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AUGUST 20 REPUBLICAN PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS IN BREVARD COUNTY

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

--Leave it to the moronic leftists to claim on unsocial media that when Donald Trump was shot at the Butler, Pennsylvania, rally last month, he had



staged the whole thing and cut his own ear to draw blood and gain sympathy. They even claimed that the death of a rally goer was "collateral damage" alleged when he "killed one of his supporters to make it look real."

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--Three "never Trump" former Republicans in Florida – Rich Logis, Paula Dockery, and Greg Wilson – "proudly" announced they are co-chairs of the newly formed "Republicans For Harris" organization. But fortunately, they are no longer Republicans, so a better name for their group would be "One-Time RINOs For Harris."

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--During the early days of my career in Washington, D.C. with what used to be the U.S. Information Agency, I proudly spent part of the time writing for the Voice of America, the honored radio arm for "telling America's story to the world." How times have changed. USIA is no more, and the VOA is part of the U.S. Agency for Global Media, headed by CEO Amanda Bennett. According to "National Review" magazine, Bennett ducked accountability during recent congressional testimony, and provided inaccurate information on VOA's mission. Reportedly, she has allowed its former reputation to drift toward being "just another left-leaning news outlet."

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Florida Senator Rick Scott, who earlier served as the state's governor, easily won the statewide Republican primary on August 20. and will face a Democrat opponent in the November 5 general election. In Brevard County, he won 84 percent of the ballots cast over two Republican challengers.

"You've seen what the radical left is trying to do to our country – they want to tear down everything we've built and push their destructive agenda on our great state," Scott said in thanking his many Florida supporters. "But we're not going to let that happen. I've been fighting for Florida every single day, just like President Trump, and I'm not backing down now."

In the House District 8 race to replace Brevard's retiring **U.S Congressman Bill Posey**, former **Florida State Senate President Mike Haridopolis** – who was Posey's choice to replace him – defeated two political newcomers, winning 74 percent of the vote.



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--This month marks the 15th anniversary of The Space Coast Tusk. Issue Number 1, in August 2009, was all of three pages in length.

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More Two Cents Next Month

Term-limited **Florida State House Representative Randy Fine** was on the Brevard ballot for two separate positions – an action he said was allowable – and he won both by large margins. Fine gained 74 percent of the ballots in the Republican primary for the State Senate District 19 seat and will have a Democrat opponent in November; and he also won a four-way race to be the county's new Republican State Committeeman, taking 61 percent of those votes cast.

Term-limited **Florida District 19 State Senator Debbie Mayfield** took 65 percent of the Republican votes cast for the House District 32 seat and will face Democrat opposition in November.

Moms For Liberty Board Member Monique Miller, capturing 55 percent of the votes cast in the Republican primary for Florida House District 33, will have a November Democrat opponent.

Two of Brevard's Constitutional Officers – **Tax Collector Lisa Cullen** with 84 percent of the vote and **Supervisor of Elections Tim Bobanic** with 60 percent – defeated primary opponents in their re-election bids and will face Democrat opponents in November.

In a four-way primary race for the Brevard District 1 County Commission seat, **Katie Delaney**, vice chair of the Brevard Republican Assembly, captured 47 percent of the vote; while businesswoman **Kim Adkinson** won 51 percent of the District 3 vote; and in District 5, term-limited Florida House of Representatives member **Thad Altman** gained 70 percent. The three will have Democrat opposition in November.

In the six-way race for Brevard State Committeewoman, Moms For Liberty official **Marie Rogerson** was elected with 38 percent of the vote.

The judicial, school board and mayoral races on August 20 were non-partisan, and if a candidate did not receive more than 50 percent of the vote, there will be a run-off in November between the top two finishers.

Kristen Smith-Rodriguez won the 18th Judicial Circuit Group 17 seat with 53 percent of the vote, and the County Judge Group 10 seat was won by **Jonathan Skinner** with 51 percent. In the County Judge Group 6 race, **Assistant State Attorney Clarissa Harrell**, with 39 percent of the vote, and attorney **Maggie Wagner**, with 36 percent, will have a November runoff election.

In the Brevard School Board races, former school administrator **John Thomas** won the District 3 seat with 57

percent of the vote, and in the four-way District 4 race, incumbent **Matt Susin**, who is seeking re-election, finished on top with 48 percent of the vote, but will have a run-off race in November with Navy mother **Ava Taylor**, who had 33 percent.

In the mayoral races, **Rob Medina** was re-elected in Palm Bay with 55 percent of the vote, and in Titusville, there will be a run-off between nurse and administrator **Vickie Conklin**, who had 43 percent, and **Andrew Connors**, the chair of the North Brevard Commission of Parks and Recreation, who had 35 percent.

The Brevard Supervisor of Elections Office reported that voter turnout on primary day and early voting amounted to just 24.6 percent of the county's 430,721 registered voters, casting 106,055 ballots.

We will need the Republicans in the non-voting group to show up in November to keep Brevard County and all of Florida RED.



POLITICAL JOTTINGS AND DOTTINGS

--As noted at press time in the July newsletter, President Joe Biden had just announced that while he would remain in office to finish out his term in office, he was withdrawing from

the race to seek re-election this year.

That move meant progressive Vice President Kamala Harris would now be seeking the higher office. Democrats quickly rallied behind her, unanimously giving her the nomination at their party's just concluded national convention. For her VP position, Harris had selected Minnesota Governor Tim Walz, a progressive in his own right.

Harris devoted much of her acceptance speech at the convention on August 22 bashing former Republican President Donald Trump, who is running again. After initially agreeing to meet with Trump in a televised debate in September, she then backed out of the move.

Biden only attended the first night of the DNC, speaking and then leaving on a vacation.

Many Democrat convention speakers – Harris included – repeated multiple blatant falsehoods about Republican positions on five topics. They claimed the GOP supported a nation-wide ban on abortion, a ban on the use of in-vitro fertilization, book banning (as opposed to keeping sexually explicit books out of school libraries), support for the Heritage Foundation's proposed Project 2025 initiative (which Trump questions), and inflation caused by "corporate greed" and "price gouging."

If the convention had a "low point," it had to be the speech given by RINO former Illinois Congressman Adam Kinzinger, who used the time not only to praise Harris, but bash Trump. Explaining his betrayal later, he actually said that "Democrats love this country just as much as we do. And they are as eager to defend American values at home and abroad as we conservatives have ever been." If the RINO actually decides to switch parties – good riddance.

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--On August 23, independent presidential candidate Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. suspended his campaign and endorsed Republican nominee Donald Trump. Kennedy said he will remain on the ballot in "safe" states where Democrat nominee Kamala Harris or Trump are likely to prevail, but will remove his name from ten "battleground" states, and he urged voters there to support Trump,

--Two days after early primary voting began in Florida, 8th District Congressional candidate attorney Joe Babits announced he is suspending his campaign and endorsing businessman John Hearton in the race challenging former State Senator **Mike Haridopolis** to succeed retiring Representative Bill Posey.

House District 8 includes all of Brevard and Indian River Counties and part of eastern Orange County.
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--Former television news anchor **Kari Lake** won the Arizona Republican Senate Primary on July 30 over two challengers and will face a Democrat opponent in the November 5 general election.

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-- August 6 Primary Election Results:

In Washington State, former Sheriff **Dave Reichert** won the Republican race for Governor and will face a Democrat opponent in November.

In Michigan, former Congressman **Mike Rogers** won the Republican gubernatorial race to oppose the Democrat candidate.

In Missouri, Republican Lieutenant Governor **Mike Kehoe** was victorious in the party's primary and is looking forward to the general election contest. And, in the Show Me State, we will have at least one less member of The Squad next year, as in the Democrat District 1 primary, Cori Bush lost her race to a more moderate candidate.

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--In Hawaii on August 10, State Representative **Bob McDermott** won the Republican Senate primary and will face the Democrat incumbent in November.
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-- August 13 Primary Election Results:

Voters in four states selected Republican candidates for the U.S. Senate who will face Democrat incumbents in November. The Republican winners were businessman **Eric Hovde** in Wisconsin, former collegiate and professional basketball player **Royce White** in Minnesota, U.S. Navy

veteran **Matthew Corey** in Connecticut, and business executive **Gerald Malloy** in Vermont.

--August 20 Primary Election Results

The report on Florida's primary is reported separately in the newsletter.

In Wyoming, **Senator John Barrasso** easily defeated two challengers in his re-election bid.



LET ME BE FRANK By Space Coast Tusk Designer Frank Montelione

Remember when we returned to school after summer vacation and one of the first things we had to do was speak about what

you did this summer?

My summer starting in May, was to have to replace a car with less than 7,000 miles on it that was totaled when I stopped for a school bus and was hit from behind. Fortunately, no one was hurt. That followed endless calls to the insurance company until the case was settled in my favor.

Next, need a new car, what to do with no trade in? I managed to obtain a 2024 car of the same type as the car involved in the accident. It is a hybrid that runs on gasoline which charges the batteries. It is not a plug in that they tried to talk me into.

Where is this all going? To the piece de resistance – a trip to Maine and Rhode Island to visit with my wife's family. It didn't take long to realize just how liberal the area is. While driving north on I-95, I noticed a billboard that said, "Who Will Fight For Your Reproductive Rights, Vote Democrat In November". Before reaching the next exit I also saw a sign for a local liquor store. Coincidence? Hmm.

