



# The Space Coast Tusk



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## PRESIDENCY 5 AND CPAC-FL DRAW THOUSANDS OF DELEGATES

### EDITOR'S NOTE

By **Stuart Gorin**

Check the lead item in this month's newsletter for my report on Presidency 5 and CPAC FL. My wife Barbara and I were official Brevard County delegates to the events.



There are so many presidential opinion polls all over the place – with candidates continuously switching positions in the rankings – that it is impossible to keep up with them in a monthly newsletter. So we will not be referring to them at all.

There are now 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.

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By **Stuart Gorin**, Space Coast Tusk Editor and Publisher

More than 3,000 energetic and enthusiastic Republicans and Conservatives gathered in political ecstasy in Orlando on September 22-24, for the Republican Party of Florida's Presidency 5 and the American Conservative Union's CPAC-FL combined conventions.

You would have to be living under a rock not to know that the three highlights of the jam-packed events were:

-- The Fox News-Google presidential debate that many political observers said was “won” by former Massachusetts Governor **Mitt Romney**,

-- The eight-candidate Republican presidential straw poll vote surprisingly captured in a big way by Georgia businessman **Herman Cain**, and



-- Former State House Majority Leader **Adam Hasner** was victorious in the four-candidate Republican Senate straw poll.

Presidency 5 was organized by the late RPOF Chairman **Dave Bitner**. Suffering from Lou Gehrig's Disease, Bitner had planned to make the event his swan song after announcing his resignation for health reasons, but sadly passed away from the debilitating illness just days before the opening. Many speakers paid tribute to the chairman, and delegates saw a moving video of Bitner's life.



As the first order of business at Presidency 5, the RPOF Executive Committee unanimously voted for Vice Chairman **Lenny Curry** of Duval County to fill the chairman's unexpired term, and named Assistant Treasurer **Blaise Ingolia** of Hernando County as vice chairman.

RPOF coordinated with Fox News and Google to co-sponsor the September 22 presidential debate, and delegates filled the Orange County Convention Center to watch the event. Warming up the crowd, Florida Governor **Rick Scott** said: “The path to the White House is clearly through Florida. We are going to decide who is the next president of the United States.”

Prior to the debate, Fox News correspondent **Shannon Bream** wrote that Florida's independent voters could make all the difference in the 2012 election, because according to the latest Quinnipiac poll, just 33 percent of them approve of the job the president is doing, while 61 percent disapprove of his performance. Bream added that 23 percent of Florida's voters are not registered with either major party.

The actual debate occurred as expected, with candidates focusing on the issues dear to their hearts. Texas Governor **Rick Perry** came in as the favorite according to the public opinion polls, but faced a barrage of criticism from Romney on immigration matters, from Minnesota Congresswoman **Michele Bachmann** on his inoculation of young girls with the human papilloma virus vaccine, and from former Pennsylvania Senator **Rick Santorum** on his calling for tuition credits for illegal alien students. Romney also answered Perry's criticism of his health care plan in Massachusetts, by saying it was different from Obamacare and only covered eight percent of uninsured residents.

Political observer **Erick Erickson** said that if Perry wants to win the nomination, he needs to get out a comprehensive economic plan, answer tough questions on immigration, talk more about America than Texas, and not lose the next two debates.

Weekly Standard editor **William Kristol** said Romney and Santorum did provide "respectable performances" in the debate, and political analyst **Dick Morris** said Romney was "presidential, dignified, humorous, and likeable in the debate," and added that he was "good at scoring points and landing punches without surrendering his perch of dignity."

All of the debate participants also expressed their disdain for Obama administration policies, with Cain saying he would eliminate the Environmental Protection Agency, former New Mexico Governor **Gary Johnson** calling for institution of the Fair Tax, former Utah Governor and Ambassador **Jon Huntsman** calling for U.S. troops to be withdrawn from Afghanistan, former House Speaker **Newt Gingrich** saying he would require people collecting unemployment compensation to take job skills training, and Texas Congressman **Ron Paul** saying he would veto every bill crossing his desk that violates the states' rights 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment.



