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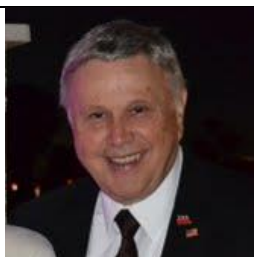
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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK: MY TWO CENTS By Stuart Gorin



This issue marks a 10th anniversary! It was in August 2009, under its previous name "The Tusk," that the newsletter was born. Issue No. 1 (which can be found on our website www.thetusk.org) was all of three pages in length, and the following year, the name was expanded to its current "The Space Coast Tusk." Adding much more material and more and more readers along the way, we now produce as many as 19 pages each month. I do receive appreciative comments from many readers, and understandably, there are those who have tried it but then chose to unsubscribe.

To those readers who wish to know why I work 24-7 (this is what my wife, Barbara, says) on this uncompensated venture, it is because it really is a labor of love. Prior to my retirement from the late, lamented U.S. Information Agency in Washington, DC, I wrote a political newsletter for our overseas audiences so they would have a better understanding of America's political process. I knew I just could not stop writing about politics after retirement, and still feel the need to share.
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Watching the two Dem presidential debates from Detroit on July 30 and 31, I was prepared for all of the vile, anti-Trump rhetoric – unfounded charges of Russian collusion and racism, calls for impeachment – as well as the "glorification" of socialism, open borders, abortion, the Green New Deal, and free everything. After all, it's politics as usual. But what really disgusted me was candidate Ohio Dem Congressman Tim Ryan standing on the stage with his hands down during the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner" – while all of the others properly had their hands over their hearts.
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More Two Cents next month.

Delivering the keynote address at the 5th annual Rescuing Veterans Lost In America dinner in Cape Canaveral on July 27, **Florida Senator Rick Scott** used his own military experience to explain the importance of serving in the U.S. military to the more than 450 people in attendance and to encourage them to support the efforts being carried out by the National Veterans Homeless Support (NVHS).

Scott enlisted in the United States Navy as a young man, serving as a radar technician on the USS Glover. As Florida's Governor 2011-19, he made the state "the most military and veteran-friendly one in the nation," and spoke of the investments and programs that support military members, veterans and their families, both during and after their service.



He pointed out that these programs included property tax cuts for deployed service members, numerous efforts to connect veterans and their families to career and educational opportunities, and tax breaks for businesses owned by veterans and their spouses. Scott also awarded more than 14,500 veterans with the Governor's Veterans Service Medal.

Florida has 20 military bases and three unified commands that generate billions of dollars for the state's economy and support stable, high-paying jobs for Floridians that are vital for both the state's economy and national security, Scott said,

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adding that as Senator, he will fight in Washington to ensure the state remains a national leader for military and defense.

A member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, he said, "We have to fund and support our military. I'm fighting to match President Trump's request of \$750 billion in defense spending. I'm also working to secure \$17 billion in disaster relief funding, which will help rebuild Tyndall Air Force Base following the devastation of Hurricane Michael."

The dinner was organized by Brevard County's Constitutional Officers. **Brevard County Property Appraiser Dana Blickley** said the dinner and accompanying auction items raised about \$46,000 for NVHS. Showing weapons, clothing articles, art works and other auction objects to the crowd were **Brevard Tax Collector Lisa Cullen** and **Supervisor of Elections Lori Scott**.



Noting that there are 68,000 veterans residing in Brevard County, Blickley said that "Florida's voters recognized the sacrifices made by America's brave soldiers by approving several property tax exemptions to qualifying veterans and their surviving spouses." These included, she said, total homestead exemption for veterans who are totally disabled or require a wheelchair for mobility; a property

tax discount for a disabled veteran age 65 or older; a total exemption on the home of a surviving spouse of a veteran who died from service-connected causes while on active duty; and a \$5,000 exemption for an ex-service member disabled at least 10 percent in war.

NVHS President George Taylor, Sr. founded the organization in 2008, when Brevard County had a reported 1,800 homeless vets living on county streets. NVHS's three main programs are 1) Search and Rescue Outreach, with the goal of transitioning the homeless into house veterans; once they are located in forests, parks and streets they are provided food and clothing; 2) PTSA, meaning Post Traumatic Stress Awareness, Action and Anonymity; and providing education to the overall community that post-traumatic stress disorder is not a disease; and 3) Transitional Housing for single veterans as well as families, at facilities where they are assisted with developing individualized plans to get them back on their feet again, such as employment, disability claims, and life skills.



This year, Taylor said with pride, the number of homeless vets in Brevard County is under 200. "As our population of unsheltered veterans decreased," he added, "it became apparent that there was a real need for us to focus on prevention activities for our at-risk (low income/disabled) veterans in our community, who more often than not require

rapid financial intervention in the form of rent/utility payments to remain housed."

A highlight of the annual dinner – carried out by retired **Army Lieutenant Colonel Tim Thomas**, the ROTC instructor at Viera High School and a member of the Melbourne City Council, plus five members of his Army Junior ROTC unit – is the poignant "Missing Man Table."

For this ceremony, a table with five place settings and five empty chairs was in the front of the auditorium. The ROTC cadets marched in and stood behind the five place settings – representing missing members of the five military branches – the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard – in armed conflict.

Thomas explained to the audience that the table is round, to represent the everlasting concern that survivors have for the missing; the white tablecloth symbolizes the pure intentions of the service members who responded to the country's call to arms; a single rose in a vase represents the bloodshed in sacrifice as well as the family and friends who keep the faith while awaiting the return of the missing; a red ribbon represents a love of country that inspired the service members; a slice of lemon represents the bitter fate of the missing; sprinkled salt symbolizes the tears shed by waiting families; an inverted glass indicates that the missing and fallen cannot partake; a Bible represents the spiritual strength and faith to sustain the loss; and a lit candle symbolizes a light of hope that lives in hearts to illuminate the missing's way home.



For additional information or to contribute to the organization's effort to rescue veterans lost in America, visit the website: www.nvhs.org.

WEST ENCOURAGES REPUBLICANS TO SHINE LIGHT ON DEMOCRAT FALSEHOODS

Former **Florida Congressman and retired U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel Allen West** told an enthusiastic gathering of around 150 Conservative Republicans in Melbourne on August 13 that all of us must "have the courage to shine the light" on what the socialist Democrats and the media are falsely saying, and "we need to talk about America's greatness."



The Democrat presidential candidates, West said, did not talk in their debates about the triumph of individualism – which they think is unimportant – and only want electoral votes in the 2020 presidential election. "We must educate people about the importance of the Electoral College," which they want to abolish in favor of popular votes, he said, stressing that many people are unaware of how the Founding Fathers did not want

voters in the smaller states to be overwhelmed by the larger state's populations.

Discussing education, West said there should be a conservative Hillsdale College "in every state," and urged Brevardians to see if Hillsdale President Larry Arnn would be able to set up a satellite campus here.

"Our kids don't know history, and we cannot win if we don't know who we are," West said, adding that the election next year is "critical." Another problem is that many people today "do not show the same amount of pride for our country as they do for college sports teams," he said.

Using a different sports analogy, he said young people can be our "farm team," and start out in politics by running for office at the City Council or School Board levels, because these are the positions that "set the agenda."

The important question, he added, is "Will the next generation be victors or victims?"

West said the Left has taken over urban areas even in Red States, and we have to go into those areas and spread the message. When people call you names like "racist," he said, "they are only trying to shut you up. Don't let them!"

Talk about Planned Parenthood, West said, "and point out that in 46 years since Roe v. Wade, 20 million black babies were murdered in their mothers' wombs."

Noting that the Congressional Black Caucus is all Democrat – and would not allow him to join when he was in Congress – West said its members "are paid to keep people in victimhood."

Speaking of the election successes in Brevard County, West said the audience members should go into Hispanic and Black communities to help continue the run. And he drew applause when he noted that **Florida Governor Ron DeSantis** won his 2018 race by supporting school choice and gaining 100,000 Black votes in the state.

West, who left Florida five years ago and moved to Texas, said he would be a candidate for the chairmanship of the GOP in the Lone Star state.

"Constitutional conservatives can achieve whatever you want," West stressed, and concluded by receiving another standing ovation when he said, "When you leave here, fight like hell for the USA."

He stuck around after his talk for photos and to personalize signed copies of his book "Hold Texas, Hold the Nation: Victory or Death."

Florida 14th District State Senator Tom Wright introduced West to the audience, reminding them of his 20-year-service in the U.S. Army, including in the Gulf War and the War on Terror, which was followed by his 2011-13 congressional term in Florida's 22nd District.

West, Wright said, is "a true conservative, and an asset to the GOP"

REMEMBERING DAVE PASLEY.

Former **Sebastian Inlet Commissioner Dave Pasley** lost his heroic fight against pancreatic cancer on July 24 at age 76.



A resident of Melbourne Beach, Florida, he had a love for the Indian River Lagoon and the Sebastian Inlet and was elected to serve on the Inlet Commission 2014-18. Pasley often said how much he enjoyed serving in that role.

