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TRUMP WRAPS UP ROUSING 3-DAY CPAC EVENT IN ORLANDO

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

When I was little, I loved the story and movie about Dumbo, the flying elephant, even though in those days I was too young to relate elephants to the



Republican Party. Today, it is outrageous that the Disney Corporation is banning the story from children because cancel culturists are "offended" by the singing black crows in it who "pay homage to racist minstrel shows."

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It is bad enough that only 9 percent of the Democrats' \$1.9 trillion coronavirus relief bill actually goes to assist people who have suffered at the hands of government lockdowns, with the rest supporting special interests and bailing out mismanaged blue states, but what is truly disgusting is that Senate Democrats blocked a Republican amendment that would have stopped taxpayer-funded stimulus checks from going to illegal aliens and incarcerated criminals.

But kudos to Kentucky Senator Rand Paul, who forced Democrats to remove one provision from the bill that would have used taxpayer money to fund abortions in Unplanned Parenthood facilities nationwide.

Democrats say their \$1.9 trillion bill is for coronavirus relief. And? The Grassfire website called the measure a "radicalleftist, taxpayer-funded, progressive wish list for a boondoggle." Fox News analyst Dagen McDowell's term for it was "porktastic."

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Here's another McDowell gem: her re-names for Conquest, War, Famine and Death – the Biblical Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse – are Amazon, Apple, Facebook and Google. -0-

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Once the American Conservative Union moved its annual Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) from the Washington, DC, area for the first time, and held it in Orlando, Florida, it was only natural that Florida resident **President Donald Trump** delivered the event's closing speech on February 28.



Florida Governor Ron DeSantis opened the three-day conference – titled "America Uncanceled" – on February 26, welcoming the thousands of attendees and saying his state Continued on Page 2

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Kudos as well to the Executive Director of the Nevada Democrat Party, as well as every other party employee and all of its consultants, for resigning from their positions after all five party leadership positions in a contested election were swept by a coalition of progressive candidates backed by the local chapter of the Democrat Socialists of America.

More Two Cents next month.

"lifted people up" during the coronavirus pandemic, with schools being opened and all businesses having the right to operate. "Florida was right, and the lockdown states are wrong," he said, adding that "in Florida, voting is transparent."

There were plenty of speakers for the attendees to cheer and applaud during the event, most of whom were seated in the Hyatt Regency's main conference hall. Another auditorium accommodated an overflow crowd, and jumbotrons in both



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locations made viewing easier. Several dozen conservative organizations had booths in yet another large hall to hand out literature and talk to attendees about their programs. Just a few of them Leadership were the Institute, the National Rifle Association, the Heritage Foundation, Judicial Watch, Project Veritas, and Turning Point USA.

The speakers went non-stop during the conference. Following DeSantis, **Utah Senator Mike Lee** said that our Founding Fathers and the Bill of Rights matter still today, and he urged attendees to be "skeptical of government's coercive force." The express purpose of the Bill of Rights, he pointed out, is "saving liberty, particularly the right to assembly." As a group, Lee said, "We choose liberty over tyranny, and we unite around that."

Also discussing the First Amendment, **Scott Walker**, the former Wisconsin Governor who is now president of Young America's Foundation, said the Left "just wants to cancel us, so we have to fight back." Noting that "speech is at risk on college campuses," he added that the fight for freedom was necessary to order to "pass it on to the next generation."

Oklahoma Senator James Lankford, on the same First Amendment panel discussion, pointed out that everybody has the right to choose "any religion, or none, and still be a great American." Author and former "New York Times" reporter Alex Berenson pointed out that the Big Tech companies profit from coronavirus lockdowns in the country. Former Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi said that while some state leaders urge people not to attend large gatherings due to the virus, "CPAC is a perfect example of the First Amendment's peaceful right to assemble." And former Ohio State Treasurer

Josh Mandel explained that while the Deep State is trying to close businesses, the First Amendment's freedom to petition is allowing them to sue the government to keep them open.

Speaking on Liberty and Cancel Culture, **Texas Senator Ted Cruz** said the media "desperately wants to see a Republican civil war," but that what can unite us is "our love of liberty." What happened at the Capitol Building on January 6, was "political theatre." In response, he said, the voice of liberty "spread like a prairie fire," started by the late Rush Limbaugh. Noting that the Left wants people "docile and compliant," Cruz said "these Deplorables are here to stay," and while defending Liberty, they should have fun. "2022 is going to be a fantastic year," he added.

Discussing Protecting Elections, "National Review" writer **Deroy Murdock** said that while election integrity is a "core policy," America is not perfect, but "we always try to do right." The Democrat Party, he said, "is the party of vote fraud," and Republicans need to make elections great again.

Also speaking of protecting elections, **Heritage Foundation Senior Legal Fellow Hans Von Spakovsky** said the judges who ruled against Republican charges of voter fraud in several states "did not want to risk being attacked." He said the Heritage Foundation has a data base of more than 1,300 cases of voter fraud in the 2020 election, and since the courts will not do anything about them, it is up to the state legislatures to do so.

Arkansas Senator Tom Cotton said the Left failed to keep the legacy of **Ronald Regan** in America, but "We will defend it without fear." He added that he would "rather be here free with our fellow patriots than locked down in Washington, DC.

With a smile, former **Utah Senator Jason Chaffetz** said, "I'm from Utah, and I'm not Mitt Romney. If you want to see him, go outside and turn left....and keep going left." He added that the three branches of government today are the presidency, the New York Times, and MSNBC.

"We have a country to save," said **Florida Congressman Matt Gaetz**, "and we need a culture of free speech in America." He added to the cheering crowd, "We are the pro-Trump America."

Charlie Kirk, founder of Turning Point, USA, said we are here "to conserve our God-given rights and our love of limited government." He added that to keep them, two things must take place – restoring election integrity and challenging Big Tech. Otherwise, Kirk said, "We will live in a country that is similar to California."

It is time to "wake up to reality," said **Rick Scott**, Florida Senator and former Governor, and he noted that Biden's new slogan is "Open Borders; Closed Schools." When Donald Trump was President, "he stood up to the Washington Establishment and said 'No," Scott said. And he added that when a reporter asked him if "we should compromise our principles?," his response was: "Hell no!"

Missouri Senator Josh Hawley said we are facing a Big Tech Oligarchy that Washington is subsidizing, and it is time to

reclaim a trust-busting agenda, stand up to China, and put American workers first. "We believe in borders because we believe in citizenship," he said, adding that oligarchies will only succeed "if we do nothing."

Plenty of applause and cheering greeted **Donald Trump, Jr.** when he appeared on stage. He noted that the Chinese have "a great return on investments" in our country, and when it came to the 2020 election, "the Republicans grabbed defeat from the jaws of victory." He also expressed concern that the Democrats are petitioning major organizations to ban conservative news outlets.

Project Veritas founder **James O'Keefe** spoke about how whistleblowers in such companies as Big Tech and the U.S. Postal Service helped his staff members film wrongdoing activities undercover, and he said he plans to bring a lawsuit against CNN for its coverage of what was exposed.

Podcaster and former **Secret Service Agent Dan Bongino** told the audience that "President Trump is not done yet, and you are not done. Get back up and get into the fight." He added, "We are on the right side, and you are evangelists of the cause."

The first speaker on February 27, former Acting Director of U.S. National Intelligence and U.S. Ambassador to Germany Rick Grenell said the Trump administration was urged by all the "experts" in government not to do too much. Instead, he said, "we re-negotiated trade agreements, and believe the time has come for term limits" in Congress. There also is need now in California, he said, for recall of the governor who has locked down his state.

Discussing the devaluation of American citizenship, **Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton** said "it is not Biden's job to change the law" regarding the border wall – "which worked in El Paso" – and allowing illegal immigrants into the country.

Stating that "blue collar comeback" was the theme of the Trump administration, **Tennessee Senator Bill Hagerty** said the former President "is the one to bring unity to the Republican Party." He served on a panel with former **U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer**, who noted that Trump's presidency was "extremely successful," and said we need our allies to "push back on China," which he said, "is our adversary at every level of economic predatory practices."

Conservative journalist **Sara Carter**, in a panel discussion on Who's Really Running the Biden Administration, said it is a "resurgence of the Obama Administration and it is the most progressive administration ever." She added, "He is a puppet they are using." Carter also said we should not be afraid to question Biden's policies, and we cannot be a true democracy without the American people being informed. **Tennessee Congressman Mark Green** on the panel said Biden's Socialist agenda is even to the left of Obama, and in his state districts are being redrawn to target blue ones in 2022.

Speaking on California Socialism, **Congressman Devin Nunes** said his state suffers from "the watermelon movement" – green on the outside and red inside. Radicalization, he said, is what

got him into politics, Regarding the petitions being signed to recall Governor Gavin Newsom, Nunez said it is critical for conservatives to rally around one single candidate to replace him.

