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Join us on Thursday, August 15, 2024, at 11:30 a.m.
 for a special presentation by

BRAD DACUS



President & Founder, Pacific Justice Institute

***** BLUE PHEASANT *****

22100 Stevens Creek Blvd.
 Cupertino CA

11:30am - Check In
12:00pm - Call to Order

***** Cost of Program: \$32 *****

*Includes a delicious lunch, coffee or iced tea
 (tax & gratuity also included)*

MENU OPTIONS:

Bay Shrimp Louie Salad

Assorted fresh greens, bay shrimp, hard-boiled egg, tomato, and Louie dressing

Bunker Cheeseburger

Cheeseburger with bacon, grilled onions, lettuce and tomatoes on a sesame seed bun

London Broil

*Tender strips of London broil topped with sautéed mushrooms, served au jus
 With potato & fresh vegetables*

Important: Please RSVP by Monday, August 5th, 2024.

Call Grace at (408) 499-1695 with your lunch selection

Please mail a check (or pay at the door) for \$32 (payable to **West Valley RWF**) to:

Grace Russo
 2393 Karen Dr. #3
 Santa Clara, CA. 95050



NOTE: Upon check in, attendees will each receive a free ticket for a drawing for a special prize valued at \$220. Additional tickets will be available for purchase.



Please note, we cannot issue any refunds after August 5th.

ROBIN McCARTHY
West Valley RWF President



The Dog Days of Summer

I like to start each day with an invigorating two-mile walk with my dogs. Everything is fresh and new, and I have time to think about the day ahead while I soak up some valuable vitamin D. My dogs, Bailey and Bella, both love the walk too. Usually that is. These days of hot summer weather I find it strangely difficult to persuade them to join me. Usually, they push me aside and run for their leashes, but when it's hot, even in the early morning, they sort of lazily look at me, as if to say, "really, it's not happening today". When we finally get going after much cajoling, my sweet Bella often just stops. Right in the middle of the road. I check her paws for stickers, look to see if there is some reason this 100lbs of love cannot move. But no, she just doesn't like the heat. I can't help but agree with her, this is truly the Dog Days of Summer. And then I wonder, where did that saying come from?

It turns out the phrase originated in ancient Rome, referring to a period of hot humid weather that begins in early July and ends in mid-August in the Northern Hemisphere. The literal phrase is "Latin dies caniculares", which means "dog star days". Dog star refers to Sirius, the brightest star in the constellation Canis Major. Historically, this period has been associated with drought, monsoons, fever, lethargy, mad dogs, and bad luck. Whew! No wonder I do not like it!

But why do I feel more oppressed by this season this year? Well, for one thing, even though it is quite common to experience high temperatures here in sunny California, this year the weather service has issued more extreme heat warnings than I can recall. In my area, we are accustomed to the warnings when temperatures climbed up to 100°. Now we're receiving these warnings when we reach the 90's. I'm sure this has nothing to do with climate change enthusiasts...

Then, in July, one of the scariest moments happened on July 13, with the assassination attempt of Donald J. Trump. That was a wake-up call for many, and still, so many unanswered questions. Directly following this horrific event was the Republican National Convention. Oh, the pride I felt in the unity of our party! I was on cloud nine for a few days for sure, reveling in the hope of a bright future for all Americans. In the frenzied wake of that event, we were quickly re-directed to the news that our current White House occupant will not seek re-election. Okay, that's not such a surprise, but what is a surprise, is that the Democratic party seems to have "chosen" his replacement already. Could it be, the democrats are bypassing the democratic process? We have not even made it to the Democratic National Convention yet! So, what will August bring? I am thinking Dog Days of Summer and Hot August Nights for sure.

But this season will give way to Autumn, with changing leaves, cooler temperatures, and great harvests of pumpkins and zucchini, and no doubt, more zucchini bread than any person can consume. And with that change, **THE MOST IMPORTANT** election of our lifetime. Stay strong my friends, change is indeed coming.



ABOUT THE SPEAKER

August 15, 2024

BRAD DACUS



*President & Founder,
Pacific Justice Institute*

In 1997, six years after earning his JD from the University of Texas at Austin, Brad Dacus founded the Pacific Justice Institute (PJI). This non-profit 501(c)(3) legal organization has a network of over 1,000 volunteer affiliate attorneys defending parental rights, religious freedom and other civil liberties, all without charge.

Brad Dacus has testified before the U.S. House of Representatives in Washington, D.C., and before the California State Legislature. Today, he visits and speaks across the United States at many conferences, conventions, graduations and churches.

