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TRUMP, PUTIN HOLD FRIENDLY SUMMIT MEETING IN ALASKA ON UKRAINE

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK: MY TWO CENTS

By Stuart Gorin

--Named for 19th century journalist Joseph Pulitzer, the annual awarding of Pulitzer Prizes to writers once were treasured honors. Given the state of today's left-leaning, woke media, that is no longer the case. During the first Trump administration, the Pulitzer committee awarded prizes to the Washington Post and New York Times for "proving" collusion between President Trump and the Russians. Despite this fake news, the newspapers and the Pulitzer committee now have refused demands to revoke and return the awards – given under false pretenses. It's time to change the name of the award – to the PUTZ PRIZE.

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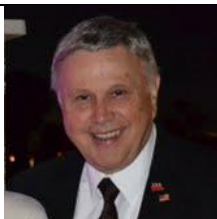
--Following the sad death of wrestling champion Hulk Hogan last month, the chair of the Alachua County, Florida, School Board in Gainesville – Sarah Rockwell – posted on Facebook "Good. One less MAGA in the world." Naturally, the massive response was swift and harsh. So the woke Rockwell deleted the posting, and "apologized" for her "frank and flippant comment."

Newvisionnews.net said Rockwell's action "exposed just how far some public officials have drifted from basic standards of decency and impartiality – and left an entire community questioning who is really representing their children."

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--When late night TV show host Stephen Colbert had former Democrat Vice President Kamala Harris on his show to push her new book, he threw her a softball question: "Who's leading the Democrat Party?" Harris couldn't name one person, but mumbled, "There are lots of leaders. I'm not gonna go through names, 'cause then I'm gonna leave

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President Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin held a three-hour summit meeting August 15 in Anchorage, Alaska, on Ukraine, without agreeing to a cease-fire deal, but they did strike a friendly tone, and Trump called the meeting "extremely productive."



Secretary of State Marco Rubio and **Special Envoy Steve Witkoff** joined the meeting, as did Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov and Yury Ushakov, a diplomatic adviser to the Russian president.

Meeting briefly with the press following the summit, Trump said, "We haven't quite gotten there, but we've made some headway. There's no deal until there's a deal." He also made clear he had not been negotiating on Ukraine's behalf.

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somebody out and then I'm gonna hear about it." The audience laughed, but Colbert looked like he wanted to bang his head on his desk.

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--Overturning a ruling by U.S. District Judge William Young in Massachusetts to stop the Trump Administration from halting the National Institutes of Health's millions of dollars in research grants linked to diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives, the U.S. Supreme Court voted 5-4 on August 21 to allow the cancellation to remain in place. Chief Justice John Roberts joined the three liberal justices who dissented in the matter.

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--President Trump himself selected who will be the 2025 Kennedy Center honorees, and the list tells the story of his new vision for American cultural recognition: It includes actor Sylvester Stallone, country music star George Strait, Broadway legend Michael Crawford, singer Gloria Gaynor, and the rock band Kiss -- all of whom represent decades of genuine accomplishment.

Notice who's missing? The usual lineup of left-wing activists masquerading as entertainers. They were turned down for consideration because they are too "woke."

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--Schools in the U.S. that want to display the Ten Commandments in classrooms are finding that woke courts are pushing back and blocking these efforts. So, does that mean these honorable judges do not agree to oppose murder? stealing? adultery? honoring parents? bearing false witness to neighbors?

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More Two Cents next month.

While traveling to Alaska for the summit, Trump told reporters that Ukraine would have to make its own decision on territorial swaps as part of any peace agreement to end Russia's war against its smaller neighbor. "They'll be discussed," he said, "but I've got to let Ukraine make that decision, and I think they'll make a proper decision. I'm here to get them on the table."

Putin, in his remarks, said "It is very important for our countries to turn the page and go back to cooperation. We have always considered the Ukrainian nation, and it's weird to say in this situation, a brotherly nation." He also said he hopes that Kyiv will not slow the progress of these negotiations.

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Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, who did not attend the summit, said his war-torn country is "counting on America" and hopes it will help facilitate three-way talks that do include Ukraine.

"It is time to end the war, and the necessary steps must be taken by Russia. We are counting on America. We are ready, as always, to work as productively as possible," Zelenskyy said in a statement.

At the conclusion of the summit before departing Alaska for the return flight to Washington, Trump met with **Sean Hannity** for a half-hour televised interview, telling the Fox News host that he was not immediately considering tariffs on countries that purchase Russian energy. "I may have to think about it in two weeks or three weeks or something, but we don't have to think about that right now," Trump said. "I think the meeting went very well."

Trump also said he appreciated his one-time opponent, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, saying she'd nominate him for a Nobel Peace Prize if he brokered peace in Ukraine -- even as he maintained he's not campaigning for the award. "I don't want to be involved in such stuff," he said, before adding that the remarks were "very nice."

The President also stressed to Hannity that "'as far as I'm concerned, there's no deal until there's a deal.'" He noted, however, that "we did make a lot of progress." He said he believes Putin is not only open to peace, but that he "wants to see it done."

Pressed by Hannity to share what the "one big issue you don't agree on" that kept the leaders from walking away with a ceasefire deal, Trump declined, saying, "No, I'd rather not. I guess somebody's going to go public with it, they'll figure it out, but no, I don't want to do that, I want to see if we can get it done."

Now, he added, "It is up to Zelenskyy to get it done and maybe the European nations. They have to get involved a little bit."

The president said that he would be open to attending a trilateral meeting with the presidents of both Ukraine and Russia. "If they'd like, I'll be at that meeting. They're going to set up a meeting now between President Zelenskyy and President Putin and myself, I guess, not that I want to be there, but I want to get it done," Trump said.

Trump told Hannity that he would rate the summit meeting a 10 out of 10, saying, "I think the meeting was a 10 in the sense that we got along great." He added that he believes Putin "respects our country now; he didn't respect it under President Biden. I can tell you that, he had no respect for it."

Trump also commented that he "was so happy" that Putin shared his belief during their joint press conference that the Russia-Ukraine war would have never happened had he been in office at the time.

Without hesitating, the President said that his advice to Zelenskyy after Friday's meeting with Putin would be "make a deal."

He also shared with Hannity that Putin told him he believed the 2020 election was rigged, because of the widespread mail-in voting, saying, "you can't have a great democracy with mail-in voting."

Three days later, Trump hosted Zelenskyy and other European leaders at the White House for a largely positive nearly day-long meeting to discuss bringing an end to the war in Ukraine. The group included NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, British Prime Minister Keir Starmer, German Chancellor Friedrich Merz, Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni, Finnish President Alexander Stubb, and French President Emmanuel Macron.

The group was unable to agree on a security guarantee for Ukraine as part of a deal to end its war with Russia, but said they were hopeful of ultimately reaching an agreement.



Nearly every European leader went out of their way to highlight Trump's role in breaking the stalemate with Russia. While the Biden administration spent years failing to resolve the crisis, Trump's one-two punch – first with Putin in Alaska, and now this White House summit – has leaders across the globe openly admitting progress is finally being made.

Trump suggested that a cease-fire might not be necessary in order to move the talks forward, which differs from the president's prior position. "I like the concept of a cease-fire for one reason," he said, "because you'd stop killing people immediately, as opposed to in two weeks or one week, or whatever it takes. But we can work a deal where we're working on a peace deal while they're fighting,"

Discussions on territorial swaps – likely a component of any peace deal – also were part of the gathering. Zelenskyy called territorial boundaries one of several "sensitive things" that would be the subject of conversation for the future.

DESANTIS NAMES JAY COLLINS NEW FLORIDA LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

When former **U.S. Congressman Ron DeSantis** took the oath of office as Florida's Governor in 2019, he had as his supporting team **Jeanette Nunez** as Lieutenant Governor, **Jimmy Patronis** as Chief Financial Officer, and **Ashley**

Moody as Attorney General. Today, DeSantis is the only one still holding the original position.

In January, after **President Trump** selected **Florida Senator Marco Rubio** as U.S. Secretary of State, Moody was chosen to be his replacement in the U.S. Senate, and DeSantis named **James Uthmeier** as the new Attorney General.

In April this year, Patronis ran successfully for Florida's 1st Congressional District seat in the U.S. House of Representatives, and in July, DeSantis named **Florida 11th District State Senator Blaise Ingoglia** as his replacement.

When Nunez resigned her Lieutenant Governor's position in February this year to become President of Florida International University, the state's second-ranking position remained vacant until July 12, when DeSantis appointed **State Senator Jay Collins** as her replacement, and he was sworn into office.



Collins, who served in Florida's District 14 State Senate, is a decorated combat veteran Purple Heart amputee who served for 23 years as a Green Beret. Since retiring from the Army, he has led disaster relief missions and helped rescue Floridians in danger. He even traveled to the Middle East to help lead the evacuation of Americans from Israel following the October 7 terror attack. During his time in the State Senate, he passed more than 40 bills and been a champion for veterans and military families, education freedom, law and order, and responsible fiscal stewardship.

DeSantis called him "an unapologetic fighter for conservative values. I look forward to working with him to keep putting Florida first." He praised Collins as a "man of action" and dubbed him "the Chuck Norris of Florida Politics."

His selection makes the DeSantis-Collins ticket the only all-veteran executive leadership team in the United States.

Collins and his wife, Layla, have two sons, Gabe and Colt. His appointment creates a vacancy in the Senate that will have to be filled by special election.



SOUNDS FROM THE TRUMP-ET

--President Trump announced he will begin an effort to end the practice of mail-in voting, after long criticizing it in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic., as well as "highly 'inaccurate,' very expensive, and seriously controversial voting machines. which cost ten times more than accurate and sophisticated Watermark Paper, which is faster, and leaves no doubt at the end of the evening, as to who won, and who lost, the election."

He added, "We are now the only country in the world that uses mail-in voting. All others gave it up because of the massive voter fraud."

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---On July 31, Trump signed an executive order directing the President's Council on Sports, Fitness and Nutrition to bring the Presidential Fitness Test back to all schools in the U.S. – to develop strategies to improve America's physical fitness and renew the American spirit, excellence, competitiveness, and sportsmanship. "We have an opportunity to literally change the fabric of kids' lives," he said.

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--The President managed to get just a small number of his nominees to government positions passed by the U.S. Senate before that body shut down for its summer recess – so hundreds of other nominations are left hanging.

Many of these types of civilian nominees traditionally breeze through the Senate via voice vote or unanimous confirmation. But Democrats took advantage of Senate rules to significantly delay confirmation of those picks, calling for each Senator to declare his or her vote.

When the Democrats offered to speed up the process, with Trump, in turn, unfreezing massive funding to spend on their pet projects, an angry President responded: "This demand is egregious and unprecedented, and would be embarrassing to the Republican Party if it were accepted. It is political extortion, by any other name. Tell (Senate Minority Leader Chuck) Schumer, who is under tremendous political pressure from within his own party, the Radical Left Lunatics, to GO TO HELL!"

Among the few nominations actually confirmed just prior to the recess were:

Former judge and Fox News host **Jeanine Pirro** as U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia.

Construction industry leader **Luigi Rinaldi** as U.S. Ambassador to Uruguay.

President of the faith-based organization Catholic Vote **Brian Burch** as U.S. Ambassador to Holy See.

Auto dealership owner **John Arrigo** as U.S. Ambassador to Portugal.

Attorney and former restaurant CEO **Andrew Puzder** as U.S. Ambassador to the European Union.

Real Estate company owner **Catherine Hanson** as Environmental Protection Agency Chief Financial Officer.

And

Trial judge **Jason Quinones** as U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Florida.

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--On August 8, the President sat down with Ilham Aliyev, the President of Azerbaijan, and Nikol Pashinyan, the Prime

Minister of Armenia, and the two men signed a peace agreement intended to bring an end to their countries' decades-long conflict. The deal Trump brokered includes creation of a strategic trade corridor that passes through both countries. The corridor will be developed by American companies and will include rail lines, communication lines, and oil and gas pipelines.

Citing Trump's role in brokering the settlement, the two former adversaries joined a growing list of foreign leaders publicly endorsing him for the Nobel Peace Prize.

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--The President created excitement about the future of the Republican Party this month, suggesting that Vice President J.D. Vance is "most likely" to emerge as the party's presidential nominee in 2028. While stopping short of a full commitment, he said Vance is doing a great job, and "would be probably favored at this point."

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--Since the U.S. will host the 2028 Summer Olympics, and the Federal Government will lead a unified effort to ensure maximum safety for the event and secure borders and transportation for millions of visitors, Trump established the White House Task Force on the event and serve as its chair, with the Vice President serving as vice chair.

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--During an August 6 press briefing in the Oval Office, the President announced that chips and semiconductors produced abroad will face a roughly 100% tariff, while those manufactured in the United States will be exempt. Focusing on Apple's new \$100 billion commitment to American manufacturing, he said, "We're going to treat them really well," and "if you're building in the United States or have committed to build without question, there will be no charge."

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--Announcing that August 7 was "Purple Heart Day" in America, President Trump hosted a White House event where he honored more than 100 recipients of the award in a solemn ceremony commemorating the sacrifices of veterans who were wounded or lost their lives in combat. Acknowledging their presence at the ceremony, he extended "an everlasting thanks" to them and their unbelievable families.

The Purple Heart medal, originally established by George Washington in 1782 as the Badge of Military Merit, is one of the oldest and most revered military decorations still awarded to service members.

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--The President has withdrawn the U.S. from the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) over its DEI policies and pro-China, pro-Palestine bias. The administration sad America is not going to keep writing checks for organizations that spend their days churning out anti-Israel resolutions and shoveling taxpayer dollars into programs that are about as useful as a solar-powered flashlight in a coal mine.

