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IT IS THE END OF AN ERA – THIS IS THE FINAL SPACE COAST TUSK

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK:

MY TWO CENTS

By Stuart Gorin

After scheduling a Caribbean Cruise for this fall, I needed to renew my soon-to-expire passport. So I mailed the necessary paperwork, a new photograph, a check for the cost, and my old passport to the government Passport Office several states away.

To my pleasant surprise, just 15 days later, I received in the mail my new passport from the very efficient Passport Office -0-

As promised in last month's newsletter, here is the condensed version of the article I recently wrote for my grandchildren, giving them highlights of my nearly three-quarters-of-a-century journalism career. It is called **"THE ROAR OF THE PRESSES"**:

Growing up in Baltimore, Maryland, when I was in the 5th grade, I belonged to a Cub Scout pack that visited the Baltimore Sunpapers for a tour of the facility. We saw where the reporters and editors worked, the linotype operators punched out copy for the lead plates, and the giant presses roared as copies of the Evening edition piled up, waiting for home delivery and sale on the streets.

I was HOOKED. When I saw my parents later in the day, I proclaimed at age 10 that when I grow up, I want to be a news reporter. I never changed my mind. My favorite television show then was "Steve Wilson of the Illustrated Press."

My career start came much earlier than expected. My parents owned a supermarket in Dundalk, outside of Baltimore, and during the summers and on Saturdays, my younger brother and I were expected to work there with them. My brother loved the grocery business. I hated it.

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It is said that all good things must come to an end, and after 200 monthly issues, that is holding true for the Space Coast Tusk. When the first issue came out in August 2009, it was all of three pages in length. But as the size of the audience grew – nationally, as well as in Florida – so did the size of the newsletter.

In my retirement, it was my great joy to create, develop and spend massive amounts of time on each issue. Recently, when I received praise from friends for the publication – and then asked if any of them would be interested in and willing to take it over, the fearful looks on their faces matched their verbal denials.

Once again, I wish to thank the contributors who provided valuable monthly columns about their individual clubs' activities.

So, with this final issue, the Space Coast Tusk becomes boxes of folders sitting in my office, containing thousands of pages of memories.

I believe it is appropriate to make this breaking news item the swan song lead for this issue:

DONALDS, MOODY, OTHERS WIN FLORIDA REPUBLICAN PRIMARY

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But one summer day when I was 14, and taking grocery orders over the phone, my dad introduced me to one of his customers, who said, "I understand you want to be news reporter. Well, I am the editor of the Dundalk Community Press, how would you like to come and work for me this summer?"

Would I! I was stunned, and turned to look at my father, who smiled and nodded "yes." The editor, whom everybody knew as "Scoop," said I could come to Dundalk with my dad each morning, walk to the newspaper office for the day, and then walk back to the supermarket for the ride home. The very next day, my mother took me downtown to City Hall to apply for a work permit for a 14-year-old. My career then began – for the princely salary of \$6 a week.

My first day on the job, Scoop walked me two blocks to the Dundalk Police Station and introduced me to the Desk Sergeant as his new cub reporter. My assignment was to look through the daily blotter for stories to write about. Over the summer there were items such as missing pets, petty theft, accidents, etc.

My second week on the job, another desk sergeant covered the shift, and he, too, showed me the blotter. But by week three, when I was a "seasoned journalist," there was a corporal on duty who asked me what I wanted. I said that as a reporter for the Community Press, I wanted the blotter to read. "You want WHAT," he said. "BOY, I'm not going to do that. What if there is a rape or something in it? What would your mother say? Now you go on out of here and go home."

Crushed, I slunk back to the newspaper office and told Scoop what had happened. He laughed, took me by the shoulder, and walked me back to the police station. I stood in the corner while Scoop and the corporal talked. Then Scoop smiled at me, said everything was all right, and left. The corporal stared at me and said, "So, you REALLY ARE a reporter?" I nodded yes, and he said: "Well, I'm still not giving you the blotter. I will go through it and then give you the pages I think will be appropriate for you."

For the next two summers, every week the two desk sergeants on duty gave me the blotter to read, and the weeks the corporal was on duty, it went his way. So, at a young age, I learned about press censorship.

I attended Baltimore City College – which actually was a high school, the third oldest in the United States – and wrote not only for the school newspaper, but also a weekly byline column on school activities for the Sunday Baltimore News American paper.

That was followed by traveling west to the University of Missouri, where I wrote for that school newspaper as well, and graduated with a degree in American Civilization.

Looking for a job after college brought me to Washington, DC, where I applied to, and started working with, the old United States Information Agency in January 1961. Later that year, President Kennedy called for an increase in the draft due to the Berlin crisis, and I received my draft notice. USIA told me they could not request a deferment for me, and would hire a

woman to replace me, but that I could come back to them "after you win the war and make America safe for democracy."

After a couple of stateside assignments, the Army sent me to Bangkok, Thailand, where as a PFC I was part of a three-man office with two officers in the Information field. In the Army, I traveled the country writing articles for "Stars and Stripes", the "Army Times", the "Navy Times", and the local English language Thai newspapers.

One of my most memorable assignments was accompanying a Navy chief petty officer on a five-day trip into the jungles of Northeast Thailand, where a Navy Seabee team was building an earthen dam for the local villagers. The chief – who came from Hawaii – carried the men's payroll, and I was there to write a publicity article on them. By chance in a conversation with the men, I learned that they had assisted a local farmer whose water buffalo – a prized animal in those parts – had fallen into a well and could not get out. The Seabees took their equipment to his farm, a couple of them jumped into the well to clear mud away from the animal's feet, and using a winch and a cable, they lifted him out to safety.

I borrowed a photo of the event, and when I returned to my office in Bangkok, I wrote my story and sent it to the "Stars and Stripes." A week later, I opened the newspaper and saw the tabloid centerfold – my byline with the headline: "Seabees Refuse To Let Water Buffalo Die – Not By A Dam Site." The next month, when the chief returned, he told me that the four-star Admiral Commander-in-chief of all Navy forces in the Pacific was so pleased with the publicity that he framed my article and put it on the wall of his office. Of course, he communicated that information to my commanding general.

When my enlistment ended – in December 1964 – I stayed in Bangkok for an additional year, working at the "Bangkok World", a full-sized English daily newspaper that was type handset (no lino-type machines in country then) by teen-age Thai girls who could not read or write English. The typos not caught by the proofreader were priceless.

One of the many people I got to interview and spend time with was comedian and film star Bob Hope, who stopped in Bangkok for a few days enroute to his Christmas tour of our troops in Vietnam. I gave them a front page article, and Hope insisted that I join him and his troupe of entertainers for dinner at a Thai restaurant, and he seated me at the head table between himself and actress Jill St. John. My newspaper photographer took a picture of the three of us, which they later signed. Bandleader Les Brown told me Hope was taking him and a jazz combo to the Royal Palace for a command performance for the King of Thailand, a jazz buff who had his own combo. Brown said that while they jammed together, he looked over his shoulder and saw Hope dancing with the Queen. That made another article for the newspaper.

I also got to meet and write about (and even once danced with) Apasara Hongsakun, Miss Thailand, who that year won the Miss Universe title. She went on to marry a Thai General – her father was an Air Force Colonel. After that wonderful extra

year in Thailand, I went home for a few weeks and then flew to London to see the world.

Prior to leaving the U.S., I obtained a Eurail Pass from a travel agent and used the card to travel to 15 countries in the trains' First Class compartments. I kept one suitcase at the Paris train station and returned to it periodically to change clothes, staying in inexpensive hotels in every country, and wearing a suit and tie wherever I went.

In Germany I also worked for a while as a reporter for "The Overseas Weekly," a newspaper that catered to the U.S. military. Many of the articles I wrote there covered a variety of military court martials.

I took that job because earlier in my travels I met Sigrid, the German woman who became my first wife, and the mother of our daughter Vivian and son Scott.

Back in the United States, I found employment with the United Press International in Raleigh, North Carolina, not far from Charlotte, where my parents had moved from Baltimore. While I enjoyed writing for UPI, after three years I looked for a change, and took a public relations job with a PR company in Pittsburgh. Due to mass layoffs, though, that lasted less than a year.

Then, 11 years after the Army took me away from USIA, I was able to return to Washington, first in the radio newsroom (The Voice of America), and then with the newswire (Wireless File). The File was broken down into world regions and a Central News Desk. In 1973, I was called in the office and asked if I would agree to take a two-year assignment in Islamabad, Pakistan, and leave immediately, taking my family with me. At this time, Vivian was 7 and Scott was 2.

In Pakistan, I served as the Assistant Information Officer and the editor of the English language magazine distributed locally, "Panorama". This was a diplomatic appointment, so even though I did not have any further overseas assignments, I qualified for a Foreign Service pension, which was much better than in the Civil Service. Fortunately, the time I was in Pakistan was a good one for Americans, and relationships with the people were cordial. Today, I would not like to return there.

Next, I spent time working on the Far East News Desk and the Latin American News Desk before getting on the Central Desk, covering Washington, DC (The White House, State Department, Defense Department, and Congress). When an opening came to cover political news, I jumped at it, and my first assignment was to fly to Detroit for the 1980 Republican Nation Convention and watch soon-to-be-President Ronald Reagan's nomination and acceptance speech. I spent 22 years on that staff, traveling to Republican and Democrat National Conventions, and on the campaign trail with some of the candidates.

There was one time that several countries wanted to have as a speaker, a politician who served in office but lost in a re-election bid and could show that life still goes on. I knew one and recommended him for a four-week trip that took him to

our embassies and consulates in Hong Kong, Mongolia, China and Russia. My supervisor surprised me by agreeing to my joining him for the Russian portion of his assignment. So, I flew from Washington to Anchorage, Alaska, to Khabarovsk, Russia, where I met up with him. From there, we traveled to Sakhalin, Irkutsk, and Moscow, and he lectured the local dumas on campaigning, winning, and surviving losing elections. We then flew back to Washington. For me, it was around the world in 14 days.

My all-time favorite story to cover was traveling with other reporters in 1984 with then Vice President George H.W. Bush. For security reasons, we were not told the itinerary in advance, and our back-up press plane landed in Carbondale, Illinois, where we boarded a bus and were given miner's uniforms to pull over our suits. We then followed Bush to a mine, were given boots and hard hats to wear, and watched him squeeze into a coal car and descend into the mine. We followed and watched him interact with the assembled miners. That night, when I dictated my story from a hotel bedroom to a Western Union press telex operator to send back to my office, my lead sentence – and I still remember it to this day – was: "Vice President Bush showed he would go to any depth to get re-elected, by campaigning at the bottom of the Brushy Creek Mine in Carbondale, Illinois."

On a later four-day, three-night trip with President Reagan that year, we flew from Andrews Air Force Base to Kansas City for his debate with Walter Mondale, and he had that classic line – "Age will not be a factor in this election. I will not hold my opponent's youth and inexperience against him." The next morning, we flew to California and Oregon for campaign events, and the last day to Washington State, Ohio, and finally home to Washington. Grueling, but also exciting.

In subsequent years, it was more travel, including to states to cover Senate or House races. I wrote articles on all of these events for our overnight news wire that went to all of our embassies overseas for placement with the local media, government officials, educators and business leaders. It was in this time frame that my marriage with my first wife ended, and I joined a support group called New Beginnings, where, after several years, I met my second wife, Barbara, and we were married in 1997.

