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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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WHITE ELECTED BREC VICE CHAIRMAN

Bob White, a past president of the Homebuilders and Contractors Association of Brevard County, won a runoff election at the May 13 BREC meeting to become the new vice chairman. He succeeds Dave Isnardi, who had to resign for family health reasons.

White defeated James Marshal, president of the Brevard Republican Mens Club, by 25 votes on the second ballot. The three-way race on the first ballot, in which no candidate received a vote majority, also included Constitution supporter Mark Vance.

A member of the Republican Liberty Caucus of Central East Florida, White says his goal, working with BREC chairman Barbara Davis, is to help build up our organization's membership.

Other highlights of the May 13 meeting were:

-- Linda del Gallego announced she is looking for volunteers to staff the headquarters building several hours a week to help give the county a greater awareness of our presence.

-- The Council of Clubs Republican Family Picnic will be held on Saturday, June 5th from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Wickham Park Main Pavilion. This event is being organized this year by the Republican Women's Network of South Brevard.

-- Flyers were handed out for BREC's Day of Golf, which will be held August 14 at the Duran Golf Club beginning at 8 am and will include a Grand Buffet Awards Lunch. Local candidates will be on hand for

the event, to take place just ten days before the primary election.

-- It was announced that U.S. Senate candidate Marco Rubio's campaign has opened its campaign headquarters for Brevard County, located at 1499 S. Harbor City Blvd. in Melbourne.

-- Vice Chairman Bob White swore in eight new members to the executive committee.



GOODBYE, CHARLIE

As expected, reaction to Governor Charlie Crist's decision to bolt from the Republican Senate primary election has been strong and vocal.

It was no surprise to anyone – once the polls showed challenger Marco Rubio with a double digit lead over Crist in the race for the August 24 primary nomination – that the governor would change directions. On May 12, he signed documents changing his status on the voter rolls in his hometown from “Republican” to “none,” and stated he had no plans to return any campaign funds requested by Republican donors.

The on-line Patriot Post writes, “Crist does have the legal right to hang onto the money, but it sure seems sleazy and desperate. Perhaps the spigots are about to run dry.”

Crist was criticized heavily for embracing President Obama's economic stimulus package, and was considered an unreliable partner in the fight against the

Democratic agenda in Washington. There also has been a year of mounting distrust between the governor and the Republican leadership in Tallahassee, culminating in his legislative vetoes.



As soon as Crist announced he would wait until November to run in the general election as an independent, Republican Party Of Florida Chairman John Thrasher ordered the removal of the governor's official portrait from party headquarters in Tallahassee. The portrait was auctioned on e-Bay and sold to an anonymous registered Republican for \$7,700.

RPOF Executive Director Ronnie Whitaker sent notice to all county Republican committees reminding that members are prohibited from supporting a candidate running with no party affiliation over the Republican candidate chosen in a primary election. "Any member who fails to formally revoke his or her public support and request the return of any contributions made to a candidate running against the candidate of the Republican Party would be in violation of the RPOF rules and would be subject to removal from party office and membership," Whitaker wrote.

Rubio says Crist is "more concerned about political self-preservation than the people of Florida." He adds, "You're never going to be able to hold him accountable to anything, because his opinions are going to change based upon what polling tells him and what his political convenience tells him."



Former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee, now a Fox News commentator, says he believes most Florida voters in November will "proudly cast votes for conservative Marco Rubio to win the U.S. Senate seat – a candidate who still knows what he believes and why he believes it." Noting that the Republican Party is at a crossroads, Huckabee added, "Gratefully, the politics of opportunism and self-preservation that have dominated our representation in Washington for too long are being swept away in race after race by a new generation of principled, conservative leaders."

Senator George LeMieux says his friendship with Crist "runs deep, but my commitment to the principles of the Republican Party runs deeper. I cannot walk down the path he has chosen."

BREC Chairman Barbara Davis says she is "very disappointed" with Crist, adding, "He let his personal political career take precedence over the party. I do not believe Crist will be able to take away Republican votes. Our party is strong and energized."

