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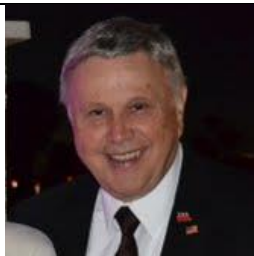
### THOUSANDS CHEER TRUMP REMARKS AT CPAC 2022 IN ORLANDO

By Space Coast Tusk Editor Stuart Gorin

#### FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK: MY TWO CENTS

By Stuart Gorin

We must congratulate President Biden for his major accomplishment that no one else has been able to obtain in many years. He has brought together Independents and moderate Democrats to join with Republicans – all in OPPOSITION to his proposals.  
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After not hearing from America's "favorite scientist" – Dr. Anthony Fauci – for a while, he came back on March 18 with a vengeance – declaring on TV that there will be "more lockdowns" if Covid spreads again. Leave it to Dagen McDowell on Fox News' "The Five" to come up with a perfect description of Fauci – "a power-hungry pipsqueak."  
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While seating in the House chamber for the State of the Union address was limited due to ongoing Covid restrictions, there still was room. West Virginia Democrat Senator Joe Manchin chose to cross the aisle for the event -- moving from the Democrat side to the Republican one and joining Utah Senator Mitt Romney and Mississippi Senator Roger Wicker. The show of bipartisanship came amid tension with Manchin's party and with the President over Russia's invasion of Ukraine and his refusing to ban the importation of Russian oil.  
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It was all a satirical joke, but it made the rounds at the China Olympics. The report was that the U.S. men's 4-member bobsled team – dressed in stars and stripes – had a small label named "Biden" on the sled – because "nothing has taken America downhill faster."  
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A sold-out audience of thousands of enthusiastic attendees of CPAC (Conservative Political Action Conference) 2022 in Orlando at the end of February, cheered **Donald Trump**, our 45<sup>th</sup> President, as he delivered the keynote address, speaking about his administration's successes, the problems brought about by the Biden Administration, and his promise to bring back America "stronger than ever before."



Trump stressed that during his four-years in office, no country in the world was attacked by another, and no members of the U.S. military lost their lives. "Under Bush," he said, "Russia invaded Georgia. Under, Obama, Russia took Crimea. Under Biden, Russian invaded Ukraine. I stand as the only president of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century on whose watch Russia did not invade another country."

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One really cannot count on the CDC to be honest about the coronavirus and how to treat it. After all, what does the organization's initials REALLY stand for? How about the CLANDESTINE DEPARTMENT of CORRUPTION?

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A reader sent me the following translation from a Prague newspaper of an excellent analysis of the situation in America as seen through eyes in the Czech Republic:

"The danger to America is not Joe Biden, but a citizenry capable of entrusting a man like him with the Presidency. It will be far easier to limit and undo the follies of a Biden presidency than to restore the necessary common sense and good judgment to a depraved electorate willing to have such a man for their president. The problem is much deeper and far more serious than Mr. Biden, who is a mere symptom of what ails America. Blaming the prince of the fools should not blind anyone to the vast confederacy of fools that made him their prince. The Republic can survive a Biden, who is, after all, merely a fool. It is less likely to survive a multitude of fools, such as those who made him their president."

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More Two Cents Next Month.

Hammering President Biden, on whose watch Russia has invaded Ukraine, and 13 members of the U.S. military were killed during the botched U.S. departure from Afghanistan, Trump said "You could take the five worst presidents in American history and put them together, and they would not have done the damage that Joe Biden and his administration has done in just a very short 13 months."

He said Biden has turned "calm into chaos, competence into incompetence, stability into anarchy, and security into catastrophe. As everyone understands, this horrific disaster would never have happened if our election was not rigged, and if I was the president."

While still not formally announcing a third White House bid, Trump did promise to return the nation to the "great again" status achieved during his administration. He still remains CPAC's top choice to run again in 2024. An unofficial straw poll of 55 percent of CPAC attendees – announced at the end of the conference – favored Trump running again. Popular Florida Governor Ron DeSantis came in second with 28 percent of the vote, and all other Republicans on the list were in single digits.

Trump's speech also blasted the Biden administration for rising crime in the country, its support of "woke" left-wing racism, and its federal funding of schools that teach critical race theory. He also promised to defend the rights of parents in the public education system, and with victory in 2022 should launch a special committee to investigate Big Tech over the censorship of the Hunter Biden laptop story and the \$417 million spent by Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg to

influence local elections. He also pledged to finish the southern border wall "very quickly, in a matter of weeks."

He warned that the integrity of the 2022 and 2024 elections will be in question unless the 2020 presidential election is fully investigated., and he called for new reforms that would block expanding the Supreme Court, which some Democrats support, but said he has been disappointed in how the High Court has ruled and suggested perhaps the Republicans should add seats.

Regarding Ukraine, Trump said he is a strong supporter of the country, and he argued that sanctions against Russia are not a strong enough deterrent. His comments on Ukraine veered from calling the invasion by Russia "appalling," a "catastrophic disaster" and a "travesty and assault on humanity" to declaring that "the Biden administration cares more about helping citizens of a distant foreign nation than it does about our own citizens."

Referring to illegal immigration on the U.S. Southern border, Trump also said, "I believe Americans deserve a president who will stop the invasion of our country." He added that it is "interesting that so many Democrat politicians in Washington seem to be rushing to the microphones to declare that Ukraine's borders are sacred.... even while they destroy our own borders and surrender our own sovereignty."

Following are brief synopses of remarks by just a few of the several dozen other speakers during the four-day CPAC event.



**Florida Governor Ron DeSantis**, in his speech, lashed out against national Democrats, COVID-19 restrictions and other attacks on freedom, fueling speculation about a potential 2024 presidential bid. His speech, in essence, was a rundown of the grievances and political victories that have helped make DeSantis a conservative superstar, both in Florida and nationally.

He mentioned rejecting the use of vaccine mandates and received a standing ovation after saying that Florida has banned the teaching of critical race theory in schools. DeSantis also criticized critical race theory, and said, "We are not going to teach our children to hate themselves and hate each other." He took aim at President Biden, whom he claimed, "hates Florida," and several shots at Anthony Fauci, Biden's chief medical adviser, saying he "refused to let this state descend into some kind of Faucian dystopia."

**Florida Republican Senator Rick Scott** lambasted the "militant left" in his CPAC address and exalted his new 11-point plan as the Republican Party's best defense against an "enemy within." He portrayed America as a nation under siege by socialist actors – media, academia and Hollywood, among others.





Those actors, Scott warned, “still want more.” He said they are “plotting to redefine government and silence conservatives. They’re also seeking to destroy religious liberty, gender identity and capitalism. They want to end the American experiment.”

The blueprint for Scott’s 11-point plan calls for a dramatic federal intervention. It also capitalizes on the culture war and rising political tensions.

Here are the 11 points in his Rescue America Plan: 1) Our kids will say the pledge of allegiance, salute the Flag, learn that America is a great country, and choose the school that best fits them. 2) Government will never again ask American citizens to disclose their race, ethnicity, or skin color on any government forms. 3) The soft-on-crime days of coddling criminal behavior will end. We will re-fund and respect the police. 4) We will secure our border, finish building the wall, and name it after President Donald Trump. 5) We will grow America’s economy, starve Washington’s economy, and stop Socialism. 6) We will eliminate all federal programs that can be done locally and enact term limits for federal bureaucrats and Congress. 7) We will protect the integrity of American Democracy and stop left-wing efforts to rig elections. 8) We will protect, defend, and promote the American Family at all costs. 9) Men are men, women are women, and unborn babies are babies. 10) Americans will be free to welcome God into all aspects of our lives. And 11) We are Americans, not globalists.



**Florida Senator Marco Rubio** warned the CPAC Audience about the advance of Marxism in America, and he attacked “cancel culture,” COVID-19 mandates and left-wing school curricula, arguing it would result in a significant loss of freedom in the U.S. unless the public rebels against it.

“I believe there are a lot of people in this country influenced by Marxism that don’t even realize it,” he said, “and it’s infused every aspect of our lives and of our society.”

Rubio has remained focused on his top Senate role on the intelligence panel and his quest for a third term.

He drew a comparison between left-wing speech codes and rewriting of school curricula with the communist Cuban regime that forced his parents to flee the country for the U.S. decades ago.

“Now imagine you’re living in a country and some of the same things seem to be happening again,” Rubio said. “Now

your kids are being told in schools things about history, about society and about our country that simply are untrue.”



**Texas Senator Ted Cruz** called on the CPAC attendees to “fight power, fight big government, fight big tech.” And do not ever apologize to the Woke mob, he said, “It doesn’t work.” Cruz said.

“The Chinese communists and Elizabeth Warren both want to control you,” Cruz said. “Your assets, your savings, your speech, your life, your children, every decision they want to control, and so we need to break up the means of controlling the citizenry.”