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--After less than two months on the job as the head of the Internal Revenue Service, former **Missouri Congressman Billy Long** was removed from the post by President Trump, who announced instead that he is nominating Long to be U.S. Ambassador to Iceland. **Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent** will assume responsibility for the IRS position on a temporary basis.
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--On August 11, he announced he would nominate **E.J. Antoni**, a top economist at the conservative Heritage Foundation, to serve as the next commissioner of the Bureau of Labor Statistics.
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--On August 12, Trump announced he is nominating TV personality, best-selling author and State Department spokesperson **Tammy Bruce** to become the U.S. Deputy Representative to the United Nations with the rank of Ambassador.
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--The President was full of praise for the New York State Appeals Court this month for tossing out a half-billion-dollar "civil fraud penalty" case that had been brought against him, his family, and his businesses – when Judge Arthur Engoron sided with New York Attorney General Letitia James' claim that they overstated property values to get better terms on loans and insurance. The Appeals Court said the fine went too far and violated the Eighth Amendment's ban on excessive punishments. The original case dated back to September 2022, and the amount of the fine kept rising during the appeal time.



LET ME BE FRANK
By Frank Montelione
Space Coast Tusk Designer

TDS 2.0

I have written in the past about a serious psychological disorder, TDS (Trump Derangement Syndrome). That article was the pre November victory of Donald Trump in 2024. Anyone could have easily predicted that TDS was going to spread like a national epidemic after the elections. As of late, Democrats have been trying to find a footing to launch midterm elections and an effort to regain the White House in 2028. Their bench is lean to say the least.

Regardless of the successes of the Trump Administration in, not just National successes but also in international affairs, Democrats are trying to skew things in an attempt to try to fool the American public by putting a spin on the good news of the return of America as a formidable international leader.

The White House has had a hand in resolving a total of seven bilateral agreements between Armenia and Azerbaijan; Cambodia and Thailand; Israel and Iran; India and Pakistan; Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of the Congo; Egypt and Ethiopia; and Serbia and Kosovo, as well as the Abraham Accords, a normalization pact signed in Trump's first term

between Israel and some Arab states. Instead of celebrating these accomplishments, liberal media such as CNN, spins this as "Every administration works to halt wars and to advance US interests. Most don't take constant victory laps — indeed, such triumphalism can often destroy quiet diplomacy."

Yet Trump has saved lives. In some cases, he's used presidential power in novel ways to stop sudden conflicts from escalating into full-scale wars." ([CNN, August 19, 2020](#)) They report it as if this is a bad thing.

One of the major offenders is "Occupy Democrats", a left-wing media outlet. It was established in 2012, and it publishes hyper partisan content, and false information. In September 2022, Occupy Democrats was accused of having raised almost \$800,000 for its election fund and donating none of the money to federal candidates.

In a recent posting on FaceBook, they completely skew facts to the point that one has to wonder if they are operating in an alternate universe. "While discussing his recent White House meeting with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky in the wake of his failed summit with Russian dictator Vladimir Putin, Trump claimed that British Prime Minister Keir Starmer and French President Emmanuel Macron are "consumed far more with [Ukraine] because they're right there."

"You know we have an ocean that's separating us, right?" he said, apparently referring to the United States and Russia. "A thing called... An ocean. A big, beautiful ocean. And, uh, they don't, they're right there. So, it's a different kind of a thing for them."

The ocean he was referring to is the Pacific Ocean, something that any elementary school student could tell you (at least until MAGA succeeds in fully dismantling the Department of Education)."



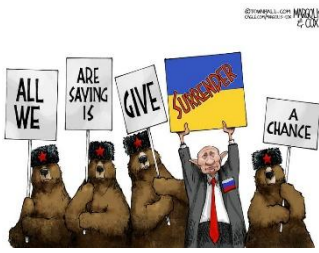
No, sorry, he was obviously speaking of the Atlantic Ocean. Apparently, the authors of this article needs a class in geography to see that when you're speaking of the British Prime Minister and the French President, the authors place them in the wrong

hemisphere. And as far as calling his summit with Putin as a "failed summit", periodicals like Newsweek even criticized him for holding the meeting on American soil. Senator Chris Murphy, a Connecticut Democrat, ... on his assessment of the Trump-Putin summit, saying in a Sunday appearance on NBC News' Meet the Press that "the meeting was a "disaster" that gave Russian Putin "everything he wanted." No one told the Senator that no agreement had been reached but that the Putin summit led to a major historic meeting of European leaders in the White House.

Then there is MSNBC's Lawrence O'Donnell who claims Trump, after meetings with Putin, Zelensky, and European leaders in an attempt to bring an end to the Russia/Ukraine

conflict, is so incapacitated that functioning effectively is difficult. O'Donnell cites Trump's light public schedule as evidence, suggesting he might be unable to stand or speak coherently. (NY Post August 22, 2025) At least he didn't take a vacation to sit at the beach.

The theme from "The X Files" keeps running in my head.



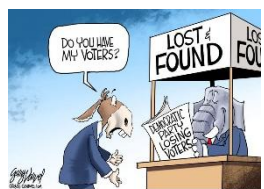
A regular reader of "Occupy Democrats" said she was specialized in geriatrics said she saw Trump's rapid decline into dementia. I ask then why didn't she see the obvious precipitous decline into dementia when we had to spend 4 years watching

President Auto Pen Biden acknowledge dead diplomats, fall asleep at a Nato Meeting, have to be led by the German Chancellor when he was lost at Normandy, could only take calls and meetings between 10am and 3pm (that's a sure sign of sundown syndrome for dementia patients), and the disastrous Afghanistan withdrawal? Four4 years of wars breaking out due to a lack of leadership in the most powerful country on earth and no fear of retaliation. Anyone interested in history would recognize Biden's foreign affairs policy of mimicking Nevel Chamberlain's appeasement policy when dealing with Nazi Germany. Remember when he was asked what he would do if Putin invaded Ukraine and his answer was that it depended on how far Russia would invade. In other words, as Chamberlain did, inviting Putin to invade just a little.

You get the drift. There was so much wrong in Biden's administration and the cover up of his mental decline that, if you read the news, as a geriatric nurse, why didn't she see Biden's obvious signs.

Democrats flee the Texas House, one Congresswoman has been arrested for assaulting an officer in New Jersey, a Newport Rhode Island Ass't Attorney General arrested for trespass and threatening the arresting officers. Here in Atlanta, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners had to be ordered by the Courts to seat two Republicans to the Board of Elections defy the order and still refuse to seat them. Letisha James and Judge Arthur Engoron totally rebuked for an obvious attempt at bankrupting Trump losing an appeal of a so called crime with no victim. Ironically, she and Adam Schiff are now both being investigating for falsely claiming two different residences as their primary home. Protecting dangerous illegal alien criminals and interfering with ICE arrests.

Today, this Administration felt it necessary to deploy the National Guard to help police and arrest offenders in Washington, D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser, makes spurious claims that crime in D.C. is down while allegations from D.C.



police whistleblowers are accusing the city of skewing crime statistics to make it appear D.C. is safer than the public appears to see. One D.C. police commander for the 3rd District was placed on leave in May 2025 over

accusations that he manipulated crime data in his district. The Justice Department is investigating whether the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) manipulated data to make crime rates appear lower.

So, apparently defying the law is the new Democrat platform. Ostensibly, the DNC has not gotten the memo. Americans are turning against them. The party that once claimed to be the party of the people have turned a blind eye to the people they once claimed to be their own.



HIGHLIGHTING CAPITOL HILL
By Mike Haridopolos
Florida District 8 Congressman



Restoring Order to America's Capital City

What struck me most when I began working in Washington this year was the enormous gap between what the capital is supposed to represent and what it has actually become. You imagine a city that embodies safety, order, and stability – the kind of place where families visit proudly and where workers and leaders go about their duties without fear. The reality is the opposite. Streets that should be filled with tourists and school groups are too often marked by violent crime, open drug use, and lawlessness.

The statistics confirm what residents already know. In 2024, Washington's homicide rate reached 27.5 per 100,000 residents. That is not only high by American standards, it is worse than Bogotá, Colombia, and Islamabad, Pakistan. Nearly everyone here can name a friend or colleague who has been a victim of violent crime. Rarely do those cases end with justice. Most offenders are never arrested, and those who are rarely face significant jail time.

This is not a failure of law enforcement. It is a failure of policy. For years, D.C.'s City Council and judges have chosen to shield offenders rather than protect the public. The results are devastating. Felons caught with illegal handguns almost never face real prison time, despite D.C. having some of the strictest gun control laws in the country. Between 2018 and 2022, police made more than 5,500 such arrests. Two-thirds of those cases were dismissed outright, and of the remainder, just 1 percent resulted in prison sentences. Federal courts handle the same cases very differently. Nearly every offender is convicted, and most spend years behind bars.

Juvenile crime is treated with the same misplaced leniency. D.C. considers anyone under 25 a "youth," and from 2013 to 2023 only 176 juveniles were tried as adults despite a surge in carjackings, robberies, and even murders committed by teenagers. The consequences of that approach are clear. Fifteen- and sixteen-year-olds now commit most of the city's carjackings, with nearly three-quarters of them armed. They know the system will treat them as children, no matter how violent their crimes are.

The same failure of leadership is visible on the sidewalks. Homeless encampments are common across the city, often within steps of major landmarks. Tourists and commuters step out of Union Station and are met not by the beauty of the capital but by tent cities, filth, and disorder. I am glad to see the federal government finally stepping in to move people off the sidewalks and restore order.

The tragedy is that Washington is not just another city. It is the face of the nation. More than 25 million people from across the country and around the world visited the capital last year. What impression do they carry home when their first view of the Capitol is framed by crime, disorder, and homeless encampments alongside our monuments? If D.C. cannot maintain order in the very streets surrounding its seat of government, what message does that send about America's strength?

President Trump has confronted this crisis head-on. He signed a Presidential Memorandum mobilizing the D.C. National Guard to restore public safety and directed Attorney General Pam Bondi and U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia Jeanine Pirro to bring law and order back to the streets. He has also pledged to fill judicial vacancies with judges who will finally enforce the law. These steps are essential if the capital is to reclaim the safety and dignity worthy of its role as the seat of America's government.

Florida shows what happens when leaders take the right approach. Here, violent crime rates are lower precisely because the state refuses to coddle offenders. Prosecutors take crimes seriously, and sentences have teeth. We pass laws and we enforce them. That consistency delivers safer neighborhoods and greater confidence in the justice system. Criminals know there are consequences, and law-abiding citizens know the state is on their side.

The most basic responsibility of government is to protect the lives, liberty, and property of its people. Washington, D.C., has abandoned that responsibility. President Trump's actions are an important step toward restoring law and order in our capital, and they should remind us of an enduring truth: our cities and towns are safest when leaders adopt firm, common-sense policies like those that we have in Florida.



THE MAYFIELD MINUTE
By Florida District 19 State Senator
Debbie Mayfield

The Florida Attorney General's Office of Statewide Prosecution has brought criminal charges against eight members of a massive \$8.8 million bank fraud ring. The illegal operation began with three bank employees sharing and selling bank account information of senior customers through an encrypted mobile messaging app.

"Today, we announced the takedown of eight criminals who targeted seniors and stole \$8.8 million from over 230 victims. They're facing charges such as RICO, criminal use of personal

information, and other serious felonies," said **Attorney General James Uthmeier**. "I'm grateful for the hard work of the Polk County Sheriff's Office in hunting these fraudsters down. Our Office of Statewide Prosecution will now get to work and hold them accountable."

According to the law enforcement investigation, the suspects used victims' names, dates of birth, Social Security Numbers and bank account information to transfer money into accounts the defendants opened. The suspects then either disbursed the stolen funds amongst themselves or made purchases such as buying a new car.

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--The Attorney General also announced the arrest this month of 48 individuals following a six-day undercover operation targeting online child predators. At least six apprehended individuals are on ICE detainers, and traveled from Jamaica, El Salvador, Dubai, and India to the state of Florida with the intention to prey on children.

The operation resulted in the highest number of arrests ever made during this annual joint effort to protect Florida's children from exploitation and abuse.

Uthmeier said, "As a father, I am outraged by the heinous crimes we spoke about today. As Attorney General, I'm proud of the brave officers behind this record-breaking operation. They came after children, but Florida and federal law enforcement were waiting for them. Thanks to the Marion County Sheriff's Office for putting this operation together so these men were stopped before they could harm a single child."

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--The Orlando VA Healthcare System announced the opening of a new Urgent Care Clinic within the Viera VA Clinic at 2900 Veterans Way. The Urgent Care Clinic will care for Veterans needing same day medical attention for non-life-threatening conditions such as minor cuts, burns, wounds, infections, irritation, and cold or flu symptoms. Clinic hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

"The establishment of this urgent care clinic guarantees that Veterans will receive quality, immediate care during critical times," said **Dr. Brandon Vormsbacher**, Chief Medical Officer at the Viera VA Clinic. "We are dedicated to addressing the healthcare needs of our Veteran community, and this clinic represents a crucial advancement in enhancing access to care."

Brevard County is home to over 67,000 Veterans who will benefit from greater access to same day care for urgent, non-life-threatening conditions.

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--On September 6, the Space Coast Honor Flight will embark on its 83rd flight to Washington, D.C. with 50 Veterans of World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War on board. Notably, this will be the first Honor Flight departing from the Melbourne Orlando International Airport rather than the Orlando International Airport

The whirlwind one-day itinerary begins at 4:00 a.m. when the Veterans arrive at the MLB Airport Welcome Center for a “Send Off” ceremony. Upon landing in Washington, the Veterans will spend the day touring the city, visiting war memorials, and honoring those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation. Between 9:30 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. upon their return to MLB Airport, the Veterans will be greeted with a “Welcome Home” ceremony.

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--**Florida Commissioner of Agriculture Wilton Simpson, Senate President Ben Albritton, and Senate President Pro Tempore Jason Brodeur** joined leaders from Feeding Tampa Bay, the Feeding Florida Network Board, and the agricultural industry to launch the new Farmers Feeding Florida initiative.

“Through Farmers Feeding Florida, we are connecting Florida’s farmers and ranchers directly with local distribution channels to make certain our food banks and pantries are stocked with the healthy food families are looking for,” Simpson. said, The initiative is expected to reduce food waste by the agricultural community, address food insecurity throughout the state, and enhance local economies.