There was one almost magical day in the 1990's when the Public Affairs Officer in Madrid sent the office a cable, saying that while they appreciated the sporadic political articles sent out, what they really would like to see is a regular, weekly column to tout. This was something that interested me greatly, and I called it "Campaign Spotlight." I wrote this weekly column until I retired in 2003, and received hundreds of complimentary cables on it, leading to my receiving the Director's Award For Exceptional Writing. Covering the 1996 Republican Convention in San Diego, I spent one afternoon with a group of international visitors who came to observe. It was enjoyable to meet a professor from Thailand – where I once lived – and when I mentioned "Campaign Spotlight," her eyes lit up, and she smiled and said she "reads it every week."

“Campaign Spotlight” set the stage for the next big event in my life. After Barbara retired from her job, and I was already retired, we left the Washington area – actually Gaithersburg, Maryland – and moved to Viera, where in 2009, I started writing for 17 years the now just-ended monthly “The Space Coast Tusk,” and the first issue was just three pages in length. It was based on the old, weekly “Campaign Spotlight,” with the big difference being that when I wrote for the government, I had to give equal coverage to both Republicans and Democrats, and the monthly “Tusk” was strictly a one-party publication.

My journalism career lasted just shy of three-quarters of a century, and while over the years there were a few periods of frustration, I would not have changed anything in the world about it.

Results in the Florida August 18 Republican Primary election generally followed polling predictions, as **U.S. Congressman Byron Donalds** won the gubernatorial contest over 10 other candidates and will face Democrat David Jolly in the November 3 general election to replace outgoing **Governor Ron DeSantis**.

Republican Senator Ashley Moody won a four-way race to keep her position and has a Democrat opponent in November.

In the other two statewide Republican primaries, **Chief Financial Officer Blaise Ingoglia** and **Secretary of Agriculture Wilton Simpson** were victorious in their re-election bids and have November Democrat challengers.

The winners in Florida’s State Representative races were **Matt Woodside** in District 31, incumbent **Brian Rodgers** in District 32, and incumbent **Robert Brackett** in District 34. In Brevard County Commission races, the winners were **Micah Loyd** in District 1 and incumbent **Rob Feltner** in District 4. They all have Democrat opponents in November.

In Port Canaveral Commissioner races, Republican **Greg Loyd** won the District 3 primary and will face a write-in candidate in November. The District 5 primary was won by incumbent Republican **Carol Craig**, who was re-elected.

In non-partisan judicial races, incumbent Group 4 Circuit Judge **Robert Segal** won re-election, and other winners on the ballot were **Andrea Fant** for the Group 13 seat, and **Timi Tucker** for the County Judge Group 3 seat.

Megan Wright won re-election for the non-partisan District 1 School Board seat. Since no candidate gained more than 50 percent of the vote cast, there will be run-offs for the top two finishers in the District 2 School Board race – incumbent **Gene Trent** and **Kyle Savage** – and the District 5 race between **Tammy Dennis** and **Michele McCormack**.

OTHER AUGUST REPUBLICAN
STATE PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS

August 4
Michigan

Former Congressman Mike Rogers, who was unopposed in the Senate primary, will face a Democrat opponent in November.

Kansas

State Senate President Ty Masterson won the gubernatorial primary and will face a Democrat opponent.

Incumbent Senator Roger Marshall has a Democrat opponent in his re-election bid.

August 6
Tennessee

Senator Marsha Blackburn won the gubernatorial primary and has a Democrat opponent for the November race.

Senator Bill Hagerty was unopposed in his re-election bid and has a Democrat opponent in November.

August 8
Hawaii

Businessman Gary Cordery won the gubernatorial primary and in November will face incumbent Governor Josh Green, who is seeking re-election.

August 11
Vermont

Governor Phil Scott, who was unopposed in his re-election bid, will face a Democrat challenger in November.

Connecticut

State Senator Ryan Fazio was uncontested in his bid to challenge incumbent Democrat Governor Ned Lamont in November.

Minnesota

State House Speaker Lisa DeMuth won the gubernatorial primary and former sports broadcaster Michele Tafoya captured the Senate contest, and both will face Democrat challengers in November.

Wisconsin

U.S. Representative Tom Tiffany will face a Democrat opponent in November’s gubernatorial race.

August 18
Alaska

The state uses an open primary system, with the top two candidates running in November regardless of political party. There will be two Democrats running for the gubernatorial position, and Senator Dan Sullivan will compete against another Democrat in his re-election bid.

Wyoming

Senator Eric Barlow won the gubernatorial nomination and will face a Democrat opponent, as will the Republican Senate nominee, Representative Harriett Hageman.

August 25

South Carolina

Appointed Senator Lindsey Graham Nordone, the sister of the late Senator Lindsey Graham, won a closely contested run-off race against Representative Ralph Norman, and will face a Democrat opponent in November for a six-year term.

Oklahoma

In the Republican run-off election for Governor, former State Senator Mike Mazzei – who had the support of President Trump – defeated State Attorney Gentner Drummond, and will face a Democrat opponent in November in the race to succeed term-limited Republican Governor Kevin Stitt.

THE DEMOCRAT SOCIALISTS OF AMERICA -- WHAT ITS PLATFORM ACTUALLY PROPOSES

By an unnamed team of US News Mag journalists reporting fair news anchored in truth, free of political bias and mainstream media partiality

The Democrat Socialists of America has put in writing a blueprint to erase prisons, the Senate, the presidency, and the Supreme Court as we know them – and they are proud of it. Their current program spells out a plan to reshape core American institutions from the ground up. The documents calls for replacing the two-party system with a multi-party democracy, expanding the House of Representatives, using ranked choice voting, and abolishing the Senate outright. A detailed draft platform also urged constitutional amendments to abolish the Electoral College and rewrite rules that limit campaign finance,

The group's political platform describes “freedom for all incarcerated people,” an end to funding prison expansion, closing local jails, ending pre-trial detention and imprisonment for parole violations, and rejecting alternatives to incarceration.

American conservative values point in the opposite direction. The Founders split power between branches and levels of government to keep any one faction from ruling unchecked. The Senate was designed to protect smaller states and slow sudden swings in national mood. Independent courts exist to shield individual rights from political storms. Prisons and police, while imperfect and in need of real oversight, are there to protect the innocent from the guilty. A platform that abolishes the Senate, presidency, Supreme Court, police, and prisons does not “finish” the American project; it replaces it wholesale with something very different, and far less protective of ordered liberty.



SOUNDS FROM THE TRUMP-ET

Amid the U.S. trade war with Canada, President Trump on August 27th signed an Executive Order formally changing the name of Lake

Ontario to “Lake America”.

On August 6, President Trump signed two executive orders regarding birthright citizenship.

The first order declares certain individuals are ineligible for

birthright citizenship when neither of their parents is a citizen, including the child of an 'alien enemy' or foreign government employee. It also targets the children of parents who engage in a 'commercial transaction' to access birthright citizenship,

including paying 'to ensure that the person's mother is present in the United States, or a territory of the United States, to give birth.'

In the second order, Trump tasked the State Department and Department of Homeland Security with stopping people from entering the country 'for the purpose of engaging in birth tourism.'

The President also lashed out at the U.S. Supreme Court for its recent “unfair ruling” supporting birthright citizenship.

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The story did not break until this month, but when President Trump attended a NATO summit in July in Turkey, for security reasons he was secretly transferred between three different planes for his trip home. Due to a possible attack from Iran, he first switched boarding the new Air Force One plane donated by Qatar in favor of the older Air Force One, then secretly slipped off of it and boarded a waiting catering truck that took him to an alternate military plane to leave Turkey.

Meanwhile, the staff members on the trip, other U.S. government officials, and the press remained on Air Force One for the trip home.

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Since spouses are intrinsically linked to the good order, readiness, and retention of our military, the President issued an executive order on August 3 establishing a Military Spouse Commission to advise and assist on policies that effect spouses and families, and address challenges faced in key areas such as housing, employment, healthcare, education, and deployment-related support;

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Since the U.S. Navy has experienced a series of shipbuilding setbacks stemming from overly complex designs and iterative design change procedures resulting in cost growth, delays, and cancellations, Trump has ordered the Department of War to restore both capacity and competition to the maritime industrial base as it expands our naval force structure.

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The President declared August 7 as National Purple Heart Day, to honor the immeasurable sacrifices of every valiant service member wounded or killed in combat in defense of our Nation, and to reaffirm our eternal gratitude for their unrivaled heroism. First bestowed by General George Washington in 1782, the Purple Heart stands as our Nation's oldest military decoration, reserved for those wounded or fallen in defense of our country.

“While we can never fully repay the recipients of this hallowed medal, we are honoring their sacrifice by ensuring America remains the greatest beacon of freedom on Earth,” Trump said,

“My Administration has swiftly rebuilt our military into the strongest and most lethal fighting force in the world, restoring

pride in military service and achieving record recruitment numbers.”



LET ME BE FRANK
By Space Coast Designer
Frank Montelione

Medicare for All’s
European Warning Label

On a recent trip to Ireland, I received a firsthand lesson in the difference between health coverage and health care. A girl sitting near us on the flight coughed for much of the trip, and because I have respiratory issues, I developed a flare-up of chronic bronchitis. We had purchased travel insurance, so I contacted a doctor. My appointment was scheduled for 10:30 a.m. I was finally seen around 4:00 p.m.

The office was bare: an old metal desk, a blood pressure device, and little else. The doctor listened to my chest, asked whether I had dealt with this before, and then asked what American doctors usually prescribed. When I explained my normal treatment, he simply followed it. Later, our tour guide told the group that this was typical of basic government health coverage. Better access, she said, often requires supplemental insurance costing hundreds of euros per month. For specialists or surgery, her advice was blunt: go to the United States.



That experience does not prove everything about socialized medicine. But it does illustrate the central problem with Medicare for All: a government promise of coverage is not the same as timely access to care.

Medicare for All is often sold as a simple cure for America’s health-care problems: put Washington in charge, cover everyone, and eliminate waste. Europe is usually offered as a model. Yet health care is not delivered by legislation. It is delivered by doctors, nurses, hospitals, operating rooms, diagnostic equipment, specialists, and time. If government promises more care than the system can supply, the shortage does not vanish. It becomes a waiting list.

Eurostat reported that in 2024, 3.6% of EU residents who needed medical examination or treatment did not receive it because care was too expensive, too far away, or delayed by waiting lists. Applied to an adult EU population of roughly 372 million, that equals about 13.4 million people with unmet medical needs.

The problem is not theoretical. Greece reported unmet medical needs of 21.9%, or about 1.9 million adults. Finland reported 12.4%, or about 570,000 adults. Estonia reported 11.2%, or about 120,000 adults. These figures do not prove that European systems are uniformly bad. They prove something narrower but important: broad coverage does not guarantee actual care.

Supporters of single payer dislike the word “rationing,” but rationing does not always come through a price tag or a denial letter. It can come through time. OECD-linked data show that 11% of patients in the United Kingdom waited more than a year to see a specialist. With an adult population of about 56 million, that implies roughly 6.2 million people waiting more than a year.

France and Germany each reported about 2%, equal to roughly 1.1 million people in France and 1.4 million in Germany. Sweden did not report a comparable one-year specialist figure, and Slovenia’s published figure concerned hip replacements, with a median wait of 667 days. The data are imperfect, but the pattern is clear: centralized systems can still struggle to deliver timely access.