After retirement from IBM, working in product development and management, and from Dell Computers as a software program manager, Dave volunteered at Sebastian Inlet State Park, joining a group of other retirees who did odd jobs around the park, including building park benches and boardwalks, painting, clearing brush, etc. That led to his forming what he lovingly called the "Old Geezer Construction Group". To insure financial support of the group's many projects, he became a board member of the Friends of Sebastian Inlet State Park and served in many positions, including President.

Pasley also was involved with the Brevard County Budget Review, Board of Adjustments, and Citizens Coalition. A strong Republican, he was active with the Brevard Tea Party, the Ronald Reagan Club, and the Republican Liberty Caucus. A native of West Frankfort, Illinois, he joined the U.S. Air Force after high school, but later earned a bachelor's degree from Northwestern University and a master's degree from Florida Institute of Technology.

Pasley had two sons, David and Chris, with his first wife, Mary, who passed away in 1974 after an extended illness. He later married Pat, and they were together for 44 years.

He loved to travel, and visited Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Costa Rica, Italy, Mexico, the Bahamas, and Scotland, as well as many areas throughout the United States. A Funeral Mass and Celebration of Life was held for his family members and his many friends at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Melbourne Beach on August 17. Speaking at that service, his older son, David Pasley II, pointed out that "He was pretty much a 'what you see is what you get' kind of guy."

Outside after the service, in honor of his time in the military, two U.S. airmen opened and re-folded an American flag, played "Taps", and presented the flag to his family.

Then, at a reception in another church building, attendees toasted Pasley with one of his favorite drinks – single malt Scotch.

Dave definitely will be missed.



CAMPAIGN FOR WORKING FAMILIES END OF DAY REPORT. Gary Bauer, president of Campaign For Working Families, had this to say about Jeffrey Epstein, who was found dead in his New York prison cell August 10 after allegedly committing suicide: “If anyone

wonders why many Americans are so cynical, and why there is a widely held populist view that there are two systems of justice, look no further than the body of convicted pedophile Jeffrey Epstein. Two weeks ago, Epstein was found in his cell semi-conscious with marks around his neck. Attorney General William Barr said he was ‘appalled’ and ‘angry’ when he heard the news that Epstein died in federal custody. Barr added that there were ‘serious irregularities’ at the facility, and he ordered an investigation into the dereliction of duty that allowed Epstein to escape justice. Epstein's death comes just 36 hours after the release of court documents implicating several high-profile individuals, including former Senate Democrat Majority Leader George Mitchell and New Mexico Democrat Governor Bill Richardson. It's not just that there appears to be two systems of justice, one for the wealthy and one for everyone else, it seems that there are separate systems of justice for conservatives and liberals. The Epstein scandal comes at a time when there has been no justice meted out to the individuals who attempted to frame President Trump as an agent for the Russian government. To restore confidence, not only should the Epstein investigation continue, we need to get to the bottom of how the Justice Department, the FBI and the CIA were turned into a political weapon against the nominee of the Republican Party and eventually the sitting president”....Meanwhile, “The New York Post” reported that according to an unnamed former inmate at the prison facility, there is “no way” Epstein could have pulled off killing himself. “I’ve done too much time in those units,” the former inmate said. “It’s an impossibility. Between the floor and the ceiling is like eight or nine feet. There’s no way for you to connect to anything. You have sheets, but they’re paper, not strong enough. He was 200 pounds – it would never happen.”

MUELLER REPORT. Let’s hear a shout-out. Who among you believe that Special Counsel Robert Mueller actually wrote the 400-plus page “Mueller Report”? The sound of silence is deafening! His July 24 hearings before two House Committees were gut-wrenching, as time after time, Mueller seemed not to know what was in the report, and when asked if specific actions were investigated during the more than two-year “witch hunt,” as **President Trump** called it, he responded more than one hundred times, “that was not in my bailiwick.” He could not even answer who actually assigned the 15 Democrat attorneys to his staff. And when asked about specific things in the report, he repeatedly needed to know what pages were involved. Very sad. The Deep State needed a figurehead for this massive waste of time and taxpayer

funding. “The American Spectator” political strategist **Jeffrey Lord** called Mueller’s performance “an unmitigated disaster” – an investigation “run by his staff of Trump-hating zealots.” And former **Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee** said one could almost feel sorry for Mueller – “until you remember how his failure to declare the investigation over when he knew it was groundless, and letting it drag out past the 2018 election that helped give us AOC and her ilk.”

CONWAY, BONDI AT WOMEN FOR TRUMP RALLY



White House Counselor Kellyanne Conway and former **Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi** highlighted a Women for Trump “An Evening to Empower” rally in Tampa, Florida, on August 22. It was one of more than a dozen such programs in cities across America celebrating the 99th anniversary of women gaining the right to vote. Pointing to a low unemployment rate among women and the Paid Family Leave Act included in the latest White House budget, Conway said the President has made women a priority during his time in office. She also criticized the field of potential 2020 Democrat presidential challengers, saying “They think it's a binary choice of Trump or not Trump. The only binary choice is freedom vs. socialism.” Bondi, who is now a lobbyist in Tallahassee and Washington and a strong Trump supporter, said, “People used to come up to me and whisper, ‘I support the President.’ They were scared. Now they’re wearing their ‘Keep America Great’ t-shirt proudly.” In a recent op-ed, she wrote, “The Trump economic boom is making it easier for women, in particular, to succeed in the workplace – the female unemployment rate has gone down to levels not seen since the early-1950s. Economic security alleviates the stress of mortgages, medical expenses, and child care, and we can thank President Trump for creating an economy that helps women and families succeed.” **President Trump** phoned into the event himself, telling the crowd of about 1,000 attendees that he is “with you all the way. We're going to have a great race. I think it's going to be even easier than the last time, but let's pretend it's even tougher so we work harder.” He added that, “If we lose, it will be a very, very bad day for the country.”

POLITICAL JOTTINGS AND DOTTINGS IN WASHINGTON.... Since last month’s newsletter.... **President Trump** has signed a sweeping budget deal that increases federal spending and lifts the nation’s borrowing limit; the new law suspends the debt ceiling through July 2021, removing the threat of a default during the 2020

elections, and raises domestic and military spending by more than \$320 billion compared to existing law over the next two fiscal years. Fiscal hawks and some conservative Republicans decried the measure, which is projected to add nearly \$2 trillion to the deficit over the next decade....Overturning decisions by a rogue judge and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled 5-4 to allow Trump to use \$2.5 billion of military funding for wall construction along the U.S. southern border....**U.S. District Judge Timothy Kelly**, in response to a lawsuit filed by Capital Area Immigrants' Rights Coalition and the Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education, ruled that he would not halt a Trump administration effort to restrict Central American migrants' ability to apply for asylum....**U.S. District Judge Carl Nichols**, a Trump appointee, blocked New York State from turning over the president's tax information to the House Ways and Means Committee in Congress....Trump nominated **Eugene Scalia** – a former Labor Department senior official and son of the late **U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia** – to be the next Secretary of Labor, replacing **Alex Acosta**. He also selected retired U.S. Navy Vice Admiral and current head of the National Counterterrorism Center, **Joseph Maguire**, to be Acting Director of National Intelligence, replacing **Daniel Coats**....The U.S. Senate confirmed Army veteran and former lobbyist **Mark Esper** as secretary of defense; **Kelly Knight Craft**, former U.S. ambassador to Canada, as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, replacing **Nikki Haley**; and the following as U.S. Ambassadors: businessman **Kenneth George** to Uruguay; businessman **Donald Tapia** to Jamaica; businesswoman **Lynda Blanchard** to Slovenia; attorney **Christopher Landau** to Mexico; and the following members of the career Foreign Service: **Richard Bell** to the Ivory Coast, **Patrick Murphy** to Cambodia, **Richard Norland** to Libya, **Jonathan Cohen** to Egypt, **Philip Goldberg** to Colombia, **Jessica Lapenn** to the African Union, and **Mary Beth Leonard** to Nigeria. The Senate also confirmed longtime Delta Air Lines executive **Stephen Dickson** as head of the Federal Aviation Administration.... **Alyssa Farah**, the daughter of WND.com founder **Joseph Farah**, is leaving the staff of **Vice President Mike Pence** to serve as press secretary at the Department of Defense.

LOVE OR LEAVE IT. After **President Trump** said in a speech that people who hate America should consider temporarily going back home, the Left freaked out and the media incorrectly considered his comments racist, but many everyday Americans agree with the president. "The Daily Caller" then reported that **Pastor E. W. Lucas** of the Friendship Baptist Church in Appomattox, Virginia, placed the following message on his sign board outside the building: "America: Love Or Leave It." And "CultureWatchNews" said that leftists were "losing their minds" over the action.



