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BREVARD REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(The pachyderm uses his ivory tusk to dig and bore for work and food. We use our Tusk to dig and bore to help keep Brevard County red.)

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

By Barbara Davis

I am honored to be the new Chairman of the Republican Party of Brevard and look forward to working with you. I will bring positive energy and enthusiasm to the Committee to work toward our goal of electing the most qualified Republican candidates to office.

My sincere thanks to all of you who have contacted me to express your support, and to volunteer to help. I especially thank my fellow candidates -- Frank Montelione, Frank Zilaitis and Dale Davis -- for offering their congratulations and suggestions. Special thanks to my transition team and State Committeewoman Carlie Rogers for their help. Also, thank you to the Board for your support.

Going forward, I will be implementing plans to expand our grassroots efforts. We will prepare talking points on pertinent issues such as the 10th Amendment and Amendment 4. With your help, I would like to achieve the goal of having at least one committeeman or committeewoman in all of the precincts, and a committee is already being formed for recruitment.

I will be contacting business and industry leaders to provide financing for our efforts. It is our intent to have regular hours at headquarters, and a schedule of volunteers is being prepared. As our Committee grows, we will require a new meeting venue, and we're working on it. We need more room to network, provide

a welcoming area for guests, and make checking in more efficient.

Work is ongoing on both the Rules and Ethics Committees, and Helen Voltz and her committee are organizing the Family Picnic.

I encourage your participation in all of the BREC activities so that we are all working together to achieve our goals.

BARBARA DAVIS IS NEW BREC CHAIRMAN

Barbara Davis, an active Precinct Committeewoman and a member of BREC for several years, is the new BREC chair after winning a close second ballot election at the April 8 executive committee meeting. Barbara is also the President of the Melbourne Area Federated Republican Women.

Expressing her honor to be elected, Davis said she will bring positive energy and enthusiasm to the committee, "to work toward our goal of electing the most qualified Republican candidates to office."

Davis won the second ballot over Frank Montelione in a very closely contested election. Other candidates who competed in the first ballot were Frank Zilaitis and Dale Davis. The second ballot was necessary because no candidate received a majority the first time.

Barbara replaces Chair Jason Steele, who resigned the post after 17 months to work on the U.S. Senate campaign of former State House Speaker Marco Rubio.

Steele said what is needed now "more than anything is unity, because bickering is cancerous for this

committee.” He expressed regret that too much bickering occurred among various factions during his tenure.

Another election will be held at the May 13 meeting to fill the vacancy for the vice chairman position, since Dave Isnardi had to resign for personal family matters.

PROFILE OF OUR NEW CHAIRMAN

She wants to unite BREC, just as her political hero had the ability to unite the country. Asked what other attributes Barbara Davis appreciated about Ronald Reagan, she stressed the late president’s honesty, ethics, forethought, economic knowledge, and of course, his conservatism.

Thus, it is no surprise that Davis is a proud member of the Ronald Reagan Clubs, Inc. in Brevard County. But that is just one of the organizations in which she is involved. She is currently serving her fourth year and last term as President of the Melbourne Area Federated Republican Women, and will remain in that office for the rest of the year. Davis also belongs to the Citizens for Constitutional Property Rights, the Women’s Center Guild, the Brevard County Commission on the Status of Women, and the Brevard County Community Development Block Grants Advisory Board.

A permanent resident of our county since 1999, Davis and her husband began sharing their time in Indian Harbour Beach, wintering aboard their Catalina 34 sailboat, which they had sailed from Lake Ontario, and their home in the Buffalo, New York area, where she grew up. She now lives in Pineda Crossing in unincorporated Brevard.

Davis and her late husband, Richard, were married 43 years when he passed away in 2001. She has two sons living in Atlanta – a Delta Airlines pilot and an NCR Corporation executive – and a school teacher daughter living in Corning, New York. She also has seven grandchildren.

When not busy with politics, Davis likes to travel, read, play tennis or work out.

In Western New York, she worked 30 years for a highway and bridge construction company, retiring as vice president and controller. While primarily an office administrator, she did occasionally visit construction sites.

TEA PARTY IN BREVARD

April 15 Tax Day saw Tea Parties held all across America, and in Melbourne it was no different.