How long waits add up

Country	% waiting 1+ years	Adult population	Estimated people waiting 1+ years
United Kingdom	11%	56 million	≈ 6.2 million
France	2%	53 million	≈ 1.1 million
Germany	2%	70 million	≈ 1.4 million
Sweden	Not reported	—	—
Slovenia	Not reported for specialists	—	—

The evidence should be used carefully. There is no reliable EU-wide count of deaths caused by patients waiting for specialists. Eurostat tracks unmet need, not whether a delay later contributed to death. But the lack of a single comprehensive number does not make the risk imaginary.

Country category	or	Reported figure	Context
Scotland		7,251 deaths	Reported in 2025 among people waiting for hospital treatment or specialist appointments.
United Kingdom	— heart	400+ deaths per year	Deaths among patients waiting for aortic-valve treatment.
England and Wales	and	5,458 deaths	Deaths since 2010 in compensation claims involving NHS treatment delays.
England		1,933 claims	Compensation claims for deaths caused by delays since the COVID pandemic.

Scotland reported 7,251 deaths among people waiting for hospital treatment or specialist appointments in 2025. Other UK figures point to deaths among patients waiting for aortic-valve treatment and to compensation claims involving treatment delays. Not every death can be blamed on waiting. But long queues are not harmless. For a patient waiting on a diagnosis, a specialist visit, or surgery, time can be the difference between treatment and deterioration.

That is the lesson Americans should take from Europe. Expanding coverage without expanding supply—doctors, nurses, operating capacity, specialist access, hospital throughput, and accountability—does not solve the access problem. It moves the bottleneck. Patients may face fewer bills at the point of service, but they may face longer delays inside the system.

The strongest argument against Medicare for All is not that Europe has nothing to teach us. It is that public promises can outrun medical capacity. Millions of Europeans report unmet medical needs. Some countries have long specialist waits. National figures show that waiting lists can carry real human costs. Washington can promise universal access. The harder question is whether that promise would produce more care—or simply give the federal government control over scarcity.

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The Tusk: A Final Farewell

As we publish the final issue of *The Tusk*, I find myself feeling more nostalgic than I expected.

Before moving to Florida, I served as a police officer in Nassau County, NY, where we were banned from being involved in politics. After my move, Holy Name of Jesus asked my wife, Ruthie, and me to start a Cub Scout Pack. BREC Chair Kevin

McKeown was one of the first to sign “little” Kevin up, and we quickly discovered we had a lot in common. Kevin had lived just off my post in New York. He invited me to join the Brevard Republican Executive Committee (BREC), and I soon became district chair, then vice chair, and later a Republican State Committeeman. During that time, I tried to start a BREC newsletter, but I met resistance from members when it came to submitting articles.

Through BREC, I had the opportunity to meet Stuart Goring. That connection eventually led me to become the designer of *The Tusk*.

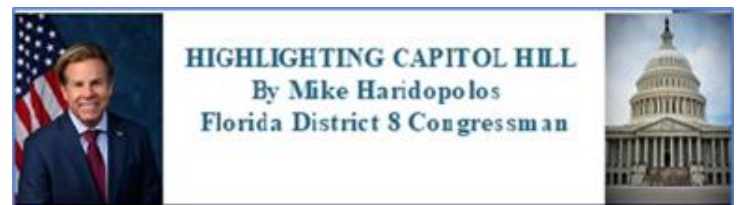
I never imagined how much work a monthly newsletter could be—finding an article, gathering information, editing, formatting, and meeting deadlines. At times it was a lot, but looking back, I’m glad I did it.

Moving to Georgia was something I did reluctantly, and leaving Brevard County was not easy. Georgia became home, but *The Tusk* gave me a reason to stay connected to the people, politics, and community I had left behind.

Now, as *The Tusk* comes to an end, I realize how much I will miss it. I’ll miss the work, the people, and most of all, that connection to Brevard.

Thank you to Stuart, everyone who contributed, and everyone who took the time to read *The Tusk*. It has been a privilege to be a part of it.

Brevard will always hold a special place in my heart—and *The Tusk* will always be a part of that connection.



August is an exciting time across Florida’s Space Coast. Students reconnect with friends, teachers prepare their classrooms, and families settle into new routines. But beyond the first day photos and sharpened pencils lies something even more important: opportunity.

Every new school year is an investment in our future. Today’s students are preparing to become tomorrow’s innovators, entrepreneurs, engineers, technicians, teachers, and skilled tradesmen – the people who will keep America leading the world.

Here on the Space Coast, we do not just watch history – we make it.

Nearly every week, rockets lift off from Kennedy Space Center and Cape Canaveral, carrying American innovation into orbit. Behind every launch are thousands of skilled workers whose journeys began in classrooms just like the ones opening their doors this fall. That is why education and workforce development go hand in hand.

I have had the opportunity to visit high schools across our community, including Merritt Island, Space Coast, Titusville, Eau Gallie, Melbourne, and others, and see firsthand the incredible work happening in their classrooms and career and technical education programs. From aerospace and advanced manufacturing to cybersecurity and skilled trades, our students are gaining real-world experience and developing the skills they need to compete for the high-paying jobs of the 21st century.

Our region is experiencing unprecedented growth. Aerospace, defense, advanced manufacturing, aviation, artificial intelligence, and cybersecurity companies continue expanding here because Florida offers something they cannot find just anywhere: a talented workforce, a pro-innovation business climate, and a community committed to excellence.

But continued success is not guaranteed. If we want the next generation to choose the Space Coast, we must continue preparing the workforce that will power it. That means investing in Career and Technical Education, expanding apprenticeship opportunities, strengthening workforce certifications, and fostering partnerships between our schools, colleges, and local employers.

Not every student will follow the same path, and that is exactly how it should be. Some will attend four-year universities. Others will earn technical certifications, complete apprenticeships, or enter the workforce immediately after graduation. Every pathway strengthens our economy and helps keep America competitive.

As another school year just began, I want every student to know there has never been a better time to dream big. Whether your future is designing spacecraft, building satellites, teaching the next generation, serving in the skilled trades, starting a business, or serving our country, the opportunities waiting on Florida's Space Coast have never been greater.

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This month, we secured a \$57,481,255 grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Railroad Administration's National Railroad Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Program to bring passenger rail service directly to the Space Coast through final design and construction of the Cocoa Multimodal station. The grant will be used to build a new Cocoa station and improve rail infrastructure.

Brightline already connects Orlando to South Florida, and now we are one major step closer to bringing that connection directly to the Space Coast. This investment will make the Cocoa station a reality, giving residents and visitors another way to travel across our state while supporting the continued growth of Brevard County. I am proud that I secured this funding to bring this critical transportation investment home to Florida's 8th District."



**BREVARD CONSERVATIVE
PATRIOTS**
By Chairman Dave Fosdick



Right smack in the middle of early voting, we held our August 11 meeting, which was lightly attended, with 30 people in attendance. The modest attendance was likely due to many people out supporting candidates or traveling somewhere to get out of the heat.

The agenda was an update on BCP, talk about stats for our social media platforms and our guest speaker for the night was Rachel Sadoff, Clerk of Court and Comptroller. We closed the meeting with members sharing with the group what they are doing to support Republicans getting elected.

The organizational update was pretty straight forward. The most exciting part was our membership badges and lapel pins arrived. Both look outstanding and will allow us to represent ourselves in our meetings and in the public. Stuart Gorin was recognized for having the idea of the lapel pin.

More mundane things reported – our corporate INC filing was finally approved by the Florida Department of State, so we are now able to move forward with our IRS non-profit filing, and our bank account is healthy, which will allow us to move forward with other initiatives.

To close out the organizational update, the Primary Election Email initiative was covered;

- Volunteers have sent approximately 70,000 of the planned 107,000 emails encouraging participation in the primary election.
- The volunteers were recognized and thanked for their participation in the effort.
- A similar email campaign is planned to turn out voters for the general election.

In our last meeting, Phil Prada reviewed the strategy and methodology for our social media platforms. To give the members a sense of how The Communications Team reported the statistics for our public platforms:

- Substack: (brand new) Four articles published with 224 on platform views.
- Facebook: 14,232 views and 261 engagements during the previous 30 days.
- Instagram: 4,600 views and 84 engagements.
- X: 4,600 impressions and 189 engagements.
- Next-door: Regular posting is done, although engagement remains low.

The team will continue to monitor these statistics and endeavor to tune content to increase our attach rates.

We closed the meeting chatting about Volunteer Activities supporting the primary election. Over a dozen members are actively supporting candidates through our primary election email initiative. Three or four have been making phone calls to turn out the vote. Others have made calls and sent text messages in direct support of their candidate of choice and have also gone

door-to-door. A few participated in sign waves for their candidate. And early voting would not be complete without some people staffing campaign tents. All these actions are clear demonstration that BCP members are supporting the elections of Republicans.

To close out this report, I would like to acknowledge how blessed our community has been to have access to the Space Coast Tusk, which is now ending after 17 years of monthly distribution. The political information, the commentary and the news collected from all the local conservative clubs have been appreciated by so many of us. (Although, I must confess to reading the cartoons at the end first). Godspeed to Stuart and Frank.

Our next scheduled meeting is on September 16. If you are interested in attending, please just send an email to the address below, we would love to have you join us. If not, please stay in touch by following us.

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**FLORIDA STATE LEGISLATURE
DISTRICT 32 REPRESENTATIVE
By Brian Rodgers**

For 17 years, Stuart Gorin has kept Brevard County informed through *The Space Coast Tusk*. As *The Space Coast Tusk* ends and brings this chapter to a close, I want to personally thank him for his tremendous commitment to our community.

Seventeen years is an incredible run. Through election after election, legislative session after legislative session, Stuart has worked hard to keep readers up to date on the people, issues, and events shaping politics in Brevard County and across Florida. My hat is off to Stuart for an amazing job and for the time and energy he has dedicated to *The Space Coast Tusk*. I wish him nothing but the very best.

I also want to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone who helped make our primary election victory possible. To our supporters, volunteers, friends, and family: I am incredibly grateful. Campaigns require long days, countless phone calls, signs, events, conversations with voters, and a tremendous amount of work behind the scenes. We could not have achieved this victory without you.

Most importantly, I want to thank my wife, Susan. She has been by my side through every step of this journey, and I am grateful for her love, patience, encouragement, and the sacrifices she has made so that I can serve our community.

While I am very proud of what we accomplished during the 2026 Legislative Session – including passing two bills that were signed into law – I believe we are just getting started. I already have several additional bills in the pipeline that I plan to work on during the 2027 Session. My goal remains the same: listen to the

people I represent, solve problems, and deliver meaningful results for Brevard County and the State of Florida.

Now our attention turns to November 3. Republicans cannot take this election for granted. Every election is decided by the people who actually show up and vote, and voter turnout will be critical. We need Republicans across Brevard County and Florida to stay engaged, get motivated, encourage their friends and neighbors to participate, and make their voices heard at the ballot box.

Thank you again to everyone who supported us in the primary, and thank you, Stuart, for 17 years of keeping the Space Coast informed. You have earned our appreciation and our best wishes!!!



**MAYFIELD MINUTE
By Florida District 19 State Senator
Debbie Mayfield**

Florida Governor Ron DeSantis announced that the state is the first one in the nation to formally respond to the U.S. Department of Education’s National Call to Action on academic and operational excellence. All 40 public postsecondary presidents, 28 from the Florida College System and 12 from the State University System, signed a joint statement affirming commitment to rigorous teaching, pathbreaking research, and national service.

“Florida’s colleges and universities offer world-class opportunities for learning, research, and career pathways. We’ve ignored the noise and focused on merit, and the results speak for themselves,” DeSantis said. “We led the way in answering the call from the Department of Education to affirm Florida’s commitment to rigorous instruction, groundbreaking research, and service to our country in higher education.”

