



# The Space Coast Tusk



## A Newsletter for Conservative Republicans

FLYING HIGH...AND DIGGING AND BORING TO KEEP BREVARD COUNTY RED AND GET CONSERVATIVES ELECTED

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## SUPERVISOR SAYS ELECTION TIME IS “MANAGED CHAOS”

### EDITOR’S NOTE

By **Stuart Gorin**

It is hard to believe that this issue marks the end of the second year of “The Space Coast Tusk” and its predecessor “The Tusk.” Where has the time gone?



I retired and moved to Brevard County from the Washington, DC area, and became active in several Republican organizations. After realizing there were no newsletters being produced for Republicans in the county, I decided to start this one – based on one I wrote for the old U.S. Information Agency to explain the American political process to overseas audiences.

Today, there are more than 700 people on our distribution list, and the newsletter goes to readers all over the country and even outside it. Designer **Frank Montelione** and I hope to see the numbers grow even larger as we spread the word.

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.

All back issues of “The Space Coast Tusk” and “The Tusk” are available in the archives at [www.brevardgop.org](http://www.brevardgop.org).

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Taking into consideration voter registration, mail-in ballots, early voting, worker training, precinct set-ups, and results tabulating, election time is “managed chaos,” says Brevard Supervisor of Elections **Lori Scott**.

Brevard County has the 8<sup>th</sup> largest voter registration in the state, but the actual voter turnout is usually in the top five, Scott told the Melbourne Area Federated Republican Women July 6. To handle the workload, she has a staff of 24 full-time employees at five locations throughout the county, and uses 2,000 temporary workers at precincts and headquarters during elections. Many of these poll workers, she said, return each election cycle, so they bring experience to the process.

Scott – who will be on the 2012 ballot herself seeking reelection – said her website, [www.votebrevard.com](http://www.votebrevard.com), provides up-to-date information on the number of registered voters by party affiliation, candidates for office, a reapportionment guide, 2010 election results, and much more material.

Throughout the year, the Elections Office keeps busy conducting voter outreach at citizenship ceremonies and voter pro-registration drives among 16-year-old students in high schools, so when they turn 18, they are automatically registered. In schools, even at the grade-school level, Scott said, her office brings in touch-screen machines for use in student elections.

The 158-page election reform bill passed by the State Legislature and signed into law by the governor calls for, among other things, a change in the time frame for

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people who obtain registration forms from new voters to get them to the elections office, and a reduction in the number of days authorized for early voting. People who move now have to register in advance with the Elections Board or else vote provisional ballots, Scott said.

For the next primary election in 2012, she said, early voting will be limited to eight eight-hour days, but to reduce wait time for voters, there will be three more voting sites in the county. She is looking to use three libraries in addition to the five elections offices.

She said a state legislative committee has until October 1 to announce when the 2012 Florida primary will take place, selecting a date between January and March. Her office, Scott said, must mail out absentee ballots no later than 45 days before an election. She added that if Florida selects a January date, the state will be in violation of Republican National Committee rules that say no state may hold an election prior to the traditional Iowa caucus and New Hampshire primary.

Once redistricting lines are determined, voters can be placed in different districts at both the county and state levels, and that will generate new voter registration cards, Scott said.

She said a still-undermined issue is whether due to an increased Hispanic population, the county will have to provide Spanish language ballots. Based on federal guidelines, that will be decided once the population percentages are established.

Many voters in Brevard County are registered as “no party affiliation,” and Scott pointed out that they miss out on voting for any candidate in a partisan race, which really restricts their participation in the democratic process.

Because so many Brevardians vote either early, or by absentee, she said, that changes the way candidates campaign, since they no longer can make a major pitch for votes at the last minute.

The next election in Brevard will be this November 8 for several municipal and special district seats, all of which are non-partisan.

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### LEGISLATIVE REDISTRICTING HEARING SET FOR JULY 28 IN VIERA

As part of a series of sessions throughout the state, the Florida Legislature will conduct a redistricting hearing at the County Commission Chamber on Judge Fran Jamieson Way in Viera on Thursday, July 28, from 10 am to 1 pm.

