



PRIMARY ELECTION, AUGUST 18 – GET OUT AND VOTE

Early Voting: Saturday, August 8 – Sunday, August 16. 8:30 – 4:30 daily

AUGUST MEETING: Wednesday, August 12, 2020

PROGRAM: Our speakers will be Kurt Hoffman and Paul Fern, candidates for Sarasota County Sheriff in the August primary election.

Join us for lunch at 11:30 at the Venice Gardens Civic Association, 406 Shamrock Blvd, Venice. Meeting from 12:00 noon until 1:30 pm.

President's Message, by Matt Soldano

The Republican Club of South Sarasota County is back. We held our June and July meetings and our July luncheon and they were all well attended. The Venice Campaign office opened on July 18 with over 100 people attending. It will be open Monday thru Saturday from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm. We have signs and campaign material. Please volunteer to help out at the office.

Don't forget! The primary is August 18! The primary (rather than November 3) will be election day for three races—School Board, Sarasota County Sheriff, and Republican State Committeewoman. Vote for conservatives Eric Robinson and Karen Rose for school board. Their election will give us a 3 to 2 majority on the school board. They are running against two liberal candidates who support defunding the police and progressive social policies.

While it might sound like a cliché, 2020 may be the most important national election ever. We must reelect President Trump and maintain Republican control of the Senate. If President Trump loses Florida, he loses the election. If Republicans lose the Senate, there will be no way to stop Democrats from passing their progressive/socialist agenda and ending the filibuster. Please email me at matt1934@yahoo.com or call me at 401-792-8132 if you have any questions. Matt

I want to give a shout out and a thank you to Gladys Green who just had her birthday and produces the best newsletter in Sarasota.

[Editor's Note: Thank you Matt. I hope our members keep sending in their excellent articles.]

August Birthdays

Helen Barone
Shelley Bochain
William Carroll
Michael Cochrane
Dennis Dugan
Carolyn Hill
Gregory Hotzler
A J Janson
Kathleen Keppler
Ellen MacLellan
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VENICE HAS A CAMPAIGN OFFICE



Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting for Venice Office, July 18, 2020
250 Tamiami Trail, Venice. Office Hours: 9:00-5:00 Monday – Saturday.
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JULY 15 MEETING



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Monthly RCSSC Executive Board Meeting: August 5, 2020

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Dave Brown (1998)
Harold Hart (1997)

The Patriot Newsletter

The RCSSC welcomes letters to the editor or articles from members for publication in *The Patriot* newsletter. The letter or article should be brief and appropriate for our Republican readers. Please include sources for articles other than your own. Send articles to newsletter editor Gladys Green via e-mail or snail mail: gladysg33@comcast.net; 330 W. Baffin Dr., Venice, FL34293. Deadline for articles to be submitted is the 20th of each month.

A Magnificent Speech, By Roger Kimball, *amgreatness.com*, July 4, 2020, Excerpts.[Looking back on the 2020 election, historians will say the Mt. Rushmore speech was the moment that Donald Trump won reelection.]



Donald Trump did not mention Lincoln's First Inaugural address in his speech commemorating the spirit of American Independence at Mount Rushmore on Friday night. But the president's speech—perhaps his most forceful and eloquent to date—vibrated with the same energy and existential commitment that fired Lincoln in 1861.

Lincoln came to office at a time of crisis. His election had precipitated the secession of seven Southern states. His inaugural address was both a plea for conciliation and unity as well as a warning that violence would be stopped with force. "We are not enemies, but friends," Lincoln said.

Donald Trump issued a kindred invitation to unity in the midst of conflict. The signing of the Declaration of Independence in Philadelphia in July 1776 was a world-historical event. It represented, the president rightly said, "the culmination of thousands of years of Western Civilization—and the triumph not only of spirit, but of wisdom, philosophy, and reason." At the center of the triumph was the animating possession of liberty, made possible by the unanimous affirmation of the principles Thomas Jefferson articulated in the Declaration: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights."

The president's speech was a passionate celebration of American freedom and American greatness—a greatness, he noted, that was embodied by the sublime majesty of the heads of Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, and Teddy Roosevelt sculpted into the granite pinnacle of Mt. Rushmore.