On September 23, attention turned to the Conservative Political Action Committee (CPAC), which for the first time organized a regional conference. **Al Cardenas**, the new American Conservative Union chairman and a former head of RPOF, arranged for the conference to be held in his home state. There are plans for future CPAC events

to be held in other locations throughout the country.

Welcoming the crowd, Cardenas said, "The conservative tent is getting bigger, not because of politics, but because of principle." He said the "extraordinary liberal" Obama administration has reignited the national conservative movement and driven millions of Americans across the country to activism.

Stressing his support for the Second Amendment, Cardenas added, "If liberals don't want guns, they shouldn't buy them. But don't encroach on our freedoms."

**Wayne LaPierre**, the executive vice president of the National Rifle Association, echoed the sentiments to the attendees, saying, "Our liberty in this country depends on the Second Amendment," and "gun owners will be the difference in 2012."

The four U.S. Senate candidates addressed the group prior to the straw poll voting. Hasner said the Obama Administration "does not have a messaging problem; it has a policy problem." Former Senator **George LeMieux** said that if elected, he would oppose earmarks, calling them wasteful spending. Retired Army Colonel and businessman **Mike McCalister** said his six-point conservative program covers immigration, energy, the economy, foreign policy, domestic policy, and military policy. Businessman **Craig Miller** said his experience ranged from moving from the dish room to the board room, and his business plan will result in more jobs.

Hasner, who won with 34 percent of the ballots cast, expressed gratitude for his victory to the activists who traveled from across Florida "to take part in this most American of events," and said that with their help he will defeat Democrat Senator Bill Nelson and help reclaim the majority in the U.S. Senate.

McCalister finished second in the polling with 30 percent of the vote, LeMieux came in third with 24 percent, and Miller had 12 percent.

Author **Ann Coulter** entertained the crowd by poking fun at Democrats. She noted that Barack Obama has performed an economic miracle "that economists refer to as The Carter Years," and added that, "The president did do one thing right, he did bring us together – we all hate Obamacare." Referring to former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's famous comment about Obamacare, Coulter said, "Now we are going to repeal it to find out what's NOT in it."

Senator **Marco Rubio** had been scheduled to address CPAC FL, but Senate business kept him in Washington. He did send a video message that told the delegates: "We need real alternatives to the Democrat Party. We don't need Republicans that act like Democrats." He said we have to choose between two very different directions for our country.

In addition to hearing from a long list of speakers in the main hall, CPAC delegates had the option instead of sitting in on a variety of panel discussions, including such topics as balancing energy needs with environmental stewardship; education reform; new media training; defense v. isolationism; the Conservative Movement and the Tea Party; faith, family and freedom; and the next generation.

The focus returned to Presidency 5 on September 24, with a rousing speech by **Andrew Breitbart**, who was introduced as a "conservative firebrand."



The founder of Big Government and other websites, Breitbart said that because of all of President Obama's gaffes, "any Republican can win" in 2012. The election is not about race, he said, it is about Nancy Pelosi and Harry Reid "and their Caucasian overspending butts."

Criticizing the main stream media, Breitbart said they suffered a “dereliction of duty” in not vetting the president, “so trained citizen journalists do the job they wouldn’t do.” Referring to the recent ACORN scandals that involved alleged illegal alien underage prostitution, he said, “We are living in a state of lawlessness, and I’ve got the videos to prove it.” The main stream media “has declared war on you, and you have to fight back,” he told the delegates.

Attorney General **Pam Bondi** said Florida will continue to hold the Obama Administration accountable for its policies. “We are going to the Supreme Court” over Obamacare, she said, and added that Florida has joined a lawsuit with South Carolina over the National Labor Relations Board’s rejection of Boeing building an assembly plant in the Palmetto State, and another lawsuit with Nebraska over the Environmental Protection Agency’s move to increase emissions standards. “The better remedy, though, is to get a Republican in the White House,” Bondi added.