Between 2,500-3,000 politely cheering people – many wearing patriotic shirts and waving signs – squeezed into and around the Wickham Park Pavilion to hear a number of speakers at the Brevard 2010 Tea Party criticize progressives, socialists and bloated government.

Event organizer Matt Nye told the crowd that the Constitution is being trampled and “this is the second American Revolution.” No man is entitled to the fruits of another man’s labor, Nye said, adding, “We gather here today to protest members of Congress who vote on bills they haven’t even read.”

Mark Vance stirred the attendees to battle for the elections in 2010 and 2012. Other battles we must face, he said, are for our children to learn our history and ideals, and to retain the 10th Amendment in our nation.

James Marshal spoke of the need to defeat the Democratic progressive machine that is trying to build ways to split us as a nation. This is treasonous, he added. “The line has been drawn,” Marshal said. “These progressives shall go no further.”

Speaking of the value of the fair tax, Mark Gupton noted it is a tax on consumption rather than on income, and it would eliminate all other taxes for Americans. “The fair tax can cure ills,” he said, “and your support for it can defeat the formidable opposition to it in Washington.” Noting that the Obama administration is making noises about installing a possible value added tax like they have in Europe, Gupton referred to the VAT as “a snake that has reared its ugly head.”

Regarding the recently passed health care bill, Dr. John McKinney said, “it sounds great, but somebody has to pay for it.” This legislation, he said, will only give us extra taxes and greater cuts in care. “Access to insurance has never been shown to improve health care,” McKinney added.

Dan Conry of WMMB-AM noted that since health care passed, “a sleeping giant has been awakened” by Tea Party opposition to it. He also pointed out the large numbers in attendance, not only here but at other Tea Parties as well, and said, “To my friends in the media, this is not a crowd of just several dozen.”



Brian Laughlin of the [Sentinels of Freedom on the Space Coast](#) spoke about how the organization raises money to help severely disabled veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan, providing them with funds and educational and occupational opportunities to integrate back into the community. “We help give them a productive life,” Laughlin said. “We are not going to ask the government to do it.”

Retired Army Colonel Danny McKnight said he is “proud to be among American patriots who will fight for our country. Stressing that to be an American citizen is “a great privilege,” McKnight said, “We have had a great life in the United States, and we have to make sure that our kids and grandkids have the same rights and privileges we have had. Speaking of the Sentinels of Freedom, he added that we must not forget our American patriots who are taking care of us.”



Brevard Clerk of Courts Scott Ellis, the only elected official invited to the Tea Party, said what the country needs is leadership “that comes from the activist side.” You, he told the attendees, need to run for office and be elected.



Radio talk show host [Bill Mick of WMMB-AM](#), who served as master of ceremonies for the Tea Party, noted that other elected officials weren’t there because, “we don’t need to hear from them. It’s about them hearing from us.”

Several candidates for office and vendors set up booths at the Tea Party, and [BREC](#) had a table to provide voter registration forms to audience members who needed them.

CRIST AND RUBIO GIVE OPPOSING VIEWS IN FIRST DEBATE

(View the Debate at www.brevardgop.org)

In their first debate for the 2010 Republican Senate nomination, held March 28 before a national television audience, Governor Charlie Crist and former State House Speaker Marco Rubio offered sharply opposing views on such topics as the federal stimulus plan, immigration policy, health care and ethics.



Crist said supporting the \$787 billion stimulus package, of which Florida received \$8.2 billion, was “the right thing to do at the time.” Rubio, reminding the audience that Crist hugged President Obama while campaigning for passage of the package, said he would not have voted for the legislation because it meant spending billions of dollars that “we don’t have” and it increased the national debt.

Rubio said he is in favor of legal immigration to the United States, and opposes any amnesty plan, while Crist said he did not think it was “a bad idea.” Both men emphasized support for more border security to stop illegal immigration.



Regarding health insurance, while both candidates said they would vote to repeal the president’s plan, Crist said he would like to use an insurance plan like the one he signed into law in Florida, which has no subsidies or mandates, allows group negotiations, reduces premiums and adds people to the insurance rolls, while Rubio said he would provide alternatives to employer-based insurance and allow small businesses to pool resources.

Crist accused Rubio of making undisclosed personal expenditures from Republican Party funds, which the former Speaker denied, while accusing the Governor of ignoring substantial policy issues in the campaign.