The National Call to Action asks institutions nationwide to publish public commitments by the end of 2026 addressing seven areas: admissions transparency, free speech, intellectual pluralism, affordability, academic rigor in the AI era, protection from foreign influence, and prioritizing American workforce needs.

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The Governor also announced the opening of applications for the Florida Cancer Innovation Fund’s 2026-2027 funding cycle and highlighted the \$60 million awarded during the 2025-2026 funding cycle. The upcoming cycle will provide \$70 million in available funding, representing a \$10 million increase from the previous year. This work reflects the state’s continued commitment to advancing innovative approaches to cancer research, prevention, and treatment.

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The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles announced its “August Kicks-Off Child Safety Awareness” campaign coinciding with the start of the back-to-school season. It focuses on educating motorists, parents, caregivers, and children about safety around school buses, school zones, and neighborhoods.

Highlights of the 2026 campaign include: stopping for school buses; slowing down in school zones; pedestrian safety; use of proper child restraints and seat belts; preventing vehicular heatstroke; and teaching children not to play near vehicles.

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At the 2026 State of the Schools event, co-hosted by Accelerate Brevard, Brevard Public Schools, and Eastern Florida State College, Brevard Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Mark Rendell highlighted the district's accomplishments over the past several years.

Among the milestones, BPS earned an "A" school district rating for the third consecutive year in 2025-26. He also recognized the more than 400 advanced diplomas awarded through programs such as Dual Enrollment, Advanced Placement, AICE, and International Baccalaureate. In addition, he highlighted the continued growth of the district's Career and Technical Education programs.

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Eastern Florida State College was recognized by the National Junior College Athletic Association for the academic excellence of their student athletes and the overall academic success of EFSC's athletic programs.

Sixty-seven student athletes were named to the 2025-26 All-Academic Teams. This honor recognizes individual student athletes across the country with Grade Point Averages above 3.60. The school had a record 21 players receiving further recognition for finishing with a 4.0 GPA.

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The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration lowered its forecast for the 2026 Atlantic hurricane season, citing a strengthening in El Nino. The agency now anticipates 7 to 13 named storms in 2026, down slightly from their May forecast of 8 to 14. NOAA also expects between 2 to 6 hurricanes, down from its previous forecast of 3 to 7.

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Florida Attorney General James Uthmeier recently announced a major legislative proposal aimed at strengthening penalties for dangerous poaching incidents occurring near homes and populated areas. It would create a new standalone felony offense, 'aggravated illegal taking of wildlife,' for individuals who illegally take or attempt to take wildlife while knowingly discharging a firearm near people, occupied structures, or critical infrastructure.

The offense would carry second-degree felony charges, permanent revocation of all hunting licenses, and forfeiture of firearms, vehicles, or vessels used in the crime. The proposal also includes a new third-degree felony for poaching committed while trespassing.

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The City of Cocoa announced that \$57.48 million in federal grant funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation has been secured for a future Brightline station in the city. This could not have been possible without the collaboration and support of the

Space Coast Transportation and Planning Organization (SCTPO), Brevard County, and Brightline.

The new Brightline station will connect Cocoa to Orlando International Airport and to Miami completing a corridor that has been in the works for more than 10 years. While most of the rail is already in place, the funding is necessary to build the station.



AN UPDATE FROM MY OFFICE

By Tom Wright

Florida District 8 State Senator

Between the Regular Session, Special Sessions, the budget process, and the many other responsibilities that come with serving in the Florida Senate, there is nothing I enjoy more than getting back into our communities and spending time with the people I have the honor of representing.

Over the past several weeks, I have had the opportunity to travel throughout Brevard and Volusia Counties attending check presentations, community celebrations, meetings with local leaders, veterans events, and many other gatherings. These events are always a reminder that the work we do in Tallahassee ultimately comes back to the people and communities we serve.

One event that was especially meaningful to me was the 11th Annual National Veterans Homeless Support "Rescuing Veterans Lost in America" Gala on August 7. NVHS has become an incredible resource for veterans across Brevard County, helping veterans who are homeless or at risk of homelessness find housing, stability, and the support they need to get back on their feet.

I was proud to use the evening as an opportunity to present NVHS with \$250,000 in state funding that I sponsored and worked to secure during my final Legislative Session. This funding for the Veteran Housing and Homelessness Intervention Program will help NVHS continue its important work serving veterans who have sacrificed so much for our country.

Supporting Florida's veterans has been one of the greatest priorities of my time in the Senate. As Chairman of the Senate Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security, I have always believed that our responsibility to those who served does not end when they take off the uniform. Organizations like NVHS put that principle into action every single day.

There is also some very exciting news coming to the Space Coast this fall. NASA recently announced MAX POWER, a new two-day aerospace technology expo and air show coming to Kennedy Space Center on November 7 and 8. The event will showcase exactly what makes the Space Coast such a special place.

MAX POWER is expected to include air shows, military aircraft, technology demonstrations, spaceflight hardware, astronaut appearances, and exhibits highlighting the future of aviation, transportation, and space exploration. The event is being held in celebration of America's 250th anniversary and will highlight

our nation's history while looking ahead to the next generation of American leadership in air and space.

Finally, this article is a little different from the many updates I have had the privilege of sharing with you over the years, as this is the final issue of the Space Coast Tusk.

For 17 years and 200 issues, the Tusk has provided Brevard County conservatives with news, commentary, information about local organizations and events, and a place for elected officials like me to communicate directly with the community. What began in August 2009 as a three-page newsletter grew into a publication read and shared by people throughout our community and well beyond it.

I want to personally thank Stuart Gorin and everyone who has contributed to the Tusk over these many years. The time, energy, and dedication required to produce a publication like this month after month cannot be overstated. It has been a tremendous resource to the Space Coast, and I am grateful to have been given the opportunity to contribute to it.

The timing of this final issue is especially meaningful to me because I am approaching a transition of my own. This November, after eight years of service in the Florida Senate, I will leave office due to term limits.

Serving the people of Brevard and Volusia Counties has been one of the greatest honors of my life. When I first entered the Senate in 2018, I could never have imagined all of the people I would meet, the challenges we would face together, or the opportunities I would have to make a difference for our communities, our veterans, our first responders, our space industry, and families across Florida.

I will forever be grateful for the trust you placed in me and for the privilege of being your voice in Tallahassee. While my time in the Senate is nearing its conclusion, my appreciation for the people of District 8 and my commitment to this community certainly are not.

If you have any questions, concerns, or need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 386-304-7630 or by email at wright.tom@flsenate.gov



RENDEZVOUS WITH
REPUBLICAN WOMEN
BY BFRW President Xiaoqi Wang

Honoring The Space Coast Tusk. This month's article is dedicated to The Space

Coast Tusk. For years, The Tusk has done a tremendous job bringing our community together. Its legacy will long endure in Brevard County, and we are grateful for all the work it has done to keep our community connected and informed.

BFRW August Luncheon – Full Speed Ahead for GOTV!

The message of our August 5 luncheon was simple: If you want to keep conservative leadership at every level of government, and if you care about the issues that affect our families and communities, then vote!

In addition to mailing more than 4,000 voter outreach letters and sending more than 42,000 text messages encouraging Republicans to vote, BFRW launched our Proud Button Project at the August luncheon.

Every luncheon attendee received a plain white magnetic button and an "I Voted" sticker to place on the button after voting. Members are encouraged to wear their buttons every day as a reminder to friends, neighbors, and fellow citizens to make their voices heard.

A voter turnout of only 20% is simply not acceptable. We can – and must – do better!

Keep Conservative Leadership on Our School Board. Conservative School Board District 1 candidate **Megan Wright**, School Board District 2 incumbent **Gene Trent**, and the conservative candidate for District 5 are all facing challenges from progressive and Democrat-backed opponents. Electing and re-electing conservative School Board members remains one of BFRW's highest priorities.

We must ask ourselves: Do we want to allow the teachers' union to regain control of our School Board and undo what Governor Ron DeSantis and our conservative School Board leadership have accomplished for our children? Our children and grandchildren deserve a school system focused on education, parental involvement, academic achievement, and preparing students for their future.

Legislative Update. **Florida State Senator Debbie Mayfield** provided an update on the recent legislative session, with special emphasis on property tax reform and other important issues affecting Floridians. If you care about these issues, make your voice heard – vote!

BFRW School Supply Drive. A heartfelt thank you to all of our wonderful BFRW members who generously donated school supplies during our School Supply Drive. Together, we collected 18 backpacks filled with school supplies!

A special thank you to School Board Member **Gene Trent** for helping us connect with a school in need. This year's school supply donations benefit Saturn Elementary School in Cocoa. We also extend our sincere appreciation to **Principal Javier Alfonso** for his dedication to caring for and supporting our students.

****Volunteers Making a Difference**

Many of our dedicated volunteers have served at polling-location tents, helping support Republican candidates during early voting and on Election Day. We also need volunteers to staff the BFRW Victory Office, Monday through Saturday, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Every volunteer makes a difference, and every hour helps us reach more voters.

Special thanks to **Congressman Mike Haridopolos** for sponsoring our Republican Victory Office, and to **Senator Debbie Mayfield** for helping us with the polling-location tent. We appreciate our elected officials who support our conservative causes and candidates – not simply by asking for our votes, but by standing with us and helping our grassroots efforts.

****Looking Ahead to November** Our next goal is a big victory in November. Primary elections can be tough and sometimes even brutal. But once the primary is over, our job is to come together, support the Republican nominees, and work to elect them so we can continue conservative leadership in Brevard County and throughout Florida.

Together, let's finish strong, get out the vote, and keep Brevard and Florida RED!

****Save the Date –** Join us for our September 2 luncheon, featuring special guest speaker **Brevard Sheriff Wayne Ivey**. Don't miss this opportunity to hear directly from the county's law enforcement leader as he shares updates on public safety and important issues affecting our community. Mark your calendar and plan to attend!



FEDERATED REPUBLICAN
WOMEN IN ACTION
By President Erika Orriss

We had a full house at our meeting at McMaws BBQ on August 7, the

final day before early voting began this election season. The room was filled with members, candidates, elected officials, and many guests.

Please consider joining us as we continue growing into a strong group of Republicans dedicated to sharing candidate information throughout South Brevard.

We welcomed two new members at this meeting, bringing our total to six new members over the past two months. As our membership grows, we can help share more information with the general public and encourage informed voters. Informed voters are the best voters.

The candidates who attended our August 7 meeting including **Tammy Dennis** for School Board District 5, **Helen Voltz** for West Melbourne City Council (she is at EVERY meeting as our Past President), and **Bobby Williams**, a candidate for Florida governor. Statewide candidates are not always able to attend our meetings, so we appreciated the opportunity to hear from him directly.

Our featured speakers were **Calvin "Trey" Holton**, candidate for the Sebastian Inlet Tax District, and **Rachel Sadoff**, Brevard County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller.

State House Representative Monique Miller also attended and provided a brief update on legislation she helped pass. She will return in September to share a more detailed legislative update.

We are especially grateful to Sadoff, who stepped in at the last minute after one of our originally scheduled speakers had to cancel. Her willingness to adjust her schedule ensured that our club still had two excellent featured speakers.

Holton, our first featured speaker, is a longtime Brevard resident. He is married to his wife, Ashley, and is the father of two children. Holton served as a medic in the Army National Guard

and now inspires students through his part-time educational role with the Astronauts Memorial Foundation and NASA Exploration Station at Kennedy Space Center, while also serving full time as a U.S. history educator.