He also blamed Joe Biden for Russia’s invasion of Ukraine and made it clear that the Russian president did not invade any country while Donald Trump was in office. Biden “immediately projected weakness” once he took office, Cruz added. Unfortunately, he said, the Biden White House made a political decision to surrender to Russia and surrender to Putin.”

Former **Secretary of State Mike Pompeo** told the attendees, “You should know that we defended the border, protecting American sovereignty. We built the Wall. We changed the course of history. If you want to come to America, the greatest nation in history sounds great. Then go back and wait.



“We provided security for the United States. We protected every human life. I couldn’t be more proud of the fact that when I came into being Secretary of State, your money that was being paid in American taxes is going to foreign countries being used to promote abortion around the world,” he said.

Pompeo said he has watched people who didn’t even know where their school board meetings were being held saying, “I am going to run for School Board.” He added that he has watched people sacrifice so much to go fight for what matters in City Council races and County Commission races, and for District Attorneys. “Let’s be in the fight. Let’s never give an inch. Let’s never compromise. Clearly speak to America, and say humbly but boldly, “This is the greatest nation in civilization, and it’s not going to change on my watch.”



In his CPAC remarks, veteran Republican diplomat **Ric Grenell** blamed President Biden for Russia’s invasion of Ukraine. Grenell, who previously served as U.S. ambassador to Germany and later acting Director of National Intelligence, said that Biden emboldened Russian President Vladimir Putin because he failed to use the toughest diplomatic and

economic sanctions at his disposal to deter Moscow before the invasion of Ukraine commenced.

“President Biden told us that he was going to bring diplomacy back. Instead, it’s on its back. We desperately need new, creative, visionary diplomacy – muscular diplomacy to secure meaningful peace when a conflict arises,” he said. “Is American diplomacy working?,” he asked the CPAC audience. “Europe has seen its borders rewritten this week under Joe Biden – and in 2014 when Barack Obama was president. And yet, the Left continues to mock the successful America First diplomatic strategy.”

Grnell said U.S. diplomacy under Trump was competent, effective, and unappreciated, if not outright slandered by Democrats and a compliant media that did not give the former president the credit he deserved for his successes.” He added, “They pretend that Donald Trump’s unpredictability was harmful. Well, I saw firsthand that having a president putting the American people first and calling out the Germans for their hypocrisy and not telling our enemies what our strategy is – that made America and Europe safer.”

**Sebastian Gorka**, former Deputy Assistant to President Trump and a military and intelligence analyst, said the biggest threat America faces today is a lack of courage, and the Hungarian-American added that “we must fight for our country and all those who value freedom.”



We have the “greatest nation on God’s green earth,” and this is the time for courage, he added. Gorka pointed out that unelected bureaucrats shut down our economy over the coronavirus pandemic, “and we just let them.” He said that “We are the last hope of humanity.” Gorka pointed out proudly that he is a free man because his Dad was liberated in Hungary in 1956.

**National Rifle Association Executive Vice President Wayne La Pierre** said that the liberal media can “keep hating” him, but he is still standing “unapologetic and unflinching in defense of our individual freedom.” NRA’s nearly five million members and America’s 100 million gun owners “will not back down – not now, not ever,” he said.



La Pierre added, “The Second Amendment is not just words on a parchment, It’s not some frivolous suggestion from our Founding Fathers to be interpreted by whim. It lies at the heart of what this country was founded upon. Our Founding Fathers knew that without Second Amendment freedom, all of our freedoms could be in jeopardy.” He said, “Our individual liberty is the very essence of America. It is what makes America unique. If you aren’t free to protect yourself – when government puts its thumb on

that freedom – then you aren’t free at all.”

LaPierre also said that “we want criminals with guns prosecuted and incarcerated. We want the federal gun laws on the books right now enforced against felons with guns, drug dealers with guns, and gangs with guns. If they’d do that, those violent criminals wouldn’t be on their way to the next crime. They’d be in prison.” Explaining that we want our children to be safe and protected, La Pierre said that is why NRA has proposed that there be trained police and security officers in every school.

Former **Democrat Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard** of Hawaii, who has been vocal in recent months against Biden administration policies and invited to speak at CPAC, said she was going to talk about “the need for us to actually treat each other with respect and end this tribalism and divisiveness that’s tearing us apart.” Gabbard has blamed Biden and the NATO allies for provoking a war with Russia by not declaring that Ukraine would never be a NATO member. Had that demand been met, she said, then Vladimir Putin would not have attempted to take back territory that he has long wanted to annex.



“The fact that we’re seeing things play out as they are should not be of any surprise to anyone,” Gabbard said, “because again Putin has been clear for years that this has been the red line.” The main part of her remarks was the takedown of the so-called “power elite,” who, she said, “think free speech is something that should only be left to those who agree with them. The latest strategy and tactic that they’re using is to try to undermine our free speech by taking it upon themselves to say they’ve got the responsibility to protect us from so called ‘misinformation’”.

Gabbard added, “So basically, they’re saying that they are going to protect us from that which they claim is not true.”

She said the left uses “emergencies” and “times of war” to enlarge the security state and further erode American liberty and fundamental rights. Gabbard also said the PATRIOT Act and the response to COVID-19 are both examples of the government working with Big Tech to cancel and censor what it calls “misinformation,” which she says is happening again in response to the Russian invasion of Ukraine. The former Congresswoman accused the leaders of the U.S. government of “working with their mouthpieces – the mainstream media and big tech – doing exactly what our Founders rejected.”

She said she’s still a Democrat, despite embracing culture war issues popular among the right and criticizing President Joe Biden on foreign policy. As a four-term congresswoman from Hawaii and an Iraq war veteran, she demanded that then-President Barack Obama use the word “radical Islam” when talking terrorism. She also bucked her party in 2016 by endorsing Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders over Hillary Clinton.





Criticizing the Biden Administration, **South Dakota Governor Kristi Noem** said a strong American president would “restart and expedite the Keystone XL Pipeline; re-open federal lands to drilling and oil and natural gas exploration and revoke the bans on oil and gas leases in the Outer Continental Shelf; sign an executive

order to cut regulations on domestic energy production and its transport to American and European markets; work with European allies and partners to replace their supply of Russian energy with American energy; hit Putin where it actually hurts: by enacting heavy sanctions on the Russian energy sector; and lead NATO and other Western allies to cut Russia off from the Western economy, banking, financial systems – including SWIFT.”

She added, “If Joe Biden can’t or won’t do all of those things, he should resign immediately before his weak leadership and poor decision-making drag America into another needless war.” Sadly, Noem said, “Almost every major institution in our society today has been compromised against common-sense, truth, and freedom: The Democrat Party and their allies in big tech, Hollywood, and the media.” She said that as Governor, she believed the best way to fight a danger to our country was through an informed and free American people who made decisions for themselves. “I refused to use unconstitutional powers,” Noem said. “We never issued mask mandates. We didn’t mandate vaccines. We never kept anybody from going to church. We kept kids in the classroom. I did not arrest, ticket, or fine a single individual for exercising their basic rights. South Dakota was the ONLY state that never even defined what an ‘essential business’ was.”

Noting that the Left divides people, while Conservatives unite, she said, “The Left crushes free speech. Conservatives celebrate free expression. The Left says America is racist and evil. Conservatives know America is not the sum of her past mistakes.”



**LET ME BE FRANK**  
**By Space Coast Tusk Designer**  
**Frank Montelione**

If we sit back and allow him to take that small area of the world, he won’t advance any further. If we don’t antagonize the monster under the bed, he won’t come out and eat us. If he only has a minor incursion, he will be satisfied.

Is this Neville Chamberlain or Joe Biden? Are we referencing Hitler or Putin?

In the days leading up to World War II, Neville Chamberlain was reluctant to challenge Nazi Germany and Adolph Hitler.

In an attempt to avoid a world-wide conflict in which Britain

was not prepared to engage, Chamberlain and his government decided to go down the path of appeasement. When Hitler annexed Austria, the governments of the west did nothing. When Hitler invaded the Sudetenland, the area of Czechoslovakia that was occupied by German speaking people, the west thought Hitler would be satisfied and stop there. When he invaded Poland, the west hoped that would be the end of Hitler’s grand vision to reunite all Aryans under the Nazi flag.

History showed that it was only a bid to buy time to rearm and defend the homeland. There was debate as to whether this was a good move allowing Britain and France to be able to stop Hitler. While they geared up to confront the Nazis, the population of the annexed countries and territories suffered greatly under German control. As Hitler considered the weakness of the western governments, he became more emboldened to continue his Lebensraum eastward, eventually invading Russia and westward defeating France.

Fast forward to recent world events.

First there was Chechnya, and the world did nothing. Then came Georgia. Russia, under Putin, annexed two areas of Georgia, and the world did nothing. Crimea soon followed and was annexed by Putin’s Russian



Federation. Again, the world stood by and allowed this to happen without confronting Putin. Emboldened by these two relatively easy victories, Putin revised history and his propaganda machine convinced many

in Russia that Ukraine was a threat and needed to be rescued and become a part of the Russian Federation. Putin and Russia’s influence can be seen in Syria. The Russian Federation has been, in the past and currently, moving to take control of a great part of the North Pole, stating that the area has great influence needed by Russia. Putin smelled victory, assuming that, once again, the world would do nothing.

