



The Tusk



The Official Newsletter of the...

BREVARD REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

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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.

LINCOLN DAY DINNER SET FOR FEBRUARY 5



U.S. Senate Candidate and former State House Speaker Marco Rubio will be the guest speaker at our annual Lincoln Day Dinner, which will be held Friday, February 5, 2010 at the Radisson at the Port Hotel on A1A in Port Canaveral.

State Senate President-Elect Mike Haridopolos will be the master of ceremonies. The festivities will begin at 6:30 pm for socializing and 7:30 pm for dinner, with a choice of chicken in boursin sauce or mahi-mahi. There will be a cash bar.

The dinner cost will be \$65 per person or \$650 for a table of ten, payable in advance. For reservations, call Secretary Ruthie Montelione at BREC headquarters, 254-0073. Please leave a message if there is no answer.



Since this a major fundraiser for us, there will be two levels of Dinner Sponsorship: Gold -- \$2,500 for a table of ten in a prime location and an ad in the program as a sponsor, and Silver -- \$1,000 for a table of ten and an ad in the program as a sponsor.



Ads in the program will be \$250 for the back page, \$200 for the inside front or back page, \$100 for a full page, \$50 for a half page, and \$25 for business card size.

There will be a silent auction and a straw poll conducted by the Supervisor of Elections. Paying guests will be eligible to participate in the straw poll, which will be for Senator, Governor and Cabinet positions.



WORKMAN FACES CRITICAL BREC CROWD

State Representative Rich Workman attended the December 10 Brevard Republican Executive Committee meeting in Viera, where he faced a large audience critical of his vote in favor of rail legislation that includes millions of dollars for the Tri-Rail system in South Florida, and construction of a commuter SunRail system in Central Florida and a high speed rail system linking Miami, Orlando and Tampa.

Governor Charlie Crist supported the multibillion-dollar bill, now passed by large measures in both houses. All of the Brevard County legislators voted for

the measure, which proponents said would lead to more jobs and tourism in the state, but admittedly, not specifically in Brevard.

Asked why taxpayer money is being used on the project, Workman said Congress already has earmarked rail transportation funds, and if Florida turned it down, it would just go to some other state.

He said mass transit is part of Central Florida's future, and he hoped that his colleagues in the legislature would support his upcoming requests for financial support for the Space Coast, especially legislation creating a commercial launch zone.



BREC COLLECTS TOYS FOR TOTS

A hearty thank you to all of the Republicans who donated to the U.S. Marine Corps' Toys For Tots program. We collected several bags of new, unwrapped toys for needy girls and boys at the BREC meeting and at our headquarters building.

GOLF TOURNAMENT POSTPONED

The golf tournament originally scheduled for December 10 had to be postponed until a date next spring still to be determined.

POLITICAL JOTTINGS AND DOTTINGS



-- Following a vote of confidence for State Chairman Jim Greer at the recent Florida GOP Executive Committee meeting in Tallahassee, Brevard County Chairman Jason Steele says he is satisfied to have the issue laid to rest. Greer had been under fire for taking sides in contested primary races, and Steele earlier called for his resignation. The vote supporting Greer was 25-2, and Steele said, "If that's the direction the board wants to go, then that's how we'll go."

(Update - [Florida GOP Chairman Jim Greer faces mounting criticism](#))

By Bill Cotterell

News Journal Capital Bureau TALLAHASSEE -- Top members of the Florida Republican Party leadership are

mounting a coup against state GOP Chairman Jim Greer, accusing him of financial mismanagement that will hurt their candidates in 2010.

Despite a 25-2 vote of confidence just a week ago from the Republican Executive Committee, a backlash against Greer's spending and fund-raising in the past year seems to be gaining momentum. Greer removed vice chairman Allen Cox as chairman of the party's budget committee on Wednesday, accusing him of leaking private GOP financial data, but Cox adamantly denied that today and said he's circulating a call for a special meeting of the full state committee to remove Greer next month.

-- Promising to bring "economic climate change" to Florida, Brevard State Senator Mike Haridopolos at the recent special legislative session in Tallahassee was formally designated Senate President for the 2010-12 term. He said jobs for Florida will be his number one priority, and he stressed his support for smaller government, lower taxes and greater personal responsibility. Republicans hold a 26-14 majority in the State Senate.

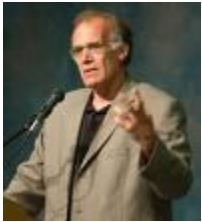


-- Lt. Governor Jeff Kottkamp, who is running for Attorney General in 2010, says his priorities, if elected, will be expansion of the program of going after online predators, working with the county sheriffs to address the problems of criminal gangs, and the abuse connected with prescription drugs in Florida. In a "Today in Brevard" television interview, Kottkamp said providing for the safety and security of citizens has to come before talking about such matters as economic development and tourism.