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--**Florida Governor Ron DeSantis** announced the completion of the Crane Creek/M-1 Canal Flow Restoration Project, marking a major step toward improving water quality in the Indian River Lagoon. The upgrades are expected to: prevent an estimated 24,000 pounds of nitrogen and 3,100 pounds of phosphorus from entering the lagoon each year; restore the natural westward flow to the St. Johns River Basin; and provide up to 7 million gallons of fresh water per day for downstream users.

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--DeSantis also announced the appointment of **Lori Halbert**, a business owner and former Indialantic Councilwoman, to the Florida Council on Arts and Culture. The council is a state-appointed advisory body that provides recommendations on cultural grants and programs to the Florida Department of State, and it plays a crucial role in promoting and supporting arts and culture within Florida.

He also announced that Florida has awarded more than 8,700 recruitment bonuses to new law enforcement officers through the Florida Law Enforcement Recruitment Bonus Payment Program.

“I had the honor of hand-delivering \$5,000 recruitment bonuses to 40 new Hillsborough County sheriff’s deputies and thanking them for all they do to serve their communities,” DeSantis. “We continue our missions to give our law enforcement officers everything they need to do to keep our communities safe, such as recruitment bonuses, pay raises, resources to promote physical and mental wellbeing, and tough-on-crime policies that allow officers to do their jobs without fear of political retaliation.”

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This month we celebrate Women's Equality Day, Constitution,

which prohibited states from denying citizens the commemorating the adoption of the 19th amendment to the United States right to vote based on gender.

On August 26, 1920, **Secretary of State Bainbridge Colby** signed the proclamation certifying the amendment, marking a historic victory for the Suffragette movement. In 1972, **President Richard Nixon** became the first president to formally recognize Women's Equality Day, and every president since has continued the tradition.



AN UPDATE FROM MY OFFICE **By Florida District 8 State Senator** **Tom Wright**

The summer months have been busy across District 8 as we continue building on the accomplishments of the 2025 Legislative Session. I’ve been focused on delivering

local wins, engaging directly with our community, and representing the best interests of the Space Coast.

Following the close of Session, I have joined community leaders to celebrate the success of key appropriation projects. Recent check presentations included Halifax Health, the Volusia County Emergency Operations Center, the Conklin Davis Center for the Visually Impaired, and the City of South Daytona.

These events highlight what collaboration between local leaders and the legislature can achieve and how strategic investments translate into real benefits for our communities. I am looking forward to more of these events that we have planned across Volusia and Brevard Counties over the next few weeks.

I also want to take a moment to recognize and congratulate two of my colleagues on their recent statewide appointments, which represent significant moments for Florida’s leadership team.

Former State **Senator Blaise Ingoglia** has been appointed by **Governor Ron DeSantis** as Florida’s new Chief Financial Officer. In addition to managing the state’s finances, the CFO also serves as the State Fire Marshal, overseeing critical areas of insurance, risk management, and public safety. Senator Ingoglia has consistently demonstrated a strong commitment to accountability and conservative financial stewardship, and I have no doubt he will bring that same level of dedication and energy to his new role.

I also want to congratulate former **State Senator Jay Collins**, who has been selected to serve as Florida’s next Lieutenant Governor. His service career began as a decorated Green Beret with the U.S. Army, where he put his life on the line to defend our freedoms. In the Florida Senate, he has proven himself to be a strong voice for our veterans, military families, and small businesses. As Lieutenant Governor, he will bring that same sense of mission and dedication to the executive branch, working side by side with Governor DeSantis to advance policies that strengthen Florida’s economy, expand

opportunities for families, and reinforce our state's leadership on national defense and disaster preparedness.

Both appointments speak to the caliber of leaders we have here in Florida. Chief Financial Officer Ingoglia and Lieutenant Governor Collins embody the values of service, integrity, and commitment to the people of this state. I look forward to working with them in their new capacities as we continue moving Florida forward.

Recently, I joined Governor DeSantis and local leaders in Brevard County to celebrate the completion of the Crane Creek/M-1 Canal Flow Restoration Project in Melbourne. Built over a century ago, the M-1 Canal diverted stormwater into the Indian River Lagoon, contributing to nutrient pollution and algae blooms. The new project restores natural flows westward to the St. Johns River Basin through a weir, pump stations, and a treatment area. It will prevent more than 24,000 pounds of nitrogen and 3,100 pounds of phosphorus from entering the Lagoon each year, while improving water quality and regional water security.

On August 14th, I traveled to Jacksonville for an important event hosted at the 125th Fighter Wing alongside my colleagues in the Florida Legislature and members of our congressional delegation. This meeting was centered on advancing the long-term growth of the Florida National Guard, which has been a top priority of mine for years. Attendees were given a tour of the new F-35s, briefed on the implementation of military construction projects, and participated in discussions on securing additional force structure for our state. I was honored to be involved in this conversation, which directly impacts Florida's ability to respond to emergencies, defend our communities, and strengthen our role in national defense.

If you have any questions, concerns, or need assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office at 386-304-7630 or by

email at wright.tom@flsenate.gov. Until next time – stay safe, stay engaged, and stay informed.



THE BREC CORNER By Chairman Rick Lacey

This Summer has been busy for BREC members. Our Fundraising Committee is developing several exciting new fundraising ideas for Republicans to help replenish our campaign account, including a Victory Casino Cruise, Fashion show, and another Kentucky Derby Day, in addition to our Lincoln Reagan Dinner. It is important to note that we need to build our finances in light of the challenge of next year's mid-term elections as well as this November's local contests.

Prior to the July 28 BREC meeting, Brevard Republican Clubs and BREC Committees participated in a marketplace to introduce themselves to members and sign up new recruits.

That July meeting began with a very successful collection of donations to benefit the victims of the Central Texas floods. Over \$700 was raised to help our fellow Americans recover from this tragedy.

Brevard Congressman Mike Haridopolous gave a quick overview of the work Congress is doing to work with President Trump to Make America Great Again.

A motion was made and seconded by BREC members to ask RPOF to remove **Randy Fine** as our State Committeeman since he is representing other counties in Congress and has not performed the duties of State Committee in Brevard. It passed 110 to 14.

Rich Nink asked BREC members to sign up as poll watchers for this November's election to continue our success with supporting Election Integrity.

While I recognized and thanked all the volunteers who worked at our BREC phone bank, **Marlene Frye** and **Tim Bates** were exceptional. **Dan Heim** and **Caron McCullough** were recognized for the May awards for the outstanding job they did in selling ads for our Lincoln Reagan souvenir program.



Committee Man and Woman of the Month awards were presented to Tim Bates and Marlene Frye for July.



Vice Chair Dave Fosdick swore in 5 new BREC members.



**Brevard
Federated
Republican
WOMEN**

RENDEZVOUS WITH REPUBLICAN WOMEN By BFRW President Xiaoqi Wang

At our August 6 Luncheon, BFRW honored two great female

firefighters, **Lt. Casey Cleary and Lt. Pamela Rudnicki**, in recognition of their sacrifices and contributions to our community. All Brevard firefighters deserve our admiration and respect for their unwavering commitment to public safety.

Brevard County Fire Chief Patrick Voltaire attended the Luncheon, and introduced BFRW's honorees, and **District Chief Ryan Barrack** spoke about Brevard County Fire Rescue's Protecting Life & Property program, which has been helping Brevard residents for over 40 years.

Our speaker was **Brevard County Property Appraiser Dana Blickley**, who explained that one of her primary duties is to prepare an annual assessment roll, which becomes a tax roll, in compliance with our Constitution and specific State mandated standards.



She also explained that to maintain an approved tax roll, the Property Appraiser must estimate the current market value of all real and tangible personal property based upon data from real estate sales transactions (buyers and sellers), and other current market data. Her work is done pursuant to the requirements of State laws and is audited annually by the Florida Department of Revenue to ensure compliance.

The Property Appraiser is also responsible for the administration of various property tax exemptions and property classifications. Blickley explained that under Florida law, the rental of homestead property constitutes abandonment of the homestead and the benefits derived therefrom. She also discussed issues related to property title changes, exemptions, and Amendment 5 to Florida's Constitution relating to homestead exemptions and inflation adjustment.

Blickley has been a long time BFRW member, and we are proud of the good work she is doing as Brevard County Property Appraiser.

While celebrating BFRW's rich history and enjoying a great tea party this past month with our friends, BFRW members and guests also purchased over \$900 in merchandise from Genesis House, whose mission is to provide emergency shelter for homeless women and their children, long-term housing for student mothers with children, and shelter for homeless pregnant women. Genesis House is a great charity, and BFRW encourages members and friends to support its good work.

Palm Bay Mayor Rob Medina was scheduled to join BFRW for an Evening with the Mayor on August 28 at The Mansion on E. New Haven Avenue in Melbourne.

BFRW has launched a Phone Banking Campaign in support of Republican candidates during the upcoming 2026 mid-term

election cycle. The plan is to increase voter turnout and Republican voter registration, and the goal is to make 100,000 plus phone calls during the next 15 months. This is not an impossible task. If each member commits just two hours a month to making calls, we will easily reach our goal! BFRW offers weekly training to help callers get comfortable with the system. The Phone Banking Campaign is open to all. Even if you are not a BFRW member, you are invited to participate. We thank **Congressman Mike Haridopolos** for sponsoring this effort, and we are looking forward to working with all of Brevard's great Republicans.

You can reach us by email at: bfrw.usa@gmail.com or by phone at (623) 451-2623.



We had such a great meeting on August 1, with a last-minute surprise guest – **U.S. Congressman Mike Haridopolos**. As he walked in, the room went quiet, and the meeting immediately came to order.

The Congressman took a few moments to call out some of the accomplishments that have taken place in Washington since January 19. Most notably, he reminded us that our administration continues to be that of "Promises Made & Promises Kept."



He also spoke of securing our border and that not one catch and release occurred last month. This is quite an accomplishment. He also took a moment to publicly congratulate his wife, **Dr. Stephanie Haridopolos**, on her President Trump appointment as Chief of Staff for the Surgeons General's Office. We were thrilled to hear him speak.

State Representative Monique Miller next spoke about all the Florida legislation that passed and some that didn't (yet). She is working with the other legislators to have our property taxes lowered or eliminated. She fielded many questions and is looking into difficult issues such as our homeowner's insurance. She believes that with the elimination of so many illegal immigrants who are driving without insurance, auto insurance rates will begin to go down. Miller was a delight to hear.

We also had school board member **Kayte Campbell** speak to the needs and growth of our Brevard County Schools. She spoke of funding challenges, priority to cut administrative funding from District offices, so the money can go to the classrooms where it belongs. She also spoke about challenges that occur when parents, after taking the funding to homeschool decide to put their children back into public schools. Campbell was very informative and took questions regarding parental rights.

We wish to recognize how pleased we are with our Peaceful President Trump, who is brokering peace deals and ending wars. God Bless America!

Federated Republican Women in Action are growing and looking for members who want to unite and engage in supporting America First.

Our national bi-annual convention will be held in Orlando September 25-28. We will be winning gold status for the first time ever!

In our regular September meeting, we will have a special guest speaker from the state organization – Bylaws Chair Melissa Beaudoin, who is running for the State President office. Please join us! Social starts at 11am, meeting called to order 11:30 (or soon after) at McMaws in Palm Bay.



The first speaker at our August 19 meeting, our new **Florida 8th District Congressman Mike Haridopolos**, spoke about three main promises to voters:

1. Secure America's borders, using laws already on the books. Illegal crossings have been reduced 99% in just seven months. Deportations have been focused on criminals and self-deportation successes. He confirmed that it may take 11 years or more to finish this task, and way more if Democrats get into power.

2. Reduce prices. He serves on the Financial Services Committee and says the Department of Justice is doing a good job reducing government spending, and there is a need to reduce interest rates to help home buyers. We are moving towards being energy independent, he said, and noted that the President's tax cuts did not help the rich, but kept taxes from increasing, and the Big Beautiful Bill cut taxes on tips, overtime, and Social Security. He said the government needs to add new programs, and the cost of hiring and rent are higher than in the private sector.

3. National Security is on the forefront. There is a \$10B increase in the budget for it, including working on the Golden Dome.

Haridopolos also talked about the different committees he has been on. He chaired the Space Committee and spoke about the activity in Brevard County. He also mentioned that his wife, **Dr. Stephanie Haridopolos**, a board-certified family physician, has joined the Trump Team Making America Healthy Again, as Acting Chief of Staff/Senior Advisor – Office of the Surgeon General.



PUMPING UP WITH PATRIOTS

By Chairman Michael Wilson
Space Coast Patriots Club



Congressman Haridopolos then took questions ranging from issues on Jeffrey Epstein info (he wants it all available) to taxes

and how we must win at the mid-terms. He said anyone can call him or contact him with questions or concerns. Haridopolos had to leave for the airport, so questions that weren't answered will be provided electronically. He said he can be seen on C-Span any time.

District 30 Representative Chase Tramont of the Florida House – who was elected in 2022 and re-elected again in 2024 – then gave us a report on what was happening statewide and took questions from the floor covering such issues as solar farms, land use, concern over utility rates going higher, the widening of Highway 46, and repairing I-95. There also were discussions about eliminating property taxes and how this would affect impact fees and other ways to get funds for police, fire, EMS, etc. Tramont said the funding issue is being studied closely.



He also talked about dangers of petitions to change the Florida Constitution, which go around our elected officials, making it very hard to change or amend. If a law is passed instead, he said, it can be changed and amended much easier than a Constitutional amendment. Fast transit trains also were a topic and how they are not economical. New stations are being discussed. He said he is not in favor of capping rents or any business capping rates, which interferes with the free market and leads to socialism.

Tramont also talked about insurance problems and stated that more companies are coming back to Florida. He said large payouts are coming out of our pockets and we pay with increased rates and that there were some bad companies taking advantage of Floridians.

Next month, our September 16 speaker will be **Florida House Leader Tyler Sirois**, of House District 31, who has been instrumental in advancing the state's commercial aerospace industry, promoting free market solutions in healthcare, and protecting our youth on the Internet.