What contributed to his decision?

Biden’s administration has shown a weakness to confront our enemies. The debacle of Biden’s botched Afghanistan withdrawal and the quick takeover of the country by the Taliban showed how inadequate this administration is when confronted by our adversaries.

Decisions to slow walk arming Ukraine further bolstered Putin’s decision to invade a sovereign country. In January 2022, during a long and rambling “press conference,” Joe Biden further encouraged Putin’s ambitions by saying Russia would face “minor” consequences if they restrained themselves to a “minor” invasion of Ukraine.

Philosopher George Santayana famously said, “Those who do not learn history are doomed to repeat it.” Neville Chamberlain feared antagonizing Hitler and only delayed a

war while allowing much of Europe to fall under a madman's influence and control. Today we often hear that certain weapon, such as Mig fighters from Poland, would antagonize Putin. We still have many sanctions that the West can impose but the fear of antagonizing Putin weighs heavily in the decision as to whether or not to employ them.


Are we "not learning history"? Are we only delaying the inevitable or can we avoid the pitfalls of Chamberlain and stand up to the bully in the neighborhood by confronting him now?

The world has not seen such a madman in control of a vast array of weapons since Hitler, Stalin, and Japan's Tojo.

Avoiding World War III is of paramount importance, but at what cost? The answer to that is above my paygrade, but stopping Putin is a must.

If you would like to aide Ukraine by donating to the various foundations doing just that, may I suggest using the Knights of Columbus Charities. They distribute 100% of all monies donated directly and immediately to Ukraine. You can access this effort at [Our Charity – Making a Difference | Knights of Columbus \(kofc.org\)](https://www.kofc.org).

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**THE BREC CORNER**  
**By Chairman Rick Lacey**

There was no scheduled meeting of the Brevard Republican Executive Committee in March, but that does not mean we were not busy.

Special thanks to all the BREC volunteers and committee members who helped elect **Pete Filiberto** to the Palm Bay City Council in the March 8 special election.

As you know, this was an uphill battle from the beginning. Palm Bay City Council is not only controlled by the Democrats, but they have a voter registration advantage as well.

Congratulations goes to Filiberto as a candidate, but also to the team that put together an amazing campaign. This team headed by **Kim Adkinson, Kathy Meehan** and **Norace Lindsay** established an 8-week effort that included 2 targeted mailings, thousands of phone calls, two months of door-to-door canvassing, an election day robotext get out to vote project, and for the first time ever, dawn to dusk poll coverage at 16 Palm Bay Precincts.

Here are the results:

Agarie	923
Backus	548
Filiberto	6408
Moore	4646

Pete Filiberto won a 4-way race with over 51 percent of the vote.

WORKING TOGETHER-GETTING RESULTS! Now it's onto November 2022 and a HUGE Red Wave for Brevard and Florida.

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For our April 13 meeting, we have a new location, one that will be closer to attend for our members who live Beachside and in the southern portion of Brevard County. We will meet at the Space Coast Association of Realtors Building, 2950 Pineda Plaza Way, Melbourne. Doors will open at 6:30 pm, and the meeting will start at 7 pm.



**Jill Gentis, President**  
**Brevard Federated Republican WOMEN**

Our guest speaker at the March 2 meeting of the Brevard Federated Republican Women's luncheon was **Lt. Colonel Frances Presley Rice**, who rose from abject poverty to become an attorney

and one of America's top 100 Black Business and Professional Women and chairman of the National Black Republican Association.

She is an American woman of courage and a Republican Woman with a fierce heart. She has studied black history since the beginning of the civil rights movement in the 1960's and believes that real conversation and constructive thinking about race is important to overcoming the popular narratives that foster racial division. In her object research and experience, Lt. Colonel Rice believes that all Americans elieve in equality of opportunity and not equality of outcomes.



"Over the years," she said, "I've realized the American Dream, thanks to the freedoms we enjoy in America, the greatest nation on the face of our planet. Our Constitution guarantees us individual liberties and equal opportunities, but not equal outcomes. The level of success each of us achieves is in our own hands. Not everyone starts out in life under equal circumstances...Life is about choices. We can choose to be champions, striving for success, while delaying gratification. Or we can choose to be victims, blaming others for our failures, while seeking instant gratification."

Lt. Colonel Rice believes that knowledge is power, and that education is the key to success and fulfillment that she learned by taking advantage of opportunities available only in America. An important step to promote knowledge and equality is support for school choice for all students.

She also firmly believes that the Critical Race Theory (CRT) movement in our schools does a huge injustice to black history and black Americans; perpetuates the false notion that all white people are inherently oppressors, and all black people are perpetually oppressed; and completely ignores many of the tremendous accomplishments and contributions made by black Americans. Critical Race Theory, she added, is a racist

movement that is threatening to take over our schools, our history, our culture and our country.

**Ashley Hall**, the Brevard Chair of Moms for Liberty - Brevard Chapter, will be our guest speaker on April 6. Ashley will be talking about how we can save our children's futures by having a stake in the education system. For reservations, please contact me at 773-896-8616. Reservations are due by Friday, April 1 at noon.

## AUDACITY AND IDOCY

--Oleg Matveychev, a member of the Russian parliament known as "the Kremlin's spin doctor," is "demanding" that because of the sanctions imposed due to the Ukraine war, that the United States give the state of Alaska back to Russia as part of the "reparations" that will be required. Russia reportedly built a settlement in Alaska in 1784 to trade furs but sold it all to the U.S. in 1867 for \$7.2 million.

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--After President Biden's rambling, hour-long State of the Union speech failed to honor or even mention the 13 service members who were killed during the botched evacuation of Afghanistan, his press secretary, Jen Psaki, explained that there "just wasn't enough time" to do so. She added, "A speech like the State of the Union is hugely important. It doesn't have the time to touch on everything that is a priority." Priority? Apparently 13 lives are not.

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--Vice President Kamala Harris, for her "intelligent" comments on the Ukraine crisis during a "Morning Hustle" radio interview, in which she explained that "Ukraine is a country in Europe. It exists next to another country called Russia. Russia is a bigger country. Russia decided to invade a smaller country called Ukraine, so basically that's wrong."

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--Julien Barbier, chief executive of the Holbertson School in Tulsa, Oklahoma - which specializes in teaching advanced computer science skills - for rejecting a scholarship donation from former First Lady Melania Trump, who has focused her attention on America's children. She said she was "disappointed, but not surprised" by the move, and that helping children "shouldn't be political, and everyone should set aside their differences in order to support them."

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RINO Utah Senator Willard "Mittens" Romney joined his Democrat colleagues on the Health, Labor, Education and Pensions Committee to approve a rule that retains a mask mandate for two-year-olds involved in the federal Head Start Program, which promotes school readiness for children from low income families. Other Republicans on the committee were unsuccessful in preventing the measure from passing.

## YOU CAN'T MAKE THIS UP



--The "New York Times" provided this "gem": "It is believed that U.S. intelligence officials obtained classified reports on Russia's troop build-up around Ukraine over the last three months, which the Biden administration shared with China in hopes of gaining Xi Jinping's support to thwart Putin. However, Biden's efforts for alliance backfired as Chinese officials forwarded the same to Moscow, leading up to Russia's invasion of Ukraine on February 23, 2022. Joe Biden and his administration are now being vehemently criticized for poor diplomatic foresight. Meanwhile, the POTUS himself left the White House to attend a family event in Delaware, amid growing demands for U.S. military intervention in Ukraine."

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--So why did Russia invade Ukraine? Leave it to the Democratic Socialists of America (DSA) - an organization that includes in its membership New York Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio Cortez and Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders - to blame the United States and NATO's "imperialist expansion" for helping to trigger the move. The DSA also said, "While the failures of neoliberal order are clear to everyone, the ruling class is trying to build a new world, through a dystopic transition grounded in militarism, imperialism, and war. Socialists have a duty to build an alternative."

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Meanwhile, what's the difference between Russia and the West? As Russian troops bomb and battle in Ukraine, security forces in the United Kingdom focus on a different problem - "white privilege." According to a leaked report on "improving diversity" in the U.K., it even advises against such gendered terms as "manpower." Institutions in the West are riddled with political correctness, incapacitated by wokeness, and incapable of being serious about almost any issue. So what does Russian leader Putin say about all this? Only that the West is beset by "sociocultural disturbances" and "decay."

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--The Washington Com-Post - that left-wing, liberal rag in the Nation's capital - showed its contempt for conservative minorities by printing racial rhetoric against Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, but then quickly had to issue a "correction." The paper said that while Democrat Congressman Jim Clyburn would have a "strong say" on who the President would choose to select retiring Justice Stephen Breyer, it said Clyburn's choice "would ensure the nominee wouldn't be a Clarence Thomas type who thinks like a white conservative." Following appropriate backlash, the paper changed its wording to just "a conservative," removing the racial reference.