Discussing Biden's energy policy, former Colorado Congressman Bob Beauprez said replacing fossil fuels and natural gas with wind and solar power "is not only dangerous, it is a stupid economic plan." Adding that it is a "foolish agenda," Pennsylvania Representative Mike Kelly said it penalizes struggling families. "We are a party of blue collar workers," he said. "We can use clean coal and let the American people figure out what's best for them."

In a discussion on the nuclear family, Fox News contributor **Leo Terrell** said Socialists want to do away with it and make everyone dependent on the government. He added that we have to fight against the teacher's unions, and school choice is the key to break them. Terrell also said he is against Black Lives Matter because "they are against Black lives and want to destroy the family unit." **Utah Congressman Burgess Owens** urged everyone to "listen a little bit more. We can all live the American dream by Rush Limbaugh's legacy."

Florida Congressman Byron Donalds, speaking on cruel and unusual punishment, said, "We want to be tough on crime," but then there has to be a pathway for offenders to return to their lives and their families. "Human compassion," Donalds added, "is something Vice President Kamala Harris has overlooked."

Cheers were plentiful as well for former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, who told the audience he is "proud of our fight and our accomplishments. We fought hard. We protected you and our great Bill of Rights. We put Americans back to work by securing our borders and rolling back regulations. We wanted people to be successful, and we protected American workers from Chinese domination." Some of the accomplishments Pompeo listed were moving the U.S. Embassy in Israel, getting several Mideast peace agreements signed, bringing back American hostages from North Korea, and (at the time) stopping the Iranian Nuclear Deal and leaving the Paris Climate Accord. Regarding the Biden administration saying America is back, Pompeo asked "back to what?" He said the new administration is going to change Army Green" to "AOC Green." He closed his remarks by asking everyone to "keep grinding and support our military forces. I will be with you in the fight."

In a discussion on the Second Amendment, **Arizona** Congressman Andy Biggs said the mindset in the Left is that "we are suspected terrorists." The Left, he said, is creating law



where there is no legal authority, and is manufacturing a crisis for bureaucrats to take over in violation of the right to bear arms.

House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy of California said we do not know what the Chinese Communists have on the Democrat Party, but we need to

stand up to them. Speaking about Speaker Nancy Pelosi's proposed HR-1 legislation, he said it would take away our entire election process. "We have to continue what we are doing," McCarthy said, noting that in the last election, "we elected more Republican women than ever before."



South Dakota Governor Kristi Noem said that while other states shut down their economies last year due to the coronavirus pandemic, her state did not. "We never ordered a single business or church to close; there was no mask mandate; and we have the lowest unemployment rate in the nation," she said. Noem added, "We are exceptional, and no

American should ever apologize for that."

Speaking of the Seventh Amendment's Right to Justice, **Robert McClure**, president of the James Madison Institute, said Governor DeSantis successfully arranged for all 40 colleges in Florida to sign onto legislation that promoted free speech, eliminated "free speech zones" on campuses, and encouraged the practice of healthy debate. "Conservatives on campuses are getting more bold knowing they have backing," McClure said, adding that nearly half of all students in Florida have some level of school choice, even down in the middle and high school levels.



Editor's Wife Barbara with Fox News TV Host Pete Hegseth

Rush Limbaugh, and American Conservative Union leaders presented a plaque to Rush's widow, **Kathryn Limbaugh**, who said it was "a significant loss for our nation. He was extraordinary in every way." Referring to himself as a "recovering neo-con," Fox News television host **Pete Hegseth,** who served as a U.S. Army officer and saw combat in Iraq and Afghanistan, said that when it came to relations with other countries, "President Trump focused us on who our friends really are."

At CPAC's annual Ronald Reagan Dinner the evening of February 27, attendees watched an extensive video on the career of



Former White House Press Secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders spoke at the dinner about a "great memory" of President Trump. She said she had had a particularly rough day, and the President said, "the only reason the media attacks you is because you are good at your job."

Her father, former **Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee**, reminded the audience that his daughter is now running for his former position. He also said he hopes Trump will be President again, because he kept every one of his promises.

The dinner's keynote speaker, **Dr. Ben Carson**, former Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, said "real compassion is to give people an avenue to escape from poverty." He said he has created the



new American Cornerstone Institute – focusing on Faith, Liberty, Community and Life – to help the most vulnerable find new hope and work to decrease the federal government's role in society. Explaining that government power comes from "We the people," Carson said, "Our history is what gives us our identity. We are committed to rebuilding and to return to our shared values." Anyone interested in learning more about this venture is invited to visit www.americancornerstone.org.

On the final day of CPAC, February 28, Larry Kudlow, the former Director of the White House National Economic Council, said that Trump's growth and security policies were correct, "and they will continue to unite Republicans and Conservatives."

The way to protect and fix elections, said **J. Christian Adams** of the Public Interest Legal Foundation, is to "stop funding them." He added that we do know about "dead and double voters." **John Fund**, a "National Review" writer, said the way to address voter fraud is to do so before an election.

Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton said he calls on the Justice Department to appoint a special counsel to investigate the Biden Administration. What was suspicious, he said, were the extraordinary number of ballots that were counted in several states after the November election. He also said there were 800,000 more ballots than the number of voters on the roles. "Elections just are not secure," he said. Fitton added that the targeting of Trump in the 2016 election was all about protecting Hillary Clinton's emails. "The rule of law protects the high and low," he said, "But the corrupt Deep State and its partisan allies subvert the rule of law. They aimed high by targeting President Trump with illicit spying and contemptible abuses of his civil rights." Explaining that President Trump is a "crime victim," Fitton said, "Who was behind the worst corruption scandal in American history? Obama, Biden, Comey, Brennan ... you know the rest."

Wayne La Pierre, the executive vice president of the National Rifle Association, said that "violence is being fueled by politicians who want to dismantle us." To resolve gun problems in the country, he said, "all they have to do is enforce existing gun laws and prosecute the criminals." It is the criminals, La Pierre said, that give them the platform to enact anti-gun laws on law-abiding citizens. He added that despite all the criticism, "the NRA will not surrender our freedom."

Noting that "cancel culture" is where the Left wants to go, **Ohio** Congressman Jim Jordan said this is "scary, and we need to fight back wherever we see it." He pointed out that in 2017, the Democrats objected to election results in ten states, but in 2021, they objected to Republicans objecting in six states. Jordan said Trump is the leader of the Conservative Movement, and he hopes that in 2025, he is the leader again "of our great country." CPAC attendees had the opportunity to participate in a straw poll at the conference containing numerous questions. Pollster Jim McLaughlin announced several of the key questions: In a hypothetical 2024 primary election, 55 percent of respondents said they would vote for President Trump; 21 percent favored Florida Governor DeSantis; and 4 percent said South Dakota Governor Noem. Asked if they would like to see Trump run again in 2024, 68 percent said yes, 15 percent said no, and 17 percent said they were unsure. But when it came to whether they wanted the Republican Party to continue with Trump's agenda and policies, a whopping 95 percent agreed, with 3 percent



favoring changing direction, and 2 percent being uncertain.

Outside the hotel, in anticipation of Trump's arrival, a huge crowd of supporters who did not attend CPAC, lined the surrounding streets, waving flags and signs of support to cheer him

on as he entered to deliver his remarks.

Once he entered the building, several lucky attendees were

invited to have their pictures taken with him. Among them were BREC Precinct Committeeman and District 4 Vice Chair Ed Brankey and his wife, Nataliya.



To close the conference, Trump energized the

audience with a 90-minute speech, saying he would "continue to fight right by your side," within the Republican Party. He said it was "fake news" that he wanted to start a new political party. "We will be united and strong like never before. We will save and strengthen America," Trump exclaimed.

He also blasted the current cancel culture and non-science of school closures in the country and said states should fight back against the media and big tech if the federal government refuses to get involved.

(NOTE: Excerpts of Trump's 90-minute speech will follow this article.)

TRUMP CPAC ADDRESS EXCERPTS

Following are excerpts of President Donald Trump's 90-minute address to CPAC on February 28:

(Begin excerpts)



To each and every one of you here at CPAC, I am more grateful to you than you will ever know. We're gathered this afternoon to talk about the future of our movement, the future of our party, and the future of our beloved country. For the next four years, the brave Republicans in this room will be at the heart of the effort to oppose the radical Democrats, the fake news media, and their toxic cancel culture. Something new to our ears, cancel culture. And I want you to know that I'm going to continue to fight right by your side. We will do what we've done right from the beginning, which is to win. We're not starting new parties. They kept saying, he's going to start a brand new party. We have the Republican party. It's going to unite and be stronger than ever before. I am not starting a new party. That was fake news, fake news....

We will be united and strong like never before. We will save and strengthen America. And we will fight the onslaught of radicalism, socialism, and indeed it all leads to communism once and for all. That's what it leads to. You'll be hearing more and more about that as we go along. But that's what it leads to. You know that. We all knew that the Biden administration was going to be bad. But none of us even imagined just how bad they would be and how far left they would go. He never talked about this. We would have those wonderful debates. He would never talk about this. We didn't know what the hell he was talking about actually....

