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TRUMP ACCEPTS NOMINATION AT REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION

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We learned before press time that Democrat President Joe Biden has DROPPED his re-election bid. Further details will be made available in the August issue after the DNC convention

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



--What universe does First Lady Dr. Jill Biden live in? Certainly, not ours. Prior to the presidential debate in Atlanta, she joined the "brilliant" ladies of "The View" on their TV show and actually said: "I think the American people deserve a debate because you need to see your choices. You need to see Trump and you need to see the President and you need to see the differences, and my husband, you're going to see how smart he is and the experience he has." She then added about Trump, "You'll see somebody who can't put a sentence together." We all know how THAT turned out.

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--While many Democrat Party officials were calling for President Joe Biden to step aside from the re-election bid following his recent debate performance, the "For The Right News" website reports that First Lady Dr. Jill Biden has three insane demands she wants from party donors for this to happen. Three things – ALL THREE. No. 1 – she wants a \$2 billion presidential library built for Joe. No. 2 – she wants absolute immunity from prosecution for the entire Biden family. And No. 3 – she wants a guaranteed \$100 million book deal. Good luck with those demands!

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Energy freeze on new liquefied natural gas exports," and calling it "incredibly disappointing," the post had to be

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Donald J. Trump, the "once and future President of the United States," closed the highly successful 2024 Republican National Convention in Milwaukee on July 18, telling the enthusiastic delegates – and a nationally televised audience – that "with faith and devotion, I proudly accept the nomination to once again be President of the United States."



He began his 90-minute address recounting the harrowing experience of surviving an assassin's bullet at his ear during a campaign rally in Pennsylvania a week earlier, then commenting that he would no longer repeat the information, because it is "too painful" to talk about.

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deleted after it was confirmed that it was Federal Judge James Cain of the Western District of Louisiana who made the ruling, and not the High Court. Users on X, mocking the incident, said to “Give Joe a Break. It’s after 4 pm,” referencing a recent report that Biden “is more prone to mental lapses in the evening.”

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--How much can we trust “medical expert” Dr. Anthony Fauci, who served as the COVID adviser to both Presidents Trump and Biden? His “expert advice” during the pandemic was to force everyone – especially children in school – to follow a six-foot social distancing rule and to wear a mask to protect others from the virus. But when the good doctor testified behind closed doors at a congressional hearing – and was asked about the standards for these rules – he admitted that they were not hard and fast, and he just “made them up.”

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Mea culpa. In last month’s issue, the column on the Brevard Federated Republican Women inadvertently referred to their monthly meeting as being that of the Heritage Isle Republican Club, which actually was reported on later in the issue. Our apologies.

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--The “Florida Yesterday” newspaper – AKA “Florida Today” – sends readers a daily e-edition, along with a list of Trending Stories. When the Sunday, July 7 issue arrived, the first headline in the list actually read: “What grocery stores will be open on July 4th in Florida? Here’s a list.”

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More Two Cents next month.



Trump then spoke of “confidence, strength and hope” that his administration will bring to the American people “in an era of freedom.” The election, he said, “should be about the issues facing our country and how to make America successful, safe, free, and great again. In an age when our politics too often divide us, now is the time to remember that we are all fellow citizens — we are one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

He called for the Democrats to “stop weaponizing the Justice System and labeling their political opponent as an enemy of democracy, especially since that is not true,” and he laid out a vision for the whole nation, saying, “To every citizen, whether you are young or old, man or woman, Democrat, Republican, or Independent, black or white, Asian or Hispanic, I extend to you a hand of loyalty and friendship. Together, we will lead America to new heights of greatness like the world has never seen before.”

Under our leadership, Trump said, “the United States will be RESPECTED again. No nation will question our power. No enemy will doubt our might. Our borders will be totally SECURE. Our economy will soar. We will return LAW and ORDER to our streets, PATRIOTISM to our schools, and importantly, we will restore peace, stability, and harmony all throughout the world.”

He added that “Under the current administration, we are a nation in decline. We have an INFLATION CRISIS that is making life unaffordable, ravaging the incomes of working and low-income families, and crushing our people. We also have an ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION CRISIS – a massive invasion at our southern border that has spread misery, crime, poverty, disease, and destruction to communities all across our land.”

Trump pledged that he will END the devastating Inflation Crisis immediately, bring down interest rates, and lower the cost of energy — we will DRILL, BABY, DRILL, which will lead to a large-scale decline in prices. “I will END the Illegal Immigration Crisis by closing our border and finishing the wall, most of which I have already built,” he added.

Speaking of economic relief for our citizens, Trump said that “starting on Day One, we will drive down prices and Make America AFFORDABLE again. By slashing energy costs, we will in turn reduce the cost of transportation, manufacturing, and all household goods. We have more liquid gold under our feet than any other country—we as a nation will make a fortune with oil and gas...I will END the Electric Vehicle Mandate on Day One, saving the U.S. auto industry from complete obliteration, and saving U.S. customers thousands of dollars per car. I will bring auto jobs back to our country, through the proper use of taxes, tariffs, and incentives, and will not allow massive auto manufacturing plants to be built in Mexico, China, or other countries, where they send the product back to the United States, and steal our jobs, creating a hopeless situation for our companies and autoworkers.”

He also pledged to “replenish our military and build an Iron Dome Missile Defense System to ensure that no enemy can strike our homeland—and this great Iron Dome will all be MADE IN THE USA. We will unleash the power of American innovation—and as we do, we will soon be on the verge of finding the cures to cancer, Alzheimer’s, and many other diseases.”

Tonight, he concluded, “I ask for your partnership, for your

support, and I am humbly asking for your vote. Every day, I will strive to honor the trust you have placed in me, and I will never let you down. To all of the forgotten men and women who have been neglected, abandoned, and left behind, you will be forgotten no longer. We will press forward, and together, we will WIN, WIN, WIN. Together, we will SAVE THIS COUNTRY, we will restore the Republic, and we will usher in the rich and wonderful tomorrows that our people truly deserve.”



Trump also mentioned that the convention earlier had passed the 20-point Republican Platform that had been proposed. The platform points were: 1) seal the border; 2) the largest deportation in history; 3) end inflation; 4) make U.S. dominant energy producer; 5) stop outsourcing manufacturing; 6) tax cuts for workers; no tax on tips; 7) defend the Constitution; 8) prevent WW3; 9) end weaponization of government; 10) stop migrant crime epidemic; 11) rebuild U.S. cities; 12) modernize military; 13) keep dollars as reserve currency; 14) preserve Social Security and Medicare; 15) cancel early vote mandate; 16) cut funding for schools pushing gender ideology; 17) keep men out of women’s sports; 18) deport pro-Hamas radicals, especially from colleges; 19) secure elections; and 20) unite the country by bringing it to record levels of success.

At the conclusion of his speech, and facing the excited, cheering crowd, Trump was joined on stage first by his wife, **Melania**, and the, for the traditional convention-ending balloon drop, by all of his children and their spouses, the older of his grandchildren, and Vice President-nominee Vance and his wife.

Earlier in the evening, among other speakers on the final day of the convention, former **Secretary of State Mike Pompeo** said it was his “greatest honor” to work with Trump every day, and highlighted the former President’s accomplishments. Including that there were no new American wars during his administration, efforts were made to close the U.S. southern border, and “We put America first every single day.” Pompeo added that it was the Biden administration’s withdrawal from Afghanistan that prompted Russia’s invasion of Ukraine.

Former wrestling champion **Hulk Hogan** electrified the crowd by ripping off his vest to reveal a Trump-Vance 2024 t-shirt and screamed, “Enough was enough. Let Trump-ania run wild. Let it rule again and make America great again.” He said, “I’m here tonight because I want the world to know Donald J. Trump is a real hero.” Hogan added, “I’ve known him 35 years. He is the toughest of them all. He’s still standing and kicking their butts.”

The Reverend Franklin Graham, the head of Samaritan’s Purse, expressed that he was “grateful and thankful” for what Trump was able to accomplish as America’s 45th President, and “I know he will do that same as the 47th President.”

Eric Trump, the former President’s second oldest son, said that “Every day, my father fights for the American people, the forgotten man and woman of this country, the ones who embody the American spirit, which is unlike anything else in the world.”



A vote for Donald Trump, he said, “is a vote for the American spirit, the American dream, and for the American flag. To the law enforcement officer who’s being attacked, betrayed, and whose job they are trying to make extinct, my father will fight for you. To all houses of worship and to all people of faith stripped of our religious freedoms and religious liberties, my father will fight for you. To the voiceless, shamed, censored, and canceled, my father will fight for you. To our farmers who work dawn to dusk to keep our plates full, my father will fight for you. To every single mother and father, to our veterans, our coal miners, and to the American worker, my father will fight for you. And to every proud American who bleeds red, white, and blue, my father will continue to fight for you.”

Eric Trump told his father, who was in the audience, that he is “proud of what you’re doing for this country. I’m proud to show my children what their grandfather is fighting for. I’m proud to watch you give them hell. Never stop. Continue to be unapologetic. Keep fighting for what is right. You are making America strong again. You are making America safe again. You are making America proud again. And yes, together with the forgotten man and woman who are finally forgotten no more, you are making America great again.”

On July 17, the third day of the convention concluded with the confirmation by acclamation of **Ohio Senator J.D. Vance** as Trump’s Vice Presidential nominee. Then, introduced by his wife, Usha, Vance said, “I officially accept your nomination to become Vice President of the United States,” and stressed, “We love this country, and we are united to win.”

Presenting the Republican Party as a champion of working-class Americans while denouncing Democrats as out of touch and ineffective, Vance told the convention delegates that

Trump has reshaped the Republican Party and rejected much of its past traditional conservatism.

“From Iraq to Afghanistan, from the financial crisis to the Great Recession, from open borders to stagnating wages, the people who govern this country have failed and failed again,” Vance said. “That is, of course, until a guy named Donald J. Trump came along. President Trump represents America’s last, best hope to restore what, if lost, may never be found again.”

The Vice Presidential nominee recounted his personal experiences with childhood poverty in Middletown, Ohio, and his later acceptance to Yale Law School. In an emotional moment, he acknowledged his mother in the crowd and celebrated her 10 years of sobriety after decades of struggling with drug addiction.



He vowed that a Trump-Vance administration would deliver economic opportunity for working-class communities, noting that “In Michigan, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania and Ohio and every corner of our nation, I promise you this: I will be a vice-president who never forgets where he came from. And every single day for the next four years, when I walk into that White House to help President Trump, I will be doing it for you, for your family, for your future and for this great country.”

Joining scores of Republican lawmakers who have condemned the recent assassination attempt against Trump, Vance urged Americans to unify in the face of violence, even as he vilified Democrats who previously criticized Trump.

“I want all Americans to go and watch the video of a would-be assassin coming a quarter of an inch from taking his life,” Vance said. “Consider the lies they told you about Donald Trump, and then look at that photo of him defiant, fist in the air. When Donald Trump rose to his feet in that Pennsylvania field, all of America stood with him.”

