutting Social Security and Medicare—which violated GOP orthodoxy but unlocked the votes of millions of working-class white voters, many of whom had never voted before. They were abandoned by an elite political ruling class that closed 50,000 of their factories and shipped five million jobs overseas, leaving them dependent on food stamps and hooked on opioids.

In 2018, when Trump was NOT on the ballot, millions of those

parking lot. They don't want their Social Security checks cut off nor do they want another giant tax cut for the 1%. They want their jobs back, their borders secured and their cultural values enforced. Quite simply, the Republican Party of Mitch McConnell, Kevin McCarthy and Ronna McDaniel do not stand for them. McConnell and his spouse are agents of the CCP, Kevin McCarthy has been a RINO since his days in the California Assembly and Ronna is a Romney. Enough said. Each of them should be purged from the Republican Party immediately. And, a GOP that re-elects McConnell as Republican leader or elevates McCarthy has speaker will have automatically repudiated the support of the Trump voter.

Trump voters are not Republican voters. Millions did not turn out on November 8. The rural turnout was way down. Yes, there was election fraud and cheating, especially in the so-called swing states which the Democrats always target with ballot harvesting and drop-boxes. However, it's too easy to say simply that the election was "stolen." Donald Trump did not insult and ridicule and cut off funding from our Senate candidates like Masters and Bolduc. China Mitch did that. Donald Trump's endorsed-candidates still won more than 90% of their contests.

In the final analysis, November 8 is a result of the Stupid Party – trying desperately to detach itself from Donald Trump – blowing it again. And, they will keep blowing it until they detach themselves from the campaign contributions of Wall Street, the Business Roundtable, the defense contractors, and Big Pharma. And, if the GOP candidate in 2024 is getting his funding from that crowd, you know the jig is up. As the saying goes, follow the money....

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easily re-elected over RINO Mitt Romney two years later and any real chance of slamming on the brakes of America's unrelenting decline and fall as a constitutional republic evaporated yet again.

An escalator ride in New York City in the summer of 2015 changed the course of American history, probably forever. In fact, many people today are probably at a loss to describe what America or American politics was like prior to the rise of Donald J. Trump, multi-billionaire extraordinaire, developer, and television star. With neither a political nor military background like every other American President, DJT's rise to power was perhaps the unlikeliest in recent history. Having toyed with possible presidential candidacies for two decades, Trump – perhaps the greatest political pulse-reader

voters failed to vote, leading to a loss of 40 seats in the House. Yet, two years later, with Trump ON the ballot, Republicans gained 15 seats (inexplicable if the top of the ticket actually lost the election) and not a single GOP incumbent was defeated. And, in 2022, Trump again was NOT on the ballot and the Red Wave was barely a ripple.

There are those in the Republican establishment who wish to blame Donald Trump – who like Moses led them to the Promised Land in 2016 – for the non-existent Red Wave on November 8. Yet, the facts outlined above prove the opposite. His presence, fighting spirit, and the fact that he speaks Truth to Power are what drive voters to the polls because the issues he raises are the issues that truly impact them at the kitchen table, in the schoolyard, and in the church