The hearings offer the public a chance to make their ideas known on areas they believe could form a part of, or, an entire state house, state senate or congressional district. Every idea is important to the legislature, and citizens are urged to attend the hearing and make their voices heard.

Each speaker is limited to a maximum of 5 minutes, and will not be asked questions by the members of the committee or anyone else.

For additional information, visit the website: [www.floridaredistricting.org](http://www.floridaredistricting.org).

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### CULLEN COLLECTS TAXES, BUT DOES NOT SET THE RATE



Brevard Tax Collector **Lisa Cullen** wants county residents to understand that when they receive their annual property tax bills, she has nothing to do with setting the rate for the amount they pay. Her job is to collect the money, and distribute it to the appropriate taxing authorities.

Addressing the Heritage Isle Republican Club in Viera on July 7, Cullen said 300,000 property tax bills were sent out during the last tax cycle, and \$600 million was distributed for both ad valorem (based on property value) and non-ad valorem (assessed for community services or special benefits) taxes.

When property taxes are not paid, she said, the county conducts on-line tax certificate auctions for anyone to pay them for a homeowner, and be eligible to earn interest upon repayment or else file a lien against the property. Once a homeowner is delinquent for three consecutive years, the county can sell the home and pay off the lien holders, Cullen added.

She has a \$9.3 million annual budget, which is mostly used for salaries and equipment. The office has 151 employees spread over six locations throughout the county. The closest office to Viera is at 1515 Sarno Road in Melbourne.

Cullen said her office also collects business tax occupational receipts, tourist development taxes on hotel rooms and camp sites, sells hunting and fishing licenses, and serves as an agent for the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue titles and drivers licenses.

Since the federal government has mandated new driver's license requirements, she said, many people are frustrated about arriving to renew a license and not having all of the necessary additional documents with them. These include, but are not limited to, a certified U.S. birth certificate or valid U.S. passport; original or certified copies of all marriage certificates or court orders that show name changes; a Social Security card or W-2 form; and two documents showing a home address. For a complete list of required documents, Cullen advised everyone to visit the website [www.gathergoget.com](http://www.gathergoget.com).

In her years working for the Tax Collector Office, Cullen has filled every position possible, she said, so she knows what all of her employees are doing. In 2012, she will be on the ballot seeking reelection.

The goal of the Tax Collector Office, she said, is to provide citizen-centered government service that is not only cost efficient, but also fair and accountable. The website for additional information is [www.brevardtaxcollector.com](http://www.brevardtaxcollector.com).

### HASNER TELLS BREC HE FAVORS SPENDING CUTS AND A BALANCED BUDGET



U.S. Senate candidate **Adam Hasner** told the Brevard Republican Executive Committee July 14 that his vision for America's future is to cut spending, balance the budget, reduce entitlements, and get the government out of the way to improve prosperity.

The growing debt is America's greatest national security threat, he said, and "we are bankrupting the country both fiscally and morally." He said Republicans don't need to be less partisan, they need to be more principled. The last election set the stage, but reinforcements are needed for 2012 – it is a battle for the heart and soul of the country, he added, and "now is the time to fight."

Hasner, who served in the State Legislature with Senator **Marco Rubio**, said whatever Rubio votes for now in the Senate is canceled out by Democrat Senator **Bill Nelson**, whom he wants to replace.

Asked about his immigration policy, Hasner said we have to secure the borders first, and enforce laws that are already on the books.

Regarding health care, he said Obamacare has to be defunded and repealed.

In other BREC news:

-- Chairman **Barbara Davis** said the official website [www.brevardrepublicans.org](http://www.brevardrepublicans.org) is in the process of being revised.

-- State Committeewoman **Carlie Rogers** said the website [www.citizen2citizen.us](http://www.citizen2citizen.us) has been created to fight judicial activism, and will report on judges who will be up for reelection in 2012. There are three on the Florida Supreme Court who will be on the ballot, and all of them are liberal activists appointed by a Democrat governor, she said.



-- Secretary **Judy Timothy** announced that of the 188 precincts in Brevard County, only 80 have a representative on the Executive Committee, and in preparation for the 2012 election, there needs to be a membership increase.

-- Deputy Chairman **Bob White** swore in four new BREC members.