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--A slumber party for 12-year-old girls in Logansport, Indiana, turned out to be a torture party instead, as police arrested two of the girls for abusing a third girl by reportedly



sitting on her until she couldn't breathe, cutting her, shaving part of her head, and burning her with cigarette lighters, among other acts. The victim's mother, Jamie Tribbett, said the girls didn't bully her, "They tortured her, mentally, physically tortured my daughter, and it's not right. Now, for the rest of her life, she has to look over her shoulder or wonder if she can trust this person or that person."

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--According to Britain's "Daily Mail", as Europe descends into war, British spies are being urged to consider their "white privilege" and declare their pronouns. This comes from a leaked report on "improving diversity" in the security services, written by Sir Stephen Lovegrove, the UK's national security adviser. It also advises against using gendered terms like "manpower" and even words like "strong" and "grip," which can "reinforce dominant cultural patterns."

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--It is bad enough that leftists oppose the popular Chick-fil-A restaurants for religious reasons. Now the City Council of Santa Barbara, California, has joined the opposition. Why does the City Council consider one of the restaurant's sites "a public nuisance" that has to be shut down? Because it is so popular, the drive-through area is causing traffic congestion. One council member said the problem is not about the goodness of the company, it is that they have "outgrown their site."

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--During a women's basketball tournament game on television, announcers for ESPN (that's Entertainment and Sports Programming Network – but should be called Egregious Sexual Protesting Nitwits instead) interrupted the broadcast several times to announce their opposition to a bill passed by the Florida Legislature on Parental Rights in Education. The measure prohibits school employees from engaging in classroom discussions about sexual orientation or gender identity – in Kindergarten through the Third Grade. So naturally, the Leftist Nitwits had to voice their protest.

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--Not only is New York planning to issue marijuana sales permits to residents of the state, but unelected Governor Kathy Hochul announced that people with marijuana-related convictions will get dibs on the first 100-200 retail cannabis licenses awarded "in an effort to redress the inequities of a justice system that locked up a disproportionate number of people of color for drug crimes."

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--At her Senate confirmation hearing to fill a seat on the U.S. Supreme Court, Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson was asked a relatively simple question by Tennessee Senator Marsha Blackburn: "Can you provide a definition for the word 'woman'?" Her response was: "No, I can't. I am not a biologist." Then just what is she? A potted plant? Jackson further claimed that as a judge, she would first have to hear arguments from both sides before ruling on a dispute over the definition of a word.

## THIS AND THAT

**CASEY DESANTIS.** In a Twitter video on March 3, **Florida Governor Ron DeSantis** thanked everyone who has prayed and sent good wishes for his wife, **Casey**. She underwent treatment and surgery, and DeSantis said he is overjoyed to say she is now "cancer-free." The Governor said everyone who wished his wife the best has made a "tremendous" impact. He also noted he wants to tell women struggling with breast cancer to stay in the fight and to know they can beat it. DeSantis said Casey is not fully healed by any means, but he and she are both "confident" that her recuperation will go well, and she will continue to improve.



**REMEMBERING ROGER GANGITANO.** We were deeply saddened and even shocked by the unexpected passing on March 20 of a true patriot and close friend, **Roger Gangitano**, due to a severe case of pneumonia. He was only 74 but packed a lifetime of living into that timeframe. Called just "Roger" to just about everyone who knew him, he was born in Brooklyn "with the gift of gab"



and moved to Florida some years ago. For the past 13 of those years, he served as president of the Space Coast Chapter of ACT! For America – a grass roots non-profit organization defending America's Freedoms, Values, and Security – and as an educator and presenter for The United West, which is dedicated to defending and advancing Western Civilization against the kinetic and cultural onslaught of Shariah Islam, so that America remains a land of freedom, justice and opportunity grounded in the principles of our Constitutional Republic. Only recently, Roger began serving as Brevard County Field Organizer for the Republican Party of Florida, as well as District 4 Secretary for BREC, the Brevard Republican Executive Committee. **BREC Chairman Rick Lacey** said Roger "served his country and his Republican Party in countless ways, and he will be missed." Lacey added, "We all appreciated his positive, jovial attitude as he worked to support numerous conservative causes. He was a great Patriot." Said **ACT! Space Coast Chapter Vice President Tony Verzi**, "We lost a true Patriot and valiant fighter for our cause. He can't be replaced. **Florida Republican Regional Field Director Cameron Goodyear** wrote that he is "feeling heartbroken," adding, "Rest in Peace, my friend. You will be missed. You were one of the good ones." Roger is survived by his wife, Linda, of 30 years; his sons Gregory, and his wife, Kathy, of Greenacres, Florida; and Wayne, and his wife,







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Patricia, of Gautier, Mississippi; plus several grandchildren. There will be visitation/showings for Roger at the Beckman-Williamson Funeral Home from 2-4 pm and 5-7 pm on March 28, and the funeral service there will be

on March 29 at 11 am. The funeral home is located at 5400 Village Drive, just off Murrell Road and Viera Boulevard. We will carry a copy of his family's formal biography in next month's newsletter.

**FLORIDA STATE LEGISLATURE.** Completing its 2022 term on March 14, the Florida State Legislature agreed to a \$112.1 billion budget for FY 2022-23, which now goes to **Florida Governor Ron DeSantis** for consideration. He does have line-item veto power which could lower the budget's amount. Over the next weeks, the governor will be considering several thousand bills passed by the state legislature on a variety of issues. Among those bills that DeSantis had signed by press time were approval of an Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund for the state, extending the length of time that health care providers receive liability protections from Covid-related claims, assistance for patients recovering from substance abuse disorder or mental illness, revising appointment criteria for executive appointments, and designating strawberry shortcake as Florida's official state dessert. At the end of the session, **Senate President Wilton Simpson** said his goal was "to seize our days like a farmer, with long-term vision, knowing that what we plant today is for a future harvest," and adding, "despite the unanticipated challenges of a global pandemic, we accomplished that goal with key structural changes that will benefit the people of Florida for generations to come." **Florida House Speaker Chris Sprowls** said he is "proud that we have no regrets and that we started and finished with a bold vision for Florida, whether that was in having the largest expansion of school choice or protecting our environment." He added that he is also "proud that we fought boldly and got to leave this Session in the Florida House with nothing left behind."



**U.S. SUPREME COURT.** This month, the U.S. Supreme Court reinstated the death sentence for Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, who was convicted in the 2013 Boston Marathon

bombing that killed three people and wounded hundreds more. In 2020, an appeals court had set aside the sentence, finding that the trial judge erred in excluding mitigating evidence that suggested the defendant's elder brother, Tamerlan, was more culpable for the attack and limiting the questions defense attorneys could ask prospective jurors about their exposure to news accounts

of the crime. But by a 6-3 vote, the Supreme Court found neither issue undermined the jury's decision to recommend death.

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The high court, in a 7-2 decision in the case of the United States v. Zubaydah, an inmate at Guantanamo Bay, reversed and remanded the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals with instructions to dismiss Zubaydah's current discovery application. The Court held that Section 1806(f) of the Foreign Intelligence Services Act does not displace the state's secret privilege.

**RED WAVE VICTORY DINNER. Republican Party of Florida Executive Director Helene Ferre**, the keynote speaker at the Brevard Federated Republican Women's first Red Wave Victory Dinner in Cocoa, Florida, on March 19,



From Left, Congressman Bill Posey, BFRW President Jill Gentis, RPOF Executive Director Helen Ferre and State Senator Tom Wright

said the upcoming 2022 election is "the most important election in decades, and that to save our country from the insane Left agenda, Republican women must come together and fight the good fight from local elections up." She emphasized the need to take control of our schools and school boards, and to stop the teaching of hate for others and our country. Ferre also stressed "the need for Republican women to protect our cities, our businesses, our veterans, our seniors, our families, and our faith, and do so we must work together to win city and county elections." And she reminded the dinner attendees that Florida Governor Ron DeSantis believes that Republican women are the reason he won in 2018, and she hoped they will return him to office in 2022. Also on the program, **Florida Congressman Bill Posey** and **Florida State Senator Tom Wright** briefly addressed the crowd, and there were video presentations from **Florida Senators Marco Rubio and Rick Scott**. **Brevard Property Appraiser Dana Blickley** served as Master of Ceremony for the event.

