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PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES DEBATE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

EDITOR'S NOTE

By **Stuart Gorin**

When it comes to arrogance, it is hard to beat **Jimmy Carter**.



In a recent interview with NBC, Carter said he believes his role as a former president "is probably superior to that of other presidents...primarily because of the activism and the injection of working at the Carter Center and in international affairs, and to some degree, domestic affairs, on energy conservation, on environment, and things of that kind."

Carter also noted that "the Carter Center has decided, under my leadership, to fill the vacuums in the world." Now here, the one-termer has it right. We certainly need lots and lots of Hoovers, Orecks, Dysons, etc., to clean up all of his messes!

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.

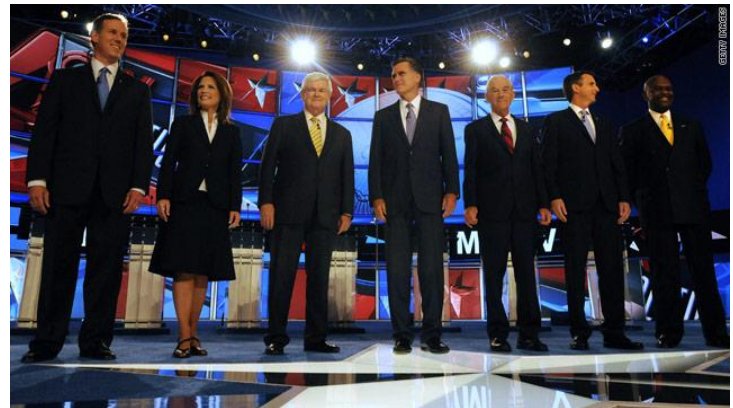
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Seven Republican presidential hopefuls met for a two-hour debate on a wide range of topics on the campus of Saint Anselm College in New Hampshire June 13, stressing their conservative credentials and explaining why they believe **Barack Obama** should be a one-term president.



Former Massachusetts Governor **Mitt Romney**, former Minnesota Governor **Tim Pawlenty**, former House Speaker **Newt Gingrich**, Texas Congressman **Ron Paul**, former Pennsylvania Senator **Rick Santorum**, and businessman **Herman Cain** already had formally entered the race. They were joined on stage by Minnesota Congresswoman **Michele Bachmann**, who announced at the start of the debate that she had just filed the necessary paperwork, and would soon join the fray officially.



Political analyst **Dick Morris** said following the debate that it had been "excellent," filled with substantive discussion, and the candidates were all "on the top of their game." Bachmann was the most charismatic, Cain as an outsider the most refreshing, and Gingrich the most intelligent and informed, he said. Morris added that he felt most comfortable emotionally with Romney, whom he said looks and talks presidential and achieved early "front-runner" status.



Talk show host **Glenn Beck** announced on his website that the “winners” of the debate were Romney, for sticking to his economic message, and Bachmann, who impressed as a strong candidate.

The candidates spent little time criticizing one another, and Romney said anyone on the stage would be a better president than Obama, who has failed to get the economy going, failed to restrain the growth of government, and failed to have a coherent, consistent foreign policy. “We’ve had presidents in the past that had bad foreign policies,” Romney said. “This is the first time we’ve had a president that doesn’t have a foreign policy. And this hit-or-miss approach has meant a couple of successes, like getting Osama bin Laden – congratulations – but a lot of misses, like throwing our friends under the bus.”

Romney also said the difference between ObamaCare –which he said he will repeal if elected – and his health care plan in Massachusetts, is that his was “a state plan, a state solution, and if people don’t like it in our state they can change it. That’s the nature of why states are the right place for this type of responsibility.”



Bachmann said that when liberals get into office they pass big spending omnibus bills, and what is needed is “the mother of all repeal bills” that also will kill regulations. “I would begin with the Environmental Protection Agency, because there is no other agency like EPA. It should really be renamed the job-killing organization of America,” she said.