### TEA PARTY MEMBERS WORK FOR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

By **Matt Nye**

Republican Liberty Caucus of Florida Chairman

More than 250 Republican activists gathered in Viera July 2 for a Brevard Tea Party cook-in to celebrate America's independence and exchange ideas on returning the country and our county to its constitutional rights.



Attendees included members of the Brevard Republican Party, Republican Liberty Caucus, Brevard 9/12, Space Coast Patriots and Titusville Patriots.

Under the Obama administration, we have seen what it truly means to abandon free market principles. The government has nationalized the banking industry, the health care industry, the food industry and the American automotive industry. It is quite literally strangling the life out of the energy industry, and all small businesses in the country, through excessive taxation and regulation, the likes of which we haven't seen since the Great Depression.

During the last two years, we've seen our concerns and fears turn into anger, and from that anger an entire movement has arisen. This movement isn't organized, and has no single spokesperson. It is comprised of everyday working Americans, most of whom are volunteers.

The Tea Party in Brevard operates as an umbrella organization, with the various groups throughout the county meeting in their locales on days and times most convenient for them. This strategy has worked out very well. While we didn't succeed in getting our candidates elected in the last cycle, we had a profound impact at the local and state level. We prevented red light cameras from coming to Satellite Beach, and we postponed their implementation in the City of Melbourne for one year.

Many activists are engaged at the county level to try to prevent the creation of more Community Redevelopment Districts, which siphon funds off from the rest of the county to favor a particular area. We must all be prepared to fight what surely will be increased property taxes at the city and county level this budget cycle.

In order to raise awareness among the general public, we started having meetings as the Brevard Tea Party a few months ago. Last month's meeting was Social Media training at the Melbourne Area Association of Realtors Computer Lab. It was completely packed and an unqualified success; we are doing it again in September.

As we move into the next election cycle, it is imperative we do our research on candidates at all levels, and only support those who advocate capitalism and individual rights. It is

imperative that we scrutinize their past positions on issues and relationships, as there is no shortage of Patriot-come-latelies.

I genuinely believe that we are in a fight for our very survival, and I refuse to let it go without a fight. The day may come when the courage of patriots fails, when we forsake our principles and break all bonds with our forefathers – when the age of reason comes crashing down – but it is not this day. This day we fight.

This country – this Republic – the greatest the world has ever known, was founded on the premise the rights of the individual are inviolate – that every man is endowed with unalienable rights to life, liberty, property and the pursuit of happiness, and that no man, no gang, no political party, no government – is entitled to violate those rights.

So, set aside fear and doubt, brace for battle and let us join together and fight for the most precious of all things: liberty and justice. Let us rout the liars and thieves in office who would deprive us of our birthright and replace them with men of character. Let us see through the guises of those who would deceive us and judge them by their past actions and affiliations. Justice demands nothing less.

We have the moral high ground. We, the hard working men and women of this country; we, the producers, the men of the mind – must draw a line in the sand against those who seek the unearned.

That line will be drawn in 2012. Let those who would say they are entitled to take that which they have not earned be met with a single cry: No more! Let those who would say they just need more time for their Socialist plans to work be told: You are out of time! Let those who would try to take our guns and freedoms be met with this challenge: Come and try to take them!

Our future, and that of our children and grandchildren, hangs in the balance. I do not know what fate awaits us, but I do know that I will die fighting for what I believe in, and what I believe in is the United States of America.

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### GOODSON HAS FOUR BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

Governor **Rick Scott** has signed into law four bills that were introduced during the recent state legislative session by Representative **Tom Goodson**, the freshman lawmaker from Cocoa told the Ronald Reagan Clubs June 23.



Goodson said the measures concerned the open house parties, sovereign immunity, the Canaveral Port District, and space flight entities.

Concerning violations of the statute covering actions resulting from the use of alcohol at events at private

parties, the open house parties bill increases the penalty from a second degree misdemeanor to a first degree misdemeanor for a repeat offense or when a violation of the statute causes or contributes to causing serious bodily injury and/or death.

The sovereign immunity bill reduces the state of limitations for wrongful death actions against the state and its agencies from the current four years down to two years in order to be consistent with the statute of limitations for such actions against the private sector.