-- The Republican National Committee says Chairman Michael Steele – through the updated www.GOP.com website – is committed to improving our party's online ability to inform grassroots supporters and mobilize them behind important issues and electing great candidates. By connecting Republicans



and party leaders to each other across the country, the website will create a larger, more informed, more organized and more energized Republican community, and will be a source for information about legislation, the facts behind the Obama PR machine and Republican happenings nationwide.



-- When the Florida State Legislature reconvenes next spring, members should pay heed to what has been happening in California. We don't need the same problems in our state. Here's what Victor Davis Hanson, a senior fellow at the Hoover Institution, had to say about the California State Legislature: **“Term limits have not ensured more independent-minded legislators, but instead guaranteed endless generations of rookie lawmakers, all eager to grab headlines by spending more money on more special interests.”**

-- Congressman Bill Posey asked his constituents to keep in mind our brave men and women in uniform who have suffered injuries in Iraq and Afghanistan. He asked for cards and thank you greetings that he planned to deliver in person at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC before Christmas.



TEN WAYS AMERICA IS BEING RADICALLY TRANSFORMED

President Obama and the radical leftists in Congress are changing America in ways that just two years ago we could never image. How?

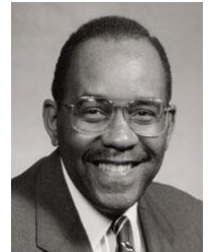
The David Horowitz Freedom Center, www.DHFC.org, lists ten ways:



1. Bankrupting the Economy – the deficit is now around \$2 trillion.
2. Taking over the Banking System and Auto Industry – converting bailout funds into common stock.
3. Disastrous Health Care Plan – spending trillions of dollars with bureaucrats making medical decisions instead of doctors.
4. Raising Taxes – repealing the Bush tax cuts, raising the income tax and capital gains rates, blocking repeal of the estate tax.
5. Using “Czars” to Accumulate Power and Avoid Congressional Oversight – they represent a dangerous accumulation of power.

6. Appeasing Dictators – replacing democracy and human rights promotion with eagerness to hold “talks” with tyrants.
7. High-Priced Environmental Schemes – “cap and trade” legislation would encourage corporate corruption and cost taxpayers billions of dollars.
8. Rigging our Electoral System – illegal immigrants will be counted in the 2010 Census toward apportionment of Congressional seats.
9. Rewarding Illegal Immigrants – immigration reform translates as citizenship for illegals and a weakening of border enforcement.
10. Ending the Principle of “Equal Justice Under the Law” – through radicalization of our federal courts.

TEN WAYS CONSERVATIVES MUST CONFRONT PRESIDENT OBAMA



The Obama agenda must be confronted on issues at every turn, says black conservative Jay Parker.

Associated with the Abe Lincoln Foundation and the Lincoln Institute for Research and Education in the Washington, DC area, www.lincolnreview.com, he lists ten ways:

1. Stop Obama from tilting the Supreme Court to the left.
2. Challenge the administration to end all racial preferences.
3. Keep Obama from dismantling key elements of the war on terror.
4. Articulate an energy policy that frees America from the grip of foreign oil.
5. Stop spending to keep America from being owned by foreign governments.
6. Stop the push for D.C. statehood.
7. Stop the push for reparations for slavery.
8. Rally to stop reinstitution of the so-called airwaves “Fairness Doctrine.”

9. Insist that immigration reform protects American laws and borders.
10. Stand up for fundamental American values, including religious values.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 4 – New Millenium Conservative Club meeting, Viera/Suntree Library, 6:30 pm.

January 6 – Melbourne Area Federated Republican Women meeting, Holiday Inn, 11 am.

January 14 – [Brevard Republican Executive Committee meeting](#), County Government Building, 6:30 pm.

January 21 – Republican Women’s Network of South Brevard Women meeting, Eau Gallie Yacht Club, 11 am.

January 21 – Republican Men’s Club meeting, Piccadilly Restaurant in Melbourne Square Mall, 7 pm.

January 22 – Republican Hispanic Club meeting, Piccadilly Restaurant, 7 pm.

January 28 – Ronald Reagan Clubs meeting, Jimmy’s Restaurant at Turtle Creek Golf Club, 7 pm.