Since joining the Senate last year, Vance has become one of the most outspoken critics of U.S. aid to Ukraine, and he doubled down on that stance, saying, “Together, we will make sure our allies share in the burden of securing world peace – no more free rides. We will put the citizens of America first, whatever the color of their skin. We will, in short, make America great again.”

He also said, “Shouldn’t we be governed by a party that is unafraid to debate ideas and come to the best solution? That’s the Republican Party of the next four years, united in our love for this country and committed to free speech and the open exchange of ideas.”

Earlier that day, **Florida Congressman Matt Gaetz** said, “Democrats have been hiding the real Biden for years. We saw people in the witness protection program more often than we saw unscripted Biden. Under Biden-Harris, inflation has gotten so bad you can no longer bribe Democrat senators with cash alone. You have to use gold bars just so the bribes hold value.” Gaetz added, “We are on a mission to rescue and save this country, and we ride or die with Donald John Trump to the end.”

Former **Director of National Intelligence Richard Grenell** said that Trump “doesn’t care if you are gay or straight; Black, Brown or White; or what gender you are. He knows we are all Americans, and it is time to put America first.”



Former **House Speaker Newt Gingrich** contrasted the difference between the Make America Great Again Movement of peace and strength and the Left’s “weakness and war.”

Former **Policy Director Peter Navarro** -- who attended the convention immediately after being released from prison for refusing to meet with the Democrats’ J-6 committee and was “held in contempt” – warned that “if we don’t control the government, they will control us.” The senior White House advisor to President Trump said the prison experience “did not break me.”

Tom Homan, the former ICE Director, said that under Trump, we had “the most secure southern border in history.” Now, he added, it is “unsecure.” Homan also said “Trump is a warrior who will again make America safe again, and you can take that to the bank.”

North Dakota Governor Doug Burgum said Trump will make America energy dominant again, while Biden’s war on energy hurts every American. If Biden would serve another term, he said, we would have brown outs and black outs. Burgum also said Trump will let Americans keep driving gas-powered cars.

Texas Governor Greg Abbott noted that “lives are destroyed” by Biden’s open border policies, and it is “time to restore order at the border.”

Former **White House Counselor Kelly Anne Conway**, discussing Trump’s re-election bid, said, “He does not need to do this. But we need him to do it.”

Campaign Adviser Kimberly Guilfoyle noted the difference between “Biden’s vision of weakness and Trump’s vision of greatness,” saying “Biden cannot lead America. He cannot even lead himself off the stage.”

Florida Congressman Michael Waltz discussed the difference between the two presidential candidate regarding the family members of the 13 members of the U.S. military who were ambushed and killed in Afghanistan during the botched U.S. withdrawal from that country. Biden, he said, “would not even talk to them,” while Trump spent six hours with them, comforting them and helping them to heal from the tragedy.



The former President’s 17-year-old oldest granddaughter, **Kai Trump**, took the stage and said, “The media makes my grandpa look like such a different person, but I know who he is. He’s very caring and loving. He truly wants the best for this country, and he will fight every day to Make America Great Again.”

She was immediately followed by her father, **Donald Trump, Jr.**, who spoke of the shooting incident at the rally in Pennsylvania. “So what was my father’s instinct as his life was on the line?” he asked. “Not to cower, not to surrender, but to show for all the world to see that the next American president has the heart of a lion, that the next American president has the courage to put the American people first once again. And in that moment, my father didn’t just show his character, he showed America’s character. When he stood up with blood on his face and the flag at his back, the world saw a spirit that could never be broken, and that is the true spirit of America. America knows what it’s like to be down.... I’ve never been prouder of my father than I was in that moment. That’s when the world found out that there is tough, and then there’s Trump tough. And the good news is, America is Trump tough.”



Trump, Jr. said we will never forget the lies from left-wing politicians and their allies in the media. “They lied about Russia collusion,” he said. “They lied about Hunter’s laptop. They lied about Joe Biden’s fitness for office. They lied about the border being secure. They lied about inflation being transitory. They lied about how they would safely withdraw

from Afghanistan. They lied about Biden being a moderate.” “For those of you who have tuned out politics or have never even voted,” he said, “I want you to know, if you’re looking for a better life, a more prosperous future, a safer, more wholesome and patriotic place to call home, there’s room for you in this party and in this movement. In fact, you’re the ones who matter most of all. My father has always said that the people he gets along with best are the people who really work for a living. It is because of his background as a builder in construction.”

Trump, Jr. concluded his remarks with “If you love this country from the bottom of your heart, if you want to bring back common sense, if you want to save the American dream, if you want to stand up and fight for the future of our nation, you must re-elect my father, Donald J. Trump. And together, we will make America great once again.”

Prominent Republican leaders and voters spoke on July 16, the second day of the convention, which focused on safety issues, crime, human and drug trafficking and border security.

House Speaker Mike Johnson, calling for toning down political rhetoric after the attempted assassination attempt on Donald Trump, said the nation has “come to a moment in America where the basic things that we once took for granted are being openly challenged like never before.” He said the battle is not “just between two opposing political parties” but instead, “We’re now in the midst of a struggle between two completely different visions of who we are as Americans, and what our country will be.” Suggesting that Democrat victories in November were the real threat, he said, “We have no guarantee that this grand experiment in self-governance can endure unless we respond to the call.”

Florida Senator Rick Scott said he knew Trump before either of them entered politics, and that Trump should be in the White House “every day going forward.” He said a “nightmare” would be Joe Biden being re-elected, Mexican cartels getting frequent flyer miles, and elections being rigged because they got so many non-citizens to vote.

New York Congresswoman Elise Stefanik said the radical left on our college campuses chanting “Death to Israel, Death to Jews, Death to America” is part of Joe Biden’s Democrat Party. The schools’ former presidents said the actions “depended on the context.” But, she said, “America knows it does not depend on the context,” and “President Trump will bring back moral leadership to the White House, condemning antisemitism and standing strong with Israel and the Jewish people.”

Florida Senator Marco Rubio honored Corey Comperatore, the firefighter who was killed in Trump’s rally in Butler County, Pennsylvania. “Corey was one of the millions of everyday Americans who make our country great. He wasn’t rich, wasn’t famous,” Rubio said. “The only reason why we know his name and story now is because last Saturday, he



shielded his wife and daughter from an assassin's bullet and lost his life the way he lived it - a hero."

Arkansas Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders advocated for Trump to return to the White House, and talked

about her personal relationship with the former president when she served as his press secretary, saying he supported her after she experienced attacks and criticism from members of the media and across Washington. Taking a jab at First Lady Dr. Jill Biden, Sanders said, "When I was press secretary - the best job - I got the chance to take my then four-year-old son Huck to Bring Your Kid to Work Day - much like Jill now drags Joe to Bring Your Husband to Work Day." She also said that "The left doesn't care about empowering women. Biden and Harris can't even tell you what a woman is. They only care about empowering themselves." Sanders added that "not even an assassin's bullet' could stop the former president, and "God Almighty intervened because we are one nation under God, and he certainly wasn't finished with Donald Trump."

Florida Governor Ron DeSantis told his fellow Republicans in a fiery speech that America cannot afford four more years of what he called Joe Biden's "Weekend at Bernie's" presidency. "Life was more affordable when Donald Trump was president," he said. "Our border was safer under the Trump administration, and our country was respected when Donald Trump was commander in chief."

Anne Fundner, whose 15-year-old son died of fentanyl-laced pills in 2022, criticized Joe Biden and Kamala Harris over the spread of fentanyl in the United States. She led chants of "Joe must go" during her remarks, adding, "This is not a red or blue issue, this is a red, white and blue issue."

Former **South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley** said Trump has her "strong endorsement," and her message to Republican voters is, "You don't have to agree with Trump 100% of the time to vote for him. Take it from me."

Texas Senator Ted Cruz denounced criminals who have illegally crossed the U.S. southern border, saying that every day, Americans are murdered, assaulted, raped by illegal immigrants, and there have been record levels of border encounters under the Biden administration, adding, "We are facing an invasion on our southern border, not figuratively, a literal invasion."

The final speaker on the second day of the convention was **RNC Co-Chair Lara Trump**, who thanked Trump for his resilience, for continuing on, for raising wonderful kids, for being an amazing grandfather, for never giving up on me, and for never giving up on our country."

On July 15, the opening night of the convention, speakers used their time to declare that now is the time for the Republican Party to rally together around Trump.

South Carolina Senator Tim Scott, who briefly ran against him for the nomination, said divine intervention spared Trump's life. "Our God still saves. He still delivers and he still sets free," Scott said. "Because on Saturday the devil came to Pennsylvania holding a rifle, but an American lion got back up on his feet and he roared."

"Donald Trump believes every parent deserves a choice, and every child deserves a chance," said **Florida Congressman Byron Donalds**. "In November, when Donald Trump is elected our nation's 47th president, we will make sure all America's children get that chance."

"They promised normalcy and gave us Transgender Visibility Day on Easter Sunday," said **Georgia Congresswoman Marjorie Taylor Greene**. "And let me state this clearly, there are only two genders."

Michigan Congressman John James tried to equate it to part of a broader critique of Democrats, saying that they promised to offer the country hope and had failed. "Our daughters were sold on hope, and now they're being forced on the playing fields and changing rooms with biological males," he said.

South Dakota Governor Kristi Noem bragged that she'd implemented virtually no business restrictions during the height of the coronavirus pandemic. "President Trump honored the Constitution. He let me do my job. And he let me keep my people free," she said.

Virginia Governor Glenn Youngkin drew implicit parallels between his own background as the head of a private equity firm and Trump's business background - as well as Trump's first-term record and his own economic achievements.

A union leader speaking at the convention, **International Brotherhood of Teamsters President Sean O'Brien**, urged Republicans to take populist, worker-friendly positions, and was a blaring red alarm for President Biden, whose route to a second term is dependent on strong support from union workers in the "blue wall" states of Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin. O'Brien also came up with a new nickname for Trump, saying "Whether people like him or they don't like him, in light of what happened to him on Saturday, he has proven to be one tough S.O.B."

Charlie Kirk, the founder of Turning Point USA, accused Democrats of giving "hundreds and billions of dollars to illegals and foreign nations, while Gen Z has to pinch pennies just so they can never own a home, never marry and work until they die, childless."

The daily themes of the convention all reflected former President Trump's basic tenets: Day 1 was "Make America Wealthy Once Again." Day 2 was "Make America Safe Once Again." Day 3 was "Make America Strong Once Again," And

Day 4 was “Make America Great Again.”

(NOTE: This report only mentions SOME of the speakers at the four-day convention. If we reported on every speaker’s comments, we would need a book instead of a newsletter.)

IT’S TRUMP AND VANCE FOR THE BIG DANCE

Ending months of speculation on who will be his Vice Presidential running mate, former **President Donald Trump** announced on his Truth Social website while the delegate nomination voting was taking place in the Republican National Convention in Milwaukee on July 15, that it will be **Ohio Senator J. D. Vance** (it’s James David, but he only uses his initials). The former President wrote that Vance is “the person best suited to assume the position.