“Fox News Sunday” host Chris Wallace moderated the debate, which offered the nation a look at one of the fundamental fights within the Republican Party.

[HALBERT](#) ADDRESSES RONALD REAGAN CLUBS



Indialantic Town Council member Lori Halbert, who is running for the Florida House District 31 seat, says many members of the State Legislature “don’t want to take the heat for the votes they cast.”

Halbert, speaking to the Ronald Reagan Clubs meeting, said Florida needs “people who understand and respect our Constitution, and our leaders seem to have forgotten that.”

The government has become bloated, and “we do not need to make a lot of new laws,” she added, saying she believes in smaller, more limited government. Taxes

and regulations have strangled entrepreneurship, Halbert also said.

Legislation, she pointed out, should lower taxes, encourage personal responsibility, provide greater individual freedoms and liberty, and help strengthen families.

Halbert also noted that she is a strong believer in both the 2nd and 10th Amendments.



MARSHAL DETAILS ALINSKY'S 'RULES' FOR NEW MILLENIUM CLUB

James Marshal, president of Brevard Republican Men's Club, says it is critical for us to understand Saul Alinsky's "Rules for Radicals" in order to counter their tactics.

"We have a lot of schooling to do," Marshal told a meeting of the New Millennium Conservative Club. He pointed out that Alinsky, who died in 1972, was a Marxist and community organizer who was known as "the father of modern American radicalism."

Marshal said these are Alinsky's 13 rules of power tactics:

- 1) Power is not only what you have, but what the enemy thinks you have.
- 2) Never go outside the expertise of your people. Feeling secure stiffens the backbone.
- 3) Whenever possible, go outside the expertise of the enemy. Look for ways to increase insecurity, anxiety and uncertainty.
- 4) Make the enemy live up to its own book of rules. If the rule is that every letter gets a reply, send thousands.
- 5) Ridicule is man's most potent weapon. There's no defense. It's irrational. It's infuriating. It also works as a key pressure point to force concessions.
- 6) A good tactic is one your people enjoy. They'll keep doing it without urging and come back to do more. They'll even suggest better ones.
- 7) A tactic that drags on too long becomes a drag. Don't become old news.

- 8) Keep the pressure on with different tactics and actions.
- 9) The threat is usually more terrifying than the thing itself.
- 10) The major premise for tactics is the development of operations that will maintain a constant pressure upon the opposition.
- 11) If you push a negative hard enough, it will push through and become a positive.
- 12) The price of a successful attack is a constructive alternative. Never let the enemy score points because you're caught without a solution to the problem.
- 13) Pick the target, freeze it, personalize it, polarize it, and destroy it.

NOTES FROM THE TEA PARTY MOVEMENT

-- The leaders of the Tea Party Movement of Florida, joined by the [Viera/Suntree 912 group](#) and other organizations, say they stand in "stark opposition" to any person using derogatory characterizations, threats of violence, or disparaging terms towards members of Congress or the President. In an open letter, they also say they are "united in the effort to stop egregious government spending, spiraling deficits and destructive taxation," and "will not stop, relent or fail to live up the principles set forth in our Constitution."



-- A recent poll taken by [Quinnipiac University Poll](#) of 1,907 registered voters nationwide included 253 persons who identified themselves as part of the Tea Party Movement. Within that portion of the survey, 74 percent of the respondents said they are Republicans or Independents leaning Republican, and 16 percent said they are Democrats or Independents leaning Democratic.

POLITICAL JOTTINGS AND DOTTINGS

-- The city of Tampa greeted members of the Republican Site Selection Committee with fanfare, flags and a marching band, in its quest to host the 2012 Republican National Convention, where our party's presidential nominee will be chosen. Tampa is competing with Phoenix and Salt Lake City for the

honors. In previous years, Tampa lost the bid to Minneapolis/St. Paul in 2008 and New York City in 2004.

-- In a sign of his strength as a potential 2012 presidential candidate, former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney won the non-binding preferential straw poll at the Southern Republican Leadership conference in New Orleans. Romney, who skipped the conference but had supporters in attendance, gained 439 of the 1,806 ballots cast. Texas Congressman Ron Paul – who won the straw poll vote at the Conservative Political Action Conference in Washington in February – came in second in New Orleans, one vote behind. Former Alaska Governor Sarah Palin finished third with 330 votes.