**QUESTION AND ANSWER.** Q: What is worse than a Far-left Dem Legislator? A: A back-stabbing R.I.N.O. with an equally use-less staff. After Florida Gun Rights, Gun Owners of America, and the Republican Liberty Caucus delivered stacks of petitions in support of Constitutional Carry to the office of Florida 10<sup>th</sup> District State Representative Chuck Brannan, the chair of the House Criminal Justice and Public

Safety Subcommittee in Tallahassee, his dismissive legislative aide said he would “take care of them,” since the proposed Florida legislation is bottled up in that subcommittee. But when the Second Amendment advocates returned to his office 20 minutes later, they discovered that all of the petitions had been dumped in the trash – a violation of public records law. Not only is it time for the good citizens of the 10<sup>th</sup> District to elect a Conservative Representative, perhaps his legislative aide should be sued in court for 100 percent of his annual salary for destruction of public property. And Bob White, chairman of the Republican Liberty Caucus Florida, presented Brannan with the group’s “Hall of Shame, Oath Breakers Award.”



The Phoenix-based Goldwater Institute won a major court victory in Maricopa County Superior Court on March 11, defeating the largest tax hike in

Arizona history. Proposition 208 had sought to double the income taxes imposed on small-business owners and individuals making more than \$250,000 a year. If it had gone into effect it would have led to staggering job losses and turned Arizona from one of the lowest-taxed states in the nation to one of the highest. The Goldwater Institute had challenged the proposition for violating the state Constitution’s restrictions on spending and taxation, making the case on behalf of taxpayers and small business owners. The campaign to pass Prop. 208 was fueled by class-warfare and false information – funded by unions and out-of-state special interests.



**Goldwater Institute President and CEO Victor Riches** said real results for liberty were accomplished by working in state

courts, legislatures and communities to advance, defend, and strengthen the freedom guaranteed by the constitutions of the United States and the fifty states. “This historic reform restored Arizona’s competitive advantage as a low-tax state,” Riches said, “and provided a boost for small business owners still struggling to recover from the government’s response to the COVID pandemic.”



There was a two-way tie between CNN personnel for “The Worst Media Bias

Quotes of 2021” that the Media Research Center announced in its “Watchdog” Newsletter. The “winners” were Don Lemon on “CNN Tonight” for this gem: “If you voted for Trump, you voted for the person who the Klan supported. You voted for the person who Nazis support. You voted for the person who the alt-right supports, That’s the crowd that you are in.” CNN Political Director David Chalina’s co-winning quote was: “Those lights that are, that are just shooting out from the Lincoln Memorial along the reflecting pool...It’s like almost extensions of Joe Biden’s arms embracing America. It was a moment where the new president came to town and sort

of convened the country in this moment of remembrance, outstretching his arms.”



LI’s President, **Morton Blackwell**, has announced great news out of the University of Houston. While the Left maintains an iron grip on most student governments in the United States and uses its power to lobby for radical campus policies, as well as directing compulsory student fees towards useless or downright destructive pet projects, Blackwell said eight young conservatives at Houston just

won election to key positions in the Student Government Association, including President and Vice President. He said these young conservatives will guide student government policies away from leftist foolishness and towards common-sense, principled solutions. My staff and LI grads are working hard to win many more such conservative victories, Blackwell added.



### IOWA BANS MALES FROM WOMEN’S K-12 AND COLLEGE SPORTS. Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds



has signed legislation immediately restricting participation in women’s college and K-12 sports to only biological females. During the signing ceremony, she asserted that transgender women have a competitive advantage over female athletes, making the playing field fundamentally unfair, regardless of the medical steps taken to mute their biological advantages. “No amount of

talent, training or effort on their part can make up for the natural, physical advantages males have over females,” Reynolds said. Many female athletes who have been critical of the transgender sports push have contended that womanhood is a unique experience that cannot be artificially copied and that female-exclusive arenas were designed for them, to excel in an environment without discrimination or obstacles.



The Brevard chapter of Moms for Liberty has provided Brevard Public Schools with a list of 10 books found in local

school libraries that the organization says violate Florida statute against providing obscene materials to minors. The list focuses on books that contain explicit sex scenes, graphic accounts of sexual assault, foul language and depictions of drug use or underage drinking. The chapter believes the books violate Florida’s statutes on providing material “harmful to minors” to children. A member provided School Board members with a list of ten books it so far considers objectionable, and members have said more books could



follow. The ten books are: “Damsel” by Elana K. Arnold, “Forever” by Judy Blume, “Lucky” by Alice Sebold, “Monday’s Not Coming” by Tiffany D. Jackson, “Not My Problem” by Ciara Smyth, “Red Hood” by Elana K. Arnold, “Sold” by Patricia McCormick, “This Book is Gay” by Juno Dawson, “This One Summer” by Mariko Tamaki, and “What Girls Are Made Of” by Elana K. Arnold.

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## EXPERTS’ EXCERPTS

Commentator and historian **Victor Davis Hanson**, writing on Biden’s Inflation Octopus in “The Patriot Post”:



“The Democrats will suffer historic losses in the November midterms. This disaster for their party will come about not just because of the Afghanistan debacle, an appeased Russian President Vladimir Putin’s invasion of Ukraine, the destruction of the southern border, the supply chain mess, or their support for critical race theory demagoguery. The

culprit for the political wipeout will be out-of-control inflation – and for several reasons. First, the Biden Administration is in such denial of inflation that it sounds to Americans simply callous and indifferent to the misery it has unleashed. Biden officials have scoffed at price spikes as ‘transitory.’ Or they have preposterously claimed spiraling costs are a concern only to the elite. They blame the Ukraine crisis. Or they fault the out-of-office bogeyman, former President Donald Trump. The administration assures us that consumer prices are only rising at an annualized rate of 7.5% — as if the steepest increase in 40 years actually is not all that bad.... Second, inflation is an equal opportunity destroyer of dreams. It undermines rich and poor, Democrats and Republicans, conservatives and liberals. It unites all tribes, all ideologies, all politics against those who are perceived to have birthed the monstrous octopus that squeezes everything and everyone it touches. The conservative passbook holder sees his meager life savings eaten away. The liberal teacher’s car payments stretch from six to 10 years.... Third, inflation is ubiquitous, inescapable, omnipotent – and humiliating. It destroys personal dignity. And its toxicity is insidious, sort of like seeping, odorless, colorless, but nevertheless lethal carbon monoxide.... Fourth, inflation undermines a civil and ordered society. It unleashes a selfish ‘every man for himself’ mentality, the Hobbesian cruelty of a ‘war of all against all.’ Inflation is the economic and emotional equivalent of smash-and-grab or carjacking. It is a brazen robber in broad daylight that so infuriates Americans by its boldness. It convinces them their very civilization is dying.... Fifth, Americans know that our current inflation is self-induced, not a product of a war abroad, an earthquake, or the exhaustion of gas and oil deposits. Biden ignored the natural inflationary buying spree of consumers who were released from being locked down for nearly two years unable to spend. Instead, he encouraged gorging that huge demand by printing trillions of dollars of funny money for all sorts of new redistributionist entitlements, green projects, and pet congressional programs.

The Biden Administration eroded the work ethic. It kept labor non-participation rates high by subsidizing with federal checks those staying at home. It nihilistically slashed gas and oil production by canceling federal leases, oilfields, and pipelines while pressuring banks not to lend for fracking. In just a year, Biden reduced America from the greatest producer of gas and oil in the history of civilization to an energy panhandler begging the Saudis and Russians to pump more of the oil that America needs but will not tap for itself. Americans know the inflation octopus was willfully birthed. They are confused only whether Team Biden unleashed it out of incompetence – or a neo-socialist idea of eroding the value of money for those who had it while gifting cash to those who didn’t. Or was Biden deluded by crackpot ‘modern monetary theory,’ the fool’s gold that claims printing money ensures prosperity? In the end, it doesn’t matter whether Biden was deluded or diabolical. Come November, Americans will rightfully blame him for willfully damaging their lives.”

Columnist **Miranda Devine**, writing on the State of the Union address in “The New York Post”:

