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By Chairman Dave Fosdick

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK:

MY TWO CENTS

By Stuart Gorin



--For a full report on the June 13 celebration of life for former Congressman Bill Posey, please see the Experts' Excerpts section of this newsletter on page

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--Massive, enthusiastic crowds greeted the Ultimate Fighting Championship participants in the successful, historic event held on the White House South Lawn on June 14 to celebrate President Trump's 80th birthday as well as the upcoming 250th birthday of the United States.

Of course, leftists could only complain about the event, even expressing deep criticism that military personnel in the audience saluted as the fighters walked from the White House to the ring. What these Dumocrats, liberals and progressives didn't understand was that the fighters themselves were not being saluted. Those tributes were for their escorts – all recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor.

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--Years ago, when my daughter and son were very young, they regularly watched the TV show "Sesame Street," and we were happy they had an age-appropriate show to enjoy. How times have changed! Today, it is one of the most disgusting programs on the air – celebrating the LGBTQ community during Pride Month and having the audacity to promote trans ideology to 2-year-olds.

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--The Founding Fathers would have whole-heartedly agreed that there is nothing more disgusting than the current plans that exist to use government funds to program drag queens

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Our June 17 meeting was lightly attended by 33 members, but it still was a vibrant meeting with a blend of status and process updates, and candidate presentations. Status was provided for our incorporation milestones, financial progress and Social Media activity.



We introduced the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws which established controls that were necessary for filing as a 501(c)(4). We kept the By Laws as simple as possible – so the focus could be on action rather than on internal politicking.

The Membership Team presented the process that will be used to add new members to our organization. Any individual who is a resident of Brevard County and subscribes to the purposes of the coalition and supports its mission is eligible to become a member. First time attendees to a meeting are asked if they would like to become a member. If yes, they're asked to participate in a simple questionnaire type interview with the Membership Team, which then reviews the interview results and makes a recommendation on membership to the Board, which then votes on their recommendation.

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indoctrinating children in the public libraries in Boston, Massatwoshits. (Is that state name spelled correctly?)

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--As Dr. Mehmet Oz, the administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, filled in at the White House to brief reporters, he was asked if he had any “medical advice” for Americans with Trump Derangement Syndrome. Oz responded it was “disheartening to see people lost that way,” but he added, “You know, treating stupid is really hard – and it becomes a real problem.”

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--When we have elections in the United States, the officials in 49 of them report completed voting results to the media within a couple of hours. And then there is California – where days and even weeks go by before we know who won the different races. Why? Could it be that the education system in the Golden State is so pathetically poor that the election officials who grew up there never learned how to count?? Or count correctly?? When they do finally come up with numbers, is it possible that the votes for Dumocrats are double counted??

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--NewsNation TV host Katie Pavlich has the best two words to describe California’s voting system – “suspicion” and “mistrust.”

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--More Two Cents next month

The speakers we invited to this meeting were a sweep of the candidates who were unable to attend our May meeting. Those who did attend this meeting were: for District 1 County Commission: Pam Avery; for Florida House District 31: Marcus Herman; and for Port Commissioner District 3: Vince Jackson. Their presentations were well received, and discussions were held with individual members after the meeting was adjourned.

The final item on the meeting agenda was the discussion at the end of the meeting about candidates for Governor. There are many, but we focused on the top 5 based on news, social media and in some cases, visits to Brevard County. Those 5 were (in alphabetical order) Jay Collins, Byron Donalds, James Fishback, Paul Renner, and Williams.

The initial premise of the discussion was to see if the group could reach a consensus on a single candidate to back, but it quickly became clear that reaching consensus would require more time than available. The State really needs a debate to help voters pick the best Governor to keep Florida Free.

Our next scheduled meeting is on July 7. If you are interested in attending, please just send an email to the address below, or stay in touch by following us:

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REPUBLICAN STATE PRIMARY JUNE ELECTION RESULTS

June 2

New Jersey

Former Tabernacle Deputy Mayor Justin Murphy defeated medical doctor Robert Lebovics, State Police Trooper Richard Tabor and former television news reporter Alex Zdan in the race to challenge Democrat Senator Cory Booker in November.

Iowa

Congresswoman Ashley Hinson defeated former State Senator Jim Carlin and will face a Democrat opponent in November in the race to succeed retiring Republican Senator Joni Ernst.

Businessman Zach Lahn defeated Congressman Randy Feenstra in the gubernatorial race and will face a Democrat opponent in November.

South Dakota

Governor Larry Rhoden and businessman Toby Doeden will meet in a July 28 runoff election to see who will face a Democrat challenger in November.

Senator Mike Rounds defeated businessman Justin McNeal in the primary and will face a Democrat challenger in November.

Montana

Attorney Kurt Alme defeated mechanical engineer Lee Calhoun and environmental contractor Charles Walking Child and will face a Democrat opponent in November in the race to succeed retiring Republican Senator Steve Daines.

New Mexico

Rio Rancher Mayor Gregory Hull won the gubernatorial primary and will face a Democrat opponent in November.

Businessman Larry Marker won the Senate primary uncontested, and will face the Democrat incumbent in November.

California (open primary)

While all other states completed counting their election results the night of the primary, officials in California needed a full week to determine the winners, based on their absurd ballot counting practices.

Republican former Fox News host Steve Hilton secured enough votes in the race for California governor to advance to the general election in November, setting up a partisan battle with Democrat former Health and Human Services Director Xavier Becerra.

No Republican finished in the top two positions for Mayor of Los Angeles, and the November race will consist of the

Democrat incumbent, Karen Bass, and Progressive City Council member Nithya Raman.

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June 9

Maine

Maine Senator Susan Collins had no Republican challengers in a primary election and will face the winner of the Democrat primary in November.

South Carolina

Lt. Governor Pamela Evette and State Attorney General Alan Wilson advanced to a June 23 runoff for the Republican nomination for South Carolina governor, to determine who will face the Democrat challenger in November.

U.S. Senator Lindsey Graham won his primary outright in his pursuit of a fifth term, and will face a Democrat challenger in November.

Nevada

Incumbent Governor Joe Lombardo easily won the right to face a Democrat challenger in November.

North Dakota

Incumbent at-large Congresswoman Julie Fedorchak won her primary election and will face a Democrat challenger in November.

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June 16

Georgia Runoff

Healthcare executive and billionaire Rick Jackson defeated Lieutenant Governor Burt Jones in Georgia's gubernatorial runoff election, and will face a Democrat challenger for term-limited Governor Brian Kemp's seat in November.

Representative Mike Collins defeated former college football coach Derek Dooley in the Senate runoff election to challenge Senator Jon Ossoff in November

Alabama Runoff

John Wahl, the chair of the Alabama Republican Party, won the runoff election for Lieutenant Governor, and will face a Democrat opponent in November.

Representative Barry Moore won the runoff election for the U.S. Senate, to replace Tommy Tuberville, who is running for Governor. Both will have Democrat opponents in November.

Oklahoma

Attorney General Gentner Drummond and former State Senator Mike Mazzei advanced to an August runoff election for the party's gubernatorial nomination.

Representative Kevin Hern won the primary race for the U.S. Senate and will face Democrat opposition in November.

District of Columbia

No Republican challengers ran in the race to succeed retiring Mayor Muriel Bowser, and Democrat socialist City Council member Janeese Lewis George won the primary election.

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June 23

South Carolina Runoff

Attorney General Alan Wilson defeated Lieutenant Governor Pamela Evette in the gubernatorial runoff election and will face a Democrat opponent in November.

Maryland

Businessman Dan Cox won the gubernatorial primary and will face Democrat Governor Wes Moore's re-election bid in November.

New York

Neither Republican Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman nor Democrat Governor Kathy Hochul had primary opposition and will face each other in the November gubernatorial election.

LET ME BE FRANK By Space Coast Tusk Designer Frank Montelione



Socialism has moved from the margins of American politics into the mainstream. It's no longer just a theory taught in college classrooms or political clubs. It is becoming a serious influence inside the Democratic Party, especially among younger voters. Gallup has repeatedly found that Americans under 30 view socialism far more favorably than older generations. In some surveys, young adults rate socialism about as positively as capitalism, while older Americans still strongly prefer capitalism.