The Biden administration has put the vile coyotes back in business and it has done so in a very, very big way. Under the new administration, catch and release has been restored. Can you imagine? We work so hard, catch, you know where that is? You catch them, you take their name, they may be killers. They may be rapists. They may be drug smugglers. You take their name, and you release them into our country. We did the opposite. We not only didn't release them, we had them brought back to their country. Illegal immigrants are now being apprehended and released along the entire Southern border, just the opposite of what it was two months ago....

Biden's radical immigration policies aren't just illegal. They're immoral. They're heartless. And they are a betrayal of our nation's core values. It's a terrible thing that's happening. The

Republican Party must hold Joe Biden and the Democrats accountable. They ripped up the diplomatic agreements we negotiated with Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador to shut down illegal immigration....

The Biden administration is actually bragging about the classroom education they are providing to migrant children on the border. While at the same time, millions of American children are having their futures destroyed by Joe Biden's antiscience school closures. Think of it. We're educating students on the border, but our own people, children of our citizens, citizens themselves are not getting the education that they deserve. There's no reason whatsoever why the vast majority of young Americans should not be back in school immediately. The only reason that most parents do not have that choice is because Joe Biden has sold out America's children to the teacher's unions....

When I withdrew from the WHO and you know the whole story with that, they called it badly. They really are puppets for China. They called and they wanted us to stay in. I said, how much are we paying, approximately \$500 million? How much is China paying a much larger in terms of population country, sir, they're paying \$39 million. I say, why are we paying 500 million and they're paying 39? I could tell you why. Because the people that made the deal are stupid, that's why....

Under the radical Democrat policies, the price of gasoline has already surged 30 percent since the election. And we'll go to \$5, \$6, \$7 and even higher. So enjoy that when you go to the pump and they'll say that'd be about \$200 to fill up your van. Remember they used to go to the little, small vans. They got away from the big ones that everybody wanted. They went to the small ones. Well, you know what? Probably a good investment. As long as these guys have their say because you know, it's a shame what's happening. Energy prices are going to go through the roof. And that includes your electric bills. That includes any bill having to do with energy, our biggest cost. We will now be relying on Russia and the Middle East for oil....

Joe Biden and the Democrats are even pushing policies that would destroy women's sports. A lot of new records are being broken in women's sports. Hate to say that ladies, but got a lot of new records, they're being shattered. For years, the weightlifting, every ounce is like a big deal for many years. All of a sudden somebody comes along and beats it by a hundred pounds. Boom. Now young girls and women are in sets that they are now being forced to compete against those who are biological males. It's not good for women. It's not good for women's sports, which worked so long and so hard to get to where they are....

Many people have asked, "What is Trumpism? "A new term being used more and more. I'm hearing that term more and more. I didn't come up with it. But what it means is great deals, great trade deals. Great ones do not deal where we give away everything, our jobs, our money, like the USMCA replacement of the horrible NAFTA. NAFTA was one of the worst deals ever made, probably the worst trade deal ever made, and we ended it. A lot of people forget, we ended it.

Now we have the USMCA-Mexico-Canada. It's incredible what it's done for our farmers, who are doing fantastically. Did you see grain prices and grain sales are at an all-time high? Wheat, all-time high. So many elements of farms and farmers, and they love me. Remember, it's going to be very close in Iowa. Well, it wasn't close. We won in a landslide, Iowa, because our farmers know, and they put up with it, and we did a lot of work with the tariffs and all these things that we had to do to get it. Now the farmers are doing great, but they're setting records.

It means low taxes and eliminating job-killing regulations, Trumpism. It means strong borders, but people coming into our country based on a system of merit. They come in and they can help us, as opposed to coming here and not being good for us, including criminals, of which there are many. It means no riots in the streets. It means law enforcement. It means very strong protection for the Second Amendment and the right to keep and bear arms. It means support for the forgotten men and women who have been taken advantage of for so many years. They were doing great. They were doing great before that horrible thing from China came in and hit us, and now they're starting to do really well again....

We have even created the Space Force, the first new branch of the United States military in nearly 75 years. The mission of the Democrat party is to promote socialism. They want to promote socialism, ultimately leading, unfortunately, to communism, and that will happen. If you look at Venezuela, you look at some of these countries, that's why some of our biggest supporters are from South America, Latin America, because they've seen what goes on with all of this cancel culture, and you can't speak, and let's cut them off and let's not give them words. The mission of our movement and of the Republican party must be to create a future of good jobs, strong families, safe communities, a vibrant culture, and a great nation for all Americans, and that's what we're creating.

Their party is based upon unvarnished disdain for America, its past and its people. You see that happening. It's horrible the way they treat the legacy of our country, the culture of our country. Our party is based on love for America and the belief that this is an exceptional nation, blessed by God. We take great pride in our country. We teach the truth about history. We celebrate our rich heritage and national traditions. We honor George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Jefferson, and all national heroes, and of course, we respect our great American flag....

Another one of the most urgent issues facing the Republican Party is that of ensuring fair, honest and secure elections. Such a disgrace, such a disgrace. We must pass comprehensive election reforms, and we must do it now. The Democrats used the China virus as an excuse to change all of the election rules without the approval of their state legislatures, making it therefore illegal and had a massive impact on the election. Again, you have to go to the legislatures to get these approvals. This alone would have easily changed the outcome of the election at levels that you wouldn't have even believed. Even with COVID, even with all of the things, the numbers are staggering. We can never let this or other abuses of the 2020

election be repeated or happen again, can never let that happen again. You see what's going on. We've been set back so greatly with other countries and with the world. We need election integrity and election reform immediately. Republicans should be the party of honest elections that can give everyone confidence in the future of our country. Without honest elections, who has confidence? Who has confidence? This issue is being studied and examined. But the reality is you cannot have a situation where ballots are indiscriminately pouring in from all over the country, tens of millions of ballots. Where are they coming from? They're coming all over the place, where illegal aliens and dead people are voting, and many other horrible things are happening that are too voluminous to even mention, but people know....

Today I want to outline the steps that we must take to have an election system in this country that is honest, fair and accurate. We need one election day, not 45, 30, one day like it's been. The Republicans don't get this and the other things I'm going to say, that you should, like the Supreme Court, be ashamed of yourselves. One day, one day, and the only people that should be allowed to vote by mail are people that can be proven to be either very sick, or out of the country, or military where they can't do it. One day. They have millions and millions of ballots sitting around all over the place for long periods of time. Gee, I wonder what happens with those ballots? I wonder what happens? It's common sense. It's a disgrace. It's an absolute disgrace. There should be a legitimate reason for someone to vote absentee, has to have a reason. We should eliminate the insanity of mass and very corrupt mail-in voting.

We must have voter ID, voter ID. To get into the Democrat National Convention, when they had the convention, you needed voter ID. You needed an ID card. You couldn't get in unless you had an ID. So many people told me you can't get in that place. You need ID. Nobody had ID. You need voter ID. They know that. There's a con job. They're conning everybody. They know that. They know the wall was good. They knew the wall would work, but they didn't want to have it, because we wanted it. I made one big mistake in the wall. I should have said, "We will not have a wall." Then they would have said, "Let's build a wall." ...

We need universal signature matching. They want to pass a bill where you don't have to match signatures, where signatures don't mean anything. Now they know it, just like with the wall, just like with voter ID, when you need to go into anything that's Democrat run, you need it. But for voting, which is our most sacred institution, you don't. They don't want to let you have it. There should be a 100 percent requirement to verify the citizenship of every person who votes, and there must be a chain of custody protections for every ballot, every ballot. You saw what happened in Detroit and Philadelphia and many other places, swing states mostly, all over, but swing states mostly. You saw what happened? You saw what was going on....

Even if you consider nothing else, it is undeniable that election rules were illegally changed at the last minute in almost every swing state, with the procedures rewritten by local politicians... you're not allowed to do that... and local judges. They want more time. They want this. They want that. All done by local politicians or local judges, as opposed to state legislatures as required by the Constitution of the United States. These are numbers that are massive. These aren't little numbers. These are numbers that in each state is a transformative number. It changes the outcome of the election, and it's not close. Regardless of your political views, this should concern you as a constitutional matter. The Supreme Court, again, didn't have the guts or the courage to do anything about it, and neither did other judges....

Yet all of the election integrity measures in the world will mean nothing if we don't have free speech. That's where we're at now. If Republicans can be censored for speaking the truth and calling out corruption, we will not have democracy, and we will have only left-wing tyranny....

The time has come to break up big tech monopolies and restore fair competition. Republicans, conservatives must open up our platforms and repeal section 230 liability protections. And if the federal government refuses to act, then every state in the union where we have the votes, which is a lot of them, big tech giants, like Twitter, Google, and Facebook should be punished with major sanctions whenever they silence conservative voices. And governor Ron DeSantis of Florida and in Texas and in other States are doing this. If they do what they're doing, Florida, and that legislation will pass. And Texas and others will have tremendous power to do what's right and what's fair....