CATCH BRAD ON TV AND RADIO

- Watch “Faith and Law” on networks and streaming platforms across the country.
- Watch “Brad Dacus Live”, Monday through Thursday on hischannel.com.
- Listen to “The Dacus Report” and “The Legal Edge” radio programs.

TO RSVP

To sign up for this special event, check for details in our August 2024 newsletter. We encourage you to invite your family and friends to hear this popular speaker!

NOTE: This August meeting we are making a big push for new members! Please do your best to reach out to your Republican friends, family and neighbors to bring to this meeting. They will not be disappointed in the opportunity to hear from this nationally known and respected speaker.

THE KAMALA BUBBLE

Congressman Kevin Kiley

In recent days, Kamala Harris has been the subject of fawning media coverage following her undemocratic coronation as the Democrat nominee. Just as we burst the Newsom bubble, giving him a new nickname – [Mr. Irrelevant](#) – so too we can, and must, with Kamala.

Newsom, as he angles for a Cabinet post, is clutching for relevance however he can. He just [threatened to ban](#) a parody video critical of Kamala, which would obviously violate the 1st Amendment. Not that this matters to Newsom, who once tried to ban COVID “misinformation.”

Newsom also tried to take credit for our homelessness victory at the Supreme Court, with a statewide “order” dismantling encampments. Yet he’s still vainly opposing our End 47 initiative; Politico reports the initiative will “dominate the political attention of Californians this year.”

But back to Kamala. Forbes is calling my Floor Speech an “Epic Takedown,” but really it’s just a recitation of the basic facts. You can [watch and share the video here](#), and you can [see here](#) my detailed post on how Kamala is as responsible as anyone for the rampant crime in California.

Perhaps worst of all, Kamala said that rape, human trafficking, domestic violence, and a [whole list](#) of other heinous offense are “non-violent” crimes. As Attorney General, she made this claim on the ballot itself to deceive voters into releasing tens of thousands of criminals early.

(In other news: the FBI has recanted Director Wray’s [unbelievable testimony](#) in response to my questioning last week, in which he cast doubt on whether President Trump was actually struck by a bullet. The FBI’s official statement acknowledges that he was.)

Ultimately, as I said [on Newsmax](#), our battles against Kamala and Newsom are one and the same. They both ruined San Francisco and then sent California into a sharp decline. They’ll do the same to our country if they fail up again.