But just as Lincoln spoke on the eve of civil war, so Donald Trump spoke in the midst of widespread and organized violence against the emblems and the spirit of the American promise. "[T]here is," he warned, "a growing danger that threatens every blessing our ancestors fought, struggled, and bled to secure."

Our nation is witnessing a merciless campaign to wipe out our history, defame our heroes, erase our values, and indoctrinate our children. Angry mobs are trying to tear down statues of our founders, deface our most sacred memorials, and unleash a wave of violent crime in our cities. Many of these people have no idea why they are doing this, but some know exactly what they are doing. They think the American people are weak and soft and submissive. But no, the American people are strong and proud, and they will not allow our country, and all of its values, history, and culture, to be taken from them.

The president was especially strong in challenging that species of politically correct intolerance that has come to be called "cancel culture." In essence, cancel culture is the malignant inversion of liberalism's defining virtues, openness and tolerance. It is born of historical ignorance and a stunning lack of empathy—an ironic fact, since one of the chief premises of cancel culture is its own **Daily Signal**, supposed superior sensitivity.

Sunshine Committee

If you know of any member who is sick, has been in the hospital, has lost a loved one, or who we have missed seeing at our meetings, call our Sunshine Chair Mary O'Nesky at 497-6454

Help Us Grow Our Club

We need volunteers to welcome new Republicans who move into the RCSSC area! You can help by contacting newcomers by mail and inviting them to come to our meetings.

If you can help, contact Don O'Nesky: elephantpride@aol.com



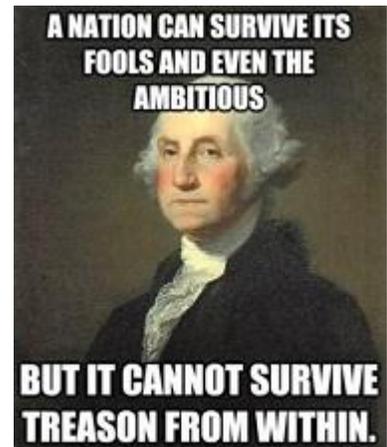
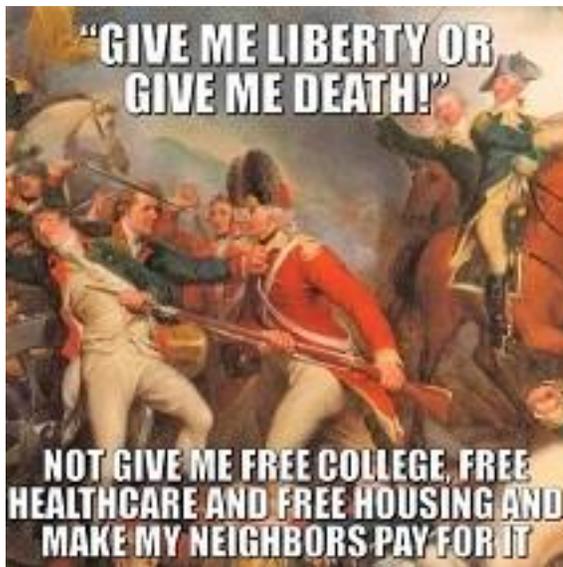
As the president noted, it is wielded as a weapon, “driving people from their jobs, shaming dissenters, and demanding total submission from anyone who disagrees.” In a word, cancel culture is “the very definition of totalitarianism” and is “completely alien to our culture and our values.” It should have “absolutely no place in the United States of America.” And here is where his speech took on a steely seriousness. “This attack on our liberty must be stopped,” he said, “and it will be stopped.”

In our schools, our newsrooms—even our corporate boardrooms—there is a new far-left fascism that demands absolute allegiance. If you do not speak its language, perform its rituals, recite its mantras, and follow its commandments, then you will be censored, banished, blacklisted, persecuted and punished. Make no mistake: this left-wing Cultural Revolution is designed to overthrow the American Revolution. Remember this the next time you see a mob come for a statue of Christopher Columbus or George Washington or Teddy Roosevelt, or, indeed, of Robert E. Lee. What they are coming for is our history—who we are.

We know that all of our most pathological cities have been run as Democratic monopolies for decades. Donald Trump had the temerity to point this out. We know that our public schools are increasingly factories of left-wing, anti-American indoctrination. The president had the temerity to point that out as well.