As the House chairman of the Tea Party Caucus, Bachmann said the media has wrongly and grossly portrayed the Tea Party, which really is made up of a wide swath of Americans coming together – Republicans, libertarians, disaffected Democrats, independents, people who’ve never been political a day in their life. To win the election, she added, “We need every one of us in a three-legged stool. We need the peace through strength Republicans, we need the fiscal conservatives, and we need the social conservatives.”

Asked about the space program, which he does not want to end, Gingrich said he is a “big fan” of going into space, but that NASA is a case study of why bureaucracy cannot innovate. “If you take all the money we’ve spent at NASA since we landed on the moon and you had applied that money for incentives to the private sector, we would today probably have a permanent station on the moon, three or four permanent stations in space, a new generation of lift vehicles. And instead, what we’ve had is bureaucracy after bureaucracy after failure after failure.”



Gingrich also said the election campaign cannot only be about the presidency, because in order to repeal ObamaCare, Republicans need to pick up at least 12 seats in the Senate and 30-40 more in the House.

Cain said that in order to get the economy moving, “we need an engine called the private sector. That means lower taxes, lower the capital gains tax rate to zero, suspend taxes on repatriated profits, then make them permanent.” He added, “This economy is stalled. It’s like a train on the tracks with no engine. And the administration has simply been putting all of this money in the caboose.”



There is more than just one problem, Cain also said. “We have a crisis of the three E’s. We’ve got the economy, entitlement spending, and energy. We’ve got to simultaneously work on all of those so we can put 13 million to 14 million people back to work,” he added. “It is the multiplicity and the compounding effect of those three critical problems.”

Pawlenty said he is a strong supporter of states’ rights, and referring to protecting and securing the border, “if the federal government won’t do its job, then let the states do it. And they will.”

Asked about the separation of church and state, he said these protections were designed “to protect people of faith from government, not government from people of faith. This is a country that in our founding documents says we’re a nation that’s founded under God, and the privileges and blessings that we have are from our Creator. They’re not from our member of Congress. They’re not from our county commissioner.”



Paul said there should be no government assistance to private enterprise because “politicians do dumb things” and are not smart enough to manage the economy. It is not morally correct, and not part of the Constitution, he said.



Regarding the U.S. military units serving in the Middle East and South Asia, Paul said he would bring the troops home from Afghanistan as quickly as possible, and get them out of Iraq as well. “And I wouldn’t start a war in Libya,” he added. “Our national security is not enhanced by our presence over there. We have no purpose there. We should learn the lessons of history. The longer we’re there, the worse things are and the more danger we’re in as well.”

Santorum said it is a mistake to close down bases overseas, because we need to confront terrorism threats, not just in the Middle East, but around the world. “We have to engage our allies and have our allies know that we have their back. The president has not done that,” Santorum said. “He has turned

his back on American allies and he has embraced our enemies,” who no longer respect us.



Stating that he has been consistently pro-life, Santorum added that “the sanctity and dignity of every human life, not just at birth, not just on the issue of abortion, but with respect to the entire life” will be top priority issues for him.

Five of the seven candidates – excluding Cain and Paul – said they favored a constitutional amendment defining marriage as between a man and a woman. Those two said government should not have a role in the issue.

BREVARD REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (BREC) NOTES

- District 32 Representative **Steve Crisafulli** told the June 9 BREC meeting that the results of the recently ended legislative session was much more favorable than what was reported in “Florida TODAY.” The challenge, he said, was the state budget due to shortfalls, and he added that government can live with less. In the future, there still needs to be more streamlining of some agencies, Crisafulli said, noting that education, health care and public safety account for 93 percent of the state budget. Upcoming, he also said, will be a redistricting battle between the Legislature and the courts.
- State Committeewoman **Carlie Rogers** reported that throughout the state, the Florida House and Senate will host more than two dozen public meetings on redistricting, to give citizens an opportunity to propose how their district lines could be drawn. One such session, she said, will be held at the County Commission building in Viera, on Thursday, July 28, from 10 am to 1 pm.
- BREC Chairman **Barbara Davis** said the Brevard delegates to the RPOF Presidency 5 straw poll and debate in Orlando September 22-24, will be announced at a county caucus on Thursday, July 21 at 6 pm at Temple Israel in Viera. The county will have 114 delegates and 23 alternates, Davis said, of whom 75 percent will be chosen from a lottery of voters who applied on line, and the remaining 25 percent will be selected by a committee.
- **Ken Rhoden**, a candidate for public defender for the 18th Judicial Circuit covering Brevard and Seminole Counties, said that if elected, he would bring about needed reform to the