The Port Canaveral District bill will make it easier for the Canaveral Port Authority chief executive officer to approve contracts for construction and/or repair bills up to \$100,000 without a special meeting for approval.

The liability of space flight entities bill recognizes that there are risks involved in development of human space flight, and provides entities with immunity from liability for loss, damage, or death of a participant that is a result of these inherent risks involved. It was felt this will help attract businesses in space flight to come to the area to develop programs and put space workers back to work.

Goodson noted that the legislative session focused first and foremost on the state budget and the \$4.6 billion deficit, and by streamlining programs and making many cuts to reduce spending, the lawmakers were able to create the constitutionally-mandated balanced budget without raising taxes.

On the topic of education, he said, significant teacher quality legislation, and bills expanding school choice and options for students were passed.

Because he believes that “good government is less government,” he said he voted for more than 60 bills aimed at repealing outdated and unneeded statutes.

Many bills died in committees, Goodson pointed out, but a lot of them will come back in the next session.

Goodson also told the club that he was one of 42 freshmen in the legislature, and being older than most of them, was more apt to make his voice known on a number of issues. Noting that as businessman he is “quick to make decisions,” he felt at times – especially in committee meetings – that time is wasted on some traditional procedures, such as having each committee member in turn thank a bill sponsor for bringing a measure forth.

He served on seven committees or subcommittees, including the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee, the Business and Consumer Affairs Subcommittee, and the Congressional Redistricting Subcommittee.

Goodson, as a member of the Brevard Delegation, will be attending the Legislative Redistricting Hearing on July 28.

**GENERAL CLELAND ADDRESSES**  
**ACT! FOR AMERICA SPACE COAST CHAPTER**



Americans will rise to the occasion in the fight against Islamic terrorism if they know what the stakes are, says retired Major General **John Cleland**.

Addressing the ACT! For America Space Coast Chapter July 12, Cleland said the terrorists are practicing “civilization jihad” here in an attempt to destroy our country from within, using coordinated action in all areas of society.

Cleland, who served in the U.S. Army in World War II, Korea and Vietnam, said we can learn lessons from those past wars. The lesson from World War II, he said, is the importance of unconditional surrender, and Vietnam showed the difficulty in winning the hearts and minds of people.

Americans must recognize and acknowledge the war against radical Islam, and understand that the longer the war drags on, the better the chance is for the radicals to win it, he said. Noting that President Obama has set deadlines for removing troops from the conflicts in Afghanistan, Iraq and Libya, Cleland asked, “What kind of message does this advertised pullout send? If we pull out before the borders are secured, it will secure a base for radical Islam.”

Regarding the impact of the war on U.S.-Pakistan relations, Cleland said, “We want Pakistan’s 50-60 nuclear weapons to remain in safe hands,” and not to Iran.

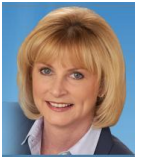
He added that he expects Al Qaeda will launch a revenge attack for the killing of **Usama Bin Laden** – not if, but when. Along with the Muslim Brotherhood, he said, Al Qaeda can be compared to the Bolsheviks who overthrew the Russian monarchy, and the Iranians who forced out the Shah.

Discussing sharia law – which radicals are attempting to inflict on America – Cleland said it was promulgated in the Dark Ages and has not changed over the centuries. There is no freedom in sharia, he said; it is “an abomination and the antithesis of our Constitution.”

At the ACT! For America Space Coast Chapter’s June 14 meeting, Chapter Leader **Bill Prince** said the membership was disappointed that the Florida Legislature failed to pass bills during the last session to assure that judges only use U.S. laws when deciding cases. He said there are plans to increase efforts in this matter during the next legislature.

Prince reported that the two Florida bills – Senate 1294 and House 1273 “Application of Foreign Law” – died in committee, but did achieve some name recognition, and the focus next time will be on encouraging the committee chairs to move expeditiously on the legislation.

At the federal level, Prince said, HR 973 – to prevent the misuse of foreign law in Federal courts – introduced by Florida Congresswoman **Sandy Adams**, is in the first step of the legislative process and is attracting co-sponsors, which now number more than 60, including Congressman **Bill Posey**. Since no Democrats have agreed to co-sponsor the bill, Prince said, while it does have a chance to pass in the House, it appears dim in the U.S. Senate until the Republican Party takes back control of that body.