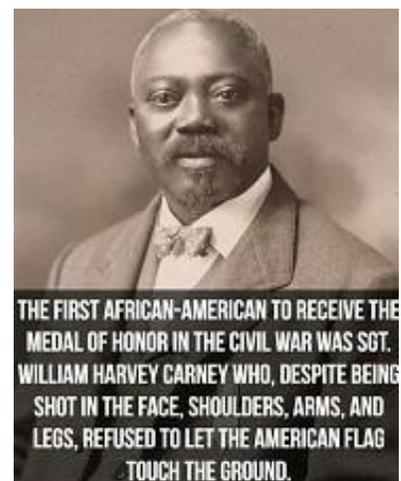
The gospel of the radicals assailing our society today is a gospel of self-abasement. The president preaches a different message: “We stand tall, we stand proud—and we only kneel to Almighty God.”

Looking back on the 2020 election, historians will say that last night’s speech was the moment that Donald Trump won reelection. It was a magnificent speech that will, I predict, take an honored place in the library of great American political addresses.



The Law of Liberty
James 1:25 (NKJV),
Submitted by Barbara Vaughn

“But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues *in it*, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.”



The Fragility of the Woke, By Victor Davis Hanson, *The Daily Signal*, July 9, 2020, Submitted by Gerald J. Zaris, Edited Excerpts.

A TikTok video that recently went viral on social media showed a recent Harvard graduate threatening to stab anyone who said “all lives matter.” When her video came to the attention of the company that was going to give her an internship, it decided it didn’t want to add an intern who threatened to kill strangers who said something she didn’t like. Then, the narcissistic Harvard alum posted a very different video—one that showed her weeping in a near-fetal position fighting back tears and complaining how unfair the world had been to her. She instantly became an unwitting poster girl for the current protest movement and the violence that has accompanied it. What turns off millions of Americans about the statue toppling, the looting, the threats, and the screaming in the faces of police is the schizophrenic behavior of so many of the would-be revolutionaries.

On one hand, those toppling statues or canceling their own careers on the internet pose as vicious Maoists—the hard-core shock troops of the revolution. Their brand is vile profanity, taunts to police, firebombs, and spray paint. They wear black hoodies, don makeshift helmets, and strap on ad hoc protective padding—part lacrosse attire, part cinematic Road Warrior costume.

The televised stereotype of the Antifa activist is a physically unimpressive but violent-talking revolutionary. He seems to strut in laid-back, blue-city Minneapolis but wisely avoids the suburbs and small towns of the nation’s red states. He spits at police when standing beside fellow agitators but would never do that when alone confronting an autoworker or welder.

When police march against the Antifa crowd and their appendages in order to clear the streets, they often scream like preteens, objecting to mean officers who dare to cross them. When arrested, the trash talkers are usually terrified of being jailed or of having an arrest on their records. Federal authorities are currently searching thousands of videos to ferret out looters, arsonists, and assailants. Perpetrators who are caught are shocked that the evidence that they once posted online in triumphant braggadocio is now being used to charge them with felonies.

Black Lives Matter, Antifa, and their large numbers of imitators and loosely organized wannabes are mostly made up of middle-class youth, often either students or graduates. They deem themselves the brains of the rioting, the most woke of the demonstrators, the most sophisticated of the iconoclasts. In truth, they are also the most paranoid about being charged or being hurt.

What explains the passive aggressive nature of these protesters and rioters? Many no doubt are indebted, with large, unpaid student loans. Few seem in a hurry to get up at 6 a.m. each day to go to work to service loans that would take years to pay in full. Few seem to be earning incomes that would allow them to marry, have children, pay off student loan debt, buy a home, and purchase a new car.

In today’s high-priced American cities, especially on the globalized coasts, it’s increasingly difficult for recent college graduates to find a job that will allow for upward mobility. The protesters are especially cognizant that their 20s are nothing like what they believe to have been the salad days of their parents and grandparents—who did not incur much debt, bought affordable homes, had families, and were able to save money.

Earlier generations went to college mainly to become educated and develop marketable skills. For the students of the 1960s who were, protesting was a side dish to a good investment in an affordable college degree that would pay off later. But when such pathways are blocked, beware.