“J.D. honorably served our Country in the Marine Corps, graduated from Ohio State University in two years, Summa Cum Laude, and is a Yale Law School Graduate, where he was Editor of The Yale Law Journal, and President of the Yale Law Veterans Association. J.D.’s book, “Hillbilly Elegy,” became a Major Best Seller and Movie, as it championed the hardworking men and women of our Country.

“J.D. has had a very successful business career in Technology and Finance, and now, during the Campaign, will be strongly focused on the people he fought so brilliantly for, the American Workers and Farmers in Pennsylvania, Michigan, Wisconsin, Ohio, Minnesota, and far beyond,” Trump said.

He received all of the votes cast, and it was when Florida’s delegate count was announced – by Trump’s son **Eric** – that he went over the top and secured the Republican presidential nomination. Since other Republican presidential candidates who received convention delegates in state primary elections previously released them, all of the votes were cast for Trump in the roll call.

When Vance arrived at the convention, there was a call to approve of his vice presidential nomination by acclamation, and that did occur.



POLITICAL JOTTINGS AND DOTTINGS

July 13 was a day of near tragedy for Donald Trump and the entire nation. As the former President was starting to deliver a campaign speech to a huge crowd of supporters in Butler, Pennsylvania, he was shot in the ear by an assailant, who also wounded several nearby spectators, killing one.

The large crowd disbursed, and Secret service agents surrounded and protected Trump -- who expressed defiance on the scene – and quickly took him for medical treatment. Fortunately – despite a bloody ear – he was determined to be not in danger. It was close, but he believes in the power of

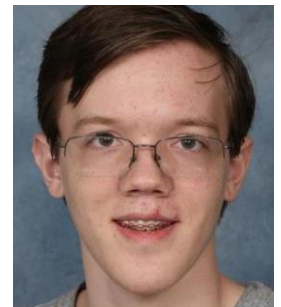
prayer. And **Florida Senator Marco Rubio**, who attended the rally, wrote on X, “God protected President Trump.”



Authorities were able to locate and quickly take out the shooter -- a 20-year-old punk with an “appropriate” last name, for his vile act – later identified as Thomas Crooks of Bethel Park, Pennsylvania. An AR-15 rifle reportedly was recovered at the scene.

Citing multiple law enforcement sources, CNN reported that Crooks also had explosives inside his car and residence.

Reports of the incident filled the television airwaves on many channels, along with accounts of good wishes for Trump, even from many Democrat leaders, including President Biden. Of course, there also were disgusting comments by Trump haters on social media – saying the shooting (that millions of people saw on TV and in person) was “a hoax – created by the Right for sympathy and votes.” Not to be outdone, the leftist media is even blaming him for “not toning down the rhetoric.”



Jacqueline Marsaw, a Democrat field director for a congressman, outrageously posted on Facebook: “I don’t condone violence, but please, get you some shooting lessons so you don’t miss next time – oops, that wasn’t me speaking.” But it was, and Marsaw is now a former Democrat field director for a congressman.

And very ironically, just days earlier, Biden actually sent a message to hundreds of top Democrat donors that he has one job, and that’s to beat Donald Trump. “So,” he added, “we’re done talking about the debate. It’s time to put Trump in a bullseye!”

After the shooting – in which one person was killed protecting his family – 50-year-old retired firefighter Corey Comperatore – and two others were severely injured – David Dutch, 57, and James Copenhaver, 74, who are currently receiving medical treatment – President Trump authorized this campaign to organize a “Support for Butler PA Victims” campaign. Supporters and celebrities responded in force, and at press time, the amount collected exceeded \$4 million.

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There is one less court case for Donald Trump to worry about. On July 15, Federal District Court Judge Aileen Cannon dismissed Special Counsel Jack Smith’s classified documents case against the former President. Cannon wrote in her order that Smith’s appointment as special counsel was

unconstitutional because it violates the Constitution's Appointments Clause, as does his "use of a permanent indefinite appropriation."



U.S. SUPREME COURT

The U.S. Supreme Court has closed out its 2023-24 term, announcing the following decisions that came too late for the roundup in the June newsletter:

--On July 2, it announced it has declined, for now, to hear challenges against an Illinois ban on assault weapons, saying the cases needed more development before lower judges. These cases have turned into a major test of the legality of the popular AR-15 rifle.

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--On July 1, the Court ruled 6-3 that presidents have a presumption criminal immunity in their actions, both official and unofficial. The monumental ruling is a win for former President Donald Trump, stopping his pending prosecution in Washington on charges of conspiring to subvert the 2020 election results, and returning the federal case to a lower court to determine whether his actions merit protection.

The High Court also unanimously returned rulings to lower courts on the validity of laws in Texas and Florida that sought to regulate how tech platforms moderate content. Tech industry trade groups challenged the two laws under the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment limits on the government's ability to restrict speech.

Florida will have to continue its years long fight to defend a social media moderation law. It was passed by lawmakers and approved by Governor Ron DeSantis in 2021, barring social media platforms from suspending or banning political candidates, and was itself barred by federal courts that said such content moderation was protected by the First Amendment. That measure also allowed Floridians to sue those platforms if they'd been unfairly banned. The block remains in effect as the litigation continues.

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--On June 28, the Court voted 6-3 to overturn the 40-year-old Chevron deference doctrine, a bureaucracy-empowering judicial doctrine that critics say led to the explosive growth of the U.S. government in recent decades. The ruling will make it more difficult for unelected government officials to generate new regulations. Conservatives and Republican policymakers have long been critical of the doctrine, saying it has gone beyond what Congress intended when it approved various laws.

The Court also voted 6-3 to erase charges against January 6 protester Joseph Fischer, whom prosecutors had charged with obstructing the Electoral College count. The Court said the government was stretching too far a law written to criminalize people who hindered an investigation.

And in another 6-3 ruling, the Justices said cities can ticket homeless people for camping in public even when there is no alternative shelter available, a decision that could drastically alter the lives of hundreds of thousands of Americans without a permanent place to live. The Court sided with the Oregon city of Grants Pass, which had asked it to review a lower court's decision blocking the enforcement of a public camping ordinance after determining that banning camping where shelter beds were limited amounts to cruel and unusual punishment.



BREVARD COUNTY REPUBLICAN ASSEMBLY HOLDS FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION

By Assembly Member
Renee Magnuson

There were 72 people in attendance as the Brevard County Republican Assembly held its first convention on June 29 at the American Police

Hall of Fame in Titusville, Florida.

The purpose of the BCRA is to be a shining light to others as we put God first in everything we do. The organization's County President, **Kevin Jeffrey**, reminded members that our country was formed under the premise of "We the People," and politicians should be our servants. He stated that "freedom is not free, and standing for freedom will sometimes be uncomfortable. We stand for what is right, not who is right."

Florida Republican Assembly State President Peter Kouracos reminded us that when we are attacked, we can be certain we are over the target. He shared Deuteronomy 28:7, "The Lord will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before your face; they shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways."

Florida Republican Assembly Executive Vice-President Lou Marin updated the group on the lawsuit by the Republican Party of Florida against the Florida Republican Assembly. During a recent conversation with lawyers from the other side, he asked, "Are we not all on the same team?" He pointed out to the members that the name "Republican" is not trademarkable, and that the RPOF elephant is not patented, however, the FRA elephant is patented. He reiterated that we will not be intimidated by lawsuits.

Brian Kenady from the Sumpter chapter of FRA, gave an update on the situation facing many of the January 6 prisoners. The 1st Amendment right to assembly and petition, he said, as violated and videos have now surfaced exposing how many God-fearing patriots were set up. He introduced two very special guests – Brittany Perkins and Jenean Fitzsimmons. Brittany's husband and Jenean's son are both January 6 political prisoners. There are 11 in federal prison here in Florida, and his FRA chapter has adopted the J6 prisoners

detained at the Coleman Federal Prison, providing information on the letter writing campaign his chapter is sponsoring to encourage the prisoners.

Cameron Goodyear, State Director for the Trump campaign, inspired members to keep standing strong doing their part to assure a victory in November. As a combat veteran, he took an oath to defend our country, and continues to do that through his leadership in the Trump campaign. He has been with President Trump 38 times, with four of those times being in his home, and he said the former President is “a great guy who cares deeply for people and for his country.” Goodyear encouraged members to go to www.trumpforce47.com to learn more about how they can help his campaign.

Katie Delaney, Brevard County Republican Assembly Vice-President and also a candidate for the Brevard County Commission District 1 seat, gave an inspirational message on how our country was established and how our founding fathers, in the face of intense opposition, never gave up on their vision to establish a government represented by “We the People.” She said that “We need to hold our politicians accountable. When we arm ourselves with the truth and become engaged in the process, positive things happen.”

Delaney also reminded us of President Ronald Reagan’s quote, “Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction.”

Dr. Alveda King was the honored keynote speaker for the convention. She is the niece of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and a former Georgia State Legislator. She uses her God-given talents and abilities to glorify God and uphold the sanctity of life from the womb to the tomb, and beyond. She shared three important points:

1. We must unite. We are not to be ruled by skin color. We can celebrate our ethnicity, but we are one blood. We are all Americans first.
2. We must engage in our communities. Get out and knock on doors; call 10 people; give \$10.
3. Focus on the issues. We must take back America. Regain the things that have been taken away from us.

King inspired us to continue to fight the good fight. Racism cannot exist where true grassroots unite. She closed by saying that if someone is on the other side of what is right, then she is not with them. If they’re wrong, they’re wrong.

The convention closed with a townhall to meet and hear from candidates running for various local seats.



MAYFIELD MINUTE
By Florida District 19 State Senator
Debbie Mayfield

Florida Governor Ron DeSantis announced substantial funding to advance workforce development and infrastructure

across the state. Through the Florida Job Growth Grant Fund (JGGF) and the Defense Infrastructure Grant (DIG), investments were directed towards Pensacola State College, the city of DeFuniak Springs, Santa Rosa County, and Jackson County.

Key projects funded through the JGGF include Pensacola State College's establishment of an Airframe and Powerplant Mechanics program. DeFuniak Springs received funding for infrastructure enhancements to support aerospace employers, creating a projected 500 jobs. Additionally, funding to Jackson County's infrastructure development is expected to generate 400 new jobs.

The Defense Infrastructure Grant awarded to Santa Rosa County's Whiting Aviation Park will enhance security and operational efficiency, crucial for supporting military communities and their operational needs statewide.

The Florida Job Growth Grant Fund and Defense Infrastructure Grant exemplify the state's approach to sustainable economic development. These investments not only strengthen local economies but also pave the way for continued growth throughout the State.

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DeSantis also announced Florida's impressive economic achievements, highlighting a 21.9 percent growth in real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) from the first quarter of 2019 to the first quarter of 2024, nearly double the national growth rate of 11.1 percent. With an annual GDP nearing \$1.3 trillion, Florida is one of the world's strongest economies. The state continues to lead in new business formations, surpassing three million since 2019, with over 266,000 formed in 2024 alone.