THE POWER OF PUBLIC OUTRAGE. It only took a couple of days of public outrage for the wishy-washy City Council and City Manager of Tega Cay, South Carolina, to change their minds and agree to restore and keep in place a memorial honoring fallen police officers in front of the city's new police station. A local woman's club had gifted the monument and it had been installed by an Eagle Scout. But then after one single, disgruntled man complained, the monument was desecrated and marked for removal. What had that one resident in a snit was the phrase on the memorial that began: "Lord, I ask for courage. Courage to face and conquer my own fears, courage to take me where others will not go..." Columnist and commentator **Todd Starnes** helped publicize the outrage, calling the council members "cowards," and suggesting that the citizens of Tega Cay circulate a recall petition to remove from office those lawmakers who agreed to remove the memorial.

REMEMBERING WES PRUDEN. "The Washington Times" editor emeritus **Wes Pruden**, who died on July 17 at age 83, was, in the words of the paper's columnist **Charles Hurt**, "the last of a now-dead breed. His devotion was entirely to the unvarnished truth." Syndicated columnist **Cal Thomas** called him "a great journalist of the old school in a profession that could use more of the old school." His hallmarks, said



"Times" columnist **Jennifer Harper**, were "accuracy, insight and some pretty fabulous humor." And former **Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee** said Pruden was "a classic newspaperman who had ink instead of blood in his veins." He was never seen in public without his iconic straw fedora hat. Pruden, whose newspaper career – he despised the word "journalist" – began 67 years ago as a teenage copy boy in Arkansas, continued as a foreign correspondent with the "National Observer", and ended with his 37-year stint at the conservative "Times" (never to be confused with the liberal "Washington Com-Post"). Noting that Pruden was a friend of his for 30 years, **Emmett Tyrell**, founder and editor-in-chief of "The American Spectator", said he was "a major force in conservative media" and "an honorable man." But that is not the way the "Com-Post" described him, Tyrell added, saying its hopelessly biased obituary called Pruden "a punchy, defiantly abrasive columnist." As Editor of "The Space Coast Tusk," I read numerous publications and columnists, and one of my very favorite was "Pruden on Politics." His final one, written just days before he passed away, concerned the four infamous members of Congress that he called the "Four Noisy Horseladies of the Apocalypse." Ladies; not Women. A gentleman to the end. Not punchy. Not abrasive.

THE LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE. **Vice President Mike Pence** visited the Virginia-based Leadership Institute on July 29, telling the 35 young conservative leaders receiving training in effective political organizing that he was "looking



at the future leaders of the conservative movement and the future leaders of America." Pence explained to the students the importance of their work to the future of

our conservative movement. "The impact of the Leadership Institute, not only on conservatism but also the future of America, is incalculable," he said. **Morton Blackwell**, the founder and president of the Leadership Institute said he first met Pence more than 30 years ago when he first ran for Congress in Indiana. While his first race was unsuccessful, Blackwell said, Pence took the lessons he learned from that campaign – including the Leadership Institute training that his campaign manager had learned – to try again until he achieved victory. Blackwell added that he intends to hire “21 of the best graduates of this training to become the Leadership Institute’s campus field organizers who will deploy to colleges across the country this fall. They will inspire, organize, and train a new crop of conservative leaders.”



AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS UNION. **Susan Carleson**, who has been leading the Virginia-based non-profit advocacy and litigation organization American Civil Rights Union (ACRU) since the 2006 death of its founder – her husband, **Bob Carleson** – retired on August 15 and turned over the presidency to **Lori Roman**, president of the trade association Salt Institute.



Previously, Roman worked for the American Legislative Exchange Council, the Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives and the U.S. Department of Education in the George W. Bush Administration. Carleson will remain Chairman of the ACRU Board of Directors. She and her late husband, who started ACRU

in 1998, both worked previously in the Reagan Administration. ACRU, which advances liberty and American values, recently was part of the U.S. Supreme Court victory protecting the World War I Memorial Cross in Bladensburg, Maryland, from being removed or destroyed.



The Board of Directors of the Illinois-based free-market think tank The Heartland Institute has unanimously elected former Wisconsin state

legislator **Frank Lasee** as the organization’s third president in its 35-year history. He succeeds former **Kansas Congressman Tim Huelskamp**, who resigned after serving two years, and founder and long-time President **Joseph Bast**. Lasee, a key ally of former **Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker**, spent 25 years in either the state legislature or as a member of Walker’s administration.



Frank Lasee

The Heartland Institute has long held that one of its core missions is to communicate sound, free-market policy to state legislators in every state across the country. Noting that as a state legislator he turned “many times to Heartland for excellent, well researched, timely information on many public policy topics,” Lasee said he is “excited about leading the Heartland Institute to greater influence,” with its more than 500 policy experts available to provide information to state and national decision makers. A strong advocate of fiscal responsibility, individual freedom, limited government and free markets, Lasee authored the Wisconsin Taxpayer Bill of Rights, which constitutionally required a balanced budget and locked-in spending and taxing limits on all state and local governments.



Eric Hoppenbrouwer, president of the Space Coast Young Republicans, in the first issue of the club’s new quarterly newsletter, “On The Move 2.0,” wrote that his framework for success – based on the way a football team needs to operate – can be boiled down to the equation: ½ Foundation + ¼ Tradition + ¼ Innovation = Success. He listed the seven foundational political principles governing the club as Defend Freedom; Love Our Country; Limit Government; Protect Our Community; Conserve Our Environmental Resources; Expand Economic Opportunity; and Lower Taxes. Hoppenbrouwer said this formula needed to be applied to three major objectives: Membership, Money and Momentum. The club’s other officers are **Vice President Marie Rogerson**, **Treasurer Dave Neuman**, **Secretary Glenn Sundin**, **Communications Director Jessica Beck**, and **Past President Aleks Bologna**. An upcoming event for the club, Hoppenbrouwer said, is a campaign training session Boot Camp that the Virginia-based Leadership Institute will hold on November 1 at the BREC Headquarters at 478 N. Babcock St. in Melbourne 6-9 pm, and November 2 at the Cocoa Beach Public Library at 550 N. Brevard Ave. in Cocoa Beach 10 am-4 pm.

FEDERATED REPUBLICAN WOMEN IN ACTION. Addressing the Federated Republican Women in Action meeting in Palm Bay on August 2, **Brevard County Clerk of Courts Scott Ellis** said the upcoming 2020 election is



“dangerous” for Republicans because the other side is organized early and many of the people coming behind us are socialists and are looking only for freebies. The problem goes back to our school system, where the situation has moved beyond education to indoctrination by left-leaning teachers, he said. Discussing the situation where due to “critical needs”, the Brevard Sheriff Department has asked the County Commission to override the voter-approved cap on taxes to provide additional funding, Ellis said this is a “laundry list” that will trigger automatic additional taxes for seven years, and he is challenging the decision in court. He said he is asking for a declaratory judgment to make an increase only for one year and make future increases subject to annual commission votes. Ellis also said the State Attorney Office is preparing for a new trial that he expects to take place next year, for former Clerk of Courts Mitch Needelman, who was found guilty of bribery, conspiracy to commit bribery, bid tampering and official misconduct last October, but whose conviction was overturned due to jury misconduct.

REPUBLICAN LIBERTY CAUCUS OF CENTRAL EAST FLORIDA. Brevard District

53 State Representative Randy Fine told the Republican Liberty Caucus of Central East Florida (RLCCEF) on August 5 that as expected, he received negative comments from Democrats after he arranged a recent town hall meeting in Melbourne concerning an odor coming from tap water in Melbourne. Audience members were able to ask questions and four water experts on the panel explained there was no problem with the water. Fine said activist Democrats in attendance tried to question him on the issue but he said he was only moderating the panel and would not answer them. Then, Fine said, Democrats charged on social media that HE was responsible for the city’s water problems. As another example of criticism against him, and in response to President Trump tweeting that Muslim legislators in Congress



should go back where they came from, Fine – the only Jewish member of the Florida State Legislature – said there were tweets that he “should go back to Israel.” The only time he was in Israel, Fine said, was when he traveled there with the entourage with **Florida Governor Ron DeSantis**, and he was proud that while there, DeSantis signed the Anti-Semitism bill that he introduced in the state legislature. That bill considers anti-semitism equal to charges of racism in the state. Fine also said that when the legislature resumes next year, two issues that he would like to see discussed are the use of e-verify to insure that businesses only hire legal immigrants, and repeal of several parts of the bill passed in response to the Parkland school shootings that he believes are unnecessary, such as

limitations on how and when a teen-ager can legally purchase a weapon....**RLCCEF Chairman Bob White** reminded members that the annual Constitution Day Dinner will be held on September 14 at the Melbourne Hilton Rialto, featuring keynote speakers **Byron Donalds**, Florida State Legislator from District 80, and his wife, **Erika**, a former member of the Collier County School Board; and guest speaker **KrisAnne Hall**, a constitutional attorney and author. White added that the RLC State Convention will take place earlier in the day at the same location.