Public Defender’s Office. Rhoden, an attorney in Merritt Island, said the office’s \$8 million budget can be trimmed. Changes need to be made about the number of defendants who use the office when they still can pay for an attorney, and the office should make use of more paralegals and less attorneys to reduce costs, he added.

- **Judy Rybikowsky** announced that the Melbourne Area Federated Republican Women’s Club will participate in Melbourne’s Honor America Independence Day Parade, which begins at 11 am on July 4 on New Haven Avenue in downtown Melbourne.
- General Counsel **Michael Kahn** said the Bylaws Committee is working on another set of proposed bylaws, which will be ready shortly.
- Vice Chairman **Bob White** swore in one new BREC member.

MARSHAL IS NEW NAACPC NATIONAL DIRECTOR

The National Association for the Advancement of Conservative People of All Colors (NAACPC) continues to execute its plan that ultimately will lead to the elimination of "Identity Politics" in America.



NAACPC CEO **Walt Mentzer** of Deltona recently offered the position of national director to **James Marshal**, president of the Republican Men’s Club of Brevard, and chief operating officer to **Margie Kinder**, president of the Republican Women’s Network of South Brevard.

In accepting his position, Marshal replaces **Frantz Kebreau**, who had stepped down to dedicate more time to his book tour.

"We are pleased to have James and Margie on the team, and I am excited about the fresh ideas and direction they are bringing to the organization," Mentzer said. "Their commitment to our cause was never more evident when within only a few days, they managed to secure a team of 10 talented individuals, along with **Kevin Jackson** – author of the critically acclaimed best-selling book “The Big Black Lie: How I Learned the Truth about the Democrat Party” – as national spokesman."



A Fellow at The Dole Institute, Jackson is a nationally renowned speaker and has been at the heart of the fast-growing Tea Party movement, headlining rallies all over the nation. He also headlines a political satire revue called the "Two Neekid Heads Tour" with **Joe the Plumber**.

Jackson's political activism is a natural outgrowth of his keen understanding of the virtues and benefits of free-market capitalism and limited government, based on his experience as a management consultant for some of the world's largest companies.

HICKS DISCUSSES FOUNDERS WITH REPUBLICAN MEN'S CLUB



Derrick Hicks, an Orlando businessman and freedom speaker on our Founding Fathers, reminded the Republican Men's Club of Brevard June 16 that the Founders "risked everything in the cause of liberty," and stressed that their main core principles were the same as those of today's Republican Party.

Prior to the creation of our Constitution, only kings and tyrants ruled countries, and the concept of self-government was a unique idea, he said, so the Founders worried about the system enduring.

Noting that in creating the Constitution, the Founders drew upon the ideas of philosophers and English law, Hicks said they also looked to the Bible as a source, even though the document doesn't mention it specifically.

The Founders knew the importance of God, he stressed, and today, "We have to rely on God, ourselves and each other, and not on government."

Hicks said that **George Washington** believed morality and religion were the two pillars of our government.

Thomas Jefferson, he said, was an anti-Federalist who believed in small government, really was a Republican in his day, and not the first Democrat president, as that party tries to claim. For one thing, Hicks added, Jefferson said it was morally wrong to leave debt to the next generation.

Hicks quoted **James Madison** as saying that the Constitution was "an instrument for the people to control the government, not for the government to control the people." Even though the early Federalists believed in a strong central government, Hicks added, "They would be appalled at the size of government today."

In other Men's Club news:

- Barring rain, the club is sponsoring an NRA Concealed Weapon Course and a "Shoot with the Sheriff" Contest and barbeque Awards Dinner at the Port Malabar Gun Range on July 9. Call 321-243-1234 for additional details.
- **Ray Bodee** was introduced as the club's new treasurer.