Calling him "an opportunist," former BREC Chairman Ray Marino says, "I supported Crist for governor and I regret that I did. He got a taste of running with the beautiful people and he became one of them."

Writing in [American Spectator](#) on line, Larry Thornberry says, "Crist is a political lightweight who has held a succession of Florida offices in flush times, won mainly on the basis of a pleasing manner, a good shoe-shine and a facility to convince Florida voters that he just L-U-Vs them. As the situation requires, Crist is comfortable being conservative, liberal, moderate, populist, vegetarian, high-church, low-church, no-church, or fill-in-the-blank. He bats and throws left, right and center."

The [Atlantic Magazine](#) says on its website that prior to his announcement, Crist tried through intermediates to reach White House chief of staff Rahm Emanuel but the White House refused to take the call. The implication, according to the magazine, is that the Democrats weren't interested because they plan to campaign strong for Congressman Kendrick Meek, their candidate in the Florida Senate race.

Reacting to liberal journalists who say Crist was victim of a "Stalinesque purge" by the GOP, [Media Research Center](#) President Brent Bozell says on CNSNews.com that "these journalists are either totally naive or dishonest. Either way, they are creating a false impression. There's a difference between a 'purge' and the popular will. Stand for election, and then accept the results."



Asked on NBC's "Meet The Press" whether, if elected, he would caucus with Republicans in the Senate, Crist's side-step response was, "I will caucus with the people of Florida."

FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

By Barbara Davis



Welcome and congratulations to our new BREC Vice Chairman, Bob White. We will be working together toward our goal of electing the most qualified Republican candidates to office.

We're actively working on several events and projects, and more information is available in the newsletter:

-- The Republican Family Picnic on Saturday, June 5, from 12-4 PM at the Wickham Park Main Pavilion. Thanks to Helen Voltz, Missy Wilson and the Republican Women's Network of South Brevard for their work in organizing this event.

-- Golf Tournament and buffet lunch on August 14 at the [Duran Golf Club](#), chaired by Bob Franck and Bill Dennehy.

-- Linda del Gallego is coordinating volunteers to staff Headquarters office.

The Audit Committee has completed its work, and the Rules Committee will present some of the proposed Bylaws at the BREC meeting on June 10. Training on WebElect is being provided to our District Chairs so they will be able to forward precinct information to Precinct Committeemen and Committeewomen.

I encourage your participation in all of the BREC activities so that we are all working together to achieve our goals.

MESSAGE FROM THE NEW VICE CHAIRMAN

By Bob White

Thank you to all the members of the Brevard County Republican Executive Committee for the opportunity to serve as your Vice Chairman. Thank you also for the kind words and offers of help that have already been expressed by so many.

It is especially humbling to have been selected given that the other candidates in the race were both so highly qualified and are people of such great character and ability. It was clearly a no-lose proposition for our committee. Such was the case in last month's election for chairman as well. This is a testament to the strength of the [BREC](#).

The challenge before us is great and there is much to be done. The good news is that this work has already begun. Our new chairman has gotten off to a great start. I'm looking forward to working with Barbara, the other officers and all of you, to grow and build our committee into the powerful political force we need it to be here in Brevard County. Once again, thank you for this opportunity, and God Bless!

TAMPA CHOSEN AS THE SITE FOR THE 2012 REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

The RNC Site Selection Committee has chosen Tampa as the location for the 2012 Republican Presidential Convention, and the full RNC vote on the decision at the August summer meeting is expected to be a formality.



RNC Chairman Michael Steele says the party is "honored and privileged" to accept Tampa's bid...that we are confident will produce a successful event."

Sharon Day, the RNC Secretary, says that since her native Florida is a bellwether state, "we'll be stronger for 2012. It will give us an opportunity to strengthen our volunteer base."



The 13-member site committee selected Tampa over two other finalist cities – Phoenix and Salt Lake City – after looking at such factors as the number and proximity of hotels, capacity of the arena to hold the convention, transportation, security, media work space, convention office space and the ability to finance the operation.