FEDERATED REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF BREVARD. Retired U.S. Coast Guard Rear Admiral **Wayne Justice**, a commissioner on the Port Canaveral Authority, told the Federated Republican Women of Brevard on August 12 that Canaveral – the world’s second busiest cruise port – is building new terminals and has signed multi-year contracts with Carnival and Disney to continue using port facilities. While Canaveral is a cruise, cargo and naval port, Justice said, it is the cruise industry that provides 75 percent of the port’s revenue. More than 4.5 million passengers a year also spend time in Brevard County, and their purchases and hotel stays also provide tax revenue for the county, he added. Justice also noted that cargo ships arriving at Canaveral – which provide the port with its additional 25 percent of revenue – carry such items as frozen foods, gas, lumber, and construction supplies, and there is a steady flow of trucks that carry the cargo to other parts of Florida. Another aspect of port activity, he said, is providing launch barges for military and civilian rocket launches. Pointing out that new cruise ships under construction that will use the port’s terminals are being fitted to use liquid natural gas, which is a cheaper alternative to gasoline, and is U.S.-made. Discussing his military career, Justice said that after graduating from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, he served on patrol boats in South Florida that focused on border security and drug interdiction. A highlight, he said, was spent in the White House with both President George H.W. Bush and President Bill Clinton, and his responsibility was to carry the nuclear code bag onboard Air Force One when they traveled. Justice said he developed a special friendship with Bush during his tenure. As a final assignment, Justice – then a Captain – commanded a Coast Guard destroyer out of San Francisco. In retirement, he also served as a guardian to accompany wheel-chair bound veterans on an Honor Flight to Washington, DC to visit the war memorials. His love of the sea was what led him to run for his Port Canaveral Commission position, Justice said.

FEDERATED REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF BREVARD.



BREVARD REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Stuart Burns, the chief of staff to **Florida 8th District Congressman Bill Posey**, asked the members of the Brevard Republican Executive Committee (BREC) on August 14 to



help assure his re-election in 2020 by getting his conservative message out to voters. One way, Burns said, is to participate on a letter-writing team to interact with local newspapers. Most of the letters to the editor of the Brevard paper are negative, Burns “preached to the choir,” and said while there should be responses defending Posey, we also need to be persuadable, talking about what issues we support. Posey already has a Democrat opponent, and “everything is at stake,” he added. One event to meet with the Congressman next month, he said, will be a day of fun at the Muscle Car Museum in Melbourne on September 7. The charge will be just \$5 per person, and registration is at www.billposey.com/victoryteam....**Eric Hoppenbrouwer**, president of the Space Coast Young Republicans, said the club is a place for young people to understand what it means to be a Republican, and it is planning two future events – a training session by the Virginia-based Leadership Institute for potential candidates for office and for persons interested in helping with campaigns, as well as a “Queen of Hearts” interactive game fundraiser. To quote the popular movie “Field of Dreams,” Hoppenbrouwer said, “If you build it, they will come”....**Brevard County District 2 Commissioner Bryan Lober** reported to the members that while it is true the County Commission is agreeing with a request from the Sheriff’s Office to increase funding for its programs above the maximum allowed, other programs not deemed critical will be reduced, so there will not be any increase in property taxes this year....**BREC Chairman Rick Lacey** announced that for the work they have done, **Derwood McKinley** is the August Committeeman of the Month, and **Ruth Waters** is the Committeewoman of the Month. Lacey also said the new District 5 chairman is **Matt Grigajtis** and secretary is **David Neuman**, and that the September BREC meeting, which will be held at the Brevard School Board meeting room, will be combined with the five districts breaking for their own sessions....**BREC Vice Chairman Mark Hutchins** swore in eight new committeemen and committeewomen.

BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OFFICE. **Rachel Sadoff**, the Viera Branch Manager of the Brevard County Clerk of the Circuit Court, and her team spoke with the New Millennium Conservative Club on August 19 and the Heritage Isle Republican Club on August 1, to explain the differences among Wills, Probates and Trusts, as well as an overview of the Guardianship Program. Regarding guardianship, Sadoff said there are 1,200 cases pending in Brevard County. **Mary Lee Parrott**, one of the Clerk’s Office’s Guardianship Auditors, said guardians – who must be appointed by the court – can be private, such as a relative, or public, when there are no family or assets involved. **Lisa Ross**, an assistant supervisor for probate and guardianship in the clerk’s office, explained that probate is a court-supervised process for identifying and gathering the assets of a deceased person, paying the decedent’s debts and distributing his or her assets to beneficiaries. Probate is necessary, Ross said, when assets owned by the deceased are in an individual name only, and that when assets are owned jointly with a spouse, or with rights of survivorship with a spouse, they may be passed to

the survivor without probate. A will, she explained, disposes of a person’s property on or after death, and includes an instrument which appoints a personal representative. Having a will does not automatically distribute items to beneficiaries, Ross said, because there still has to be an order of the court giving someone authority to disburse assets. Regarding trusts, in which assets such as bank accounts, real estate and investments must be formally transferred prior to death, she said, these usually mean that probate is not necessary, and a trustee has immediate authority to manage a trust’s assets. For additional information about guardianship, wills, probate or trusts, visit the website: www.brevardclerk.us.

PAINTING DISCOVERED IN ONE OF THE LATE JEFFREY EPSTEIN’S HOMES.

The art world turned upside down after it was learned that an oil painting of former President Bill Clinton was hanging in the Manhattan townhouse of convicted pedophile billionaire Jeffrey Epstein, whose body was found in a New York prison cell on August 10, and it was determined he had committed suicide. The



painting shows Clinton lounging on a chair in the Oval Office, wearing red shoes and a blue dress – symbolic of his affair with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky. Further investigation determined the painting was done by Australian artist Petrina Ryan-Kleid as credit toward a thesis in an art class. She said once the painting was

sold, she had no idea that Epstein had been the buyer.

TRY TO READ THIS ARTICLE FROM “THE BLAZE” WITHOUT CHOKING UP.

Fifty-two years ago, **Air Force Major Roy Knight** flew out of Dallas Love Field headed to Vietnam to fight for his country. The airman's son, **Bryan** – only five years old at the time – was at the airport to see his father off. Bryan never saw his father again, but on August 7, he was the Southwest Airlines pilot who flew his dad's remains back into the very airport he had



departed from so long ago. The entire airport fell silent as the flag-draped casket holding the remains of Knight was met by his loved ones and delivered into the arms of a military honor guard. There were quiet gasps, and a few people burst into tears. “USA Today” reported that Knight was shot down in 1967 while attacking a target on the Ho Chi Minh Trail in Laos. He was initially listed as Missing in Action and was declared Killed in Action in 1974. In February, Knight's remains were finally found after years of searching the presumed site where his aircraft went down.



As Bryan – who also served in the Air Force – rolled the plane carrying his father's body into the terminal, two fire trucks sprayed an arc of water over the aircraft to honor its arrival. Dozens of airport personnel could be seen standing at attention in silence, with several in formation to welcome the hero home.

THE NEW YORK SLIMES. According to Breitbart News, the executive editor of the “New York Times” – Dean Baquet – “accidentally” admitted during a company-wide meeting that for two years, his far-left newspaper was built around “the Russian collusion hoax,” and that the paper’s staff is loaded with left-wingers “who cheer us when we take on Donald Trump, but they jeer at us when we take on Joe Biden.” What Baquet did not realize was that his remarks were being secretly recorded and would be made public by Slate Magazine. It’s enough to shame the newspaper – if it HAD any shame. And **Media Research Center President Brent Bozell** said in an interview that it is “simply giving up reporting actual news,” and instead is “doing what their left-wing readers want them to do.” (EDITOR’S NOTE: Over the years, I have hung up on many a telemarketer. The only time one hung up on me was when a woman called and said she had a wonderful offer – home delivery of the “New York Times” for half-price. I responded: “I wouldn’t take that left-wing rag free!” Then, CLICK.)

AUDACITY AND IDIOCY

(NOTE: Due to a rash of ridiculous decisions, we are now changing the title of our popular column AUDACITY AND INHUMANITY to AUDACITY AND IDIOCY. Enjoy.)

--The “good, upstanding citizens of Filthydelphia,” who taunted and laughed as police were being shot at and wounded during an hours-long standoff at a drug bust in the Pennsylvania city.

--The city of Berkeley, California, for issuing a new ordinance updating its municipal code by excluding gendered words such as “manhole” and “manmade” in favor of more inclusive language. “Manholes” will now be called “maintenance holes,” “firemen” will become “firefighters,” “manmade” will be “artificial” and all instances of “men and women” will be replaced by “people.” Singular gendered pronouns, such as “he” and “she”, will be replaced with the grammatically incorrect plural “they.”

--The unnamed scumbag or scumbags in Texas who threatened the lives of family members of a young couple murdered in an El Paso Walmart while shielding their young child from the mass killer on August 3. The threats came

because the family members met with President and Mrs. Trump and expressed appreciation for their comforting visit.

--MSNBC and NBC News contributor Frank Figliuzzi, a former FBI assistant director for counterintelligence, for saying in a TV interview that in the wake of the horrific shootings in El Paso, Texas, and Dayton, Ohio, because President Trump ordered all American flags on government buildings to fly at half-staff until August 8, “the numbers 8/8 are very significant in the neo-Nazi and the white supremacy movement.” This, he said, is “because the letter ‘H’ is the eighth letter of the alphabet, and to them, the numbers 8/8 stand for ‘Heil Hitler.’” A truly bizarre theory.