-- According to [The Hill](#) newspaper, Democratic strategists and independent political experts identify five stumbling blocks that the Democratic Party must overcome to avert big losses in the November elections

- 1) The history of a president's party losing during mid-term voting,
- 2) The current status of jobs and the economy,
- 3) An apathetic base disillusioned with Obama policies,
- 4) Reports of ethics violations, and
- 5) An anti-Washington sentiment in the nation. The question is, will their losses be moderate or severe, or even enough to give Republicans control of Congress?

In the annual [American Conservative Union](#) ranking of members of Congress based on key votes taken during the previous year, our 15th District Republican Representative [Bill Posey](#) was among a handful of members who scored a perfect 100 percent. It indicated that in 2009, Posey favored the conservative viewpoint on every vote he took. Democrat Suzanne Kosmas, of the 24th District, scored only 20 percent. On the Senate side, Republican George LeMieux had an 86 percent score, and out of a 100 percent possibility, Democrat Bill Nelson earned a whopping 4 percent.



Former New Hampshire [Senator Bob Smith](#) has ended his quest for the Florida Republican nomination for Senate, citing a lack of major funding. He asked his supporters to demand detailed positions and Constitutional solutions from candidates for all offices. The ten critical issues that must be resolved, Smith said, are to restore defense cuts, stop the federal health care

takeover, stop bailouts and more government programs, secure our borders, end abortion, strengthen Constitutional rule, preserve national sovereignty, balance the federal budget, reduce taxes and embark on a new energy policy.

-- [Congressman Bill Posey](#) reports that according to a poll taken by the liberal CBS News, 62 percent of respondents want Congressional Republicans to keep challenging the Democratic Health Care Bill, while 33 percent say they should not do so. Broken down by party affiliation, those asking the Republicans to keep fighting included nearly 90 percent of the Republican respondents, 66 percent of the independents, and even 41 percent of the Democrats.



QUOTABLE QUOTES

Former White House adviser [Karl Rove](#), writing on the Tea Party movement in [The Wall Street Journal](#):

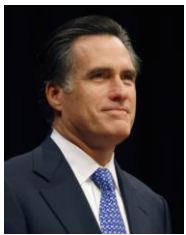
“To maintain their influence, tea partiers will have to maintain their current energy and concern over health care and federal spending. I suggest that to do that tea partiers design a citizen's pledge and then ask friends and neighbors to sign it with them. The pledge should make five concrete commitments. The first would be to educate themselves about the key issues of health care, spending, deficits and the economy. The second commitment would be to ascertain with certainty where their candidates for the U.S. Senate and House stand on these issues. The third would be for each signatory to agree that they will register and then vote this fall for candidates they personally believe best represent their views on these issues. Such a pledge would also draw on the tea party movement's record of spontaneous growth with a fourth commitment that each signatory make a manageable list of 10 to 25 people whom they would individually approach to take the pledge. The fifth and final commitment would be that each signatory personally see that each of their recruits register and vote. These steps would build on the natural inclination of tea party groups to use social networking tools and draw on the energy of people fresh to politics looking for ways to affect the country's direction.”

[Heritage Foundation](#) president Ed Feulner, writing on the Obama health care vote in “The Morning Bell”:



“The U.S. House of Representatives passed the most significant piece of social legislation in over seven decades. It did so in the face of overwhelming and principled opposition from the American people. Large majorities of Americans oppose this legislation

because it offends the historic American dedication to the principle of self-government. They understand that this new law will accelerate Washington's intrusion into our most personal and private decisions. This is why opposition to this bill will only grow....The Heritage Foundation will do all within its power to keep this issue alive in the public square and make the intellectual case for the repeal of this act. We will bring all our resources to bear on behalf of those who believe America is and will always remain the Land of the Free. This, rest assured, can be done. The American people are never permanently thwarted. President Obama's health care legislation can and will be repealed.”



