

Opinions

Everybody has one...

New Year, New Me

By Yonatan Hambourger and Tzali Reicher

The way the Jewish community celebrates Rosh Hashanah – the Jewish New Year – often raises eyebrows, and not just because it usually occurs in September.

In a distant cry from the way the majority of the world celebrates the secular New Year, with raves and parties to cast the annus horribilis that was the year before aside for the innocent optimism that this upcoming year will be better, Jews spend the New Year – also known as the High Holidays and the Days of Awe – in their local synagogue. On the first day of the Jewish calendar, we affirm G-d's kingship over us, apologize for the mistakes we made against man and G-d the year before, and ask to be signed and sealed for a good and sweet year ahead.

Why do Jews celebrate their New Year like that? Is there something in the Torah against partying?

Of course not. There are plenty of Jewish holidays marked with joyous celebrations, and we are commanded about our festivals to "rejoice in them." But when we appreciate the magnitude of the opportunity the New Year presents us with, we can quickly appreciate that it isn't an occasion we can let slip by with just merrymaking.

The end of one year and the turning of the calendar into the next offers the chance at a clean slate presented only once a year. We can cast aside the burdens of the past, shed the layers of our shortcomings, and embark on a journey towards self-improvement and spiritual growth that only the promise of a New Year can offer. It's a profound moment of reflection and introspection, a time to take stock of our actions, intentions, and the impact we've had on the world around us.

It's also a time of profound honesty, as G-d accounts for the past year and determines how our next year should look. In that vein, we ask G-d for forgiveness and compassion, and ask the same of our friends and colleagues who we may have wronged or offended to let go of past grievances and move into the new year with peace and tranquility. We set realistic goals, about the growth we'd like to see in our personal,

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New Beginnings

The New Year is traditionally a time to think about new beginnings. The turning of the calendar represents a blank slate, a time to consider setting aside the old in favor of the new. The whole holiday season is an invitation to reflect, with time off work and visits with family and friends to freshen your perspective.

I came across an interesting new-beginning story about Ayaan Hirsi Ali. She is an author, activist, and academic. Born in Somalia, she received political asylum in the Netherlands where she served in the parliament. She has shined a bright light on women's issues on the world scene, like forced marriage, child marriage, and honor killing.

She announced her new beginning in an article entitled, "Why I am now a Christian." She chronicles how reading Bertrand Russell's 1927 lecture, "Why I am not a Christian," shifted her worldview from the religion of her family to atheism. Russell's lecture connects fear and religion. "Fear is the basis of the whole thing," he said, "fear of the mysterious, fear of defeat, fear of death." Ali had experienced religious fear and was weary of it. So, in 2002 she decided to seek solace in Russell's conclusion, "When I die, I shall rot."

So was Ali's worldview until 2023. Her aforementioned article explores Christianity as the solution for the world's problems. It offers "an elaborate set of ideas and institutions designed to safeguard human life, freedom and dignity - from the nation state and the rule of law to the institutions of science, health and learning." Here she identifies basic civilizational benefits of the Christian worldview. But she also gives a personal reason for her new beginning. "I have also turned to Christianity because I ultimately found life without any spiritual solace unendurable - indeed very nearly self-destructive. Atheism failed to answer a simple question: what is the meaning and purpose of life?"

Christianity's answer to that question includes love. "God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him... There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear" (1 Jn. 4:16,18). Religion that motivates by guilt and fear misses the mark.

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All Things New

Wayne Fowler



Commissioner's Questions

I receive questions about neighbors, neighborhoods, and homeowners' associations periodically, and it reminds me that there are people who may be new residents or who simply do not fully understand the inner workings of different governments and the laws related to living in Georgia. I will try to explain some of these differences through the following questions.

Q. I live in a subdivision and my neighbor has given someone permission to hunt on their land. Can you do an ordinance to prevent him from being able to do this in our subdivision?

A. Residential subdivision covenants and restrictions are not county ordinances but rules that subdivision owners must follow. Like any rule or law, if no one enforces them then they have little to no impact. Few, if any, subdivisions that have covenants and restrictions allow hunting or gun use. The problem with covenants and restrictions is that no two subdivisions have the same requirements. They are usually all slightly different. Covenants and restrictions are created when Individual developers subdivide the property. Homeowners should look carefully at the covenants and restrictions when purchasing property. I suggest that all persons looking to purchase property first look to see if covenants and restrictions exist. Then be sure the requirements are something that you agree with before purchasing.