--U.S. Olympic fencer Race Imboden, who medaled at the Pan American Games in Peru, for pitching a childish tantrum and taking a knee during the playing of our national anthem. Later, from the confines of his “designated safe space,” he tweeted that his pride “has been cut short by the multiple shortcomings of the country I hold so dear to my heart: racism, gun control, mistreatment of immigrants, and a president who spreads hate are at the top of a long list.”

--The loony, leftist “New York Times”, for this comment as the rest of us celebrated the 50th anniversary of our lunar landing: “America may have put the first man on the moon, but the Soviet Union sent the first woman, the first Asian man, and the first black man into orbit – all years before the U.S. would follow suit.”

--The left-wing “Baltimore Sun,” for attacking Trump supporter Scott Presler, who organized a massive volunteer event, inviting “Americans to help Americans” in cleaning up the rat-infested neighborhoods of West Baltimore. At least 170 volunteers from all over the country showed up to haul away nearly 12 tons of trash. But rather than praise Presler and the others, the “Sun” said they were “right-wing extremists” whose effort was “nothing but a political ploy for President Trump.” And to think that this Editor used to read this rag every day growing up in “Charm City.”

--My pathetic, last-place Baltimore Orioles, whose officials joined with police at a recent game (which, of course, they lost) in removing four fans and the Trump 2020 banner they displayed in the stadium for just a few minutes.

--A tweeter with the handle “ladypalerider,” for this idiotic statement: “White people love dogs so much because deep down they miss owning slaves. They love the owner and master dynamic, desperate for something to control.”

--Left-wing anti-Trump actress Bette Midler, who showed just how racist she is, by sharing an image of a Trump rally with a caption that reads, “Look, there are African American men in this shot! How much did he pay them to be ‘blackground?’” No “backlash,” but plenty of “backlash” deservedly came her way.

--Female Federal Judge Bruce Hendricks, an Obama appointee, for banning the Greenville County School District in South Carolina from holding school-sponsored prayers,

religious songs and the use of religious venues at public school graduations. She also ordered school leaders to remove any references to prayer from a student's prepared remarks. Conservative columnist Todd Starnes called Hendricks and the American Humanist Association, which brought anti-religious charges against the school district, "culture jihadists – waging an unrelenting war to turn our cherished American traditions into a pile of rubble."

--Obama-appointee U.S. District Judge Kristine Baker, for blocking three pro-life laws from taking effect in Arkansas: Act 493, which bans abortion after 18 weeks; Act 619, which bans abortion if the purpose is to end the life of an unborn baby with Down Syndrome; and Act 700, which requires that abortion doctors be board-certified or board-eligible in obstetrics and gynecology.

--Illinois Democrat Governor J. B. Pritzker, for signing legislation requiring all public schools in the state to include in the study of history, the roles and contributions of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people.

--The Charles County, Maryland, School District and the La Plata High School, for ordering an 11th grade student, against her family's wishes, to memorize and recite the Five Pillars of Islam, and to write that "There is no god but Allah, and Muhammad is the messenger of Allah." The school also said the girl – an avowed Christian – would receive zeroes for failing to do the assignments, and the principal issued a "No Trespass" notice against her father, a former Marine Corps combat veteran, denying him any access to school grounds. In response, the Wood family has retained the Michigan-based Thomas More Law Center, which filed a federal lawsuit against the Charles County Public Schools, the Board of Education, and the high school's principal and vice principal over their Islamic indoctrination and propaganda.

--The Duval County, Florida, School District and the principal of First Coast High School in Jacksonville, for removing science teacher Daniel Goodman from his classroom for the "audacity" of writing on the white board a lengthy message criticizing students who refuse to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance or the national anthem, and saying they are "all extremely lucky to be living in the USA." The school district said Goodman's statements "are not consistent with state statute or school board policy."

--The board of directors and staff members at the Mullis Community Senior Center on San Juan Island in Washington State, for reversing a decades-long practice of having a prayer and recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance at its lunchtime programs. The American flag that always had been on display was put in a closet. When a number of senior citizens staged a rebellion, the community center operators called the police and said offenders would be escorted off the property. Negative publicity led the community center to say it was "working on a plan to reinstate the recitation of the pledge, but the lunchtime prayer is history."

--Democrat supporter Anna Wintour, the editor-in-chief of "Vogue" magazine, when asked about fashionable First Lady

Melania Trump during an interview with "The Economist", obnoxiously answered: "I think First Lady Michelle Obama really was so incredible in every decision she made about fashion...she was the best ambassador that this country could possibly have."

--A bunch of snowflake students at George Washington University in Washington, DC, who signed a phony petition calling for the school to change the white stick figure crosswalk signs at nearby intersections "because a white man telling students when it is okay to cross the street is oppressive and offensive." The tongue-in-cheek fake petition was created by the news website Campus Reform, part of the Leadership Institute.

--Dr. Mike Mullen, who had to resign as North Carolina State University Vice Chancellor after the school's College Republicans called for his immediate dismissal. Mullen had referred to Republicans on social media as "KKK members," "Neo-Nazis," and "Alt-Right Crazyes."

--The double standard of "The Huffington Post" reporting the "tragedy" of a mother lioness in a German zoo killing and eating her new-born cubs, while cheering and applauding actions of state legislators in the U.S. who thwarted bills that would have protected infants born alive after an attempted abortion, and defending those bills legalizing abortion up until the moment of birth.

--The totalitarian government of Cuba, first for imprisoning a pastor and his wife for the "crime" of homeschooling their 9- and-13-year-old children, and then for imprisoning with hard labor the lawyer who tried to defend them, saying he was guilty of "resistance and disobedience."

EXPERTS' EXCERPTS

Political analyst **Dick Morris**, writing on Democrat presidential candidates, at www.westernjournal.com:"



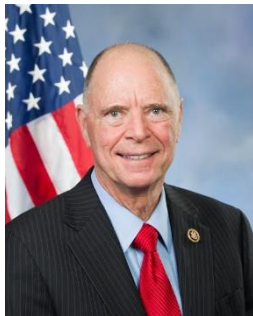
"Before the second Democrat debate in Detroit, there were 20 candidates on stage and four more in the wings pursuing the Party's nomination. After the debate, there are now two teams competing against one another. The Capulets are squaring off against the Montagues. The progressives against the moderates. Team Biden vs. Team Sanders and Warren.

Inevitably, teams become factions in the heat of the primary and the predictable outcome of the zero-sum game is that one wins and the other loses...The history of the Democrat Party is filled with factional fights that last forever, reincarnate in various forms, and leave permanent legacies of bitterness and alienation...The history of these Democrat civil wars is not reassuring. After Humphrey beat McCarthy-Kennedy-McGovern in 1968, the anti-Vietnam War left sat on their hands in the general election even when it meant that the ultimate bête noire, Richard Nixon, would win. In 1972, when the left finally succeeded in winning, nominating Senator

George McGovern, the party establishment sabotaged him. In 1984, the establishment candidate – Walter Mondale – defeated the insurgent Senator Gary Hart and the resulting disappointment of Hart’s ‘new Democrats’ led to his crushing defeat at the hands of Reagan. In 2000, the supporters of New Jersey Senator Bill Bradley, embittered by their defeat at the hands of Al Gore, defected to Ralph Nader, who was running on the Green Party, electing George W. Bush. In 2004, insurgent Vermont Governor Howard Dean narrowly lost in the early primaries to Massachusetts Senator John Kerry. The new Democrats backing Dean never embraced Kerry and he lost to George W. Bush. And, of course, the bitterness that attended Sanders’ defeat at the hands of Hillary Clinton so divided the Democrats who Trump won. Republicans have avoided a similar fate. The 2016 contest, for example, featured all the candidates (except Ohio’s Governor John Kasich) fighting to be seen as the real conservative. The only serious factional battle in the GOP came in 1964, when Goldwater and his Sunbelt conservatives took the Party away from the Eastern Establishment and Nelson Rockefeller. Unlike the Democrat battles, this one was for keeps and liberal Republicans became extinct. But apart from that, all the Republican intra-party primaries have been more about personalities than factions or ideologies and the schisms were shorter and less intense. 2020 Democrats always faced the peril that their candidate would be too old or too inexperienced. But, now that the party has resurrected its traditional factions, the potential for division runs even deeper.”

Florida Congressman Bill Posey, writing on the U.S. Space Program in “The Washington Times”:

“The United States remains the only nation to have landed humans on the moon and returned them safely to Earth. It is among the greatest achievements in the history of the human race, and it has significantly contributed to America’s leadership on the world stage. The Apollo Missions opened the door to other significant accomplishments, like building Space Shuttles to test the limits of human space flight, prolonged robotic exploration of Mars, launching a space-based telescope that can see far beyond our solar system, and conducting scientific research on the International Space Station. Our space program is important to our economy, national security, scientific discovery, technological advancement and the survival of our species. So much of our modern-day life is dependent on space — making a bank transaction, for example, or even a phone call these days requires using some type of space-faring technology. From GPS to life-saving medical research and advanced agriculture, hybrid car batteries and even Posturepedic mattresses, our investment in space has spawned some truly amazing innovations and has a positive impact on our nation and the world. If we want to continue to see the fruits of that investment, NASA should follow through with plans to return to the moon as a steppingstone to reaching Mars and beyond.