I quickly found out that there was no inflation according to our northerly neighbors. At a vegan dinner at a relative's home, the subject came up about the high price of items in the supermarket. I learned that there is no inflation. The high prices for basic goods, for mortgages and for fuel are all because of "Corporate Greed"!

In the same conversation came the charge that the wealthy don't pay their fair share in taxes and should pay higher. That's part of the solution. Who knew??? And here I thought that, according to The Tax Foundation in 2023, "The top 50 percent of all taxpayers paid 97.7 percent of all federal individual income taxes, while the bottom 50 percent paid the remaining 2.3 percent". Live and learn.



Windmills and solar panels cover every open space that can be found. Bring your own bags to the stores because plastic is banned. Janet Mills, governor of Maine, told us that Joe Biden is the best president that she has seen in her lifetime. This was about the same time Nancy Pelosi said Biden should be on Mt. Rushmore. I don't know if she meant physically or carved on the mountain?

And that's what I learned on my summer vacation. -0-

There was something else I noticed this summer regarding the upcoming elections. It is the difference in attitudes between the two major parties. As much as we feel certain that the Harris/Walz ticket is one that will be the most extreme, liberal administration this nation would ever suffer, there is a factor that just might put them in the White House. Do not overlook the enthusiasm factor. The Democrats are elated that Biden is not on the ticket. Anyone would be better than Uncle Joe. Kamala Harris' polls went from being the worst VP in history to the Golden Girl of the Democrat world, overnight. While we watched a coup within their party, we are wringing our hands.

While there is the core base who are enthusiastic about the Trump/Vance ticket, we would be making a strategic error in not seeing that enthusiasm is a winning tactic. The Democrat timing was impeccable. Biden withdraws and the enthusiasm factor takes a huge bump. Harris is crowned, without a single vote, to be the replacement on the ticket, another bump. She chooses Walz as the VP on the ticket, a man who has been castigated in the press for years, yet he is well spoken and for those too lazy to check his record, gets another boost. The Democrat convention will give the excitement of the Democrat base another boost.



We, on the other hand, have a candidate who, while his policies in his first time were exceedingly good, is still very much disliked by many. While Joe Biden won the 2020 election, I firmly believe that it was because millions voted not for Biden but against Trump. I don't see that changing anytime soon. Our

enthusiasm level is not even close to the Democrats.

My sincere hope is that at the upcoming debate Donald Trump can act presidential as he did in the Trump/Biden debate and unmask the dangerous liberal that Harris undoubtedly is. Although she has not sat down for an interview since assuming the leadership of the party, when that time comes, I can almost guarantee it will be filled with softball questions and her answers will go unchallenged. Her positions on almost all subjects are diametrically opposite from her former statements yet the press ignores that. As the NY Post dubbed her "Kama Kamelion", I prefer another axiom – a leopard doesn't change its spots.

Do not overlook the moods of the two campaigns. In a close election as this one may turn out to be, the "fun" campaign and the delight over their ticket plus the continued hatred of Donald Trump can put this one in the books for the Democrat party.

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Former President Donald Trump and Vice President Kamala Harris will face off in the first presidential debate on Sept. 10 ABC News will host the debate, which will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 10, at 9 p.m. EDT in Philadelphia

The Donald Trump and Kamala Harris debate is on. From Truth Social:

"I have reached an agreement with the Radical Left Democrats for a Debate with Comrade Kamala Harris. It will be Broadcast Live on ABC FAKE NEWS, by far the nastiest and most unfair newscaster in the business, on Tuesday, September 10th, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The Rules will be the same as the last CNN Debate, which seemed to work out well for everyone except, perhaps, Crooked Joe Biden. The Debate will be "stand up," and Candidates cannot bring notes, or "cheat sheets." We have also been given assurance by ABC that this will be a "fair and equitable" Debate, and that neither side will be given the questions in advance (No Donna Brazile!). Harris would not agree to the FoxNews Debate on September 4th, but that date will be held open in case she changes her mind or, Flip Flops, as she has done on every single one of her long held and cherished policy beliefs. A possible third Debate, which would go to NBC FAKE NEWS, has not been agreed to by the Radical Left. GOD BLESS AMERICA!", Donald Trump.

There were sticking points and demands made by the Harris Campaign. She wanted to be seated, have notes on various topics available and microphones to be open. All were rejected. The ploy is so transparent that only the most ardent Harris supporters would deny the facts that the reason for notes was so she would know the topics and open mikes hoping Trump would interrupt and she would be able to use the retort "I'm Speaking" term on air. I understand Tee Shirts were being prepared with that phrase on them.

Sorry, Kamala, looks like you're on your own during this debate.

MAYFIELD MINUTE By Florida District 19 State Senator Debbie Mayfield

Starting in the 2024-2025 academic year, Brevard County Public Schools will implement a new guardian program as part of their initiative to enhance



student safety. This program, known as the Sheriff Training On Site Marshal Program (S.T.O.M.P.), is designed to allow selected school staff members to carry firearms on campus after undergoing extensive training.

The guardian program is open to non-classroom staff members who volunteer, are vetted by their school's principal, and receive comprehensive training and evaluation in partnership with the Brevard County Sheriff's Office. This initiative aims to ensure that when parents drop their children off at school, they can feel confident in their children's safety throughout the day.

Participants in the S.T.O.M.P. program will undergo 176 hours of rigorous training, surpassing the state's requirement of 140 hours for guardians.

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The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) teamed up with the National Shooting Sports Foundation to celebrate National Shooting Sports Month throughout August, encouraging participation in shooting sports and emphasizing the importance of firearm safety.

National Shooting Sports Month highlights how target shooters contribute to conservation efforts through excise taxes on archery equipment, firearms, and ammunition, which help fund wildlife management. The FWC invites individuals to visit their supervised ranges and learn from experienced staff.

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This year marks a major milestone for the Historic Cocoa Village Playhouse, as they celebrate their 100th anniversary. Originally opening their doors as the Aladdin Theater on August 18th, 1924, the venue initially showcased silent films.

Over time, they evolved into Brevard's first theater house and earned a reputation as "the showplace of the Indian River Section."

Through several ownership changes and decades of history, the theater was eventually acquired by the City of Cocoa and rebranded as The Cocoa Village Playhouse. In 1984, the Brevard Community College District Board of Trustees assumed responsibility for the theater, transforming it into a community-centered performing arts venue. This transition led to the formation of a non-profit organization dedicated to ensuring the Playhouse's operational success through fundraising and grants.

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Success of the Hope Florida Initiative was highlighted with significant awards to top-performing churches involved in its Care Portal. The top two churches meeting the needs of their community -- Spanish River Church and Grace Family Church – each received \$50,000, while 11 other churches were awarded \$25,000 each through the Hope Florida Fund.

Launched in July 2022 by **First Lady Casey DeSantis**, the fund is supported by the generosity of the Florida private sector and operates without taxpayer expense. This initiative aims to support local nonprofit organizations through private sector charity, ensuring that resources reach those most in need.

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The official ribbon cutting, grand opening, and flag raising for the new Viera Middle School (VMS) has taken place. The school is located at 6093 Stadium Parkway in Viera and is the first middle school to open in Brevard County in 30 years.

Superintendent **Mark Rendell** and Brevard Public Schools Board Members **Megan Wright**, Chair, **Gene Trent**, Vice Chair, **Matt Susin**, and **Kayte Campbell** were in attendance as VMS Principal **Kathy McNutt** announced that over 700 students are already registered for the first day of school, on August 12. The school is prepared to accommodate up to 900 students.

"This is a huge day for the Viera community and a huge day for Brevard Public Schools," Rendell said. "For all the students that are going to attend here, they are going to get to come into a brand-new building with all of the best stuff available right now."

Some of the features of the 138,000-square-foot campus include: a mixed-use cafeteria and auditorium; classrooms equipped with interactive whiteboards; an aerospace and robotic lab; music rooms for chorus, orchestra, and band; a technology design lab; and a gymnasium -0-

Cape Canaveral National Cemetery in Brevard County announced a major expansion to create additional gravesites for veterans. This initiative will provide tens of thousands of new gravesites to serve veteran families over the next decade.

Cape Canaveral National Cemetery is increasing its capacity by 30 acres, which will accommodate around 32,200 additional gravesites. This expansion is necessary to meet the growing demand for burial space. Currently, the cemetery spans 117 developed acres and is the resting place for 17,000 veterans. The cemetery holds up to a dozen committal services daily, seven days a week, to honor veterans.

Cemetery director Cindy Van Bibber stressed the importance of treating veterans and their families with the utmost respect and dignity during these ceremonies.

A dedicated group of volunteers known as the Cape Canaveral Ladies ensures that no veteran is laid to rest alone. Since the cemetery's opening in 2016, 46 volunteers have contributed nearly 16,000 hours, attending every service.

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Brevard County introduced a touching new tribute for pets who have passed away with the opening of the Rainbow Bridge Pet Remembrance Path. The ribbon-cutting ceremony took place at Hounds Town Space Coast pet daycare center, located at 3905 U.S. 1 in Rockledge.

The Rainbow Bridge Pet Remembrance Path provides a space for community members to honor their cherished pets. Visitors are invited to leave a collar, a leash, or purchase a plaque to memorialize their beloved companions.