Q. Who controls subdivision covenants and restrictions?

A. Usually it is the property owners as a group. You would need to carefully read your documents and consult an attorney if you have questions.

Q. How do we change our covenants and restrictions, if needed?

A. Covenants and restrictions usually provide guidelines on how/when they can be changed or updated. If there is no direct guideline in your document, all property owners will need to get together and agree to any changes needed. Some subdivisions have homeowners' associations and these homeowners' associations usually have elected officers to help facilitate the change process.

Q. So, if my neighbor has the legal right to let his friend

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Q & A from Union County Commissioner

Lamar Paris



Letters to the Editor

Saved My Husband's Life

Dear Dr. Travis Albright,

First and foremost, I would like to apologize for the delays in my sending this to you. I have had great difficulty in putting words to paper. However, I wish for you to know that there are no words to express my appreciation for the care, compassion, warmth and kindness you bestowed to my husband William Henry Edwards and myself during our visit to Union General Hospital on Sept. 6, 2023.

My husband was brought from our home by ambulance; you were the ER doctor, and I was quite a mess of tears and emotion, as I thought I was losing my husband for good. He has Parkinson's and Lewy Body Dementia, a not too old diagnosis of approximately six years.

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Doing Nothing

Dear Editor,

How many thousands of people in Union County saw the movie "The Sound of Freedom," said OMG, shook their heads, wagged their fingers, and then stuck their heads back in the sand? And I'm not just talking about the "average" person. I'm referring to what are supposed to be Christians.

Where do you draw the line at how many children must be ravaged in the child sex trafficking that is going on because of our open borders? A thousand? A hundred thousand? A million? How many before you act? If it was your child, you would fight with everything that you have, but guess what? Nobody else is going to help you! "I don't want to get involved." "I don't want to risk my comfortable life."

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Clyde Gets It Wrong Again

Dear Editor,

I'm shocked to find that Rep. Andrew Clyde so vehemently opposes and discourages returning and expanding manufacturing in the United States. In his latest lie-filled list of buzz words and contextual distortions, Clyde calls the Biden effort to expand the use of electric cars in the U.S., "a reckless attempt by the Biden Administration to expand government control over our everyday lives in order to advance the Left's garbage Green New Deal policies."

This diatribe clearly demonstrates one of two scenarios:

1. Clyde opposes the U.S. manufacturing of not only electric cars, but their parts, batteries, and charging stations, and the 8-10 million

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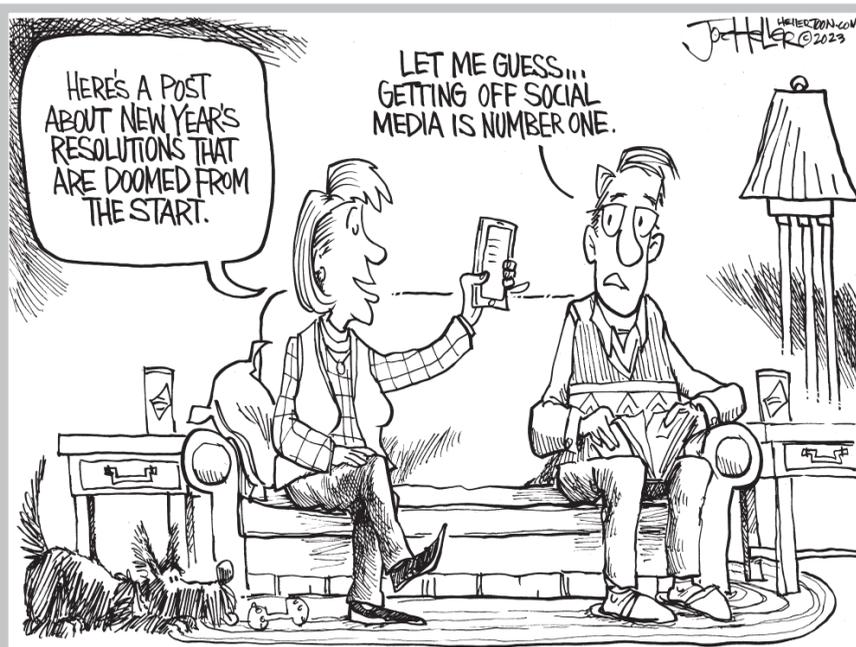
Follow the Money

Dear Editor,

As the invasion of this country's borders continues, maybe we should look at the old adage "follow the money." The first group to consider is the "taxpayers" of the countries that the illegal immigrants are coming from. (Since many of the illegal immigrants expect to be taken care of by the United States government, they were probably taken care of in their native countries. Taxpayers in the home countries have less tax burden once the immigrants leave. Also, the number of criminals crossing the border and not being jailed in their home country is another savings for those countries' taxpayers.)