With your help, we will take back the House. We will win the Senate. And then, a Republican president will make a triumphant return to the White House. And I wonder who that will be? I wonder who that will be? Who, who, who will that be? I wonder. Standing before you today, I am supremely confident that for our movement, for our party, and for our country, our brightest days are just ahead. And that together we will make America prouder, freer, stronger and greater than it ever has been before. Thank you CPAC, God bless you, and God bless America. Thank you all. Thank you.

(End excerpts)

DESANTIS STATE OF STATE ADDRESS OPENS FLORIDA LEGISLATIVE SESSION



Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, in his March 2 State of the State address at the opening of the 2021 State Legislature session, said that while "so many other states kept locking people down, Florida lifted people up."

He detailed efforts taken by Florida to combat the coronavirus pandemic and protect seniors and said the state also "worked to give opportunities to our kids. Florida has led the way in providing all parents the right to send their kids to school for inperson instruction. Florida is one of only 4 states – and the only large state – to offer in-person instruction to 100% of its students."

DeSantis said he looks forward to working with **Senate President Wilton Simpson** and **House Speaker Chris Sprowls** on numerous issues, including the economy, education, law and order, and election integrity.

The Legislature – consisting of a 24-16 Republican majority in the Senate and a 78-42 majority in the House – is scheduled to adjourn its 60-day session on April 30.

Simpson, in his opening day remarks, said that "while there is a tremendous amount of work being done as a result of the pandemic, we don't want to lose momentum in addressing other challenges or seizing additional opportunities."

Sprowls asked in his, "Will we spend our days chasing praise on Twitter, or will we actually change policy to improve the lives of Floridians? Will we have the capacity to recognize that while we are at the center of our own sessions, we are not at the center of everyone else's? Those choices rest entirely with each of us."

Following are excerpts of Governor DeSantis' remarks:

(Begin excerpts)

Mr. Speaker, Mr. President, members of the House and Senate and fellow citizens: I see, in many parts of our country, a sad state of affairs: schools closed, businesses shuttered, and lives destroyed. This calamitous reality is just the beginning of what will likely be long-term damage to children, families and society. Sow the wind, reap the whirlwind.

While so many other states kept locking people down, Florida lifted people up.

Florida's schools are open – and we are one of only a handful of states in which every parent has a right to send a child to school in-person.

All Floridians have a right to earn a living – and our citizens are employed at higher rates than those in the nation as a whole. Every job is essential. If you are working hard to earn a living, we got your back in the state of Florida. Every business in Florida has a right to operate. We have stood up for small, family-owned businesses and have saved thousands of them from ruin.

Because of our actions, Florida is leading the nation in the number of people submitting business formation applications and we are one of the top destinations for business relocation....

We thank the health care professionals throughout Florida who cared for those who became ill due to COVID. This includes frontline doctors and nurses, who provided top-notch care to

hospitalized patients, as well as staff at long-term care facilities who worked tirelessly to protect our most vulnerable seniors.

Their efforts helped to save thousands of lives and are a major reason why Florida, with perhaps the most vulnerable population to COVID, has per capita COVID mortality that is below the national average.

From the outset, Florida has been steadfast in focusing efforts on the protection of the elderly. We rejected the policy of sending contagious COVID patients back into nursing homes; indeed, we prohibited the practice. Florida also established COVID-only nursing facilities so that infections in long-term care facilities could be more effectively contained....

As we worked to protect seniors, we also worked to give opportunities to our kids. Florida has led the way in providing all parents the right to send their kids to school for in-person instruction. Florida is one of only 4 states – and the only large state – to offer in-person instruction to 100% of its students.

Across the nation, millions of students have been locked out of the classroom for nearly a year – and for many there is no end in sight. These students have fallen behind on academics, have been denied the opportunity to participate in activities such as athletics, and have seen their social development stunted....

As we begin this legislative session, I look forward to working with Senate President Wilton Simpson and House Speaker Chris Sprowls. You both have already demonstrated leadership on issues that matter to Floridians.

When the initial fallout from COVID began, there was a lot of concern about whether we could afford to continue with the progress we have already made on priorities like protecting our water resources and K-12 education.

Forecasts were dire. The 2021 Legislative session was shaping up to be a fiscal nightmare. I am pleased to report that our current fiscal outlook is much better than the bleak forecasts from last spring.

As many of you are probably aware, when the pandemic hit, I vetoed \$1 billion from this year's budget. I also instructed our executive agencies not to spend all of the appropriated funds because we did not know for sure how much revenue we would be taking in.

Because Florida's economy is open, revenue is coming in at levels far higher than even the most recent revised estimates. For the last three months – December to February – preliminary estimates peg the increase in revenue at more than \$800 million over and above the December revenue estimation....

We also must continue to protect our natural resources and invest in improvements in water quality. I ask that you continue to fund the key projects – from the EAA reservoir in the south to the projects in the northern everglades – that will impact our state for generations to come and reaffirms our commitment to Everglades restoration and access to safe, clean water for our communities....

Florida is – and must remain – a state dedicated to law and order. When riots broke out across the nation last year, we saw cities ruined by violent mobs. Law enforcement was targeted, and lawlessness prevailed. This was not – and must never be – tolerated in the state of Florida....

This is real-life 2021, not fictitious 1984, yet Big Tech wields monopolistic power over the public in ways that would have made the monopolists of the early 20th century blush.

Floridians have a right to control their personal data and Big Tech should not be able to make billions of dollars off us without our informed consent.

Florida has always been a state that strongly supports free speech, and we cannot allow the contours of acceptable speech to be adjudicated by the whims of oligarchs in Silicon Valley....

Speaking of elections, we should take a moment to enjoy the fact that Florida ran perhaps the most transparent and efficient election in the nation in 2020. People actually asked, why cannot these other states be like Florida? Such a sentiment would have been unthinkable twenty years ago.

We need to make sure our elections are transparent and run efficiently. There should be no ballot harvesting in the State of Florida. One person, one vote....

I know these issues are merely scratching the surface of what the House and Senate will tackle this session. Of course, I would be remiss if I did not lend my support to the COVID liability bills for business and health care; for the Speaker's bills cracking down on the Chinese Communist Party and other foreign influence; general reforms to improve the state's legal climate; reform of the emergency powers of local government; and continued support for infrastructure. I have no doubt that you will send me a lot more than that....

Our nation and our state have endured a tumultuous year. Floridians have responded in ways that would make our founders proud.

Because of those efforts, the sun is rising here in Florida – and the Sunshine State will soon reach new horizons.

(End excerpts)



THE BREC CORNER By Chairman Rick Lacey

March came in like a lion for the Brevard Republican Party!. The March 10 BREC meeting had a healthy quorum and still maintained social distancing. The best news was the installation of 28 new members to

our Party -- A NEW RECORD. In addition, a couple of new committees were created: Technology, which will address issues regarding the website and various social media; and Meetings, which will make all the arrangements for future gatherings.

It was announced that **Mark Hutchins** has resigned as Vice Chairman of BREC for personal reason, and we wish him well in his future endeavors. The election of a new Vice Chair will take place at the April meeting.

Also at the April meeting, we will be voting on the committee's by-laws, a revised copy of which was made available to members.



Special guest speaker and BREC member Mary Ellen Galanopoulos discussed her new children's book on the Constitution, "How Our Liberty Came To Be," which she self-published. To lead up to the creation of our Constitution, her book explains what occurred in England during the reign of

several kings dating back 1,000 years. After the meeting, she was available to sign copies for interested members.

Another important issue was the search for Conservative Republican candidates for this year's municipal elections. The November races are non-partisan, but we need Republican candidates for the following municipalities: Cape Canaveral, Indialantic, Indian Harbour Beach, Malabar, Melbourne Beach, Melbourne Village, Palm Shores, Rockledge, Barefoot bay Recreation District and Port Malabar Holiday Park Recreation District.

Finally, volunteers are needed to assist with the upcoming Lincoln Reagan Dinner. The date will be announced as soon as a guest speaker is confirmed.

AUDACITY AND IDIOCY

--Online retailer Amazon, for stopping the sale of a book – "When Harry Becomes Sally: Responding to the Transgender Movement" – written by conservative academic Ryan Anderson



of the University of Dallas, while at the same time, continuing to sell books by such heinous dictator authors as Adolph Hitler, Saddam Hussein, and Karl Marx.

- --The Gates Foundation, for funneling \$1 million to universities and local governments to push the narrative that "math is racist." The Foundation said a "focus on getting the 'right' answer" and state standards directing classroom instruction represent "white supremacy culture," and it suggested implementing "ethnomathematics" as an antidote. 2+2=5 anyone?
- --Snowflake students at the University of Washington, for demanding removal from the campus of the statue of George Washington, the school's and the state's namesake, claiming it "perpetuates white supremacy and preserves its historical imposition" because our First President owned slaves. The statue has stood on the campus since 1909.

--School officials and teachers in Renton, Washington, for daily forcing kindergarteners to recite "Land Acknowledgment" in which they admit that they live on "stolen land" from the Duwamish tribe of American Indians. Indoctrination of five-year-olds?