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Florida Commissioner of Agriculture Wilton Simpson announced that Florida farmers, ranchers, and growers affected by Hurricane Debby are now eligible to apply for low-interest or interest-free loans through the Agriculture and Aquaculture Producers Natural Disaster Recovery Loan Program. Loans up to \$500,000 are designed to help producers restore, repair, or replace essential property such as fences, equipment, and greenhouses, or to remove vegetative debris.

"Supporting our farmers, ranchers, and growers in the aftermath of a natural disaster is not just about rebuilding and replanting, it's about safeguarding our state and nation's food security," stated Commissioner Simpson. Farmers, ranchers, and growers are advised to document any property damage with photos and retain receipts for recovery-related expenses.



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

I am honored to represent the diverse region of Brevard and Volusia Counties and truly appreciate the opportunity to support the incredible people who call

this region home. This past month has been a reminder of the diverse challenges we face and the extraordinary efforts required to meet them. From supporting our youth to honoring the brave men and women who protect our freedom, I've had the privilege of participating in events that underscore the values we hold dear.

Recently, I had the opportunity to join **Attorney General Ashley Moody** at Atlantic High School for an event focused on crime prevention and the role our students can play in keeping our communities safe. With the new school year upon us, it's more important than ever that we equip our young people with the tools and knowledge to prevent crime and protect one another.

During the event, Attorney General Moody emphasized the importance of vigilance and community involvement, urging students to be active participants in ensuring a safe environment. As someone who has always prioritized the safety and well-being of our residents, I fully support these efforts to empower our youth to be part of the solution. The strength of our community lies in our ability to come together, and that starts with educating the next generation on the importance of safety and responsibility.

In another proud moment for our region, I was privileged to witness the launch of Northrop Grumman's 21st resupply mission to the International Space Station. Watching a SpaceX Falcon 9 Rocket carry the Cygnus Spacecraft to orbit, filled with essential supplies and research materials, was a testament to American innovation and the pioneering spirit that defines the Space Coast. Our area is not just a hub for space exploration; it's a symbol of what we can achieve when we combine our brightest minds with the latest technology.

This launch is yet another example of how we continue to lead in the aerospace industry, contributing to scientific advancements that benefit all of humanity.

Supporting those who protect and serve our nation is one of my top priorities. This month, I had the distinct honor of presenting a check for \$875,000 to the University of Central Florida's RESTORES program. This state appropriation will significantly enhance their efforts to provide critical mental health support to our first responders and veterans who face the invisible wounds of PTSD. These brave men and women have given everything for our freedom and security, and it is our duty to ensure they receive the care and support they deserve. The work being done at UCF RESTORES is nothing short of lifesaving, offering innovative treatments that help our heroes reclaim their lives.

As we move forward, I remain committed to advocating for the resources and policies that will continue to support our community's growth and well-being. Whether it's fostering educational opportunities, advancing our leadership in space exploration, or ensuring our veterans and first responders receive the care they need, I am dedicated to serving the best interests of our region. 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.



THE BREC CORNER By Chairman Rick Lacey

Over the past years, Conservatives have stated that the leadership of the Democrat Party has lost their way. Now as we watch the

Harris/Walz group embrace the socialist agenda, we realize they have LOST THEIR MINDS!

The majority of Americans know that socialism has failed in every country that made the mistake of voting in that form of government. Simply look at those countries that have allowed Left Wing politics to take control. Cuba, North Korea, Venezuela, The Soviet Union and Communist China. Everywhere Socialism is tried it has failed. It brings misery and poverty to its people every time.

So why in the world would the Democrats want to bring Socialism here and destroy the economy of the greatest country on the planet? They clearly have LOST THEIR MINDS.

So my fellow Republicans, it's up to each and every one of us to make sure it does NOT happen here.

Get off the couch, stop yelling at the TV and join us in this campaign to protect the Conservative values that made America Great!

Contact us and volunteer to help win in November. Email <u>BrevardChairman@gmail.com</u> to volunteer today. We Need You!

At our BREC August 5 meeting, we hosted a forum of Republican Congressional candidates with questions from members hosted by State Committeeman **Greg Loyd. Rich Nink** stated the success of training and signing up hundreds of poll watchers. **Dave Fosdick** reported on the coverage of BREC tents at early voting.

Our next BREC meeting will be Monday September 16, since the first Monday of the month is Labor Day.



RENDEZVOUS WITH
REPUBLICAN WOMEN
By Xiaoqi Wang
BFRW First Vice President

BFRW's August 7 luncheon

guest speaker was political commentator and author Nick

Adams, who shared with us an inspirational message about America's greatness, and how it is a beacon of hope for so many around the world.

He told us how he struggled with stage 4 cancer as a child, only to become Sydney, Australia's youngest Deputy Mayor at age 21. Later, as an



internationally renowned speaker, lecturer, author and media commentator and motivational speaker, he taught thousands of K-12 students about American Exceptionalism.

Adams' non-profit organization – the Foundation for Liberty and American Greatness (FLAG) — is dedicated to educating Americans about the values and principles that make our nation exceptional. To achieve this mission, FLAG promotes and provides high-quality civics education to K-12 students. FLAG publishes and distributes kid-friendly Constitution, Declaration of Independence and Federalist Papers which are used in thousands of schools in the United States. These programs seek to promote and preserve America's culture of exceptionalism for generations to come.

Adams believes that the U.S. is the greatest country in the history of the world. He argued that our country is at a crossroads, and to survive we must stop the poison of Critical Race Theory - a hateful, racist Marxist ideology that divides society along racial lines while enriching liberal, race-hustling grifters.

He also argued that Political Correctness is a corrosive theory that will change the American dream into a socialist nightmare, and that we need to do everything in our power to stop this from happening. While he sees troubled times ahead, he is also positive about America's future, and left us with this thought: "Birthed on the principle of freedom from tyranny and sustained by dependence on the divine power to grant

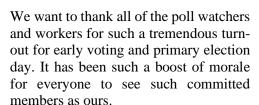
freedom, justice, and liberty for all men and women, America rose to become the most extraordinary country on earth. She has overcome insurmountable odds and bounced back from repeated setbacks only to set the standard and remain a beacon for the world!"

Thank you to those candidates who also spoke to our members during the lunch: **Greg Loyd**, State Committeeman; **John Hearton**, U.S. Congress, District 8; **Debbie Mayfield**, Florida House D-32; **Monique Miller**, Florida House D-33; **Matt Susin**, School Board District 4; and **Mike Hammer**, Palm Bay City Council.

Election Day, November 5, is less than two months away! BFRW invites all Brevard patriots to join its grassroots efforts to win the most important election of our lifetime!

The speaker for our next meeting, on September 4, will be our **8**th **District Congressman Bill Posey**.

NORTH TO THE PARTY By Board Member Robin Ricker





Sue Ricco spent hours, along with other volunteers, enlightening people who dropped in at our office at the Titusville Mall (the old Searstown Mall in Titusville) to learn about candidates and wanted to know how they could contribute to getting information out to the public. It is always great to meet up with like-minded people and exchange ideas on coming events and ways to connect with people who understand the crisis our nation is facing.

We also want to thank all of the people who volunteered in front of the polling places, especially during early voting. Eleven days is a long commitment in the heat of the day, but we have people who were there every single day. At the Supervisors of Elections in Titusville, Cindy Roberts was there daily (with others too numerous to mention) for Republican information and candidates, while Cindy Olsen was representing Superintendent Tim Bobanic. At the Titusville Library, Jim Tulley was there daily (again along with others too numerous to mention), to get a head start on educating the public on Amendment #4 VOTE NO, coming up on the November ballot.

Congratulations to **Senator Rick Scott**, Representative candidate **Mike Haridopolos**, **Tax Collector Lisa Cullen**, **Bobanic**, District 1 County Commission candidate **Katie Delaney**, and each of the judges on their respective primary wins. Now we will be working hard to see that **Andrew Connors** wins Mayor of Titusville in the November run-off against Vickie Conklin (NPA and long-time Democrat), along with other candidates and amendments on the November

ballot. These are exciting times and it's great to be connected with people who are so enthusiastic about our elections.



REMEMBER WHEN By President Mike Hoagland Heritage Isle Republican Club

Do we remember last year when the Democrat establishment and media were advocating for Joe Biden to take Kamala Harris off the ticket and find another VP running mate? It was felt that Harris was

too unlikeable with no real accomplishments.

At the same time, the Democrat establishment, media and corrupt bureaucracy were busy trying to get Robert Kennedy and Donald Trump off state ballots. It worked on Kennedy, but Trump was able to thwart their efforts because he had the resources to fight. What has happened since? Well, there was a presidential debate between Trump and Biden. Panic ensued within the Trump hating crowd. It became clear that Biden's cognitive decline was in the open for all the world to see.

A replacement had to be made. All of a sudden, Kamala Harris was declared the most accomplished, intelligent and successful political leader in our lifetimes. The DNC held their convention in Chicago and anointed Harris as the savior of our republic. Tim Walz was selected as her running mate. Of course, typical of most democrats, the truth evades him. Can you imagine what a clown show it would be with these two determining the future of our country?

Most of their convention was spent attacking Donald Trump. Policy was not a significant topic. The reason is they don't have policies that would attract common sense voters, particularly independents. They can't even agree on a policy that there are only two genders, male and female.