**SPACE COAST
REPUBLICAN CLUB**
By Secretary Paul Gunnels



Addressing the Space Coast Republican Club meeting on July 26, **Brevard County Sheriff Wayne Ivey** discussed his unwavering stance on law enforcement, the county's success in reducing crime, improving services in animal control, and civic responsibility.

Since taking office in 2013, Ivey has prioritized community safety through aggressive law enforcement and strong partnerships with residents. "Our crime rate is down 52% over the last 12 years," he noted, citing the proactive measures of his department and community cooperation as key factors in the drop.

"We have zero tolerance for crime," Ivey emphasized, describing the county's commitment to aggressive policing while maintaining professionalism. A major point of pride for

Ivey is the transformation of the county's Animal Services. After taking over the shelter system in 2014, he implemented sweeping reforms that turned a failing system into one that now boasts a 90%+ live release rate. Under his leadership, the Sheriff's Office built a new veterinary hospital, created an animal cruelty unit, and established partnerships with organizations like the SPCA and the Humane Society. "We're saving lives now," Ivey said, "and when someone abuses an animal, I walk them straight into jail myself—live on Facebook."

Ivey also addressed the county's efforts to combat illegal immigration, human trafficking, and judicial leniency. He voiced concern over judges releasing suspects prematurely and emphasized the need for more authority at the state level to address immigration violations. "If you're in this country illegally and come into Florida, you've committed a state crime," he stated, referring to legislation passed under Governor Ron DeSantis that is currently pending review by the Supreme Court.

On a lighter note, Ivey shared stories about his beloved bloodhounds – the 1st Junny, and his new partner, Saint Francis. The dogs not only assist with tracking and public engagement but are also part of the broader culture of care his office fosters for animals and community.

Despite criticism and protests, Ivey maintains high popularity in Brevard County. He stressed the importance of community involvement in politics, urging citizens to run for local office and help preserve conservative values at the municipal level. "The left is angry and mobilized," he warned. "We need to be ready for the midterms."

The sheriff's address closed on a note of reflection and gratitude. "We are blessed to live in Brevard County," he said.

"We're not perfect, but we're doing it right. And we're going to keep fighting—for our families our animals, and our way of life."



Brian Hodgerson, the newly elected Brevard State Representative for District 32, gave the Patriots a fresh look at policies and State politics from a businessman's perspective at our August 1 meeting. Hodgerson said that as a general rule, it seems our legislature rarely reacts to problems quickly. Their failure to do so means items like Business Rent Tax have

been on the books since 1969 and should have been eliminated long ago.

As for skyrocketing homeowners' insurance costs, he gave comprehensive and insightful answers regarding why they are so high. For one, if homeowners bought their homes 20 or more years ago, building costs at the time might have been about \$175.00/sq.ft., whereas the price now is more like \$300.00/sq.ft., so replacement costs are much greater. Additionally, materials costs are up, labor is up and contractors are few and far between.

We also have law firms like Morgan & Morgan, Hodgerson said, who filed about 135,000 lawsuits in the week before Florida Governor Ron DeSantis signed new tort reform. This factoid was a real eye-opener for the audience. And finally, he said, "We do not have enough insurers coming into the state to make pricing more competitive."

Asked about Affordable Housing, he said as long as building prices run in the \$300.00/sq.ft. range, affordable housing is just not going to happen.

Lately, DOGE has been on everyone's mind as a great way to cut back on waste and abuse. Hodgerson was asked if he would be in favor of a DOGE effort in Brevard County and he signaled he saw no reason why we shouldn't have an audit. The attendees reacted well to this comment!

A member of the Patriots asked if we should eliminate Super PACs as a way to control large donors and make government for all instead of the special interests. He cleverly quipped, "Maybe we should do as the comedian Larry the Cable Guy once suggested, have our politicians wear sponsor patches just like the NASCAR drivers."

When queried about the State getting serious about enforcing E-verify, he said he is generally in favor of the program, but doesn't think it should be fraught with meaningless paperwork or be overburdensome and ineffective for companies that need legal seasonal workers. He also was asked if he thought Merritt Island should incorporate, and he said, "That's a bad idea!"

Hodgerson's fresh perspective on his new job was much appreciated by the Patriots and we welcome him back anytime. At the end of the meeting, **Robyn Hattaway**, who is running for

the District 31 State Representative slot, introduced herself to the audience and said she is against Merritt Island incorporating. And **Mindy Gibson**, who is also a candidate for this position, gave us a quick, but thorough, rundown on why she's running.



REMEMBER WHEN

By President Mike Hoagland Heritage Isle Republican Club

With all the successes we have seen delivered by this Trump administration, can we imagine what additional successes there would be if Trump had full support from elected

Republican representatives and senators?

We expect opposition from democrats, Trump haters, media, lobbyists, special interests, foreign actors and Marxists activist judges. The American people elected Donald Trump as president to deliver on the agenda on which he campaigned. We rejected the entirety of the Biden/Democrat policies and agenda overwhelmingly. So, we have the White House, House of Representatives and Senate. Even with thin margins, Republicans should be able to deliver on every Trump agenda item. He should be able to have every one of his political nominees approved and put in place. Trump needs his people to fulfill his agenda commitments. As we all witness, Democrats

vote 100% in unanimity even though their votes are detrimental to what is in the best interest of America.

Republicans vote for what's in the best interest of their community even though what they support is not in the best interest of the country as a whole. Rather than demonstrate courage and vote for what's best for the entire country, these Republicans will vote "no" until they get their way. I suppose this is a philosophical argument but statesmen, I think should view, in my opinion, what is in the best interest of all of America.

Vetting candidates is an important function for local voters. If we all knew the money and influence that changed hands in Washington D.C., we would probably dig a hole and bury ourselves. Do you ever wonder what is really behind an elected official's decision to resign their office because he or she had an opportunity that they could just not pass up? Really! Political office wasn't enough of an opportunity? Do you ever wonder how a Republican can have such a different position from his peers on a specific piece of legislation? Do you ever wonder how politicians go to Washington with very few financial assets and come out wealthy? Well, political PACs provide millions of dollars to lobbyists to BUY votes and support their agenda. Corruption is rampant and is part of the routine.

Fortunately for America, Donald Trump can't be bought. His cabinet is made up of wealthy individuals for the most part and can't be bought. This makes Trump dangerous to the Marxist progressive agenda. I believe that accounts for the most negative initiatives of the Trump haters. There are Republicans who fit this description. This is why we have to identify our local political candidates early and support them. Our local officials are not exempt from financial inducements. Having the courage to "do right" rather than "be right" should be the goal of our politicians.

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We are getting close to the mid-term election season. It's time to explain the difference in policy positions between Democrats and Republicans. Democrats, so far, have only explained that they need to protect democracy. Actions speak louder in words, right? Our Democrat brethren have advocated for open borders, defunding police departments, mandating the elimination of oil and gas energy, supporting transmen competing in women's sport, promoting drag queen activities in children's schools, promoting funding for youth gender transitioning, supporting sanctuary jurisdictions which allow the release of arrested illegals back into our community, trying to preclude the deportation of illegals even if criminal, stopping the federal government from sending assistance to communities that are unsafe, continuing to support foreign aid that goes to terrorists by way of non-profit organizations, supporting terrorist groups such as Hamas, working to eliminate school choice for children, supporting teacher unions that introduce Marxist ideology into the class room, introducing liberal ideology into the military, and leveraging financial institutions to debank conservatives.

President Trump has done more to preserve our democracy as a result of all the attacks against him. If I tried to list every positive

achievement of this administration, I would run out of ink. Your eyes tell you. Your eyes and ears don't lie. His policies are low taxes, small government, strong military, closed borders, school choice, low interest rates, law and order, energy independence. Trump is doing all of this. There is so much more as we all know. Our President references faith and God often. When have any of us heard Democrats discuss faith or God? It should be a no-brainer when the choice is a Democrat or Republican. Republicans are truly the only choice. We now must vet our Republican candidates. RINOs do exist, so we have to be careful. In Brevard County, an ideological Democrat could register as a Republican because that is the only way they can gain office.



Conserving The Future By President Garrett Jacobellis

This past month has been an exciting one for the Space Coast Young Republicans. Our members have been hard at work representing Brevard County on the national stage, while also building momentum here at home.

In August, the Space Coast Young Republicans proudly traveled to Nashville, Tennessee, for the 2025 Young Republican National Convention. We were honored to send the largest delegation from Florida, with nine members making the trip. Not only was Florida the best-represented state in the country, but the Space Coast YRs played a leading role in making that possible.

The convention brought together over 2,000 Young Republicans from nearly all 50 states, Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico. It was an incredible opportunity for networking, training, and building friendships with like-minded conservatives from across the country. We were thrilled to see so much energy and passion for the future of our movement.

Attendees also had the chance to hear from some of America's most respected leaders, including **Tennessee Governor Bill Lee**, **Tennessee Attorney General Jonathan Skrmetti**, **Connecticut State Senator Steve Harding (YR)**, and **North Carolina State Senator Dave Craven (YR)**.

One of the most exciting moments came during the election of the new national Young Republican Executive Board. We are proud to announce that our very own **Dave Neuman** was elected to serve as Assistant Treasurer of the Young Republican National Federation (YRNF). His leadership and dedication to the movement make him an outstanding choice, and we could not be prouder to see the Space Coast represented at the national level.

The Nashville convention was a weekend full of growth, fellowship, and inspiration. While the next national convention

will not take place until 2027 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, my fellow Space Coast YRs and I are eager to bring the knowledge, connections, and energy we gained back home to strengthen our efforts on the Space Coast.

On the local front, the Space Coast Young Republicans held elections on August 21 to fill three Executive Board positions. We are pleased to announce the results:

Vice President: **Chris Batchelor**
Secretary: **Ethan Packey**
Membership Director: **Alicia Matos**

We congratulate our newly elected board members and look forward to working together to grow our club and continue advancing conservative values on the Space Coast.

Our next meeting will take place September 25 at Whiskey Business in Downtown Melbourne. The social begins at 6:30 PM, with the meeting starting at 7:00 PM. We encourage all members and guests to join us for an evening of fellowship and discussion. We also will be electing our new Treasurer.

THIS AND THAT



RNC CHAIR. The Republican National Committee on August 22 elected **Florida State Senator Joe Gruters** as its new chair, succeeding **Michael Whatley**, who is running for a U.S. Senate seat in North Carolina. Gruters previously has served as RNC Treasurer, and President Trump has endorsed him as a “MAGA Warrior.”

TEXAS REDISTRICTING. Delayed from a final vote on redistricting voting districts in Texas when Democrat legislators skipped town and went to other states. **Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton** warned them they could face arrest if they didn’t return. But on August 20, after they finally did return to the capital, the state’s new redistricting maps were approved in an 88-52 vote. The new maps are poised to add five additional U.S. House seats to the Republicans. The proposal was then approved 18-11 by the State Senate on August 23 and sent to **Texas Governor Greg Abbott** for his signature.

APPEALS COURT RULINGS. On August 13, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia voted 2-1 to lift an order requiring the Trump administration to resume billions of dollars in foreign aid payments, finding that District Court Judge Amir Ali, a Biden appointee, erred when he restored the flow of funds in March. President Trump, on his first day in office, ordered the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) to freeze foreign assistance payments...On August 12, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit ruled 2-1 that the Department of Government Efficiency can access sensitive federal data of millions of Americans at the Treasury Department, Office of Personnel Management, and the Department of Education – and that unions looking to bar DOGE from accessing the data were unlikely to succeed on the merits as they argued it would be a violation of federal privacy

laws. The move reversed a temporary injunction that was issued earlier in the year.

JUDICIAL WATCH. In a double win for clean elections the end of July, federal courts in California and Illinois separately ruled that Judicial Watch’s lawsuits may proceed against those states to force them to clean up their voter rolls. The lawsuits say both states violated the National Voter Registration Act, which requires states to “conduct a general program that makes a reasonable effort to remove” from the official voter rolls “the names of ineligible voters” who have died or changed residence. Meanwhile, Kentucky recently reported that 735,000 ineligible voter registrations had been removed from its voter rolls since 2019 by the State Board of Elections, as part of its 2018 consent decree settling a Judicial Watch lawsuit.

NETWORK OF ENLIGHTENED WOMEN. More than 80 chapter leaders of the Network of enlightened Women (NeW) from colleges throughout the U.S. were in Washington, D.C. July 25-27 for the NeW Leadership Retreat, where speakers on their program informed them on how to better articulate conservative principles on campus and how to recruit potential members, engage existing ones, and grow their chapters into a positive community for women. The speakers included former White House speechwriter **Mary Kate Cary**, current White House Senior Policy Strategist **May Mailman**, Conservative Partnership Institute Vice President **Rachel Bovard**, National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors Vice President **Patricia Rausch**, and America’s Future Director of Marketing **Chloe Anagnos**. NeW President and Founder **Karin Lips** said she organized the retreat so the student leaders can learn from one another, share ideas, and build lifelong friendships. There are NeW Chapters today on more than 40 college campuses, she said, and “as former NeW members graduated, they wanted to stay involved, so we have formed young professional and alumnae chapters.” Lips added that the retreat left the chapter leader attendees “more equipped to start the school year stronger and ready for success.” For more information, visit the website www.enlightenedwomen.org.



WHITE HOUSE BALLROOM. Construction for a new ballroom inside the White House – beside the East Wing – will begin in September, Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt announced. At the cost of approximately \$200 million, she said, it will be financially covered by President Trump and other donors – not U.S. taxpayer expense. The ballroom will seat 650 guests, more than triple the current capacity of the East Room, and it is intended to host state functions without relying on temporary outdoor tents.