Chapter Political Liaison **Doug Murphy** spoke to the group about “Radical Islam – The Process,” pointing out that its two main portions were violent and stealth jihad. The stealth branch, he said, had five sub-branches: population expansion, government infiltration, Middle East university funding, Muslim organizations, and sharia finance.

Focusing on the sharia finance sub-branch, Murphy said it is a new and fast-growing investment vehicle on Wall Street. In the spirit of political correctness and greed, Wall Street has bought into a multi-million dollar ad campaign originating from the Middle East, he said, noting that the concept was conceived by Arab Sheikhs, including **Yusuf Al Qaradawi**, who has been banned from entering the United States and Great Britain. Qaradawi was quoted as saying, “I like to call it Jihad with money, because God has ordered us to fight our enemies with our lives and our money.”

Murphy said the danger is that we could have radical Islamists sitting as advisors on corporate boards, with a percentage of the investment profits going to Muslim charities. He said that 27 Islamic charities have been identified by the U.S. government as funders of terrorism since 9/11. Major U.S. corporations such as AIG and Bank of America now have Sharia-compliant investment packages, Murphy added, and AIG even offers a Takaful (insurance concept which is grounded in Islamic law) homeowners insurance policy.

ACT! For America’s mission is to promote national security and defend our democratic values against the assault of radical Islam, and the Space Coast Chapter’s vision is to educate the citizens of Brevard County on the threat from radical Islam; help defend against that threat whether in the form of a terrorist attack, abuse of our legal process or intimidation in the public square; and build a local network to provide accurate information to the citizenry and elected officials.

For additional information, visit the websites: [www.actforamerica.org](http://www.actforamerica.org) or [www.actspacecoast.org](http://www.actspacecoast.org).

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**ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL**

Formally kicking off her Republican presidential campaign on June 27 in Waterloo, Iowa, the town where she was born,



Minnesota Congresswoman **Michele Bachmann** appealed directly to Tea Party voters and said, “We cannot afford four more years of Barack Obama,” criticizing the president for racking up too much debt while stimulating too little job growth. Six days earlier, with the Statue of Liberty as a backdrop, former Utah Governor **Jon Huntsman** also joined the crowded Republican field, saying the American economy is “totally unacceptable,” and the country needs “leadership that knows we need more than hope, leadership that knows we need answers.” Huntsman served as U.S. Ambassador to China, and earlier as ambassador to Singapore. And on July 2, Michigan Congressman **Thaddeus McCotter** announced to a rock festival crowd in his hometown of Livonia that he, too, is entering the Republican presidential race, saying the future of the country is not big government, but self-government.



Young activist supporters gave Texas Congressman **Ron Paul** a first-place finish in a non-binding presidential preference straw poll at the Republican Leadership Conference in New Orleans on June 18. Paul took 612 of the more than 1,500 ballots cast. Former Utah Governor **Jon Huntsman**, who at the time had not yet officially declared his candidacy, placed second with 382 ballots, and Minnesota Congresswoman **Michele Bachmann** finished third with 191. Activists from 38 states attended the conference.



According to BBC News reporter **Katty Kay**, former Governor **Jeb Bush** – who has made it clear that he will not seek the 2012 Republican presidential nomination – said “no,” when asked if he has also ruled out running in 2016. Kay wrote that she has spoken to many Republicans who say they “genuinely believe” that Bush is the only Republican who could unseat the president. Bush told Kay that it is “very flattering” to be asked regularly about joining the campaign, but “there are great candidates running and my guess is that one of them will be president, and I’ll be supportive.”



Political analyst **Larry Sabato** of the University of Virginia says that barring an unexpected re-election landslide by President Obama, “Republicans are at least slightly favored to take the Senate” in 2012. He says it’s “just a basic matter of numbers.” Sabato forecasts that Republicans will keep their seats in North Dakota, Missouri, Montana, and Nebraska, and he thinks there is “a good chance” to snag Democrat-held seats” in Virginia, New Mexico and Wisconsin. In addition, he says, Republicans have a shot at Democrat seats in Florida, Ohio, Michigan, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Connecticut, West Virginia, and Hawaii, and wins in six of those races would create a filibuster-proof 60-seat presence.