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CNBC ranked Florida's economy one of the strongest in the nation for the 2nd consecutive year. This achievement is a testament to the state's rapid economic growth, which has been nearly double the national rate since 2019, and is largely driven by an influx of new residents and business growth.

Florida's broader economic health is reflected in its impressive statistics, a low unemployment rate of 2.6 percent, a favorable corporate tax rate, and support for startups and small businesses.

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Attorney General Ashley Moody and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) announced the 3rd consecutive report showing a decline in statewide drug-related deaths in the state.

Moody credited the decrease to the relentless efforts of Florida law enforcement in removing deadly drugs from the streets and providing more resources to those struggling with addiction. She emphasized the ongoing need to combat the opioid crisis on multiple fronts, including law enforcement, addiction treatment, and federal court battles to enforce stricter immigration policies to curb the flow of illicit drugs.

FDLE Commissioner Mark Glass highlighted the collaborative efforts between state agents, local law enforcement, lawmakers, and communities in reducing drug-related deaths and enhancing public safety.

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The Hubbs SeaWorld Research Institute (HSWRI) and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission rescued a baby dolphin that was found entangled in a fishing line in the Indian River Lagoon.

The rescue team surrounded the dolphin with a net, enabling medical staff from Hubbs Research to safely cut the line and conduct a quick check-up. This collaborative effort highlights the ongoing work of the Hubbs SeaWorld Research Institute in Brevard County. They partner on studies aimed at understanding and preventing the underlying causes of stranded marine mammals.

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The Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex hosed its annual Moon Fest Weekend this month, celebrating the 55th anniversary of Apollo 11's historic moon landing on July 20th, 1969. Attendees had the chance to immerse themselves in the legacy of the Apollo Program and get updates on the upcoming Artemis missions. The weekend's activities include a variety of engaging and educational experiences spread across the visitor complex.

At the Space Shuttle Atlantis, families enjoyed all-day activities, including a Silent DJ and interactive exhibits featuring competition robots and mini robots presented by The Pink Team 233. Over at the Apollo/Saturn V Center, guests watched "Astro and Orbit," a comedy duo performing at the People's Moon exhibit. In the Journey to Mars section, there were "Apollo to Artemis" presentations by space experts, and the Rocket Garden featured the "One Giant Leap" short film.



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

As your representative in the Florida Senate, I am honored to share the latest developments and initiatives that underscore our commitment to the community. Over the past month, we have celebrated significant milestones, supported vital projects, and stood in solidarity with our national leaders during challenging times.

I would like to take a moment to express my heartfelt support and good wishes to President Donald Trump following the recent assassination attempt at a rally. I would also like to commend Hero Corey Comperatore who lost his life protecting his family and hope for a speedy recovery for those victims still fighting towards recovery. President Trump's

resilience and dedication to our nation continue to inspire us all and Mr. Comperatore's selfless sacrifice reminds us what America really stands for. We must remain united in our commitment to uphold the values of democracy and to support our leaders in their efforts to serve our country.

The past month has been filled with many different events, but a very special one on July 12 was the grand opening ceremony of Greenlawn Manor, a project that stands as a beacon of progress and hope for our community. I had the privilege of speaking at the groundbreaking ceremony for this property in February 2022, and to see the transformation from a vision to reality is truly inspiring. Greenlawn Manor, with its 80 units of affordable senior housing, is a testament to what can be achieved through vision, dedication, and collaboration.

This project not only provides much-needed housing for our senior citizens but also marks a historic milestone as the first affordable senior housing in New Smyrna Beach using Florida Housing Finance Corporation Tax Credits. Looking ahead, the plans for Phase II and Phase III of this development are equally ambitious and essential in addressing critical housing needs within our community. Phase II will replace 40 units of public housing with approximately 72 units of affordable workforce housing for families, and Phase III will focus on rebuilding family units and incorporating the flooded Boys and Girls Club.

In July, I also had the distinct honor of attending the National Guard Association of Florida's Adjutant General's Leadership Summit in Kissimmee. As a guest of Major General John D. Haas, The Adjutant General of Florida, I had the opportunity to engage with military leaders and veterans, including sitting with General James Hartsell of the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs and Representative Dan Daley from the Florida House of Representatives, who delivered an inspiring keynote speech. This event reinforced our collective commitment to supporting our military community and highlighted the exceptional leadership within our National Guard.

I am proud to represent District 8 and work alongside dedicated leaders to bring such impactful initiatives to fruition. Thank you for staying informed and engaged, as your support empowers us to push for meaningful changes and advancements that benefit everyone in District 8. My office can be reached at 386-304-7630 or by email at wright.tom@flsenate.gov. Stay connected, and as always, I remain at your service.



**RENDEZVOUS WITH
REPUBLICAN WOMEN
By Xiaoqi Wang
BFRW First Vice President**

July was a super busy month for Brevard Federated Republican Women! Many of our members have been working with their candidates in City races, Congressional races and Donald Trump's re-election bid.

We held a Candidate Forum for U.S. Congress, the Florida Senate and House of Representatives at our July 3 Luncheon. Over one hundred members and guests attended! If you brought a guest, or know a guest that is not a member, please encourage them to join BFRW today.

The following candidates set up tables or distributed their campaign literature at the meeting:

U.S. Congressional candidates: **Joe Babits, Mike Haridopolos, and John Hearton**

Florida State Senate candidates: **Randy Fine and Chuck Sheridan**

Florida State House D-32 candidates: **Debbie Mayfield and Dave Weldon**

Florida State House D-33 candidates: **Logan Luse, Monique Miller and Erika Orriss**

Republican State Committeeman candidates: **Greg Loyd and Wayne Twiddy**

Republican State Committeewoman candidates: **Marcie Adkins and Marie Rogerson**

Each of the legislative office candidates or their surrogates had five minutes to speak to us; the other candidates had two minutes. While questions were not allowed from the audience, enthusiasm was high, and the candidates and our attendees had a great time talking before, during and after the luncheon. Our members were impressed by all of the candidates, and their grasp of issues and concerns of our community.

One of BFRW's most important jobs is to educate women and get more of them involved in the political process: having candidates speak at our luncheon and help them with their campaigns.

Also during the luncheon, BFRW Scholarship Chair Dixie Riepl and Supervisor of Elections Tim Bobanic presented the BFRW Scholarship to Ryleigh Rendina from Astronaut High School in Titusville. The attached photo is of Club President Jill Gentis, Bobanic, Riepl, Scholar Ryleigh Rendina, and her mother, Tracie Rendina.



NORTH TO THE PARTY **By Board Member Robin Riker**

The North Brevard Republican Club opened our June 16 meeting with a thoughtful and thankful prayer by **Cindy Roberts** on how blessed we are to still

have President Trump with us and our sincerest sympathies to the family of Corey Comparator, who was killed and the 2 other attendees who were wounded in the lone gunman attack

in Pennsylvania. God was truly watching over our country on July 13.

Next, we welcomed **Congressman Bill Posey** as this month's main speaker. As everyone knows, he is not running for re-election, but it was very eye-opening to listen to this man speak on the many accomplishments he has made while in office – items such as seeing to it that NASA contractors and Space workers were paid during COVID shut-downs when they weren't allowed to go to work through no fault of their own; standing for border security; and refusing to vote to pass massive spending bills, especially foreign aid bills. The list is long. We want to thank Congressman Posey for his many years of dedicated service to us; he will be sorely missed.

Our next speakers were **Joe Robinson** and **Andrew Connors**, who are both running for Mayor of Titusville. They were both very informative.

Cindy Roberts asked for volunteers to work tents outside of polling locations on all election days. Many people have plenty of questions on election days and it really inspires a lot of party unity. She can be contacted through BREC if you'd like to volunteer.

We hope everyone can visit our office in the Titusville Mall (old Searstown Mall). Our hours to begin with will be Thursday & Friday 11am-6 pm, and Saturday 11am-4 pm.



REMEMBER WHEN **By President Mike Hoagland** **Heritage Isle Republican Club**

I am sure we all remember when the Biden Administration announced they were going to hire 71,000 IRS agents to ensure tax collections increased. Well, the house Republicans would not fund that level of increased governmental expense for the IRS.

Since then, the Biden Administration has found other means to feed their insatiable appetite for more of our income. Many are now witnessing how this is being accomplished. Citizens who have underestimated their 2023 taxes are now finding out about the level of penalties imposed on those income earners by this Marxist administration.

There are numerous ways individuals and companies pay their taxes. No matter what one does during the year, when the year ends, you file a tax return and you either have overpaid and you get a return (without interest for the government's use of your money) or you have underpaid and you will pay what the filing says you owe, but you will have to pay a penalty for underreporting.

For 2023 returns, those who have underreported their quarterly tax payments, there is a penalty of 8%. During

Trump's administration the penalty was 3%. This administration strictly enforces the collection of this penalty.

There is nothing illegal, nefarious or a result of mismanagement. It just occurs in the normal course of business in most cases. The IRS has collected in excess of 7 billion dollars in penalties so far. This is approximately 4 times the norm. Can you imagine what would have occurred had the IRS been totally weaponized with an increase of IRS agents?

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We now see what the Marxist socialist liberals will be attacking between now and Election Day. They are in a panic over Project 2025. This document was produced over the past many months by conservatives such as Ben Carson, Charlie Kirk, the Heritage Foundation and many others. This is an approximately 900 +page document and outlines the actions that Donald Trump should take in the first 180 days of his administration should he win the election. Donald Trump says he did not participate or know all that is contained in this Project 2025 document.

While as of today, all that is contained in this document is unknown, enough has leaked that the Democrat socialists are truly worried. Why would that be one might ask? Because, if Trump wins and begins implementing actions contained in this document, it will reverse the Marxists nearly 60 years of transforming our country from a constitutional republic to a socialist country managed by Marxists operating in a tyrannical manner.

I will list a few of the known actions contained in this document. It suggests eliminating the Department of Education. Conservatives have no problem supporting this action. Also having the federal government block grant funds go to the states and allow them to manage their education programs. Parental rights are included as well, as is school choice, and eliminating all WOKE, DEI and CRT programs from schools.

Project 2025 would damage the Marxist liberal agenda to such an extent that they may never be able to return to the position they have achieved in our country as of today. Keep watch. We will see attacks from media, tech, Democrats, deep state bureaucrats, lobbyists, globalists and political elites. The political landscape is going to get extremely ugly between now and the inauguration. Stay strong.

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Can any of us remember when politics was less contentious than it is today? We just celebrated our 148th American birthday on the 4th of July. Our founders would be appalled at what is going on in our country today. We have a Constitution with the Bill of Rights contained in the first eight amendments. We have witnessed this current administration violating many of these amendments.