The next group is the "criminal element." Drug cartels, sex traffickers, human traffickers and others oversee illegal immigrants crossing the border. Since the enterprise is so massive, none of these groups face any consequences. The home countries are helped, while the countries they pass through don't want to stop them. Law enforcement in the USA can't go into other countries to stop immigrant traffic, so the world just sends the invading forces to

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Expectations IV

Joshua was in his late fifties, married, two children of grown age, and successful in his private business. Joshua was a restless, fidgety, and unhappy individual. He was in counseling as an order from his wife – "Either you get counseling or I'm leaving you." From the very get-go, this would not be "therapy at its best."

A person forced into counseling sessions is a challenge equal to crossing Niagara Falls on a tightrope with no safety harness.

Many topics in therapy were hit on which might have caused his visits, but none of them was on target. It was like searching for that needle planted in the therapeutic haystack. Search, search, search.

It turned out that Joshua had a personal need, almost compulsion, to control the comings and goings of his family members to the point that they avoided him at all costs. However, Joshua was the family patriarch, and he was unaccustomed to being challenged by his family or his associates. It wasn't any wonder that his associates harbored hostility, frustration, anger, and resentment.

Joshua felt compelled to watch over the work of his associates, evaluate it on the spot, and verbally demand that the completed job be done to his exact expectations. As you can expect, his employees developed severe stress-related ailments to the point that absenteeism in Joshua's company reached a mammoth percentage. And not everyone was playing hooky. Some were actually physically ill.

Joshua believed that since he was defraying the therapeutic cost, he had the right to control the therapy sessions. Total havoc became a part of his journey. The journey did not go far or last long.

Since Joshua was accustomed to being in charge of the lives of those in his arena, he naturally expected those individuals to fall dutifully in line. As the high commander, he felt that his relationships should follow his expectations. Because of his behavioral conduct, Joshua expected his "have it my way" demeanor to be honored. He even believed that he was in control of his therapy sessions and that the therapist was there simply for the exhilarating ride.

It was natural that the therapeutic opportunities never gained momentum. Bona fide "therapeutic traveling" has only one steam captain, and it's not the client. He is a paying, privileged passenger on the journey. No debate. No compromise. No alternatives.

Sadly, Joshua's steamboat therapeutic tour was short. He was not willing or perhaps able to

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Successful Mental Health

Dr. James Ray Ashurst PH.D.



Lon Steele and Hoover Baggett

When I was younger a tradition around our old homeplace was to shoot our guns up in the air to celebrate the ringing in of a new year. I never knew how this tradition began until I heard a radio show host discussing the topic. It seems the tradition began in Germany shortly after the introduction of firearms. Old Hollywood movies would show cowboys in saloons shooting their pistols to celebrate various holidays. I have often wondered if the reason they were shooting up in saloons was because of their consumption of alcohol. The following story is probably associated with too much consumption of distilled spirits.

Daddy (Paul) and his brother (Bud) owned a pair of outstanding coon hounds during the 1950s. Daddy was about 14 years old when they traded for the pair of Black and Tan Hounds. The family enjoyed squirrel dumplings while the brothers could sell the hides from the coons for a little money. Old Sam and Lou hit their stride around 1956-57 when they treed more than 100 coons during the fall and winter.

The pair of dogs became widely known, and everyone wanted to hunt with that fine pair of coon hounds owned by the Cummings boys. But the boys were particular about who they would let go hunting with the dogs, so, they never let anyone borrow them. However, anyone could go hunting with either of them and their dogs. One day Daddy was stopped in town by Lon Steele who asked if he could borrow his dogs. He explained that Lon could come and hunt with Daddy and his dogs anytime. But, the dogs could not be borrowed by anybody. So, Lon told him that he and Hoover Baggett would meet him at the Mon Dye Bottoms on Saturday evening.