--Officials at the Grace Church School in New York City, an Episcopal K-12 school that charges \$57,000 a year, for warning staff, students and parents to stop using such inappropriate gender terms as "mom" and "dad" and that "traditional family" is "outdated." The school's guide says, "We actively try to undo notions of a 'typical' or 'normal' family structure; each family is unique." Also within the school's massive list of phrases not to use, it says, "Merry Christmas" and "Happy Holidays" should be replaced with "Have a great break!" More wokeness.

--The Dedham, Massachusetts, superintendent of education, high school principal and high school athletic director, for firing long-time Dedham High School football coach David Flynn, for the "high crime" of objecting to his daughter's seventh grade history class curriculum being changed to include material on Black Lives Matter/Critical Race Theory. In response, Judicial Watch has filed a lawsuit in federal court against the trio, seeking damages for their retaliation against Flynn for exercising his First Amendment rights.

--The Oakley, California, Union Elementary School District Board of Education, for mocking parents during a board meeting. Unfortunately for the board members, they did not realize the meeting was being broadcast live, and their resentment toward parents and other taxpayers was displayed for all to see. The entire board has now resigned.

--Matt Meyer, the president of the Berkeley Federation of Teachers union, for leading the effort to close schools in California because they are "unsafe," but then being caught on camera dropping off his daughter at a private school.

-- Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascon, for cutting ties with the California District Attorneys Association (CDAA), after determining the board is comprised of "too many white people" and is too focused on being "tough on crime." At the top of his complaints was the fact that CDAA had supported a lawsuit filed by a group of his own deputy district attorneys, alleging he had ordered them to drop all sentencing enhancement in the cases they were prosecuting – a policy they said violated state law. According to Gascon, pursuing sentencing enhancements drives up the likelihood criminals will reoffend in the future.

--The U.S. Soccer Federation Athletic Council, for removing from its membership Paralympian soccer player Seth Jahn, an 11-year military veteran, for having the" audacity" – we would say the "courage" – to defend the National Anthem and criticize those who kneel during its playing.

--State University of New York (SUNY) Geneseo, a school that practices left-wing ideology, for suspending education student Owen Stevens from mandatory teaching programs because he posted Instagram videos expressing conservative ideology,

making such comments as "a man is a man, and a woman is a woman."

--Ash Kalra, a San Jose, California state lawmaker, for sponsoring proposed legislation to ban from service police officers and police officer candidates who are members of "hate groups" or have used "hate speech" in the past. His bill's broad definition of the term "hate" could apply the ban to "police officers expressing conservative, religious or political views on abortion, marriage, and gender or with membership in a political party or a church that does." Opponents of his measure say it would usher in a "new era of McCarthyism" that would target Muslims, Catholics, evangelicals, and even registered Republicans.

THIS AND THAT



HENRY KISSINGER. Speaking at the California-based Richard Nixon Foundation on March 2, elder statesman Henry Kissinger, the 97-year-old Secretary of State and National Security Adviser to Presidents Nixon and Gerald Ford, urged the Biden administration to uphold President Trump's "brilliant" Middle East success. Kissinger praised the Trump Administration's strategy of pitting major Sunni

Muslim countries against Iran's Shiite mullah-led regime, and its separation of the Palestinian problems from all the other problems so it did not become a veto over everything else. Also at the seminar, Kissinger said the Biden administration "should not give up the pressures that exist on Iran until we know where they are heading." He added, "If we break out the Iranian issue from the overall Middle Eastern issue, we run the risk of losing the two achievements, namely of separating the Palestinian issue, which removes it as a veto over everything else, and the Sunni cooperation with Israel, which is unique in its openness."

REPUBLICAN STATE ATTORNEYS GENERAL.

Threatening legal action over a section of the Democrats' \$1.9 trillion so-called Covid-19 American Rescue Plan, the attorneys general of 21 Republican states said a provision buried deep in the text of the 600-plus pages document bars states receiving financial aid from reducing taxes on their citizens. In a letter to the Biden Administration, the states' AGs call the move "unprecedented and unconstitutional intrusion." According to the law, states that do not use the money they receive in the way the administration wants, have to pay it back. "This language could be read to deny states the ability to cut taxes in any manner whatsoever - even if they would have provided such tax relief with or without the prospect of Covid-19 relief funds," the AGs said in a March 16 letter to Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen. "Indeed, such federal usurpation of state tax policy would represent the greatest attempted invasion of state sovereignty by Congress in the history of our Republic."



On behalf of Jared Nally, the editor-in-chief of "The Indian Leader," the Haskell Indian Nations University school newspaper, the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education

(FIRE) is suing the university's President Ronald Graham, for issuing a directive forbidding routine news gathering on the campus of the school, which is a federally-operated tribal university in Kansas. Nally wants the school, which shorted funding for the newspaper by more than \$10,000 without any explanation and ignored email requests for information for months, to restore the funding, approve its registration as a student organization, and revise the unconstitutional policy on campus speech used to issue the directive. Graham used the directive last October, threatening him with disciplinary action for requesting information from government agencies and failing to treat members of the Haskell community with the "highest respect" after he published articles critical of the university. Joining FIRE in the lawsuit are the Native American Journalists Association and the Student Press Law Center.

GOVERNMENT SPENDING. The \$1.9 trillion coronavirus bill signed by President Biden is in name only, with 90 percent of the funds going for Democrat spending projects. The Committee for a Constructive Tomorrow (CFACT) reports the following is just a sampling of the spending: \$350 billion to cities, states and Indian tribes; \$169 billion to schools and colleges, including those that refuse to open; \$422 billion in stimulus checks, including to federal prisoners; \$58 billion to bail out union pension funds; \$25 billion in increased Obamacare subsidies; \$30 billion to AMTRAK and transit agencies; \$1 billion in loan forgiveness for farmers based on "racial justice"; and \$50 million in environmental justice grants (whatever they are).

BI-ANNUAL HONOR THE VETERANS AND MILITARY

DINNER. The fundraising auction and door-prize drawings at the Brevard Federated Republican Women's bi-annual Veterans and Military Dinner, held March 20 in Cocoa, Florida, raised more than \$20,000 for the organization's donations to such groups as the National Veterans Homeless Support, the Veterans Recovery Center, the Honor Flights to the Nation's Capital (which will resume when the coronavirus permits), the



Honor America Liberty Bell Museum, and service men and women as the need arises. Welcoming the more than 150 people in attendance, **BFRW President Jill Gentis** said, "To our soldiers and all veterans of all branches, we thank you for your bravery and the example you have set for us. You have given our country your life, time, energy and love. Thank you for all your sacrifice and

commitment to our country and its citizens." Guest speaker Wayne Justice, the chairman of the Port Canaveral Commission and a retired U.S. Coast Guard Rear Admiral, recounted his military experience, which included commanding

four cutters in the Caribbean that interdicted drug smugglers, and serving at the White House to carry the "nuclear football" for **President George H.W. Bush** on Air Force One. Justice showed screen shots of his White House time, saying it was an example of "what military support for the President really is." He lived in the White House while serving as military aide. **Florida 8**th **District Congressman Bill Posey** brought



Port Canaveral Chair Wayne Justice

greetings from Washington to the dinner, and said he expected the resumption of Honor Flights for retired military and other

Brevard County Sheriff Wayne Ivey

– accompanied by his constant
companion – his bloodhound Junny –
served as auctioneer for the dinner,
"gently" urging people to dig into their
pockets for the auction items, which
included dinners with county officials,
Trump memorabilia, membership at the
Frog Bones shooting gallery, a vintage
military rifle, a basket of Rush
Limbaugh books, jewelry, and even an

veterans would be "in a few months."

opportunity to renew marriage vows.

SCHOLARSHIP OPORTUNITIES. The Brevard Federated Republican Women (BFRW) is offering three \$1,000 scholarships to Brevard County high school seniors, including home-schooled students, for the 2021 school year. Visit www.brevardfederatedrepublicanwomen.org for more information, or contact Dixie Riepl at 160 Sagecrest Circle, #103, West Melbourne, FL 32904, or email driepl6871@gmail.com. Applications are due by 5 pm on Friday, June 25.

BREVARD FEDERATED REPUBLICAN WOMEN. A member of the National Rifle Association's Board of Directors and its National Secretary, **Barbara Rumpel**, told members of

the Brevard Federated Republican Women on March 3 that lawsuits filed against the NRA are partisan attacks, and "We will not submit and surrender our freedom." Noting that Democrat-run cities across America are seeking antigun legislation, she said, "It is not just the Second Amendment that is at stake, it is our entire country."



Rumpel pointed out that "We were born with rights that were God-given," and that includes the right to defence – to bear arms. Regarding the anti-weapons cities, she said, "All they have to do is enforce existing gun laws, and violent crime will reduce." A life member of the NRA, she said, "since Charlton Heston retired as president, Rumpel spoke about how NRA women "have become a force to be reckoned with." She suggested that the club members visit the website

www.nrawomen.com, where she has a section on "Armed & Fabulous | An Eye for Adventure." Another website Rumpel recommended is www.momsdemandaction.org, a grassroots movement fighting for public safety measures that can protect people from gun violence.