TEACHER MELISSA CALHOUN. The legacy media hate **Florida Governor Ron DeSantis** for calling out their “reporting.” In response, the goal of “DeSantis Daily” is to challenge the narrative pushed by left-wing media outlets and share the truth. In this specific case, **Brevard County high school teacher Melissa Calhoun’s** career crashed

because she called a transgender student by a nickname – and did not realize that under newly-passed state rules, parents had to give written permission to use a nickname, and in this case had not done so. When she learned of the oversight, she immediately corrected it, but a parent filed a complaint, accusing her of “grooming” the student. She was suspended from teaching but calling it an “honest mistake,” the Florida Department of Education gave her a second chance, recommending only a letter of reprimand and she was allowed to keep her teaching certificate. But **Brevard County Superintendent Mark Rendell** refused her contract anyway. According to DeSantis Daily, he went on to trash Calhoun’s character and claim she deliberately violated state law, which is deeply troubling. Only one Brevard County School Board member, **John Thomas**, supported Calhoun and called the superintendent’s decision a form of “double jeopardy.” The local teachers’ union slammed Rendell’s decision as “politically motivated,” and even her former students rallied to her defense. DeSantis Daily concluded its reporting with: “Rendell’s grandstanding doesn’t help anyone. Good teachers need room to learn from their mistakes – especially when they fix the problem immediately and cooperate with every investigation. Calhoun will find another teaching job somewhere else with administrators who actually care about results over politics. The kids in Brevard County? They’re the ones who really lose out here.”



Addressing the club’s August 7 monthly meeting, the president of Brevard County Professional Firefighters Local 2969, **Michael Bramson**, spoke

about the collective bargaining agreement reached between the union and the Brevard County Commissioners on July 22. The three-year agreement called for average pay increases of 16-22 percent for most of the firefighting categories. Bramson, who is a lieutenant/Paramedic serving in the Suntree Station, said the union has faced severe staffing in recent years, as many members left Brevard County for better-paying jobs with municipal fire departments or in other counties. He said there are currently more than 90 open positions in Brevard County Fire and Rescue, and on average, 39 people work overtime – an additional 24-hour shift every day. With the wage increases, he added, some infrastructure projects are moving forward, including a new station, new apparatus, and updated equipment. The average and sometimes mandated life of emergency equipment, he said, is ten years. Brevard County Fire and Rescue, Bramson stressed, is the only emergent advance life support transport agency in the county, and it provides these services to all cities and unincorporated areas. What is needed, he added, are another six staffed and operated ambulances to meet demands. He said recruitment efforts are needed to double new hires, and if that is met, it will still take two years to be operationally fully staffed. Challenges that still exist, Bramson said, are the extended times needed to take patients to the hospital with the closing of the Rockledge



facility, the county’s lack of pediatric and other child-specific emergent care, and the two-year process necessary to train firefighters and paramedics once they are hired.



Second Amendment advocate **Dick Heller**, who won a landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision in 2008, told the Leadership Institute’s Wake Up Wednesday Breakfast meeting attendees in



Virginia on August 6 that in response to violent events occurring throughout the country today, it is important for everyone to carry protection and for churches to have security teams. Heller, a gun instructor and retired Army paratrooper and police officer, began his quest to support the Second Amendment in 1975 against the then-in-force Firearms Control Regulations Act. It took 33 years, but then by a 5-4 vote the Supreme Court affirmed a Court of Appeals decision striking down provisions of that Act as unconstitutional, determining that handguns are “arms” for the purposes of the Second Amendment, found that the Regulations Act was an unconstitutional ban, and struck down the portion of the Act that requires all firearms including rifles and shotguns be kept “unloaded and disassembled or bound by a trigger lock”. This was the first Supreme Court case to decide whether the Second Amendment protects an individual right to keep and bear arms for self-defense or whether the right was only intended for state militias. Heller called this “a magnificent gun decision.” The original case was “District of Columbia v. Heller,” and because the District is a federal enclave and not in any state, the decision did not address the question of whether the Second Amendment’s protections are incorporated by the 14th Amendment’s Due Process Clause against the states. This point was addressed in 2010 by “McDonald v. City of Chicago,” in which it was found that they are. Now, Heller told his audience, “in a free society, we ‘Tarzans and Dudes’ protect the women.” He cited numerous examples from throughout the country where this has been necessary, and in which victims had a need for guns. There is also a need, he said, “to get rid of unscrupulous prosecutors, but that is for another day.” For more information, visit the website www.hellerfoundation.org



AUDACITY AND IDIOCY

The “winners” this month are:

---Cincinnati, Ohio, Councilwoman Victoria Parks, for disgustingly writing on social media that the victims of barbarity on the streets by a mob of hoodlums “begged for that beat down! I am grateful for the whole story.” Calls for her resignation quickly followed.

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--Insha Rahman, the vice president for advocacy and partnerships at the Vera Institute of Justice, for saying at the Democrat National Committee summer meeting in Minneapolis that “migrant crime, carjackings and other public safety threats don’t matter to that many Americans.” She urged Democrats not

to copy President Trump's tough-on-crime approach, because "most Americans are more worried about how we are going to address mental health issues, the visible homelessness that we see on streets, and how do we deal with mental health and other issues that drive the sort of random incidents that scare all of us – that's what you should be talking about."

--New Jersey Democrat Congresswoman La Monica McIver, for absurdly claiming that while President Trump is doing things to liberate Washington, D.C., residents from the crime and disorder that is plaguing the city, she states that he is not only "racist," but attempting to show "white power." What about the fact that the vast majority of crime victims who will benefit from more law and order are black? And that a 2021 report showed that a jaw-dropping 94 percent of homicide victims in the District were black as well. Who's the racist?

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--The Massachusetts Municipal Police Training Committee, which trains more than 20,000 police officers across the state, for listing in its training materials that Moms for Liberty is a "Hate Group."

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--Woke officials at Energizer Park in St. Louis, for having a paying customer at a soccer match removed by police with the threat of being handcuffed and arrested if he failed to leave voluntarily, for the sole reason of wearing a MAGA cap. He was told that President Trump is "not welcome" here. Reportedly, the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division has a video of the matter and is looking into it.

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--West Midlands police in the United Kingdom, who were so triggered by a Christian's silent prayer, they were investigating Isabel Vaughn-Spruce for the "offense" of praying silently for a third time. This was after they already have had to apologize, confess to breaching her civil rights, and pay her \$17,000 for the second time they arrested her, claiming then that "engaging in prayer is the offense." She had been acquitted after the first arrest.

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--Kendra Briggs, a Biden-appointed judge in the District of Columbia, for releasing from custody two juveniles charged in the vicious beating of a former Department of Government Efficiency employee and the attempt to steal his car. The suspects had been held at the city's Youth Services Center, but Briggs sent one of them to a youth shelter house and the other one to his mother's home.

YOU CAN'T MAKE THIS UP

--The President of the American Federation of Teachers, Randi Weingarten, is at it again – this time announcing a partnership with the globalist World Economic Forum – the organization that cozies up to the Chinese Communist Party and pushes industry-killing green energy schemes – to craft a new curriculum for America's schools. This



vision's emphasis on global governance and top-down solutions is antithetical to local control and parental rights. It risks turning schools into factories for big government ideology. When the head of a major American teachers' union aligns with an organization that celebrates authoritarianism, it's time to rethink who gets to decide what's taught in our schools – and time to decentralize the school system to allow parents to direct the upbringing of their children.

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--Illinois Democrat Congresswoman Delia Ramirez gained U.S. citizenship, won an election, and allegedly pledged to support the U.S. Constitution. She even serves on the House Homeland Security Committee, which is tasked with protecting the homeland. But there were calls for stripping her of her citizenship after she traveled to Mexico City, spoke in Spanish to a room full of foreign nationals, and declared: "I am a proud Guatemalan before I'm an American." The Department of Homeland Security itself posted this response: "There is no room in this country for hyphenated Americanism. Our allegiance must be purely to the United States. We must unsparingly condemn anyone who holds any other allegiance."

Ramirez also accused the U.S. of "imperialism," "militarization," and "conquest" at the event. And she wasn't alone – joined by "Squad members" Ilhan Omar, Rashida Tlaib, and Ayanna Pressley, who nodded in agreement like it was some revolutionary TED Talk instead of a taxpayer-funded attack on American sovereignty.

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--U.S. Justice Department employee Sean Charles Dunn – an international affairs specialist in the criminal division – bought a Subway sandwich in Washington – but instead of eating it, he slung it at a federal agent walking on the street, thinking it was "funny," and took off running before being apprehended. The incident came to Attorney General Pam Bondi's attention, and now not only is Dunn done with his job, he's charged with a felony count of assaulting, resisting or impeding a federal officer, and faces up to one year in prison if convicted.

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--Keith Taylor, the founder and former CEO of the charitable Modest Needs Foundation, who was given millions of dollars to spend on poor families, is facing years in prison after pleading guilty to spending large chunks of the money on himself instead – for a ritzy apartment and meals at swanky restaurants. Federal officials said he preyed on the trust of generous donors who wished to help struggling families.

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--At the Democratic Socialists of America annual conference in Chicago in July, the twisted attendees did "victory laps" over Zohran Mamdani's win in the NYC mayor Democrat primary, ignoring his ultra-privileged upbringing; argued for abolition of the family as being "inherently repressive, racist, sexist, and promotes capitalism;" and proclaimed that abortions should be done in churches.

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--Retired Petersburg, Michigan autoworker Richard Guilford could not believe the Facebook message he received from a stranger in Minnesota: "Did you lose your wallet years ago? If so, it was in the engine bay of a car." Guilford's tri-fold leather wallet – stuffed with \$15, a driver's license, work ID, gift cards worth \$275 and lottery tickets – had turned up a decade later under the hood of a car in a repair shop in Lake Crystal, Minnesota. The missing wallet was discovered by mechanic Chad Volk, sandwiched between the transmission and the air filter box of a 2015 Ford Edge with 151,000 miles on it. Volk said the filter box wouldn't snap in place after a repair, "so I messed around a little bit and then pulled it back out and the wallet was sitting on a little ledge where it needed to snap." A grateful Guilford said, "It restores your faith in humanity that people will say, 'Hey, you lost this, I found this, I'm going to get it back to you'."

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--After the Harris campaign squandered over \$1 billion on a failed effort, the Democrat Committees are now struggling to raise funds. Within just three hours, the Space Coast Tusk designer received emails from several prominent figures and committees. Jasmine Crockett reached out, likely trying to rally grassroots support. Hakeem Jeffries stressed the urgent need for contributions to keep their agenda afloat. Debbie Wasserman Shultz sent out desperate pleas for donations. Tim Walz emphasized the necessity of financial backing. Additionally, the DNC HQ's and the DNC National Committee sent their own calls for support, highlighting the collective effort required to overcome their current financial woes. There were no responses made.

EXPERTS EXCERPTS



Columnist Miranda Devine, writing in the "New York Post" on President Trump turning tables on Democrats after years of lawfare:

"No one is above the law" was the favorite refrain of Democrats as they pursued Donald Trump up hill and down dale in an effort to destroy his first presidency and ensure he

could never serve again. They threw everything at him, manufacturing intelligence to frame him as a Russian stooge, weaponizing the FBI and DOJ against him, impeaching him, siccing the most unscrupulous prosecutors on him, contriving spurious civil cases against him and his family, trying to jail him and bankrupt him, all the while lying and assassinating his character. If that didn't bring him down, two assassination attempts would have finished off a lesser mortal. But, sadly for Trump's Democratic/deep state persecutors, they failed spectacularly. They decimated their own party and destroyed the reputations of the intelligence agencies and the mainstream media allies that aided and abetted their crooked schemes.... Now accountability is afoot. Attorney General Pam Bondi appointed pit bull lawyer Ed Martin as a special attorney to lead investigations of New York Attorney General Letitia James and California Senator Adam Schiff for potential charges including mortgage fraud, bank fraud and wire fraud, which

carry jail terms of up to 30 years. Grand juries in Virginia and Maryland are weighing criminal indictments against the two Trump-deranged Democrats over allegations they falsified property records to secure favorable loan terms. The Albany U.S. attorney has also reportedly issued subpoenas in a separate civil rights investigation into James, including into whether her office violated Trump's rights in a lawsuit she brought against him. James has sued Trump, his children and his businesses dozens of times. She ran for office vowing to "take on" the man she called an "illegitimate president." For his part, Schiff abused his position as House Intelligence Committee chairman to manipulate and distort intelligence to damage Trump. He created false narratives about Trump's connections to Russia and Ukraine, which led to his first impeachment. Schiff has been the most enthusiastic Democrat to use the phrase "No one is above the law." Now he's about to find out the hard way... We now know that on December 9, 2016, Barack Obama directed his national security officials – DNI James Clapper, CIA Director John Brennan, FBI Director James Comey and others -- to create an intelligence assessment with the foregone conclusion they all knew to be false: that Russia had influenced the 2016 election to help Trump win.... Trump and his current administration understand the need for heads on pikes to act as a deterrent and ultimately to restore public trust in our national security institutions. Now the hunters are the hunted. Every tool is being used to find wrongdoers and bring them to account in a lawful, systematic, administration-wide effort. At least some plotters are sure to see the inside of a jail cell. None will sleep easy."

Media Research Center President David Bozell, writing in "The Watchdog" on biased media treatment of illegal aliens:



"Democrats and their media allies swoon over so-called 'undocumented immigrants,' their polished term for illegal aliens, as if they're heaven-sent. Why? They see potential Democrat voters, pumped-up census counts for blue states, and extra seats in Congress. It's a power grab, and the press is more than willing to play along. The truth? Illegal immigration often leaves tragedy in its wake. Remember Rachel Morin, the 37-year-old mother of five, raped and murdered in August 2023 by an illegal from El Salvador. When her killer was convicted in April, ABC, CBS, and NBC spent just 12 seconds on it. Meanwhile, they found 143 minutes to glorify another illegal – the MS-13 gang member commonly referred to as 'Maryland Man' – as some kind of folk hero. That's not journalism. That's propaganda. Now comes Harjinder Singh, an illegal immigrant trucker who allegedly killed three innocent people in Fort Pierce, Florida, on August 12, after attempting an illegal U-turn in a 40-ton rig. Singh snuck across the border in 2018. He failed English and road-sign tests – but thanks to California and Washington's reckless licensing policies, he still got a commercial license. Under Trump 1.0, his work permit was denied. Under Biden, it was approved. And now three families are grieving because the Left would rather virtue signal than enforce the law. This story has everything the networks usually love – dramatic video of the fiery crash, a public safety

angle, and a political fight over immigration. Yet, as of August 20, ABC, CBS, and NBC have given it zero coverage.... Fox News covered it extensively. The networks chose silence. Why? Because the facts point straight at Democrat policies and expose their failure to protect Americans. This is what MRC exists to do – uncover what the media bury and give Americans the truth straight. We’ve done it before. We’ll keep doing it, every day. Because this isn’t just about media bias – it’s about the safety of our communities, the strength of our country, and the future of America itself.”