SEBASTIAN INLET TAX DISTRICT TAKES CARE OF BUSINESS WITHOUT RAISING TAXES

By **Jim Culberson**, Seat 5 Sebastian Inlet
Commissioners



As Florida's housing market flatlines, so, too, have tax revenues that state and local governments have been collecting.

It is simple math that any household understands – if spending is greater than income, you have to cut back somewhere. Most government entities don't seem to get it though. Too many seem to feel if they have a shortfall, then it is time to hike taxes.

Not so with the Sebastian Inlet Tax District.

The multi-county District's primary function is to maintain a safe and navigable waterway between the Atlantic Ocean and the Indian River Lagoon. Over the years, re-nourishing beaches in Indian River County – eroded by currents altered by the Inlet – has become important. So, too, have preservation of habitat and working with the Sebastian Inlet State Park.

Even with falling tax revenues, the Sebastian Inlet Tax District has managed to fulfill all of its obligations, maintain an emergency reserve fund, and slog through the bottomless morass of very expensive permitting requirements heaped upon it.

Currently, the District is in the process of finishing work on the Dredged Material Management Area (D.M.M.A.), where sand will be stored that can be used for emergency beach re-nourishment projects. The District also has begun work on remodeling the old "L-dock" on the Inlet's south side into a much nicer, safer dock structure which will now resemble a T instead of an L.

The dock will enable rescue vessels to safely dock and unload injured boater/divers/fishermen at the only point in the State Park where a med-evac helicopter can land. It also will provide safe dockage for support vessels used by contractors hired by the District to perform maintenance. Fishermen will find the new dock much more accommodating as well.

Swimmers and fishermen are delighted with the improvements the District made to the Tide Pool on the Inlet's north side. Before deepening, the pool was dry sand at low tide. After deepening, it is a haven for schools of fish, fun for swimmers/snorkelers, and a safe place to take the kids for a day wading and marveling at nature. The sand that was excavated to deepen the Tide Pool went to create the base for the District's D.M.M.A. project.

The District partnered with Indian River County by providing funding for a big re-nourishment project

undertaken by that county that should be finished after the current turtle nesting season is done.

It also is working with the State Park system to stabilize the shoreline around the spit of land along the Inlet's south side to prevent the eroded shoreline from further plugging nearby navigable channels.

Most importantly, the District is working hard to get the permits needed for dredge maintenance of the main channel and to remove dogleg at markers 21-22 and widen the main channel at that point also. This should happen in 2012.

Thanks to the hard work of the Inlet district's administrator, **Martin Smithson**, dedicated office staff and the commissioners – all of whom are committed to getting the work done without raising taxes – the Sebastian Inlet Tax District will remain one governmental entity that will not be raising taxes despite a reduction in revenue.

We understand living within your means.

**COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
(CRA) DISTRICTS
HIDE TAX INCREASES, GROW MORE
GOVERNMENT AND BILK THE PUBLIC**

By **Dale Young**, Ronald Reagan Clubs, Inc.

More than 40 years ago, the Florida Legislature established, by law, a new method of splitting out a portion of property taxes into a special trust fund managed by a group of non-elected appointed individuals not necessarily concerned with the general welfare of the people paying those taxes.

Florida statute 163.335 granted the local governing authority the power to establish such trust funds for the purposes of eliminating SLUM AND BLIGHTED AREAS, defined as: Injurious to the public health, safety, morals, and welfare of the public; focal centers for the spread of disease and crime, juvenile delinquency, the creation of traffic hazards, excessive burdens on safety services such as police, fire, hospitals, EMTs, affordable housing, and other public protections and facilities. It is further determined that areas that are deteriorating, economically stressed, unable to be properly utilized due to code upgrades, or lacking sufficient parking places may be considered for renewal.

The legislation notes that renovation of such SLUM AND BLIGHTED AREAS will enhance the tax base and revenues. However, the emphasis is still on renovation of unsightly or overly burdensome non-performing areas that are a drag on the market and revenues.