EXPERTS' EXCERPTS



Heritage Foundation senior legal fellow **Hans von Spakovsky**, writing on the Democrats' dangerous and irresponsible HR 1, in the Foundation's "The Daily Signal":

"HR 1, the deceptively titled 'For the People Act,' has arrived in the U.S. Senate after a party-line vote in the House of Representatives. It is

without doubt the most dangerous and irresponsible election bill I have ever seen. If it becomes law, it will interfere with the ability of states and their residents to determine the qualifications and eligibility of voters, to ensure the accuracy and validity of voter registration rolls, to secure the integrity of elections, and to participate and speak freely in the political arena. HR 1 is an 800-page monstrosity that would usurp the role of the states. It would not only eliminate basic safety protocols, but mandate new, reckless rules and procedures. Here are the eight worst provisions of this ill-considered bill: 1) It would eviscerate state voter ID laws that require a voter to authenticate his or her identity. Indeed, it would force states to allow anyone to vote who simply signs a form saying that they are who they claim they are. When combined with the mandate that states implement same-day voter registration, it means I could walk into any polling place on Election Day, register under the name John Smith, sign a form claiming I really am John Smith, cast a ballot, and walk out....2) It would make absentee ballots even more insecure than they already are. Not only could states not apply any ID requirement to absentee ballots, they could not enforce any witness signature or notarization requirement. States that wisely ban candidates, campaign staffers, party activists, and political operatives from handling or delivering absentee ballots would see that ban voided. HR 1 would require states to give access to absentee ballots to third-party strangers who may have a stake in the outcome of the election....3) It would worsen the problem of inaccurate registration rolls, which are full of people who have died, moved away, are ineligible felons or noncitizens, or are registered more than once. HR 1 severely restricts the ability of states to take the basic steps necessary to maintain the accuracy of their voter rolls, such as comparing their lists with those of other states or using the U.S. Postal Service's National Change of Address System to find individuals who have moved. 4) It would take away your ability to decide whether you want to register to vote. Instead, it requires states to automatically register individuals who interact with state agencies such as the Department of Motor Vehicles and welfare offices, as well as numerous federal agencies.... 5) It would force states to allow online registration, opening up the voter registration system to massive fraud by hackers and cybercriminals. Worse, it severely

restricts the ability of state officials to reject a voter registration application, even when it is rejected because the official thinks the individual is ineligible to vote. 6) It imposes onerous new regulatory restrictions on political speech and activity, including online and policy-related speech, by candidates, citizens, civic groups, unions, corporations, and nonprofit organizations....7) It would authorize the IRS to investigate and consider the political and policy positions of nonprofit organizations when they apply for tax-exempt status. This would enable the political party in control of the White House (and thus the IRS) to use the IRS to go after anyone criticizing it or its policies. 8) It would set up a public funding program for candidates running for Congress. This would force taxpayers to subsidize the political campaigns of individuals they may vehemently disagree with and wouldn't vote for in a million years. Senators who support HR 1 should realize that they are essentially in favor of throwing the validity and credibility of future elections in doubt and taking away the authority of the voters of their states to make their own decisions on how their elections should be run."

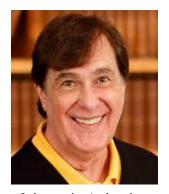
Author **Art Moore**, writing on researching the coronavirus at WND:

"China, the World Health Organization and the U.S. National Institutes of Health have dismissed the theory that the virus causing the global pandemic that has killed more than 2 million people and



devastated economies worldwide escaped from the Wuhan, China, lab funded by the United States. But there's no disputing the fact, as Newsweek reported in April 2020, that NIH executive Dr. Anthony Fauci promoted a highly controversial type of research involving the manipulation of viruses to explore their potential for infecting humans. And it's known that more than 200 scientists pressured the Obama administration in 2014 to temporarily halt U.S. funding for that research because of the risk of a manipulated virus accidentally escaping a lab and igniting a pandemic. Nevertheless, under Fauci's direction, the dangerous virus engineering resumed in 2017 and continued until April 2020. Now, documentary evidence makes it a 'near certainty' that the coronavirus pandemic originated in the Wuhan Institute of Virology in China, where so-called 'gain-offunction' research was funded by Fauci's National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, according to Steve Hilton, who is leading a special investigation for his Fox News show 'The Next Revolution.' Significantly, his investigation found a direct link between a bat coronavirus discovered a decade ago in a mine in Yunnan province and one that had been engineered in the Wuhan lab, 1,000 miles away.... The crucial question is, Hilton said, was the virus at the center of that U.S.-funded work the one that was discovered in the mine a decade ago? 'The match between that virus and the work commissioned by NAID is so perfect, it's impossible to believe they weren't,' he said.....The WHO and others are leaning on a "natural" explanation for the pandemic, Hilton noted. But if the COVID-19 pandemic originated naturally in the Yunnan mine – as the genome sequence indicates - but had nothing to do with

research at the Wuhan lab, you would 'have to believe in a laughably implausible set of coincidences'.... Significantly, the Chinese regime has blocked access to the Wuhan lab. NBC News reported a Wuhan Institute of Virology database with 20,000 entries was removed last spring due to 'security reasons'....'The Chinese regime can certainly be blamed for a cover-up allowing the outbreak to become a global pandemic, Hilton said. But the reason the virus exists and is so contagious, he asserted, can be traced back to the decision of Collins and Fauci to go ahead with the gain-of-function research as a 'risk worth taking' after the Obama administration stopped the funding.... The work was halted by the Obama administration in 2014 under pressure from scientists but resumed in December 2017 when the NIH lifted the moratorium. Going forward, scientists had to get approval from a panel of experts who would determine whether or not the risks were justified. The research was conducted in secret until, in early 2019, a reporter for Science magazine discovered the NIH had approved two gainof-function projects, drawing rebuke from scientists in an editorial in the Washington Post. 'We have serious doubts about whether these experiments should be conducted at all,' wrote Tom Inglesby of Johns Hopkins University and Marc Lipsitch of Harvard, 'With deliberations kept behind closed doors, none of us will have the opportunity to understand how the government arrived at these decisions or to judge the rigor and integrity of that process.'



Tom DeWeese, president of the American Policy Center, writing on the Great Reset, at www.americanpolicy.org:

"The assaults on property rights and personal privacy, along with the transformation of local schools under federal programs, and, above all, the seeming lack of concern for national sovereignty and protection

of the nation's borders, are the obvious contradictions to the proposition that Conservative ideas of limited government, free enterprise, and individual choice now reign supreme. Other goals are now openly taking center stage. The rule of law in our Republic, designed to insure individual rights from intrusive government, is being replaced by an undefined term called social justice, which demands that the concerns of interest groups supersede the inherent rights of the individual....The forces of tyranny have actually been very vocal about their goals, but they have cleverly hidden the full intention behind innocent sounding purposes such as protecting the environment, eliminating poverty, and making society more diverse and acceptable. Yet, in 1992, they boldly opened up, as 50,000 activists, heads of state, and powerful Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) met in a United Nations summit and revealed their Agenda for the 21st century.... What they mean by the Great Reset is exactly what they warned that Agenda 21 was all about – the reorganization of human society. That means a massive change, or the outright elimination, of our economy, income sources and jobs, private property, personal privacy, individual choice, families as we know them, information sources, communication, entertainment, energy source and use, education process, food source, housing, cities, farms, health care, national sovereignty, and our system of government. And the goal is to accomplish it all by 2030.... The Great Reset details a plan to create global interdependence, both an economic and a societal reset, detailing 'The return of big government.' In addition, it details a geopolitical reset designed to change our system of government, an environmental reset, mainly based on the threat of climate change and the continuing threat of pandemics. It even calls for an industry reset, which is a technocrat's way of saying banning capitalism and free markets. And, finally, it outlines our coming mental health issues and well-being that will be affected as we cope with the shock of the destruction of our society through the Great Reset.... Microsoft founder Bill Gates took the lead, demanding a worldwide, mandatory vaccine for an undefined disease with a recovery rate of 98.5 percent. Moreover, Gates, who has now become the largest farmland owner in the nation, has called on the nation to stop eating beef, instead suggesting we move to 100 percent synthetic beef. This is not just an idle suggestion. The national cattlemen are now being subjected to a Global Roundtable for Sustainable Beef that enforced restrictions on beef producers, which is putting thousands out of business..... But Gates hasn't stopped with just destroying the farm and beef industries, saying 'Simply shutting down the economy is not going to get us to our goal. So just like we need innovation for COVID-19, we also need to get rid of emissions from all the different sectors and bring down climate change.' Well, now comes, perhaps, the most terrifying tactic to be used in the Great Reset to gain full control and bring about the destruction of our economy, system of government, and personal lifestyle.... Here is how all of this will personally affect you. Each of these things will be regularly entered into your profile and each one will affect your personal credit rating. A low credit rating will prevent you from getting a loan to buy a car, obtaining a mortgage, or even a business loan. This will effectively cut you out of society if you don't change your habits and personal beliefs.... Private rental properties and landlords are under siege as rent controls and higher operating expenses and taxes threaten to put them out of business. Paper money will be replaced with digital currency that can disappear with a single key stroke, should you fail to conform. Universal income will finally make us all equal – equally poor and under control of whatever gang is in charge of the government plantation. That all conforms with the Great Reset.... The first target in changing human society is to cancel our culture. Change the language. Call any thought contrary to the agenda 'hate speech.' Control freedom of movement. Erase history and books that present positions contrary to the globally acceptable truth. Force compliance.... Today, you and I have another chance. We now know where the Great Reset is headed. There are millions of Americans, and others around the world, who are alarmed by what we are all witnessing and want to stop it. We can. But to start, we must focus, first on the local and state levels by fighting on four distinct fronts. These include education, where the fight must focus on academics and an end to the psychology-driven behavior modification federal programs; the right to privacy, where an all-out effort must be made to stop the establishment of federal data banks that document personal information;