The foundation for such a bold mission is already being laid, but NASA needs to lead the way forward. In 2010, Congress authorized construction of NASA’s Space Launch System (SLS) as a successor to the Space Shuttle that will be capable of launching both cargo and human crews into space. The idea is to build a powerful rocket that will enable humans to return to the moon and eventually travel to Mars and other deep space destinations. The SLS and its Orion crew capsule have received strong, bipartisan funding support by Congress, and each day we are a step closer to returning to the moon. Moreover, the Trump administration took several important steps which could establish a new era of space exploration such as: reconstituting the National Space Council, an advisory panel chaired by the vice president that helps layout our nation’s space policy; and signing Space Policy Directive 1, which calls on NASA and our burgeoning commercial space industry to return to human exploration of space. Furthermore, **Vice President Mike Pence** charged the National Space Council with creating a more competitive regulatory environment for commercial space companies and making a return to the moon a priority.... The most fitting way to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Apollo moon landing is to build upon its tremendous success. We shouldn’t retreat from the moon, we should return to it. We shouldn’t ignore it as a next destination, we should embrace it. Young people looking to be part of something special should consider a career in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Just as the world watched the first humans take their first steps on the moon, this is an exciting time for space exploration and discovery.”

Heritage Foundation President Kay Coles James, writing on Defining the Principles of Conservatism at www.patriotpost.us:

“At The Heritage Foundation, we’re always thinking about ways to talk to new and non-traditional audiences about how conservative principles can create the greatest freedom, opportunity, prosperity and civil society for the American people. We realize that for these ideas to take hold, we have to counter the false narratives of left-leaning media outlets, educational institutions and politicians.... While good conservatives may have differing viewpoints about some aspects of conservatism, there are certain fundamental principles where we must remain resolute. In fact, at The Heritage Foundation, we call them the True North principles because they represent a fixed direction on which to stay focused, regardless of which ways the forces may be pressuring us. Some of these major principles include: 1) The federal government is instituted to protect the rights bestowed on individuals under natural law. It exists to preserve life, liberty and property — a mission that includes not only protecting the sanctity of life but defending freedom of speech, religion, the press and assembly, and the right of individuals to be treated equally and justly under the law, and



to enjoy the fruits of their labor. 2) The federal government’s powers should be limited to only those named in the U.S. Constitution and exercised solely to protect the rights of its citizens. 3) Government functions best when it is closest and most accountable to the people and where power is shared between the federal government and the states. 4) Individuals and families make the best decisions for themselves and their children about health, education, jobs and welfare. 5) America’s economy and the prosperity of individual citizens are best served by a system built on free enterprise, economic freedom, private property rights and the rule of law. This system is best sustained by policies that promote general economic freedom and eliminate governmental preferences for special interests, including free trade, deregulation, and opposing government interventions in the economy that distort free markets and impair innovation. 6) Tax policies should raise the minimum revenue necessary to fund only constitutionally appropriate functions of government. 7) Regulations should be limited to those that produce a net benefit to the American people as a whole, weighing both financial and liberty costs. 8) Judges should interpret and apply our laws and the Constitution based on their original meaning, not upon judges’ own personal and political predispositions. 9) America must be a welcoming nation – one that promotes patriotic assimilation and is governed by laws that are fair, humane and enforced to protect its citizens. 10) America is strongest when our policies protect our national interests, preserve our alliances of free peoples, vigorously counter threats to our security and interests, and advance prosperity through economic freedom at home and abroad.... As the left continues to push policies like Medicare for All, free college tuition, open borders, and depleting the strength of the military, conservatives must counter these policies with a strong voice. We must convince more and more people that our ideas work better and can assure a more free and prosperous future for all Americans. If we don’t do that, and more Americans succumb to the false promises of the statists, we soon won’t recognize America.”

Political analyst **Michael Barone**, writing on nationalism for Creators Syndicate Inc.:

“Nationalism has a bad name. For many Americans, mention of the word summons up visions of Hitler and Nazism. Some condemn nationalism as thoughtless bragging that your nation is better than others, which should be discouraged just as second graders are told not to brag, lest they hurt classmates’ feelings. Historical and international

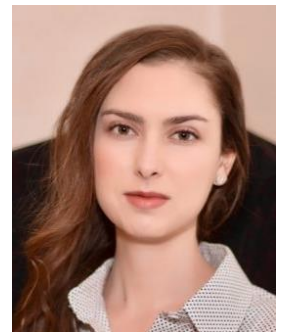


perspective is supplied by one of the conveners of the well-attended National Conservatism conference in Washington last month, Israeli think tank head Yoram Hazony, in his 2018 book, ‘The Virtue of Nationalism.’ Hazony argues that nationalism first emerged in the northwest corner of Europe, in Tudor England and in the Dutch republic rebelling against the overlordship of the king of Spain. These were small

maritime nations, growing rich through international trade even while threatened by massive monarchies. In the years of religious wars, they were the most religiously diverse and tolerant polities in Christendom.... Nationalist states, he argues, can provide peaceful havens for those of differing cultural views and economic interests who share a common citizenship. They will, he argues, protect their individual liberties and (here some readers will disagree) abjure external conquests. ‘The best political order that is known to us,’ he writes, ‘is an order of independent national states’.... This is congruent with the words of two of President Trump’s thoughtful speeches, delivered in Warsaw, Poland, in July 2017 and in Normandy on D-Day this year. In them he pays generous tribute to other nations’ nationalism and how they have advanced human liberty.... The nationalist sensibility is an important part of domestic partisan politics. In an article I wrote for The Public Interest in 1993, I argued that the political parties and political leaders of Western democracies partake, in varying proportions, in four different dispositions – religious, socialist, liberal and nationalist. Each has its strengths and weaknesses. Religious parties come to grief when people abandon religion (like the Christian Democrats in largely secular Western Europe), and they struggle to amass majorities in religiously diverse nations like the United States. Socialist parties’ weakness is that socialism just doesn’t work.... Liberal parties – liberal in the 19th-century sense: secular and free market – have sometimes governed effectively but proved incapable of defending themselves against destruction.... Only parties with a strong nationalist strain have proved to be lasting – including over most of their histories, America’s Democrat and Republican parties. Today we’re told that Donald Trump’s Republicans are dangerously and self-destructively nationalist. Headline speakers at Hazony’s conference – tech mogul Peter Thiel, Fox News’ Tucker Carlson, national security adviser John Bolton, Senator Josh Hawley – seemed to disagree. And many observers are wondering whether Democrat presidential candidates’ enthusiasm for open borders is a politically hazardous trashing of a sensible nationalism long essential for political success.”

Conservative blogger **Amalia White**, writing on the Tale of Two Very Different American immigrants, on “Conservative Daily News”:

“Freedom is only but a lifelong dream to many in other countries, but here in the United States, our citizens have the unalienable rights of life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness. Two American immigrant women, Ilhan Omar and Brigitte Gabriel, both found this to be true when they immigrated from war-torn countries to ultimately find themselves in the land of the free and home of the brave. While their childhood experiences in their home countries draw some parallels, their views on the country that provided them the ultimate opportunity could



not be more different. Ilhan Omar found asylum in the United States when she immigrated as a child from the war-ridden country of Somalia. After being welcomed as a refugee she became a naturalized American in 2000. In 2018, she was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives and made quick use of her newfound political spotlight to embark in turning America's founding principles into a thing of the past. Brigitte Gabriel experienced having her childhood home in Lebanon decimated by Islamic militants at age ten. For the next seven years, Gabriel and her parents lived in an underground bomb shelter wondering each day if they would survive to the next. Gabriel applied for a Green Card, went through self-funded medical tests, studied about America's history, our constitution, our judiciary system and passed exams in English before becoming an American in 1994. Both women have garnished controversy on both sides of the political aisle for their stances on President Trump, Israel, immigration, and support, or lack thereof, on American values. Omar has made her distaste of President Trump well known and has called him 'the worst, most corrupt and inept president we have ever seen.' Brigitte has continually expressed her support of the president and has stated, 'President Trump is one of the last chances we have at saving this country and ultimately western civilization. We need to get behind this President and his agenda every step of the way!' The pair have strongly opposing views on one of the United States greatest allies, Israel. Omar's continual demonization of Israel and anti-Semitic rhetoric has been a central theme of her many controversial views....In contrast, Brigitte is a passionate advocate for Israel and continues to support the Jewish state by providing information and analysis on the rise of global Islamic terrorism....As a legal immigrant who endured the legalization process, Gabriel encourages others to pledge their allegiance to America in order to serve and protect the country she so gratefully entered into. She also is a national security analyst and is one of the leading terrorism experts in the world. Gabriel tweeted, 'Immigration is a beautiful thing when done legally and with a citizen who loves America and wants to assimilate into American culture. Fully vetted and merit-based immigration. It's common sense, not racist'....If you are an American who does not want to preserve our national identity, I say leave this nation to Brigitte and the rest of us who believe in its greatness and make room for the millions of others around the world that would give anything to be in your place."