## POLITICAL JOTTINGS AND DOTTINGS

- Four Republicans seeking to unseat Democrat U.S. Senator **Bill Nelson** took part in a debate in St. Petersburg June 30, sponsored by the Florida Society of News Editors and the Florida Press Association. Rather than attack each other, the four – State Senator **Mike Haridopolos**, former State Representative **Adam Hasner**, former U.S. Senator **George LeMieux**, and retired Army Colonel **Mike McCallister** – used much of the debate time to criticize spending, energy and other Obama administration policies supported by Nelson and former Florida Governor **Charlie Crist**. Later, Winter Park businessman **Craig Miller** joined the list of candidates seeking the Republican nomination. Miller, the former CEO of the Ruth’s Chris steakhouse chain, was an unsuccessful candidate in 2010 for the congressional District 24 seat.

- Former State Senator **Carey Baker** is asking Floridians to go to the website <http://hcfa.citizen2citizen.us> to sign up as citizen co-sponsors of the Florida Health Care Freedom Act, which has been designated as Amendment #1 on the ballot for the 2012 election – a vote to roll back Obamacare and keep the federal government out of our health care decisions. Baker says that the fight is just beginning, however, as anti-freedom liberals and Democrat consultants are rallying to oppose Amendment #1.



- At the National Association of Attorneys General Conference in Chicago last month, Attorney General **Pam Bondi** was named chairman of the organization’s southern region for 2011-12. She said she looks forward to working closely with colleagues in the other states on issues pertinent to the region.



- Officials in Eastern Europe and London – during eight days of celebrating President **Ronald Reagan**’s centennial year – paid tribute to the Great Communicator, and expressed the belief that they want to see America as a beacon, and have faith that it is a great nation that tries to think about, and act upon, right and wrong. This is what columnist and former Reagan speechwriter **Peggy Noonan** wrote in “The Wall Street Journal,” also pointing out that Hungary’s Prime Minister **Viktor Orban** ended his speech with: “We need a Ronald Reagan. Is he there, somewhere, already?”



- Political analyst **Dick Morris** says Republicans have two key missions this year: defeat President Obama and cleanse the party of the RINOs (Republicans In Name Only) who hide behind the party label and use their power to promote tax increases and liberal policies. Some of these Republicans in the House and Senate have left their



ideology far behind, Morris said, and he is going to go after them in primary fights, and along with the Tea Party, hold them accountable. “If we let Congress keep its RINOs, and give away at the negotiating table the gains we amass at the ballot box, we will have only ourselves to blame,” Morris added.

## QUOTABLE QUOTES

American Majority president **Ned Ryun**, writing on the Tea Party in “The American Spectator”:

“I asked Tea Party leaders from various parts of the country to share their thoughts about the current state of the Tea Party movement. **Jason Hoyt**, of the Florida Alliance (a statewide coalition of 100-plus tea parties), told me, ‘In the beginning, rallies were necessary to let everyone know we’re here and announce to the rest of America that you’re not alone in your frustration. In the summer of 2009 we attended town halls, and by the beginning of 2010 we began engaging candidates. And as the amazing results from the November election suggest, we had learned and actively participated in GOTV (get out the vote) activities by the summer of 2010’....As to where they plan on going in 2011 and 2012, Jason Hoyt noted, ‘The level of participation at monthly meetings is staying steady while we’re gearing up for a very big and creative summer of recruiting and educating the public. As we see it, November 2010 was a mere practice run for 2012. Just wait till you see what happens when we implement what we’ve learned.’”



