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

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



COLONEL McKNIGHT: “POLITICALLY CORRECT” LEADS TO DISHONESTY

Retired U.S. Army Colonel Danny McKnight, whose Ranger unit was involved in the Somalia mission known as “Black Hawk Down,” says being “politically correct” leads to dishonesty and played an important part in the 2001 attacks on 9/11.

McKnight said he is possibly the most “politically incorrect” person in America, which brought applause on November 4 from the attendees at the Melbourne Area Federated Republican Women’s Tribute to the Men and Women of the United States Military.

Honoring the military makes it a special night, he said, because “we could not be sitting here without them.” It is the soldier, McKnight stressed, “not the politicians, who ensures our right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.”

Noting the gubernatorial elections that took place the day before in Virginia and New Jersey, he said, “It is time to stand up and take our country back and give it to us. I hope that is just the beginning.”

McKnight, who grew up in Brevard County and now makes his home in Rockledge, retired from the Army in 2002 after spending 28 years as an Army Ranger, including combat stints in Panama and Somalia. He received numerous awards and decorations for his service.

Speaking movingly of one of his recent travels, McKnight said he attended funeral services for Sgt. Roberto Sanchez, the Satellite Beach Army Ranger who was killed recently in Afghanistan. Several of the soldiers in attendance, he knew from earlier assignments.

McKnight also visited Arlington National Cemetery and Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington, DC, and offered encouragement to soldiers and Marines recovering from devastating injuries. One young man, he said, is from Cocoa, and he intends to help him when he returns to the area.

McKnight said he is proud to be involved with the Sentinels of Freedom Space Coast, a non-profit organization whose mission is to raise funds to provide medical, educational, social and vocational assistance to members of the Armed Forces who have suffered severe injuries in the line of duty on or after September 11, 2001.

“People need to hear about these heroes,” McKnight said. “They don’t hear about them in the news.”

McKnight said his book about the 1993 Black Hawk Down experience, in which two U.S. helicopters were shot down during an operation to capture a Somali war lord, will come out in the next couple of months. Its title is "In the Streets of Mogadishu: Leadership at its Best...Political Correctness at its Worst."

For additional information on Colonel McKnight, visit his website at www.dannymcknight.com.

At the Honor the Military Tribute, members of the MAFRW took turns reading the names of family members and friends who are serving or have served in the U.S. military in order to protect our constitutional freedoms and keep our country free throughout the years.

Flags that flew over the U.S. Capitol in Washington, DC were presented on behalf of six members of the military from our area, who were cited for special tributes.

FORMER SENATOR BOB SMITH ADDRESSES BREC MEETING

Former New Hampshire Senator Bob Smith, who is now a Florida resident and a Republican candidate for the 2010 Florida Senate seat, says he opposes using trillions of taxpayer dollars to bail out banks, insurance companies and private industry, and if elected to the Senate will vote against all such proposals.

Speaking at the November 12 BREC meeting, Smith also said the economic component of America's nation security strategy is just as important to the country's survival as the military and diplomatic ones.

He said health care must be viewed as a product, with different health insurance providers competing for consumers' needs, adding that illegal immigrants have no right to taxpayer funded care.

Smith said he also opposes the administration's cap and trade proposal, and that the time has come for a major overhaul of the U.S. tax code to eliminate burdens on producing businesses and individual incomes.



SHEA KING CALLS MEDIA LAPDOGS RATHER THAN WATCHDOGS

Radio talk show host and blogger Andrea Shea King says the so-called "mainstream media" today is "the propaganda machine that keeps America stupid."

Speaking to the October meeting of the Ronald Reagan Conservative Clubs, the host of the Andrea Shea King Show said the media, which is supposed to be America's watchdog as the "Fourth Estate," is instead the "lapdog" to the left and to the Obama administration. This is true, she said, from the local level all the way up to the national level.

The antidote to this situation is the "new" media, which includes Fox News, talk radio and the blogosphere, Shea King said. An important part of this, she added, are the "Bigs" on the Internet set up by Andres Breitbart. This includes his Big Government, which helped expose the ACORN scandal story, and Big Hollywood, which gives a voice to conservatives on the Left Coast to let them know they are not alone.

Shea King also spoke about the radio show she hosts on the Internet from her home, where she brings to the airwaves nationally renowned experts, analysts, authors and newsmakers who are plowing new ground with research and providing information to keep us updated and often ahead of the curve with breaking news.