Deroy Murdock, writing in “The Daily Signal” on New York City mayoral candidate Zohran Mamdani’s threat to tax “whiter” neighborhoods:



“Among the many words spewed by Zohran Kwame Mamdani, the Democrat Party’s Marxist-Leninist nominee for mayor of New York City, it’s tough to pick the ugliest. His “end goal” involves “seizing the means of production.” Government confiscation of industry is textbook Communism. Since 1917, this policy has spread misery from

Moscow to East Berlin, Pyongyang, Havana, Managua, and Caracas. New York State Assemblyman Matt Slater told Fox News that Mamdani “referred to his colleagues” in Albany as his ‘comrades.’” This is an almost comically stereotypical indication that Mamdani is a full-throated Communist, not merely the Leninist-lite “democratic socialist” whom he claims to be.... As of last November, the New York Police Department’s majority-minority ranks were 11.3% Asian, 16.5% black, 32.5% Hispanic, and 39.7% white. The “anti-queer” NYPD hires gays, guards gay Pride events every June, and helps scores of local gay businesses thrive safely.... Just last December 19, Mamdani said this on X about the NYPD’s Strategic Response Group: “As Mayor, I will disband the SRG, which has cost taxpayers million in lawsuit settlements and brutalized countless New Yorkers exercising their first amendment [sic] rights.” If Mamdani were in charge, the Strategic Response Group would be kaput. This would have let gunman Shane Tamura kill more victims during his July 28 mass shooting in Midtown Manhattan. Instead, Tamura evaded the Strategic Response Group, which arrived in just two minutes. Mamdani’s campaign website showcases his most disturbing comments. He proposes “To shift the tax burden from overtaxed homeowners in the outer boroughs to more expensive homes in richer and whiter neighborhoods” ...Left-wing Democrats typically promote income redistribution without playing race cards. For decades, Democrats have demanded that wealthier Americans “pay their fair share of taxes” (which they already do, but I digress). When in power, Democrats eagerly raise taxes and then dole out the ensuing revenues via subsidies and payouts for the poor and other pet constituencies. Democrats have done this without citing the races of the taxpayers who fuel their gravy train. Mamdani could have done likewise without evoking race, to wit: “Shift the tax burden to richer neighborhoods.” His claim that “whiter” merely describes those areas is totally disingenuous. Mamdani easily could have offered his recipe for disaster, but without the racial sauce. Imagine a Republican

saying: “I want to deploy the NYPD to Gotham’s dangerous neighborhoods.” Most would agree. Now, picture this GOP candidate promising to “deploy the NYPD to Gotham’s dangerous, blacker neighborhoods.” All hell would erupt....Mamdani could have kept his proletarianism in his pants and simply invoked the class struggle in his planned assault on “richer neighborhoods.” Adding “whiter” takes this concept in a direction that neither Karl Marx nor Friedrich Engels ever did. That’s why these are Comrade Mamdani’s ugliest words, so far.”

Heritage Foundation Senior Fellow Hans von Spakovsky, writing in “The Daily Signal” on the Senate blockade of Republican nominations:

“Harry Reid, the former Democrat leader of the U.S. Senate, left in 2017 and died in 2021, but his ghost must still be haunting the chamber. How else can one explain why the Republican majority is continuing the blockade Reid initiated back in 2007 to prevent Republican President George W. Bush from using recess appointments to get around the various roadblocks Reid put in place to delay confirming nominees? Since President Donald Trump was inaugurated, only 86 nominees have been confirmed. Vital leadership posts in numerous government agencies remain unfilled, severely handicapping the president’s ability to make the changes that are needed — and that were supported by 77 million Americans who voted for him in the 2024 election — to reduce the size and scope of the bloated executive branch. Not a single U.S. attorney -- the lawyers responsible for vital criminal prosecutions all over the country – has yet been confirmed, leading to fiascos like Democrat-appointed federal judges refusing to reappoint Alina Habba as the temporary U.S. attorney in New Jersey. The president has been forced to yank her nomination so she can continue to serve as the acting U.S. attorney, all because her confirmation has been held up. There is no justifiable reason for this situation to exist. Or for the current Senate to continue Reid’s political strategy....We’re talking about the pro forma sessions that Reid implemented in 2007 so the Senate is never formally in a ‘recess’ as outlined in the Constitution. That prevents the president from appointing federal officers – who can start serving immediately – to fill positions that otherwise require Senate confirmation (about 1,200 positions) ...Section 2 of Article II of the Constitution provides that ‘the President shall have Power to fill up all Vacancies that may happen during the Recess of the Senate, by granting Commissions which shall expire at the End of their next Session’....The first intra-session recess appointment was by President Andrew Johnson in 1867. But because, according to the court, Congress has shortened its inter-session breaks and “taken longer and more frequent intra-session breaks” since 1929, presidents have used recess appointments during intra-session breaks much more frequently in the past 100 years.... When the current Senate takes its usual long summer break in August, for example, that will amount to an intra-session break. But not officially.... Reid implemented a process in which, during a long break like the one planned for August, a lone senator walks into the Senate chamber every three days, gavel the Senate into session, conducts no business



whatsoever, and then immediately gavel the Senate out of session. Thus, the Senate is supposedly never in an intra-session recess that would allow the president to exercise his constitutional recess appointment authority. Why is the process Harry Reid put in place to handicap a prior Republican president being supported by Republican senators currently in office? There is no justification for this. If there is one thing we know for certain, it is this: If Democrats still controlled the Senate, Kamala Harris was the president, and a Republican minority was slowing down and obstructing confirmation of her nominees, Democrats would immediately end the pro forma sessions so Harris could exercise her recess appointment authority and get her people into key positions in the executive branch. Utah Senator Mike Lee said when it comes to all of these pending nominations, senators need to either ‘stay and get the job done ... or recess and let President Trump make recess appointments, as authorized by the Constitution. The obstruction and the Deep State rule it produces must end now.’ I couldn’t have said it better myself.”



Legal analyst **Alex Swoyer**, writing in “The Washington Times” about attempts to post The Ten Commandments in public schools:

“The Ten Commandments are faring poorly in the courts, where judges are taking a dim view of Republican-led states’ attempts to post biblical law in their public schools. A federal

judge in Arkansas was the latest to shut down the effort, ruling this month that the state should have known better. ‘Why would Arkansas pass an obviously unconstitutional law? Most likely because the state is part of a coordinated strategy among several states to inject Christian religious doctrine into public-school classrooms,’ wrote Judge Timothy L. Brooks, an Obama appointee. Louisiana, Arkansas and Texas all have adopted Ten Commandments policies in the past several years, moving to reopen an issue that many legal scholars had thought was settled. More than 40 years ago, in *Stone v. Graham*, the justices ruled it was unlawful for Kentucky to order classrooms to display the Ten Commandments in violation of the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment, which forbids the government from excessive entanglement with religion. The states have said they’re not trying to promote religion but rather celebrate the centrality of the Ten Commandments themselves as history and as a critical source of legal authority in the American experiment. Louisiana, for example, said posters of the commandments could be placed alongside the Mayflower Compact or the Declaration of Independence. Judge Brooks said it may sound far-fetched to Americans to think that what the states are doing amounts to an establishment of religion, but he said the Founders were wary. ‘James Madison, the author of the Bill of Rights, warned that we should ‘take alarm at the first experiment on our liberties,’ the judge wrote. ‘That experiment is happening now, in Arkansas.’ His ruling follows one by another Obama appointee, Judge John W. deGravelles, who last year halted Louisiana’s attempt. That ruling was upheld by the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, with two Democratic appointees and one George W. Bush appointee keeping the law from taking effect.... Texas is also facing a legal challenge over

its law. The American Civil Liberties Union challenged the requirement last month, but the judge has not issued a decision over whether or not to allow the Texas law – which is nearly identical to the Arkansas measure – to take effect. Judge Brooks said he expects states to keep testing the limits until the Supreme Court puts its foot down. Robert W. Tuttle, associate dean and law professor at George Washington University, said the justices won’t be eager to mess with the decades-old precedent limiting display of the commandments. ‘I don’t think the Court will be eager to take such a case, because up until now it has made no (that is, zero) changes to the school prayer cases and their principle that the government may not engage in religious worship or indoctrination,’ he said.”

American Security Council Foundation Senior Analyst Laurence F. Sanford, writing on China and BRICS for his publication “Sanford on Security”:



“China dominates BRICS, an association comprised of Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa, which seeks to challenge Western financial and trading institutions. It openly states a desire to replace the U.S. dollar as the world’s reserve currency. BRICS was organized in 2010 to reduce U.S. economic influence worldwide and to develop alternative payment methods to the US dollar. It has since added Egypt, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Iran, and the United Arab Emirates as members. China is the dominant member, with a GDP roughly equivalent to the sum of all other members’ combined. At the BRICS summit held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on July 6-7, 2025, President Lula da Silva of Brazil, Prime Minister Modi of India, and President Cyril Ramaphosa of South Africa were in attendance. President Xi of China was notably absent; instead, Premier Li Qiang represented China. Xi reportedly skipped the meeting due to mounting economic woes, military leadership issues, and a major political leadership meeting. Other theories regarding Xi’s absence include possible medical problems; his displeasure with Brazil’s decision not to join the Belt and Road Initiative; and unhappiness with Brazil’s first lady who at a Beijing banquet, criticized TikTok for being detrimental to children. President Putin of Russia was absent due to an International Criminal Court (ICC) arrest warrant, issued for the unlawful deportation of Ukrainian children in the ongoing Russian invasion of Ukraine. Putin did appear in a virtual call to celebrate BRICS de-dollarization in trade among member nations. Putin is looking for BRICS nations to help Russia avoid Western sanctions and aid in his war with Ukraine. Without the support of China, Putin would not be able to conduct the war against Ukraine effectively. Chinese industrial supplies are integral to Russian military equipment, including missiles and drones. Many industrial supplies are dual-purpose and used in both military and civilian equipment.... BRICS Brazil issued positions on climate change, artificial intelligence, and poverty in countries of the Global South. Additionally, President Trump’s tariffs were criticized for violating World Trade Organization (WTO) rules and causing disruptions to the global supply chain. The U.S. attack on fellow BRICS member Iran was criticized. Brazilian President Lula denounced the genocide

of Israel attacking Gaza, but made no mention of Hamas initiating the war, killing over 1,200 Israelis, and committing atrocities.... The New Development Bank established by BRICS in 2015 to mobilize resources for development projects in emerging markets and developing countries. NDB is headquartered in Shanghai, China. Rousseff, Brazil's former president, was impeached in 2016 for corruption and forced to leave office. She previously served three years in jail for far-left subversion.... President Trump has threatened tariffs against BRICS countries that undermine the U.S. dollar as the world's reserve currency and create an alternative currency. Trade between China and Russia bypasses the U.S. dollar, and uses the Chinese renminbi currency, with the basic unit of the yuan. The renminbi is not widely used due to its limited convertibility compared to the dollar. Chinese purchases of Russian oil fund the Russian military budget. Cryptocurrencies and AI may change how trade payments are made in the not-too-distant future. BRICS is here to stay in one form or another. It is perfectly natural for nations to cooperate to further their economic and political interests. The issue is in defining these interests. The industrial nations of the world, led by the U.S., formed the Group of 7 (G-7), a seven-nation Western intergovernmental forum organized around shared values of liberal democracy. The Group of 20 (G20) includes sovereign countries, the European Union, and the African Union. It works to address the global economy, financial stability, and development."

Another **Sanford** article, this one on "China – Smokeless War."

"The Chinese Communist Party is waging a worldwide "smokeless war" campaign to undermine the United States and Western Civilization. Using cyberattacks, ideological infiltration, information warfare, legal warfare, and global influence, smokeless war is a strategy of subversion that avoids kinetic military confrontations. The book 'Smokeless War' by author Manoj Kewairamani of the Takshashila Institution in Pakistan, describes how the CCP controlled the narrative and turned COVID-19 from a health crisis in China into an opportunity to create chaos and destabilize the world. Simply by having the world refer to the virus as COVID-19 instead of the Wuhan Virus, the CCP demonstrated power and influence in controlling the narrative. The CCP attributed the Wuhan Virus to a local outdoor food market when, in fact, the virus originated in the Wuhan Institute of Virology. The CCP concealed the virus from the world for months, allowing it to spread globally. Flights in China to and from Wuhan were banned, while international flights to and from Wuhan were allowed. The World Health Organization support of the CCP's positions furthered the smokeless war efforts. The Chinese model of virus control, including masks, social distancing, quarantine, and totalitarian government control, was implemented at significant economic and societal cost throughout the West. Until 2019, the West's standard medical protocol was the isolation of the sick and for society to continue to operate freely. With the Wuhan Virus, the West followed the CCP totalitarian model of lockdowns. The CCP's smokeless unrestricted warfare against Western Civilization also includes: 1) Support of Russia's war effort in Ukraine; 2) Partnership with Iran, and 3) Spread of

disinformation.... The United Front Work Department of the CCP enlists social actors (primarily people of Chinese descent) throughout the world to work for the interests of the CCP. They seek to influence incremental changes without being noticed. Examples of actions in the U.S. are Secret police stations; Online trolls to influence culture with CCP propaganda; Elite capture of corporate executives, Wall Street leaders, politicians, and university presidents; and Intimidate enemies of the CCP rule.... Action to be taken includes: 1) Ban Chinese-owned TikTok and other media/cyber organizations that operate in the U.S. American-owned media cannot operate in China. 2) Support independent Chinese-language media. 3) Recognize and understand the threat of the CCP to America. 4) Increase U.S. federal foreign agent registration requirements. 5) Enhance counterintelligence capabilities, not only against the CCP but also against Islamist and Russian entities."