Former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney, writing on Obama health care on [National Review Online](#):

“America has just witnessed an unconscionable abuse of power. President Obama has betrayed his oath

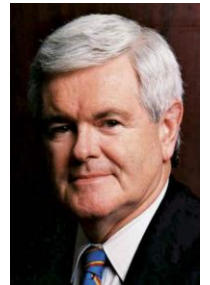
to the nation — rather than bringing us together, ushering in a new kind of politics, and rising above raw partisanship; he has succumbed to the lowest denominator of incumbent power: justifying the means by extolling the ends. He promised better; we deserved better. He calls his accomplishment “historic” — in this he is correct, although not for the reason he intends. Rather, it is an historic usurpation of the legislative process — he unleashed the nuclear option, enlisted not a single Republican vote in either chamber, bribed reluctant members of his own party, paid-off his union backers, scapegoated insurers, and justified his act with patently fraudulent accounting....His health-care bill is unhealthy for America. It raises taxes, slashes the more private side of Medicare, installs price controls, and puts a new federal bureaucracy in charge of health care. It will create a new entitlement even as the ones we already have are bankrupt. For these reasons and more, the act should be repealed. That campaign begins today.”

Political pundit Dick Morris, writing on the Obama health care vote on [dickmorris.com](#):



“The Democratic Party's decision to deform our health care system in the name of reforming it amounts to a suicide pact. With America decrying the legislation by 60-40 margins, the legislators lined up and dutifully drank the Kool-Aid. A few traitors who had previously passed themselves off as opponents of the legislation in the November vote turned their coats and revealed their true convictions by switching....The anger of the voters at this total disregard of public opinion will power Republican candidates throughout the nation and will impel one of the greatest reversals of Congressional alignment in history. But the aftershock of this political earthquake is yet to come. It will be upon us in the fall when Congress must decide whether to proceed with the Medicare cuts (particularly to cuts in doctors' reimbursement rates) or to postpone or cancel them and add the cost to the federal deficit....This vote transforms the political landscape in a way that we have not seen in our lifetimes and the results will be cataclysmic for the Democratic Party. One hopes that the deals that the various members cut with the leadership to sell their votes included generous retirement packages. They're going to need them!”

[American Solutions](#) chairman Newt Gingrich, writing to supporters on the Obama health care vote:



“This is not the end of the fight – it is the beginning of the fight. The American people spoke decisively against a big government, high tax, Washington knows best, pro-trial lawyer, centralized and bureaucratic health system. In every recent poll the vast majority of Americans opposed this monstrosity. Speaker Pelosi knew the country was against the bill. That is why she kept her members trapped in Washington and forced a vote on Sunday. She knew if she let the members go home their constituents would convince them to vote no....It is hard to imagine how much pressure they brought to bear on Congressman Stupak to get him to accept a cynical, phony, clearly illegal and unconstitutional executive order on abortion. The ruthlessness and inhumanity of the Obama-Pelosi-Reid machine was most clearly on display in their public humiliation of Stupak.”

Political editor John Gizzi, writing on Florida Lt. Governor [Jeff Kottkamp](#) in "[Human Events](#)":



"After three terms as a solidly conservative lawmaker from Lee County, Kottkamp was elected lieutenant governor in '06 on the winning ticket of Republican Governor Charlie Crist. So when Crist opted to run for the Senate instead of reelection this year, it was somewhat surprising to find the second-highest elected official in the Sunshine State not running for governor but for the open office of state attorney general, which fellow Republican Bill McCollum is leaving to run for governor. Isn't this somewhat of a demotion? We asked Kottkamp. 'No, not to me,' he replied. 'I have been preparing to be attorney general for most of my life.'...With the duties of states attorneys general both changing and expanding, Kottkamp cites varied experiences he has had as lieutenant governor as the best training to be the top legal officer. He serves on such committees and boards as the Florida Office of Child Protection, Office of Drug Control, Office of Title Insurance and Space Florida."



Marc Rotterman of the [American Conservative Union](#), writing on the Left in the [American Spectator](#):

"Conservatives and Republicans who underestimate President Obama do so at their own electoral peril. Unlike Jimmy Carter, Obama is a *true believer*, someone who understands that transforming policy translates into votes and a citizenry that is more reliant on the federal government....Starting now, the Obama administration will try to position him as a modern day LBJ -- getting things done for the middle class and the poor....To compete and to win in 2010, Republicans and conservatives must outline and define what Obama has in store for this nation. And that is the remaking of the nation as we have known it from its inception. We cannot count on a bad economy to propel us to a majority, or outrage over the healthcare bill....We have an obligation in our messaging and advertising to illustrate in stark terms what "Obama's transformation" means to America, its families, traditions and culture. In short, we must campaign against the Left as if we were at war."