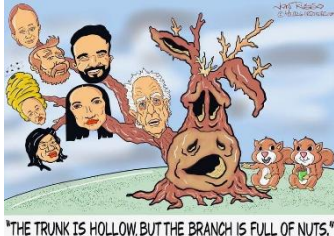
I don't believe most young people hate business, entrepreneurship, or free enterprise. Many are frustrated when large corporations seem distant and powerful, housing feels out of reach, student debt weighs heavily, healthcare costs keep rising, and too many people feel left behind. That frustration creates an opening for politicians who promise that government can solve every problem if only we give it more money, more authority, and more control.

That is what worries me. History shows that ideas taught to the young can shape a country for generations. Nikita Khrushchev once declared, "Whether you like it or not, history is on our side. We will bury you." The Soviet Union understood education is a way to shape future citizens. Schools were designed not only to teach academics



but also to promote communist ideology, loyalty to the state, and faith in the system communist leaders wanted to build.

Other authoritarian movements understood the same lesson.



Hitler had the Hitler Youth. The Soviet Union had the Young Pioneers, where children wore red neckerchiefs, attended camps, performed community service, and were taught loyalty to communism and the state.

China continues to place heavy emphasis on state-sponsored youth organizations such as the Young Pioneers of China and the Communist Youth League. Different systems used different methods, but the goal was the same: capturing the hearts and minds of the young.

That is why I believe education matters so much. The ideas taught in classrooms and spread through culture influence the values, beliefs, and civic habits of the next generation. If schools teach students to distrust limited government, personal responsibility, faith, family, and free enterprise, we should not be surprised when those students become adults who look first to government for every answer.

Today, government schools appear less focused on facts, history, and civics than on promoting the social philosophy of the educators and institutions running them. I worry that when students are taught to view America mainly through the lens of oppression, inequality, and government rescue, they become more receptive to socialism by another name.

Socialism and communism are not always identical, but they are connected by the belief that government should play a far larger role in controlling economic life. Socialism seeks to reduce inequality through government programs, regulation, redistribution, and sometimes public ownership of key industries while allowing some private enterprise. Communism calls for collective ownership of the major means of production and a classless society without private ownership of productive property.

I pay attention when politicians on the far left begin questioning the role of private ownership, especially around housing and inequality. Most American politicians still say they support private property, but some have pushed ideas that move in a very different direction. New York City Mayor Zohran Mamdani drew national attention after past remarks surfaced suggesting that a system guaranteeing housing for all could be preferable, even if it involved what critics call the abolition of private property.

This movement is no longer small. A generation ago, we couldn't have imagined democratic socialists holding significant numbers of offices in the United States. Today, the Democratic Socialists of America says more than 250 of its members serve in elected positions at the federal, state, and local levels. Many now sit on school boards, city councils, state legislatures, and local governments.

National figures lead by Bernie Sanders, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Rashida Tlaib, and Ilhan Omar have helped move ideas like expanded government healthcare, free college, rent control, aggressive climate regulation, and greater federal control into the Democratic mainstream. For voters like me who believe in constitutional limits, individual responsibility, and free markets, this is not a minor shift. It is a warning sign.

The trend is also visible in current candidates. Some present themselves as ordinary representatives of the American system while advancing ideas far outside the political center. To me, they often look like wolves in sheep's clothing: moderate in presentation but deeply aligned with a movement that would expand government power and weaken the principles that built this country.

Congressional candidate Adam Hamawy, supported by Bernie Sanders, has faced scrutiny over past associations. As a medical student, he testified on behalf of Sheikh Omar Abdel-Rahman, the "Blind Sheikh," later convicted on terrorism-related charges connected to the 1993 World Trade Center bombing. Questions have also been raised about his volunteer work in Bosnia with a charity later accused by U.S. authorities of ties to Al-Qaeda. His defense is that he was young and foolish. He's just not young anymore.

Then there is Graham Platner, who presents himself as a working-class oyster farmer standing up for ordinary people. Critics argue that image is incomplete, pointing to his wealthy background, family connections, resurfaced offensive social media posts, allegations about past personal conduct, and controversy over a chest tattoo some said resembled a Nazi-era symbol. He has apologized for some issues and disputed others, but the controversies raise fair questions about judgment and character.

In Texas, Democrat James Talarico has become one of the most heavily targeted candidates on the right. Critics focus on his comments about gender identity and LGBTQ issues, his progressive religious messaging, and viral efforts to portray him as out of step with traditional Texas values. His supporters call these attacks culture-war distractions, while opponents see them as evidence of where the modern Democratic Party is headed.

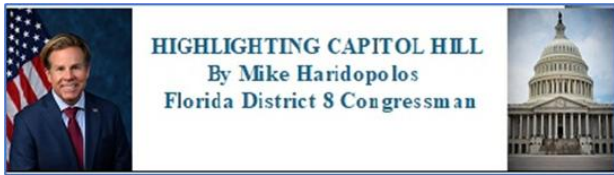
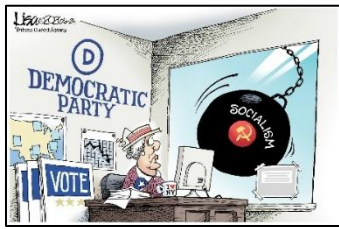
These candidates are no longer fringe, and that is why I think voters need to look beyond campaign slogans. The platform most associated with today's Democratic socialist includes a larger federal role in healthcare, education, housing, labor, climate policy, and campaign finance. Medicare for All, Green New Deal-style climate plans, wealth taxes, free public college, rent control, universal childcare, expanded social programs, stronger unions, public financing of elections, and limits on corporate political spending are all part of the agenda.

Foreign policy is part of the divide too. Many left-wing Democrats support reducing or conditioning U.S. aid to Israel, including calls for an arms embargo. Supporters call this justice; I see it as expanded government anti-Semitism.

These ideas are gaining influence in Democratic primaries, especially in deep-blue districts where winning the primary often matters more than winning the general election. Moderate Democrats still win many statewide races. But the way I see it the socialist left has taken control of the Party.

That is why I believe voters should pay close attention. The issue is not just one candidate, one slogan, or one controversial statement. It is the normalization of ideas that place more power in Washington, weaken private property, punish success, and teach young Americans to look first to government rather than to family, faith, community, hard work, and free enterprise.

If socialism continues to be softened, rebranded, and sold as compassion, the country may wake up to find that the old warnings were not exaggerations after all.



One of the best parts of representing Florida's 8th Congressional District is meeting the people who make the Space and Treasure Coasts such a great place to live, work, and raise a family. Over the past several weeks, I have had the opportunity to travel throughout our district and meet with students, veterans, service members, business owners, and community leaders who are helping move our region forward.

I was proud to recognize students earning appointments to our nation's military academies at our annual Service Academy Breakfast. Later, I joined the AVET Project's Military Women Celebration Luncheon to honor the women who have served our country and contributed to our nation's defense.

At Patrick Space Force Base, I toured the newly renovated Riverside Dining Facility and met with service members supporting critical missions on the Space Coast. I also joined another Space Coast Honor Flight sendoff, recognizing local veterans as they traveled to Washington, D.C., to visit the memorials built in their honor.

I visited Jaycon and the Brevard Achievement Center to learn more about their efforts to create jobs, expand opportunities, and strengthen our local workforce. I was also honored to present Congressional Medal of Merit awards to outstanding graduating seniors from across our district.

Protecting the Indian River Lagoon remains a top priority. During a visit to Spoonbill Marsh, I met with local leaders to discuss ongoing restoration efforts and investments that are improving water quality. I also joined Brightline to highlight rail safety improvements that will help keep our growing community moving safely.

These visits are a reminder that our district's greatest strength is its people. From students preparing to serve our nation, to veterans who have already answered the call, to entrepreneurs, educators, and community volunteers, the people of Florida's Space and Treasure Coasts are making a difference every day. Their ideas, concerns, priorities guide my work in Congress, and I remain committed to bringing their voices to Washington and fighting for the issues that matter most to our communities.



MAYFIELD MINUTE
By Florida District 19 State Senator
Debbie Mayfield

The U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission was established by Congress in 2016 to plan and orchestrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

The Commission's latest initiative, America's Time Capsule, was officially sealed on June 15. The time capsule will be buried at Independence National Historic Park in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on July 4, 2026, and will remain sealed until the year 2276.

America's Time Capsule is a lasting national marker designed to preserve a 250-year historical record reflecting all 50 states, Washington, DC, six United States territories, and the institutions that shape our civic life.

Florida's contribution to America's Time Capsule include:

A set of four Challenge Coins representing the Florida Attorney General, the Florida Agency for Fiscal Oversight FAFO, the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and Governor Ron Desantis.