The convention will take place the week of August 27, 2012, in the 660,000-square foot St. Pete Times Forum, home of the Tampa Bay Lightning.

[WSJ/NBC POLL FINDS VOTERS SHIFTING TO REPUBLICANS](#)

According to the latest Wall Street Journal/NBC News poll, the Republican Party is in position for a strong comeback in November mid-term balloting, by solidifying support among voters who had drifted away in recent elections. This group includes independents, seniors, blue-collar voters, suburban women and small town and rural voters.

Republican pollster Bill McInturff, who co-conducted the bipartisan survey, says the Republican alliance appeared to be "firmer and more substantial" than earlier in the year.

The May 6-10 telephone survey covered a cross-section of 1,000 adults nationwide. But while the results foreshadow a strong showing for Republicans, they also show that voters were far more motivated by their frustration with Democrats and government in general.

Among those polled who preferred Republican control of Congress, 64 percent expressed opposition to the Democrats as the reason, while 31 percent supported Republican candidates and policies.

Among those polled who preferred Democratic control, 49 percent expressed support of Democratic policies and 48 percent said the reason was opposition to Republican policies.

Of the respondents who said they have a high level of interest in the election, the margins were 56-36 percent in favor of the Republicans.

On the subject of offshore drilling, 60 percent of respondents support it, and 34 percent oppose it.

On the subject of Arizona's recently adopted anti-illegal immigration law, 64 percent of respondents supported it and 34 percent opposed it.

JUDICIAL CANDIDATES APPEAR BEFORE NEW MILLENIUM CLUB

Four candidates for two judicial positions in Florida's 18th Circuit stressed before a meeting of the New Millennium Conservative Club that if elected, they would not be activists who legislate from the bench.

All judicial candidates in Florida run non-partisan in primary elections and are not allowed to publicly express party affiliation or their positions on issues. The 18th Circuit covers Brevard and Seminole Counties.

Clayton Simmons of Seminole County, the only incumbent in the group, was appointed to the bench by former Governor Jeb Bush in 2003 and re-elected to a six-year term the following year. He said it "takes courage" to be a judge and have to make those "tough decisions."

Simmons was the circuit's chief judge for two years. Earlier, he was an attorney in Seminole County and in the U.S. Air Force and Air Force Reserve.

He serves in Group 24 in the 18th Circuit, and is being challenged by Linda Schoonover, a Lake Mary attorney with 25 years experience in civil matters and is board certified in marital and family law.

The candidates for the circuit's Group 3 are seeking to fill an open vacancy on the court due to retirement. Oscar Hotusing of Merritt Island was appointed to the

court in 2006 but lost a reelection bid in 2008. The former assistant state attorney and attorney in the U.S. Army Reserve is being challenged by Jessica Recksiedler of Lake Monroe, a board certified civil trial attorney. A third candidate for the position, Carsandra Buie of Sanford, was unable to attend the New Millennium Conservative Club forum.

PLANS URGES STATE LEGISLATURE TO ENFORCE 10th AMENDMENT

Barry Plans, president of the Ronald Reagan Clubs, stressed at the clubs' April meeting that the State legislature needs to support enforcing the 10th Amendment. Current efforts in apparent support of states' rights, he said, seem to be simply "window dressing for vote getting."

At the federal level, Plans added, cap and trade, which would decimate the economy again, is "way out of jurisdictional bounds." The federal government, he said, has no power to regulate oil drilling on state property.

Plans showed the membership a video that pointed out the 17th amendment allowing U.S. senators to be elected by the people instead of appointment by state legislatures "empowers the federal government to violate states' rights because it enables senators to avoid accountability to their states."

Regarding the 2010 gubernatorial race in Florida, Plans made a pitch for a new conservative Republican in the race – Naples businessman [Rick Scott](#). He said Scott is a retired attorney who started Columbia Hospital Corporation, which shares ownership with physicians, and he used his own funds to help fight Obamacare.