private property rights, which guarantee private ownership, control and protection of real and intellectual property; and protection of national sovereignty and independence....There is a Great Awaking taking place as more begin to understand the lies of the Great Reset cabal. The tyrant's greatest fear is that the oppressed will finally get off our knees, stand up, and say no!"

FreedomWorks economic consultant **Stephen Moore**, writing on the "blue-state bailout" at www.bizpacreview.com:



"Congressional Democrats are a runaway train with a drunk-on-power conductor in House Speaker Nancy Pelosi. No matter how much evidence pours in that the economy doesn't need \$1.9 trillion more in debt spending, the Pelosi locomotive keeps crashing down the track toward the financial cliff. Generations will have to pay for the joyride. One of the

worst features of the bill is the 'blue-state bailout.' Twenty-one Republican governors and one Democrat are protesting the 'biased' formula for allocating some \$400 billion to the states. South Carolina Governor Henry McMaster complained that the bill 'punishes' states that did the right thing by keeping their economies and businesses open during the pandemic. Florida Governor Ron DeSantis said the bill 'loots' the red states to pay for Democrat governors who have locked down their economies. DeSantis has good reason to complain. Florida has a slightly higher population than New York, but New York gets \$2,799 per person, or twice as much money as the \$1,355 per person that Florida receives. In other words: Floridians are paying for New York Governor Andrew Cuomo's incompetence. That is precisely what is happening because the main factor in determining how much money each state gets is not its population but how high its unemployment rate has risen. The three states that get the most significant share of the money are New York, California and New Jersey. These are three of the most liberal states with Democrat governors. That's not a coincidence. Blue Pennsylvania gets more per person than red Ohio. Blue Massachusetts and red Tennessee are about the same size, but somehow, Massachusetts receives \$1.5 billion more in handouts. Connecticut gets twice as much bailout money as Utah, despite the fact that they are about the same size in population. The governors' joint statement declares: 'A state's ability to keep businesses open and people employed should not be a penalizing factor when distributing funds. If Congress is going to provide aid to states, it should be on an equitable population basis.' But it isn't. The way Congress passes out money is akin to assigning the highest performing students an F and the lowest performers an A. Maybe this is what the left means

by 'equity.' The last shall be first.... Here's a better idea: Rather than squander the money with more bureaucratic spending and the risk of inflating a financial bubble in their state budgets in the years ahead, devote every penny of these funds to finance tax reform and relief. Eight states have no state income tax. Those states are Alaska, Nevada, South Dakota, Washington, Florida, Wyoming, Tennessee and Texas. It would be rough justice for the blue-state bailout. If Democrats take the red states' money, Republican governors should make their states incometax-free havens and steal the blue states' families and businesses. The states without income taxes create twice as many jobs as the high-tax blue states.... Will the last person in New York please turn out the lights?"

THOUGHTS TO PONDER

"There is no country in the world like the United States, not even free Western democracies. We are the only country in the world with a Constitution that limits the government, that provides for the primacy of the citizen over government. We do not have a Constitution that limits what people can do. We have a Constitution that limits the government. That had never been done before in the history of the world."

-The late **Rush Limbaugh**, on the exceptionalism of America -0-

"If Rush were standing here right now, I know he would say to all of you, 'It is not time to panic. Just the opposite. America is still the shining city on a hill, and our best days are ahead.' Rush, Heaven's Anchorman, will forever inspire and encourage us eternally."

–Kathryn Limbaugh, reminiscing about her husband, Rush -0-

"We're going to see President Trump returning to social media in probably about two or three months here with his own platform. And this is something that I think will be the hottest ticket in social media. It's going to completely redefine the game, and everybody is going to be waiting and watching to see what exactly President Trump does. But it will be his own platform.... I think the president does know what direction that he wants to head here. And this new platform is going to be big and everyone wants him. He's going to bring millions and millions, tens of millions of people to this new platform."

--Former Trump campaign senior adviser **Jason Miller**, on meetings Trump has been having at Mar-a-Lago with numerous companies

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"Washington has a bad habit of writing 'blank checks and judging effectiveness by how much it spends rather what results it gets for those expenditures. While Congress has already provided tens of billions of dollars to help schools across the nation safely reopen, some states took the money and refused to reopen their schools. This fails students and families and should not be further rewarded."

--Florida Congressman Bill Posey, on states taking federal funding to re-open schools but failing to do so

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"By writing letters to the cable providers and other regulated entities that carry these news media outlets, the Democrats are sending a message that is as clear as it is troubling – these regulated entities will pay a price if the targeted newsrooms do not conform to Democrats' preferred political narratives. This is a chilling transgression of the free speech rights that every media outlet in this country enjoys."

--FCC Commissioner Brendan Carr, on Democrat Representatives' attempts to have cable carriers censor conservative networks

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"The composition of the two major political parties is fundamentally changing, according to a new poll, and it's not looking too good for Democrats. According to an NBC News poll, the Democrat Party is bleeding blue-collar workers and those workers are quickly finding a new home in the Republican Party. The number of blue-collar voters who identify as Republicans has grown by 12 percent over the last decade. Meanwhile, the number of blue-collar voters who identify as Democrats has fallen by eight points. The trend is also happening among Black and Hispanic blue-collar workers" Not surprisingly, most of the growth of blue-collar workers in the GOP took place during the Trump presidency."

--Townhall.com journalist **Brinson Stocking**, on changing political party identities -0-

"Sadly, journalism has changed a lot since I first stepped into a newsroom, and I'll be honest: I don't like the direction it's going. The media needs more balance in coverage and a wider range of viewpoints represented in every newsroom at every level and in each position. In the past few years, I haven't felt proud to be a member of the media. I'm sure there are other journalists out there who feel the same way. I found myself reading news copy that I didn't believe was fully truthful, or only told part of the story. And I began to feel that I was contributing to the fear and division in this country by continuing on in this profession. It's been a serious struggle for me, and I no longer want to do this job anymore," she said. So I've decided the time is right to do something else, and I'm leaving Fox 10. I thank Fox for their understanding as I've come to this decision, and I am grateful for the opportunities they provided for me to cover so many big stories over the years." --Phoenix news anchor **Kari Lake**, on why she was leaving Fox

--Phoenix news anchor **Kari Lake**, on why she was leaving Fox 10's KSAZ-TV after 20 years -0-

"A Gallup survey reveals that LGBT identification among Americans has grown, increasing to 5.6 percent of the population from 4.5 percent in Gallup's previous update in 2017. But LGBT identification across groups is not constant.... The age difference is stark: while only 2 percent of Baby boomers identify as LGBT...among Gen Z adults, a startling trend emerges: young people who are politically liberal identify as LGBT at astronomic rates. 30.7 percent of Gen Z liberal adults, those born from 1997 to 2002, identify as LGBT, Gallup told The American Spectator

-- "The American Spectator" editorial intern **Ellie Gardey**, on statistics from Gallup

"Where does this cancel culture lead us?" You see the final expression of cancel culture in Islamist terrorist groups like ISIS and Al Qaeda who basically go and behead those who they deem to be infidels or heretics in order to silence them in order to protect others from being misled by those heretical ideas and in the eyes of an ISIS or Al Qaeda...When we look at cancel culture here at home, we see those efforts to cancel or silence those that they don't want the people to hear from, those who may offer a different idea than the one that those in power want people to see or to hear, or to be exposed to...So this is, when we look at the foundations of our democracy, this is the danger of where this path leads us. Unless we as individuals stand up against it."

--Former Democrat Congresswoman **Tulsi Gabbard**, on the dangers of cancel culture

"I haven't seen a collection of misfits like this since the bar scene in "Star Wars."

