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AFP Candidate Elected in Florida

by Romelle Winters Public Relations Cmte Chairman

America First Party members and leaders are celebrating a successful election cycle which saw the party elect its second member to public office. With the November 2nd election of Martin McClellan to the Port St. John Special District of Brevard County Zoning Board, party members can brag that the AFP elected two-thirds of its candidates to public office in 2004. Earlier this year, Jeffrey W. T. Buck was elected to serve the voters of Framingham, MA.

National Chairman, Dan Charles stated: "In 2002, we started the America First Party with a clear understanding of the basic principle that you must win elections before you can govern. In 2002, we ran strongly with more than half of our candidates earning between 15% and 25% of the vote. While we did not run many candidates this year,

we remained focused on our goal of winning those elections. We now have two members who have been elected to public office. Both will

serve their constituents well, based on America First principles. By actually winning elections and serving the voters well, the AFP will demonstrate to the American people that they can choose to put America First."

The newly-elected McClellan Martin added: "My attitude is auite different from most who run for office. I will live up to

my oath to protect and defend both the Florida and U.S. Constitutions. As I promised my constituents, I will

restore property rights, end improper use of eminent domain, and promote sound science when examining ecological issues. I look forward to

helping my party build on this and Jeffrey Buck's success."

In Massachusett's 8th Suffolk District, Tom White ran for an open seat in the state legislature against a Democrat and Republican -- both of whom openly support the judicial tyranny of court-ordered gay marriage. Mr. White ran on a platform of preserving Traditional

Martin W. McClellan Zoning Board Member

> Marriage, fiscal responsibility, true education reform that empowers (Continued on page 7)

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Election Bait and Switch

by Dan Charles National Chairman

The results of the 2004 presidential election make one thing perfectly clear: The Republican Party cannot be saved. It must be destroyed.

Of course, that statement has just horrified many of my conservative friends. What about the Democrats? Worry not; they must be destroyed as well.

However, Democrats seem to be doing that just fine on their own. The internal contradictions of their big-tent coalition politics, the historic unpopularity of their ideas, and the condescending attitude of their candidates have conspired to make them a fractious minority party for more than 100 of the past 150 years. And their current coalitions are com-(Continued on Page 6)

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Dan Charles AFP Chairman

Mission Statement

We, the members of the America First Party, pledge ourselves to restore and revitalize the great American Experiment for the benefit of our nation and all its people.

We commit ourselves to elect honest people to public office who adhere to principles based on the wisdom of the Founders and expressed in the United States Constitution and our party platform.

We hold to the steadfast beliefs that the means to revitalizing our nation is to revitalize our people and the means to restore our nation is to restore just and Constitutional governance. To this end, we obligate our party:

- •To preserve and protect our people and our sovereignty
- •To promote economic growth and independence
- •To encourage the traditional values of faith, family, and responsibility
- •To ensure equality before the law in protecting those rights granted by the Creator
- •To clean up our corrupted political system

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2005: Taking it to the Next Level

As the America First Party approaches its three year anniversary, let us take a moment to review where we are and what we need to do in 2005 and beyond. First, let's review the tremendous progress we have made.

In 2002, we founded this Party on principle and dedication. By year's end, we had run in our first set of elections, and while we did not win any of those elections, our candidates were well received by the voters. In 2003, the party continued to grow. We were tested and attacked, but our Party stayed true to its principles and was resilient.

2004 was an outstanding year. Our membership nearly tripled, fundraising continued to grow, and our website was visited nearly 3 million times. Most importantly, we had our first successes at the ballot box as two of our members were elected to public office.

The National Committee is making plans for 2005. I want to tell you why 2005 will be the year we take our cause to the next level, and what we will do to make it happen.

Our membership continues to grow, laying a firm foundation. We currently have members in 46 states. Working together, we can expand this membership and have fully organized parties in all 50 states by the end of the 2005.

Soon, we will be kicking off our Activist Program. With a menu of well organized, simple, and fun activities to choose from, we will assist our members in their party building efforts, by offering assistance, resources, and advice.

In 2005, we want to begin a wide scale effort to raise our Party's profile with print and radio advertising--spreading our message and introducing ourselves to millions of patriots who have not yet heard about us, but want to put America First.

To accomplish this goal we are planning to insert special editions of the newsletter in magazines whose readers will agree with us. For example: *Human Events, The American Conservative, Chronicles, NewsMax,* and *Whistleblower.* We will also rent the donor lists of candidates and organizations who agree with our Principles to send our newsletter to these activists. All told, we want to put our newsletter in the hands of more than a million politically active folks who agree with us.

We also plan to run powerful radio ads that will introduce us to the listening public, tell them where we stand, and invite them to find out more. These issue based ads will be played on national and local radio, and we will be sure to target markets with specific ads that will help our candidates.