Mark Vance told the meeting that the federal Supremacy Clause does not apply to Obamacare and that the Constitution explains that federal powers are few and well defined. He urged the group to stand up for states' rights and to keep pressure on our legislators.

POLITICAL JOTTINGS AND DOTTINGS

-- Clerk of the Court Scott Ellis is stepping down from his post on December 31, two years before the end of his current term, and plans to spend his time between his home in Brevard County and a farm in West

Virginia. To fill the unexpired term of the vacancy, a special election will be part of the August 24 primary and the November 2 general election. Republicans vying for the position include [Joanne Corby](#), Melbourne City Council member; [Matt Collins](#), former aide to County Commissioner Andy Anderson; and former State Representative [Mitch Needelman](#).

-- IT specialist [Matt Nye](#), a candidate for the County Commission District 4 seat, says if elected, he would prioritize county spending, which he says is "out of whack." Nye told a meeting of the New Millennium Conservative Club that during the past 10 years, even with a 164 percent increase in tax revenue collections, spending by the commission has put Brevard County in a deficit. Nye is challenging incumbent Commissioner Mary Bolin in the August 24 Republican primary.



-- Radio Talk Show Host Andrea Shea King spoke to the Melbourne Area Federation of Republican Women of Melbourne about her recent experience aboard the Tea Party Express national tour. She said highlights of the trip included meeting Sarah and Todd Palin; joining Lloyd Marcus and patriots holding umbrellas in a Kansas downpour in a rendition of "I'm Singing in the Rain;" seeing how disappointed Michiganders were about Congressman Bart Stupak's failure to stand for the unborn and the people who elected him; and how the Tea Party prayed as a group before each rally.

-- The conservative think-tank [Heritage Foundation](#) cannot actively promote legislation, but has started a new grassroots advocacy group called Heritage Action for America, which will do so in the name of free enterprise and limited government. Heritage President Ed Feulner says this is an independent organization "with the shared mission of promoting sound conservative policies."



-- [National Review](#) magazine's [biannual Post-Election Cruise](#) will include seminar remarks by author and former White House aide Karl Rove, conservative icon Phyllis Schlafly, web guru Andrew Breitbart, media critic Bernie Goldberg, syndicated columnist Tony Blankley, and a host of additional analysts and NR editors. The cruise, on Holland America's Nieuw Amsterdam to the Caribbean out of Ft. Lauderdale, will take place November 14-21. For details on joining the group, visit www.nrcruise.com.

-- [The National Rifle Association](#) notes that an estimated 20-30 million American gun owners and hunters are not registered to vote and is calling for them to do so, and join freedom's army. NRA president Ronald Schmeits says our elected leaders need to hear and heed their constituents – not their political cronies and party bosses – and if they undermine the freedoms guaranteed by the Bill of Rights, they need to be stopped on Election Day.

-- National Public Radio's editor has told the staff not to use the term "Pro Life" in their copy, but instead say "Abortion Rights Opponents." By that "logic," would those of us who believe in democracy be labeled "Socialist Rights Opponents"???

QUOTABLE QUOTES

Talk Show Host Sean Hannity, writing in the preface of his new book "Conservative Victory":



"Yes, the leadership of the Republican Party has often been disappointing – spending too much when in power, and failing to oppose Democrats effectively when out of power. But we all agree that any Republican leadership is vastly superior to the disastrous Democratic policies we've seen in just this first year of Obama's presidency. The differences between the parties are differences in kind, not just degree. And, while the GOP needs to improve its performance, we cannot lose sight of our first priority – to direct the party back to its conservative roots....If we should succumb to the temptation to form a third party, we would be handing Barack Obama the greatest gift he could ever imagine. And, at the risk of sounding dramatic, we could be furnishing the final nail in the coffin of this republic. Instead we need to reconnect with what conservatism means. We need to demonstrate the conservative values are inherently more compassionate than liberal thinking. And we need to remind ourselves that, as history shows, conservative leadership is the best path to economic prosperity and national security."