A Florida House of Representatives pin affixed to a notecard to Americans written by Daniel Perez, Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, 2024-2026.

The Florida Senate Booklet 2024-2026.

America250FL booklet highlighting Florida's Semiquincentennial Celebration.

America's Time Capsule is a 900-pound precision-milled stainless steel cylinder with a water and airtight compression seal made of indium, a soft metal that forms when compressed to fill any microscopic imperfections in the sealing groove.

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SpaceX awarded four \$5,000 scholarships to Brevard Public Schools' graduating seniors: Christian Baker, Rockledge High School; Joshua Jackson and Jack Meckel, Cocoa Beach Jr./Sr. High School; and Gabriel Slaven, Merritt Island High School.

The students were selected through a competitive application process, where each were evaluated on academic excellence and their interest in innovative science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) careers. In addition to the scholarships, the students were granted a behind-the-

scenes tour of SpaceX facilities at Kennedy Space Center and a Q&A session with the leadership and top engineers of SpaceX.

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Two Floridians have been nominated by **President Trump** to serve as United States Ambassadors: former **Lt. Governor Jennifer Carroll** and former **Representative Doug Holder**.

Carroll was nominated to serve as ambassador to Trinidad and Tobago. Born in Port of Spain, she was the first Trinidadian-American elected to the office of Lieutenant Governor, serving under Governor Rick Scott from 2011-2013. Previously, she served in the Florida House of Representatives from 2003-2010, and was a Lieutenant Commander in the United States Navy, serving from 1979-1999.

Holder was nominated to serve as ambassador to Bulgaria. He was born in Georgia, and attended Middle Tennessee State University, before moving to Florida in 1997. He served in the Florida House of Representatives from 2006 to 2014, representing much of Sarasota County.

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Florida Governor Ron DeSantis signed a proclamation designating June as Faith and Family Month in Florida, highlighting three pillars of strong communities: religious faith, traditional family structures, and fatherhood.

The proclamation encourages all residents, churches, organizations, and businesses to honor and celebrate these foundational pillars, express appreciation for fathers and father figures, support family unity, and participate in activities that strengthen and enrich our families.

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Florida Attorney General James Uthmeier has filed the nation's first state-led lawsuit against OpenAI and CEO Sam Altman, alleging that the company deceived consumers, ignored internal safety warnings, and released ChatGPT despite knowing it posed serious risks, especially to children.

The complaint states that OpenAI suppressed safety concerns, misrepresented the dangers of its product, and allowed ChatGPT to encourage harmful behaviors, including self-harm and violence.

Uthmeier alleges that OpenAI prioritized commercial gain over user safety, violating Florida's laws against unfair and deceptive trade practices. The lawsuit seeks damages and a court order to stop the alleged deceptive practices.

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Governor DeSantis announced the appointment of **Michael DeMorat** and the reappointment of **Bruce Deardoff** and **Dr. Edgar Figueroa** to the Eastern Florida State College District Board of Trustees.

DeMorat, the Chief Deputy of the Brevard County Sheriff's Office, has served as a member of the FBI National Academy Associates, the Space Coast Early Intervention Center Board

of Directors, and the Serene Harbor Domestic Violence Shelter Board of Directors.

Deardoff is the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Deardoff Automotive Group and has served as a member of the Civilian Military Foundation of Brevard County, and the Canaveral Port Authority.

Figueroa, a physician and surgeon at Omni Health Care, is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and previously served as a Trauma Surgeon at Health First Holmes Regional Medical Center.



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

One of the most important responsibilities we have as legislators is passing a balanced state budget that reflects the priorities of Floridians while maintaining Florida's strong fiscal foundation. After extensive negotiations and many long days in Tallahassee, I am pleased to report that the Legislature successfully completed Special Session 2026E and passed the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 state budget.

The budget process is never easy. Every year, there are more worthy projects and requests than there are available dollars. That means legislators are often faced with difficult decisions as we work to balance statewide priorities while also advocating for the needs of our local communities. Throughout this process, my office worked tirelessly to ensure that the Space Coast was well represented.

I am proud to report that several important projects serving Brevard County were included in the final budget. These investments will support healthcare, public safety, workforce development, veterans' services, cybersecurity, cultural enrichment, and services for individuals with disabilities.

Among the projects funded this year were:

--Parrish Healthcare Digital Transformation at \$1.25 million to modernize healthcare technology and improve patient services.

--The Historic Cocoa Village Playhouse Children's Center for Education and Collaboration at \$1 million to support educational and cultural opportunities for future generations.

--Brevard Adults with Disabilities Project at \$300,000 to enhance services and opportunities for adults with disabilities.

--National Veterans Homeless Support Veteran Housing and Homelessness Intervention Program at \$250,000 to continue helping veterans and their families secure stable housing and supportive services.

--Titusville Cybersecurity and Data Security Enhancements at \$184,000 to strengthen local government cybersecurity protections.

--Titusville 911 Communications System Update at \$176,336 to improve emergency communications capabilities.

--Titusville Drones as First Responder Program 2.0 at \$112,500 to continue expanding innovative public safety technologies that help first responders serve residents more effectively.

These projects represent meaningful investments in the quality of life, safety, and future prosperity of the Space Coast. It is important to note that the budget now awaits review and approval by Governor Ron DeSantis. As Governor, he has line-item veto authority and may approve, reduce, or veto individual appropriations before the budget takes effect. I am grateful to my legislative colleagues, local government partners, nonprofit organizations, and community leaders who worked alongside us throughout the appropriations process.

Shortly after concluding work on the budget, the Legislature returned to Tallahassee for Special Session 2026F to address one of the most discussed issues facing Florida homeowners – property taxes. The result of that Special Session was a proposed constitutional amendment that will now be placed before Florida voters for consideration during the 2026 General Election.

If approved by voters, the amendment would make significant changes to Florida’s homestead exemption structure and property tax system while also providing additional limitations related to local government property tax collections. Ultimately, the Legislature believed that a proposal of this magnitude should be decided directly by the people of Florida.

Property taxes affect virtually every homeowner and every local government in our state. Throughout the Special Session, legislators worked through the difficult challenge of balancing tax relief for homeowners with the need for counties and municipalities to continue providing essential services such as law enforcement, fire protection, transportation infrastructure, parks, and public works.

Reasonable people may have differing opinions on the proposal itself, but I believe allowing Florida voters the opportunity to decide this issue is an important step. The people who pay these taxes deserve a direct voice in determining the future of Florida’s property tax system.

As Florida continues to grow, these conversations will remain important. We must continue looking for ways to make homeownership more affordable while ensuring local communities have the resources necessary to provide the services residents expect and deserve.

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. Until next time – stay safe, stay engaged, and stay informed.



RENDEZVOUS WITH
REPUBLICAN WOMEN
By Xiaohong Wang
BFRW President

Brevard Federated Republican Women hosted a successful Candidate Forum during its June 3 Luncheon, providing members with an opportunity to meet candidates, hear their priorities, and learn more about the issues affecting Brevard County and the State of Florida.

We extend our sincere thanks to all candidates and their representatives for attending. We appreciate your willingness to engage with our members and share your vision for the future and are grateful for the opportunity to hear from each of you and wish you the very best as you continue your campaigns and your service to Brevard County. We invite you to stay connected with us throughout your campaign journey and, regardless of the election outcome, in your continued service to our community. We also value your commitment to Brevard County and look forward to working together to advance the conservative principles and values we share.

Participating Candidates were:

- Brian Hodgers – Florida House District 32 (Re-election)
- Rob Feltner – Brevard County Commissioner District 4 (Re-election)
- Gene Trent – School Board District 2 (Re-election)
- Don Willis – Cape Canaveral City Council (Re-election)
- Diana Adams – West Melbourne City Council (Re-election)
- Mike Jaffe – Palm Bay City Council (Re-election)
- Jason Voelz – Candidate for Florida Senate District 8
- Tammy Dennis – Candidate for School Board District 5
- Michele McCormack – Candidate for School Board District 5
- Mindy Gibson – Candidate for Florida House District 31
- Robyn Hattaway – Candidate for Florida House District 31
- Matt Woodside – Candidate for Florida House District 31
- Mark Lightner – Candidate for Florida House District 32
- Pam Avery – Candidate for County Commissioner District 1
- Stel Bailey – Candidate for County Commissioner District 1
- Rick Heffelfinger – Candidate for County Commissioner District 1

- Micah Loyd – Candidate for County Commissioner District 1
- Adam Dyer – Candidate for County Commissioner District 4
- Greg Loyd – Candidate for Port Canaveral Commissioner District 3
- Lt. Governor Jay Collins – Candidate for Governor of Florida
- Paul Renner – Candidate for Governor of Florida

BFRW also held its annual Scholarship Award Ceremony during the June Luncheon. Three of our five scholarship recipients attended the event:

- Natalia Mitchell – Bradley Moore Memorial Scholarship
- Madison Sellon – Moore Family Scholarship
- Karleigh Burnette – Barbara Davis Memorial Scholarship

The remaining recipients will receive their awards at our July Luncheon:

- Ashlynn Wimmer – Lillian Banks Memorial Scholarship
- Madeline Still – Future Leader Scholarship

These outstanding young women have demonstrated leadership, integrity, academic achievement, and a commitment to conservative values throughout their school years. We are proud to support them as they pursue their educational goals and future leadership opportunities.