I won't go into which ones but know that any political opponent of this White House has been persecuted/prosecuted by the corrupt DOJ, FBI and Soros funded District Attorneys

at (Obama) Biden's direction. Look at the injustice meted out by the January 6 corrupt House Committee against every individual that was considered a political opponent or Trump supporter. How many individuals are in prison who attended the January 6 rally? This corrupt committee had Peter Navarro and Steve Bannon sent to prison. They were advisors to President Trump and had privileged information. Because they would not come before the committee, they are today in prison. Of course, Donald Trump is the primary target of the Marxist left. Keep in mind, this could not have occurred without the support of the media, the Marxist democrats, the bureaucrat "Deep State" that includes the DOJ, FBI, NSA CIA, some establishment Republicans and the tech industry.

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We have witnessed some historical events these past few days. The presidential debate that took place was a disaster for Joe Biden. With 8 days of preparation with the assistance of 16 advisors locked away at Camp David, Biden still looked demented. It truly was embarrassing. Biden minions said he had a cold. The next day he gave a speech at 2 pm in North Carolina and did not show evidence of a cold. Of course, the speech was written and on the teleprompter. Then, we are told he is at his best between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm. His advisors picked the date, the location, the network, the moderators, with the questions, the format and the time for this debate. Donald Trump said OK. Maybe Biden should have asked for a noon debate. Our adversaries have observed all of this. Our country is in a dangerous time.

Now we have the Supreme Court decisions. The liberal Marxist democrats, media and Deep State bureaucrats are going absolutely crazy. The court banned the Deep State from creating regulations and adjudicating punishments for violations. In other words, Congress makes laws, not bureaucrats. The "Deep State" will ultimately be vanquished with the reelection of Donald Trump. Deep State bureaucrats are also going crazy. The courts have stopped Biden's ban on exportation of natural gas. Remember he doesn't want drilling for energy. Climate change is the existential threat to humanities existence according to the radical Marxists that run this country.

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Who are Trump's adversaries? The Democrats (Marxists), establishment Republicans, federal (deep state) bureaucrats, FBI, CIA, DOJ, White House, globalists, media, tech, Hollywood, lobbyists, special interests, some foreign governments, etc. Keep in mind there are only 6 major media companies, and most have spent 9 years spreading the propaganda of Trump's enemies. We all know that when you tell a lie often enough some people will believe it. Trump has been vilified for years. He is called Hitler, a fascist, a threat to democracy and many other things.

Who are Trump's supporters? Every America First citizen in our country. Citizens of every race, religion, economic status. We the People will speak in this election. Americans are underestimated by the Marxists. We all felt anger at the failed

assassination attempt. Let's give thanks that God did intervene.



CONSERVING THE FUTURE

By SCYR Communications Director
Garrett Jacobellis

It's an exhilarating time to be a Young Republican, with **J.D. Vance** being chosen as **Donald Trump's** Vice Presidential candidate. This moment represents a significant milestone and an energizing opportunity for Young Republicans.

"J.D.'s speech was inspiring and showed how much he will be fighting for everyday Americans in the White House," said **David Neuman**, Chief of Staff of the Young Republican National Federation.

Logan Luse, a candidate for the Florida House of Representatives and Vice President of the Space Coast Young Republicans, said, "Listening to J.D. Vance's RNC speech and watching his autobiography 'Hillbilly Elegy' shows how far he has come to where he stands today. Not long ago, I was in his same shoes in my childhood. He has shown and lived the American Dream and that you can accomplish anything in a Free America. President Trump's selection of Vance is bringing in the next generation of Republicans, and I couldn't be happier."

Chris Batchelor of SCYR said, "As the Secretary of the Space Coast Young Republicans, and also a 7-year Veteran, I support President Trump's choice for J.D. Vance as his running mate. He represents the younger generation of conservatives in Congress, paired with the values of service over self, which will allow the Republican Party to maintain strength for the years to come."

SCYR Treasurer Ethan Packey said, "Our country has lurched from crisis to crisis for many years, certainly all of my adult life. That sense of crisis called forth the figure of Trump, and now Trump has selected someone who rose to prominence in that time of crisis, found our elites wanting, and left them behind. J.D. Vance is the best governing partner Trump could have chosen, and I couldn't be more hopeful about the future."

And, said **Alicia Matos, SCYR Assistant Communications Director**, "J.D. Vance is a smart choice for Vice President in an election cycle where the older ages of the candidates can alienate younger voters."

I hope everyone is as excited as our club members to see Donald Trump and J.D. Vance Make America Great Again!!!

TRETTIS ADDRESSES SIX CLUBS ON TRUMP POLITICAL PROSECUTION



Brevard County Republican Public Defender Blaise Trettis delivered his speech, "The Political Prosecution of President Donald J. Trump," to the Republican Liberty Caucus of Brevard County, of which he is vice chairman, on July 17.

Trettis has made this speech to six Republican Clubs in Brevard County since February. The others were the Republican Women's Club of Brevard; the Space Coast Republican Club, the Brevard Federated Republican Women's Club, the North Brevard Republican Club, and the Space Coast Patriots.

He said that when he started giving his speech in February, there was nothing but "gloom and doom" in the coming months, with four criminal trials scheduled against Trump, but that he was very glad, in July, to be able to say that the former President has been winning the criminal cases against him, and that there will likely be only one case that Trump has to contend with before the election – the New York City case in which George Soros-funded district attorney Alvin Bragg got 34 felony convictions against him, with sentencing now set for September 14.

Trettis said that Judge Juan Merchan was incredibly biased against Trump and did everything within his power to convict him. He described how the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct had disciplined Judge Merchan for making a monetary donation to the Democrat group ActBlue earmarked for President Biden's campaign and to Democrat political groups called Progressive Turnout Project and Stop Republicans.

He also described how Judge Merchan's daughter was the president of a Democrat fundraising company, Authentic Campaigns, which was paid \$9.6 million to fundraise for Kamela Harris and Joe Biden in 2019 and raised \$93 million for national Democrat candidates from publicizing the Trump prosecution in which her father was the presiding judge. Despite this provable, glaring, financial conflict of interest and bias of Judge Merchan, he refused to disqualify himself as presiding judge.

Trettis said Trump's Sixth Amendment rights to be informed of the nature of the accusation against him was violated by D.A. Bragg's indictment, which did not identify a felony crime allegedly committed, which allowed the case to be prosecuted beyond the misdemeanor statute of limitations which had long expired.

The felony crime was not identified even during the jury trial. It was not identified until after the close of evidence, when Judge Merchan instructed the jury that they could choose between three federal election crimes of which the state court had no jurisdiction, and that the jury need not be unanimous

in finding guilt of a felony crime. Trettis said that with this astonishing denial of Trump’s constitutional rights by a biased judge and prosecutor, it was not surprising that Trump was convicted by a Manhattan jury which voted 84.5% for Biden in 2020.

Trettis went on to describe the constitutional violations and denial of equal protection under the law inflicted on Trump in the other three pending criminal cases against Trump. He said that in Fulton County, Georgia, District Attorney Fani Willis had committed perjury in denying that she and her contracted attorney, Nathan Wade, had an illicit, sexual, relationship. Trettis described how their late-night trysts were proven by cell phone location tracking of Wade’s phone, and that Wade, an unqualified lawyer, was paid \$654,000 by Willis and the two had used that money to go on Caribbean cruises and trips to Napa Valley.

Trump has been winning his cases that have been appealed to the U.S. States Supreme Court, he said, including: winning against 30 states which had unconstitutionally tried to keep Trump’s name from appearing on the 2024 ballot; winning in Trump v. U.S.A., in which it held that all presidents, including Trump, have absolute immunity from criminal prosecution when exercising core constitutional duties, have presumptive immunity for official acts, and have no immunity for non-official acts.

He also described how in a “January 6” prosecution case, the Supreme Court held that the government cannot use a felony law criminalizing destruction of evidence to prosecute defendants, and that this decision will prevent special counsel Jack Smith from prosecuting Trump on two “January 6” counts. Trettis said federal judge Eileen Canon had ruled that Attorney General Merrick Garland had unlawfully appointed Smith by violating the Appointments Clause of the U.S. Constitution and dismissed the classified documents case that Smith was prosecuting in Palm Beach County, Florida.

Trettis said that under Joe Biden and Attorney General Merrick Garland, the American justice system has, in its prosecutions of President Trump, descended to the level of communist Cuba, socialist Venezuela, and dictatorial Russia, in which the regime in power arrests, prosecutes, and imprisons (or tries to) the leading opposition political candidate.

He argued that Republican administrations should not retaliate or seek retribution by prosecuting politicians like Governors Gavin Newsom and Gretchen Whitmer, and that it would not be retribution, but instead justice for there to be investigation of and possible prosecution of deep state bad actors such as former CIA Director John Brennan and former Director of National Intelligence James Clapper, for their roles in the “Russia gate” fraud and in covering up the Hunter Biden laptop discovery late in the 2020 election cycle.

THIS AND THAT

U.S. SECRET SERVICE. One day after the Secret Service

Director Kimberly Cheatle testified before the House of Representatives Oversight Committee on July 22 about the attempted assassination of former President Donald Trump, and was unwilling to answer questions about the security failures at the Pennsylvania rally – which infuriated the lawmakers – she announced her resignation. Some Democrats joined Republicans in calling for to step down. Cheatle held the top position in the Secret Service due to her friendship with First Lady Jill Biden.

MELBOURNE, FLORIDA, FOURTH OF JULY PARADE. The Brevard Republican Executive Committee participated in Melbourne’s Independence Day parade, and its members were the “Stars and Stripes” of the event, proudly carrying the “Republican Party of Brevard County” banner, and riding on the party’s Elephant Float, on which **BREC Member Mike Hammer** received special thanks for his hard work. Many Brevard families enjoyed this patriotic celebration of America’s Birthday.



REMEMBERING MICKEY GALLAGHER.

Brevard Republican Executive Committee Precinct Committeeman Gwyn Gallagher – who was affectionately known as “Mickey” –

passed away peacefully on June 29 at the age of 91. More than 100 family members and friends attended his funeral service on July 6 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Viera, where he was an active volunteer member. Born in Richmond, Virginia, Mickey majored in aeronautical engineering at the University of Virginia and



enlisted in the National Guard before switching to the U.S. Air Force and attaining the rank of Captain. He then flew for the Civil Air Transport and what would later become Air Force Special Forces. Later, living in Palm Beach County, Florida, Mickey served as Commissioner with the Fire Department and as a member of the North County Ambulance, and a volunteer with Martin County Fire Rescue. He also worked for Pratt & Whitney and for Locust Engineering. Believing that “continuing to work was the key to a long life,” Mickey also loved to travel – visiting many countries in Europe and the Caribbean, as well as Hawaii and Australia. Mickey and his wife, Theresa, were married for 59 years, and had a daughter, Lee Ann; sons George and Shawn; six grandchildren; and two great grandchildren. He will be missed.