“It’s hilarious that Joe Biden is embarking on a ‘Unity Agenda’ tour. After he spent the past year stigmatizing the unvaccinated, demonizing Trump voters as domestic terrorists and sicking the FBI on parents at school board meetings, now he wants unity? Even his own party isn’t unified. No fewer than three party factions, including The Squad, have offered up



contradictory rebuttals of his State of the Union address. Not that his own speech wasn’t chock full of contradictions and delusions. Here are 10: FEIGNING to stand up for Ukraine when he publicly told Vladimir Putin last month that a “minor incursion” was tolerable, and when his son Hunter treated Ukraine like a private piggybank during Biden’s vice-presidency. There is rich irony in Biden’s threat to go after the “ill-begotten gains” of Russian oligarchs, “your yachts, your luxury apartments, your private jets,” when Hunter partied in Monte Carlo, Lake Como, Acapulco and Shanghai with foreign oligarchs, visited their ill-gotten mansions in Moscow, and partied on their yachts...CALLING for unity to a room full of Republicans while falsely claiming that the Trump administration’s 2017 tax cut only helped ‘the top 1%’.....POSING amusingly as an America First nationalist -- complete with Trumpian ‘USA! USA!’ chants from his colleagues on the floor. All power to Biden if he follows through on his promised ‘revitalization of American manufacturing,’ but he will be going against his own record. Imports from China rose almost 20 percent in his first year of office.... SECURING OUR BORDER takes some chutzpah when Biden deliberately dismantled Trump’s hard-won border protections and is still in court fighting the remain-in-Mexico policy. Three million people from around the world trying to illegally break into the country is an invasion he is ignoring. He handed control of the border to the ruthless cartels, and even demonized horseback border patrol agents

falsely accused of whipping illegal migrants... BEATING the opioid epidemic: The 'opioid crisis' he anointed as a bipartisan cause was turbocharged when he flung open the southern border to record quantities of fentanyl, a drug which is now the leading cause of death for Americans aged 18 to 45. GASLIGHTING us on the pandemic: 'Let's stop looking at COVID as a partisan dividing line,' said the president who has done nothing but manipulate COVID fear for political purposes and changed tune only after opinion polls on his handling of the pandemic headed south. BLUNTING GAS PRICES. : He's pulling our leg. Biden boasted about tapping into 30 million barrels of our emergency oil reserves -- less than two days' supply -- while not mentioning a word about unleashing our plentiful untapped oil and gas supplies. He even pretended that his policies would cut 'energy costs for families an average of \$500 a year by combating climate change' .... CHAMPIONING police "The answer is not to defund the police. The answer is to FUND the police,' Biden thundered. Well, yeah. But the party that defunded and demonized the police for the past two years can't expect us to forget that they are the cause of the crime wave engulfing American cities.... VALORIZING the military. Biden paid tribute to soldiers said to have contracted cancer from 'burn pits' -- an as-yet unproven claim on which he dwells in hope of a combat-related cause of his own son's death from brain cancer. Improving health care for veterans is a worthy cause, but he said not one word about the 13 service members killed in Afghanistan during his botched withdrawal, a point made by Republican Rep. Lauren Bohbert when she heckled the president: 'You put them in [coffins], 13 of them!'. MYSTIFYING the world. Biden went off script after saying 'God bless our troops' at the end of his speech. 'Go get him!' he ad-libbed. It doesn't do to guess what he meant. But it was a vainglorious self-indulgence, much like his presidency."



Journalist **Bob Unruh**, writing on Biden blasts Texas for plan to protect children from surgical mutilation at WND.com:

"Joe Biden has blasted a strategy in Texas that would protect children from bodily disfigurements through transgender surgeries, accusing the state of weaponizing child protective services

to fight the agenda that claims men can become women or women can become men. "The Western Journal" reported just days ago that Governor Greg Abbott directed the Department of Family and Protective Services to begin investigating those so-called 'sex change' procedures involving minors as child abuse. Following the science, those swaps aren't possible, as being male or female is embedded in the human body down to the DNA level. The governor's ruling was based on a legal opinion from the Texas attorney general defining various sex change procedures performed on minors as unlawful. According to the letter, medical professionals are already required to report incidences of children subjected to sex change procedures under state law. 'The Daily Mail' reported Biden's reaction was to tear into the state's 'cynical and dangerous' plan and claim Abbott was 'weaponizing child

protective services against loving families.' The comments came even as a judge ordered a halt to a single investigation that had begun involving a 16-year-old child who already apparently had been put on drugs, putting the judge in the position of potentially allowing those body mutilations to continue. Biden, whose own administration has ordered people to wear masks, to take experimental shots, and stay home from church, claimed the state effort to protect children was 'government overreach at its worst.' The president argued for the politically correct position of letting children have the surgeries, saying, 'Today, the Department of Health and Human Services has announced several actions to keep transgender children in Texas and their families safe - putting the state of Texas on notice that their discriminatory actions put children's lives at risk.' A single investigation was ordered halted by Judge Amy Clark Meachum, a Democrat who adopted the leftist agenda of the LGBT community. Also, Biden's HHS secretary, Xavier Becerra, ordered that state child welfare systems should be used to 'advance" the agenda involving LGBT youth. Becerra announced an agenda to use the power of the federal government to promote the LGBT communities wish list. Multiple studies have shown that if left alone, vast majorities of youth with gender dysphoria issues see them resolved as they age and they become comfortable in the body in which they were born, without chemicals or surgery. But Biden advocated for the freedom to choose to change. 'Children, their parents, and their doctors should have the freedom to make the medical decisions that are best for each young person -- without politicians getting in the way,' he claimed....'The Daily Mail' report said legislators in Alabama are working on a bill that would produce similar results to those announced in Texas. And there are several states that are requiring youth to participate in school sports in the gender in which they were born, not something they've created in an operating room."

Journalist and author **Matt Rosenberg**, writing on Spirling Violence in Chicago in Hillsdale College's "Imprimis":



"For several years prior to 2020, violent crime in America's major cities was on the decline. But since the riots that summer following the death of George Floyd, it is heading in the opposite direction. Murders nationwide in 2020 rose a stunning 29.4 percent over the previous year, the largest annual increase since the FBI began tracking that data in the 1960s. The number of murders in Chicago climbed even more sharply, rising 55 percent. It was as if a switch had been flipped. At least ten major U.S. cities hit new murder highs in 2021, but Chicago led the way with 797, the city's highest number in 25 years. Chicago's violent crime epidemic is not limited to murder. The city's 3,561 shooting incidents in 2021 were up 63 percent over 2019. Expressway shootings in Chicago-Cook County rose even more dramatically, from 51 in 2019 to 130 in 2020 to 273 in 2021. These expressway shootings pushed Chicago's actual 2021 murder total north of 800....Then there are the



carjackings, 1,836 of them in Chicago in 2021 – a 204 percent increase over 2019. One victim was a Democratic state senator. Her husband had a gun and returned fire. In another incident, a Cook County judge had to pull her three-year-old son to safety before the carjackers drove off.... Chicago reported a 53 percent rate of ‘clearing’ or solving murders in 2019. But that number was inflated. A misleading technical term was applied to nearly six in ten ‘cleared’ murders: ‘cleared, closed exceptionally.’ The term ‘closed exceptionally’ means that a murder has been declared solved, but without the filing of criminal charges – usually because prosecutors decide police evidence is insufficient.... What can be done to address Chicago’s violent crime epidemic? Here are some ideas for legal reform suggested by the cases cited above: Reapportion the county budget to build and operate more courtrooms with more judges for speedier trials. Stop releasing people charged with violent felony crimes – including juveniles charged with armed carjacking – on low-cash or no-cash bail. Repeal state legislation that will outlaw most cash bail by 2023. Repeal the 2016 statute that severely restricts the ability of county prosecutors to charge juveniles with felony armed vehicular hijacking. Unfortunately, the last two recommendations would require action by the Illinois Legislature, which has been under one-party (Democratic) rule for decades and has shown no serious interest in stopping crime.... The Left today has badly misappropriated the word ‘equity,’ using it to mean equality of outcome – something to be achieved through affirmative action and economic redistribution. But real equity, in the old sense, cannot be given. Real equity requires the old fashioned virtues. It is inextricable from full ownership of your own course in life.”

**Managing Editor Jon Brenner**, writing on a student who was ashamed of her Republican father.... until” in the “Patriot Journal”:



“A young woman was about to finish her first year of college. Like so many others her age, she considered herself to be a very liberal Democrat, and was very much in favor of the redistribution of wealth. She was deeply ashamed that her father was a rather staunch Republican, a feeling she openly expressed.... She felt that her father had for years harbored an evil, selfish desire to keep what he thought should be his. One day she was challenging her father on his opposition to higher taxes on the rich and the addition of more government welfare programs. The self-professed objectivity proclaimed by her professors had to be the truth and she indicated so to her father. He responded by asking how she was doing in school. Taken aback, she answered rather haughtily that she had a 4.0 GPA and let him know that it was tough to maintain, insisting that she was taking a very difficult course load and was constantly studying, which left her no time to go out and party like other people she knew. She didn’t even have time for a boyfriend and didn’t really have many college friends because she spent all her time studying. Her father listened and then asked, ‘How is your friend Audrey doing?’ She replied, ‘Audrey is barely getting by. All she

takes are easy classes, she never studies, and she barely has a 2.0 GPA. She is so popular on campus; college for her is a blast. She’s always invited to all the parties, and lots of times she doesn’t even show up for classes because she’s too hung over.’ Her wise father asked his daughter, ‘Why don’t you go to the Dean’s office and ask him to deduct a 1.0 off your GPA and give it to your friend who only has a 2.0. That way you will both have a 3.0 GPA and certainly that would be a fair and equal distribution of GPA.’ The daughter, visibly shocked by her father’s suggestion, angrily fired back, ‘That wouldn’t be fair! I have worked really hard for my grades! I’ve invested a lot of time, and a lot of hard work! Audrey has done next to nothing toward her degree. She played while I worked my tail off!’ The father slowly smiled, winked and said gently, ‘Welcome to the Republican party.’”