QUOTABLE QUOTES



Radio talk show host Rush Limbaugh, writing on Obamacare in his magazine The Limbaugh Letter:

“The Democrats are operating full tilt against America, as they have been all along. The Obama Administration, starting with the campaign, has been a scheme against the American people and against the traditions and institutions that have defined this country’s greatness. The entire Obama agenda is a ploy, a trick. There’s not going to be any ‘reform.’ The purpose is to siphon money from taxpayers, doctors and hospitals to the trial lawyers, who in turn will load up Democrat coffers....If President Obama could rip up the United States Constitution, he would. It’s an obstacle. The ultimate outcome of his agenda will be to smother the individual. As an individual American, you will be so busy working your way through the maze of rules imposed on you by his health care legislation – and all

the rest of his policies – you won’t have time to think for yourself. Make no mistake: that is the goal!....It never ceases to amaze me that a nation founded on the notion of individual liberty, private property, limited government, is run by politicians who now reject it all!”



Publisher Alfred Regnery, writing on the difference a year makes in [The American Spectator](#):

“When the Obama-Pelosi-Reid axis came to power in January it persuaded itself that the world had changed. Ronald Reagan’s legacy, it was believed, had been dealt the final death blow and would not be heard from again. The people had spoken and, it was said, the country had turned sharply to the left. The people wanted more government, more spending, government-run health care, and all the rest of what Obama had promised in the campaign. But the liberal elitists misunderstood....It did not take long before it dawned on people that what Obama-Pelosi-Reid were giving them was much more than they had bargained for....Since the 1950s, conservatives have known that we were in this battle for the long term, and knew that the culture, the institutions, ideas and the attitudes of Americans were what affected politics, not the other way around. Conservatives have the battle of a lifetime on their hands, but they also have the people, the institutions, and – most important – the ideas to fight that battle.”

Correspondent Philip Klein, writing on the president’s regulators in [The American Spectator](#):

“Conservatives must not lose sight of the fact that there is more than one way for the president to impose his vision on the country. Each day, throughout the executive branch, presidentially appointed bureaucrats who remain unknown to most Americans make decisions that have consequences for the entire nation. And in President Obama’s case, his appointments serve as a plan B, allowing him to realize the parts of his agenda that he is unable to enact through the legislative process....How much the Obama administration will eventually accomplish through the regulatory fronts is another way of compelling Congress to act....The biggest ally that the Obama administration has in pursuing its agenda through the executive branch is simply that a lot of people don’t pay much attention to the boring day-to-day regulatory decisions the federal government makes. If conservatives have any chance of

slowing the progress of the government leviathan, the first step is to shine the light on it.”



Fox News Channel commentator Fred Barnes, writing on Obama and Washington in [The Wall Street Journal](#):

“Mr. Obama misread the meaning of the 2008 election. It wasn’t a mandate for a liberal revolution. His victory was a personal one, not an ideological triumph of liberalism. Yet Mr. Obama, his aides and Democratic leaders in Congress have treated it as a mandate to radically change policy directions in this country. They are pushing forward one liberal initiative after another. As a result, Mr. Obama’s approval rating has dropped along with the popularity of his agenda. Mr. Obama should have known better....In Washington, its business as usual, except for one thing. The bigger the role of government, the more lobbyists flock to town. By pushing for his policies, the president effectively put up a welcome sign to lobbyists. Despite promising to keep them out of his administration, he has even hired a few. So nothing has changed, except maybe that Washington is now more acrimonious than it has been.”

Editor William Kristol, writing on Obama and America in [The Weekly Standard](#):



“What is the loyal opposition to do? Oppose Obama’s destructive proposals (health care, cap and trade) and try to defeat them. Expose the foolishness of Obama’s ineffective policies (the stimulus, cash for clunkers) and show the American people their failure. And try to influence Obama’s policy choices by persuasion (Afghanistan), embarrassment (political correctness in the fight against jihadists), or legislation (Guantanamo), so as to minimize the damage done to the country on his watch....One year after his election victory, the wheels are coming off the Obama presidency. The first attempt in three decades unambiguously to govern America from the left is failing quickly and decisively. Our task is to minimize the damage to the country, and then to be ready to set things right – to use the next three years to lay the groundwork, intellectual and political, for a new era of a governing conservatism that can restore American prosperity, revitalize American strength, and restore the foundations for American greatness.”