**Sharon Day**, the Republican National Committee co-chairwoman and Florida’s national committeewoman at the RNC, told the crowd, “This is our time – our call to action – to save America from another four years of a failed presidency.” She added that when a Republican takes the oath of office, “that is the real change we can believe in.”

The presidential candidates had one more opportunity to appeal for votes in the straw poll, and then the balloting began – county by county. When **Rick Scott** announced that Cain was the winner, there was a long and loud enthusiastic shout of applause. Since many of the Presidency 5 delegates are members of Tea Party organizations throughout the state, this soundly refuted liberal claims of racism by Republicans, conservatives and Tea Party members.

After the event, Scott issued a statement calling Presidency 5 “a tremendous success” that “sent political shockwaves around the nation.” Thanks to the convention’s supporters, he said, “We are the focus of the nation. In November of 2012, our Republican nominee will have to win Florida. Now, all the candidates know how important you are.”

Cain articulated enthusiasm and policy ideas that reverberated, and that had nothing to do with skin color. He gained 37 percent of the votes cast – more than the combined votes of the second and third place finishers – Perry (15 percent) and Romney (14 percent). Santorum and Paul each garnered 10 percent, and the other candidates were in single digits.

FoxNews analyst **Dana Perino** said that by courting Florida’s voters, Cain showed that “retail politics still matter.”

In a statement issued after the results were announced, Cain said, “This is a sign of our growing momentum and my candidacy that cannot be ignored. I will continue to share my message of ‘common sense solutions’ across this country and look forward to spending more time in Florida, a critical state for both the nomination and the general election.” Cain also said, “The voice of the people is stronger than the voice of the media.”

Meanwhile, the same weekend as the Orlando events, Romney was victorious in a straw poll in Michigan, Paul won one in Los Angeles, and Santorum did so in Pennsylvania.

## **FLORIDA SETS JANUARY 31, 2012 FOR PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY DAY**

Florida officials put the 2012 presidential primary election season in disarray on September 30 by selecting January 31, 2012 as the date for the Florida primary – a violation of Republican National Committee rules.

The vote by the state selection committee was 7-2, and officials said they believed having Florida vote early would give the state an important role in the selection of the nominee, and that would be more important than the penalties that would be incurred.

The RNC decrees that no state may schedule its event prior to Iowa, New Hampshire, South Carolina and Nevada, and punishment would include a loss of convention delegates, guest passes and priority hotel arrangements in the host city.

The move by Florida meant others states will readjust their dates, making the start of the primary and caucus season even earlier, and South Carolina was first, announcing it was moving up the date of its primary to January 21. That was followed by Nevada saying its caucuses will take place on January 14. Iowa and New Hampshire were still discussing their move up dates.

Remind your Independent friends and family members that since Florida is a closed primary state, they will have to change their affiliation to Republican if they want to vote in the presidential primary election on January 31, 2012. The deadline to do so is January 3, 2012. Florida has 2.2 million voters who are registered as independent, 76,000 of whom live in Brevard County, and they will not be able to participate in our presidential primary. For additional information, visit the Supervisor of Elections’ website [www.votebrevard.com](http://www.votebrevard.com).

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## **LUNDGREN DIES UNEXPECTEDLY**



With a heavy heart, we announce the sudden passing of **Duwayne Lundgren**, president of the Republican Club of Brevard and longtime member of the Brevard Republican Executive Committee.

Lundgren, who was 75, died at his Satellite Beach home on October 7.

“Duwayne lived his strong Christian faith and followed the rule see no evil, hear no evil and speak no evil. He was a kind and giving person,” said Helen Franta, Secretary of the Republican Club. “He loved his family and his community, he also believed in public service. Duwayne ran for public office twice and both times insisted that his campaign be free of negative campaigning. We are all better people having known Duwayne. He will be missed.”