FOLLOW THE MONEY. Republican West Virginia Senator **Shelley Moore Capito**, joined by several colleagues in a news briefing, explained that under the so-called Inflation Reduction Act, the Biden Administration’s Environmental Protection Agency granted \$50 million to an organization called the Climate Justice Alliance, with no overview from an Inspector General as to how the funds are spent. Rather than being concerned with cleaning up soil, water, and air, she said, CJA is more concerned with defunding the police and our military, supporting protests, and being anti-America and anti-Israel. EPA actually has \$40 billion to issue in grants for “environmental justice,” Capito said, and the Administration doesn’t seem to care. But, she said, “We in the Environmental Works Committee do, and will follow the money.”

RONALD REAGAN CLUB. The three Republican candidates who are seeking the Florida District 8 congressional seat and will face one another in the August 20 primary election, met with the Ronald Reagan Club in Satellite Beach on July 22 to explain why they should be the one to replace retiring **Congressman Bill Posey**. Former State Senate President **Mike Haridopolos**, who has Posey’s endorsement for the position, as well as that of former **President Donald Trump**, said illegal immigration is destroying our country, and we need to secure our border and send back those with criminal records. Immigration, he said, needed to be merit-based. He said tax cuts – which he supported while serving in the Florida legislature – are needed in Washington, especially to help take care of our veterans. Stressing his experience as a state legislator and as a college instructor, Haridopolos said he is ready to bring conservative values to Washington. Attorney **Joe Babits**, who has worked in the U.S. Securities and



Exchange Commission in Washington, as well as a securities counsel for Royal Dutch Shell, and has experience with European securities as well. He said that if he is elected, he would only serve for two terms, and expressed criticism of Posey’s multi-term record. But while mentioning projects that did not pass during Posey’s years in office, Babits did not say that many of those years were when the Democrats were in control of the House. Businessman **John Hearton** stressed that he is not a politician, but he wants to go to Washington to turn things around. He said he favors a balanced budget and smaller government, with fewer taxes and stronger states’ rights. A term limits advocate, Hearton said senators should be limited to two terms in office, and Representatives to a maximum of four. He also called for stronger borders and supporting the military.



A large number of Heritage Isle Republican Club members spent the morning of July 4 meeting with two dynamic speakers who spread their

messages on the federal holiday. First was **Kevin Jeffrey**, the Brevard County Republican Assembly President, who told the crowd he is concerned that people in America “have lost the will to be free.” There is a political class of people,” he said, “who are more interested in lording over you than in following the Constitution.” At the local level, he said, people allow it to be that way, and will continue to do so until we, the people, take back control. Jeffrey said, “As government expands, liberty contracts. “And when people fear the government, he said, “there is truth, but when government fears the people, there is liberty,” The key to solving what is wrong in America today, he added, is determining not “who is right,” but “what is right.” Noting that “Everyone knows liberals are crazy,” Jeffrey said, “but they do not see that some Republicans pretend to stand for the Constitution, but they don’t.” He closed his remarks remembering that Benjamin Franklin once asked if we could “keep our Republic,” and said today we can keep it, “if the people are engaged – So let’s go forward and preserve it for our children and their children’s children.” For more information, visit the website:



www.brevardrepublicanassembly.org... Former **Florida State Senate President Mike Haridopolis**, who currently owns and operates a consulting firm and serves as a lobbyist, is one of three Republicans seeking to replace retiring U.S.

Congressman Bill Posey, and is Posey's choice for the position. Addressing the Heritage Isle Republican Club following Jeffrey's appearance, Haridopolis said America is under assault today, and "it is time to stand up and take this country back. We need to have people in Washington and do things that need to be done." Too many people do not listen to both sides of a discussion, Haridopolos said, and "the best skill I have is to be a great listener." A strong supporter of Donald Trump – who also supports his campaign – he said the former President "gives us a second chance." He also noted that "townhalls are what people want to have," and in Congress, if he is elected, he will push for greater homestead exemptions and tax cuts. While he was in the Florida Senate, he said, the goals were to spend less and not raise taxes. "I offer a lot of experience in this area," Haridopolos said. "We can turn this country around." Other plans, he said, include a push to help seniors and veterans. The citizens, he added, "will spend their money better than will the government, hands down." The states, Haridopolis said, need block grants for education, noting that the federal Department of Education "is an impediment." Energy independence is "vital" for the country, he added, and stressed again his commitment to the Trump agenda. For more information, visit the website: www.mike4congress.com.

AUDACITY AND IDIOCY

This month's "winners" are:

--198 Democrat members of the U.S. House of Representatives – so-called "American patriots" – for voting in the U.S. Congress against the SAVE Act, which means they all favored protecting the ability of illegal aliens to vote in our elections. Five Democrats did join all the Republicans in passing the election integrity bill, and Arizona Congressman Paul Gosar, a co-sponsor of the legislation, said he found it "both laughable and preposterous that the same people who, for the past four years, forced you to carry a vaccine passport to dine in a restaurant, hold a job or get on a flight are the same people now opposing common-sense legislation requiring individuals to show proof of American citizenship to vote in elections."

--CNN journalist Jake Tapper, for expressing the wild notion that a recent Supreme Court ruling providing immunity to former presidents actually gives them the ability to assassinate political opponents. Fortunately, his CNN colleagues immediately rebuked his thought.

--Left-leaning co-host of "The View" Karen Johnson – AKA Whoopie Goldberg – for stating she wants the TV networks to censor political messages that she disagrees with – such as anything concerning Donald Trump.

--One-time conservative network Fox News, for censoring a guest appearance by conservative podcaster Dave Rubin, for his "crime" of cursing Dr. Anthony Fauci for his role in the coronavirus pandemic.

YOU CAN'T MAKE THIS UP

--President Joe Biden had yet another gaffe on Independence Day, during an interview with Philadelphia's WURD radio station. Twisting his words, Biden, who served as Barack Obama's vice president, mixed up the situation with Kamala Harris today, actually describing himself as "the first black woman to serve with a black president."



--Following the President's debate debacle, he gave two radio interviews – to Andrea Lawful-Sanders in Philadelphia and to Earl Ingram in Milwaukee. Both talk show hosts have said the Biden re-election campaign sent them questions in advance to ask him. Once the story broke, a campaign spokesperson did not deny providing the questions, but also said that the shows "weren't required to use them."

--In a speech in Washington, President Joe Biden accused former President Donald Trump and the MAGA Republicans in Congress of "ignoring the realities of climate change." He said they "must be living in a hole somewhere, at the expense of the health and safety of their own constituents.... Everyone who willfully denies the impacts of climate change is condemning the American people to a dangerous future and is either really, really dumb or has some other motive. How can you deny there's climate change, for God's sake?" It's called "weather."

--Ironically presenting an episode of "political theatre" in a CNN interview, former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi claimed that during the recent televised presidential debate, it wasn't President Biden who had a less-than-stellar performance, but that former President Trump is the one who suffers from dementia, alleging that his "connection and thoughts do not go together." She cited unnamed "health professionals" who have never even examined him. Then, in a totally unexpected turn, it was Pelosi herself who experienced a "senior moment," temporarily freezing with her words trailing off into silence.

--After the Montana governor signed a law passed by the legislature that defined "male" as a human who produces or would produce sperm, and "female" as a human who produces or would produce eggs, District Court Judge Shane Vannatta – the state's first openly gay judge – declared the law "unconstitutional" because a group of plaintiffs who identify as transgender, nonbinary, and intersex, successfully argued that it "denied legal recognition and protection to gender-nonconforming people."

--Police were searching for Marcus Shorten of Houston, Texas, who is accused of being married to at least two other women the same time his third wife discovered the others while scrolling through social media. Court records show his marriage licenses, but no divorce records, and Shorten faces felony charges to ten years in prison and a potential \$10,000 fine. Would that make him a "trigamist"?



Historian and author **Victor Davis Hanson**, writing on “The Lies We Have Lived Through” for American Greatness and other syndicated publications:

“After the presidential debate, Biden himself laid to rest the Democrat lie that he was robust and in control of his faculties. In truth, he demonstrated to the nation that he is a sad, failing octogenarian who could not perform any job in America other than apparently the easy task of President of the United States and Commander-in-Chief in charge of our nuclear codes.... His ‘corn pop’ stories were grotesque and had a senile accentuation of his earlier ‘super-predator’ and ‘clean’ black riffs. As president, his mental decline progressed geometrically, in the sense that every three months, Biden became far, far worse than during the prior 90 days. His handlers long ago had determined that masking his feebleness at the expense of the security and safety of the nation was a small price to pay to retain power. What followed was the most comprehensive deceit in presidential history.... An array of court sycophants periodically gave interviews, insisting that the robust Biden was smarter and wiser than ever. His press secretary, Karin Jean-Pierre, helped coin a new slur, ‘cheap fake’, for any who collated video and audio clips demonstrating that Biden was obviously non-compos mentis. Would she say the same today after the about-face CNN panelists reviewed Biden’s serial debate lapses to support their now-opportune advocacy that he not run for reelection? The useful lie continued throughout his presidency, escalating in direct proportion to Joe’s mounting stumbles, brain freezes, rambling, and incomprehensible speech. When our president said something either outrageous or unfathomable, the public was to assume that it was intemperate to attribute his failures to senility.... The Biden lie was the crown jewel of several other left-wing/media fabrications. The Russian collusion hoax helped Trump lose the 2016 popular vote. Its resumption during his presidency ate up 22 months of his administration during the Special Counsel Robert Mueller farce. The October surprise laptop disinformation lie may have cost Trump the 2020 election. But it was concocted so that Joe Biden could stare at the debate camera and swear to the American people that Trump was a liar, citing ‘51 intelligence authorities’ who insisted Hunter Biden’s laptop was a likely hallmark of Russian disinformation.... What the untruth did not fully reveal was that Biden’s campaign foreign policy guru, Anthony Blinken (the current Secretary of State), cooked up the entire ruse. He enlisted former CIA grandee Mike Morell, who then rounded up on spec the confessed lying duo of John Brennan and James Clapper, who in turn drafted still more deceivers, among them the once esteemed Leon Panetta.... Note that all these lies were never retracted. No one ever apologizes. No one is ever punished, even when the lie is given under oath. No one ever has any regrets. And no one ever has any hesitation to lie again, given the utility of the prior untruth. We were told by the deceitful Alejandro

Mayorkas that the border was secure as he deliberately destroyed it and welcomed in over 10 million illegal aliens. That lie survived even the absurdity of years of nightly news clips of thousands swarming an open border.... Another lie was institutionalized: the January 6 riot was a full-fledged, carefully planned armed insurrection to overthrow the government. In contrast, the four months in 2020 of killing, assault, arson, and looting that saw over 35 dead, 1,500 injured law enforcement officers, \$2 billion in damage, and a federal courthouse, a police precinct, and a historic church torched.... These lies changed the course of the nation. They are birthed by the incestuous marriage of a Washington-New York political culture and a corrupt media.... Will the lies continue? Indeed, they will thrive until the people slash the administrative state of its unaccountable and unelected ‘experts,’ until they indict those in the future like Andrew McCabe, James Clapper, John Brennan, and their brethren who lie under oath or to federal investigators; until they ostracize and utterly discredit those like Mayorkas, Fauci, and the Bidens, whose deceptions took hostage an entire nation; and until they tune out a bankrupt media, the power cord of the entire Pravda enterprise.”