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Remember when Joe Biden designated Kamala Harris as the person in charge of the southern border of the United States. As Vice President, she was then called the border czar. What did she do? She went to the central American countries and increased the amount of foreign aid we gave to them in the hopes that the leaders would contribute to the benefit of their citizens. Other than that, she did nothing for almost 4 years. What has been the result of her malfeasance? We have a record number of deaths from drugs pouring across our borders. We can thank China and the drug cartels for this. We have a record number of sex trafficked children coming into our country. The cartels make a fortune in this activity. Our country leads the world in this activity. We have anywhere from 10 to 20 million illegals entering our country and they are spread across every U.S. state. Our government is flying illegals into our country. They receive substantial benefits which can include a phone, debit card, room and board, health care and education, driver's license and, in many states, the right to vote in local elections. They are, also counted in our census which allocates electoral college votes. These illegals

concentrate in large cities and will work for less than our workers which drives unemployment up for our citizens.

We have witnessed unbelievable crimes committed by illegals who should not be here. We have witnessed a tremendous number of terrorists, Chinese, and single men from many countries that hate us, enter our country. I could go on addressing the consequences of Kamala Harris's inaction but it would require a larger publication. Know that the democrats are ecstatic with Harris as their candidate. I call those "low information voters". Her border policy as president wouldn't change. She would, however, give the illegals a short path to citizenship thinking they would vote Democrat.

I don't expect that many of us remember when in our history studies that Thomas Jefferson and John Adams competed for the presidency in what is called the "Revolution of 1800." The major issue was "free speech," John Adams had his critics arrested, persecuted or prosecuted for any criticism of him. He intended to curtail free speech. Thomas Jefferson ran on preserving the first amendment and thus free speech which in effect means freedom. The citizens rejected John Adams and Jefferson won this election.

Now, over 200 years later, we are witnessing the same attacks on outspoken citizens who criticize our government. Only this time, government, media, universities and our administration all work in consort to shut down dissent. Our freedom is based on our right to free speech. We all have witnessed the attacks on citizens who exercise their right to speak freely. The greatest abuse of power is our government's attacks on Donald Trump. Gag orders imposed on Donald Trump by Marxist judges are unconstitutional but there is no way to enforce his first amendment rights. Do democrats truly understand that our freedom is at risk in this election? I think not.

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Does anyone remember that on the first day of his administration Joe Biden invited all immigrants to come to our border and he would allow them entry? He designated Kamala Harris as the border czar.

Under the Biden/Harris administration, our country is the only country in the world with open borders and our leaders continue to encourage migrants to come to the United States. Every state in our country has illegals. Even though Biden will not run for reelection, Harris will continue their immigration policy. They believe these illegals will ultimately be allowed to vote. The illegals already are counted in the census. I listened to a few elderly women respond to Harris running as historic and they would like to vote for a woman president. Low information voters are dangerous.

We know America is dealing with the cost these illegals create on government budgets. Sanctuary cities are going bankrupt as they provide benefits to the illegals. We see our culture eroding already. Our history is being destroyed. Elected government representatives mock our country. Muslim communities practice their Sharia law in some places. We have as many as 20 million illegals in our country. Are democrats pleased with this result? Are they pleased with migrant crime? The Marxist certainly are pleased as their goal is not to preserve our Constitutional Republic but to take control of America's economy and markets. Create chaos and distract. They want total power and control.

If Kamala Harris is elected, our Constitutional Republic will end. Biden will be as dangerous with his proposals in his last 6 months in office. He is already proposing changes with the Supreme Court that would end over 200 years of judicial precedent. Hopefully, a sufficient number of Americans will understand what is at stake in this election and support Donald Trump.

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Does anyone remember when we used to get our news via a 30-minute TV program in the early evening? The presentation was, generally, informative and not ideological. That was in the '50s to late '60s. Since then, Ted Turner started CNN in 1980. People laughed at him. Who would watch a 24-hour news network? We know the answer. At the same time, we were beginning to get inundated with information, there became a demand for journalists to present this information over an expanding network of media organizations. Our universities that offered journalism curriculums grew. Over time, the Marxists infiltrated many of the reputable schools. My opinion is that this began after the Communist Party was outlawed in this country during the Senator McCarthy time in office.

So, 70 years later, what do we see? Today, we have witnessed the takeover of our major media companies by the liberal socialist movement. These companies spew their propaganda undermining any common-sense political voice in our country. These corrupt media companies work 24/7 voicing the agenda of the Democrat party. Both the media and Democrat party have taken a page out of the Marxist playbook when it comes to messaging their ideology. After 70 years, again in my opinion, our country has reached a breaking point in our history that will determine whether or not we continue as a constitutional republic or do we become another Venezuela. If Kamala Harris wins in this election, we will become a Venezuela. It is amazing how many Americans are clueless in understanding what is happening in this country. Get ready for an onslaught of negative media. We see it virtually every minute of every day attacking Vance or Trump. The media propagandists in conjunction with the Democrat party take any comment made by Trump or Vance out of context and spin a negative story. It will only get worse between now and election day. The media will continue to put out lies, misrepresentations and engage in character assassination. Anything Trump or Vance say will be ridiculed. Get used to hearing "weird" when they describe Trump or Vance. Note that the media and Democrats all coordinate their talking points.

The Brevard Republican Assembly held its general meeting on August 15 at Royal Oak Ministries in Titusville with **Vice**



President Katie Delaney opening it with a quote by Mark Twain:" In the beginning of a change, the patriot is a scarce man, and brave, and hated and scorned. When his cause succeeds, the timid join him, for then it costs nothing to be a patriot."

Jerry Johnson was presented with a lifetime Brevard Republican Assembly membership award, and Titusville mayoral candidate **Andrew Conners** pointed out that he is the only conservative running for mayor and that his campaign is completely self-funded. Delaney, who is running for County Commission District 1, gave an update on her campaign, saying that things are looking very good, and she is grateful for the outpouring of support.

Brittany Perkins was introduced as the guest speaker. She is a dedicated Christian wife and mother advocating for the January 6th political prisoners, including her husband, Michael Perkins. She shared her family's harrowing experience after attending the rally on January 6, 2021, to hear President Trump speak in Washington, D.C. They felt God calling them to go to D.C. after seeing all that was going on in D.C. and with the strong belief that the 2020 election had been stolen. They, along with several church members, traveled to D.C. in an effort to exercise their 1st Amendment Right to free speech.

She said they attended the rally where Trump spoke and then proceeded toward the Capitol rotunda building. Upon arrival, they discovered Capitol officers lining the stairs so they did not go up into the Capital building. Instead, they stood peacefully outside singing and praying. What sounded like bombs started going off, and officers began to pepper spray and gas everyone as chaos broke out.

Brittany witnessed multiple busses pull up and groups wearing MAGA hats and gas masks began to push their way through the crowd. Her husband was attacked by a Capitol police officer when he punched Michael in the eye, leaving him with a black eye. They left the area as soon as possible.

While on their trip back to Florida, it didn't take them long to discover that the media was presenting the event as an armed insurrection. The media began accusing people like Michael of being domestic terrorists who had arrived in D.C. with the plan to overthrow the government. Their faith in our country was severely tested, and they were saddened by the trap that was laid out for them that day.

Fast forward to May 2021, while on their way to church, they realized they were being followed by undercover FBI agents. For six weeks, undercover agents sat in their neighborhood

watching them and following them. Then at 5:45 a.m. on June 30, 2024, 50 plus Swat agents and Homeland Security agents showed up at their home with four armored trucks. They raided their home using flash bang grenades. They pointed lasers at Michael, Brittany and their two minor children to disorient them then pulled them out of the house and handcuffed all of them. The use of excessive force and violence was traumatic, especially for their children. To this day, their home still reflects physical damage incurred as a result of the raid.

Michael was arrested that day and sat in jail for 14 days until a new judge in D.C. granted him a bond where he was released on house arrest. Michael was on house arrest for 16 months.

The pre-trial conditions would not allow him to go outside even on the porch of his home or to take out the garbage. He had to stay indoors unless at work or church.

What was Michael's crime? Michael had carried a Trump flag and during the chaos, a Capitol police officer ran into him and then lied that Michael had assaulted him. Michael's defense attorney discovered that a 13-second video capturing Michael being punched and pepper sprayed had been cropped to make it look like Michael had attacked the officer; therefore, he was charged with assault with a deadly weapon.

They chose a bench trial, thinking they would have a better chance with a conservative judge, so Michael's trial was held on March 6, 2023. Even with more than 100-character witness letters provided in his defense and with the proof that the prosecution had tampered and cropped videos proving Michael's innocence, Judge Carl Nichols still sentenced Michael to 48 months in prison. The judge stated that he had never seen a man with such character, but he still had to convict him to deter this kind of thing from happening again. Michael was self-employed and the sole provider for his family. He was given 21 days to tie up loose ends and try to figure out how they would make it without his income. Michael surrendered to the authorities, and after being in seven different facilities around the country, he is now in Coleman State prison.

Brittany has made it her mission to bring awareness to this situation and to advocate on behalf of her husband and the many good men and women who have been treated in such a horrible way. She stated that there have been over 1,600 arrests from the January 6 incident and that arrests are still being made with 300 of them since October 2023. Right now, 124 of the J6 prisoners are from Florida.

Interestingly, the majority of J6 prisoners have been incarcerated in Florida. When asked if they have gotten any help from Governor DeSantis, Brittany said that with the many phone calls she has made to his office and to many other officials, everyone remains silent.

Brittany closed by stating that their faith and trust in God and the support of many has sustained them through this ordeal. A collection was taken up during the meeting for her family.