Gold Star Mother **Karen Vaughn**, writer of "The Salty Sailor and the Fireman," which appeared last year on numerous websites. She is the mother of Navy Seal Aaron Vaughn, who was killed during operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan in 2011 when the Chinook helicopter in which he and his fellow SEALS were riding was shot down.

"Sometimes God uses the no-nonsense, salty sailor to get the job done. Appreciating what the man is doing doesn't mean we worship the salty sailor or even desire to be like the salty sailor. It doesn't even mean God admires the salty sailor. Maybe He just knows he's necessary for such a time as this. I believe with all my heart that God placed that salty sailor in

the White House to give this nation one more chance in November 2016. Donald Trump is what he is – and he is still



the man he was before the election – and without guilt. I very much admire what that salty sailor is accomplishing. He's not like me. That's okay with me. I don't want to be like him. I will never behave like him. I know we've NEVER had a man like him lead our nation before. It's crazy and a little mind blowing at times. But I can't help

admiring the stamina and ability he has – acting with his heart rather than a calculated PC, think tank-screened, carefully edited script. I still believe that is WHY he became our President and WHY he's been able to handle a landslide of adversity and STILL pass unprecedented amounts of good legislation for our country AND do great works for MANY other nations, including Israel. I'm THRILLED with what he's doing for my nation (whether intentional or unintentional, doesn't matter to me), and for the concept of rebuilding America and putting her FIRST. I will not be ashamed of my position because others don't see him through the same lens. Should it matter to me if a fireman drops an f-bomb while he's pulling me from a burning building? Would I really care about what came out of his mouth in those moments? Heck no! I'd CARE about what he was DOING. He wasn't sent there to save my soul and I'm not looking to him for spiritual guidance. All I'm thinking in those moments is, "Thank you, GOD, for sending the fireman." AND DONALD TRUMP IS OUR FIREMAN.... This man is crass. Okay. He's not careful with what he says. Okay. You feel offended that he's not a typical statesman. Okay. But he is DOING THE JOB of rebuilding the nation my son died for... the nation I feared was on a fast track to becoming a hopeless cause. Forgive me if I'm smiling."

THOUGHTS TO PONDER

"Brave border patrol agents and ICE officials wake up every day and work to defend and protect our nation – and all the extreme far left politicians and media want to do is vilify them. The New York Times won't even publish the other side because it doesn't fit their narrative. This is low, even for the New York Times."

--Florida Senator Rick Scott

"They (the 2020 Democrat presidential candidates) are clearly not playing for Florida. I mean, socialized medicine, take away your health care, open all the borders, the Green New Deal, raise taxes on everybody. That's not exactly the way you would win Florida,"

--Another Senator Scott quote

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"The most fitting way to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Apollo moon landing is to build upon its tremendous success. We shouldn't retreat from the moon; we should return to it. We shouldn't ignore it as a next destination. We should embrace it. Young people looking to be part of something

special should consider a career in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Just as the world watched the first humans take their first steps on the moon, this is an exciting time for space exploration and discovery.”

-Florida 8th District Congressman Bill Posey

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“America is increasingly becoming not so much a nonwhite nation as an assimilated, integrated, and intermarried country. Race, skin color, and appearance, if you will, are becoming irrelevant. The construct of ‘Latino’ – Mexican-American? Portuguese? Spanish? Brazilian? – is becoming immaterial as diverse immigrants soon cannot speak Spanish, lose all knowledge of Latin America, and become indistinguishable in America from the descendants of southern Europeans, Armenians, or any other Mediterranean immigrant group....Such a melting-pot future terrifies the ethnic activists in politics, academia, and the media who count on replenishing the numbers of unassimilated ‘Latinos,’ in order to announce themselves the champions of collective grievance and disparity and thereby find careerist advantage.”

--Historian and author Victor Davis Hanson

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“No bad idea is ever truly dead. The latest to rise from the crypt is Court-packing: expanding the size of the Supreme Court to pack it with justices who can outvote the current majority. Progressive activist groups – including one, bluntly titled ‘Pack the Court,’ that boasts it will spend millions in 2020 – have formed to push the idea.... We have, as Ben Franklin noted, a republic, if we can keep it. Few things would push this nation more swiftly down the path toward the dissolution of two centuries of stable self-government than Court-packing. Nothing else on the policy menu of either party in 2020 is remotely as alarming.”

--“National Review Online” columnist and attorney Dan McLaughlin

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“Those who call themselves liberals today are mostly members of the left or self-styled progressives. They have turned their backs on all the liberal values that made liberals admirable in the past – perhaps wrong-headed, but generally admirable. No true liberals would show such disregard for personal liberty as so-called liberals demonstrate today.... It is the mark of a modern-day leftist that there is no area into which they not infuse politics, their politics. Every aspect of our culture is polluted by their politics.”

--“The American Spectator” Founder and Editor-in-Chief Emmett Tyrell

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“I am increasingly of the opinion that if the President tomorrow tweeted that the sky was blue, much of the press and most progressive activists would denounce him as a racist and declare the sky some color other than blue. Pundits and talking heads would go on television to describe how the President is a know nothing and explain light refraction and angles of light rays coming through the atmosphere. The same would happen if the President said humans breathe oxygen.

Half the progressive movement would be wiped out overnight as they started inhaling carbon dioxide.”

--“The Resurgent” Editor Erick Erickson

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“In a better world, the names of the El Paso and Dayton shooters wouldn’t be known. The evidence would be gathered. The killer who lived would be tried this week, hung next with only the families of the victims as witnesses.... These mass murderers are multiplying, and the common thread isn’t politics. It’s powerlessness in a sea of prosperity. It seems we’ve brought up a generation of people who have everything and feel empty at the same time. The solutions are not easy. Maybe that’s why people blame politics. It’s easier.”

--“The American Spectator” Publisher Melissa Mackenzie

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“Democrats in Washington, and throughout the country, appear to have adopted a relatively new strategy of distortion. Not merely the usual politics of one-sided presentation, but a semi-concerted effort to refer to anything and everything as something which, by definition, they are not Distortion is the new Democrat strategy. Be it through calling the president the occupant, claiming ‘I did win’ when you lost, calling detention centers concentration camps, illegal aliens undocumented migrants, economic migration grounds for asylum, or domestic terrorists peaceful protestors, the left has descended into an Orwellian world of doublespeak.”

--Virginia attorney Paul Curry

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“You can believe that socialism is wonderful, as apparently many people do, and no one will stop you. You will get plenty of support from the media and academic elite. You can rally around their Twitter handles, podcasts, and Kindle tomes. On the other hand, the whole theoretical basis for the idea was completely smashed a century ago. From a historical perspective, every prediction that socialism would produce nothing but chaos, deprivation, poverty, suffering, and death turned out to be true.”

--Jeffrey Tucker, American Institute for Economic Research Editorial Director

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“One reason conservatives are so happy and leftists are so miserable is that capitalists need friends. They need business partners and investors, trading partners and customers so satisfied they come back again and again. The socialist needs enemies. There must be people who hate him and oppress him. If he’s not hated and oppressed then socialism doesn’t exist. If the socialist can’t find any such hatred, he’s forced to make it up.... The socialist doesn’t need to work well with others because he doesn’t work. What he needs is an excuse to justify his theft.”

--Conservative political commentator and comedian Evan Sayet

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“If slavery and Jim Crow are America’s original sin, abortion is America’s second great sin. It’s a regime of mass death, empowered by a Supreme Court elite and sustained by a

culture of exploitation and indulgence. It dehumanizes and destroys, often creating two victims in the process – the child who dies and the mother who is haunted by her tragic loss.”

--“National Review” senior writer **David French**

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“The Second Amendment needs to be amended. It’s way too ambiguous at this point. It should read: ‘The right to bear arms of any kind, at any time, and in any place, shall not be infringed by any federal, state, or local government.’”

--**Republican Liberty Caucus of Central East Florida Secretary-Treasurer Steven Lindsley**

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“Nobody learned anything at this (Congressional) hearing, except possibly Robert Mueller.”

--“National Review” reporter **Kat Timpf**

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"We have this notion that if you're poor you cannot do it. Poor kids are just as bright and just as talented as white kids!"

--Democrat presidential candidate Joe Biden, who then tried to amend his latest gaffe by adding, "Wealthy kids, black kids, Asian kids!"

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“Blacks, who were never slaves, are fighting whites, who were never Nazis, over a Confederate statue erected by southern Democrats, because now, Democrats can't stand their own history anymore; yet somehow, it's still Trump's fault!"