In order to create a Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), a "NEED" must be established using the criteria for such a slum and blighted area.

Brevard County now has more than 20 such CRAs, of which not one would strictly adhere to the legislative intent. It really would not matter what they included in the

redevelopment plan if the CRA was created adversely to the authorizing state statute. They fail the legitimacy test and should be abolished.

If they did not meet the criteria of SLUM AND BLIGHT, how did they become an agency?

Why are they bad for the taxpayer? Funding for the trust is created by diverting all new construction and property assessment increases for the designated CRA beyond a certain date into the new trust fund, exclusively for the use of the appointed board administrators. So tax revenues that formerly went to pay for fire, police, safety, administration, recreation, and any other county or municipal general fund expense is now captured for whatever purpose the CRA selects.

How has that worked so far? The Merritt Island CRA recently proposed using their authority to extend water/sewer lines through upscale properties to a new eight-unit project. This is the domain of the county's utilities department, totally outside the intent and scope of the state statute. They used their trust fund to facilitate the purchase of the "Crab Shack" restaurant from private owners, supposedly because they did not want an adjacent condo hi-rise to utilize the parcel. Anything BUT blighted!

City of Cocoa used its CRA as a capital improvement fund, in violation of state statute, to purchase property for a new city hall in a mind-boggling juggling of deeds and CRA bonding.

Port St. Lucie CRA owes \$53.8 million that paid for roads, storm water, water and sewer lines, a Civic Center, parking garage, and a 20-acre multi-million dollar entertainment complex of shops, restaurants, offices and residences in a new City Center project, and they don't have the money. The city now faces the payment of over \$4 million per year to cover that debt.

Such situations raise hundreds of questions as to legality. The city/county is using this CRA trust fund for normal city expenses in violation of state law. Property tax revenues are diverted from the General Fund into this reserve trust fund managed by appointed board members with little audit and oversight. The Florida Constitution states property tax revenues cannot be pledged for a period of longer than one year without a public referendum, yet nearly every CRA is committing tax dollars for decades into the future.

Look at West Melbourne's proposal to Brevard County for a new CRA that includes properties not even in the city limits. Its City Council asked Brevard to grant total authority over these county properties, which means that county taxpayers will be donating their money to West Melbourne, as well as the county, with no resulting services. Other inanities in this proposal are that the City Council would be the sole administrator of this trust fund, have the powers to decide where the slum areas are, bond the monies, choose the name,

remove/demolish properties at will, enter private property to make assessments and appraisals, use eminent domain though prohibited, determine proper exterior appearances, sell properties, and plan for redevelopment of entire areas not even in the city.

Herein lies the problem with CRAs. They are the method of raking off the very tax revenue increases governmental authorities rely upon for increasing costs, deposit them with managers outside the regulations of councils and commissions and public scrutiny, and then have the audacity to say it will not mean increased taxing rates. Governor Scott...this needs your attention.

INDEPENDENCE DAY COOK-IN SCHEDULED JULY 2

The Brevard Tea Party – joined by other groups such as the Brevard Republican Party, Brevard 9/12, Republican Liberty Caucus, Space Coast Patriots, Titusville Patriots, and Citizens for Property Rights – is sponsoring an Independence Day Cook-In on Saturday, July 2.

The event – complete with hot dogs and entertainment – will be 1-5 pm at the Heritage Isle Clubhouse, 6800 Legacy Boulevard, in Viera, and the cost is \$12 per person. To register, visit <http://www.brevardteaparty.com/events/2011-independence-day-cook-in.html> or contact **Matt Nye** at matt@brevardteaparty.com.

POLITICAL JOTTINGS AND DOTTINGS

■ Fulfilling a rite of passage in the U.S. Senate on June 14, Marco **Rubio** delivered his “maiden speech” on the Senate floor, laying out a vision of what he called a “new American century.” Noting that there are new nations now emerging in the world with prosperity and influence, and the light coming from them “is but a reflection of our own.” He said it is “the light of an American century that now spreads throughout the world. A world that still needs America. A world that still needs our light. A world that still needs another American century.” Writer **Tony Lee** said in “Human Events” that the speech lit up the normally staid Senate chamber, had a clear argument, an emotional arc, personal tie-ins, and was delivered with conviction -- in a way that led viewers to think Rubio was humbled and still awed at America’s exceptional past and promise. The entire speech is posted on www.brevardgop.org.