Donations to help her family can be made through www.givesendgo.com under Perkins Family. In addition, letters of encouragement can be sent to Michael and other J6 prisoners through the Patriot Mail Project at www.patriotmailproject.com.

Matt Agnini closed the meeting with the latest national debt clock that continues to increase quickly. He wondered out loud what it cost our government to perform that single raid on the Perkin's family, and to think that these kinds of horrific raids have been multiplied over and over throughout our country. He pointed out that at this point, we are borrowing money from unborn generations in order to terrorize families like the Perkins.

Matt shared that General Michael Flynn has stated that only 30-35% of voter turnout for the primaries. Only one in three people bother to show up to vote. We need to encourage our family and friends to get out and vote.

Matt gave an update on the Florida Republican Assembly being sued by the Republican Party of Florida. One main reason we are being sued is because the FRA can endorse good, conservative candidates in the primaries before the RPOF can officially endorse candidates. All the FRA chapters have agreed to contribute \$1000 to help with the lawsuit. With that in mind, the Brevard Republican Assembly will be selling t-shirts as a fundraiser.

Members enjoyed a meal after the meeting sponsored by Fire Tires of Mims, Florida.

THIS AND THAT

THE DEMOCRATS. Following a five-day round of online balloting by Democrat National Convention delegates on August 6, with Kamala Harris receiving 99 percent of the vote, she officially became the party's presidential nominee, replacing Joe Biden, who announced earlier he was withdrawing his re-election bid. Harris then picked as her VP running mate Minnesota Governor Tim Walz, whose Gopher State record includes signing a law codifying abortion protection, and an executive order to protect patients' access to gender-affirming care. Other laws containing his signature included allowing undocumented immigrants to obtain driver's licenses, legalizing cannabis for recreational reasons, expanding voting rights for people formerly incarcerated and mandating universal background checks for firearms. Walz earlier served in the Minnesota National Guard, where two retired Command Sergeant Majors - Thomas Behrends and Paul Herr – reportedly said he misrepresented his service to gain benefits and political clout and left the service in 2005 just as his unit was called to active duty for the Iraq war. They also claimed that Walz failed to fill out his retirement documents properly, and to complete either a two-year postacademy obligation, or a six-year enlistment contract he signed after 9/11.

REMEMBERING JERRY BARVITSKIE More than 40 friends of political sign creator and former member of the



Brevard Republican Executive Committee, **Jerry Barvitskie**, attended a celebration of his life on August 10 at Melbourne's Wings of Grace Ministries. Jerry passed away on July 17 following an illness. Speakers at the event recalled many instances of his support for political candidates who shared his

conservative beliefs, and how he lived his life by the word of God. In his heyday, during the political season, he was passionate about educating and supporting candidates who shared his belief. Dwight Bell, the President of Wings of Grace Ministries, said Jerry "was an originalist, who believed our founding documents were to be interpreted as they were written, and that the meaning of the Constitution is fixed; not a living document that evolves with tradition and circumstances, much like the Word of God does not change." After moving from Pennsylvania to Florida, he developed marketing skills with his signs and posters, and enjoyed publicizing good causes – such as driving a car covered with dents and a crashed-in rear – and a sign stressing the sheriff's call for safe driving. Jerry is survived by his brother, Kevin, and sisters Marie, Colleen and Bernadette, and their spouses. He was not materialistic, and lived a basic, hard-working life. He donated his body for organs needed by others and for medical research. Jerry will be missed by all who knew him.

NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION. At the NRA annual meeting in Dallas in May – which was attended by more than 72,000 members from across the nation – the Board elected former Georgia Congressman Bob Barr as its new president. The other new slate of officers elected were Bill Bachenberg of Pennsylvania, first vice president; Mark Vaughan of Oklahoma, second vice president; Doug Hamlin of New York, executive vice president and CEO. Hamlin previously spent 10 years as the executive director of NRA Publications. The NRA's 153rd annual event included seminars, exhibitors, and speakers – including former President Donald Trump, Texas Governor Greg Abbott, and Fox News co-host and author Pete Hegseth.

COVID VACCINES. According to the conservative website "For The Right News," scientists at Ohio State University have published a study showing that people who took the mRNA "vaccines" are now twice as likely to die from a COVID-19 infection as the unvaccinated. This comes on the heels of thousands of doctors, scientists, and academics signing a global petition calling for immediate suspension of all mRNA vaccines. The researchers noted that people who have never had a COVID vaccine are now far less likely to die from the disease since they've all built up natural immunity to it by now. The study, published in the journal "Frontiers in Immunology," is titled, "Impact of vaccination on antibody responses and mortality from severe COVID-19." The scientists conclude that "in COVID-19 patients, mortality rates were 37% for non-vaccinated and 70% for vaccinated."

NEW YORK FIRE DEPARTMENT. The first female fire commissioner in New York City, Laura Kavanaugh, threatened to reprimand firefighters for chanting Donald Trump's name at a department promotion ceremony, even

though many of them were not on duty or in uniform at the time – and they had a reasonable and appropriate exercise of free speech. She also was the subject of an ageism lawsuit and was accused of replacing high-ranking officers with inexperienced amateurs. A retired firefighter described Kavanaugh as a "fascist pitbull." So following more than one example of backlash, and after three short years on the job, she handed in her resignation.

RONALD REAGAN CLUB. Covering the topics of the



upcoming election and international relations, retired **U.S. Army Colonel Mike McCalister** told the Ronald Reagan Club meeting in Satellite Beach, Florida, on August 26, that if we do not have honest elections on November 5, "nothing else matters." He added, "We have to take our country back, and elect people who will do the right thing for our country." Referring to the Electoral

College, McCalister said we still have states' rights in the U.S., with the E.C. being based on the total number of senators and representatives in Congress, plus 3 additional ones, meaning a minimum of 270 votes are needed to elect a president. That, he said, is based on one-half of the number in Congress, and three at-large votes, plus one. Discussing Iran, which regained power in the Middle East once the Biden administration came into power, McCalister said it has proxy support in the region from the Houties, Hezbollah and Hamas. U.S. support for Ukraine, he said, is a financial drain on our country, and there is no way it can win its war against Russia. It would be dangerous for the U.S., he said, if our troops would join the Ukrainians and actually fight in Russia. "Our real threat," he added, "is China, which wants to take over everything in the South China Sea. A supporter of former President Donald Trump, McCalister said when he is reelected, "he will finish the wall on our southern border." McCalister is a former candidate for Governor of Florida and the U.S. Senate. He currently serves as president of the nonprofit Guardians of the Republic. Inc. While still in the U.S. military, he served in the Special Operations Command and sat on Pentagon Committees of the Senior Advisory Group and the Executive Steering Group for a Secretary of Defense Transformation Initiative....Toward the end of the meeting, the club was joined briefly by Mike Haridopolis, the Republican candidate for Florida's 8th Congressional District seat, who said everyone needs to "come together to help win the November election across the board," and "we have to take the country back. Elections matter." When he gets to Congress, Haridopolis said, he will focus on such issues as "securing the border, energy, and holding the Justice accountable." Department website His www.mike4congress.com.



The current Attorney General of Virginia, **Jason Miyares**, who began his career as an attorney and politician serving as an intern for the Leadership Institute, told LI's Wake Up Wednesday Breakfast Meeting on



August 7 that the value of the internship is in "planting seeds for the next generation." Subsequently, Miyares graduated from James Madison University and the College of William and Mary's Law School, was an assistant commonwealth's attorney in Virginia Beach, worked on Congressional and Senate election campaigns, served

three terms on the Virginia House of Delegates, and was elected the state's Attorney General in 2021. His current position, he said, involves ensuring justice by defending criminal convictions on appeal, defending the state when prisoners sue concerning their incarceration, and assisting victims of crime at the appellate level. He noted that his job is to protect civil liberties and said that parental rights used to be taken for granted by all, but that situation has changed. Because of all the executive orders issued by President Biden, Miyares questioned whether there really are three equal branches of government. And he expressed opposition to allowing schools accepting federal lunch money having to support transgenderism, since that has not been approved by Congress. Noting that "it is an honor to stand for liberty and freedom," he said one of the favorite things he does is to meet with newly-sworn-in American citizens and say "Welcome home to freedom." This country is unique and worth saving despite what you see going on today, he said, "So you have to get involved." Miyares was born in Greensboro, North Carolina, to a mother who fled from Castro's Cuba, making him the first Cuban American and Hispanic elected to statewide office in Virginia. He and his wife, Page, have three daughters, and they live in Virginia Beach.



Three candidates on the ballot in Brevard County's August 20 primary election attended the Heritage Isle Republican Club meeting on August 1 to

ask the packed audience present for their votes. Two of the candidates - Randy Fine and Chuck Sheridan - were

seeking the soon-to-be-vacated Florida State Senate District 19 seat – and the third was **Brevard Tax Collector Lisa Cullen**, who had a Republican challenger in her re-election bid....Fine, who is completing an eight-year term in office as the Florida House of Representatives member serving District 33, said that in order to pay for college when he was a



teenager, he started several successful software businesses, which he ran until retiring on his 40th birthday, and that was when he decided to enter politics. Successful programs that he



worked on in the legislature, Fine said, included passage of the parents' bill of rights, vouchers for private schools, and an end in Florida to the common core program. Noting that "we are now living in crazy times," he said the next presidential election is not and between good vs. evil, but between "smart dumb."