Dad met them at the old bridge over Turkey Creek. He said, "As I was releasing the dogs I knew there would be trouble because Lon took a swig from a flask located in his pocket." The dogs struck a trail and treed a coon in 30 minutes. Hoover and Lon celebrated by passing around the bottle. By the time the men reached the dogs at the next tree Hoover Baggett and Lon Steele were in high spirits. The dogs had treed a big old boar coon which had to have weighed 25 pounds. The men celebrated once again with their flasks. It wasn't long until the dogs struck another track. Dad noticed Lon stumble a couple of times as he began walking toward the dogs.

The dogs trailed their quarry across the creek and treed next to a rock (the size of a house) close to a tall bluff. The area was rough,

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Around The Farm

Mickey Cummings



Apple Tree Pruning

Deep winter is prime apple tree pruning time. Pruning apple trees is important early in the tree's life so that it gets started off right. Later on, if you properly prune the tree each year the tree will be more productive, more disease resistant, and have a longer life. Keeping all these things in mind, let's talk about apple tree pruning today.

The general advice that I give people when it comes to pruning apple trees is to prune as much as you feel comfortable, then go back and prune a bit more. Most of the time people are afraid of damaging the tree if they cut too far back. However, if trees are pruned at the right time of year and the right branches are cut off, it will be better for the long-term health of the tree.

If you have a tree that has not been pruned regularly, and you're trying to get it back into shape you'll want to start out by pruning out and dead or diseased branches. Second, you'll want to cut out any crossing branches. Crossing branches create open wounds that can be easily infected. After you've pruned out dead, diseased, and crossing branches you want to try to open up the canopy. An open canopy will allow airflow. That's going to reduce the humidity, and therefore reduce the severity of disease occurring. The saying is that you want the canopy to be so open that a bird could fly through it without hitting any branches. A tree that has too many branches will not be as productive. An apple tree is only able to effectively produce a certain amount of fruit. Adding fertilizer can boost the productivity. Therefore, pruning might affect the number of fruit you tree produces, but you'll have better quality and they'll be more likely to make it all the way to maturity.

Trees that have been properly pruned their whole lives will have more a Christmas tree shape than a teardrop shape. If you have a newly planted tree, you'll need to prune it as well. If you have planted an unbranched whip, you'll need to cut it back to 24 to 30 inches above the ground. This is going to encourage the new tree to branch out. If you don't prune an unbranched whip, you'll probably end up having a 20-foot tall tree that doesn't have any branches on it.

Sometimes people will plant a seed from an apple core that they've eaten. This can be a fun experiment for kids to see an apple tree grow. An issue that you may run into with this is that there is no telling what kind of apple tree will come up. If you plant a seed from your favorite apple, that fruit could have been pollinated by a different variety, leaving you with an unknown cross. Another issue is that nowadays

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hunt on his adjacent property, what if he shoots a deer and it happens to die on my property? Who does the deer belong to?

A. This is one of the places when the State Law has precedence over county or subdivision law. If a hunter shoots an animal legally in proper hunting season, he should contact you - the property owner - to ask permission to remove the deer. It is then expected that the hunter would have a legal right to claim his deer. However, in my many years in office, this problem has not come up before, and I do not look for it to come up anytime soon. It is expected that simple common sense and decency should be observed between neighbors.

Q. Can you do an or-

dinance that restricts people from using guns in our subdivision?

A. No. We can only hope that common decency will prevent anyone from shooting in a subdivision at an inappropriate time, although we have had a couple of instances where this has happened in the past.

Q. Can we put in our covenants and restrictions that if a property owner does not live in Union County full-time, they have to put up no trespassing signs?

A. As far as I know, that is a legitimate legal addition to covenants, but I have not seen it before. Again, any issues dealing with your subdivision are controlled by the property owners as a group and/or their attorney.

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However, this time, the dyskinesia was such that I could not get him to calm down and had no idea what was happening, so I called paramedics, and when he arrived at the emergency room you quickly diagnosed after testing that he had metabolic acidosis and his kidneys were shutting down.

I think the worse part of all was being all alone in the room and the hall and not knowing what I would do without him. You were so compassionate and caring, and when you told me you had to intubate as he was not able to breathe properly the way he was, I had seen his chest going up and down like he was struggling for air and had no idea what would need to be done, but I was terrified that once you did this, he may never come back to me again, talk or breathe on his own. You assured me this was the solution, and I signed off on it.