WND writer Bob Unruh on police in "Jolly Old England" arresting a man for "abusively" saying "we 'like bacon'" during a protest against a new mosque:



"Perhaps it's a good thing he didn't mention sausage. The scenario developed in Cumbria, England, where townsfolk were objecting to yet another Islamic mosque being erected adjacent to their small town. Cumbria police have increased their patrols and are monitoring online comments so they can investigate potential thought crimes that could develop during the towns' objections. They've also been on hand at the construction site to make sure no one offends Muslims by saying 'bacon.' Viral footage confirms a man saying, 'We love bacon' and being cuffed and arrested. He asks why he's being arrested and an officer confirms it's because he mentioned bacon, which under the nation's Public Order Act of 1986 apparently could be considered 'threatening or abusive words or behavior.' That law, in fact, claims that using words that someone else doesn't like can cause 'distress' and is therefore illegal. A report at the Blaze confirms, 'A stated affinity for pork – like silent Christian prayer – is now an arrestable offense in the land of St. George.' The report said, 'The State Department admonished the U.K. this week against continuing its clampdown on free speech and persecution of Christians, once again blasting the penalties handed out to those Britons who dare to engage in silent prayer near abortion facilities. It turns out that British pork lovers may similarly be in need of such advocacy.' The report noted bacon is forbidden by the Quran, 'but essential to a full English breakfast'....The leader of Independence Party, Nick Tenconi, said, 'The takeover of the U.K. continues. ... Enough with the inclusivity BS. That argument has been utterly lost by the woke left and proponents of the Islamist caliphate in Britain. People simply aren't buying it any more and are rightly outraged. There is absolutely no need to put a mosque here, and the sole reason is to artificially flood the area with Muslims.' British journalist Isabel Oakeshott noted that bacon is a fundamental part of the full English breakfast, stressing that 'it is part of our culinary culture – which is why there should be nothing remotely controversial about saying so.'"

THOUGHTS TO PONDER

“The media had their story written before Trump even sat down with Putin in Alaska. Two and a half hours of talks? Failure. Any engagement with Russia? Capitulation. They didn’t wait for details. They didn’t care about results. But here’s the thing – Americans were watching too. And we saw something completely different.... According to new polling from InsiderAdvantage, Trump’s approval rating has surged to 54 percent following the summit. Only 44 percent expressed disapproval. That’s a ten-point net positive, and it’s driving the establishment absolutely crazy. Turns out, Americans recognize real leadership when they see it... This gap between what the media says and what Americans think isn’t new. But it’s getting ridiculous. While TV pundits declared the summit a failure, regular Americans saw a president working to prevent more bloodshed. While critics claimed Trump was getting played, voters recognized something else. We saw an American president calling the shots on American soil.”

--“I Stand For Freedom” writer **Noah Stanton**, on Trump’s surging approval rating

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“The Democrat Party does not care about what it is doing to our country, the system of justice, and our electoral process. It is the state party, seeking to monopolize our politics, society, and culture. This is a revolution. The party comes first. The Democrat Party long ago abandoned comity and civility for character assassination and the iron fist, a fact that establishment Republicans have difficulty grasping. It has joined a long list of political parties around the world, past and present, that are totalitarian in nature and do not tolerate democracy (republicanism in America), fair elections, and equal justice before the law.”

--Conservative TV host and author **Mark Levin’s** final paragraph in his best-selling book “The Democrat Party Hates America”

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“If the media didn’t have January 6 to cling to, they’d be wandering around like Linus without his blanket.... They call it a ‘deadly insurrection’ while ignoring that the only violent death was Ashli Babbitt, an unarmed Trump supporter shot by Capitol Police.... Let’s bust another lie: Trump did want the National Guard on January 6. Democrats in charge of D.C. security – Muriel Bowser, the Capitol Police Board, the Pentagon slow-walkers – kept them sidelined until after the breach. But you’ll never hear that from the media. Here’s the kicker: After Trump’s D.C. crime crackdown press conference, CNN and MSNBC said ‘January 6’ 31 times in 24 hours. Not once did they send a camera to cover D.C.’s real crime – over 200 murders a year, decades of Democrat rule, and neighborhoods you can’t walk through at night. This is what the Media Research Center calls bias by omission. And it’s why we exist – to cover the stories the media hide, the facts they bury, and the truth they’re desperate to keep you from seeing.”

--**MRC President David Bozell**, on reacting to the media’s obsession with January 6, 2021

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“MSNBC has revealed its forthcoming rebrand: MS Now. A new name that screams desperation, not reinvention. New paint on the barn, same leftist narrative inside.... In November 2024, just weeks after the election, Comcast announced plans to spin off MSNBC, CNBC, and other cable channels into a new company called Versant, with the deal set to close in late 2025. Why the split? Look at the numbers. Nielsen reported MSNBC’s viewership down 53 percent since October.... MSNBC – or MSDNC, as it’s earned – has never been a news service. It’s a soap opera pretending to be serious journalism. A visit to MSNBC confirms it: every headline drips with anti-Trump, anti-Republican spin....The network claims MS Now stands for “My Source for News Opinion World.” A more honest translation: Mostly Slanted Network of Wackos.”

--Another **Bozell** comment, on MSNBC changing its name

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“A former Trump pageant contestant reached out to us after the Washington Post contacted her. They wanted dirt on President Trump from his pageant days. But she had only good things to say – Trump was kind and a true gentleman. She recorded the call with WaPo’s White House Bureau Chief. He admitted: ‘If all we had was people saying Trump was a gentleman, we wouldn’t do that story.’ They only chase negative angles, ignoring the truth if it doesn’t fit their agenda. This exposes media bias at its worst. The Post is out to ‘expose’ Trump, even linking to Epstein without proof. But when faced with positive facts? They drop it. Our citizen journalists catch this in real time.”

--**O’Keefe Media Group founder James O’Keefe**, on another example of media bias

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“In 1980, Ronald Reagan faced Jimmy Carter on the debate stage, and when Carter tried to twist Reagan’s record into a tired, misleading narrative, Reagan landed a zinger that cut through the noise: ‘There you go again.’ With that wry jab, he didn’t just call out Carter’s distortion – he exposed a pattern of deception, a habit of bending the truth to fit a story. Reagan saw through the spin, and the American people did too. Fast forward to today, and the mainstream media’s doing the same dance, again. Just like Carter cherry-picked facts to paint a false picture, the press sidesteps inconvenient stories to protect their sacred narratives. They’re not just reporting – they’re deceiving, propagandizing, and ignoring what doesn’t fit. A perfect microcosm of this is exposing how ABC, CBS, and NBC devoted over 2,284 minutes to the Trump-Russia collusion probe from 2016 to 2019 yet gave just 2 minutes and 17 seconds to Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard’s bombshell declassification report.”

--**MRC senior writer Kurt Etheridge**, on additional deception by the media

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“Ma’am, it is long past time to be honest with the American people. On January 3, 2021, I requested National Guard assistance, but your Sergeant at Arms denied it. Under federal law (2 U.S.C. §1970), I was prohibited from calling them in without specific approval. That same day, Carol Corbin at the

Pentagon offered National Guard support, but I was forced to decline because I lacked the legal authority. On January 6, while the Capitol was under attack and despite my repeated calls, your Sergeant at Arms again denied my urgent requests for over 70 agonizing minutes, 'running it up the chain' for your approval....When I needed assistance, it was denied. Yet when it suited you, you ordered fencing topped with concertina wire and surrounded the Capitol with thousands of armed National Guard troops."

--Former **Capitol Hill Police Chief Steven Sund**, blasting former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi over her "dishonesty" about blocking approval of the deployment of the National Guard to quell the January 6, 2021, riot

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"Protesters, dressed in black, delivered an ominous warning to Bryan Steil's home. Mr. Steil is a Republican congressman from Wisconsin. More than two dozen far-left protesters showed up at his house with a coffin. They staged a fake funeral procession and propped up the coffin on his front door. There was an epitaph attached: 'Here lie the hopes of the most vulnerable killed by the 'Big Beautiful Bill' signed into law by President Donald J. Trump and endorsed by lyin' Bryan Steil. RIP democracy 1776-2025'.... 'It's disappointing that Democrat leadership and the radical left resort to these type of tactics. I remain committed to my work to get this country back on track and will not be deterred by their threats,' the Congressman said of the event, which was sponsored by the Southern Wisconsin Grassroots Network and the Working Families Party.... Those responsible should be arrested and at the very least charged with trespassing. Threats against members of Congress have increased more than 93 percent since last year – that's according to the U.S. Capitol Police....The violent rhetoric spewing from Democrat Party leaders has created a toxic environment in this nation – and downright dangerous. Everyone involved should be arrested and face the strongest penalties the law allows. The Democrats call what happened to Congressman Steil 'good trouble'" But I contend the Democrats are nothing but trouble."

--Podcaster **Todd Starnes**, on the threat against a U.S. Congressman

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"Donald Trump has not just ended a 35-year war between Azerbaijan and Armenia; he brokered a solution to a centuries-old conflict while at the same time breaking Russian influence in what had been its own backyard and thwarting the westward expansion of Chinese influence. The history of the South Caucasus struggle is long, complex and bloody....This is both a typical Trumpian move and an example of the way in which diplomacy should be conducted. Favorable opportunities were identified, solutions to problems devised, and power and influence used to resolve or address several problems at once. Speaking as a professional, you have to love the way this man uses his office."

--Former **U.S. Ambassador Stanley Escudero**, on resolving the Azerbaijan-Armenia conflict

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"The 'New York Times' published an 'expose' of Leadership Institute's Campus Reform news website. The left hates it,

because it works. In fact, the Times admitted LI was 'an early architect of the internet-era conservative attack on higher education.' Now they complain that 'others followed.' For once, the mainstream media is right – on both counts. Here's just a few examples of what infuriated the Times, with some of their own words: 1) Campus Reform is an 'anti-intellectual hammer' that has 'struck fear' in leftist-dominated academia. 2) Reports from Dr. Zachary Marschall, Campus Reform's Editor-in-Chief, have led to 16 federal investigations of antisemitism on college campuses. 3) The 'reform' long sought by the newspaper is taking hold with policy changes from the Trump Administration. 4) Support made LI's Campus Reform an 'early architect' of the efforts to use cutting-edge technology to expose leftist bias on college campuses....LI launched Campus Reform in August 2009 with the goal to expose leftist bias and abuse on college campuses. Today, it publishes thousands of stories each year, reaches millions - through the web, print, and TV, and achieves significant campus victories year over year."

--**Leadership Institute President Morton Blackwell**, on the success of its Campus Reform news website

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"Washington, D.C.'s Democratic Mayor Muriel Bowser held a press conference claiming violent crime in the nation's capital is at a '30-year low.' (Are we living on the same planet?) Here's the kicker – the White House immediately called her out. Turns out D.C. has the fourth-highest homicide rate in the nation. Nearly six times higher than New York City. But sure, Mayor Bowser, tell us more about your crime-fighting success....Here's where it gets even crazier. There's an actual investigation into a D.C. police commander for allegedly faking crime statistics. The police union says the department's been cooking the books to make crime look lower. Gee, I wonder why Bowser thinks crime is down?"

--American Journal Daily writer **Cole Harrison**, on what passes for leadership in Democrat cities

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"Energy costs are rising this summer, and it's not entirely because you're sitting in front of your air conditioner for 16 hours a day wondering why people prefer this season over winter. No, it's mostly due to the prevalence of AI data centers, the power-sucking buildings that allow users to ask generative AI bots like Grok if something is true. PJM Interconnection provides electricity to 13 states and Washington, D.C., and is considered a bellwether for the rest of the U.S. Its customers are seeing a spike in energy bills as high as 20% this summer. The boom in AI data centers is the main culprit. Why are residents paying for Big Tech's power needs? PJM conducts a yearly capacity auction, during which utilities in the states it serves pay to ensure they have enough power to cover peak usage days. Last year, capacity prices at auction rose by 833%, and the impact is now being felt. An independent monitor attributed three-quarters of those increases, which are eventually passed onto customers, to the demand from existing (and impending) data centers."

--Heritage Isle Club Member **Alan Bergman**, writing an addendum to his July Thought to Ponder on nuclear energy

UPCOMING BREVARD COUNTY EVENTS

- September 3: Brevard Federated Republican Women meeting, Space Coast Convention Center, Cocoa, 11:30 am.
- September 4: Heritage Isle Republican Club meeting, Heritage Isle Clubhouse, 10 am.
- September 5: Federated Republican Women in Action meeting, Memaw's BBQ, Palm Bay, 11 am.
- September 8: Space Coast Patriots meeting, Merritt Island library, 6 pm.
- September 16: North Brevard Republican Club meeting, American Police Hall of Fame, Titusville. 6 pm.
- September 18: Republican Women's Club of Brevard meeting, Suntree Country Club, 11 am.
- September 18: Florida Republican Assembly Brevard meeting, 705 Harrison Avenue, Titusville, 6:30 pm.
- September 22: Ronald Reagan Club meeting, Oceanside Community Church, Satellite Beach, 6 pm
- September 23: Republican Liberty Caucus of Brevard meeting, Italian-American Club, Melbourne, 7 pm.
- September 25: Space Coast Young Republicans meeting, Whiskey Business in Melbourne, 6:30 pm.
- September 27: Space Coast Republican Club meeting, Red Lobster, Merritt Island, 11:30 am.
- September 29: Brevard Republican Executive Committee meeting, Space Coast Association of Realtors Building, Melbourne, 7 pm.