He served in the U.S. Army as a colonel in military intelligence, and later as an assistant to former County Commissioner Sue Carlson and as a senior member of the Brevard County Supervisor of Elections office.

Lundgren’s memorial services will be held Wednesday, October 12th at 2 PM at the Pineda Presbyterian Church, 5650 N. Wickham Blvd., Melbourne, FL 32940.

He is survived by his wife, Sue and sons Scott, Eric and Jay.

Read about him at Florida Today [HERE](#)

## LEWIS ADDRESSES REPUBLICAN LIBERTY CAUCUS DINNER



Nationally syndicated radio talk show host **Jason Lewis** says it is time to return power to the states and for the federal government to rediscover its boundaries.

Speaking at the Republican Liberty Caucus of Central East Florida's annual Constitution Day Dinner in Cape Canaveral October 1, Lewis said America is "hopelessly divided on the most vexing issues of the day, precisely because we ask the federal government to do too much."

If America were to coalesce around just a few tasks assigned to federal officials, he said, "We would heal many of our national wounds by letting people choose the law under which they live in their own state. That is the recipe for domestic tranquility."

Lewis gave the dinner attendees a course in American history, stressing that through federalism, the Constitution established a government based on the sharing of power between the nation and the individual states. The enumerated powers assigned to the federal government included, but were limited to, providing for the common defense and the general welfare of citizens, the collection of taxes, and the payment of debts. However, the Bill of Rights, specifically the 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment, states that that all prerogatives not vested in the federal government nor prohibited to the states, are reserved to the states and to the people.

Attention is focused today, Lewis said, on whether some action by the federal government violates the Bill of Rights. Continuing with his history lesson, he said that what has happened instead, beginning during the Civil War and continuing through the Progressive Era, the New Deal, two World Wars, the Great Society, and up through the present day, is an unwarranted expansion of federal power.

He said there needs to be more "checks and balances" in the government – not so much among the executive, legislative and judicial branches of the federal government, but "up and down" between the federal and state levels.

A native of Minnesota, Lewis is the author of a new book, "Power Divided is Power Checked: the Arguments for States' Rights."

The conservative commentator stressed to the audience that, "I have the heart of a liberal – I keep it in a jar on my desk."

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## DeCOCQ ADDRESSES HERITAGE ISLE REPUBLICAN CLUB

Candidate **James DeCocq**, who is challenging State Senator **Thad Altman** in the District 24 Republican primary next year, says that during the past decade, state budget increases and growing unemployment in the state are the major indications of what is wrong in Florida.

During the past decade, he said, there has been a 150 percent increase in the state budget, and the unemployment rate has quadrupled.

"I am running on a platform of constitutionally limited government and fiscal responsibility," DeCocq told the Heritage Isle Republican Club on August 6.

He said he can "help change things," noting that he has years of experience owning a company in Orange County that helps outsource government projects to the private sector, and has held several city manager positions in Florida.

Saying he considered this remarks to the club as "a job interview," DeCocq pointed out the large amount of the Florida budget that is used for education and health care. "We need school choice in the state – a full voucher system," he said, adding that, Florida's Medicaid copay "is one-third of the total budget."

Commenting on Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) projects that are created to improve blighted areas, DeCocq said that while they play an important role for the state, "We should never use ad valorem taxes to pay for their bonds." Instead, he said, the developers involved in the projects should use the land involved in the CRA's as collateral."

DeCocq said that in addition to limited government, he supports lower taxes, the Fair Tax, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Amendments. He opposes earmarks, the federal stimulus package, amnesty for illegals, cap and trade energy taxes, and government-run health care.

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## SHERIFF CANDIDATES SPEAK AT NEW MILLENNIUM CLUB

Three Republicans with lengthy experience in law enforcement participated in a forum at the New Millennium Conservative Club on October 3, explaining why they would be the best candidate to succeed retiring **Brevard County Sheriff Jack Parker** in 2012.