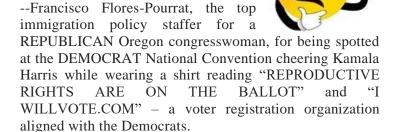
He is a MAGA warrior who will stand up to anyone to advance the America First agenda, and his many issues include securing our borders, arresting illegal immigrants, lowering insurance rates, fighting to defend life, and protecting elections from fraud. Fine said his campaign slogan is "It's Going To Be



Fine" Sheridan, a retired general contractor for affordable housing, resort, and multi-family projects, said he had insight into the issues being faced today due to his interaction with municipalities, government agencies, organizations, and residents. He said it is his goal to bring more diversified hightech jobs to the area, and if elected, would introduce legislation to restructure insurance at all levels. Sheridan also said he would work in Tallahassee to make changes to better protect Florida residents, such as doing away with "no fault" auto insurance, that means we have higher premiums. Other top priorities, he said, would be to revitalize the Indian River Lagoon system, develop affordable housing in the county, advocate for veterans and first responders, and promote small business diversity....Cullen, who began her career of public service in 1985 at the Tax Collector's office in Brevard County at the front counter in a branch office, worked through the ranks and was first elected to the top position in 2008, getting re-elected as one of the county's five constitutional officers. Now overseeing a staff of 206 in seven branch offices, she said she is responsible not only for collecting taxes, but also titles and registers motor vehicles, mobile homes and vessels; issues driver licenses and identification cards; handles applications for concealed weapon licenses; and issues birth certificates and hunting and fishing licenses. With all these areas of responsibility, Cullen said she is audited every year for accountability and transparency.

AUDACITY AND IDIOCY

Here are this month's "winners":



--The International Olympics Committee, for allowing two men who "believe" they are women – Imane Khalif of Algeria and Lin Yu-ting of Taiwan – to participate in women's boxing events in the Paris Olympics. In Khalif's first event, against an Italian woman, she quit the match after 46 seconds, saying she had never been hit so hard before in her life. And in the other opening event, Lin defeated a woman from Uzbekistan 5-0 in a three-round match.

--So-called school officials at Keller High School in Keller, Texas, for charging students \$200 to have a private parking spot at the school, and allowing them to be decorated, but then painting over the spots of two students for having "controversial, offensive or obscene content." What did the students say that was so obscene? Why, they honored President Trump. The obscenity here was the alleged grown adults who stifled the students' right to free speech and expression.

--The Vermont State Supreme Court, for ruling in favor of the Windham Southeast School District and the Vermont Department of Health after a school "accidently" vaccinated a six-year-old boy against the coronavirus, despite having the parents' explicit instructions against it. The parents removed their son from the school and brought the lawsuit, but the court said the organizations are "not legitimate targets" in the case.

--A New York Mets baseball team employee, for denying entrance to a game to a ticket-paying fan who had the "audacity" to be wearing a MAGA baseball cap. Aura Moody was also told that if she took the cap off and carried it, she still would not be allowed to enter the stadium — because, apparently, "the mere presence of a Trump cap is a threat to public safety." So, the cap was placed in her car. After the game, when Moody tried to file a complaint, she was "politely" directed to an online form — the ultimate brush-off in progressive New York.

--The University of Tampa Resident Assistant training program, for advising students that members of Young America's Foundation would be "unsafe" roommates. It's another usual trick to indoctrinate the rising generation in leftist nonsense while demonizing conservatives and their ideas.

YOU CAN'T MAKE THIS UP

--"The New York Post" reports that Vice President Kamala Harris' campaign team has been quietly editing news headlines in Google search ads to make it seem like



major news outlets are on her side. The altered headlines reportedly were changed without news outlets' knowledge and were paired with a "Paid for by Harris for President" banner. Among the outlets swept up in the faux headline campaign were The Guardian, Reuters, CBS News, the Associated Press, and PBS.

--Despite outrage criticism of the opening ceremony for the Olympics in Paris last month due its mockery of the Da Vinci painting "The Last Supper" being parodied by woke drag queens, First Lady Jill Biden, who led the U.S. delegation to the event, had high praise for it, remarking that when the 2028 games take place in Los Angeles, the U.S. "will have to work hard to top the Paris opening ceremony." In contrast, House Speaker Mike Johnson posted that the mockery "was shocking and insulting to Christian people around the world," and "The war on our faith and traditional values knows no bounds today. But we know that truth and virtue will always prevail."

--Meanwhile, the Olympics officials told a Brazilian surfer - a Christian who has an image of the iconic "Christ the Redeemer" statue adorned on his board - to remove the "offending" image or be banned from the competition. A reporter ironically pointed out that when the Olympics were held in Brazil eight years ago, its nearly 100-foot-tall "Christ the Redeemer" statue was heavily incorporated into its marketing plan for the games.

--Italian sprinter Fabrizio Petrillo won 11 national titles in visually impaired categories before 2019, but now will be competing in the Paralympic Games in Paris as transgender athlete Valentina Petrillo. Truth be dammed, but some believe that the strapping biological man should not be racing against women on a world stage. However, the International Paralympic Committee allows each sport's governing body to set their rules, and World Para Athletics, which is the international federation for track and field sports, says that an individual legally recognized as a woman can compete in the women's category.--It is not a pleasant situation when someone owes the U.S. government for overdue taxes, and author and podcaster Dick Morris says it is "outrageous" that there is a group of people who are more than \$50 million in arrears. Who are they? Why, they are none other than employees of - get this - the IRS.

--California Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi is recommending an addition to South Dakota's famed Mount Rushmore. She actually believes that the likenesses of the great George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Jefferson, and Theodore Roosevelt – deserve to share their space with none other than Joseph Robinette Biden.

--Speaking at the Democrat National Convention on August 20, former First Lady Michelle Obama earned praise from the attendees by actually celebrating children identifying as transgender, vilifying concerned parents' efforts to remove pornographic books from children's sections of school libraries, and embracing life-destroying fertility methods.

EXPERTS' EXCERPTS



Conservative commentator **Tammy Bruce**, writing on how the Democrats and Media rewrite history, for the Association for Mature Americans (AMAC):

"After watching the theater put on by the Democrats at the DNC in Chicago, there was one consistent strategy on display: lie and gaslight

the American people, knowing that the legacy media has their back, scrutiny be damned. It was indeed a remarkable scene at the Democrat National Convention, where there was absolutely no hesitation at lying about things that are provably false. The biggest lie was the effort to completely erase the Biden/Harris administration from the history books. Why? It's the most surefire and poisonous effort to annihilate their

responsibility for the dumpster fires here at home and abroad for last three and a half years. Imagine you have an arsonist stealing a fire-fighters uniform and showing up at the fire she created insisting she's the new anti-fire hero. Having such little regard for their own base, they worked very hard hoping people would walk away from the convention thinking that Donald Trump has been president since 2020 and all problems that exist are his fault.... Collusion between the Democrats and the media is not new, but it seems more blatant and gratuitous than ever before. Legacy media is dangerously abandoning semblance of investigative curiosity any responsibility to contradict the lies being shoveled at the people...Behold the Media Research Center's gobs making new report illustrating just how much the media is in the bag for the Democrats, noting that the 'leftist media are unapologetically promoting Kamala Harris with 84% positive coverage, while trashing Donald Trump with 89% negative coverage.' Nothing to see here, folks....At a roundtable on PBS, Judy Woodruff falsely claimed that during a phone conversation that former president Trump had urged Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to hold off on a cease-fire deal because it would help the Harris campaign. Her accusation was horrific and completely false, she eventually issued a statement which many called an apology, but it was far from it. Instead, she deflected saying that she was referring to Axios and Reuters reports about an alleged phone call between the two men, which has also now been proven false.... That the media is still operating on a level of hubris allowing them to operate in such a brazen and openly hostile way with the American people is an astounding, and increasingly dangerous development. After all, how can we make informed decisions when those we trust to inform us are lying about virtually everything, either directly or by omission? Their behavior becomes the ultimate election interference. The good news is there's public discussion and even news coverage of the decline of trust in media. But what is happening now, like the Woodruff misinformation, is not journalism at all. What's happening to legacy media is of their own doing. In the meantime, expect the legacy media to continue to do the bidding of the Democrat Party, while nursing their hatred for Trump and anyone else who dares to challenge the status quo. Our job is to make sure that we do not allow them to gaslight us into oblivion."