We also plan to introduce the America First Minute, a weekly radio commentary by party members, similar to the Republican and Democrat weekly radio addresses. However, ours will play during rush hour, not on Saturday mornings.

We also want to expand the promotional materials available, including a wider variety of bumper stickers and pamphlets, and videos to help you reach out to your friends and neighbors.

2005 will be a year where we focus on electing candidates for local office. In most states, school boards, city councils, and county governments are elected in odd years. In some states, odd numbered years are when state legislatures are elected. Our plan, just like 2004, is to bring national resources to these local races. Together we can win elections, continue to take back our country, and groom candidates for higher offices in 2006 and beyond.

Of course, all of this takes money. We will have an aggressive plan to increase our fundraising capacity ten-fold in the next year. Not only will we be able to fund these activities, but we will also establish a permanent fund that can be used to help the state parties grow.

As a grassroots all-volunteer organization, your help will be needed and your input is important. With your involvement, we cannot fail.



Statement of Principles

Preserve and Protect Our People and Our Sovereignty

- Support a military whose mission is to protect our nation, not police the world
- •Strengthen our borders and promote rational immigration policies
- Protect English as our common language
- •Seek friendship with all nations, but avoid entangling alliances
- •Work to maintain our nation's sovereignty and oppose all attempts to make our nation subservient to the precursors of global government
- Apply American values to our foreign policy

Promote Economic Growth and Independence

- •Restore accountability and Constitutionality to budgets and taxes
- •Promote tax policies that adhere to the Constitution, enhance individual freedom, encourage savings and investment, and promote the family
- •Eliminate unconstitutional portions of the federal government
- •Rebuild our manufacturing base and protect American workers
- Protect our right to fair trade and oppose free trade, exit NAFTA and the WTO
- •Help American businesses stay in America
- Promote a Buy American policy
- •End taxpayer bailouts of corporations and foreign governments
- -Implement a self-sufficient energy policy

Encourage the Traditional Values of Faith, Family, and Responsibility

- •Protect and recognize the sanctity of all human life
- Defend the traditional family unit based on one man and one woman
- Promote the primacy of parents in the lives and education of their children
- -Respect the free exercise of religion

 Recognize the Judeo-Christian heritage of our shared values

Ensure Equality Before the Law in Protecting Those Rights Granted by the Creator

- Defend the self-evident truth "that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness"
- •Preserve and protect all of the Bill of Rights
- •Oppose all quota systems merit and behavior must prevail
- -End judicial tyranny and restore balance to our political system
- -Restore property rights and restrict government land confiscation

Clean Up Our Corrupted Political System

- •Remove the primary source of corruption by sharply reducing the size and scope of the federal government to its limited powers under the Constitution, and return control over all other matters to the states
- Require that all political donations be promptly disclosed and come from voters
- •Enforce fair, uniform standards for ballot and debate access to give voters more choice
- -Implement clean election practicesrestore paper ballots
- Reform the lobbying system so that the only organizations permitted to lobby are those organizations whose money is acquired strictly from voter donations. Reasonable individual voter donation amount limits must be established
- -End lavish Congressional pensions-put them on Social Security
- Ban taxpayer funded Congressional campaign mailings
- •Restore the rights of states in the manner of choosing Senators and Representatives and promote the citizen legislator

The Statement of Principles of the America First Party was adopted at the first meeting of the National Committee on April 20, 2002.

The Principles provide an outline for the party's Platform, which contains a section for each of the Principles headings. Each Platform section then expands upon that particular set of principles.

The Statement of Principles is the core statement of beliefs of the America First Party. As such, a two-thirds vote of the National Committee is required to adopt any change to the Principles.

The Party Constitution binds both the National Committee and the National Convention to adopt a platform consistent with the Principles.

All party leaders are required to support and advance the Principles as a condition of holding a position of trust within the America First Party.

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Embryonic Stem Cell Research: Why Should We Care?



L. Thomas White Party Building Chairman



Larry Carroll Platform Cmte. Chair

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by Tom White Party Building Committee Chairman

Embryonic stem cell research. What's the big deal? Why should the America First Party spend any time on this issue when some say there are more pressing matters to discuss? The answer lies in why the AFP was created. A political party should be prepared to tackle the difficult issues head on. The America First Party intends to investigate the ethical and cultural implications of scientific advances.

What are stem cells? Like a tree that is cut down in a forest, stem cells are raw material. That tree can become houses, furniture, paper, firewood, or toothpicks. A stem cell can be transformed into any of the variety of cells found in the body. These cells may allow scientists to cure diseases that currently have no treatment.