**Gary Harrell**, a supervisor in the Sheriff's Office Patrol Division; **Wayne Ivey**, who just retired as agent-in-charge for Brevard and Volusia counties in the Florida Department of Law Enforcement; and **Todd Maddox**, the supervisor of the Special Operations Division in the Sheriff's Office; all said they know and respect one another, and would run their respective campaigns cordially.

All three praised Parker's years of service to the county, and spoke about how they would improve things. Harrell said his 30 years of law enforcement experience gives him a good perspective on what the office needs. Ivey said FDLE gave him the opportunity to work with all agencies in the state on the range of law enforcement issues. Maddox said he would look forward to accepting the challenge to build on and expand Parker's accomplishments.

Asked about keeping down expenses in the 1,000-plus member department – with salaries being the largest one – Ivey said that while the office needs to be fiscally responsible, and he would look toward repositioning some positions to save money, he first would focus on how to keep citizens safe. Maddox said he would take a look at the large number of command staff positions in the county, with an eye to eliminating some of them. Noting the expense incurred in officers taking their official vehicles home at night, Harrell said the program pays for itself because the officers are always "on duty" in their neighborhoods.

The three candidates also agreed on the importance of community involvement to make citizens aware of what is going on in their county. This includes meeting with homeowner associations, visiting schools to interact with students, and issuing press releases to the media.

A fourth Republican candidate for sheriff – **Cliff Webster** – was unavailable to attend, and will be invited to the club at a future date. Webster currently serves as a special agent in charge of Brevard, Volusia and Flagler counties for the Florida East Coast Railway Police Department.

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### FRIENDS OF NRA CHAPTER HOLDS FUND-RAISING BANQUET

The Space Coast Chapter of the Friends of NRA annual banquet in Port Canaveral September 17, was attended by more than 300 people, and raised tens of thousands of dollars for the dual projects of securing the Second Amendment and supporting the future of shooting sports, especially among America's youth.

The evening included remarks by **Mark Laderwarg**, chairman of the Space Coast Friends of the NRA Committee; and live and silent auctions, games and raffles with prizes of firearms, knives, artwork, and jewelry.

The NRA Foundation – which is the charitable, non-political arm of the National Rifle Association -- issues grant funding in such areas as firearm safety and education, range development and improvement, training seminars and wildlife conservation.

The tentative date for next year's Space Coast Chapter banquet, which will be the 20<sup>th</sup> annual, is September 29, 2012. The Friends' website is [www.friendsofnra.org](http://www.friendsofnra.org).

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### BREC EVENT TO MEET CANDIDATES SET FOR OCTOBER 29

Since the Brevard Republican Executive Committee did not schedule an October meeting, it will hold a social event/meet the candidates at Rusty's at the Port in Port Canaveral on October 29 beginning at 6 pm. The "Swim with the Big Fish" will feature a sea food buffet, music by a margarita band and a cash bar.

WWMB's **Bill Mick** will emcee the event, and Senate President **Mike Haridopolos** will be a special guest. Candidates for office in Brevard County will have tables to visit.

The cost is \$35 per person, and the reservation deadline is October 22. Checks sent to BREC Headquarters, Box 410153, Melbourne, FL 32941, must list the attendees' occupation.

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### NULLIFY NOW PROGRAM SET FOR JACKSONVILLE

A day-long Nullify Now Conference is set for Jacksonville on October 22 at the Omni Hotel. It is part of the Tenth Amendment Center's national tour to educate and activate people on the process of nullification.

Topics will include how the constitutional history of nullification, how it was used in early American history, nullification vs. slavery, how it is being used today, and protecting civil liberties. A number of nationally-known speakers on the topic will be joined at the podium by **Matt Nye** and **Bob White** of the Republican Liberty Caucus of Central East Florida (RLC-CEF).

Ticket prices range from \$10 to \$75. For additional details, visit [www.nullifynow/jacksonville/](http://www.nullifynow/jacksonville/).