■ The State Legislature could not agree on when to hold Florida’s 2012 primary election, and kicked the decision over to a study committee which is expected by October 1 to pick the date. It is currently scheduled for next

January 31, which would put it in competition with the early voting states of Iowa, New Hampshire and South Carolina. This is against the rules of the RNC, and would result in Florida losing national convention delegates. RNC Chairman **Reince Priebus** says he believes Florida Republicans ultimately will comply with the rules and hold the primary no sooner than March. However, state Republican leaders say they are determined to be an early participant in the presidential contest and not be bunched up with a number of other states on the same date.



■ Governor **Rick Scott** joined James Madison Institute president **Bob McClure** at a Tallahassee news conference launching “Floridians for Sustainable Pensions.” JMI played a leading role in setting up the program, which involves citizens and civic and business organizations who believe the state’s government sector pension plans are unsustainable, and want to ensure there is an organized voice to encourage their immediate reform. Its website is www.SustainablePensions.com.



■ The newly-formed Redneck Political Alliance of the American Redneck Society wants to know if voters believe their elected officials are LEJIT. **Rob Clayton**, founder of the Virginia-based membership group, says the acronym stands for “limited government, erasing the deficit, job creation, immigration reform and tax reduction.” The Alliance will not endorse candidates or political parties, but will let Rednecks know their survey results at www.americanrednecksociety.com.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

Florida Senator **Marco Rubio**, writing on Medicare in the “Miami Herald”:

“America needs Medicare. We need it to continue without any benefit reductions for those like my mother currently in the system. And we need it to survive for my generation and my children’s generation. But Medicare is going bankrupt. Anyone who says it is not is simply lying. And anyone who is in favor of doing nothing to deal with this fact is in favor of bankrupting it. Medicare will go broke in as little as nine years. No one likes this news, but it is the undeniable truth. And the sooner we begin to deal with it, the better off we are all going to be. My goals are simple. First, I will not support any plan that changes Medicare for people like my mother, who are currently on the plan. We cannot ask seniors to go out and get a job to pay for their healthcare. Second, any solution must solve the problem. We need to save Medicare,

not simply delay its bankruptcy. And third, any solution cannot hurt economic growth. At a time of high unemployment, Americans cannot afford to pay more taxes. I will support any serious plan that accomplishes these three things....We have always had intense partisan politics in America. But throughout our history, on issues of generational importance, our leaders have agreed to put aside politics for the sake of our country. Shouldn't saving Medicare be that kind of issue? I am ready to work with anyone in Washington who is serious about saving Medicare. I am open to any serious solutions they have."



Heritage Foundation president **Ed Feulner**, writing on Saving the American Dream on CNSNews.com:

"America is on the verge of becoming a country in decline – economically stagnant and permanently debt-bound, heavily regulated and bureaucratic, less self-governing and less free. But this does not have to be our fate. We can get spending under control, balance the budget, and shrink our debt. We can limit the size of government and set free once again the unlimited genius of Americans to create wealth and jobs....To get our fiscal house in order, we must address Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid – the three so-called entitlement programs which together account for 43 percent of federal spending today. Yet the federal "safety net" for seniors still lets far too many seniors sink into poverty. We must recast these programs so that they're affordable and do a better job of helping those in need. We also need to encourage Americans to become more fiscally responsible themselves. We can do this by redesigning our tax system into an expenditure tax with a single flat rate. This structure will promote savings, therefore benefiting individual Americans, our body politic, and the economy. Greater savings mean stronger capital formation and thus a more robust economy, which means real jobs for Americans....The Heritage Foundation, recently, released *Saving the American Dream*, a budget plan designed to achieve precisely the goals outlined here. Our proposal aims to preserve America's promise bequeathed to us by past generations."