MICK SEES NEED TO STAND UP AGAINST FAILED LEADERSHIP



Bill Mick, host of his own show on WWMB News Talk 1240 and 1350, says conservatives must stand up against leadership that has failed. Something seems to change politicians once they are elected, and we have to look for the right candidates who have conservative principles, he said.

Mick spoke to the combined November meeting of the Ronald Reagan Conservative Clubs and the Citizens for Constitutional Property Rights, expressing support for the work being accomplished by the tea party activists but saying they cannot rest on their laurels or the liberals will come back.

A major problem, he said, is the interaction that is taking place among local, state and federal governments that leads to decisions not in our best interest. Local and state governments would be better off, he said, if they did not take federal money for projects.

Mick noted that on December 6, there will be a Town Hall meeting at the Levels Night Club in West Melbourne 2-4 pm. Representative Bill Posey and State Representative Ralph Poppell will be among the attendees, he said.

POLL SHOWS CONSERVATIVES OUTNUMBERING LIBERALS IN U.S.

The Gallup Organization says the results of 16 separate surveys conducted nation-wide during the first three quarters of 2009 indicate 40 percent of the populace identify themselves as conservatives, while 36 percent say they are moderates and only 20 percent describe their political views as liberal.

While 72 percent of the Republicans interviewed call their views conservative, Gallup said, it was changes among political independents that appear to be the main reason the percentage of conservatives has increased nationally over the past year.

The polling organization said this has potentially important implications for the 2010 midterm elections, as it appears the increased conservatism, particularly among independents, may translate into heightened support for Republican candidates.

More than 16,000 people were interviewed by telephone during the surveys.



PAWLENTY PROUD OF CONTROLLING STATE SPENDING

Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty says his proudest achievement in office has been controlling spending both for economic stability and

limiting government to protect individual freedoms.

In a recent newsmaker interview with Washington Times political writer Ralph Z. Hallow, Pawlenty said, “Since 1960 till I became governor in 2003, the average biennial state budget increase had been 19 percent. It’s been two percent since I became governor.”

Sounding like a hopeful, but unannounced, candidate for the 2012 Republican presidential nomination, Pawlenty said the Federal Reserve chairman and the Treasury secretaries in both the Bush and Obama administrations were “misguided” at best in declaring certain financial and manufacturing organizations “too big to be allowed to fail.”

On the most divisive domestic issue of the president’s first year in office – a sweeping health care measure that would force mandates on the states – Pawlenty said he would want other state governors to join together in raising objections based on the 10th Amendment to the Constitution.

That amendment says the powers not specifically delegated to the federal government under the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are “reserved” to the states or the people.

Pawlenty also told the Times’ Hallow that while he is not now thinking of running for the presidency, he acknowledged establishing a multi-candidate political action committee to help Republicans in the 2010 congressional and gubernatorial elections.

Hallow pointed out that one dividend of such action is “IOU’s from politicians across the country” should he decide on a 2012 run.

MAFRW CHRISTMAS EVENT

The Melbourne Area Federated Republican Women hold their Christmas luncheon meeting on December 2 at 11 am at the Holiday Inn Viera. No speaker, but events will include collection of donations for the Veterans Transitional Facility and a Chinese gift exchange. Call 727-1212 for reservations or additional information.

GOLF CLASSIC SCHEDULED

BREC’s 1st Annual Ronald Reagan Golf Classic will be held December 10 at the Duran Golf Club, 7032 Stadium Parkway, Viera, beginning at 8 am. Fees for this fund-raising event will be \$85 per golfer or \$300 for a team of four.

For additional information, call Dave Isnardi at 749-2828.

BREVARD COUNTY NOVEMBER 3 ELECTION WINNERS

Cocoa Beach Council Seat 2 – Ken Griffin

Indiatlantic Council Seat 3 – Chris Campbell, Lori Halbert

Melbourne Beach Council (2 seats) – April Evans and Jean Marshall

Rockledge Council Seat 6 – Kimberly Prosser

Satellite Beach Mayor – Joseph Ferrante

Satellite Beach Council (2 seats) – Scott Rhodes and William Higginson

West Melbourne Council (3 seats) – John D’Amico, Andrea Young and Andrew Jones

QUOTABLE QUOTES

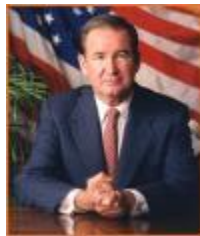


Former Alaska Governor Sarah Palin, writing on American energy in [National Review](#):