Heritage Foundation Senior Advisor Cully Stimson, writing on *Rogue Prosecutors and the Rise of Crime*, for the Hillsdale College publication “Imprimis”:

“What happens when district attorneys – members of their states’ executive branches – refuse to execute the laws of the land? We are witnessing the results today in blue cities across America. Approximately 90 percent of criminal cases in the U.S. are handled by the 2,300 elected district attorneys spread across 3,143 counties. The rest are prosecuted by U.S. attorneys operating under the Department of Justice. Until recently, elected county district attorneys upheld their end of the social control by firmly and fairly enforcing state criminal laws and protecting citizens’ rights. Regardless of party affiliation, these gatekeepers of the criminal justice system did their jobs.... That changed in 2015 with the launching of the George Soros-funded ‘progressive prosecutor’ movement that is animated by two beliefs. The first is that the entire criminal justice system is systematically racist. The second is that the only way to fix the system is to dismantle it by replacing law-and-order district attorneys with pro-criminal and anti-police district attorneys....The involvement in this movement of billionaire George Soros, who had been funding liberal causes for years, can be traced to his hiring of attorney Whitney Tymas in 2015. Tymas, who had worked as a public defender and prosecutor, was connected to the Vera Institute of Justice, where she focused on the role of prosecutors in perpetuating racial disparity. There she met the ACLU’s Chloe Cockburn, who was working to end mass incarceration, and they discussed the role of prosecutors, the low visibility of elections for country district attorneys, and the fact that most people don’t even know who their local D.A. is. As opponents of the death penalty, they hatched a plan to elect anti-death penalty prosecutors and persuaded Soros to give over \$1

million to groups that were successful in electing such district attorneys....It is no coincidence that Soros, the various political action committees that he controls or funds, and his wealthy far-Left allies have given huge financial support to rogue prosecutor candidates in deep blue cities....One of the hallmarks of the rogue prosecutor movement has been its usurpation of the constitutional role of state legislatures. Once elected, rogue prosecutors refuse to prosecute entire categories of crimes that are on the books in their states, justifying their refusal by claiming prosecutorial discretion....Today, there are more than 70 rogue prosecutors across the country, They represent more than 72 million people, or one in five Americans, and they proudly refuse to prosecute most misdemeanors, claiming that these are essentially harmless quality of life crimes that divert scarce resources....Although the rogue prosecutor movement is incredibly well-funded, it is showing signs of electoral vulnerability. Voters in blue cities who were initially persuaded to vote for reform minded candidates who talked about reimagining the criminal justice system and eliminating so-called mass incarceration, are increasingly coming to their senses, given the harsh reality of rising crime rates....The lesson for voters across America is to pay close attention to low visibility local races – such as district attorney races, which directly impact public safety – to protect their communities against the kind of devastation we see in so many of America’s once great cities.”



Act For America founder Brigitte Gabriel, writing in her email to supporters on the SAVE Act can stop millions of illegals from voting:

“Democrats vehemently oppose the SAVE Act, claiming that illegals rarely vote and never affect election outcomes. If it’s rare, why resist measures to prevent potential foreign interference?”

The truth is, it is disturbingly easy for non-citizens to vote in state and federal elections. Until we enact real proof of citizenship and overhaul or abolish voter rolls, we won’t fully grasp the extent of illegal voting. Remember, 85 percent of Americans bi-partisanly support Voter ID.... The threat to election integrity stems from poorly designed provisions of the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA), enacted in 1993. The NVRA does not require states to ask for proof of citizenship when registering individuals to vote in federal elections, instead, it relies on the honor system. In 44 states, if an individual completes and signs the universal NVRA Form, the state must register that person to vote. This loophole, combined with the Biden Administration’s lenient immigration policies, which have increased the U.S. foreign-born population by 5.1 million in the last two years, could lead to millions of non-citizens registering to vote. Democrats and the media have downplayed this threat, falsely asserting that strict requirements are already in place when using the NVRA Form, claiming that anyone registering provides a Social Security number, driver’s license, or state ID, proving citizenship, which is patently false. Under the NVRA, states

must provide voter registration materials to anyone at a DMV office, public assistance office, or by mail. The state chief elections officer must register an individual who completes, signs and returns the NVRA voter registration form, without requiring proof of identity or citizenship.... The 2021 Biden Administration Executive Order directing federal employees to partner with civic groups to register underserved populations increases the risk of noncitizens registering and voting in the 2024 Presidential election. President Biden has referred to the influx of aliens as ‘voters.’ And Democrat officials are promoting the idea that individuals are eligible to vote in federal elections even if they are not citizens, which is illegal under federal law. Their intentions are clear. Aliens paroled into the U.S. apply for Employment Authorization Documents, which allow them to obtain Social Security numbers without engaging with state authorities. Work VISA holders receive them when they come to the U.S., with millions of illegals reportedly possessing Social Security numbers in 2021, and over 850,000 aliens overstayed their visas in 2022. The election interference we must worry about clearly comes from within, not from without. As the Biden Administration and Alphabet agencies revive their “Russia, Russia, Russia” hoax 2.0, we need to unite and fight the partisan effort to disenfranchise every American’s right to a free and fair election now!”

THOUGHTS TO PONDER

“The Supreme Court’s decision in *Fischer v. U.S.* struck down one of the most common charges against January 6 defendants. ‘Obstruction of an official proceeding’ had been used in hundreds of cases, and those convictions are now invalid.... It now seems like the insurrection increasingly looks more like a legal case of mass trespass and unlawful entry. I have always believed that criminal charges were warranted for the riot of January 6, 2021. But this decision shows how the Justice Department has wrongly prosecuted hundreds of people for the obstruction crime....The *Fischer* opinion will bring an end to cases that were based entirely on the charge under 1512(c)(2). The section had been enacted after the Enron scandal in 2001 with the collapse of an energy company accused of corporate fraud. It was designed to allow criminal charges for the destruction of evidence in the form of documents and records.... The Justice Department chose to interpret that provision to broadly include any obstruction of any legal proceeding, and then used it in hundreds of January 6 cases.”

--**George Washington University Law Professor Jonathan Turley**, on reversing some charges against January 6 defendants

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"President Joe Biden delivered an address from the White House on the presidential immunity decision by the Supreme Court. While pledging that he will defend the rule of law, President Biden misrepresented what that law is in the aftermath of *Trump v. United States*. The court found that there was absolute immunity for actions that fall within their 'exclusive sphere of constitutional authority' while they enjoy

presumptive immunity for other official acts. They do not enjoy immunity for unofficial, or private, actions.... Actions deemed personal or unofficial are not protected under this ruling. What was most glaring for many civil libertarians was President Biden's portrayal of himself as a paragon of constitutional fealty. He declared that 'I know I will respect the limits of the presidential powers as I have for the last three-and-a-half years.' That was also untrue. President Biden has racked up an impressive array of losses in federal courts where he was found to have violated the Constitution. Those include issues of his racial discrimination in federal programs, the nationwide eviction moratorium through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and his campaign to forgive roughly half a trillion dollars in student debt."

--Another Turley comment, on Biden's reaction to the Supreme Court's immunity decision

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"After the presidential debate, in any free and fair election Trump would crush Biden. But be aware that a considerable fraction of the American voting public has been infected with the leftist disease and would vote for anyone, including a corrupt, demented puppet, rather than Donald Trump. Then too, when competing against today's leftist Democrat Party, we cannot be confident of a free and fair election. All those who wish our country well -- Republicans, Libertarians, Independents, even Democrats who have come to their senses -- must avoid overconfidence and do all possible to ensure GOP victories for the White House, Senate and House in November."

--**Former U.S. Ambassador Stan Escudero**, on avoiding overconfidence in the upcoming election

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"There is some \$240 million in campaign contributions with the Democrat National Committee which they must, by law, spend to elect the Biden/Harris ticket. If Biden were to be removed, control of that money would fall to Kamala Harris as the victorious running mate in the primaries. Should neither Biden nor Harris run, the money would be returned to the donors. There is no third option. And the money commands. Realizing this, the many Democrat leaders and media supporters who initially proclaimed themselves aghast at Biden's egregious debate performance are now returning to the fold....If they win in November, by any means necessary, they will keep their puppet in office as long as possible. Should he die or step down Kamala will become president. Once she is president, the \$240 million will have been spent and she will become captive to the same range of power brokers as is Biden" If Biden should resign, under Article II, Section One of the Constitution, Kamala and the Democrats cannot simply name a new Vice President. The Constitution gives that power to the Congress: "In Case of the Removal of the President from Office, or of his Death, Resignation, or Inability to discharge the Powers and Duties of the said Office, the Same shall devolve on the Vice President, and the Congress may by Law provide for the Case of Removal, Death, Resignation or Inability, both of the President and Vice President, declaring what Officer shall

then act as President, and such Officer shall act accordingly, until the disability be removed, or a President shall be elected."

--Another Escudero comment, on the Democrats' campaign funds

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"In the aftermath of Joe Biden's debate debacle, there is one constant: Dr. Jill's delusional self-belief that she can save the day.... The first lady is acting as if she is the candidate -- at the expense of her husband and the country. She is the keeper of Biden delusions. 'Joe, you did such a great job,' she shrieked after commandeering the microphone at the debate after-party in Atlanta, as her downcast husband stood on stage gaping at her uncomprehendingly. 'You answered every question!' she gushed in a gratingly patronizing tone, like a nursery schoolteacher who hates kids. The whole world knew he did a terrible job. Even Joe knew."

--"**New York Post**" columnist **Miranda Devine**, on Jill Biden's delusion about the President

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"In a landmark decision, a federal jury has ordered Blue Cross BlueShield of Tennessee (BCBST) to pay nearly \$700,000 to Tanja Benton, a former employee who was terminated for refusing the COVID-19 vaccine based on her religious beliefs....Throughout her 16-year tenure, Benton primarily worked independently and remotely, especially during the pandemic, when she executed her duties without issue from March 2020 to November 2021. Despite this, BCBST enforced a company-wide vaccine mandate in August 2021, requiring all employees to be fully vaccinated as a condition of continued employment. Benton, guided by her deeply held religious beliefs, refused the vaccine, citing her objection to the use of aborted fetus cell lines in vaccine development. Her request for a religious accommodation to continue working remotely, as she had been, was denied."

--"The Gateway Pundit" writer **Jim Hoft**, on BCBST violating the Civil Rights Act and the Tennessee Human Rights Act

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"The woke Left spends a lot of time talking about so-called 'white male privilege,' but is anything more unjust than men claiming the right to compete in women's sports and demanding that the rest of us endorse their claim as legitimate? This radical denial of scientific reality completely undercuts the ideals of excellence and meritocracy that have animated sports competition throughout history.... I believe that one day soon in America -- even in sports media -- we will free ourselves from woke ideology and return to recognizing reality and speaking honestly. Only when that happens will sports return to serving as an important source of unity rather than division in American culture."