Former White House adviser Karl Rove, writing in the Epilogue of his new book "Courage and Consequence":

"Politics is a profession that evokes mixed feelings. Most mothers may still want their children to grow up to be

president but don't want them to become politicians on their way there. Many people view politics as grubby, shallow, and dirty, built on distasteful compromises and promises meant to be discarded. That is not the full story. At its heart and in its results, politics is the great, moving expression of our democracy. There are knaves and fools in politics, but the arena is also filled with people motivated by high ideals and great causes who work with skill, integrity and honor....The Founders expected politics to be unruly – after all, that was the politics of their time. So despite missteps and tense moments, large egos and short tempers, they labored to create our founding documents, which are the greatest ever struck off at any time by the mind and purpose of man.”



Americans for Tax Reform president Grover Norquist, writing on the 2010 and 2012 elections in [The American Spectator](#):

“November 2010 not only gives Republicans the opportunity to recapture the House by winning a net 40 seats and strengthening their position in the Senate to guarantee the ability to filibuster on any issue even if one or two Republicans go ‘wobbly,’ but the 37 gubernatorial races, 1,159 state senate seats, and 4,958 house seats at stake will decide who writes the redistricting lines for the U.S. Congress and the state legislatures themselves. If Republicans can win 107 key state legislative races in just 16 states they will fully control the drawing of nine new congressional districts awarded during 2011 reapportionment....The campaign for 2012 can create a healthy competition among possible nominees to see who can do the most to help elect a Republican House and Senate in 2010....Let the competition begin. The candidate who does the most to bring about victories in 2010 deserves the presidency in 2012. And if every candidate competes for 2012 through party building in 2010, the 2012 nomination and presidency will actually be worth the having.”

Radio Talk Show Host Monica Crowley, writing on dissent in **The Washington Times National Weekly**:



“During President George W. Bush’s two terms, you couldn’t drive far without seeing a particular bumper sticker: ‘Dissent is the highest form of patriotism.’ Now that the Democrats control the White House and Congress, the left treats dissent as the lowest form of treason. When the left agitates over government policies, it’s considered righteous anger.

When the right – and much of the center – agitate, it’s painted as the rantings of the criminally and violently insane. With Obamacare signed into law, Democrats have stopped congratulating themselves long enough to notice that the American people aren’t cheering on the sidelines....Aware that their ‘reform’ is rejected by most of the American people and that they will face serious consequences in November, the Democrats have decided that the best defense is a good offense: Attack those who oppose Obamacare. It doesn’t seem to bother most Democrats that that pernicious strategy puts them in the weird and politically untenable position of attacking most of the American people.”

Radio talk show host Rush Limbaugh, writing on liberals and violence in [The Wall Street Journal](#):



“Now the liberals run the government and they’re using their power to implement their radical agenda. Mr. Obama and his party believe that the election of November 2008 entitled them to make permanent, ‘transformational’ changes to our society. In just 16 months, they’ve added more than \$2 trillion to the national debt, essentially nationalized the healthcare system and the student loan industry, and have their sights set on draconian cap and trade regulations on carbon emissions and amnesty for illegal aliens. Had President Obama campaigned on this agenda, he wouldn’t have garnered 30 percent of the popular vote. Like the millions of citizens who’ve peacefully risen up and attended thousands of rallies in protest, I seek nothing more than the preservation of the social contract that undergirds our society. I do not hate the government, as the left does when it is not running it. I love this country. And because I do, I insist that the temporary inhabitants of high political office comply with the Constitution, honor our God-given unalienable rights, and respect our hard-earned private property.”

Staffer Jonathan Weisman, writing on Republican shifts in [The Wall Street Journal](#):



“GOP leaders in Washington, responding to an angry and demanding Republican electorate, are adopting more populist economic policies, lambasting a wider swath of Obama administration policies as ‘government takeovers’ and vowing dramatic fiscal changes. They are responding, in part, to primary election voters of both parties who are showing themselves to be in a prickly, anti-

incumbent mood...Whether or not Republicans seize control of Congress, a new kind of GOP is likely to emerge after November 4. Issues that largely disappeared after the 1994 Republican revolution are making a comeback, such as the balanced-budget constitutional amendment and term limits...To be sure, moderate Republicans have also gained politically from the broader public discontent with Democratic control of the White House and Congress. GOP moderates in Illinois, Delaware and California all have shots at Senate seats now held by Democrats. Still, small-government, anti-incumbent populism is driving the election now."