Then you said you wanted him moved quickly to Gainesville Hospital. I didn't understand why we couldn't send him to Emory, as that was where his neurologist and psychiatrist were, and you said that is not what he needs now. He

needs intensive care for respiratory issues first. You were so honest, firm, and yet kind, and I knew that I needed to listen to you.

I am here today after almost a month of him being in Gainesville and me driving back and forth there daily to say you "saved my husband's life." He is here to celebrate another Christmas with me, and without you, that would not have happened. Yes, the kidney doctors in Gainesville were instrumental and the ICU staff, but sir, you were the one, you were the doctor that was gifted with the ability from God to save lives. You are a person I will never forget as long as I live.

My husband does not remember the experience, and it is best he does not, but he knows of you, as when we do our prayers, we pray for you to continue on the path that you were directed to. "Thank you" are two such small words, and yet here I am saying Thank You for being a doctor, thank you for being my husband's doctor, thank you for God placing you in the ER that day. We will never forget you.

Angie Edwards

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You have got to understand that we are in a battle. That battle is not between Democrats and Republicans. It is not between the blacks and the whites. It is not between the rich and the poor. It is a spiritual battle, and Satan is winning, because his greatest weapon is the refusal of good people to put on the armor of GOD and fight.

People are praying everywhere "for our country." People are praying for GOD to do something; I say that you should be praying for what YOU can do. People know that our country is getting worse and worse, and still, they refuse to act.

You say that there is a separation of church and state. You still have your head in the sand. That is nowhere in the Constitution, and in fact, the only place that phrase even remotely appears is in a letter that Thomas Jefferson wrote to the Danbury Baptist Association in 1802, in which he said that there was a "wall of separation between church and state," which means that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion." In oth-

er words, Congress cannot establish a religion for everybody to practice. We are not required to be Anglicans, or Baptists, or Muslims, or Hindus, or atheists. We have a choice.

"Give me liberty or give me death!" was spoken by Patrick Henry at St. John's Church, Richmond, Virginia, on March 23, 1775, to the Second Virginia Revolutionary Convention meeting. This was not a church service. It was a convention, in the church, behind the pulpit! Is there a single church in Union County that will offer its sanctuary for a political convention? Or a political debate? Or even a voter registration event?

How many people must die from fentanyl poisoning? How many millions of our tax dollars must we give to millions of illegals while our veterans are left without? How many terrorists must we allow to cross the border? How many acts of terror must they commit before we say that's enough?

And the open border is just ONE political issue among many that is being ignored by "good people."

David Brookins

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professional, and spiritual pursuits.

All these are lessons that can be applied to the New Year 2024.

Amidst all the revelry and celebrations that have rightfully been earned after a tough year, I urge our readers to create their own Rosh Hashanah Moment and reflect on the events of the past year to influence the direction the next year will take you on.

Think about your 2023. What positive events happened and what less-than-positive things happened, what were the things you did well and what could be done better, and who do you need to make things right with? What are your hopes, goals and aims for the upcoming year, and what can you do now to be the change you'd like to make happen?

It's taking meaningful and proactively positive steps like these that can transform what is otherwise simply a public holiday into the first day of the best year of your life.

So as January 1st dawns, I wish all our readers a sweet and joyful 2024, a year in which all your hopes and dreams are achieved, and you know only blessings. As a nation, we should only experience peace, joy,

and sustenance.

Our leaders should be blessed with the courage and wisdom to lead us to peaceful outcomes in all our domestic and international challenges, and may the United States of America continue to affirm its position as the moral center of the world.

I would love to hear your thoughts on this week's column. Please email me at yonatan@chabadruralgeorgia.com.

Wishing you G-d's abundant blessings in the new year, and always, Rabbi Yonatan Hambourger.

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most trees have been grafted onto a rootstock. The grafted rootstock will provide more protection from root diseases and may dwarf the tree, which cuts down on the difficulty of managing the tree.

If you have questions about pruning apple trees, contact your County Extension Office or email me at Jacob.Williams@uga.edu.