--Radio talk show host and former Republican Congressman **Jason Lewis**, on the Democrats in the House of Representatives

UPCOMING BREVARD COUNTY EVENTS

- --April 1: Heritage Isle Republican Club meeting, Viera, 10 a.m.
- --April 2: Federated Republican Women in Action meeting, MeMaw's BBQ, Palm Bay, 5:30 pm.
- --April 5: Republican Liberty Caucus of Central East Florida meeting. Frogbones Double Tapp Grill, Melbourne, 7 pm.
- --April 6: Moms for Liberty meeting, Frogbones Double Tapp Grill, Melbourne, 6:30 pm.
- --April 7: Brevard Federated Republican Women meeting, the Space Coast Convention Center, Cocoa, 11am
- --April 12: Space Coast Patriots meeting, Merritt Island Library, 6 pm.
- --April 14: BREC meeting, the Space Coast Convention Center, Cocoa, 7 pm.
- --April 15: Republican Women's Network of South Brevard meeting, Eau Gallie Yacht Club, Indian Harbor Beach, 11:30 am.
- --April 19: New Millennium Conservative Club meeting, Suntree-Viera Library, 6:30 pm.
- --April 20: North Brevard Republican Club meeting, American Police Hall of Fame, Titusville, 7 pm.
- --April 22: Space Coast Young Republicans meeting, The Grill at 1450, Melbourne, 6 pm.
- --April 24: Space Coast Republican Club meeting, Red Lobster, Merritt Island, 11:30 am—
- --April 26: Ronald Reagan Club meeting, The Grill at 1450, Melbourne, 7 pm.

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 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.

COMICAL CLOSERS

In an extraordinary act of bravery and heroism, a Secret Service agent dove in front of President Biden to block a question from a reporter. As Biden slowly stepped out of his vehicle, the nosy reporter rudely attempted to ask him intrusive questions about such things as the border, or the 100th executive order.

The agent ran up to the president, arms outstretched, and dove through the air to shield him from the incoming query. Noting that "everything went into slow motion," the agent said, "My training kicked in and I leapt into action. I'm just happy I was able to make a difference." He took the entire force of the blow from the incoming question before collapsing to the ground.

Biden's reaction was, "Lookie there, agents fly now. Hey there, young man, would you mind not flying in front of me while I exit my vehicle? I have to get to the Oval Office in time for my nap." It was reported that the Secret Service agent sustained minor injuries but expressed gratitude to have saved the president from a pesky reporter's unwelcome question, adding, "Just doing my job."

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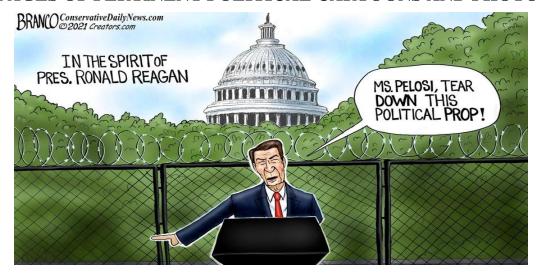
The King wanted to go fishing, and he asked the royal weather forecaster the forecast for the next few hours. The palace meteorologist assured him that there was no chance of rain. So the King and the Queen went fishing. On the way they met a man with a fishing pole riding on a donkey, and the King asked the man if the fish were biting. The fisherman said, "Your Majesty, you should return to the palace! In just a short time I expect a huge rain storm."

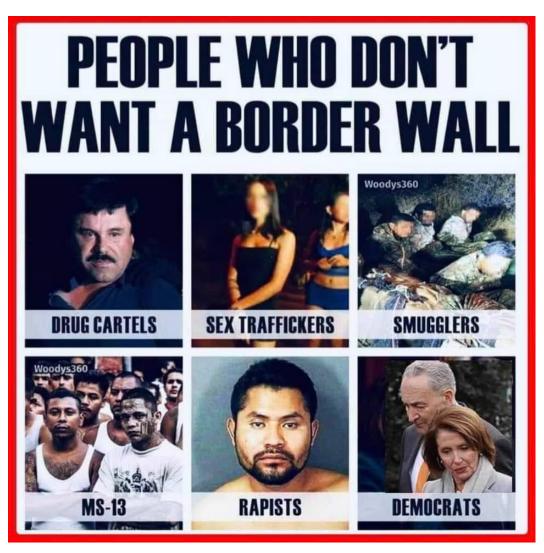
The King replied: "I hold the palace meteorologist in high regard. He is an educated and experienced professional. Besides, I pay him very high wages. He gave me a very different forecast. I trust him." So the King and Queen continued on their way. However, in a short time, a torrential rain fell from the sky. The King and Queen were totally soaked.

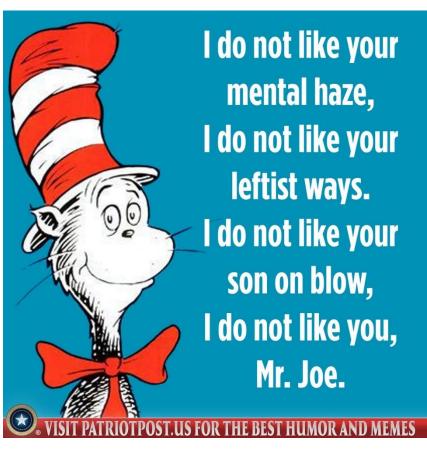
Furious, the King returned to the palace and gave the order to fire the meteorologist. Then he summoned the fisherman and offered him the prestigious position of royal forecaster. The fisherman said, "Your Majesty, I do not know anything about forecasting. I obtain my information from my donkey. If I see my donkey's ears drooping, it means with certainty that it will rain."

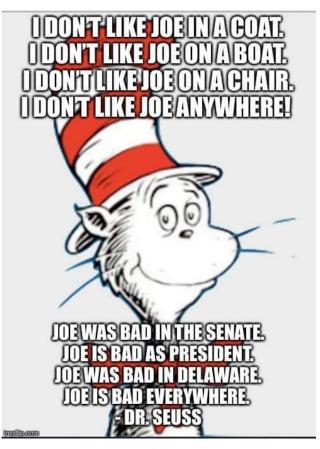
So the King hired the donkey. And so began the practice of hiring dumb asses to work in influential positions of government. And thus, the symbol of the Democrat Party was born.

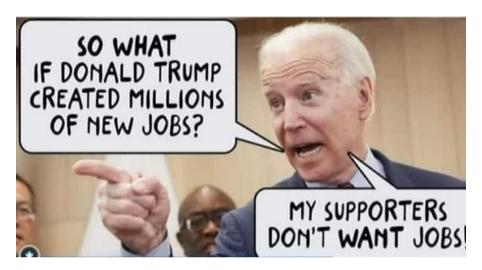
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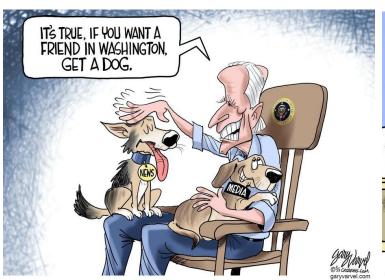








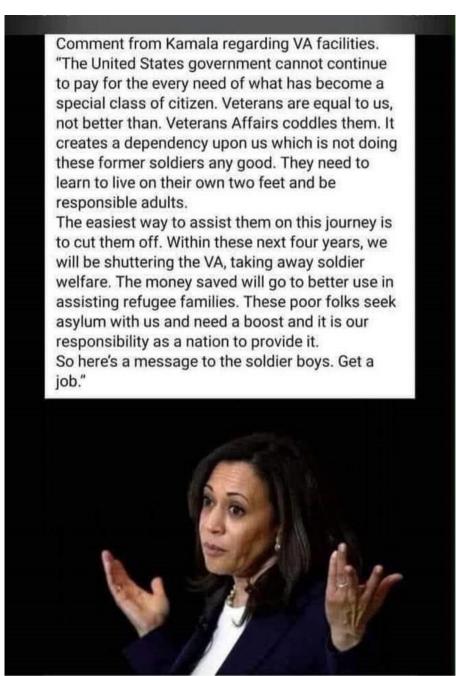












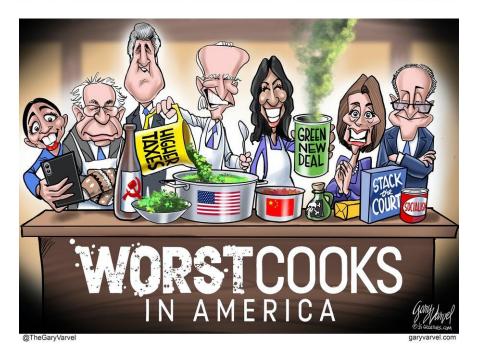








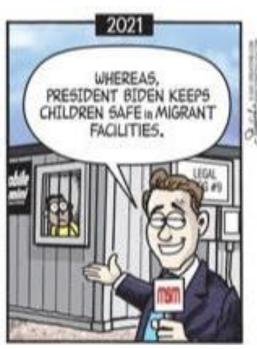




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Dr Faucci, Bill Gates and the Democrats want us to carry a vaccination ID, but they don't think a voter ID is necessary. Let that sink in.