Virginia Attorney General **Ken Cuccinelli**, writing on federalism in defense of liberty in Hillsdale College's "Imprimis":

"Our founders well understood that our liberty could not be preserved without frequently referring back to first principles. But while they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor to defend those principles, we have often taken them for granted, as we have become complacent in thinking that government will take care of every problem. We have asked government to do more for us, and all the government asks for in return is a little bit more of our liberty. Over the decades, we kept asking. And because the courts and the politicians were all too happy to oblige, regardless of what the Constitution said, we no longer have a

federal government of limited powers. We have an overreaching central government....Thankfully, though, in the last several years, people have woken up and are pushing back. With this pushback, we are seeing the idea of federalism reemerge....We must ensure that the newly elected officeholders have learned from past mistakes. We must hold the representatives we put into office accountable to first principles, and then demand from them concrete action. For the failure of conservative principles has not been due to the principles themselves, but to the failure to fight for them."

Hoover Institution senior fellow **Thomas Sowell**, writing on dependency in "The Washington Times National Weekly":



"Those who regard government 'entitlement' programs as sacrosanct, and regard those who want to cut them back as calloused or cruel, picture a world very different from the world of reality. To listen to some of the defenders of entitlement programs, which are at the heart of the present financial crisis, you might think that anything the government fails to provide is something that people will be deprived of. In other words, if you cut the spending on school lunches, children will go hungry. If you fail to subsidize housing, people will be homeless. If you fail to subsidize prescription drugs, old people will have to eat dog food in order to be able to afford their meds. This is the vision promoted by many politicians and much of the media. But, in a world of reality, it is not even true for most people who are living below the official poverty line....The goal is not to keep the poor from starving but to create dependency, because dependency translates into votes for politicians who play Santa Claus....Independence makes for a healthier society, but dependency is what gets votes for politicians. For politicians, giving a man a fish every day of his life is the way to keep getting his vote."



Syndicated columnist **Mona Charen**, writing on ObamaCare in "The Washington Times National Weekly":

"Former House Speaker **Nancy Pelosi's** plea that Congress would have to pass the 906-page Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act in order to 'find out what's in it' has become an instant classic in the annals of dysfunctional government. But in the months since the bill's passage, as the Department of Health and Human Services has parceled out waivers, something else has become clear: We may never know what's in it....The reason we may never really know what's in it is because it lodges such tremendous discretion and power in the Department of Health and Human Services that we can never really be sure how government decision-makers will interpret it. In at least 700 separate instances, the legislation says that the Secretary of Health and Human Services 'shall have discretion' to make rules implementing the law's often vague requirements....There are rumblings of suspicion that HHS has shown favoritism. Labor unions have received some 26

percent of waivers while comprising only 12 percent of workers.”

Columnist **Arnold Ahlert**, writing on black American schoolchildren in the “Jewish World Review”:



“As a conservative, it's a distressing thing to watch black Americans invariably pull the lever for Democratic candidates on election day....It's been 67 years since the Supreme Court outlawed school segregation. In those 67 years, at every level of government, black Americans have been overwhelmingly staunch supporters of the Democrat party. What black Americans have gotten in return is an education system in which black children lag consistently behind their white counterparts, by an average of almost four years. Yet for 67 years, Democrats have promised black Americans that they're going to make things better for their communities, as long as they keep hitching their wagons to the Democrat party star. After two-thirds of a century, one might be inclined to think that more than a few black Americans might be inclined to ask the question, ‘what have you done for me lately,’ as in how come our children keep getting the short end of the educational stick after more than three generations of party loyalty? Yet in order to ask that question, one must know history and have learned to think for oneself. Knowledge of history and an ability to think independently require a decent education. Democrats around the nation are making sure that doesn't happen.”

REAGAN QUOTE



(Each month for the rest of the Centennial year, we will carry a meaningful quote from **Ronald Reagan**'s speaking and writings.)