### FUNDRAISER PLANNED FOR HARRINGTON

**Karen Harrington** of Davie, a conservative business owner who is running to unseat Democrat Debbie Wasserman Schultz in Congress, needs state-wide grassroots support if she is to successfully campaign against the DNC chair.

In the last election, Harrington, a conservative business owner, garnered 40 percent of the vote in Wasserman Schultz' liberal South Florida district. If elected, she will go to Congress and make the tough decisions that will bring the Space Coast and our country back to exceptionalism and prosperity.

**Susan and John Bohne** are holding a fundraiser at their Indian Harbour Beach home on the evening of October 20 for Harrington. They are asking for \$100 per person to attend, and are looking for co-hosts at the \$500 level. For additional details, they can be reached at [sbohne@summkt.com](mailto:sbohne@summkt.com).

Also, if there are any groups that would like to participate at a smaller dollar amount, Harrington would be interested in meeting with them for coffee or lunch earlier on October 20.

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### POLITICAL JOTTINGS AND DOTTINGS

-- The Brevard County Commissioners on September 27 agreed to a budget of \$934,325,814 for fiscal year 2011-12, down from the budget of more than \$1 billion for the year that just ended. Due to the mandatory roll back, the millage was set at 7.254, a decrease from the past year's 7.339. Officials said this would result in an equal net tax bill to most people, and for those who do receive a tax increase, it will only be about \$30.

-- Despite speculation by some political observers and the media to the contrary, and despite repeated urging from their supporters, presidential challenges are not in the cards for either New Jersey Governor **Chris Christie** or former Alaska Governor **Sarah Palin**. They announced on October 4 and 5, respectively, that they would not enter the crowded Republican presidential field.



-- **Claude Kirk**, who was elected in 1966 as the first Republican governor of Florida since Reconstruction, died at his West Palm Beach home on September 27 at the age of 85. Governor Rick Scott said in a statement that Kirk will be remembered as "a strong, outspoken and capable leader."

-- Georgia businessman **Herman Cain**, with 49 percent of the ballots cast overwhelmingly won the National Federation of Republican Women's Convention presidential straw poll in Kansas City on October 1. Texas Governor Rick Perry was a distant second at 14 percent, former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney came in third at 13 percent, and former House Speaker Newt Gingrich placed fourth with 12 percent. The other presidential hopefuls were in single digits. Straw poll participants represented 41 out of 50 states. One week later, at the Value Voters Summit straw poll in Washington, DC, Texas Congressman Ron Paul came in first with 37 percent of the vote, Cain finished second with 23 percent, and former Pennsylvania Senator Rick Santorum placed third with 16 percent. Here, too, the other candidates all were in single digits.

-- No matter who wins the Republican presidential nomination, says political pundit **Larry Sabato**, director of the University of Virginia's Center for Politics, the election results in just seven states will likely decide who gains the 270 electoral votes needed to win the presidency in 2012. Florida, with 29 electoral votes, is one of these seven "super swing" states. Sabato notes that the Republicans have gained an advantage through redistricting following the 2010 Census, with electoral votes from the blue-state Frostbelt moving to the red-state Sunbelt, and that could bring the Republican nominee about a half-dozen net electors.



-- Addressing the U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce convention in Miami Beach on September 18, Senator **Marco Rubio** said the country doesn't need jobs plans, such as the one coming from the White House, and that focusing on lifting burdensome regulations, simplifying the tax code, investing in a skilled workforce and increasing domestic energy production can go a long way toward creating jobs. The national chamber is the largest gathering of Hispanic business leaders in the country, representing nearly three million businesses and 200 local Hispanic chambers. In recent months, Rubio has given policy speeches that go far beyond those that most freshmen U.S. senators make. The speeches have served to raise his profile and give people outside of Florida a clearer sense of his political identity.

-- Officials of the Republican Liberty Caucus of Central East Florida, at their Constitution Day Dinner on October 1, presented Brevard County Commissioner **Trudie Infantini** with The Jefferson Cup award for her service in the cause of liberty and limited government.