Syndicated columnist Cal Thomas, writing on the U.S.S.A. in [The Washington Times National Weekly](#):

“Not all revolutions begin in the streets with tanks and guns. Some advance slowly, almost imperceptibly, until a nation is transformed and the public realizes too late that their freedoms are gone. Such is the revolution now taking place in America. The ‘60s crowd has emerged from the ideological grave and is about to impose on this country a declaration of dependence in the form of government-run health insurance and treatment. It matters not what facts are known about this ‘coup,’ because to those from the ‘60s – whether they lived in that decade or were born later and adopted its ideology – only feelings and intentions matter, not truth and results....Opinion polls show a majority of Americans reject this health care ‘reform’ bill. They think haste may waste them in the end. It doesn’t matter. Like members of a cult, whatever the leader says, goes. The facts be damned. The crowd from the ‘60s will ‘seize the time,’ in the words of Black Panther radical Bobby Seale, thus sealing our doom as a unique and wonderful nation. Welcome to the U.S.S.A., the United Socialist States of America.”

Syndicated columnist Thomas Sowell, writing on craziness in [The Washington Times National Weekly](#):



“One of the few advantages to the country in having Congress overwhelmingly in the hands of one party is that the lack of need to compromise lets the leaders of that party reveal themselves for what they are – in this case, people with unbounded arrogance and utter contempt for the right of ordinary people to live their lives as they see fit, much less the right to know as citizens what laws are going to be passed by their government. The question is whether voters will remember on election day in 2010. Even if this country can survive intact and unharmed after the Obama administration – or, heaven help us, two terms of Obama – the gullibility that led to his being elected in the first place will still be there for some other slick demagogue to come along and get the power to put the American way of life, and even our physical safety, at risk again.”



Author Jonah Goldberg, writing in his book [“Liberal Fascism”](#):

“In this book, I have argued that modern liberalism is the off-spring of twentieth-century progressivism, which in turn shared intellectual roots with European fascism. I have further argued that fascism was an international movement, or happening, expressing itself differently in

different countries, depending on the vagaries of national culture. In Europe this communitarian impulse expressed itself in political movements that were nationalist, racist, militarist and expansionist. In the United States the movement known elsewhere as fascism or Nazism took the form of progressivism – a softer form of totalitarianism that, while still nationalistic, and militarist in its crusading forms and outlook, was more in keeping with American culture. It was, in short, a kind of liberal fascism.”



The Heritage Foundation's Morning Bell, on President Obama's December 1 speech on his decision on sending additional troops to Afghanistan:

“In the very next sentence after announcing he would send only 30,000 more troops, President Obama then informed al Qaeda and the Taliban exactly how long they would have to survive before Obama began to withdrawal: July 2011. It is difficult to comprehend why Obama would have designated such an early date to begin withdrawing U.S. forces, when most observers acknowledge it will take at least 3 - 4 years to fully train and equip the Afghan National Army to a level sufficient to the task of taking on the Taliban. The announcement of a withdrawal date only provides a psychological advantage to the Taliban who will convince their recruits that the American will is lacking and thus they can just “wait us out.” Promising firm dates for troop pullouts is an entirely political move that has everything to do with placating the leftist base of the Democratic Party and nothing to do with the national security interests of the American people.”

CONSERVATIVE INSTITUTIONS

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

Young America's Foundation

Stressing its motto “The Conservative Movement Starts Here,” the Young America’s Foundation (YAF) is committed to ensuring that increasing numbers of young Americans understand and are inspired by the ideas of individual freedom, a strong national defense, free enterprise and traditional values.



Headquartered in Herndon, Virginia, just outside Washington, DC, YAF has responsibility for the Reagan Ranch – Rancho del Cielo, the Ranch in the Sky – in California’s Santa Ynez Mountains; the

Reagan Ranch Center in Santa Barbara, California; and the National Journalism Foundation in Washington. It also is a sponsoring organization of the annual Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) held in the nation’s capital.

The Ranch Center is a "Schoolhouse for Reaganism," complete with classrooms, conference space, a theater, library, boardroom, exhibit and gallery space, and offices. The National Journalism Center has trained aspiring journalists in the values of balanced, responsible and accurate reporting. Weekly seminars and on-the-job experience provide participants with the tools to become leaders in combating bias in the mainstream media.

YAF President Ron Robinson says the organization is the nation’s largest advocacy group devoted to student politics. Its mission is accomplished, he says, by providing conferences, seminars, educational materials, internships, and speakers to young people across the country.

For additional information or to contribute, visit www.yaf.org.

COMICAL CLOSURE

Sadly, there will not be a Nativity Scene display at the Capitol building in Washington, DC this Christmas. While there were enough asses to fill the stable, the Democratic leadership checked throughout its party and was unable to find the three wise men and a virgin needed to complete the tableau.



On behalf of the Brevard Republican Executive Committee and the staff of “The Tusk,” we want to extend our wishes for a very

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY
NEW YEAR**