To assist Republican candidates in sharing information with voters and our membership, BFRW will distribute a Weekly Candidate Information Email throughout the election season. Candidates wishing to participate should submit their materials to bfrw.usa@gmail.com by 5:00 p.m. each Thursday. The email will be distributed every Monday. Submissions received after the Thursday deadline will be included in the following week's email.

To ensure fairness, candidate information will be listed in the order received, with the earliest submissions appearing first. General candidate information will be included for up to two consecutive weeks, while event announcements will remain in the email until the event has taken place.

Submission Guidelines:

- Images and flyers must be submitted as JPG or PNG files and attached to the email.
- Website links and email addresses should be included in the body of the submission email. Links embedded within images will not function. QR codes embedded in images are acceptable.

- Candidate flyers and advertisements should present issue positions in a positive and constructive manner. Derogatory or negative submissions directed at Republican candidates will not be distributed.

BFRW is excited to announce that our America 250 Celebration – Liberty Tea Party & Fashion Show will be held on Saturday, July 18, 2026. Widely regarded as one of the most unique and enjoyable tea parties in Brevard County, each table will be decorated according to a theme selected by the table hostess and her guests. Attendees will vote for their favorite table design, and the winning table will be recognized at the conclusion of the event.

Our Fashion Show will feature beautiful selections from Genesis House Boutique, supporting its mission of helping women in need throughout Brevard County. Country music singer Rachel Holt will provide entertainment and help make this patriotic celebration truly memorable. We invite you to join us for an afternoon of elegance, fellowship, fashion, music, and patriotism as we celebrate America's 250th birthday and the enduring spirit of liberty.



It was Standing Room Only at our June 5 luncheon meeting. As it is election season, we took the time to hear from our candidates in the primary for school board in District

5. FRWA is committed to hearing from all the local candidates so our constituents can make informed decisions regarding their government. The back room at Memaws was packed with enthusiastic attendees.

Matt Susin, although not up for re-election, gave an informative update on the school board's concerns, challenges and achievements at Brevard County Schools. He has been a pillar of strength on our current school board and a strong advocate for keeping our board conservative!

Susin then led a Primary Candidate Forum for Brevard County School Board District 5. **Tammy Dennis** and **Michele McCormack** were both in attendance.

Dennis has a certified education background with extensive leadership experience. Co-founder and coordinator of the Education and Citizenship Armed Forces Coalition, she launched the first Space Coast Joint Services Enlistment Ceremony and a website connecting students/educators with veteran and civic opportunities. The focus is on accountability, parental voice, and student excellence.

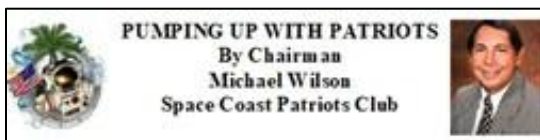
McCormack is a teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing with 26 years serving Brevard students and families. She holds dual degrees in Elementary and Deaf Education, a Master's in Deaf Education, and is pursuing graduate work in Educational Leadership. Her focus is on transparency, fiscal responsibility, and accountability in public schools.

Each candidate was asked a set of select questions so the audience could hear the differences between them. Following

this, we opened up the meeting to questions from the audience. Although both candidates support school choice, there were some important and interesting differentiating qualities.

We will be hosting another candidate event for West Melbourne City Council next month, with **Diana Adams** and **John Dittmore** speaking after **Commissioner Kim Adkinson** gives an update on District 3 County Commission. (**Helen Voltz**, who is also running in this race will speak, but at another time due to time constraints.) We look forward to seeing you there!

On a final note, we are hosting a Tea Party on July 17, 2026, 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM at Harvest Thyme Kitchen in downtown Melbourne. **Clerk of Courts Rachel Sadoff** will be speaking, and tickets are \$35 (please pay in advance). Contact us at info@frwabrevard.org for more information and payment. Tickets are going fast!



Mindy Gibson, a candidate for State Representative in District 31, and **Greg Loyd**, a candidate for Port Authority Commissioner in District 3, addressed the Space Coast Patriots on June 8.

Gibson was our keynote speaker and opened the meeting with a brief introduction of herself, and then immediately launched into a series of questions presented by the Patriots. For starters, she told the members she was stridently against Merritt Island becoming a city. She also said we don't need high-density apartments, but is not opposed to low-density in-fill, such as townhomes that are a good fit for the community. Regarding the flooding issues in north Merritt Island, Gibson said all stakeholders should address the problem seriously and come to a resolution. She also mentioned that she is against vacation rentals because it does not foster a hometown feel that homeowners deserve.

On the spending and taxing front, she said, "we are already taxed enough." She believes we should cut spending before considering raising taxes and said she is a believer in less government and not more government. On that front, she does think we need more local control and oversight because Tallahassee cannot possibly understand the needs of all 67 counties and 411 municipalities.

Gibson did, however, say that she thinks electric car owners should pay a road tax just like everyone else does. Presently, electric car owners do not pay for the road construction and maintenance on a state level. When asked about the recent Property Tax Proposal, she said, "It is a one-size-fits-all idea that does not consider the unique funding problems of municipalities."

She further offered that we don't have enough funding for our roads, and should get help from the State, the Feds and businesses. She opined, we should use better materials for our roads so they will last longer. Regarding the hot topic of Data Centers, Gibson declared she is not opposed to Data Centers if they are built at the right time and in the right place. She also wanted everyone to know she is a big supporter of our agricultural businesses in Florida and believes we should have 4H Clubs in all of our schools. And, last, but not least, said she is in favor of the ½ cent lagoon tax.



Loyd has some very clear thoughts regarding how he would help to guide the Port of Cape Canaveral into the future. First, he said he will always keep in mind, "It's the People's Port." He also let everyone know that the Port is guided by a charter that dictates how things are run and that it is not easily or frequently modified without legislation. That being said, he does not want Port Canaveral to become like the Port of Miami. Loyd said without equivocation, the benefits of any changes must outweigh the negative impact it might have on local residents and Brevard citizens come first.

Liquified Natural Gas was recently a very big concern for locals, and Loyd said he does not support an LNG plant being anywhere near people's property. Furthermore, he suggests we stagger cruise departures to mitigate traffic problems, improve traffic signal coordination and keep people moving at the terminals with better drop-off efficiency. Loyd closed by saying, "Growth should not come at the expense of residents, and we must maintain their quality of life."



The Space Coast Republican Club hosted a Florida House District 31 Candidate Forum on May 23.

Local Republican voters had the opportunity to hear directly from two candidates seeking to represent the district on issues ranging from government spending and property taxes to education and environmental stewardship.

Club leaders encouraged members to participate actively, noting that races for governor, U.S. Senate, county offices, and the Port Authority will all have significant local impact.



Attorney and former Port Canaveral Commissioner **Robin Hattaway** introduced herself as a lifelong Merritt Island resident dedicated to transparency, fiscal responsibility, and limited government. Drawing on her experience during the COVID-19 pandemic, she highlighted efforts to challenge government overreach and improve accountability at the port. Hattaway also spoke proudly of a workforce development initiative she helped create, connecting local students with careers in skilled trades, maritime industries, and military service.

"I believe government should provide infrastructure, public safety, and education—and then get out of our way," she told attendees, emphasizing reducing unnecessary regulations while maintaining strong investments in roads, water systems, and environmental protection.



Her opponent, longtime educator **Matt Woodside**, presented a campaign centered on faith, conservative principles, and parental rights. A Brevard County native and middle school teacher, Woodside described his involvement in public debates over school policies, explaining that his experiences advocating for parents and students motivated him to seek public office.