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## QUOTABLE QUOTES

New Jersey Governor **Chris Christie**, speaking on America at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library:



"Our bi-partisan accomplishments in New Jersey have helped to set a tone that has taken hold across many other states. It is a simple but powerful message -- lead on the tough issues by telling your citizens the truth about the depth of our challenges. Tell them the truth about the difficulty of the solutions. This is the only effective way to lead in America during these times. In Washington, on the other hand, we have watched as we drift from conflict to conflict, with little or no resolution. We watch a president who once talked about the courage of his convictions, but still has yet to find the courage to lead. We watch a Congress at war with itself because it is unwilling to leave campaign style politics at the Capitol's door....Like Ronald Reagan, I believe in what this country and its citizens can accomplish if they understand what is being asked of them and how we all will benefit if they meet the challenge. There is no doubt in my mind that we, as a country and as a people, are up for the challenge. Our democracy is strong; our economy is the world's largest. Innovation and risk-taking is in our collective DNA....The America I speak of is the America Ronald Reagan challenged us to be every day. Frankly, it is the America his leadership helped us to be. Through our conduct, our deeds, our demonstrated principles and our sacrifice for each other and for the greater good of the nation, we became a country emulated throughout the world. Not

just because of what we said, but because of what we did both at home and abroad."

Political analyst **Dick Morris**, writing on presidential candidate Herman Cain on his website [www.dickmorris.com](http://www.dickmorris.com)



"Insiders and political pros never recognize a superstar when they see one. Herman Cain is just such a star...Here is a man who offers an alternative to Obama's class warfare. His life story shows that Obama's route to the top -- through affirmative action, community organizing, and a climb up the political ladder -- is not the only one available to minorities. His combination of hard work in the private sector, entrepreneurial initiative, and managerial skill can also get you there. He embraces the successful as role models not as objects of envy. He does not hate rich people. He wants us all to become rich....Now, as (Texas Governor Rick) Perry fades and (former Massachusetts Governor Mitt) Romney rises, Herman Cain is on the cusp of front tier status in the Republican nominating contest. Cain has a grip on the Tea Party grassroots. No matter how diligently the establishment tries to ignore him, he keeps popping up, impelled by his charisma, oratory, issue positions, and broad based appeal."

Political commentator **Linda Chavez**, writing on bilingual ballots in "Human Events":



"At a time when many state and local governments cannot afford even necessary government programs, the Obama Administration is about to force hundreds of jurisdictions to waste millions of dollars printing ballots in Spanish and other languages for voters who don't need them. Worse, some of these bilingual ballots may be used fraudulently to encourage people who are not citizens to vote illegally in next year's election. A perverse element of the Voting Rights Act makes the whole scheme possible and, unfortunately, not even Republicans have been willing to challenge it. Under the act, jurisdictions whose population includes at least five percent of voting age citizens who have limited English proficiency must provide ballots and other voting materials in other languages. Currently, about 500 jurisdictions are required to do so....Even among naturalized citizens, English proficiency is rarely a problem, since demonstrating English proficiency is required to become a U.S. citizen....In many places, these bilingual materials just sit unused during elections -- a real waste of money....(A) GAO study found that in most jurisdictions required to print bilingual materials, not a single person requested them."

Community activist **Don Gilleland**, writing on dependence on government in "Florida Today":

"Rugged individualism is dying a slow death and being replaced by a growing dependence on the federal government. An increasing number of people seem to think the federal government should provide cradle-to-grave benefits, with little concern for how we should pay for them....Social Security, which was intended only to supplement private retirement plans, is increasingly becoming the sole source of income for many retirees, and many in our society believe Medicare should be extended to the entire population....The framers of our Constitution would turn over in their graves if they could see the extent to which we are becoming dependent on the federal government. To give to one person, the government must take away from someone else. Unfortunately, it

has the power to take our money by force, and few politicians dare to vote against things their constituents want....It's starting to look like a big government bureaucracy, on which many in the U.S. are increasingly dependent, could replace the rugged individualism of yesteryear. If only we could figure out how to pay for it."