Family Research Council senior fellow **Ken Blackwell** and American Civil Rights Union fellow **Ken Klukowski**, writing on social and economic conservatives in “The Washington Examiner”:  
“Conservative success comes from Building the Republican Party around constitutional principles....But one point should be made here. The vast majority of Tea Party members are also committed social conservatives, as are most elected officials headlining Tea Party rallies.... Conversely, many social conservatives advocate low taxes, economic opportunities free from government control, and requiring people to accept responsibility for their actions. Both of these philosophies don’t just coexist; properly understood, they naturally reinforce and enhance each other....Because so many Tea Party attendees are committed people of faith -- and some Tea Party leaders need to take this to heart -- there are literally millions of Americans currently supporting the Tea Party movement who will denounce and leave that movement if Tea Party leaders ever say anything to support abortion, same-sex marriage, silencing religion, or gun control. Conversely -- and many social-values leaders need to lay hold of this -- millions of evangelical Christians, devout Catholics, Mormons and Orthodox Jews are gravely



concerned about how big-government policies are crushing our children and grandchildren under a mountain of debt, destroying jobs (or preventing job creation) and endangering the ability of families to stay together and take care of each other....The Republican Party needs both of these constituencies. Alienating either will cause a party split....A revitalized conservative movement embracing every aspect of constitutional conservatism is the key for resurgence and renewal in America.”

Opinion editor **Matthew Continetti**, writing on the economy in “The Weekly Standard”:

“The Republican presidential candidates have a powerful case to make against the Obama economy....The president’s one good decision was agreeing to maintain current tax rates through December 2012. But he undercut his own policy by immediately pledging to raise taxes on incomes, dividends, capital gains, and estates at the first opportunity. Now it’s left to Republicans not only to prevent a major tax increase, but to remove, repair, and mend the fiscal and monetary damage left in Obama’s wake. The job won’t be easy. The worst thing Republican presidential candidates could do is be timid and uninspired in their proposals for American renewal....For the past two and a half years, the country has been trapped in an extended master’s class on the failures of liberalism. The way out is a Republican victory in 2012. Getting there will take imagination, bravery, authenticity, and the ability to connect with the people against the elites. The candidate who can do that will give us all reason to begin to smile again.”



Contributing Editor **Robert Kagan**, writing on the next election in “The Weekly Standard”:

“It is a mistake in the most fundamental sense that losing in Afghanistan is profoundly not in America’s interest, and every Republican has an obligation to place national interests above party and personal ambition. But it is also a political mistake. We know the conventional wisdom that this election will be won on the economy. That may be mostly true, but we are confident that it is not entirely true. The next two years are going to continue to be dangerous times for the United States and for our friends and allies around the world....2012 will be an election about the economy, but it also will be an election about national security. The American people may tell pollsters they want to focus on domestic problems -- they have said that many times in the past, as well -- but they also will be looking to see who can be a reliable and strong commander-in-chief. Me-tooing Obama or, worse, trying to outflank him on the dovish left, will not serve any candidate well in the general election. National security until now has been a Republican advantage. To squander that advantage in these times of global danger would be worse than a blunder. It would be a crime.”



National Right to Work Committee president **Mark Mix**, writing on a fundamental freedom in Hillsdale College’s “Imprimis” publication:

“It cannot be over-emphasized that compulsory unionism violates the first principle of the original labor union movement in America. Samuel Gompers, founder and first president of the AFL, wrote that the labor movement was ‘based on the sovereignty of the worker’...As more and more workers and businesses have obtained refuge from compulsory unionism in right-to-work states in recent decades, the rationality of the free market has been showing itself. But the public sector is another and grimmer story. The National Labor Relations Act affects only private-sector workers. Since the 1960s, however, 21 states have enacted laws authorizing the collection of forced union dues from at least some state and local public employees. More than a dozen additional states have granted union officials the monopoly power to speak for all government workers whether they consent to this or not. Thus today, government workers are more than five times as likely to be unionized as private sector workers. This represents a great danger for taxpayers and consumers of government services...Now more than ever, it is time to push home the point that all American workers in all 50 states should be granted the full freedom of association – which includes the freedom not to associate – in the area of union membership.”

### REAGAN QUOTE

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



Delivering Independence Day remarks on July 4, 1986:

“If there’s one impression I carry with me after the privilege of holding for 5 ½ years the office held by Adams and Jefferson and Lincoln, it is this: that the things that unite us – America’s past of

which we’re so proud, our hopes and aspirations for the future of the world and this much-loved country – these things far outweigh what little divides us. And so tonight we reaffirm that Jew and gentile, we are one nation under God, that black and white, we are one nation indivisible, that Republican and democrat, we are all Americans.”