Addressing the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) in Washington, DC, as governor of California on February 6, 1977 – his 66th birthday:

“The common sense and common decency of ordinary men and women, working out their own lives in their own way – this is the heart of American conservatism today. Conservative wisdom and principles are derived from willingness to learn, not just from what is going on now, but from what has happened before. The principles of conservatism are sound because they are based on what men and women have discovered through experience in not just one generation or a dozen, but in all the combined experience of mankind.”

CONSERVATIVE INSTITUTIONS

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



PACIFIC LEGAL FOUNDATION

Since 1973, the Sacramento, California-based Pacific Legal Foundation has been fighting for limited government, property rights, individual rights, and a balanced approach to environmental protection. The public interest legal organization is devoted to a vision of individual freedom, responsible government, and color-blind justice.

In addition to its California headquarters, PLF has locations in Stuart, Florida; Bellevue, Washington; and Honolulu, Hawaii.

“Like America's founders,” says PLF president **Robin Rivett**, “we believe the blessings of liberty are beyond measure. And like them, we believe each generation must defend those blessings against government encroachment. Every day, PLF attorneys litigate to build a future of economic freedom and equal opportunity.”



All of the cases taken by the foundation are done on a pro-bono basis, and its litigation focuses on cases involving:

- **Property rights.** PLF believes victims of this erosion are the hard-working and self-reliant citizens who are struggling to attain or maintain the American Dream but who have been hampered by overzealous regulator. This program is committed to enforcing the Constitution's limit on the power of government agents to control private property.
- **Eminent domain.** Since local governments across the nation are abusing this power by seizing the homes and small businesses of private property owners and giving them to private companies under the pretext of serving some broad public purpose, PLF is fighting them in the courts.
- **Environmental regulations.** This includes challenging regulatory abuses under the Clean Water Act, abuse of the Endangered Species Act, opposing environmental injustices by government and activists, and ensuring responsible management of public lands and natural resources.
- **Preferences based on race or gender.** PLF believes these government-sponsored preferences are a blight that perpetuates stereotypes and promotes conflict. The staff scrutinizes federal, state and local regulations to ensure they do not run afoul of the Constitution's Equal Protection guarantee or state constitutional provisions.

- Economic liberty and free enterprise. These projects are devoted to protecting the right to earn a living, and protecting businesses against unfair burdens. PLF says licensing laws and other regulations often prevent entrepreneurs from competing fairly, and

courts often use obscure legal theories to change the terms of contracts in the name of “doing justice.”

For additional information, or to contribute to PLF’s efforts, visit the website: www.pacificlegal.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 6 – Melbourne Area Federated Republican Women meeting, Holiday Inn, Viera, 11 am.
- July 7 – Heritage Isle Republican Club, Viera, 7 pm.
- July 14 – BREC meeting, Temple Israel, Viera, 6:30 pm.
- July 21 – Republican Women’s Network of South Brevard meeting, Eau Gallie Yacht Club, 11 am.
- July 21 – Brevard Republican Men’s Club meeting, Doubles Hoagies Restaurant, Indian Harbor Beach, 7 pm.
- July 19 – North Brevard Republican Club meeting, La Cita Country Club, Titusville, 7 pm.
- July 27 – Brevard Young Republicans meeting, Fiesta Azteca Restaurant, Suntree, 6:30 pm.
- July 28 – Ronald Reagan Clubs meeting, Jimmy’s Restaurant, Rockledge, 7 pm.
- July 22 – Republican Hispanic Club meeting, Piccadilly Restaurant, Melbourne, 7 pm.
- July 26 – Space Coast Florida Republican Winners meeting will not be having meetings during the summer. Meetings for the club will resume in September.
- New Millennium Conservative Club – for information, call **Greta McLaughlin** at 255-0619.

COMICAL CLOSER

So this guy who decides to run for president from the Politically Correct Party (PCP), asks a judge to have his name legally changed. Wishing to cover all bases, he comes up with: Mohammed Jesus Moses, a.k.a. “Buddha.”

SEPARATED AT BIRTH?



Resigned, scandal-ridden, New York Democrat Congressman **Anthony Weiner** (Identified by talk show host **John McLaughlin** as “Underwear Bomber II”)

Cartoon character **Beavis** of “Beavis and Butt-head” fame