[Center for Immigration Studies](#) executive director Mark Krikorian, writing on Obama's open-border scheme in "[Human Events](#)":



"President Obama and his supporters in Congress have shown through their actions that they remain firmly committed to amnesty and unlimited immigration. There's every reason to think that, if and when the political environment changes, Obama and his allies will aggressively pursue their long-term goal: undoing America's ability to control its borders. We can see this goal in two areas: the administrative steps undertaken by this White House and the proposed legislation its allies in Congress are pushing....This White House and its minions truly see American immigration law -- and American sovereignty more generally -- as illegitimate. While paying lip service to the need for borders, Obama and his appointees and supporters oppose almost all measures to actually enforce those borders.....There can be little doubt that in the Obama Administration, the only good border is an open border."



QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"If there is anything good to say about Democrat control of the White House, Senate and House of Representatives, it's that their extraordinarily brazen, heavy-handed acts have aroused a level of constitutional interest among the American people that has been dormant for far too long."

--economist Walter Williams

CONSERVATIVE INSTITUTIONS

(Each issue will focus on a different national organization that is making a difference for the conservative cause.)



[Concerned Woman for America](#)

The Washington, D.C. based Concerned Women for America (CWA) is the nation's largest women's organization dedicated to bringing Biblical principles into all levels of public policy.

The organization focuses on six core issues:

- Family: believes that marriage consists of one man and one woman.
- Sanctity of human life: calls for the protection of all innocent human life from conception until natural death.
- Education: supports public education reform by returning authority to parents.
- Pornography: endeavors to fight all pornography and obscenity.
- Religious Liberty: supports the God-given right of individuals to pray, worship and express their beliefs without fear of discrimination or persecution
- National Sovereignty: believes that neither the United Nations nor any other international organization should have authority over the United States in any area, and believes the United States has the right and duty to protect and secure our national borders.

During its 31-year history, CWA has built up a network of 500,000 members, and it is a unique blend of policy experts and an activist network of people in small towns and big cities across the country working to address goals and concerns.

Its president, Wendy Wright, promotes legislation and international policies that are beneficial to women and families, briefs congressional and presidential staff on pro-family issues, and trains grassroots activists. She is frequently interviewed in national media on moral, social and political issues, and has been named among “The 100 Most Powerful Women of Washington.”

For additional information, or to make a tax-free contribution, go to www.cwfa.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 3 – New Millenium Conservative Club meeting, Suntree/Viera Library, 6:30 pm.

May 5 – [Melbourne Area Federated Republican Women](#) meeting, Holiday Inn, Viera, 11 am.

May 13 – [BREC](#) meeting, County Government Building, Viera, 6:30 pm.

May 20 – [Republican Women’s Network of South Brevard](#) meeting, Eau Gallie Yacht Club, 11 am.

May 20 – Brevard Republican Men’s Club meeting, Doubles Restaurant, 7 pm.

May 21 – Space Coast Florida Republican Winners meeting, at the Cocoa Beach Country Club at 5pm

May 24 – North Brevard Republican Club meeting, San Mateo Club House, Titusville, 7 pm.

May 26 – [Brevard Young Republicans](#) meeting, Pizza Gallery, Viera, 6:30 pm.

May 27 – [Ronald Reagan Clubs](#) meeting, Jimmy’s Restaurant, Rockledge, 7 pm.

May 28 – Republican Hispanic Club meeting, Piccadilly Restaurant, Melbourne, 7 pm.

Editor’s Note: We intend to reach as many Republicans in the county as possible to keep them informed. And we need constant input – information from clubs, from district chairs, from committees, from state and local party officials, even from the average Republican-in-the-street that we can include in each issue. There are numerous Republican and Conservative events taking place in Brevard County, and we need the information in order to cover them. Also, let us know what you like about the newsletter, and what you would like to see different. E-mail stuartgorin@bellsouth.net.

COMICAL CLOSER

Of course there is a difference between Obama’s cabinet and “czars” and a penitentiary.

The first are is filled with tax evaders, blackmailers and threats to society, while the second is just for prisoners.