Senior Editor Jay Nordlinger, writing on Colonel Allen West in [National Review](#):

"There's a congressional candidate in Florida whom a lot of Republicans are excited about. They have reason to be excited. The candidate is Col. Allen West, and he's a true-blue Reaganite: a free marketer, a hard-liner in foreign policy, an unapologetic social conservative. And he is not short on charisma...Moreover, for those who keep racial score—as people like to do—West is black. So are about 40 other Republicans running for Congress this year. West is running in Florida's 22nd District, which goes up the Atlantic coast from about Ft. Lauderdale to about Jupiter...For many Republicans across the country, West is no less than a dream candidate. For many liberals, he is more like a nightmare: a completely self-confident, very well-versed black conservative. Far from an 'embarrassment,' he may prove a major source of pride for GOP this year—whether he wins or loses."

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"It's interesting how Obama's adorers in the press keep comparing him to Lincoln and Reagan. Apparently they can't think of a Democratic president worthy of being compared to."

--- **Author and columnist Ann Coulter**



CONSERVATIVE INSTITUTIONS

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



In response to the political and social upheaval of the 1960s, The Fund for American Studies has been educating young leaders on the values of freedom and free-market economies for the past 43 years.

Based in Washington, DC, the organization brings college students together for a summer or a semester to engage in a rigorous examination of economic concepts, political systems and moral philosophy. It recently expanded its program to sponsor institutes in the Czech Republic and Greece.

Since the quality of public discourse in a free society depends heavily on the accuracy of information provided by the news media, one of the programs—the Institute on Political Journalism—offers college students the opportunity to apply basic ethical principles to their reporting and have the tools to accurately cover issues involving economic concepts.

In mid-November, TFAS will hold a leadership network conference in Palm Beach. Last year's event was held in California, to celebrate the life of Ronald Reagan at the Reagan Ranch and the Reagan Presidential Library.

Board Chairman Randal Teague and President Roger Ream, writing in TFAS' publication "Teaching Freedom News," say that keeping the ideas of limited government, the rule of law and free markets alive in future generations is critical.

"We take this challenge very seriously because we know we can make a difference," they say, adding that as they visit with alumni of their programs, "we hear repeatedly that the professors they encountered in our programs were the best they ever had."

For additional information or to make a tax exempt contribution, visit www.TFAS.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

June 7 – New Millenium Conservative Club meeting, Pizza Gallery, Viera, 6:30 pm.

June 10 – BREC meeting, County Government Building, Viera, 6:30 pm.

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

June 17 – Brevard Republican Men’s Club meeting, Doubles Restaurant, 7 pm.

June 22 – Space Coast Florida Republican Winners meeting, Cocoa Beach Comfort Inn and Suites, 10:30 am.

June 23 – Brevard Young Republicans meeting, Pizza Gallery, Viera, 6:30 pm.

June 24 – Ronald Reagan Clubs meeting, Jimmy’s Restaurant, Rockledge, 7 pm.

June 25 – Republican Hispanic Club meeting, Piccadilly Restaurant, Melbourne, 7 pm.

June 28 – North Brevard Republican Club meeting, San Mateo Club House, Titusville, 7 pm.

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.

COMICAL CLOSER

When the little girl was asked what she wanted to be when she grows up, she said “President of the United States.” Her Democratic parents beamed with pride when she added that the first thing she would do is give food and houses to all the homeless people. She was told she didn’t have to wait to do that because if she would mow the lawn, pull weeds and sweep, she would be given \$50 and then taken to an area where a homeless man hangs out, so she can give him the money. But the parents’ jaws dropped when their Republican little girl responded: “Why doesn’t the homeless man come over himself and do the work, and you can just pay him the \$50?”