## THOUGHTS TO PONDER

“You can tell that Joe Biden thinks his presidency is going swimmingly. His words weren’t defensive. They were triumphalist. He even seemed to promise he would bring the opioid epidemic to an end and, for good measure, would also end cancer ‘as we know it.’ The immodesty of these ambitions, as we stumble out of the COVID era into an uncertain future in which the dollars in our pocket are worth less every week while Europe faces a continental war and a potential refugee flood of colossal size, had a somewhat delusional aspect. We’re in an unprecedented crisis abroad, following our unprecedented health crisis over the past two years and an inflationary spiral we haven’t seen the like of in four decades. Maybe we should, you know, focus on those things.”

--“**New York Post**” columnist **John Podhoretz**, on Biden’s State of the Union address

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“U.S. President Joe Biden seems to think things are ‘hunky dory’ for the American people. The U.S. is experiencing a 40-year high inflation rate. People are struggling to afford groceries or to fill their car with gas. Crime is soaring across the U.S. and the country has completely lost control of its southern border with more than 200,000 illegal immigrants crossing a month. But sure, the American people have never had it better, they’re just ungrateful or suffering from a unique variety of long COVID. The man is either unhinged, hopelessly confused or just lying. At this point there are no other options.”

--**British news service Sky News** host **Rita Panahi**, on her opinion of the U.S. president

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“One year into his presidency, the disaster that is the Biden Administration is epic: the highest inflation in 40 years, a supply chain debacle, a humanitarian crisis at the southern border, the humiliating withdrawal from Afghanistan, 100,000 Russian troops on the border with Ukraine poised to invade, North Korea firing long-range missiles, and Iran on the verge of a nuclear weapon. Given these facts, it can be easy to become dejected about the state of our country. It is

why Joe Biden's job approval has plummeted to 49 percent in a recent Gallup poll, and why there has been a 14-point swing in voter affiliation with the two political parties in just one year, from a 9 point advantage for Democrats to a 5-point advantage for Republicans."

--**Faith and Freedom Coalition President Ralph Reed**, on the difference a year makes  
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"President Reagan always understood that the Cold War was more than a conflict among states; it was even more fundamentally an ideological conflict between the forces of liberty and the powers that would snuff it out nation by nation until our own was in jeopardy. This new struggle has been thrust upon us by Russia and China; there is no escaping it. Strength will be rewarded, and weakness will be punished. The days of easy American preponderance have come to an end; for the next few decades, we will have to work hard to keep the global balance of forces from turning against us. If history is a guide, the American people will rise to the challenge as long as our own national leadership is up to the task. As we judge those who seek to lead, this is the prime test we should put to all of them."

--**Council on Foreign Relations Senior Fellow Elliott Abrams**, on the new Cold War  
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"The coronavirus death toll is more than under Trump and Biden has no one to blame but himself. There is also infighting in his White House over who will succeed him in 2024 because of Kamala Harris' low poll numbers.... The media is trying to ignore this growing list of disasters, without much success. Biden's administration instills confidence in no one. But all is not lost. We can hold politicians and the media accountable by calling out their lies. 2022 is a pivotal year and that is not lost on voters, who indicate that they will likely vote against Biden this fall."

--**Accuracy in Media Report Publisher Don Irvine**, on problems in the Biden administration  
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"With the disease in retreat and solid evidence emerging that Canadians are protected against its spread, with 78% of the population vaccinated and 74% double-vaccinated, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is willing to tear his country apart to enforce vaccine and mask mandates over a disease that is going away! If there were a Nobel Prize for stupidity, I would nominate Trudeau. He could end the violence of police against the truckers, the tie-ups in the country's supply chain, the traffic jams, and the disruption with the stroke of a pen, repealing mandates that make no sense anymore and make less day by day. Why won't he do it? Pride and stubbornness. He won't admit that continuing the mandates is a mistake. Whether they always were is a matter for academic debate. But he could easily declare their mission accomplished and triumphantly lift them sparing his nation the agony of the scenes that unfolded in Ottawa over the weekend....We must make sure that the scenes we are seeing in Ottawa do not occur in Lansing, Michigan, New York City, Washington DC, and state capital throughout the country. We don't need to

adjudicate whether the mandates were useful in the first place, just lift them so they do not further rend our national fabric as tragically as they have done among our neighbors to the north."

--**Political consultant Dick Morris**, on asking if Prime Minister Trudeau is Crazy or Just Stupid  
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"House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, in a bizarre display during President Biden's State of the Union address, stood up and awkwardly rubbed her hands in glee as the president spoke about the dangers American troops have faced, breathing in toxic smoke from 'burn pits'...Some in the audience started to clap. Were they celebrating our soldiers getting sick from toxic smoke or were they applauding Biden's nod to environmentalism?...She made this odd fist gesture as if she was showing contempt for our enemies? If so, why was she smiling so awkwardly? We have no idea why Pelosi did this. But it's another sign that she, just like Biden, is far too old and out of touch for her job. Perhaps she should have kept to her promise to retire after this term?"

-- **Adam Casalino**, writing in the "Patriot Journal" on Biden's State of the Union address  
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"I've been a Democrat for the last 52 years and I even served as executive director of the Florida Democratic Party in 1991-93. But, after recently turning 70, I changed my registration to become a Republican. I did so because I can no longer support the woke, Far Left, Socialist-Marxist policies advocated by so many Democratic elected officials.... I've also been offended with the cancel culture, the indoctrination of our children about their sexuality at early ages by woke teachers with their own personal agendas, the banning of books like Dr. Seuss, and Tom Sawyer, to name just a few. But the most insidious and dangerous movement has been the promotion of hate between races, the unnecessary segregation of children by race, the accusation, without factual support, that America is inherently racists and thereby a terrible country, and everything else about Critical Race Theory....I'm proud to be a Republican because we believe in God and country, in that order, in law and order, we support our military and law enforcement officers, we believe that everyone can be anything they desire if they work hard enough, that the First and Second amendments are critically important values that we hold dear, that we must secure our borders, and that America is the greatest country in the history of the world."

--Consulting firm CEO **Barney Bishop III**, on why he switched political parties  
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"When it comes to gun rights and the Second Amendment, Joe Biden is a recidivist congenital liar. The guy just can't resist perpetuating a lie that's already gotten him into trouble with the Washington Post Fact Checker, earning an embarrassing 'Four Pinocchios,' but he continues to misrepresent history and the right to keep and bear arms...Throughout his entire career, Biden has become infamous for his canards and gaffes, especially when it comes to guns. He has absolutely no credibility within the firearms



community except when he admits he wants to ban guns, and we're doing everything we can to stop him."

--**Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms Chairman, Alan Gottlieb**, on Biden's continued lies about gun rights

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"Fans and followers took to social media to remember the career and contributions of legendary conservative radio host Rush Limbaugh on the one-year anniversary of his death, but none can offer a more fitting tribute than his longtime friend and colleague Bo Snerdley, AKA James Golden....' You know, in many ways, Rush was larger than life to a lot of people and you could be around him and know his presence was different than most, but at the same time, the relationship that I was blessed to have with him and also those of us who worked very closely with him every day in the southern command headquarters here in Florida, we were just like our own little family,' Golden said..... The Limbaugh Letter which was the most successful political newsletter in America for all the years it was printed, the issue that came out right after he passed, it was almost like it was a premonition. The illustration was him with folded hands and just saying, 'God is with me. And at that point,' said Golden, 'he was with God, and he had returned his talent on loan from God back to God.'"

--**American Wire news reporter Melissa Fine**, on Rush Limbaugh's colleague James Golden remembering his longtime friend

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"One of the most insidious developments that has occurred over the past decade has been the extent to which mainstream media outlets and government-run schools and colleges have acted in concert to deprive the American public – especially young people – of access to objective information about climate change. A whole generation is being brainwashed into believing long debunked assertions about an impending 'existential climate crisis,' the presence of ever more severe hurricanes and tornadoes, rapidly rising sea levels, and countless other dubious predictions of future climate calamities.... We will not stand by and watch as this problem persists. On the contrary, The Heartland Institute is taking bold action to provide American students with the truth about global warming and climate science.... Heartland sent more than 300,000 copies of "Why Scientists Disagree About Global Warming" to middle school, high school, and college science teachers throughout the country. Some teachers ignored the book. Some teachers literally burned the book. Yet many other teachers used the book as a valuable resource to provide their

students with much-needed balance on the global warming topic.... The leftist media and the climate establishment collectively lost their minds...because they realized that piercing their monopoly of alarmist messaging to students is the biggest threat to the left's climate agenda."