--Radio host **Clay Travis**, on sports unifying us, not dividing us

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“Reciprocity should be the basis for American political policy. Follow the Judeo-Christian Golden Rule of ‘Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.’ The United States is in a non-kinetic war with Communist China, autocratic Russia, and Islamic fundamentalism. All are totalitarian and believe the ends justify the means. Their goal is to end democracy and capitalism by bringing down America. It is time for the U.S. to reciprocate.”

--**American Security Council Foundation Senior Advisor Laurence Sanford**, on reciprocity

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“If anything positive can be salvaged from this ominous attempt on Donald Trump’s life, it may be his defiant response to being shot at. It may be essential to let foreign enemies know that there are still some strong American leaders with whom they may have to deal.”

--Political Commentator **Thomas Sowell**, on the unsuccessful assassination attempt against Trump

UPCOMING BREVARD COUNTY EVENTS

- August 1: Heritage Isle Republican Club meeting, Heritage Isle Clubhouse, 10 am.
- August 2: Federated Republican Women in Action meeting, Memaw’s BBQ, Palm Bay, 11 am.
- August 5: Brevard Republican Executive Committee meeting, Space Coast Association of Realtors Building, Melbourne, 7 pm.
- August 7: Brevard Federated Republican Women meeting, Space Coast Convention Center, Cocoa, 11:30 am.
- August 10-17 Early voting for Florida Primary Election.
- August 12: Space Coast Patriots meeting, Merritt Island Library, 6 pm.
- August 15: Republican Women’s Network of South Brevard meeting, Suntime Country Club, 11 am.
- August 20: Florida Primary Election.
- August 20: North Brevard Republican Club meeting, American Police Hall of Fame, Titusville, 6 pm.
- August 23: Space Coast Young Republicans meeting, Pub Americana, Melbourne, 6:30 pm.
- August 24: Space Coast Republican Club meeting, Red

Lobster, Merritt Island, 11:30 am.

--August 25: Ronald Reagan Club meeting, Oceanside Community Church, Satellite Beach, 6 pm.

The Republican Liberty Caucus meeting To Be Determined.

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COMICAL CLOSERS

--Leave it to the satirical “Babylon Bee” to make an outrageous situation even more outrageous. Just seconds after former President Donald Trump survived an assassination attempt at his rally in Pennsylvania, the website proclaimed that a Federal Judge indicted him “for inciting the attempt.” Then, he received a second indictment, because “the Secret Service shot the would-be assassin.” Humor does come in strange places.

And, in a measure intended to help him stay sharp and coherent as the leader of the free world, the “Bee” reported that White House sources claim President Biden has “just decided to expand his sleep schedule from a mere 18 hours to a full 24 hours a day.” The head of his personal care team, Gayle Burnett, said, “This is really just a way for him to stay lean, mean, and keen – nothing else.” She said Biden will wake up every couple of weeks “to deal with important affairs of state or family court cases. And we get along just fine having Jill or Kamala deal with all the little things that pop up in between.”

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--An elderly man was going up to bed, when his wife told him that he'd left the light on in the garden shed. He opened the back door to go turn off the light but saw that there were people in the shed stealing things, so he phoned the police. The dispatcher said that all patrols are busy now but an officer will be along when one is available.

The man waited 30 seconds and phoned the police again, saying, "You don't have to worry about them now, because I just shot and killed them, and the dogs are eating them right now." Then he hung up. Within five minutes, six Police Cars, a SWAT Team, a Helicopter, two Fire Trucks, a Paramedic and an Ambulance showed up and caught the burglars red-handed. One of the officers said to the man, "I thought you said that you'd shot them!" His reply was, "I thought the dispatcher said nobody was available!"
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Jury Foreman: Guilty

Judge: What sentence do you recommend?

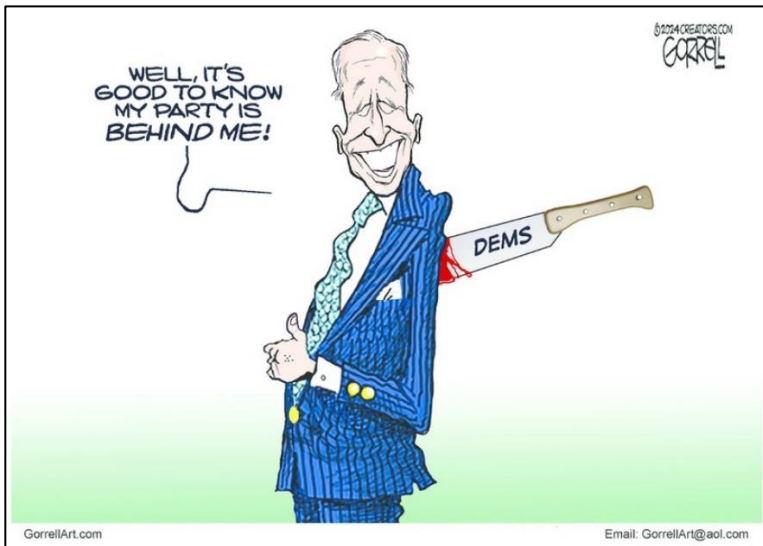
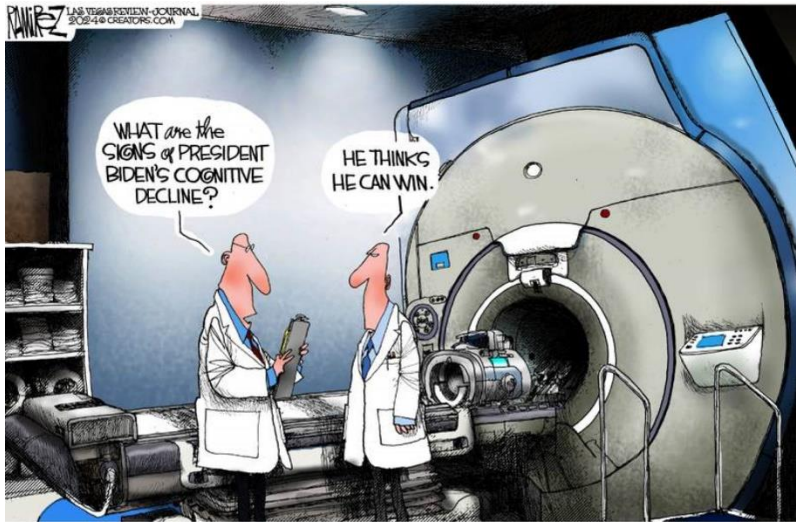
Jury Foreman: He should be forced to serve on a jury.

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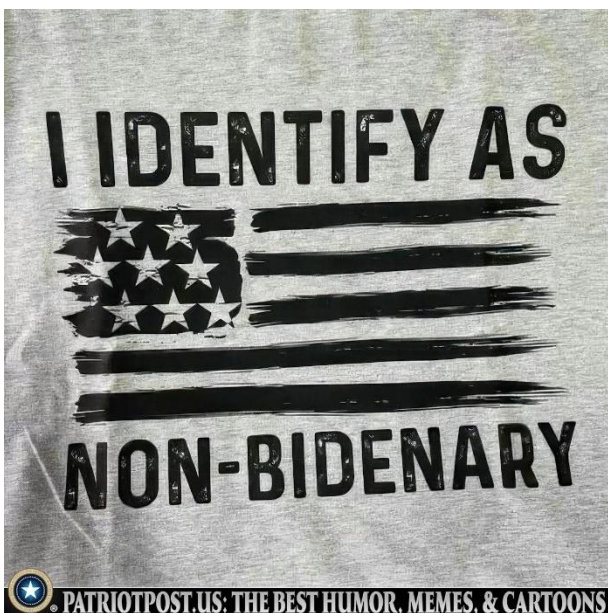
Only in America ... 1) do drugstores make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions, while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front; 2) do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries, and a diet coke; 3) do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put our useless junk in the garage; 4) do we buy hot dogs in packages of ten and buns in packages of eight; and 5) do banks leave vault doors open and then chain the pens to the counters.

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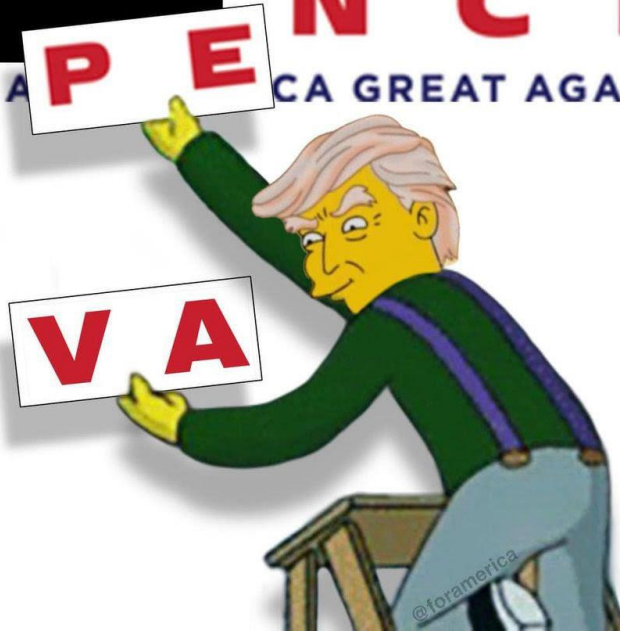




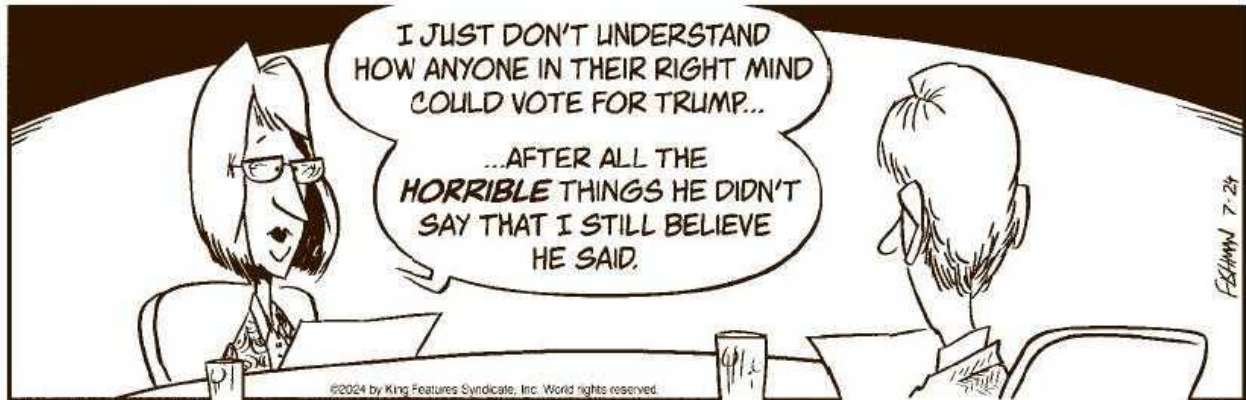




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