Where do stem cells come from? There are three basic sources for stem cells: adults, placenta tissue, and human embryos. Scientists using the adult and placenta stem cells grow these cells in a culture to do their research.

With embryonic stem cells, a new life is created for their research. In this process, a human clone is made by implanting new DNA into a previously unfertilized egg, which is then killed a few days later to harvest the stem cells.

Stem cells can be a powerful tool. Recently, a woman in South Korea, who had been paralyzed for 20 years, is now walking due to stem cell therapy on her damaged spine. Her cure was achieved by using stem cells extracted from a placenta. Other cures have been developed using adult stem cells. However, there have been no cures using embryonic stem cells.

Celebrities such as Michael J. Fox and the late Christopher Reeve have demanded embryonic stem cell research. Their highprofile cries put them into the position of supporting failed research and the killing of unnumbered innocents while ignoring the positive results of utilizing a different source of these cells.

Once again, we ask, why should the America First Party be involved in this issue?

A large amount of taxpayer dollars is spent on the research. In the last election, California adopted Proposition 71, which will spend \$6 billion to conduct up to \$3 billion in embryonic stem cell research. Uninformed public figures encouraged voters to support and finance a law that would pour money into failed programs.

President Bush and Sen. Kerry battled over the issue of embryonic stem cell research. Their only differences in the issue was how much money would be spent and how many human beings would be destroyed. George Bush admitted that embryonic stem cell research was immoral but bragged that he provided more funding than Bill Clinton.

The America First Party is pro-life. Embryonic stem cell research is morally reprehensible because its method involves cloning a human being, killing it, and then harvesting its body parts for research. Those supporting embryonic stem cell research are willing to bring about cures by murdering countless unborn babies.

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We support adult and placenta stem cell research. We support finding cures, but we do not support creating and killing one group of people for the benefit of others.

Even those who disagree with us on the morality of embryonic stem cell research can at least agree that the other taxpayers ought not to be forced to subsidize that which they believe is immoral.

We all know someone who might be helped by stem cell research. But, we can find the cures without killing the most innocent and most vulnerable.

The America First Party will do all it can to protect innocent human life from any harm.

If you want to learn more about this issue, I urge you to visit a very good web-(Continued on Page 7)

Entitlement Disaster Ahead!

by Romelle Winters Public Relations Committee Chairman

One of the growing economic drains on this country is the rising number of entitlement programs. Forty years ago, a dictionary defined entitlements as 1) to give a title or name to, 2) to honor or dignify by a title, 3) to give right, claim to, or legal title to. None of these definitions apply to the word as it is presently used and it appears that the topsy-turvy world of 1984 has deeply invaded our government.

The word gradually evolved to mean something that is earned or deserved. A worker is entitled to a just salary. A citizen is entitled to protection from the government. Parents are entitled to respect from their children. However, in these times of political correctness, entitlement has come to mean something that is given by the government to someone who may not have done anything to earn it. The meaning of the word has completely changed and no one knows quite when or how. The why is the only concept that is obvious

Entitlements -- as they are now defined -- are the bedrock of socialism. They advocate confiscation and distribution by the government. A portion of the workers' salaries is removed from paychecks by the government before it leaves the employer. After it has been filtered through the many layers of bureaucracies it is then parceled out to those the government feels are more entitled to it than the laborer.

The American people have always been generous to the needy. Individually, they have donated to many charitable organizations. The distinct American culture had been focused on individuals helping others less fortunate to bring them into the mainstream of American life and economics.

The government, listening to the cries of lobbyists and other squeaky wheels, began to feel it could do the job better. This leads to a quick drop into tyranny and socialism. The government becomes master of the people, not vice versa. Once the slide begins, it is almost impossible to stop because the forces that began it continue to propel it down an increasingly steep slope.

Thomas Jefferson warned that people who have to pay taxes on food, drink, necessities, comforts, labors and amusements will eventually labor for sixteen hours and give fifteen to the government. He further stated that this practice, "...rivets chains around their necks. And this is the tendency of all human governments. A departure from principle in one instance becomes a precedent for a second, that second for a third, and so on 'til the bulk of the society is reduced to be mere automatons of misery."

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We, in the United States, have gone beyond the limits of our ability to support the growing bureaucracy and expanding entitlement programs. With more people now working for the government than work in factories, we are rapidly headed toward being slaves to government whims. Soon, the only way we can survive is work for an expanding government. How long before the numbing of the bread and circus distractions cease to divert our attention? How long before this once-great nation becomes a mass of squalling, squabbling inhabitants with hands out to reap the rewards of ever inflating entitlements? How long will we continue on a path toward doom?