Holton gave a brief history of the inlet, emphasized the importance of the Sebastian Inlet Tax District, and engaged members with a short quiz about the inlet. He described Sebastian Inlet as one of Florida's greatest treasures and explained why the district board plays an important role in keeping the inlet open and accessible for all.

For more information, please contact
HoltonForSebastianInlet@gmail.com.

Richard Dockery, a candidate for the Grant-Valkaria Council, had originally been scheduled as our second featured speaker but was called out of town on business. Sadoff graciously spoke in his place, and Dockery is scheduled to speak at next month's meeting.

Sadoff shared highlights from her impressive career and long-standing service to Brevard County. Raised in Brevard, she has spent much of her adult life serving its citizens. She began her career in the Clerk's office in 1997 under the administration of Sandy Crawford. Over the years, she served as a court clerk and supervised multiple departments before being elected unopposed in 2020 as Brevard County's first female Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller.

She explained that the Clerk's office touches residents' lives in many ways and provided valuable insight into the important work performed there. and encouraged members to visit the office to learn more about its services firsthand.

Upcoming Courthouse Field Trip. Our secretary, **Charlene Horton**, will organize a field trip to the courthouse, with Sadoff serving as our guide. If you are interested in attending, please let us know at info@frwabrevard.org.

With appreciation for The Tusk, we were saddened to learn that this will be the final issue. For many years, it has served as an informative news source for our clubs and the local political community. We are deeply grateful for the time, effort, and dedication that went into producing each issue. Thank you to everyone who helped make The Tusk such a valuable and trusted resource. We wish continued blessings to all who contributed to its success.

Our next membership meeting will be held on September 4, 2026, at 11:15 a.m. at McMaws BBQ in Palm Bay. Featured speakers will include **Monique Miller** and **Richard Dockery**.

Please contact us at info@frwabrevard.org with any questions or concerns. We would love to hear from you.



PUMPING UP WITH PATRIOTS
By Chairman
Michael Wilson
Space Coast Patriots Club



The Space Coast Patriots hosted a Judges Forum on August 10

plus an Op-Ed on Canon 7 and the candidate disclosure of party affiliation for future judges.

Many would say that voting for futures judges is a bit like choosing someone using the “Eeny, meeny, miny, moe” process. However, attending a Judges Forum and having the right questions asked in the right way is the key to being a more informed voter. The Space Coast Patriots got a gold mine of legal knowledge and answers to relevant questions.

One of the keys to our very successful meeting was having **Renee Torpy** (Assistant Public Defender for Brevard & Seminole County) be the moderator for the meeting and asking questions of the candidates that elicited meaningful answers given the guidelines of Canon 7.

The meeting was well attended, and Torpy did a fabulous job. Candidates in attendance included: **Larry Freeman, Judge Robert Segal, Andrea Fant, George Gaspard** and **Timi DeAnn Tucker. Rodney Edwards** was running but suspended his campaign prior to the meeting. Prior to the beginning of the interview process, Torpy explained in detail what the differences are between a County Court and a Circuit Court so there would be no confusion about the job the judges perform.

All candidates introduced themselves and gave a good review of their background and experience. And, unlike the campaign literature usually in circulation, did not give a recitation of college bona fides, professional and civic clubs nor the number of children in the family. During the interview phase, all pledged to be fair and impartial, and to follow the Constitution.

Some of the nuggets that came out during the questioning included: how are statutes handled when they are inconsistent, how does a judge balance protecting the public and being fair to the accused when considering pretrial release and bonds.

Also, each candidate addressed the use of AI in the trial process. Plus some of the candidates expressed whether or not they considered themselves textualists, constitutionalists or both and how does one handle whether to follow the intent of the writers of the law or simply use the law as written. They all said their job was to interpret the law and never to make the law. Interestingly, the subject of campaign contributions from personal injury firms and others was presented and the candidates were asked how they would deal with the matter.

All candidates handled themselves with aplomb and professionalism and the audience learned a great deal, and we plan to live stream future meetings like this so the entire county can learn more about the candidates.

As for Canon 7, I believe it should be modified to allow candidates to tell their party affiliation. Presently in Florida they cannot. However, we need to look no farther than the U.S. Supreme Court as examples of jurists who claim impartiality and in public policy matters clearly take partisan positions. Let’s quit pretending this doesn’t happen and that jurists are above reproach. Sunshine will let the public know their party affiliation and let us decide whether or not we feel they can be impartial when it comes to public policy.

And lastly, thanks a million to Stuart Gorin and the Space Coast Tusk for publishing this great monthly periodical!!



The August 18 meeting of the Brevard County Republican Assembly featured **Alex Newman**, an award-winning international journalist, educator, author, speaker, and investor. He is also a nationally syndicated radio host and consultant who currently serves as a contributor to *The Epoch Times* and a correspondent for the *Law Enforcement Intelligence Brief*, among many other accolades.

Newman spoke to the Assembly on the status of globalization, noting that many globalist directives have been halted under President Trump. However, while Trump put a stop to measures such as digital currency, the Federal Reserve continues its pursuit of perfecting one.

“Under Donald Trump, a lot of this has been officially put on pause. One of the first executive orders that he passed was to stop the development of Central Bank Digital Currencies,” Newman told the audience. “It actually just came out yesterday from the Cato Institute – anybody can look it up – that the Federal Reserve is continuing to work on digital currencies, and they’re doing so rather openly.”

Newman reasoned that the Federal Reserve's argument for continuing its pursuit of digital currencies relies on the claim that it is not part of the government and can therefore act independently.

Because Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDCs) have acquired such a negative reputation, Newman believes the Federal Reserve is now attempting a more fascistic approach. Instead of the government directly issuing a digital currency, he says the current focus is on taking over private cryptocurrencies and integrating them into the digital currency architecture. He added that acts like the Clarity and Genius Acts could be used as de facto tools of government oversight.

Newman also noted that, according to sources within the United Nations, globalists are preparing to bring criminal charges against the president in the future. He stated there is a plan to prosecute him at the International Criminal Court, asserting that this plan relies on a future presidency – such as an Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez or Gavin Newsom administration – to make such a prosecution possible.

Additionally, Newman discussed the worldwide spread of digital IDs, noting that Great Britain is one of the major nations promoting their acceptance. He warned that these IDs serve as a pretext for undermining freedom and advised Americans to approach them with caution. To counter the implementation of digital currency in the United States, Newman urged Americans to focus on using cash as often as possible.

Regarding technological advancement, Newman asserted that the race for artificial intelligence is not a competition between America and China. He stated that communist China is "like a man waterskiing behind a boat. America is driving the boat, developing new technologies, and pouring money into research and development; the communist Chinese are hanging onto a rope, waterskiing behind us. They'll never catch us because they're not innovating anything."

The Brevard County Republican Assembly's next meeting will take place on September 17 at 705 Harrison St. in Titusville.

Thank you, Stuart, for your many years of hard, unbiased work in publishing this newsletter. Your work will be sorely missed in Brevard County.



REMEMBER WHEN
By President Mike Hoagland
Heritage Isle Republican Club

Well, those of us who have read the July issue of the "Space Coast Tusk" were surprised with Stuart Gorin's announcement that this was his 199th issue and issue 200 would be his last. He was retiring. This was a shock to me but I certainly respect any decision Stuart makes. As the editor of "Space Coast Tusk," Stuart kept all of us informed on political issues of the day for many years.

He had a tremendous following. His publication was always professional. As Stuart said, he had a great proofreader in his wife, Barbara. Every politician would prepare an article to be included in his publication. When I followed Barbara Gorin as president of the Heritage Isle Republican Club, Stuart was kind enough to include my OP-EDs in the Tusk. He occasionally would make corrections in my articles.

As professional an editor as Stuart has been, he was more than that. Stuart was soft spoken, but when he spoke, people listened. He was a good listener. Stuart was a true gentleman. People gravitated to him. He was more important than he knows. I never felt his ego affected him in any way. He was humble. I consider Stuart a friend and my hope is that he feels the same of me. Both Barbara and Stuart have supported me as president of our club for going on 5 years. For that, I am extremely grateful. I am not sure what the future holds with regard to spreading political dialogue. We will continue writing and reporting OP-EDs to our membership, but the information won't compare to the information contained in the "Tusk."

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This is my last communication that is included in the "Space Coast Tusk." Stuart Gorin, the Editor, is retiring after 200 monthly issues. This brings an end to an era of covering Brevard Republican politics. The Brevard Republican Executive Committee has lost a valuable method of communicating with ALL Brevard republicans. Of course, through their own doing, BREC has become a shadow of its former self thanks to the actions of ego driven wannabees. BREC is now broken. The various Republican clubs will now have to carry the America First torch.

The primaries are finished and there were very few Republican surprises with the exception of Cory Mills losing in spite of the initial Trump endorsement. Some elections in both parties were affected by turn-out. Brevard county voter turn-out was just over 26% of registered voters. We have to do better than that to ensure Republican victories. Heritage Isle precinct 429 was, as usual, one of the top performers in Brevard County.

The November 3, 2026, general election will determine the direction of our country. We have witnessed the crazy DSA (Democratic Socialists of America) and their anti-American rhetoric. We know what they say but we must take them seriously that they will do what they want. These are not just socialists. They are communists. Mayor Mamdani of New York should be the poster child for the DSA and the Democrats for that matter. He is an unapologetic Muslim communist. Who of us thought someone of his ilk could be elected mayor of the largest city in our country?

Apathy and low voter turn-out contributed to this result. If anyone would track the campaign promises of Democrats and how they governed once elected, we should know we can't trust ANY Democrat. Again, review the campaigns of the New Jersey Governor or the Virginia Governor. These are examples of the commitments' liberals will spout in order to get elected. Check many of the DSA candidates or those who have been elected. Many of them were not even born in America. They may come from Somalia, get elected to office and then criticize our country. They do not assimilate into our culture. They have found financial fraud is a way to fund their activities. Of course, taxpayers are on the hook.

The radicals want to end our constitution. Democrats are afraid of these radicals and don't want to be primaried. The Democrats tell us their political party is a big tent. Well, yes! They include communists, LGBTQ+, radicals, socialists, antisemites, anti-Americans and others. They want to cancel the constitution, open our border, end prisons, defund police, end support for Israel, reduce military funding, end oil and gas production, end ICE, pack the Supreme Court, add Washington, D.C. and Puerto Rico as states, and other actions counter to the best interest of America. This is not hyperbole. If one has paid attention, the radicals have stated all the above. I just listed their own words.

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Alexander Hamilton, George Washington, John Adams and other of our founders all expressed concern with immigration. They said we should not allow immigrants into our country who would not support our Constitution, embrace our culture or practice any other legal system than what our founders established.

They knew what existed in other countries. America was the only country in world history founded with our level of individual freedom. The "Bill of Rights" expressed in our Constitution were to be the basis for governance of our country. They understood that in order to maintain our culture, required a strong immigration policy. As we have heard from Ronald Reagan, "We are only one generation away from losing it all." Decades later, Reagan's words are now coming home to us with the realization that those words of his could actually come to pass.

The DSA (Democratic Socialists of America) have told us that they want not only to change our culture, but to destroy the very institutional foundations of our country. They want to end police, end ICE, open our borders, offer medical coverage for everyone, tax the most productive citizens in order to support the lazy ones, eliminate prisons, stack the supreme court with radicals, confiscate guns, make Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico states (they elect Democrats) and guarantee income.