**Sign up below to get my direct updates on our fight to stop Kamala and Newsom*

<https://blog.electkevinkiley.com>

EXECUTIVE NEWS SUMMARY

BELOW THE FOLD

Patriotpost.us – August 1, 2024

SECURITY

- **Russia-U.S. prisoner swap frees Gershkovich and Whelan:** The U.S. and Russia have agreed to a [prisoner swap](#) that will send Wall Street Journal reporter [Evan Gershkovich](#), whom a Russian court had just sentenced to 16 years in prison, and former U.S. Marine [Paul Whelan](#) back to the U.S. It is being reported as the [biggest swap of political prisoners](#) since the Cold War. According to [The Wall Street Journal](#), “The sweeping deal involved 24 prisoners and at least six countries, and came together after months of negotiations at the highest levels of governments in the U.S., Russia and Germany, whose prisoner, Russian hit man Vadim Krasikov, emerged as the linchpin to the arrangement.” The good news for Gershkovich and Whelan is that they will soon be back home with their families.
- **Iran orders attack against Israel:** In the wake of Israel’s righteous and deadly [retaliatory strikes](#) against its terrorist enemies — including a particularly bold one in Tehran that killed Hamas political leader Ismail Haniyeh — Iran’s supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, is calling for his country to strike back at Israel directly. As The New York Times [reports](#), “Khamenei gave the order at an emergency meeting of Iran’s Supreme National Security Council on Wednesday morning, shortly after Iran announced that Mr. Haniyeh had been killed.” The nature of the ayatollah-ordered strike is unknown, but Iran is again walking a tightrope between measured response and all-out war. Joining Haniyeh in paradise are Hezbollah senior military commander Fuad Shukur, who was eliminated in the Lebanese capital of Beirut, and Muhammad Deif, the “Osama bin Laden of Gaza,” whom the Israel Defense Forces [confirmed](#) was taken out in a July 13 strike in southern Gaza.
- **No death penalty for 9/11 mastermind:** It’s said that punishment doesn’t tend to deter unless it’s both swift and severe, and neither is the case concerning Khalid Shaikh Mohammad. As CBS News [reports](#), “The alleged architect of [the 9/11 attacks] has reached a plea deal, according to the Department of Defense, along with two of his alleged accomplices.” KSM, Walid Muhammad Salih Mubarak Bin ‘Attash, and Mustafa Ahmed Adam al Hawsawi were all captured in 2003, “but their cases have faced years of legal delays over whether the evidence extracted during their interrogations was admissible in court.” [According to](#) The New York Times, the trio of cutthroats “have agreed to plead guilty to conspiracy and murder charges in exchange for a life sentence rather than a death-penalty trial at Guantánamo Bay, Cuba. ... Prosecutors said the deal was meant to bring some ‘finality and justice’ to the case.” We wonder, though: How do the families of the nearly 3,000 Americans who died there in Manhattan and at the Pentagon and in that field in Shanksville feel about this “finality and justice”?
- **Chilling new footage from July 13 sniper victim:** James Copenhaver nearly lost his life on July 13 when he was gravely wounded by Thomas Crooks during the Trump assassination attempt. And now, thanks to cellphone video he took during the minutes just before the attack, we can see what things looked like from his perspective. Chillingly, [the footage](#), which cuts off just before the shooting began, shows the assassin scurrying across the roof in plain view to the naked eye. Trump is speaking, and he’s completely unaware of the threat that’s unfolding. But how could Crooks’s movement have been missed? Indeed, the footage presents us with yet another stunning example of the [catastrophic failure](#) of the Secret Service that day.
- **MIA KAMALA:** If it worked for Joe Biden, then why not for Kamala Harris? A week and a half ago, Democrat leadership anointed Harris as their presumed presidential nominee. Since then, the Leftmedia has been schilling for Harris as if she were Franklin Delano Roosevelt risen from the grave. Yet despite all this positive near-fanboy media coverage and gaslighting of her abysmal past record, Harris [has yet to hold](#) an unscripted press conference. While she has been on the campaign trail, she has avoided interviews. And yesterday, Harris avoided making a showing at the National Association of Black Journalists, where Donald Trump did make a showing and fielded questions from hostile leftist journalists. Of course, this is a strategic move by Harris’s team to protect her from being exposed for her radical policy positions, her long history of flip-flopping on a wide array of issues, her disastrous record as border czar, and her vacuous ramblings. It will be interesting to see how long Harris goes without holding a press conference. But don’t expect to hear any objections from the mainstream media.

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IMMIGRATION

- Illegal Jordanian migrants who “tried to breach” Quantico base allowed to walk free after posting bail ([NY Post](#))
- Illegal migrant who shot Texas cop was set to be deported, but a judge gave him until 2026 to roam the country ([Not the Bee](#))
- Illegal immigrant accused of running over Virginia grandma with her own car ([Not the Bee](#))

ECONOMY

- Powell says September rate cut “on the table” if inflation data continues to cool ([CNBC](#))
- Bidenflation finally takes a bite out of McDonald’s ([PJ Media](#))
- Delta CEO says CrowdStrike-Microsoft outage cost the airline \$500 million ([CNBC](#))
- Boeing taps a new CEO to correct its course ([Morning Brew](#))



EARLY BIRD PRICING ENDS ON AUGUST 5th!!!

Friday begins with the movie “Reagan” starring Dennis Quaid. In the afternoon, the Leadership Institute offers us excellent **Patriots’ GET OUT THE VOTE training**. Friday night reception features **Ken Khachigian**, author of “**Behind Closed Doors: In the Room with Reagan & Nixon**”.

Saturday Speakers include **Susan Shelley**, . columnist and editorial board member of the Southern California News Group overseeing 11 daily newspapers. She will be speaking on "The Persecution of Donald Trump". Also appearing on Saturday, **Tom Del Beccaro**, Author, Speaker, Columnist, Radio/TV Commentator and Historian. Tom can speak on any political topic and will introduce his new book "The Lessons of The American Civilization".

SAVE \$50 BY REGISTERING BEFORE AUGUST 5th !!!

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UPCOMING EVENTS
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All lunch meetings: Check-in 11:30am and Adjourn 1:30pm

- August 7 West Valley RWF BOD Meeting, 10:00am, Holder's Cupertino
- August 15 West Valley RWF **Special Meeting w/Brad Dacus**, Founder, Pacific Justice Institute. **Bring Guests**, especially those interested in joining us in membership!
- September 2 **Labor Day**
- September 4 West Valley RWF BOD Meeting, 10:00am, Holder's Cupertino
- September 6-7 **CFRW BOD & Conference**, DoubleTree by Hilton, Bakersfield, CA
- September 19 West Valley RWF General Meeting w/**Gloria Hom** and **Loren Spivak**

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