He stressed that conservative values and accountability should guide public policy, and voiced support for educational choice, expansion of vocational training programs, and continued backing for law enforcement, while also emphasizing the importance of preserving the Space Coast's natural resources alongside its economic growth.

Following the candidates' presentations, audience members engaged both hopefuls on a wide range of local concerns. One of the most prominent topics was the proposed incorporation of Merritt Island. Both candidates expressed firm opposition, arguing that creating a new municipal government would likely increase costs without improving services.

Affordability also dominated the discussion, with residents raising concerns about rising property taxes, homeowners insurance, auto insurance premiums, and utility costs. The candidates acknowledged the financial pressures facing retirees and working families alike, pointing to tort reform, responsible budgeting, and encouraging greater market competition as possible avenues for relief.

Environmental issues, particularly water quality and abandoned boats polluting local waterways, generated considerable debate. Audience members called for stronger oversight and better management of water infrastructure and lagoon restoration efforts, while both candidates agreed that increased accountability and improved stewardship of public resources should remain a priority.

As the forum concluded, one theme emerged clearly: local voters are deeply focused on affordability, responsible government, and preserving the quality of life that has long defined Florida's Space Coast. With the August primary approaching, both candidates pledged to continue listening to residents and addressing the issues that matter most to the community.



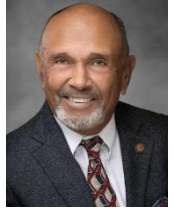
North To The Party
By President John Scully

The North Brevard Republican Club held its June 16 meeting to an engaged crowd, featuring two strong local candidates.



Micah Loyd, who is running for Brevard County Commission District 1, spoke as a lifelong community member, local business owner, and current Canaveral Port Authority Commissioner. He addressed the challenges facing North Brevard from the loss of space jobs in 2011 to the pressures of record growth today and his commitment to balancing expansion with quality of life, protecting taxpayers, and improving infrastructure.

Retired Colonel Herman Cole, who is running for re-election to Titusville City Council Seat 1, brought his perspective as a 26-year Air Force veteran. He was elected to the City Council in 2022 and named Vice Mayor by his peers. Colonel Cole spoke to the leadership and accountability he will continue to bring to local government.



Our next month's meeting will be on July 21 at 6:30 PM at 545 N. Washington Ave. The guest speakers will be **State Representative Chase Tramont** and **Pam Avery**, candidate for Brevard County Commission District 1. Come ready to engage – our meetings are always a great conversation!



The Brevard County Republican Assembly (BCRA) is kicking its 2026 campaign efforts into high gear following a massive month of June. The organization marked a series of major milestones, anchoring its physical presence in North Brevard with a new election headquarters and bringing local candidate debates directly to voters.

To anchor its 2026 campaign operations, the BCRA officially opened its Brevard County Republican Assembly Election Headquarters inside the Titusville Mall.

The brick-and-mortar office will serve as a central hub through October, providing a unified space for all local Republican candidates to distribute campaign signs and share literature. The headquarters will also act as an information center for citizens seeking details on the upcoming August 18 primary and November 3 general elections.

Location & Hours:

Where: Titusville Mall

Hours: Fridays and Saturdays, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Who: Open to the public; any local Republican candidate is invited to display campaign materials.

On June 18, the BCRA hosted the highly anticipated Titusville City Council Forum, moderated by assembly member **Kim Osburn**. All nine qualified council candidates were invited to participate.

While **Councilwoman Megan Moscoso** (away on a mission trip), **Councilman Herman Cole**, and candidate **Kayla**

Manning (prior obligation) were absent, six candidates took the stage for a robust two-hour debate. Each candidate was given a two-minute window for introductions and closing arguments, tackling pressing municipal issues such as rapid local development, aging infrastructure, regional flooding, and local governance.

The Call for a Forensic Audit: There was near-unanimous agreement among the candidates on the need to deeply investigate city spending. **John Dacko** offered a slight variation, advocating for an audit of each individual city department before escalating to a full forensic audit.

The Police Chief Search: A sharp policy divide emerged over how the city should select its next police chief. Five of the participating candidates stood firm on launching a comprehensive national search. However, Seat 3 challenger **Tim Curtis** dissented, arguing that the city should save time and resources by promoting from within and hiring current **Deputy Chief Tyler Wright**.

Candidates present at the forum:

Seat 1: Darcia Bair, Elizabeth Baker, John Dacko
Running to unseat incumbent Herman Cole

Seat 2: Tim Curtis Running against incumbent Megan Moscoso

Seat 3: Christopher Childs, David Hobart Running for open seat, with Kayla Manning

Building on the week's momentum, the BCRA hosted its first-ever People's Ball on Friday, June 19. The celebration drew an energetic crowd of grassroots activists and politically engaged citizens from across Titusville, with some attendees traveling from as far south as Grant and as far north as Volusia County.

The highlight of the evening featured a keynote address from gubernatorial candidate **Bobby Williams**, who laid out his vision for Florida's future. Williams campaigned heavily on a return to government integrity, transparency, and strict fiscal accountability. He also drew loud applause when speaking passionately against the expansion of the surveillance state, emphasizing a strict defense of individual privacy and constitutional rights.

The event also provided a direct platform for several local and county candidates -- including **Stel Bailey**, **Megan Moscoso**, **John Dacko**, **Christopher Childs**, and **Greg Loyd** -- to address the crowd and mingle with voters. Entertainment for the night was provided by Palm Bay-based band Eklektic Mess, who supplied a live soundtrack of Country & Western, Classic Rock, and Motown favorites.

The BCRA shows no signs of slowing down its summer calendar. The group announced it will host its next candidate forum for all North Brevard candidates on July 18. Specific times and venue locations will be released in the coming weeks.

The Brevard County Republican Assembly holds its regular monthly meetings at 6:30 PM every third Thursday at 705 Harrison St. in Titusville. For more information regarding the new Titusville Mall headquarters, upcoming candidate forums, or assembly membership, the public can contact the organization directly at 321-626-8398.



REMEMBER WHEN

By Heritage Isle Republican Club President Mike Hoagland

Do we remember Alexander Hamilton was our first Secretary of the Treasury? He was one of our Founding Fathers and served as George Washington's Chief of Staff. He was brilliant. He was the leading author of The Federalist Papers and was instrumental with the content of our constitution. He championed the creation of The National Bank, was a strong advocate for industry, and made the prophetic case that America's future economic strength relied on manufacturing, technology, and commerce. He died in a duel with Aaron Burr, but his legacy is alive and well today.

It seemed timely to me to address Hamilton's influence and philosophy, as it bears some discussion today as we celebrate America's 250th birthday. We can look at our beginning and make some comparisons. Much of what Hamilton accomplished at our founding could not be accomplished in today's political environment. George Washington allowed Hamilton to implement initiatives that were determined to benefit America. Tariffs were the major source of government revenues. America prospered even though most of our original founders either did not survive the war alive or were financially ruined. Can you see any of our current political leaders who would risk anything for our survival. Not! Certainly, no Democrats nor RINOs. Donald Trump and many on his cabinet receive no compensation. Do people know that?

This brings me to the point of this communication. American patriots have so much for which to be grateful. Can any of us think of serving our country without pay, benefits or legal protections not available to every citizen? Our founders gave everything for freedom and our resulting constitution. All we hear from Democrats and RINOs are complaints. They want to destroy 250 years of accomplishment because they don't like what they see. How many Democrat political leaders do you think would run for an office that offered no pay or benefits? They are certainly free to leave this country. Those of us who have traveled globally, if we are honest, always were happy to return home. Patriots got us to this point and it will require patriots to maintain the freedoms we enjoy.

Now, for the icing on the cake. Donald Trump has embraced many of the philosophies of Alexander Hamilton. All of us know that Trump has gone all in on bringing manufacturing back to the US. Tariffs are a tool to accomplish this goal. We all see how he has embraced technological innovation. Every day he advances commercial endeavors. He is an America

First president. What do Trump's adversaries do every day? They obstruct, disrupt and undermine anything President Trump initiates for the benefit of our country. Who are these people? They are Democrats, RINOs, lobbyists, media, globalists, special interests, many foreign governments and activist judges.

With all this opposition, how has our president been able to accomplish so much? Many politicians realize that the America First MAGA movement will determine if any Republican can regain the White House after Trump. Some have cooperated. Executive orders have accomplished the most. Can we at least come together for a July 4th celebration and be proud of America for a day? Devine intervention has played a part in our existence, in my opinion. Let's celebrate all the good that has been accomplished!