Editor **Bryan Chai**, writing on the robbery of a DNC convention delegate in "The Western Journal":

"How bad should you feel for the people who are victimized by their own inane causes? As a human being, you should probably feel a little bad – but that doesn't

mean you can't point and laugh a bit. Case in point: There's nothing funny or humorous about a member of the Texas Democratic Delegation being robbed at gunpoint in Chicago, but who else can you possibly blame but the Democrats themselves? The incident happened in downtown Chicago during the early hours. The victim confirmed that he was walking with a friend when they were targeted around 2 a.m. A black Range Rover pulled up on the 100 block of West Randolph, and a gunman emerged to rob a 25-year-old man who was on the sidewalk near the Allegro Royal Sonesta Hotel. Apart from the color and make of their vehicle of choice, police described the robbers as two Black males dressed in black and wearing ski masks. They stand 5'7" to 5'9" tall. Of note, these robbers didn't stop with the Texas delegate. After forcing that victim to hand over his wallet and room key, the robber crossed the street to rob another man and a woman. The robbers have apparently become something of a local nuisance.... linked to at least three other alleged robberies that took place this week." The Texas delegate – in town for the 2024 Democratic National Convention – appears to be all right, all things considered. And given that, it's only fair to snicker a bit at the plight of Democrats currently. The Dems chose iconic American city — and deep-blue haven, Chicago — as the site of this year's DNC. Surely they felt it was a grand city befitting the pomp and circumstance of the DNC. Just one problem: Chicago is a borderline war zone with rampant criminality and far too many shootings despite having some of the strictest gun laws in the United States. Democrats love to restrict gun ownership rights, but insist on being soft on crime in just about every other instance imaginable....The Democrats clearly are keeping decrepit leadership in power because of the capital "D" next to the names of those failed leaders. To be clear, it's not just Chicago. Take your pick of any deep-blue city – Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Boston -- and there's a very good chance it's a hellhole. Thank God that the Texas delegate appears to have emerged from this harrowing incident relatively unharmed. Hopefully, that delegate will reconsider the leadership they keep propping up every election cycle. Those 'leaders' are literally putting lives at risk."

Syndicated columnist **Cal Thomas**, writing on informing low-information voters:

"So many voters appear to be making decisions based on superficial factors, including 1) hatred of Donald Trump 2) wouldn't it be nice to have the first female president? 3) (again) hatred of Donald Trump. Opinion polls, which have occasionally and sometimes



dramatically been wrong, show a dramatic shift away from Trump to Kamala Harris and her running mate Tim Walz following President Biden's withdrawal from the race. How can this be when many believe the economy and the world were in much better shape during the Trump presidency? Despite the lies that are told – inflation was 9 percent when Joe Biden took office, when it was under 2 percent – what has come to be known as the 'low-information voter' seems to

base his or her positions mostly on non-substantive things. Fox News did some street interviews in heavily Democratic New York City. A woman said she had to work more than one job to afford groceries. A man said he has friends who are doubling up with roommates because they can't afford to pay rent on their own. Another man said high mortgage rates prevented him from buying a house. When asked how they will vote in the November election, all three said they would vote for Democrats. This makes no sense. If people are suffering under the current administration's policies, but were doing much better in virtually all categories under the previous administration, why would they vote to perpetuate the current policies in a Harris-Walz administration? Trump hatred (or possibly habit) are the only logical explanations. Here is my contribution to a more informed electorate. Assemble a small group of low- information voters who tend to vote for Democrats and do the same on the Republican side. Give them information from objective and trusted sources, including figures from the Congressional Budget Office, the record debt and the future of Social Security and Medicare without reforms. Inform them about the difference in foreign policies between the last administration and the current one. Ask them if they would change their vote after being equipped with information they may not have previously had. If the results are different from their earlier beliefs we have a solution to the problem of low-information voting.... Wouldn't you want a test to determine why you are not feeling well so a proper treatment could make you better? Why not the same approach to voting? Politicians are good at shading or covering up their true beliefs to get elected. Joe Biden claimed to be a uniter. So did Barack Obama. Especially Biden governed as a far-left progressive. The media appears to be covering for Harris who has flipped on several important issues. Shouldn't voters be properly informed about this? It's difficult when she has so far not done interviews or held a news conference. During his 1960 presidential campaign, John F. Kennedy said: "We can do better." We certainly can, but only if more of the electorate is properly informed. Let's give my little experiment a try."



Journalist **Bob Unruh**, writing on "World Net Daily' on revenge for a former employee:

"A Christian pancake maker who declined to work on Sundays in order to attend church services has been awarded \$40,000 from his former employer, who fired him. According to the Christian

Institute's report on the fight, Eddie Moton Jr. was fired from his position as a cook at International House of Pancakes for declining to work on Sundays. When he was hired in 2021, he was granted a religious accommodation to his schedule, but, the report said, "when a new manager required him to work two Sundays, Moton was fired for refusing to do so again." The franchise owner, Suncakes, also will provide annual training to managers on religious liberty, tell employees of the case, and change its policies to protect religious accommodations. 'The manager reportedly told other

employees that religion should not take precedence over the workplace, and that Moton thinks it is more important to go to church than to pay his bills,' the report said. Taittiona Miles, a lawyer on the case, explained, 'Employers must respect all sincerely held religious beliefs, which includes providing reasonable accommodations when no undue hardship exists.' The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission said the Suncakes restaurant is in Charlotte, North Carolina, and the new manager was the one who expressed hostility toward the accommodation initially given Moton. The EEOC explained, 'Such alleged conduct violates Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which provides for religious accommodations in the workplace and protects individuals from religious discrimination and retaliation. The EEOC filed suit in U.S. District Court for the Western District of North Carolina.... after first attempting to reach a prelitigation settlement through its voluntary conciliation process.' Melinda Dugas, regional attorney for the EEOC's Charlotte District, said, 'Requesting an accommodation for a religious observation is protected activity under federal law. And employers are prohibited from taking adverse employment action against an employee for exercising that right.'"

American Security Council Foundation Senior Analyst Laurence Sanford, writing on Iran in his publication "S.O.S. Sanford on Security":

"What kind of a country would call for the death of another country or the death of a people? Iran is such a country. 'Death to America' was first coined by



North Korea during the Korean War, but Ayatollah (honorific title for high-ranking Shia clergy) Ruhollah Khomeini, who founded the Islamic Republic of Iran in 1979, took the phrase to a new level. He decreed 'Death to America the Great Satan' and 'Death to Israel the Little Satan' as the foundation of his policies to rid Iran of American influence and eliminate Israel since it is a Jewish state occupying supposedly Islamic land. In fact, present-day Israel has been occupied by people of the Jewish faith for thousands of years, well before even Islam was founded in the seventh century A.D. Mohammad Reza Shah, the last Iranian monarch, was overthrown by Muslim clerics led by Khomeini because the mullahs saw their power eroding with the Shah's modernization of society. Ironically, now, because of the totalitarian mullah misrule of 40 years, only 40% of Iran's population identifies as Muslim, even though 98% of the population is listed as Muslim. One of Kohmeini's first actions upon assuming power was the takeover of the American Embassy in Tehran. 52 Americans were held hostages from November 4, 1979, until January 20, 1981, the day before President Reagan assumed office from President Carter.... Iran is on the verge of acquiring nuclear weapons. Possibly, Iran already has the atomic bomb but is not announcing it. Iran is supporting proxy entities (Ring of Resistance) that surround Israel for the purpose of eliminating Israel. The proxies are Hezbollah, Hamas, Houthis, and Palestinian Islamic Jihad. The elimination of Israel is but the

first step to being followed by the elimination of Western civilization in the Islamic quest for domination......Hamas in Gaza has received millions of dollars in military equipment and training from Iran. Hamas is the Sunni offshoot of the Muslim Brotherhood and is dedicated to the elimination of Israel. Sunnis and Shias will kill each other over Islamic doctrine but will unite in killing infidels. The phrase 'the enemy of my enemy is my friend' is applicable here. Hezbollah has the largest military force in Lebanon. With over 100,000 missiles aimed at Israel, Hezbollah receives \$700 million a year from Iran. Thousands of rockets have been fired at Israel since October 7, 2023. The Houthis in Yemen are Shia fighting against the Sunni central government. They control most of northern Yemen, including the capital city of Sanaa. Bordering the Red Sea, the Houthis have fired rockets into Israel and have attacked shipping transiting to and from the Suez Canal. The U.S. Navy has not been able to stop the shipping attacks despite bombing missile sites. In Iraq and Syria, American forces are under continual attack from forces allied with Iran. Russia is being supplied with Iranian drones and missiles in support of the Russian Invasion of Ukraine. The U.S. election process is under Iranian cyber-attacks. Most recently, Trump's election campaign emails were hacked by Iranians, and a Pakistani with Iranian connections was arrested for attempting to assassinate Trump. At the University of Houston, Palestinian protests were supported by Iranian organizations. A number of high-ranking individuals in the U.S. government are sympathetic to Iranian interests. Canada's McGill University has seen Iranians, in conjunction with Russians, foment social media in support of pro-Hamas anti-Israel protests." Iran, in partnership with Russia and China, seeks to end American and Western civilization."

THOUGHTS TO PONDER

"I think it is safe to say you can draw a straight line from my father's 1964 presidential campaign to the Stand With Trump movement that you are a part of today. Although my father lost the 1964 election, his principled campaign gave birth to a new grassroots conservative movement based on personal liberty and economic freedom....Fast forward to 2016, and it was the heirs of that original conservative movement who catapulted Donald Trump into the presidency against all odds. Now, you and I who stand on the frontlines of the conservative movement must rise up once more to return Donald Trump to the White House and save our precious country from a Democrat socialist abyss,"

--Former Congressman Barry Goldwater, Jr., on continuing the conservative movement -0-

"President Biden committed impeachable offenses by helping his family bank millions of dollars from lucrative foreign and domestic business deals and then conspired to hide the evidence and obstruct an investigation by Congress, House lawmakers concluded in a report. Three House committees released their findings after a nearly yearlong investigation of the president. Lawmakers made the report public just hours before Mr. Biden was to be feted at the Democratic National Convention...Despite its findings, the Republican-led House is unlikely to vote to impeach Mr. Biden, who is not running for a second term. The report, issued by the Oversight and Accountability, Judiciary, and Ways and Means committees, casts a shadow over Mr. Biden as he serves out the remainder of his term. The 291-page report outlines evidence from more than a dozen witnesses and thousands of banking records and other documents. Combined, they show that he, dubbed the 'big guy,' engaged in a pattern of swooping in to help his family, particularly his son Hunter, score profitable business deals with Ukraine, Russia, China and other countries dating back to his time as vice president."