Khrushchev’s Message 61 Years Ago, Submitted by Dot Scheeres

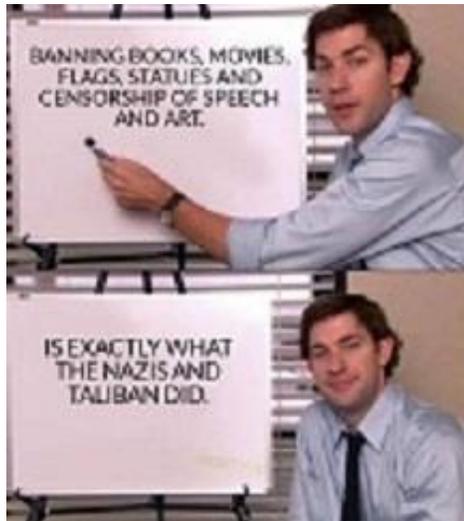
THIS WAS HIS ENTIRE QUOTE: A sobering reminder. Almost exactly sixty years ago since Russia’s Khrushchev delivered this. Do you remember September 29, 1959?

“Your children’s children will live under communism; you Americans are so gullible. No, you won’t accept communism outright; but we will keep feeding you small doses of socialism until you will finally wake up and find you already have communism. We will not have to fight you; we will so weaken your economy until you will fall like overripe fruit into our hands. The democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give to those who would not.” Remember, socialism leads to communism. So, how do you create a Socialistic State?

There are 8 levels of control:

1. **Healthcare**—control healthcare and you control the people.
2. **Poverty**—Increase the poverty level as high as possible, poor people are easier to control and will not fight back if you are providing everything for them.
3. **Debt**—Increase the debt to an unsustainable level. That way you are able to increase taxes, and this will produce poverty.
4. **Gun Control**—Remove the ability to defend themselves from the government
5. **Welfare**—Take control of every aspect (food, housing, income) of their lives because that will make them fully dependent on the government
6. **Education**—Take control of what people read and listen to and take control of what children learn in school.
7. **Religion**—Remove the belief in God from the government and schools because the people need to believe in only the government knowing what is best for the people.

The woke but godless, the arrogant but ignorant, the violent but physically unimpressive, the degreed but poorly educated, the broke but acquisitive, the ambitious but stalled—these are history’s ingredients of riot and revolution.



AG Barr: There Are Roughly 500 Active Investigations into Arson, Destruction of Property Stemming from Riots, By Chris White, *Daily Caller News Foundation*, June 25, 2020, Excerpts.



Attorney General William Barr said that the Department of Justice is conducting about 500 investigations into acts of arson and destruction associated with the protests and riots over the past several weeks. The DOJ is ramping up investigations into the activists who participated in destruction of private and public property. “We’ve had scores of indictments so far for such things as arson, destruction of federal property,” Barr said.

Barr called the ongoing violence ‘domestic terrorism’ in a press statement in May. “[T]he voices of peaceful and legitimate protests” have become “hijacked by violent and radical elements” consisting of “outside radicals and agitators” who are “exploiting the situation to pursue their own separate, violent, and extremist agenda.” the Republican attorney general said in the May 31 statement. “It is time to stop watching the violence and to confront and stop it. The continued violence and destruction of property endangers the lives and livelihoods of others, and interferes with the rights of peaceful protestors, as well as all other citizens.”

8. **Class Warfare**—Divide the people into the wealthy and the poor; eliminate the middle class. This will cause more discontent and it will be easier to tax the wealthy with the support of the poor.

A perfect parallel to the Democrat agenda which is also influenced by Saul Alinski’s *Rules for Radicals*.



Be good to your spouse, Remember, right now they could poison you and it would be counted as a covid death.



Ron Paul: Media is Lying About 'Second Wave' Of Coronavirus

"Another big lie ...", By Ron Paul, Published on June 29, 2020 By FITSNews, Submitted by Allyx Young.

For months, The Washington Post and the rest of the mainstream media kept a morbid Covid-19 "death count" on their front pages and at the top of their news broadcasts. The coronavirus outbreak was all about the number of dead. The narrative was intended to boost governors like Cuomo in New York and Whitmer in Michigan, who turned their states authoritarian under the false notion that destroying people's jobs, freedom, and lives would somehow keep a virus from doing what viruses always do: spread through a population until eventually losing strength and dying out. The "death count" was always the headline.