--**The Heartland Institute President James Taylor**, on debunking the climate crisis

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## UPCOMING BREVARD COUNTY EVENTS

- April 1: Federated Republican Women in Action meeting, MeMaw's BBQ, Palm Bay, 5:30 pm..
- April 4: Republican Liberty Caucus of Central East Florida meeting, Frogbones Double Tapp Grill, Melbourne, 7 pm.
- April 6: Brevard Federated Republican Women meeting, Space Coast Convention Center, Cocoa, 11 am.
- April 7: Heritage Isle Republican Club meeting, Heritage Isle Clubhouse, 10 am.
- April 11: Space Coast Patriots meeting, Merritt Island Library, 6 pm.
- April 13: Brevard Republican Executive Committee meeting, Space Coast Association of Realtors Building, 2950 Pineda Plaza Way, Melbourne, 7 pm.
- April 18: New Millennium Conservative Club meeting, Suntree-Viera Library, 6:30 pm.
- April 19: North Brevard Republican Club meeting, American Police Hall of Fame, Titusville, 7 pm.
- April 21: Republican Women's Network of South Brevard meeting, Eau Gallie Yacht Club, Indian Harbor Beach, 11:30 am.
- April 23: Space Coast Republican Club meeting, Red Lobster, Merritt Island, 11:30 am.

ACT! For America Space Coast Chapter meetings are temporarily suspended.

The Moms for Liberty, Florida Freedom Keepers, Space Coast Young Republicans and Ronald Reagan Clubs meetings: TBD.

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## ABOUT THE NEWSLETTER

Through email, website and Facebook, we are now reaching nearly 2,000 people on our ever-increasing distribution list. The newsletter goes to readers not only all over the country, but beyond. **Editor Stuart Gorin and Designer Frank Montelione** hope to see the numbers continue to grow as we pass on information. We continue to cover activities of the Brevard Republican Executive Committee, Republican clubs in the county, and conservative organizations, so both elected officials and the typical "man-in-the-street" are kept abreast of what is happening at the local, state and national levels. Since Republicans as well as Conservatives will

never agree 100 percent on all issues – for example, differences between Conservative members and establishment Republicans – we will not necessarily support any writer’s positions, but will present them so you, the reader, can make up your own mind – fair and balanced. There is a link to this issue at [www.thetusk.org](http://www.thetusk.org) and several recent back issues are available in the archives on the same website. To sign up for your free subscription (or to unsubscribe, if you are so inclined), or to send your comments, suggestions or information to share, email: [spacecoasttusk@gmail.com](mailto:spacecoasttusk@gmail.com).

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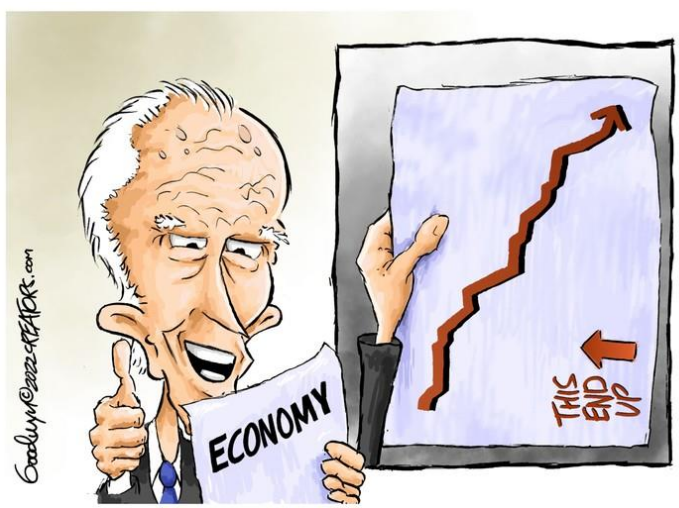
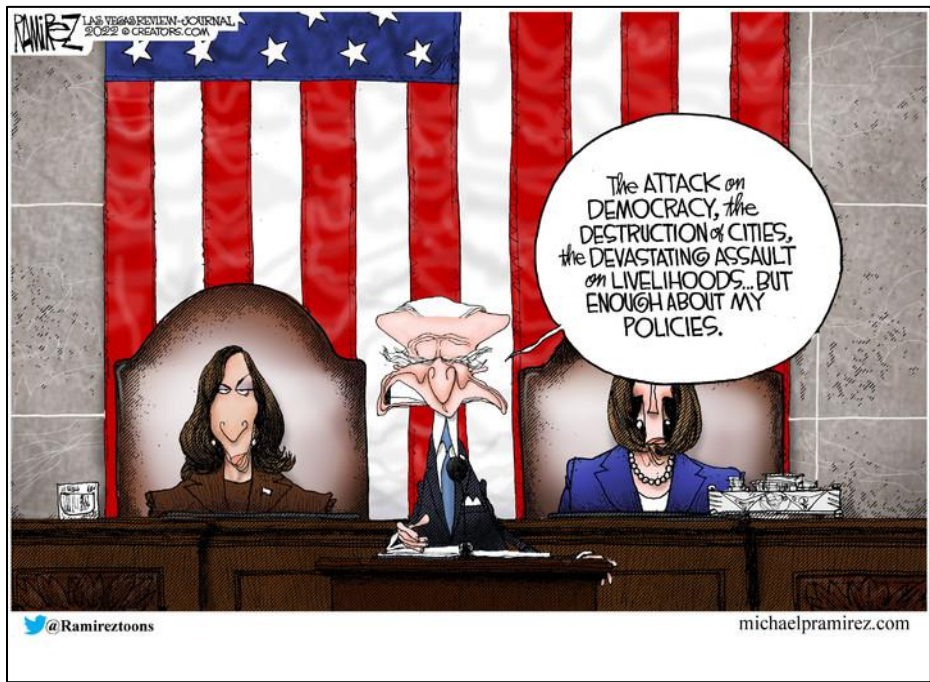


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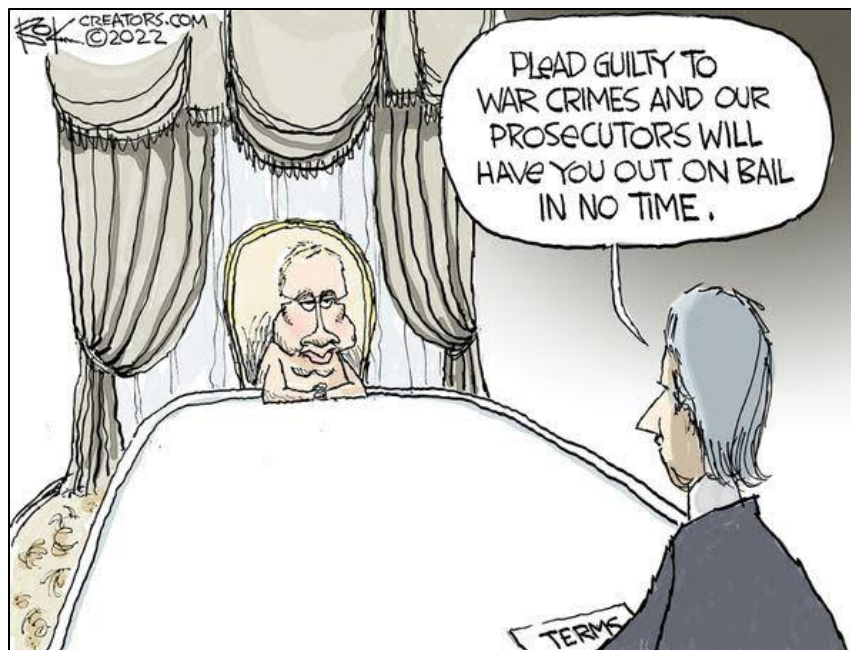
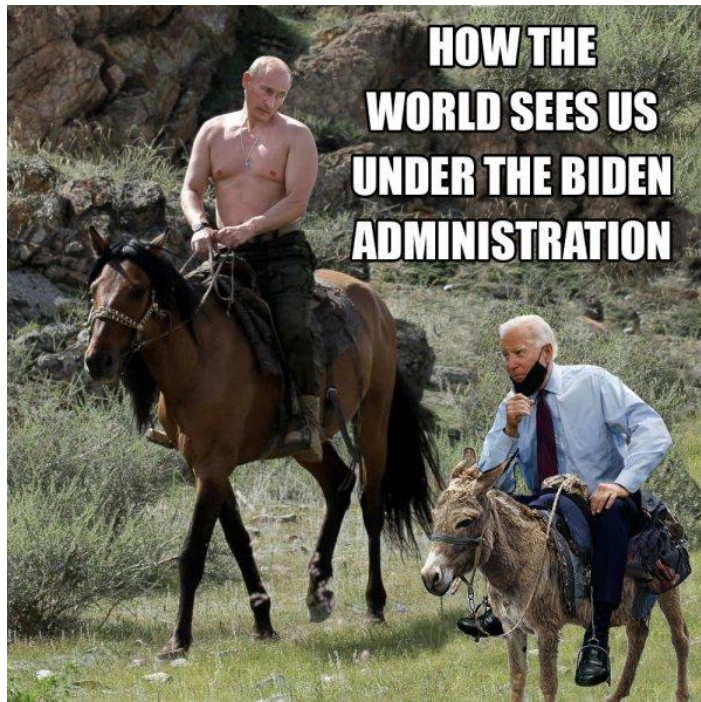


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