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and it took the two men a long time to walk the couple of miles up the creek bottom. Dad said he wasn't sure if Hoover and Lon were just out of shape or if the alcohol was affecting their ability to walk. But, the men had fallen down a number of times before they got to the tree and big rock. This boulder was the size of a house and it was about 30 feet high. Dad said the tree was a Hemlock and it was difficult to locate the coon because it was an evergreen tree. So, they all climbed up on the rock to try to see the raccoon. Finally, the three fellows found the coon and Lon decided to shoot it. He pulled out his pistol and shot a couple of times with no success. The man was too inebriated to shoot out the critter. He claimed the raccoon was moving too much.

The tree was close to the rock so Hoover jumped to the tree from the rock and climbed up to where the raccoon was located. His idea was to use a stick to poke the coon out of the tree. He stood on a limb and was holding to another limb on the other side of the tree while

he poked at the coon with a long stick in his free hand. The raccoon was not moving any, so Lon Steele decided to help his friend. He raised his gun and began shooting. Dad said both men were laughing and Hoover was encouraging Lon to shoot the coon. But he was so drunk he couldn't even see what he was shooting at. But, the drunk man did shoot the tree from which Hoover was standing. The limb cracked and broke which caused Hoover to fall more than 50 feet to the ground. Dad was scared to death. He claimed that was the only time he ever saw a man get shot out of a tree.

The coon got away while Hoover lay on the ground laughing. Dad quickly and quietly gathered his dogs and left the two men still lying on the ground laughing. Later they said that this hunting trip was the most fun they'd ever had. Dad refused to go hunting with anyone he didn't know again.

It just seems to me that alcohol and guns don't go well together. I have always heard that God looks over drunks and fools.

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Jesus offered a new beginning to Nicodemus. "Unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus asked, "How can these things be?" Jesus replied, "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life" (Jn. 3:16). To believe is to have new life, a new beginning.

Ali is leaning into her new beginning. "I still have a great deal to learn about Christianity, I discover a little more at church each Sunday." What a great way forward!

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relinquish his controls, verbal demands, and unrealistic expectations. He departed as he arrived - a controlling, domineering individual who, unlike Huck Finn, wasn't free to enjoy his "steamboat" escapade. His marriage did not survive the turmoil, his children stopped tolerating the continuous abuse, and his associates started to find other places to work.

You and I can STOP having expectations towards others in our arena. However, it will require the super strength of Superman, the delicate finesse of Snow White, the sheer determination of Cinderella, and the enduring patience of Job.

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continues to help us grow. We hear the need for housing for working professionals such as teachers and nurses, and families that are growing and need more space. There are seniors that want less maintenance but still want that community environment. This is housing for our current population. There are still young adults that are forced to live with their parents. I spoke to two married couples that share a house, but they know as their families grow, they will need to find a different solution. We look forward to being a part of helping our community while preserving its character and heritage.

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America. Once illegal immigrants cross the border, health screenings are performed by a federal agency which requires increased employees, and transportation is provided by government agencies which requires more employees. As the number of services increases, the number of government employees also increases. Larger number of union members yields growth of union dues.

Big drug companies provide medicines and bill the Federal government which picks up the tab. How many illegal immigrants have private health insurance, network of support, sponsors to provide financial support? Government employee unions grow. The illegal immigrants expect the American taxpayers to foot the bill.

As illegal immigrants move into communities where more government services are provided, schools have to hire additional teachers and support staff. The income of teachers' unions grows so the union leadership has more available funds.

Other results of enlarged immigrant populations include cheap labor, underground economic growth and on and on.

What do all these have in common? The health care industry, big drug companies, teachers' unions, special services organizations, and government agencies all grow as the invasion continues. You

need to remember the Biden administration told all 643 Federal government agencies they needed to be involved politically (i.e., support the administration). All are to some extent funded by the American taxpayer, thus allowing these organizations to make very large contributions to the Democrat Party.

Remember, "follow the money." The home countries get foreign aid which is mostly unaccounted for. This aid can be used any way the recipients want, including donating to the Democrat Party. The home countries can support the Democrat Party as long as their citizens invade the United States and they do not have to provide services. The criminal element needs the invasion to continue. As long as their profits remain high, they support the Democrat Party. Government unions grow, therefore, their assets increase. They have more money to contribute to the Democrat Party through Political Action Committees, union dues, individual donations and other ways. The big companies that contract services to illegal immigrants continue to support the Democrat Party. As long as the invasion continues, it will be a big money pump for the Democrat Party.

As Democrat leaders have said, "Never let a crisis go to waste." Democrats allow the invasion to continue to ensure they are well funded.

George Burch