Their most important pledge is to impeach President Trump. Ceasing support for Israel is a goal. These DSA candidates are winning. Mamdani as Mayor of New York should frighten all of us. The DSA members are made up of 80% college educated individuals. They only have 4% blue collar support and virtually no black support. So, what they have are liberal elite unproductive members that incurred large college debt without no way to repay the loans because they are either too lazy or their degrees are worthless like Mamdani's African Studies degree. These people are truly ignorant communists. Democrats all.

Let's spend time discussing Islamists. Their goal is to create a global caliphate. Let there be no doubt about this. In America, they practice Sharia law. This is not isolated. There are many states that have these Islamist enclaves. There becomes culture creep over time. Just witness the Islamist problems now occurring in Europe. We have all seen the political ramifications of having federal elected Islamists in the House of Representatives. How do liberal radicals get elected? They should not even be in our country. They have nothing positive to say about America.

THIS AND THAT

FLORIDA LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR CANDIDATE. ON August 25, Florida Gubernatorial candidate Byron Donalds selected former Florida State Senator Bryan Avila to be his Lieutenant Governor running mate. Avila, a Cuban-American born and raised in Hialeah, identifies as an American-first conservative and was recognized by the American Conservative Union as the "Most Conservative Member of the Legislature in 2024."



U.S. SENATE VOTES. Prior to breaking for its summer recess, the U.S. Senate cast a single 51-47 vote on August 7 confirming 74 of President Trump's nominees for government positions. This included former Arizona TV anchor **Kari Lake** as the new U.S. ambassador to Jamaica; business executive **Cameron Hamilton** to lead the Federal Emergency Management Agency; appointees to the National Labor Relations Board, the National Transportation Safety Board, and the Consumer Product Safety Commission; and associate judges for court positions. In a separate 50-49 vote, the Senate confirmed **Todd Blanche** as the next Attorney General. Honoring the late **South Carolina Senator Lindsey Graham**, the Senate also passed a bill 86-11 to impose new sanctions against Russia and Iran. Graham, who died on July 11, had sponsored legislation to raise economic sanctions on Russia as punishment for the ongoing war in Ukraine. The bill was revised and renamed in Graham's honor following his death.

It still needs to pass a vote in the House of Representatives before it can go to President Trump for his signature.

TRUMP TO THE RESCUE. During a speaking event in Las Vegas on August 5, President Trump invited a local couple onstage with their two young children, and while the wife was speaking, one of the toddlers ran to the edge of the stage and was about to tumble below it. Trump noticed him and quickly went over to grab and keep him from falling. The moment was caught on video, and the President drew laughter from the audience by quipping: "I don't want him to be Biden and fall off the stage."



KAROLINE LEAVITT. On August 12, after White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt announced that while her position is "the honor and adventure of a lifetime," she will be leaving it at the end of the month in order to be "the best mom my two young children deserve." Leavitt pledged to always be an advocate for MAGA and the Republican Party, and noted that President Trump asked her to continue serving as one of his advisers outside of the White House ahead of the midterms. Trump also said Leavitt has been one of his most trusted aides, and her decision is one he "totally understands and respects." He added, "Karoline has been a real leader in the White House, and has done a phenomenal job fighting for Justice, Liberty, and Freedom, since 2018, including our Historic Re-Election Campaign of 2024. She has been one of the best White House Press Secretaries in the History of the Office."

FLORIDA VS. NEW YORK. Now that New York City's socialist Mayor Zohran Mamdani is causing massive numbers of residents to flee his overtaxed city, Florida has expressed its appreciation. The Florida Chamber of Commerce has placed a billboard in Times Square naming him its "Economic Developer of the Year" for his tax and economic policies that are driving many businesses, jobs, and residents to the Sunshine State. The message also says "Thanks For The Jobs," as the campaign is part of the Chamber's broader push to promote Florida's low-tax, free-market model over socialist policies. Mark Wilson, the Florida Chamber CEO, said what Mamdani is doing "is bad for New Yorkers; It's bad for New York; It's very harmful for the country. We can choose free enterprise, which is what America was built on, or we can choose to destroy that, which is what the socialist policies do."

FALSE REPORT ON KING CHARLES. The British Office of Communications – a media regulator – has reprimanded Radio Caroline – the U.K. station that mistakenly broadcast a pre-recorded announcement falsely claiming the death of King Charles III. Radio Caroline explained that the host of a program was streaming his show from a remote location, and at the same time, a staffer was performing maintenance on a studio computer and came across the files prepared for King Charles' eventual passing. The station said these files are accompanied with "a set of strict instructions to presenters and managers' to follow before being aired, but, out of curiosity, a member of staff played the files, which stopped the stream from the presenter's remote location, and broadcast instead the files on air." The unnamed staffer realized what had happened, stopped playing the files, and left the building in a panic. Meanwhile, the show's host – who

was on a call and hadn't noticed that the messages had mistakenly aired – did finally contact a station engineer, who confirmed they were investigating the situation. Radio Caroline said they took the matter very seriously, and the staffer who played the files was “reprimanded” and has “since apologized.” The King, who has been undergoing cancer treatment, has noted that “Thanks to early diagnosis, effective intervention and adherence to ‘doctors’ orders’, my own schedule of cancer treatment can be reduced in the new year.”

U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ENDORSES HARIDOPOLOS RE-ELECTION. On August 27, Clark Jackson, U.S. Chamber of Commerce Senior Director for the Southeast Region, said the Space Coast needs a proven pro-growth voice in Congress, “and that is why the U.S. Chamber of Commerce is proud to endorse **Mike Haridopolos** for re-election to represent Florida’s 8th Congressional District. He added, “Florida’s economy is strongest when we remove barriers to growth, keep taxes competitive, make housing more attainable, and give businesses the certainty they need to invest and create jobs. Congressman Mike Haridopolos has been a strong advocate for these priorities, working to advance tax reform, reduce unnecessary regulations, and lower the costs that make it harder for families and businesses to thrive.” The Congressman said he will continue fighting for lower taxes, less government red tape, and policies that “strengthen American businesses and keep our country competitive.”



YOU CAN'T MAKE THIS UP

--New York’s Socialist-Communist Mayor Zohran Mamdani, who doesn’t believe that showing an ID card in order to vote in America is necessary, said residents do need to show identification just to shop in one of the city’s grocery stores. Why anybody who lives in the Big Apple still wants to stay there is beyond my comprehension. If anyone – and that includes Elon Musk – would offer to pay me even \$1,000 a day tax free – that’s \$365,000 a year – to move to New York City, I would reject it and stay in Florida. But since the Democrats spent years insisting that an ID is “racist and impossible,” there was a lot of backlash against him, so Mamdani folded, and then said the stores will be open to everyone, with no system to verify identity, residency, or income.

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--Serial rapist Aaron Pernell, who is serving a 167-year sentence in a North Carolina prison for sexually assaulting seven women, now says he has suddenly discovered that he is, in fact, a “she” – going by the name Arya Pernell – and is demanding transsexual surgery in order to be transferred to a woman’s prison. He says he wears makeup and female undergarments, lives as a female, and even claims he is being “hit on” by other male inmates due to his appearance.

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--After the Trump Administration filed a lawsuit against Harvard University, accusing the school of failing to protect Jewish students who were “harassed, assaulted, stalked, and spat upon”

during multiple anti-Israel protests on the campus in the wake of the Hamas massacre of more than 1,200 Israelis in October 2023. The government case sought to recover billions of dollars in federal research grants awarded to the Cambridge, Massachusetts, school. Officials did say they had “taken substantive, proactive steps” against the anti-Semitic acts. Then Federal Judge Richard Stearns dismissed the lawsuit, claiming the cases were “too isolated and episodic,” and that the Trump Administration “failed to prove a persistent civil rights violation.” Stearns, who was appointed to his post by then-President Bill Clinton, also is a Harvard graduate.

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--Conservative activist Bonnie Wallace is suing the Houston Independent School District after the school board removed her from a meeting for reading during public comment time, sexually explicit passages from a book – “A Court of Silver Flames,” a fantasy romance novel filled with sexually explicit material – that is available in the district’s school libraries. Warned by school board members that Wallace “can’t read anything inappropriate” at a meeting, they had three police officers escort her from the meeting. Her response was: “Then why are they in your schools?” Her lawsuit alleges violation of her First Amendment rights by stopping her from speaking and removing her from the meeting and demonstrating the hypocrisy of the School Board’s policies – that if the content was too explicit for adults, it was too explicit for children. The case is scheduled for trial in U.S. District Court in Houston but not until September 2027.

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--Attorney John Morgan, appearing on Fox News, said there are four – not two – major political parties in the United States. He identified them as the Democrats and the Socialists on one side, and MAGA and RINOs on the other. On another program on the same network, Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman, the Republican candidate for Governor in New York, said about New York City Mayor Zohran Mamdani that “the way one can tell he is lying is by seeing if his lips move.”

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In New York City’s Upper West Side, furious neighbors of a new \$500 million women’s shelter complain that the unit – which was supposed to come with an on-site health clinic but does not – has brought drug use, public nudity, and daily mayhem to a block that also had a popular playground. The 200-bed Project Renewal shelter opened in May to house women grappling with addiction and serious mental illness. The neighbors say families are too scared to let their children use the playground, syringes have been found in the park, and makeshift camps have been set up on the sidewalk. Women are seen fighting with each other, and ambulances are said to be called to the shelter as often as four times a day.

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--On August 13, the DSA (Delusional Socialists of America?, DemonRat Socialists of America?) actually celebrated the 100th Birthday of Cuban Communist Dictator Fidel Castro, the man responsible for thousands of deaths in his country. Its message flashed on TV screens said: “Happy 100, Fidel, Love, DSA”.

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--A socialist Democrat State Assemblywoman from Brooklyn, New York -- Emily Gallagher -- is on the record for declaring that shoplifters have a right to swipe items like soap and toothpaste from local stores without being arrested, because they have "biological needs" for the products. Speaking at a news conference alongside other leftist politicians and criminal justice advocates, Gallagher suggested that shoplifting actually should be legalized, and added, "if you're stealing those things, you need them." The lack of enforcement pushed by her and others like her have forced many drugstores to lock up their products.

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--If a bill sponsored by Democrat Manhattan Councilman Shaun Abreu passes in the council, New Yorkers will allow workers to take time off to care for a sick pet or service animal, clarifying that caring for the animal would be "a legitimate use of already earned sick leave." Another proposed Abreu bill would require restaurants, coffee shops and other eateries to allow customers to bring and use their own reusable cups for beverage orders.

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--The FBI has arrested Jessica Bowie, 35, in New York for allegedly plotting an ISIS-inspired attack on the New York State Capital building in Albany. The criminal complaint said Bowie converted to Islam five years ago, was radicalized online, and created several social media accounts using an honorific Islam name. She had reportedly asked for help learning how to make explosives. If convicted, Bowie faces a maximum prison term of 20 years, a fine of up to \$250,000 and a lifetime term of supervised release.

EXPERTS' EXCERPTS



Former **U.S. Ambassador Stanley Escudero**, writing on "The Parasites Are Prevailing":

"The female parasitoid wasp lays her eggs inside the bodies of caterpillars. As they hatch and grow, the wasp larvae slowly eat the caterpillar from the inside out. For decades, the socialist/communist

left, now allied with radical Islam, have been doing much the same to the Democrat Party.