--Writer **Susan Ferrechio**, in a report in "The Washington Times" -0-

"Media columnist Becket Adams speculated that the easiest job in American politics might be communications staffer for Democrats: "It must be a hell of a thing to clock in every morning and see that some corporate conglomerate has done your job for you." Let's be honest: The press is going all-out for Kamala Harris. With the speed and agility of Noah Lyles and Jordan Chiles combined, they've gone from hounding President Biden out of the race to celebrating his VP's inperson nomination this week in Chicago -- and shooting down any inconvenient narratives that might spoil her chances of victory against Donald Trump. But just because the rest of the media have forgotten their job doesn't mean we have. 'National Review' will keep covering this race with a firm grasp on reality."

- "National Review" Editor-in-Chief Rich Lowry, on media election coverage -0-

" If the Constitution is to be preserved, the best we can hope for is a Trump/MAGA victory, followed by another four to eight years of direction by a MAGA leader like Ron DeSantis, to begin to re-establish a lasting national commitment to our foundational principles. But throughout, the Left will oppose conservative policies with every tool in their kit, including street violence, congressional and lawsuit blockages, and the creation of general political chaos, both to limit MAGA success and to develop a readiness among the people for a return to the less chaotic conditions of Democrat rule....But a Harris victory will lead to a massive effort to discredit Trump, the MAGA movement, and conservative principles in general. Republican establishment politicians will then emerge and join in the criticism, seeking to further their careers by ousting MAGA and returning the GOP to its longtime position, subordinate to the Democrats at the national level. Our country could move in a number of directions from that point but all of them would be destructive of our Republic."

--Former **U.S. Ambassador Stanley Escudero**, on the upcoming presidential election -0-

--"On the surface to the casual observer, the myriad lawsuits, FBI raids, and other legal attempts on Donald Trump, his

family, his close associates, and his business interests may appear to be disconnected plots to exact political revenge on the former president. But a growing body of evidence unearthed by enterprising journalists and courageous conservative officials is confirming that all of these schemes are in fact part of a coordinated effort across all levels of government to undermine Trump's re-election bid and deny conservative voters a voice this November – destroying the rule of law and imperiling the American constitutional system in the process."

--Political consultant **Shane Harris**, on the sinister lawfare plot to get Trump.

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"If our unique experiment in self-government is to continue, we must educate the next generation of public servants, teachers, businessmen and women, and more in the founding principles and the long history that make America exceptional."

--Journalist and The Fund For American Studies Trustee Emeritus **Fred Barnes**, on TFAS' support for students and journalism

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"Children in Massachusetts will no longer have mothers or fathers. House Bill 4750 would ensure legal equality for parents, would update the state's general laws establishing parentage, custody, support and visitation of a child. The bill would replace the use of 'mother' with 'person who gave birth.' It would also replace the terms 'man' & 'woman' with 'persons.' In a significant legislative development, the Massachusetts House of Representatives has moved House Bill No. 4750, titled 'An Act to Ensure Legal Parentage Equality.' Said Representative Hannah Kane, 'This bill makes significant strides toward supporting children born through assisted reproductive technology and ensures equality for LGBTQ families to establish parentage.' State House members passed the bill in a 156-0 vote before the State Senate approved it in a 40-0 decision – a major victory for socalled transgender people....As I wrote in my new book, 'Twilight's Last Gleaming: Can America Be Saved,' the ultimate goal of the critical race theorists and the alphabet activists is to destroy the American family. And they are well on their way unless good-hearted Americans rise up and say, 'hands off our pronouns.'"

--Podcaster and author **Todd Starnes**, on growing wokeness in America

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"It's one thing to have your own ideas. It's another to steal someone else's because you have nothing original to offer. Vice President Kamala Harris has hit a new low by blatantly copying Donald Trump's proposal to eliminate federal taxes on tips for service industry workers. But don't be fooled – this is nothing more than a desperate and unoriginal attempt to win votes. It's absolutely pathetic.... Harris's track record shows that she's not the least bit interested in reducing taxes. Quite the opposite, she's all about raising them. The notion that she would genuinely push to eliminate taxes on tips is laughable. It's nothing more than a hollow promise designed to pander

to the working class without any intention of following through."

--Writer **Jimmy Parker**, on Harris' "pathetic" move

"The Media Research Center is increasing the pressure in the fight against Big Tech's anti-free speech tactics with the launch of the Free Speech America division website. The new site combines the hard-hitting pro-free speech studies and reporting you have come to expect from MRC's researchers along with its signature Big Tech censorship-tracking database, CensorTrack. The site centralizes all of the content produced in pursuit of its mission statement to be the recognized leader winning the battle against online censorship, Big Tech interference in elections and anti-Americanism from Silicon Valley-related entities."

--Writer **Heather Moon**, on the new MRC website -0-

"The media's coverage of the Democratic National Convention was so exuberant that you'd have thought it was hosted by two giggling teenage 'Swifties' live-streaming a Taylor Swift concert. The outright fawning was downright cringeworthy. Oddly, not two months ago, Kamala Harris was considered a drag on the ticket, noted for nothing more than word salads, witch-like cackling, and zero accomplishments. Now, she's being portrayed as a modern-day Joan of Arc.... None of this surprises us. MRC just released a study showing how ABC, NBC, and CBS have given Harris 84% positive coverage while Trump has received 89% negative. The MRC is waking America up to the extent of the media's blatant election interference."

--Media Research Center senior writer Kurt Etheridge, on media bias

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"A few years ago, members of the world's elite met at the annual World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, and launched the Great Reset initiative.,,They aim to transform the world economy. As Klaus Schwab — the founder and executive director of the Forum — wrote, 'We need a Great Reset of capitalism.' If successful, their plan would also have the effect of destroying our American way of life. This initiative is not merely about economic reform. It is an attempt to impose global rule by so-called experts.

--Hillsdale College President Larry Arnn, on the Great Reset initiative

UPCOMING BREVARD COUNTY EVENTS

--September 1: Republican Liberty Caucus of Brevard film showing of "Reagan" at Viera movie theater 7pm.

--September 4: Brevard Federated Republican Women meeting, Space Coast Convention Center, Cocoa, 11:30 am.

--September 5: Heritage Isle Republican Club meeting, Heritage Isle Clubhouse, 10 am.

- --September 6: Federated Republican Women in Action meeting, Memaw's BBQ, Palm Bay, 11 am.
- --September 9: Space Coast Patriots meeting, Merritt Island Library, 6 pm.
- --September 10: ABC News Trump Harris debate, at 9 p.m.
- --September 14: Republican Liberty Caucus of Brevard Constitution Day Dinner, Radisson at the Port dining room, 6 pm.
- --September 16: Brevard Republican Executive Committee meeting, Space Coast Association of Realtors Bldg., Melbourne, 7 pm
- --September 17: North Brevard Republican Club meeting, American Police Hall of Fame, Titusville, 6 pm.
- --September 19: Republican Women's Network of South Brevard meeting, Suntree Country Club, 11 am.
- --September 23: Ronald Reagan Club meeting, Oceanside Community Church, Satellite Beach, 6 pm.
- --September 26: Space Coast Young Republicans meeting, Whiskey Business, Melbourne, 6:30 pm.
- --September 28: Space Coast Republican Club meeting, Red Lobster, Merritt Island, 11:30 am.

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COMICAL CLOSERS

She's a famous name Now from coast to coast With lots of attention But with nothing to boast

She's got a broad smile With sure lots of giggles But ask her a question And then watch her wiggle What does she know And what did she do Three years later We don't have a clue

The media loves her No one knows why They seem to protect her They don't want to pry She wants to move up More power and heft

And get a promotion A reward from the left

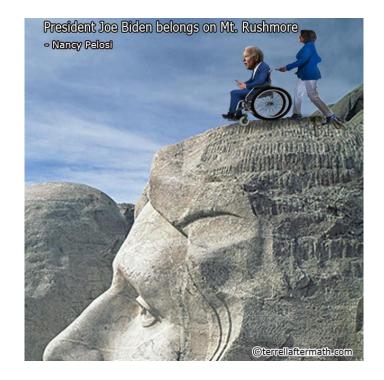
The thought of that's scary My mind's sure to burst How she got here when We know she's the worst.

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id you know there are THREE different meanings of the phrase "take out"? They are 1) food; 2) a date; and 3) murder.

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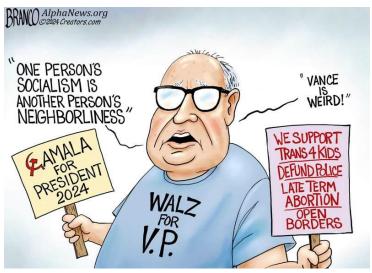


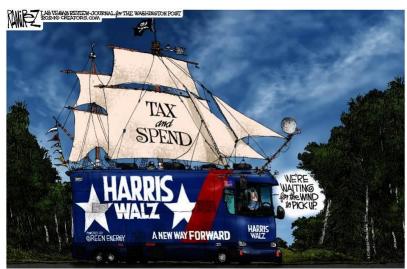
















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