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All the global visitors to America, as a result of the world cup competition, have expressed feelings that we might find surprising. Let me begin by repeating what these visitors have found – “free water at every restaurant; free refills on coffee, sodas and ice tea; free chips and salsa before you even order; free warm bread with dinner; ice in drinks; air conditioning everywhere; parking lots attached to the place you are going; places where food comes to the car while you sit in it; ranch dressing by the gallon; Tex-Mex that can't be explained, only experienced.

Then they found grocery stores. Five of them within 1 mile, each one the size of an aircraft hangar with cuts of every animal ever domesticated by human civilization available any day all day. There are many more positive comments from these world visitors but I don't have the space. Welcome to America. The only people that are not pleased with America are Americans. Most Americans are not well traveled so they can't appreciate what we have. As a result, people form their opinions, not on facts, but on what their liberals or media tell them. Of course, these groups are not patriots. We are so spoiled. We just complain. Our visitors are shocked at how well Americans live.

Much of our American problem is that many suffer from TDS (Trump Derangement Syndrome). If you want an example of how hateful the Democrats and media are, just witness their handling of the issues related to the Washington, D.C. reflecting pool that President Trump had reworked. Now, most Americans understand that we have significantly more important issues to address which I can't go into because of space restrictions. Well, the radical Democrats and Marxist media have spent an enormous amount of time to make this a nationally catastrophic issue. Wow! How can this country possibly survive through this catastrophe? Do we know what actually has occurred? The underlayment in the pool is peeling. Why is that? It has been determined that vandalism was the culprit. Chemicals were used to cause this issue.

We soon will have an answer to why the pool is contaminated with algae. Would anyone be surprised if vandalism is the reason? Trump hate is so rampant that there are people who will go to any length to undermine or damage the Trump

administration. They would rather damage our country to hurt Trump than see America succeed. How sick is this? We are about to celebrate 250 years of our country's existence yet we can't even acknowledge one positive agenda item that this administration has implemented.

Our foreign guests find our country great. I expect they do not have time to keep up with our media or radical politicians. They are here enjoying all the goodness of America. These families are here to witness their global sport activity and most have never been to our country. Wouldn't it be nice to trade these visitors for our country's malcontents? Generally, our most patriotic citizens are those who came from Eastern European countries. They understand what occurs under Marxist and socialist leadership. History will judge President Trump extremely well. I hope we make a statement with our mid-term vote.

THIS AND THAT

FLORIDA BUDGET. The Florida State Legislature, which needed a special session after the regular 60-day term this year, passed a \$114.5 billion budget for FY 2026-27 and sent it to Governor Ron DeSantis for his signature on June 23. The vote on the 550-page proposal was unanimous in the State Senate and 99-6 in the House of Representatives. DeSantis, who has veto power over individual projects, said he might slice at least \$800 million from the package. He must sign off on the budget no later than June 30 to keep the state government up and running.

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PRESIDENT TRUMP ACTIONS. President Trump kicked off a 16-day celebration of the United States' 250th anniversary on June 24 with a political-style rally on the National Mall, noting that “America is back. As you know, a short time ago, we were a dead country. Now we're the hottest country anywhere in the world. Nobody's laughing at us anymore.” The event included a military flyover by stealth bombers, military bands, singer Lee Greenwood performing “God Bless the USA” and performances by musician Christopher Macchio and military bands. On June 11, Trump announced his new pick to lead the intelligence community, saying he would tap former **Securities and Exchange Commission Chair Jay Clayton** to serve as Director of National Intelligence. On June 18, he awarded three Congressional Medals of Honor. Two went to heroes from the Vietnam War – retired U.S. **Marine Major James Capers, Jr.**, the first Black American Marine officer so honored, and posthumously to **U.S. Marine Colonel John Ripley**. The third medal was awarded to **retired U.S. Army Major Nicholas Dockery** for distinguished service in Afghanistan.

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THE SECURE AMERICA ACT. Ending a 116-day dispute over immigration funding, President Trump on June 10 signed the Secure America Act, which funds Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the U.S. Border Patrol for three years. Speaking to reporters in the White House as he signed the \$72 billion measure, Trump praised it and criticized

opposing Democrats who delayed its passage. On June 5, the Senate – using the budget reconciliation process to avoid the need for a 60-vote majority – passed the measure 52-47 – and on June 9, the House of Representatives passed it 214-212. The funding is effective until January 20, 2029 – the end of the President’s term in office.

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POETIC JUSTICE? When the owner of the New York Knicks basketball team invited President Trump to attend one of their championship finals games, as a sports fan he attended. And when the National Anthem was played at the start of the game, the President’s picture was shown on the Jumbotron. Even through the patriotic music, the rowdy, liberal New York City basketball fans chanted loud boos at Trump. In poetic justice for the President, the home team lost the game.

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REMEMBERING ALAN GREENSPAN. Former Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, who served in the position for five terms, died from complications of Parkinson’s disease at the age of 100 on June 22. His tenure spanned four U.S. presidents – Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton, and George W. Bush. A Republican, Greenspan previously received his bachelor’s and master’s degree in economics from New York University, joined President Richard Nixon’s campaign as a domestic policy coordinator, served as chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, and was chairman and president of economics consulting firm Townsend-Greenspan & Co. When he retired from the Fed in 2006, he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Greenspan was married to longtime NBC News journalist Andrea Mitchell.



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OBAMA PRESIDENTIAL CENTER. Following several years of delays and cost overruns, the Obama Presidential Center opened on 19-acres in Chicago’s Jackson Park on June 19, but it is not the official Presidential Library, because the former President’s official papers and documents are still being held by the National Archives and



Records Administration. Lawsuits delayed the construction for several years, and even today, contractors on the project – which reached \$850 million – have not yet been paid. The central feature of the site is a 225-foot-tall building that has been dubbed the “Obamalisk” and criticized by some as a “monstrosity.” It also includes a branch of the Chicago Public Library, an auditorium, art installations, a media studio, a regulation-sized basketball court, and a café and restaurant. The \$30 cost to visit the site makes it the most expensive presidential museum in history. Chicagoans will be able to enter at a discount IF they show official proof of residence. Ironically, this is something they do not have to show in order to vote.

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CONGRESSIONAL BASEBALL GAME. For the sixth year in a row, on June 10, the Congressional Republicans defeated the Democrats in their annual charity baseball game played at the Washington Nationals’ home field. The Republicans – behind the pitching of Florida Representative Greg Steube – easily won the seven-inning game 11-2. It was televised nationally on C-SPAN. Organizers said the event – which raised more than \$3.2 million – broke both fundraising and ticket sale records. The funds raised go to Congressional Sports for Charity, a foundation which supports D.C.-area nonprofits and scholarships.

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Addressing the Heritage Isle Republican Club on June 4, Mark Lightner, a candidate for Florida State Legislature



District 32 seat, said the state has done a great job electing Republicans and advancing conservative policies, but winning elections is only part of the job. “We also need leaders with integrity, character, and the courage to put Florida’s future ahead of politics and special interests. Conservative principles only work when they are backed by principled leadership,” he said. For decades, he noted, Florida’s Republican success has been built on the hard work and engagement of the Silent Generation and Baby Boomers. “They helped build the state we enjoy today,” Lightner added. “Now it is up to the next generation to step up, get involved, and carry those conservative values forward. If younger Floridians do not become engaged in government and public service, we risk losing the foundation that made Florida successful.” Regarding removing property taxes in the state, he said he supported eliminating them on homesteaded homes “if it can be done responsibly. Floridians should not have to worry about losing their homes because of rising property tax bills.

But we must have a clear and sustainable plan before making such a significant change. We need to ensure local governments can continue providing essential services without simply shifting the burden onto families through higher fees or other taxes. Floridians deserve meaningful tax relief, not a tax swap disguised as reform.” Regarding the Indian River Lagoon, Lightner said it is one of Brevard County’s greatest natural resources, and “unfortunately, I have watched it decline throughout my lifetime. While significant funding has been invested in lagoon restoration efforts, the results have fallen short of what residents were promised. I believe our focus should be on addressing the root causes of the problem through long-term infrastructure improvements, including modernizing wastewater treatment systems, reducing nutrient pollution, and ensuring growth does not outpace our ability to protect the environment.”

EXPERTS’ EXCERPTS

An editor at “Florida Today,” Britt Kennerly, wrote on the

celebration of life of the late former **Florida Congressman Bill Posey**.