As with the caterpillars, the devouring was not evident at first, but as the parasites grew, and as America's equally infected media and educational system prepared the intellectual way, the parasites are bursting forth, threatening to tear the body of the Party apart.

We conservative Republicans may cheer the eruptions within our rival party as a good thing. But I assure you that it is not. First of all, in any democracy or republic the ruling party needs a loyal opposition, lest it succumb to the lure of power, corruption, or simply run out of fresh ideas. But the operative word here is "loyal" and for years the Democrat Party has been moving farther and farther away from loyalty to the nation it wants to rule. With the growing power of its socialist/communist wing, and conjoined with its Islamic allies, it is becoming our nation's internal enemy.

The slow devouring process began seriously in the 1960's with the shift by the academic left from class to race as the tool for dividing our country and was institutionalized by Lyndon Johnson's vast welfare programs along with his and Teddy Kennedy's change of our immigration laws to permit entry of floods of poor, unprepared migrants. The corruption grew in academe and journalism and multiplied many times over under Obama and Biden. Now the true goal of the Left in America -- the destruction of our political, economic and cultural systems and their replacement by socialist/communist structures -- is there for all to see.

The half-eaten shell that was once the Democrat Party has done little more than accommodate or even welcome their now dominant parasites hoping to hold together their "Big Tent" long enough to win just one more set of elections. But a big tent only works as long as it can balance out the competing interests of its constituent groups. The socialist/communist left seeks domination, not balance. So does radical Islam, though for different reasons. The old Party establishment applauds out of fear as DSA candidates win more and more contests.

Neither they nor we should be comforted by the recent loss in Michigan of the clownish Francesca Hong, as she lacked the endorsements of either Bernie Sanders, AOC, or the Black community, and the policies of the winner, David Crowley, are virtually indistinguishable from those of Hong.

Nor should we take refuge in the hope that the very extreme positions taken by these rising Dem stars will ensure their defeat in the general election. The Left is playing the long game. Of course they hope for as many midterm wins as possible but their immediate goal is control of the Democrat Party. They will achieve what remains of that goal in November unless their candidates lose very badly and even then they will not give up.

Make no mistake. The same parasites that have been eating away at the Democrat Party have been working at the same time to devour our country from within. It is just that the Democrat Party is an easier more vulnerable target. They are not simply Americans or immigrants following a different route to the American Dream. That dream can only be achieved through assimilation of American values, culture, laws and traditions, and they reject all of these. They must be defeated, on their own terms if necessary. Today's socialist/communists are not our fellow Americans. They are vile, anti-American, dangerous slime creatures who need to be defeated and driven back into the cesspools from which they emerged. Harsh, I admit. But a parasitic infection is most successfully treated as soon as recognized and with the most effective medicines available.

Unless they rise violently against us, our laws and Constitution offer the way we Americans must follow to protect our country from the existential threat which they pose. But win we must: in November, in 2028, and for as long as it takes. Ultimately, there is no compromise with communism or with radical Islam. Our win must be total.

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Laurence F. Sanford, Vice President of Operations at the American Security Council Foundation, writing on Civil or Covert Terrorism

for his Sanford on Security publication:

“Civil or covert terrorism is intimidation, suppression of free speech and free assembly, and corruption of political leaders, media, and education. Overt terrorism is bombing, physical assault, assassination, and violence in the streets. Both forms of terrorism lead to anarchy, which in turn triggers revolution and the violent overthrow of existing governmental institutions. Marxists and Islamists are causing anarchy in America. We are now in an era where our leaders are succumbing to terrorism. Washington State Democrat U.S. Representative Adam Smith admitted he voted against aid to Israel because “My family and I have had our home vandalized, a fire has been set in my driveway, my neighbors’ lives have been disrupted by demonstrations in the middle of the night, town hall meetings meant to be forums for dialogue have been shut down, and a staff member has been physically assaulted.” Instead of demanding the government do its number one job of protecting the people and taking protective measures to safeguard his family, Smith submitted to terror. But then, Smith represents the ultra-progressive state of Washington, where Antifa, BLM, and other terrorist organizations have reign. Political leaders are promoting terrorism. Marxist Muslim Mayor Zohran Mamdani of New York City (NYC) is encouraging protests in the streets against a U.N. visit of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Mamdani campaigned for mayor, promising to arrest Netanyahu for genocide in Gaza if he came to NYC. The genocide charges against Netanyahu were filed by Karim Ahmad Khan, a Muslim British lawyer, who was the lead prosecutor for the International Criminal Court (ICC) in The Hague, Netherlands. Khan has since been removed for serious allegations of sexual abuse against a junior staff member. Why didn’t Khan file genocide charges against Hamas, the real perpetrators of genocide in Gaza? In another act of civil terrorism, Mamdani’s regime has published the names and addresses of property owners who might be affected by his Marxist ‘tax the rich’ scheme. Identifying and freezing the target (landlords) is right out of Saul Alinsky’s playbook ‘Rules for Radicals.’ Mamdani is waging Marxist class warfare in addition to race warfare. Civil terrorism by the media suppresses news that does not fit the progressive agenda. ‘Communist’ is another word for ‘Progressive. The Hunter Biden laptop news suppression and the signing of a letter by 51 senior intelligence officers about Trump’s supposed collusion with Russia are just a few examples. But the worst civil terrorism is the anti-Jew hatred being spewed by the media, academia, Marxists, and Islamic organizations. Hamas committed genocide by invading Israel and butchering, raping, killing, torturing over 1,200 Jews, and seizing over 200 hostages. Yet Israel is being accused of genocide! Where is the ICC on Hamas’s blatant atrocities? Wikipedia defines the Gaza genocide as: ‘The Gaza genocide is the ongoing, intentional, and systematic destruction of the Palestinian people.’ Jew haters, including Wikipedia, accuse Israel of genocide, yet no genocide accusations are made against Hamas, which actually committed genocide. Hamas is a Muslim Brotherhood offshoot with the objective of wiping out Israel and Jews. It is a proxy for Iran. Hamas has ruled Gaza since 2007 with no popular elections and is supported financially by the U.N. The U.S. contributes over 25% of the U.N. budget.... The Wuhan Virus (COVID) was

covert terrorism by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). It was also a watershed moment in defining the American character. We meekly submitted to government lockdowns and misinformation. We are no longer the home of the brave or the land of the free.”
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USA Daily Patriot writer Noah Stanton, on Democrats Unified by Loathing for America, Hatred of Trump:

“As midterm season heats up, Americans have a rare opportunity to measure two parties side by side – not by what they promise, but by what they’ve actually delivered. On one side of the ledger, the results speak for themselves: the biggest annual drop in violent crime in U.S. history, the lowest drug prices in sixty years, the best military recruitment numbers in a decade and a half, a slashed federal workforce, and the Work Families Tax Cuts putting real money back in real pockets. That’s not rhetoric. That’s a record. Not bad for a president the media insists can’t do anything right. So what’s the other side offering? A Texas congressman just answered that question on national television, and his words landed like a hammer on an anvil. Texas Representative Brandon Gill appeared on Sean Hannity’s show and delivered what might be the most succinct diagnosis of the modern left available: ‘They don’t have anything to put forward other than socialism and hatred for President Trump.’ And the evidence backs him up. Look at the Democrat primary landscape right now – candidates aren’t competing over who has the better plan for working families. They’re competing over who can out-socialist the next guy. Medicare for All. Massive tax hikes. A government-run vision of American life that would make the Founders weep....I’ve watched politics for a long time, and I’ve never seen a major party this thoroughly hollowed out. Ask yourself: when was the last time you heard a Democrat say something they were *for* rather than something they were *against*? There was a time when the left could at least articulate a vision you could argue with. You might have disagreed, but there was something on the table. Today the table is empty, and all that’s left is the sound of screaming from cable news studios and the slow creep of socialism through their platform. That should concern every American, regardless of party. I grew up believing that love of country was the one thing we all shared before we argued about anything else. It wasn’t Republican or Democrat – it was the baseline. A party that can’t even muster that much has no business asking for your vote. The midterms are coming. One side is building. The other side is burning. And the difference has never been clearer.”

THOUGHTS TO PONDER

“The 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence celebrates a shockingly radical document written by a group of well-educated leaders who spent more than a decade thinking about the process of self-government. They did not rebel to simply create an American version of the corrupt British system. They rebelled to repudiate the notion that the king was divinely empowered to define people’s rights. Once they decided that they bore within themselves the moral right to claim legitimacy directly from God, the rest fell into place....If we have faith in

our Declaration of Independence – and that each of us is endowed by our Creator with the right to rule ourselves – then I am certain freedom will continue to flourish. America will continue to lead the entire human race toward a world of self-government, the rule of law, and liberty.”

--Former **U.S. Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich**, on why the 250th anniversary matters
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“The American sanctuary movement rewards criminality and endangers innocent civilians. Its history began in 1971 in Berkeley, California, at the height of the anti-Vietnam protests, when city officials passed a resolution declaring Berkeley a ‘City of Refuge’ for draft dodgers. Eleven years later, Gug Schultz, a left-wing Berkeley pastor, expanded the idea by declaring his church a safe harbor for asylum seekers fleeing El Salvador, Honduras, and Guatemala....The deadly reality of sanctuary policies create massive incentives for foreign nationals, including violent criminals, to enter the U.S. illegally and hide behind what has effectively become a taxpayer-funded cloak of invisibility. This system perverts and corrupts the design and purpose of the original cities of refuge as described in the Bible.... Sanctuary as properly understood is not characterized by lawlessness, disorder, or misery, which are often the fruits of bad policy. Such is the case with modern sanctuary policies, which erase our borders, erode our culture, annul federal law designed to protect us, and lead directly to needless death. It is not too much to say that they are an abomination and that no just nation should tolerate them.”

--“**The Federalist**” CEO **Sean Davis**, on “The Hard Truth About The Sanctuary Movement” in the Hillsdale College “Imprimis” publication
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“Zohran Mamdani became mayor of New York City in the last election, and even though it's been only months, it appears the honeymoon is long over. He's already faced headwinds because of his plans to explode the tax collections from residents and non-residents alike. He's specifically targeted those who own second homes in the city for his attacks. He's tried setting up government-subsidized grocery stores and stunningly claimed that people would have to show identification to shop. He's proposed massive spending programs with no way for them to be funded. All in the cause of his Democratic Socialist agenda. His honeymoon, what there was of it, now has disintegrated entirely, as he was humiliatingly booed off a stage while attending a pro-police event on Staten Island.”

--“**World Net Daily**” news editor **Bob Unruh**, on Mamdani’s honeymoon ending

UPCOMING BREVARD COUNTY EVENTS

- September 2: Brevard Federated Republican Women meeting, Space Coast Convention Center, Cocoa, 11:30 am.
- September 3: Heritage Isle Republican Club meeting,

Heritage Isle Clubhouse, 10 am.

- September 4: Federated Republican Women in Action meeting, Memaw’s BBQ, Palm Bay, 11 am.
- September 14: Space Coast Patriots meeting, Merritt Island library, 6 pm.
- September 15: Republican Women’s Club of Brevard meeting, Suntree Country Club, 11 am.
- September 15: Florida Republican Assembly Brevard meeting, 705 Harrison Avenue, Titusville, 5:30 pm.
- September 15: North Brevard Republican Club meeting, the North Brevard Shrine Hall, Titusville, 6:30 pm.
- September 16: Brevard Conservative Patriots meeting, 3695 Lake Drive, Cocoa, 6 pm.
- September 17: Space Coast Young Republicans meeting, Whiskey Business, Melbourne, 6:30 pm.
- September 19: Republican Liberty Caucus Constitution Day Dinner, Radisson at the Port, Port Canaveral, 6:30 pm.
- September 26: Space Coast Republican club meeting, Red Lobster, Merritt Island, 11:30 am.
- September 28: Ronald Reagan Club meeting, Oceanside Community Church, Satellite Beach, 6 pm.