--Ironic Quote from an Unknown Person

UPCOMING BREVARD COUNTY EVENTS

- September 4 – The Trump Club of Brevard meeting, Tuscany Grill Restaurant, Suntree, 6 pm.
- September 5 – Heritage Isle Republican Club meeting, One Senior Place, Viera, 9 am.
- September 6 – Federated Republican Women in Action meeting, Memaw’s BBQ, Palm Bay, 11:15am
- September 7 – Posey Victory Team event, Muscle Car Museum, Melbourne, 10 am.
- September 9 – Brevard Federated Republican Women meeting, Duran Golf Club, Viera, 11 am.
- September 9 – The Space Coast Patriots meeting, Merritt Island Library, 6 pm.
- September 11 – Brevard Republican Executive Committee meeting and breakout sessions for the five districts, Brevard County School Board building, Viera, 7 pm.
- September 12 – ACT! For America Space Coast Chapter meeting, Government Complex Building C, Viera, 6:30 pm.

September 14 – Republican Liberty Caucus of Central East Florida Constitution Day dinner and champagne reception, Hilton Rialto, Melbourne, 6 pm.

September 16 – New Millennium Conservative Club meeting, Suntree-Viera Library, 6:30 pm.

September 17 – North Brevard Republican Club meeting, La Cita Country Club, Titusville, 7 pm.

September 19 – Republican Women’s Network of South Brevard meeting, Eau Gallie Yacht Club, 11 am.

September 19 – Space Coast Young Republicans meeting, Frog Bones’ Double Tapp Grill, Melbourne, 6:30 pm

September 23 – The Ronald Reagan Clubs meeting, Tuscany Grill Restaurant, Suntree, 7 pm.

September 25 – Space Coast Republican Club meeting, Red Lobster, Merritt Island, 11 am.

ABOUT THE NEWSLETTER

Through email, website and Facebook, we are now reaching nearly 2,000 people on our ever-increasing distribution list. The newsletter goes to readers not only all over the country, but beyond. **Editor Stuart Gorin and Designer Frank Montelione** hope to see the numbers continue to grow as we pass on information. We continue to cover activities of the Brevard Republican Executive Committee, Republican clubs in the county, and conservative organizations, so both elected officials and the typical “man-in-the-street” are kept abreast of what is happening at the local, state and national levels. Since Republicans as well as Conservatives will never agree 100 percent on all issues – for example, differences between Conservative members and establishment Republicans – we will not necessarily support any writer’s positions, but will present them so you, the reader, can make up your own mind – fair and balanced. There is a link to this issue at www.thetusk.org and several recent back issues are available in the archives on the same website. To sign up for your free subscription (or to unsubscribe, if you are so inclined), or to send your comments, suggestions or information to share, email: spacecoasttusk@gmail.com.

COMICAL CLOSER

Nancy Pelosi saw a little girl standing on the sidewalk with a basket of kittens she was giving away. She asked how old they were and was told they are so young, their eyes aren’t even open yet. Then, when she asked what kind of kittens they are, Pelosi was delighted to hear they were Democrats.

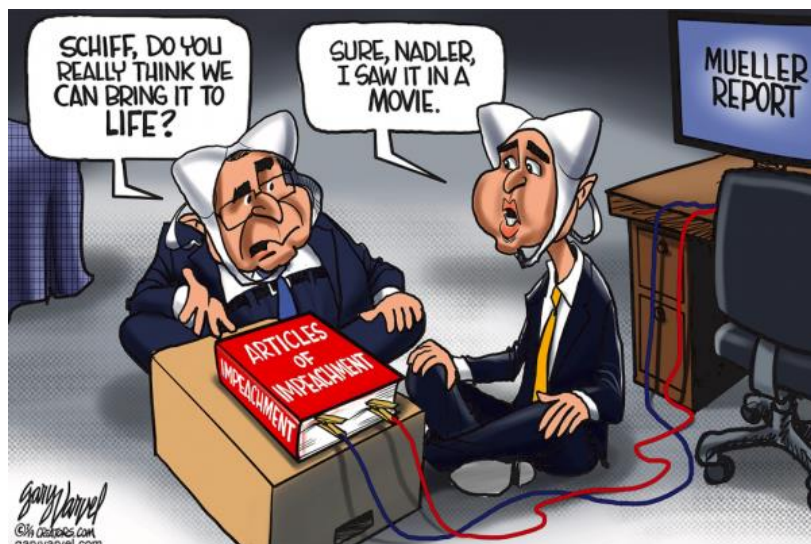
So Pelosi arranged to come back the next day and bring news media photographers with her to publicize these Democrat kittens. The next day, with everyone in place and the news

cameras whirling, Pelosi again asked the little girl what kind of kittens they are.

When she responded they were Republican kittens, an embarrassed Pelosi said, "But yesterday, you told me they were Democrats."

The little girl smiled and said, "I know. But today, they have their eyes open."

SEVERAL PAGES OF PERTINENT POLITICAL CARTOON AND PHOTOS FOLLOW

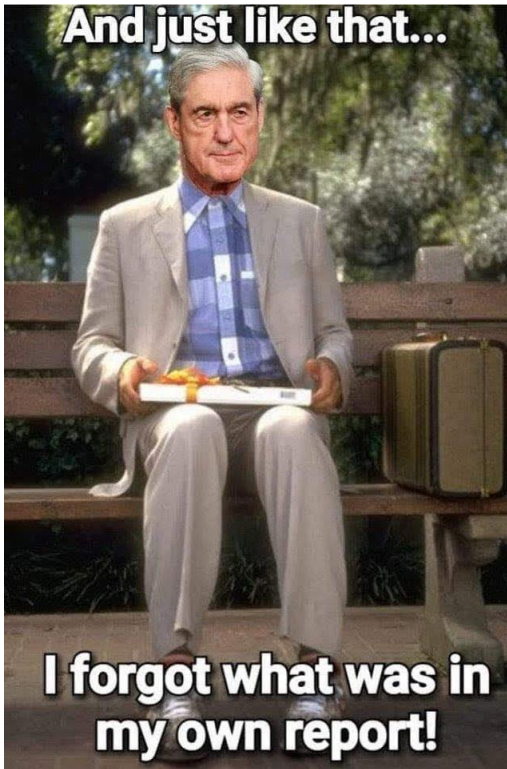


Shiff: State your name.



Mueller: What page is it on?

And just like that...



I forgot what was in my own report!

That's another fine mess you've gotten us into!



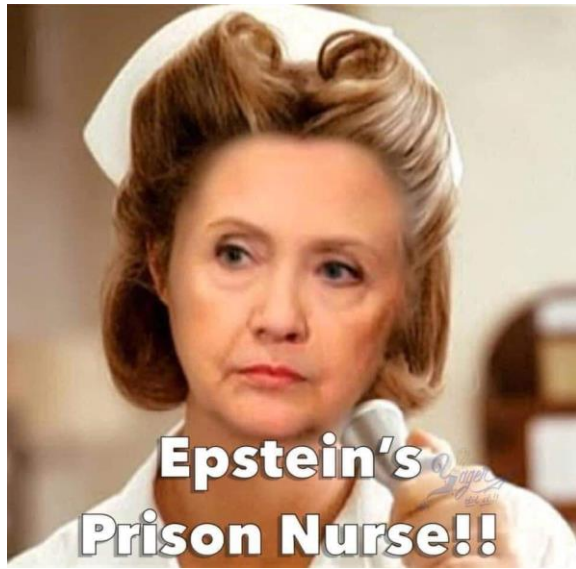
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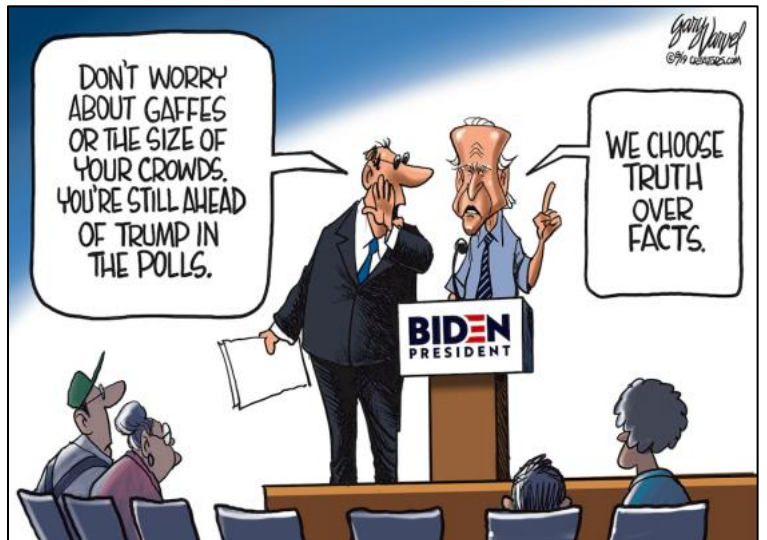
**TRUMP IS ENGAGED
IN A COVERUP.**



**HE'S GUILTY OF OBSTRUCTING
OUR ATTEMPTS TO FRAME HIM.**









AOC discovers ICE has detention centers outside every 7/11.