“Building an energy-independent America will mean a real economic stimulus. It will mean American jobs that can never be shipped overseas. Think about how much

of our trade deficit is fueled by the oil we import — sometimes as much as half of the total. Through this massive transfer of wealth, we lose hundreds of billions of dollars a year that could be invested in our economy. Instead it goes to foreign countries, including some repressive regimes that use it to fund activities that threaten our security. Reliance on foreign sources of energy weakens America. When a riot breaks out in an OPEC nation, or a developing country talks about nationalizing its oil industry, or a petro-dictator threatens to cut off exports, the probability is great that the price of oil will shoot up. Even in friendly nations, business and financial decisions made for local reasons can destabilize America’s energy market, since the price we pay for foreign oil is subject to rising and falling exchange rates. Decreasing our dependence on foreign sources of energy will reduce the impact of world events on our economy. In the end, energy independence is not just about the environment or the economy. It’s about freedom and confidence. It’s about building a more secure and peaceful America, an America in which our energy needs will not be subject to the whims of nature, currency speculators, or madmen in possession of vast oil reserves.”

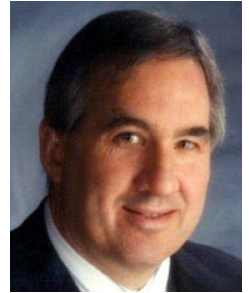
Commentator and Columnist Patrick Buchanan, writing on the new GOP on [CNSNews.com](#):



“According to Gallup, 40 percent of Americans now identify as conservatives — only 20 percent as Republicans. If the GOP is not the conservative party, it will never be America’s Party. But what does ‘conservative’ mean in 2009? And where do conservatives come down on the great issues? For what the right is against — any repeal of the Bush tax cuts, the \$787 billion stimulus, Obamacare — is much clearer than what the right stands for. In 2010, this may not matter, as the Obamakins rule the roost and will be held accountable, and Republicans can unite around what they oppose. Year 2012, however, is problematic. Then the party must declare itself. And the reality is

that the GOP remains a house divided....According to Gallup, America is moving closer to the Republican position on regulations, abortion, guns and union power. But half of all Americans now favor cuts in legal immigration. Are Republicans willing to call for a moratorium on immigration to tighten the labor market and force wages up? Or does the Chamber of Commerce still call the tune? Ronald Reagan arrived with new ideas that fit the needs of his time. Where are the Republican ideas that fit the needs of this time?”

Syndicated columnist David Limbaugh, writing on Today’s Democrats in [The Washington Times National Weekly](#):



“The signature of President Obama’s (uppercase ‘D’) Democrats is their systematic betrayal of (small ‘d’) democratic principles. Just look at today’s news for a flavor of their pattern of flagrantly ignoring the popular will to cram down our throats policies we clearly reject. As much as Mr. Obama pretends to be a man of the people, he is a man for himself — a man who will get his way, the will of the people be damned. The same is true of many of his congressional lieutenants....The hard truth, folks, more plainly apparent with each passing day, is that today’s ‘mainstream’ Democrats have been exposed as radical leftists, whose agenda is overwhelmingly rejected by a vast majority of Americans. The only way they’ll succeed in enacting various components of their socialistic designs — notwithstanding their strong numerical congressional majorities — is through trickery, legerdemain [sleight of hand], chicanery and deceit.”

Syndicated radio host Monica Crowley, writing on dissent tolerance in [The Washington Times National Weekly](#):



“During the eight years of the George W. Bush presidency, the left constantly told us that ‘dissent is the highest form of patriotism.’ During the Obama presidency, dissent is routinely considered the lowest form of treachery. Candidate Barack Obama promised to be a ‘new kind’ of leader who would welcome vigorous debate and listen to all opinions. As president, however, he has shown a disturbing intolerance for any viewpoint other than his own. Rather than his promised post-partisan open-mindedness, his White House is using its power to try to smear and delegitimize those who oppose its agenda.

With Orwellian coldness and efficiency, the administration has waged war on those who have had the gall to disagree with it....It may be the Chicago way, but it's not the American way – and it's not the way the president promised us he'd lead.”



Wall Street Journal columnist and author Peggy Noonan, writing on Obama's Rubble:

“President Obama, in office a month longer than Bush was when 9/11 hit, now owns his presidency.