Brevard Republican Executive Committee – to be determined

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COMICAL CLOSERS

--A man took his suit to the cleaners, but learned they wanted \$15 to clean it, so he went instead to a thrift shop, and donated it. Several days later, he returned to the thrift shop and saw his suit – now cleaned and pressed – on the sale rack. So, he bought it back, paying the asking price of \$4.50.

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--A lawyer who was in the hospital for surgery woke up in his room afterwards and asked why the blinds were drawn on his window. “There’s a large, flaming fire occurring now across the street,” the doctor told him. “We didn’t want you to see it, think the operation was a failure, and that you had gone down below.”

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--What we in America call an elevator, the people in England call a lift. It just proves that people are raised differently.

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--When a highway patrol officer stopped a man for going 50 miles an hour over the speed limit, he said: "I've been waiting all day for you to come along." In response, the driver explained: "Well, I got here as fast as I could."

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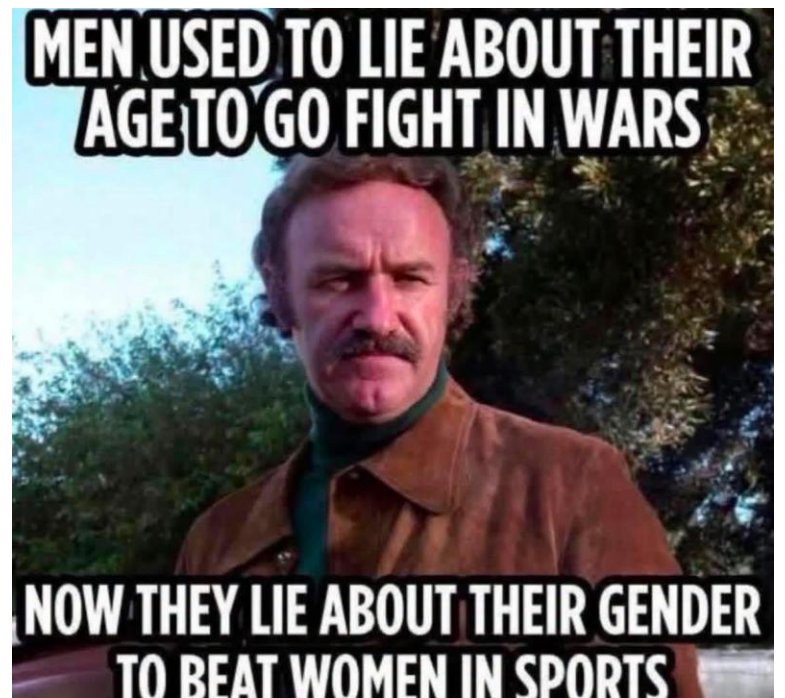
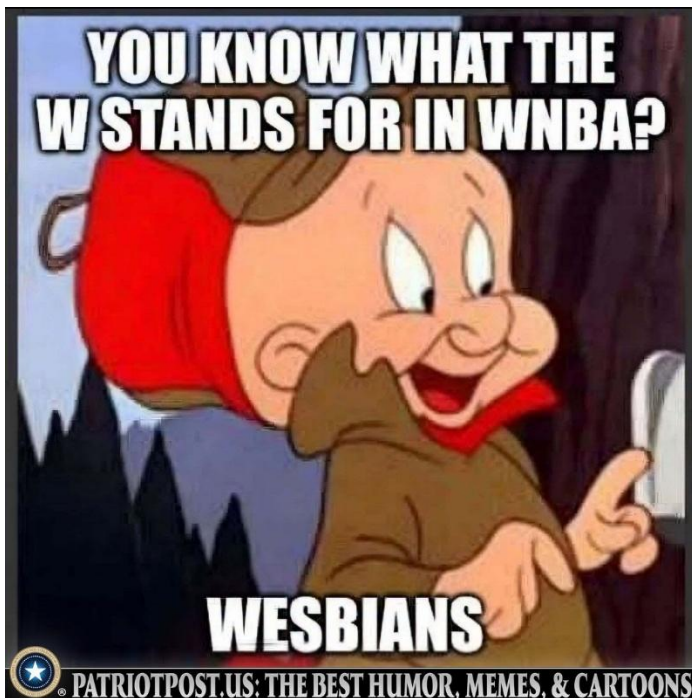
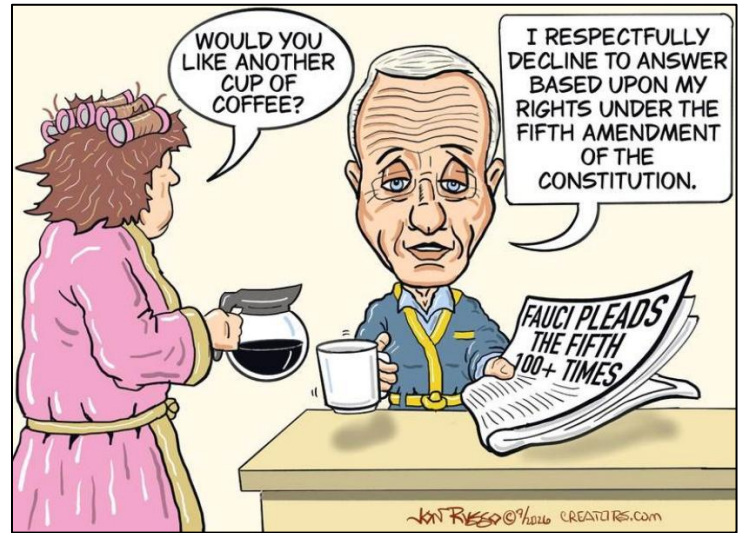
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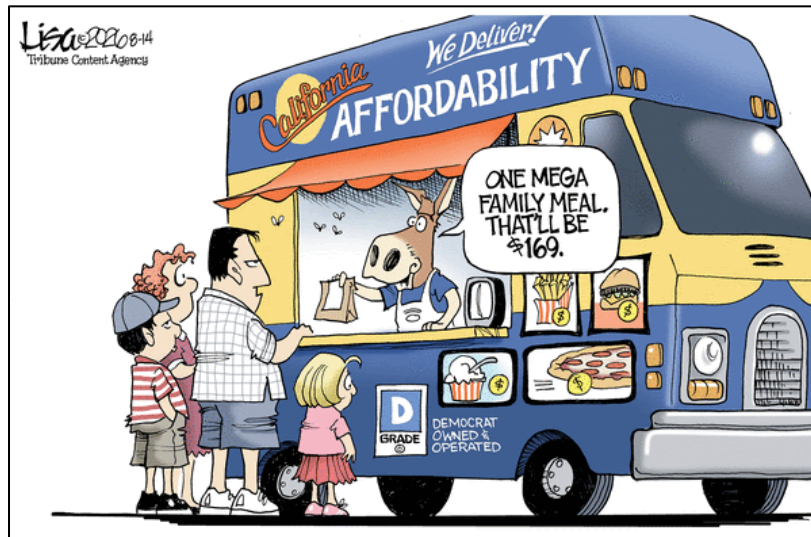
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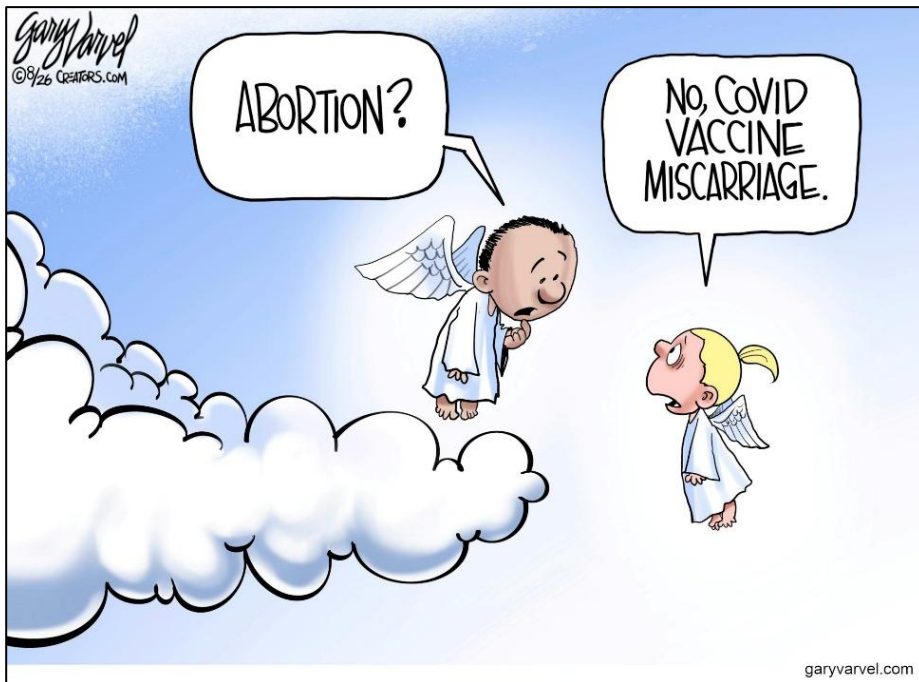
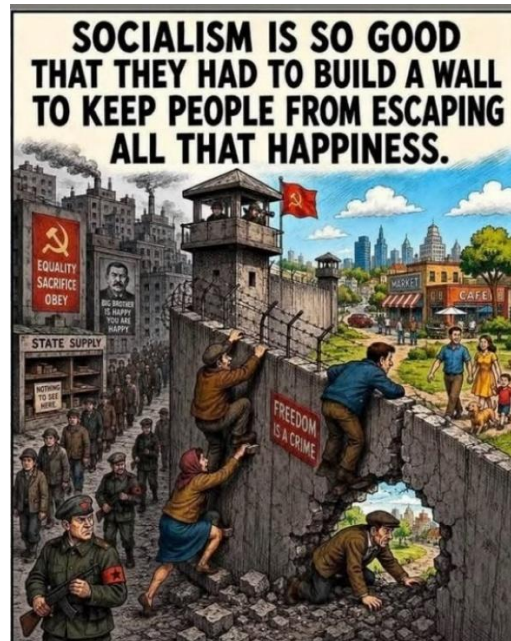
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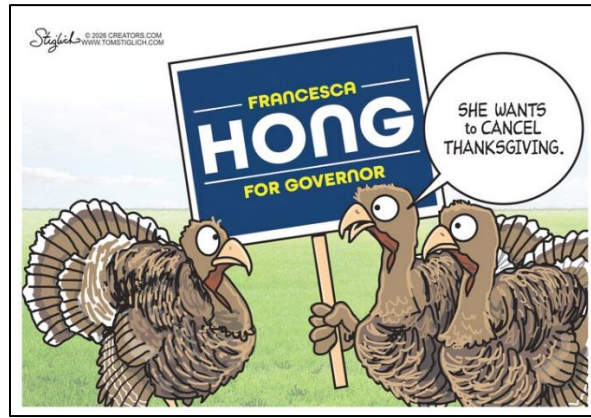
SEVERAL PAGES OF POLITICAL CARTOONS AND PHOTOS FOLLOW







I tripped and fell today..... Most people would blame Donald Trump but I know it's actually because of climate change.



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Stuart and Frank