But all of a sudden early in June the mainstream media did a George Orwell and lectured us that it is all about "cases" and has always been all about "cases." Death, and especially infection fatality rate, were irrelevant. Why? Because from the peak in April, deaths had decreased by 90 percent and were continuing to crash. That was not terrifying enough so the media pretended this good news did not exist.

With massive increases in testing, the "case" numbers climbed. This is not rocket science: the more people you test the more "cases" you discover. Unfortunately, our mainstream media is only interested in pushing the "party line." So the good news that millions more have been exposed while the fatality rate continues to decline – meaning the virus is getting weaker – is buried under hysterical false reporting of "new cases."

Unfortunately many governors, including our own here in Texas, are incapable of resisting the endless lies of the mainstream media. They are putting Americans again through the nightmare of forced business closures, mandated face masks, and restrictions of Constitutional liberties based on false propaganda.

In Texas the "second wave" propaganda has gotten so bad that the leaders of the four major hospitals in Houston took the extraordinary step late last week of holding a joint press conference to clarify that the scare stories of Houston hospitals being overwhelmed with Covid cases are simply untrue. Dr. Marc Boom of Houston Methodist said the reporting on hospital capacity is misleading. He said, "quite frankly, we're concerned that there is a level of alarm in the community that is unwarranted right now."

In fact, there has been much reporting that the "spike" in Texas cases is not due to a resurgence of the virus but to hospital practices of Covid-testing every patient coming in for any procedure at all. If it's a positive, well that counts as a "Covid hospitalization."

Why would hospitals be so dishonest in their diagnoses? Billions of appropriated federal dollars are being funneled to facilities based on the number of "Covid cases" they can produce. As I've always said, if you subsidize something you get more of it. And that's why we are getting more Covid cases.

Let's go back to the original measurements used to scare Americans into giving up their Constitutional liberties: the daily death numbers. Even though we know hospitals have falsely attributed countless deaths to "Covid-19" that were deaths WITH instead of FROM the virus, we are seeing actual deaths steadily declining over the past month and a half. Declining deaths are not a great way to push the "second wave" propaganda, so the media and politicians have moved the goal posts and decided that only "cases" are important. It's another big lie. Resist propaganda and defend your liberty. That is the only way we'll get through this.



Jacaranda Library Outreach Program Needs Volunteers



Barbara Vaughn and Jo Ann Stapleton

The main goals of this program are to

1. Inform the public of the upcoming primary election on August 18, early voting opportunities, and vote by mail by "snowbirds" or others
2. Stress the importance of the non-partisan races for Sarasota School Board and Hospital Board and let people know which candidates are republican.
3. Collect names, addresses, and emails on clipboard.
4. Pass out information about the Republican Club of South Sarasota County.
5. Pass out literature for President Donald Trump.

For information about volunteering, contact Chris Wilson at wilsonbardo29@gmail.com.

**Venice Republicans Thank Our Police with an Italian Meal,
Submitted by Rich Mazur**



Matt Soldano, Chris Wilson, Sandy Mazur and Rich Mazur cooked a homemade Italian meal for the Venice Police Department on Monday, July 13. The meal consisting of baked ziti, a spaghetti sauce of homemade meatballs and Italian sausages, an antipasto salad, fresh Italian bread, and an assortment of Italian pastries was delivered to an appreciative staff of about 30 hungry officers. Republicans defend our brave Venice Police while Democrats want to defund our police.



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Lloyd Marcus

"Is there racism in America? Absolutely, along with every other sin in the heart of man. Is there enough racism to stop anyone from achieving their American Dream? Absolutely not. America is the greatest land of opportunity on the planet for everyone who chooses to go for it. Anything else promoted by fake news media, democrats and Leftist Hollywood is a lie. Pure and simple."

IN MEMORIAM

Lloyd Marcus: Oct 1948-Jul 2010

Tea party icon and conservative activist, Lloyd Marcus, who called himself "the unhyphenated American," passed away on Friday, July 25. Anyone who attended tea party events will remember him singing his patriotic songs. He attended over 400 tea party rallies on 12 national bus tours.