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 CLOSERS



--The satirical "Babylon Bee" says that many people are wondering what all the buzz is about surrounding actress Sydney Sweeney's ad campaign for clothing retailer American Eagle, so to help them understand the appeal, it came up with the two top things about her:

1. She's made in the image of God.
2. She's someone's future wife.

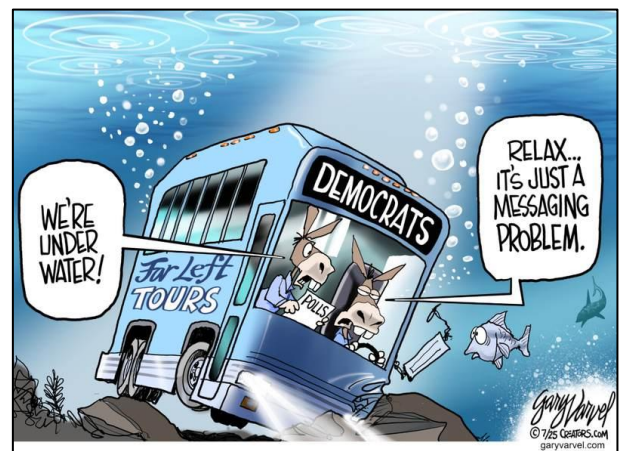
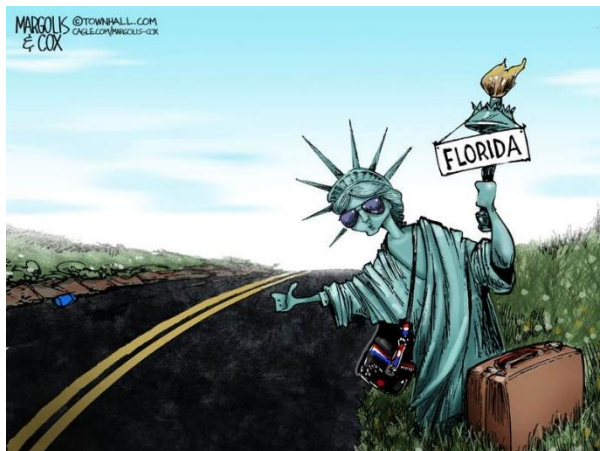
What? Were you expecting two other top things? The "Bee" said, "Shame on you for thinking – and clicking."

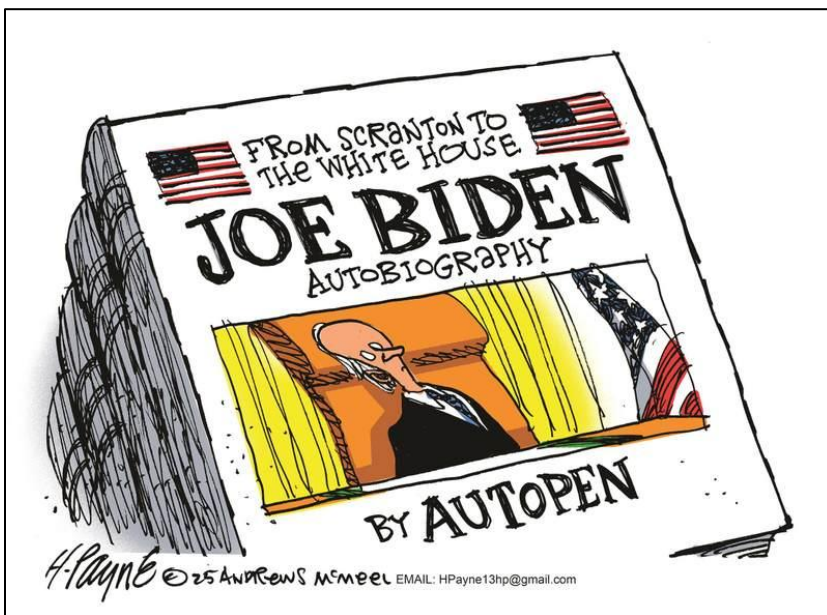
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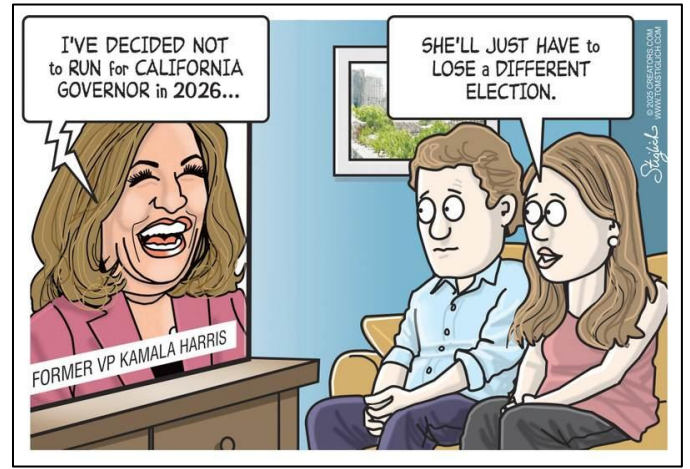
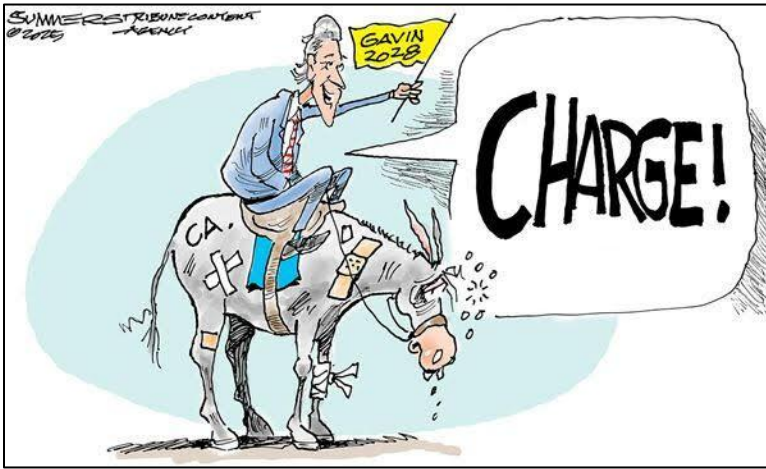
--In Kamala Harris' upcoming book "107 Days," the "Bee" alleges that she wrote, "I was accused of covering up Joe Biden's severe dementia. This is false. During his entire term, he always seemed just as sharp and intelligent as I was."

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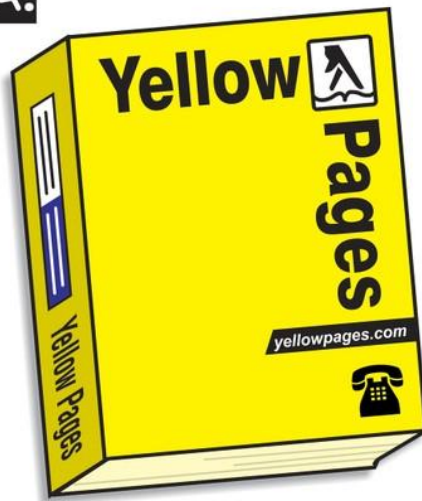




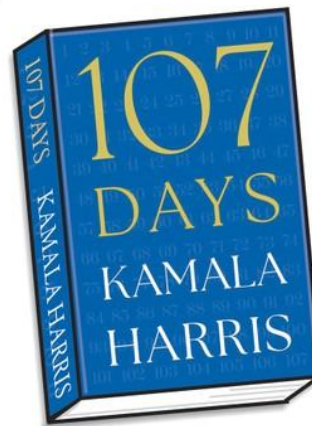


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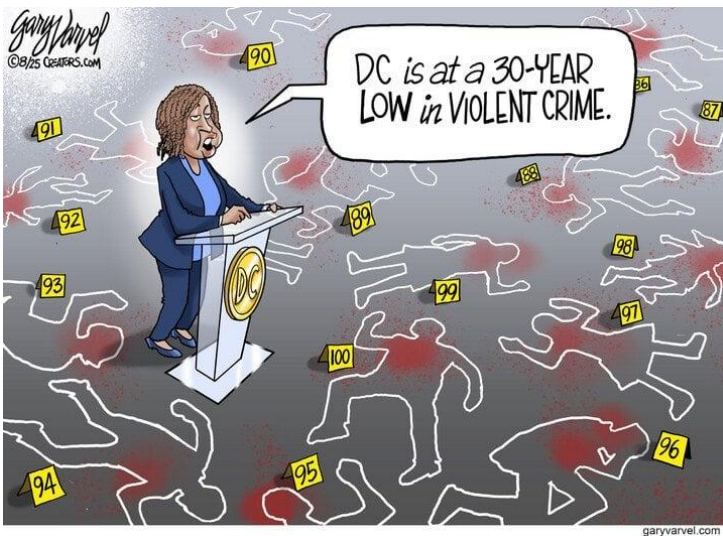
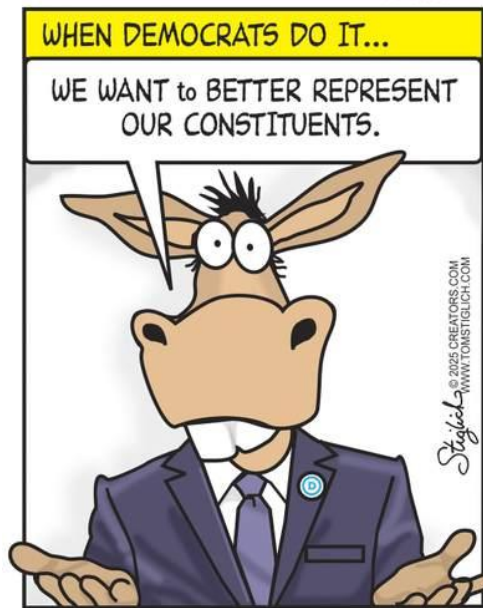


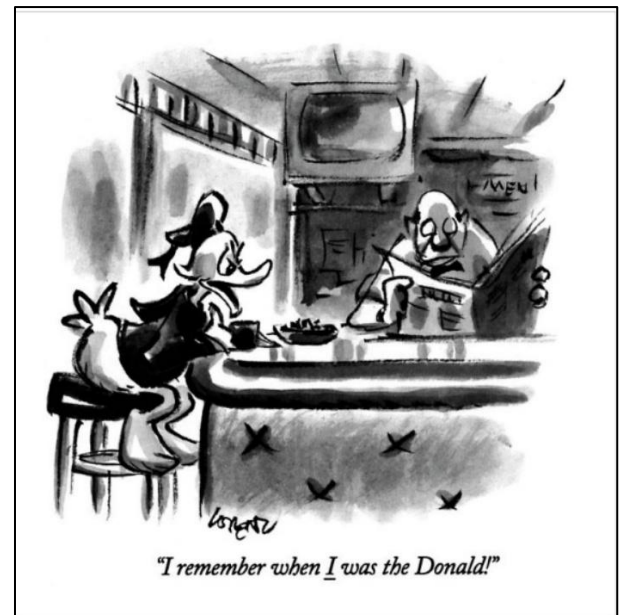
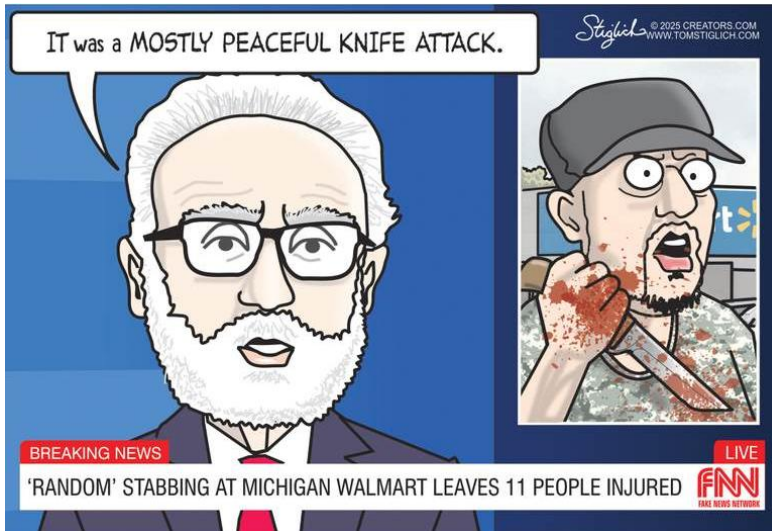
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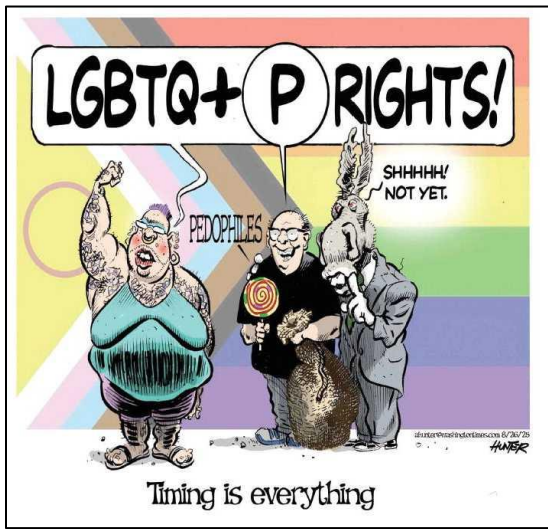




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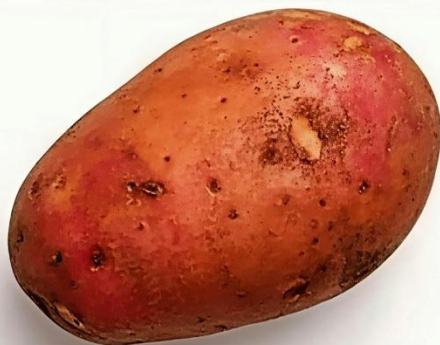




Kids exploring ancient ruins



When you put a potato in the microwave and push the pizza button but when it's done it's still a potato



Yeah, that's pretty much how 'Choosing Your Gender' works.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SOCIALISM AND DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISM



IS LIKE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AN UNFROSTED POP TART AND A POP TART WITHOUT FROSTING