## CONSERVATIVE INSTITUTIONS

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

### THE AMERICAN CAUSE

*Putting America First*

The Vienna, VA-based educational organization The American Cause, says its president, **Bay Buchanan**, “has advanced and promoted traditional values rooted in the conservative principles of national sovereignty, economic patriotism, limited government, and individual freedom.”



Buchanan, who served as Treasurer of the United States during the presidency of Ronald Reagan, says that since the inception of The American Cause in 1993, it has urged the conservative movement and the Republican Party “to reject foreign interventionism, globalist trade, open borders, and big government.”

The organization’s core values include – among other things – a belief that:

- America’s prosperity and progress hinge on fidelity to its founding principles,
- the future of our freedom depends on maintaining national sovereignty,
- Americans are over-taxed and over-regulated,
- the Second Amendment gives law-abiding Americans the right to own and use personal firearms,
- life begins at conception, and
- all forms of discrimination are wrong.

To deliver its message on analysis of critical and controversial issues, The American Cause’s staff uses appearances on talk radio and TV programs, op-ed articles, press release, a monthly newsletter, and a website. The site also carries newspaper columns written by the organization’s chairman and Buchanan’s brother, **Pat Buchanan**.

For additional information, or to contribute to the organization, visit the website: [www.theamericancause.org](http://www.theamericancause.org).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 1 – New Millennium Conservative Club, Pizza Gallery, Viera, 6:30 pm.  
August 3 – Melbourne Area Federated Republican Women meeting, Holiday Inn, Viera, 11 am.  
August 4 – Heritage Isle Republican Club, Viera, 7 pm.  
August 11 – BREC meeting, Temple Israel, Viera, 6:30 pm.  
August 16 – North Brevard Republican Club meeting, La Cita Country Club, Titusville, 7 pm.  
August 18 – Republican Women’s Network of South Brevard meeting, Eau Gallie Yacht Club, 11 am.  
August 18 – Brevard Republican Men’s Club meeting, Doubles Hoagies Restaurant, Indian Harbor Beach, 7 pm.  
August 24 – Brevard Young Republicans meeting, Fiesta Azteca Restaurant, Suntree, 6:30 pm.  
August 25 – Ronald Reagan Clubs meeting, Jimmy’s Restaurant, Rockledge, 7 pm.  
August 26 – Republican Hispanic Club meeting, Piccadilly Restaurant, Melbourne, 7 pm.  
Space Coast Florida Republican Winners meetings will resume in September.
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## COMICAL CLOSER

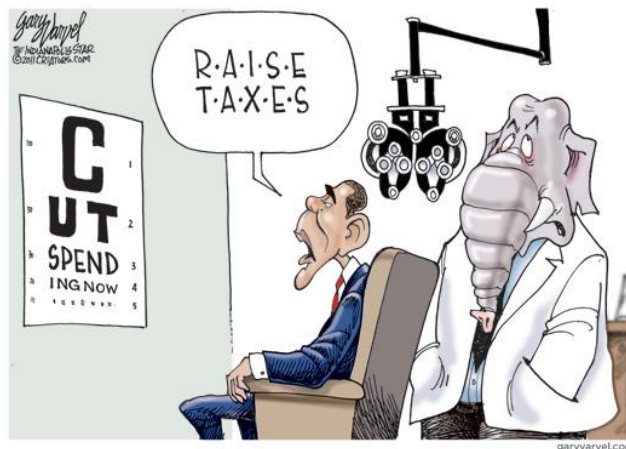
Take this math quiz to confirm which of the following ten movies your all-time favorite is:

1. Pick any number from 1 to 9.
2. Multiply by 3.
3. Add 3.
4. Multiply by 3 again.
5. Now add together the two digits of your answer.

The result will be the number of your favorite movie.

Movie List:

1. Gone With The Wind
2. Casablanca
3. E.T.
4. Star Wars
5. Titanic
6. Forrest Gump
7. Blazing Saddles
8. Jaws
9. Obama 2012 Farewell Speech
10. Wizard of Oz



**WOULD GLASSES HELP HIM READ THE LETTERS CORRECTLY?**