Does he know it? He too stands on rubble, figuratively speaking – a collapsed economy, high and growing unemployment, two wars....His problem isn't what George W. Bush left but what he himself has done. It is a problem of political judgment, of putting forward bills that were deeply flawed or off-point. Bailouts, the stimulus package, cap and trade; turning to health care at the exact moment in history when his countrymen were turning their concerns to the economy, joblessness, debt and deficits – all of these reflect a misreading of the political terrain. They are matters of political judgment, not personality. Republicans would best heed this as they gear up for 2010: Don't hit him, hit his policies. That's where the break with the people is occurring.

Wall Street Journal staffer Naftali Bendavid, writing on Republican comeback strategy:



“Republicans are poised to pick up a number of seats in next year's congressional elections, pollsters estimate, on the back of a deep recession, public unease about the growth of government and the size of the nation's deficit. Anti-Obama activism manifested in rallies and townhall meetings has galvanized conservatives, injecting enthusiasm into the Republican base. But these newly energized conservatives present GOP leaders with a potential problem: the party's strategy for attracting moderate voters risks alienating activists who are demanding ideological purity, who may then gravitate to other candidates or stay at home. It's a classic dilemma faced by parties in the minority – tension between those who want a return to the party's ideological roots and those who want candidates most likely to win in their districts....In Florida, Republican leaders were elated when popular Florida Governor Charlie Crist agreed to run for the Senate. He has adopted policies such as an aggressive approach to global warming that appeals to Democrats. Those very

policies infuriated conservatives, as did Mr. Crist's decision to campaign with President Barack Obama on behalf of the president's \$787 billion stimulus package....Mr. Crist has drawn a primary challenge from Marco Rubio, a former Florida House Speaker, who is aggressively seeking tea-party members' support.”



Author and commentator Tony Blankley, writing in his new book “American Grit” on energy independence:

“If you want to know what's preventing the United States from achieving energy independence, you need look no further than the environmentalists and liberals who are always erecting new obstacles to energy production. They're all in favor of throwing taxpayer dollars at alternative energy sources that will never work, but will do everything in their power to block us from tapping our enormous supply of oil shale, as well as our rich deposits of offshore and onshore crude oil, unless the American people at large, and the Republican Party in particular, force their hand....Additionally, there is one major source of energy that should be much more widely used – nuclear energy. Cheap, clean, and safe, nuclear power is a crucial element of the U.S. energy mix, providing around 20 percent of our total electricity. But nuclear energy is severely underutilized thanks to the same kind of environmental alarmism that is blocking oil shale exploration.”

CONSERVATIVE INSTITUTIONS

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

Judicial Watch

America's largest and most effective government watchdog organization, Judicial Watch promotes integrity, transparency and accountability in government, politics and the law. It was founded in 1994, during the dark, scandalous days of the Clinton administration.

Recent actions taken by the grassroots organization have included filing lawsuits against the Treasury Department to obtain Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac bailout documents and for records on Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) fund distributions. It also is investigating wasteful U.S. Senate requests for military travel.

At the state and local level, Judicial Watch has petitioned the California Supreme Court to review a taxpayer challenge to Los Angeles' illegal alien sanctuary policy.

Tom Fitton, the organization's president, says "the growth of government and the Obama administration's

radical and fundamentally corrupt ways have created new challenges for our legal and investigative teams."

Over the years, more than 850,000 people have associated themselves with the organization. Contributors receive the Judicial Watch Verdict monthly newsletter. For additional information go to www.JudicialWatch.org.



In the last edition the "Did You Know..." section covered the fact that three consecutive unexcused absences would result with a precinct committeeman/woman's removal from the committee.

This issue we ask "DID YOU KNOW:"

ARTICLE II of the Model Constitution: Objectives

General purposes of this organization (The Brevard Republican Executive Committee) as a "political party" are to achieve the following objectives and aims:

- (a) Election to office of *qualified* Republican persons;
- (b) Foster *loyalty* to the Republican Party;
- (c) Promote an informed electorate through political education;
- (d) Increase Republican Registration;
- (e) **Seek qualified Republicans to become candidates for local, county, state and federal offices;**
- (f) **Promote the election of all Republican candidates in the General Election;**
- (g) In general to uphold the principles of freedom, equality and justice on which the Republican Party and the government of this nation is founded, as set forth in the Constitution of the United States and the state of Florida.

COMICAL CLOSURE

How many Democrats does it take to change a light bulb?

Five – one to buy a compact fluorescent mini spiral from Al Gore, one to call the media to publicize the event, one to screw the bulb into the socket, one to recycle the burned-out original bulb, and one to blame the Republicans for the high cost of electricity.



On Behalf of the Brevard Executive Committee and the staff Of "The Tusk" we want to extend our wishes for a

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