“Loving tributes to the former Congressman, who died May 9 at 78, flowed during the June 13 service at the Scott Center at Holy Trinity Episcopal Academy in Melbourne. Many hundreds in attendance arrived to be greeted by the American flag and the Brevard County Sheriff’s Office mounted posse, with riderless horse Wilde Prince. Inside the Scott Center, a slideshow of photos traced the Congressman’s life from childhood to recent years, followed by speakers to Posey’s orbit over the decades: U.S. Senator Rick Scott; U.S. Congressman Mike Haridopolos, who succeeded Posey; Rockledge Mayor Tom Price; Stuart Burns, Posey’s former chief of staff; and former Brevard Judge A.B. Majid. In his eulogy for his friend, Haridopolos said that Posey spent his life focused on “what truly mattered.” “I saw firsthand for more than 25 years that his love of family, country, and community formed the foundation of his life. Bill never forgot where he came from, and his heart never left Brevard County,” Haridopolos said....” While too many politicians measure success by television appearances, social media attention or how loudly they can dominate a room, Posey was different,” he said. “He never sought the limelight, but in fact, most of the time he actively avoided it. Instead, Posey listened to the people,” Haridopolos said. “He was a true leader who believed that if something was broken, you fixed it. And that simple principle guided his entire life. At his core, Bill Posey was a self-made man – a man of character. Nothing was handed to him. He understood the dignity of labor because he lived it. He understood the struggles of hardworking Americans because he came from those struggles himself. And he never lost that practical, grounded outlook.” Born in Washington, D.C., in 1947, Posey and his family moved in 1956 to Rockledge after his father got a job working on the Delta rocket. He was a Rockledge boy and Brevard champion to the core. A graduate of Cocoa High, he earned an associate of arts degree at Brevard Community College in 1969. Following work as an inspector for McDonnell Douglas at Kennedy Space Center, where he was laid off after the end of the Apollo program, he entered real estate, and would go on to found Posey & Co. Realtors. First elected to Rockledge City Council in 1976, Posey headed to Tallahassee in 1992 as a state representative, and then as a state senator from 2001 to 2009. He represented Florida’s 8th Congressional District from 2008 until his retirement and was succeeded by Haridopolos.... Her husband of 59 ½ years, Katie Posey, said he was “a loyal, principled man who devoted his life to his family, his community, and the people he served. He lived life with tremendous energy and purpose. He loved fast cars, rocket launches, the Indian River, and every corner of Central Florida.” The Poseys met at Cocoa High and started dating in the 10th grade. They married in 1967, just after graduation, and raised their daughters, Cathi and Pam. “It was a busy, productive life – from his years in car racing through his 26-year tenure in the U.S. House of Representatives,” Katie Posey said.



Former U.S. Ambassador Stanley Escudero, writing on “Responding to Islam II”:

“Commenting on my recent article on the threat posed by Islamic jihad, some of my readers have pointed out that Christianity has its intolerant and violent side. They pointed to the Inquisition, the Thirty Years’ War, and discrimination against Jews or between Christian denominations as examples. Historically they are correct. I have two ripostes: First, that was then and this is now. Christian nations have not conducted wars nor urged the conquest of other faiths in the name of our religion for hundreds of years. Jesus took us away from the harsher aspects of the Old Testament and two millennia of evolution have moved our practice of Christianity closer to His ideal than in the past. Certainly, we have moved closer to acceptance of the presence of other faiths than has Islam. To their replies that Islam has also evolved and that I primarily quoted the Holy Prophet or other Islamic scholars from many hundreds of years ago, I repeat that most Muslims are not radicals. All Muslims must accept the words of Allah’s Messenger that the world must one day become Islamic, but most do not insist that this takes place in their lifetimes or that they must themselves fight infidels to make this happen. That said, a substantial element of modern Islamic thinking not only demands successful jihad against and eventual conquest of Jahili (non-Islamic) countries via immigration, it has already organized extensive networks devoted to those goals in both Europe and the United States....The largest of these is the Muslim Brotherhood (Ikhwan al-Musslimeen) and associated groups such as The Islamic Society of North America, The Muslim Students Association, and the North American Islamic Trust. (The latter, partially funded by Saudi Arabia, holds titles to most of America’s mosques and Islamic Centers.). Founded in Egypt in the 1940’s by Hasan al-Bana, the Brotherhood has been declared a terrorist organization by the Egyptian government. Its motto is, “Allah is our objective. The Prophet is our leader. Jihad is our way. Dying in the name of Allah is our highest hope.” Bana’s successor wrote, “Our mission is not to compromise with the practices of the Jahili society which, because of its characteristics, is not worthy to be compromised with.” In 1987, an Ikhwan leader, Mohammad Ikram, wrote “An Explanatory morandum of the General Strategic Goal for the Muslim Brotherhood in North America”, which included in part, ”Members must understand that their work in America is a kind of grand jihad in eliminating and destroying the Western civilization from within and sabotaging their miserable house by their hands and by the hands of the Believers so that it is eliminated and God’s religion is made victorious over all other religions.” He went on to list the stages of jihadic conquest as advocacy, consolidation, and destruction. His memorandum was approved and distributed by the Advisory Council of the Brotherhood in 1991. This is radical Islamist scholar Abu Basir, “One of the goals of immigration is the revival of the duty of jihad and enforcement of their power over the infidels.

Immigration and jihad go together. One is the consequence of the other and dependent upon it.” He and other modern Islamic radicals justify American welfare payments to Muslim immigrants as a proper form of the ancient jizya tax which Muslims impose upon infidels living amongst them. Similarly, but on a smaller scale, is the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) originally established in Philadelphia in 1993, inter alia, to support Hamas. CAIR loudly proclaims its moderation, but its Board Member Ihsan Bagby wrote, “Ultimately, we can never be full citizens of this country because there is no way we can be fully committed to the institutions of this country. We can be citizens in the sense that we try to influence American policy.” There exists page after page of similar quotations, some of them worse. Leaders of, and affiliated with the Brotherhood, CAIR and other groups were frequent guests in the Obama White House and have been appointed to important campaign positions by the likes of Ilhan Omar, Bernie Sanders and others. Both of the latter also have developed substantial connections with anti-American leftist movements in Brazil and Mexico, as the unholy alliance of Islam and the Left expands. My original point is made and is irrefutable. The United States faces a threat from radical Islamic jihad via immigration which must be eradicated. I see no way to do this consistent with our own values except amendment of state constitutions to enable a Supreme Court decision removing some First Amendment constraints on the relation of government to religions.”



American Security Council Foundation Vice President for Operations Laurence F. Sanford, writing on Christian Persecution in China for his “Sanford on Security” publication:

“Christians are being persecuted throughout the world. Totalitarian Marxist/Communist and Islamic countries are the worst offenders. China, led by President Xi Jinping and ruled by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP), is jailing Christians and harvesting human organs. Not only are Christians being persecuted, but also are Muslims and Falun Gong practitioners. Communist doctrine believes in atheism, a belief or ideology that God does not exist. In a sense, atheism is a religion, but a religion of disbelief. Totalitarian ideology does not allow for competition; belief in any religion other than communism is forbidden. And heaven forbid, if one’s belief in communism deviates in any way from the thoughts of Chairman Mao or President Xi or whoever is the ruling despot. In the twentieth century, tens of millions of people were murdered in the name of Marxism. Ezra Jin, a Christian pastor of Zion in Beijing, was recently arrested and is now confined to a dark, dank, and dirty cell in a detention center in Beihai, China. Jin’s sin in the CCP’s eyes is that he operated outside the tightly controlled official churches. After Xi took power, the CCP interrogated parishioners and pressured landlords who rented the church’s spaces. When Jin’s church was shut down in 2018, he took to preaching online. He is now being held for ‘illegal use of information networks.’ His defense lawyers have had their law licenses revoked or suspended. Jin became a Christian after questioning the meaning of life following the 1989 slaughter

of thousands of Chinese students in Tiananmen Square. Seeing that Christians were different and that God loved them, he enrolled in a Christian seminary. After graduation, he began preaching in state-approved churches that followed CCP ideology and submitted to surveillance cameras. Jin grew frustrated by state controls and left China in 2002 to pursue a doctorate at Fuller Theological Seminary in California. In 2007, he returned to China and founded the Zion church....In 2018, Jin and his family flew to Wheaton, Illinois, for safety. Soon Jin felt compelled to return to China, knowing of the dangers, and left his family in Illinois. Thereafter, his church was shut down and activities banned. Jin and his other Zion pastors began preaching through audio files and Zoom meetings. Soon, dozens of Chinese cities were holding Zoom services in homes, and the little church in Beijing became a national church. This led to other unsanctioned churches to begin growing through technology. Jin moved from Beijing to Beihai for safety and was banned from leaving China. His personal assets were frozen by the CCP and he is now in jail. President Trump, on his recent trip to China, raised Jin’s case with President Xi, who promised to give it serious consideration. China considers the US’s raising religious issues a pretext to interfere in China’s internal affairs. Jimmy Lai is the most famous Chinese citizen in jail for political/religious reasons. Lai is a Catholic convert and a multi-millionaire newspaper owner in Hong Kong who believes in freedom of the press. President Xi and the CCP believe the state determines what is to be published and punishes those who disagree. The Roman Catholic Church kowtowed to the CCP in agreeing to government approval in the selection of cardinals and bishops. The CCP severely restricts church activities, including activities outside the officially sanctioned churches.”