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### QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"The whole aim of practical politics is to keep the populace alarmed (and hence clamorous to be led to safety) by an endless series of hobgoblins, most of them imaginary."

-- Author and journalist **Henry Louis Mencken** in 1918.

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### 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 nation on January 28, 1986 on the tragic loss of Space Shuttle Challenger:

"Sometimes painful things like this happen. It's all part of the process of exploration and discovery. It's all part of taking a chance and expanding man's horizons. The future doesn't belong to the fainthearted; it belongs to the brave. The Challenger crew was pulling us into the future, and we'll continue to follow them. The crew of the space shuttle Challenger honored us by the manner in which they lived their lives. We will never forget them, nor the last time we saw them, this morning, as they prepared for their journey and waved goodbye and slipped the surly bonds of earth to touch the face of God."

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### CONSERVATIVE INSTITUTIONS

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

### [THE JESSE HELMS CENTER FOUNDATION](#)

The late conservative icon **Jesse Helms**, who served five terms as a Republican U.S. Senator from North Carolina, spent a lifetime promoting American values and principles, and these traditions continue today at the Center named in his honor.

Located in Wingate, North Carolina – home of Wingate College – The Jesse Helms Center has been promoting education, historical preservation and public policy through a variety of programs and workshops for students, scholars and the general public since 1987. The idea grew from a decision by Helms to make Wingate College the repository for his official papers. The one-time chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee lived to see the Center flourish; he died in 2008 – ironically, as did two of our Founding Fathers, on Independence Day.

The Center is known around the world for its public lecture series. Just a few of the distinguished lecturers have been Florida Senator **Marco Rubio**, former Secretary of State **Condoleezza Rice**, former U.S. Ambassador **John Bolton**, and former British Prime Minister **Margaret Thatcher**.

Through its Free Enterprise Leadership Challenge, graduates learn the rewards of running their own businesses while being exposed to the principles of free enterprise. Teachers are given seminars on

the Bill of Rights and other core topics. The Center also conducts a Laws of Life essay competition for middle and high school students, and, periodically, it issues a newsletter called "The Standard."



**John Dodd**, the president of The Jesse Helms Center, says that nothing would have given Helms more pleasure "than to see a new generation of men and women take up their responsibilities as guardians of our freedom. The Center is honored to be able to help prepare the new generation for success in assuring that America remains the land of the free, and the home of the brave."

For additional information, or to make a tax-deductible contribution, visit [www.jessehelmscenter.org](http://www.jessehelmscenter.org).

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 2 – Melbourne Area Federated Republican Women meeting, Holiday Inn, Viera, 11 am.

Nov.3 – Heritage Isle Republican Club, Viera, 7 pm.

Nov.7 – New Millennium Conservative Club, Suntree/Viera Library, 6:30 pm.

Nov.10 – BREC meeting, Temple Israel, Viera, 6:30 pm.

Nov.15 – North Brevard Republican Club meeting, La Cita Country Club, Titusville, 7 pm.

Nov.16 – The Republican Club of Brevard meeting, guest speaker U.S. Senate candidate **Adam Hasner**, Viera Holiday Inn, 6 pm.

Nov.17 – Republican Women's Network of South Brevard meeting, Eau Gallie Yacht Club, 11 am.

Nov.17 – Brevard Republican Men's Club meeting, Doubles Hoagies Restaurant, Indian Harbor Beach, 7 pm.

Ronald Reagan Clubs meeting – call **Barry Plans** at 783-5936 for details.

Space Coast Florida Republican Winners Club meeting – call **Beth Allen** at 302-8839 for details.

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### COMICAL CLOSER

There is now conclusive evidence that Osama Bin Laden is dead. He just registered to vote in Chicago!



From The Staff of the Space Coast Tusk, have a Happy and Safe Halloween