World Net Daily writer Joe Kovacs, exposing surreal election fraud in California:

“The state of California may have some explaining to do about the integrity of its voter rolls after journalist Nick Shirley found a voter the state claims is 126 years old and has voted in 51 elections. The problem is, she's actually about 86 and says she has not voted in 51 elections.

Armed with official information from the California secretary of state's own voter rolls, Shirley went to the home of "Doris," who according to the state was born in 1900. Here's the exchange when Shirley arrived at her door: **Nick Shirley:** "Are you Doris?" **Doris:** "Yes".... **Nick Shirley:** "We're just going through the voting rolls here, and we're just confirming anybody who's above the age of 100 years old. And right here it says you're 126 years old." **Doris:** "No, you got the wrong house." **Nick Shirley:** "Are you Doris [last name redacted]?" **Doris:** "Yeah, but you got the wrong house. I'm Doris, but you got the wrong place. That's the wrong information, all that stuff. No, no, uh-uh, that's wrong." **Nick Shirley:** "Oh, here, I can show you if you'd like." **Doris:** "No, uh-uh, it's just that it's wrong." **Nick Shirley:** "How come you think here in California they're just messing up on all these voting rolls here?" **Doris:** "I don't know, because I don't know what you're talking about." **Nick**

Shirley: "Yeah, it says you voted in 51 elections, Doris."
Doris: "No, not me." **Nick Shirley:** "Really?" **Doris:** "I'm not 100-some years old." **Nick Shirley:** "I know, I just want to make sure you're not 126 years old." **Doris:** "I'm not." **Nick Shirley:** "Yeah, it really does say you're 126 years old here."
Doris: "No, who did this? You'd be 126. That don't even make sense." **Nick Shirley:** "I know, that's what the secretary of state says." **Doris:** "Well, the secretary of state is wrong.... Well, I'll put it like this: I was born in 1940, so you figure that out." Shirley concluded: "California's voting system is so corrupt that by simply knocking on the door of '126 year old' proves election fraud. EXPOSE IT ALL."

EDITOR'S NOTE; Shirley's investigation found over 100 people registered to vote at a single address, more than 30 voters registered to a UPS Store, and voters listed at ages that would require them to have been born before the Spanish-American War. This isn't an accident. It's what happens when a state refuses to clean its voter rolls for years.

THOUGHTS TO PONDER

"Relentless negative media coverage is distorting public opinion and shifting polls against President Trump's immigration enforcement. Trump was elected on the most aggressive enforcement agenda in modern history. Voters knew exactly what they were choosing. Yet polls now suggest growing opposition.... Media Research Center analysis of coverage of ICE operations in Minnesota revealed overwhelming bias PBS News Hour was 85 percent negative, with anti-ICE voices outnumbering supporters nine to one. ABC, CBS and NBC delivered 93 percent negative stories, routinely omitting the crimes that prompted arrests or key contextual facts, The same pattern dominates the platforms that now serve as America's digital front page: Apple News, Google News, MSN, and Yahoo News.... Headlines leaned on fear-driven terms like 'invasion,' 'war zone,' and 'chaos,' while downplaying or ignoring violence against agents. In one glaring case, 44 headlines covered the shooting of anti-ICE activist Renee Good – none reported that she struck an ICE agent with her vehicle first. These distortions matter, because they shape what tens of millions see before they click. When 'riots' are softened into 'protests' and violence becomes 'tension,' and when right-leaning outlets are excluded from prominent placement, the result is a curated, one-sided narrative that inevitably bleeds into polling.... Unchecked, this narrative-shaping will produce political consequences long before Americans see the full picture."

--**Media Research Center President David Bozell**, in his "The Watchdog" publication
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"We now have one party trying to 'Make America Great Again' and restore common sense and law and order, while the other party has been taken over by socialists, communists, and blue-haired, nose-ringed, America-hating, anti-Semitic, screaming, radical, violent, Luigi Mangione-loving, Supreme Court-stacking mental cases. You can't say, 'I'm peeved at the Republicans for not fulfilling every campaign promise yet, so I think I'll give the screeching lunatics a chance. They've

promised to end immigration law enforcement, open the borders, rip up the Constitution to cement themselves into power forever while launching endless impeachment trials and put Zionists in concentration camps. That will definitely make my life better!"

--**David Huckabee**, writing for his father Mike Huckabee's "Huck PAC for America" on differences in the Democrat party

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"Taxpayers are on the hook for \$5.2 million to pay the swollen salaries of the information ministers in socialist New York City Mayor Zohran Mamdani's new City Hall propaganda bureau – a staggering 175% more than first thought. It's barely been open for business for a month, but the Office of Mass Engagement has already seen its headcount balloon 186%, from 14 to 40, with \$5,123,756 earmarked for salaries. Mamdani is planning to hire an additional 26 comrades by next year, at an average salary of \$125,000, based on details in the budget.... 'This is purely politics at a time when real services are needed,' Democrat political consultant Hank Sheinkopf told The Post. 'We have real deficits and this mayor is spending five million dollars to put 40 political operatives on the payroll. It's morally incomprehensible . . . It's outrageous. This isn't for anybody's benefit but the mayor's.' The purported purpose of the office is to get New Yorkers involved in policy making, but critics have slammed the move as classic Soviet-era politics – using taxpayer dough to stifle opposition to his agenda."

--**Gabrielle Fahmy**, writing in the "New York Post" on Mamdani's propaganda office

UPCOMING BREVARD COUNTY EVENTS

- July 1: Brevard Federated Republican Women meeting, Space Coast Convention Center, Cocoa, 11:30 am.
- July 2: Heritage Isle Republican Club meeting, Heritage Isle Clubhouse, 10 am.
- July 3: Federated Republican Women in Action meeting, Memaw's BBQ, Palm Bay, 11 am.
- July 7: Brevard Conservative Patriots meeting, 3695 Lake Drive, Cocoa, 6 pm.
- July 13: Space Coast Patriots meeting, Merritt Island library, 6 pm.
- July 16: Republican Women's Club of Brevard meeting, Suntree Country Club, 11 am.
- July 16: Space Coast Young Republicans meeting, Whiskey Business, Melbourne, 6:30 pm.
- July 16: Florida Republican Assembly Brevard meeting, 705 Harrison Avenue, Titusville, 5:30 pm.
- July 21: North Brevard Republican Club meeting, the North Brevard Shrine Hall, Titusville, 6:30 pm.

--July 25: Space Coast Republican club meeting, Red Lobster, Merritt Island, 11:30 am.

--July 27: Ronald Reagan Club meeting, Oceanside Community Church, Satellite Beach, 6 pm.

--July 28: Republican Liberty Caucus of Brevard meeting, Italian American Club Melbourne, 7pm

Brevard Republican Executive Committee – to be determined

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COMICAL CLOSER. With the hurricane season now potentially offering us inclement weather, an old story about the former Soviet Union comes to mind. Back in the day, Moscow television featured an effective, accurate weather forecaster named Rudolph Smirnov. He was also a hard-liner communist, so much so that he was known as “The Red.” One day as he was preparing to leave home for work, his wife looked out the window and told him that it looked like snow was coming. He checked himself and said that no – no snow, but there will be heavy rain. But his wife insisted that it would snow. That day, while he was at the television studio, the rain came down – heavy and hard for several hours. When he got back home, she apologized for doubting him. So, he smiled, took her in his arms, and declared: “Rudolph the Red knows rain, dear.”

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