It is difficult to determine exactly what the cost of entitlements are, partly because they are often hidden within other programs. The Departments of HUD, HHS, and Education, are examples of unconstitutional cabinet posts which were developed to manufacture entitlement programs and to implement those programs. Foreign aid -- another entitlement program -- may be concealed within the Defense Department or dispersed among other departments. Entitlements constitute over half of the amount spent by the government. It is estimated that within

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Romelle Winters Public Relations Committee Chairman

What People Are Saying about the America First Party

"The America First Party sounds like a dream come true."

Mr. Kent A. Monticello, MN

"Me and my wife would love to join your party." *Tim R. Mountain Home, TN*

"I will commit myself to be of assistance by whatever means necessary for this historical crusade!"

> David P. Jackson, MI

"I would like to do all I can to build the America First Party and stop the Republicrats."

> Johnnie H. Box Springs, GA

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John Pittman Hey National Secretary & Treasurer

The AFP Store

The America First Party has made a number of promotional and educational items available on its online internet Store.

Bumper stickers, brochures, pocket Constitutions, and caps and t-shirts will all be useful to help promote the party and its message.

In addition, several excellent books, including three titles autographed by their author Patrick J. Buchanan, are also available.

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ing apart.

But the GOP has trapped pro-traditional values, pro-sovereignty, pro-economic independence, pro-small government, constitutionalists--those commonly called "conservatives"--in a constant bait and switch.

Using the bait of largely conservative campaign rhetoric, dishonestly, and relying on the legitimate fear of what Democrats would do, Republicans maintained control of all three branches of the federal government. They also control a large majority of state governments.

Once elected, the switch comes into play. President Bush has been more honest than most Republicans about what he is doing, but in the end, there is not a whit of difference between Big-Government Conservatism and Big-Government Liberalism.

Democrat "Tax and Spend" results in the same as Republican "Borrow and Spend"--less freedom and a future of more limited opportunity for our children.

Before the election, we compared the GOP and Democratic candidates thusly: "Neither President Bush nor Senator Kerry will learn the lessons of 9/11 and secure our borders. Neither one will promote our unique American culture and protect the most innocent among us from dismemberment by either the abortionist or the embryonic stem cell researcher. Both support the unconstitutional invasion and occupation of Iraq. Both have misused our troops and have thus failed to support them. And both President Bush and Senator Kerry support trade policies that abandon our workers and their families and engage them in a great race to the bottom of the wage scale."

It was sad to see principled critics of President Bush, his policies, and his programs, at the last minute become cheerleaders for the destruction of America. Knowing what the President and the GOP leadership were all about, people like Joseph Farah and Pat Buchanan took the bait hook, line, and sinker, and encouraged others to do so. They argued: Bush is bad, Kerry is worse. We need to position ourselves for a fight for the soul of the Republican Party.

On November 2nd, their battle was lost.

By November 3rd, President Bush was declaring a mandate. By the end of November, it is clear that President Bush has no intention of backing away from his support for gay-marriage by another name (domestic partnership), open borders with amnesty and driver's licenses for illegal aliens, lower wages for Americans who can find work, and mob rule over rule of law (Wilsonian world wide democracy by force of arms).

There are factions within the Republican Party with large grassroots constituencies who believe that if in 2008 some candidate made a stand on any of the issues on which President Bush betrays the GOP rank and file, they could win the nomination and reform the GOP. It is a dream they have.

But, this dream has problems. The first is bait and switch.

The results of the 2004 presidential election make one thing perfectly clear: The Republican Party cannot be saved. It must be destroyed.

The second problem is the Political Golden Rule. This rule states, "Those who control the gold, make the rules."

Those who raise objections between now and then will run smack into the Golden Argument: "I won". We are seeing this today, as House GOP leaders get no support in their efforts to prevent illegal aliens from getting driver's licenses.

In the lead-up to 2008, the President Bush's Golden Drawbridge comes into play. By winning the election, President Bush controls the mechanisms of the RNC, its message and organization. He will also steer the massive fundraising mechanism he controls towards a candidate who shares the Bush, not conservative, ideology.

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parents, and protecting Massachusetts jobs from both outsourcing and illegal immigration.

Mr. Charles added, "The party is very proud of Tom White's run. He chose to proceed, and despite getting a late start, being outspent 40 to 1 by his opponents, and running in a very liberal district, Mr. White was viewed as a serious candidate by the mainstream press. He held his own at several three-way debates and proved several campaign techniques that party candidates will use in the future. He ran smartly and with the courage of his convictions."

Mr. White's run was based on principles and was patterned after the Patriot,

Bait and Switch

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In 2008, as happened in 1988, '92, '96, and 2000, candidates of principle will be frozen out before the fall of 2007. Fear of Hillary will be used as a battering ram to put the revolutionaries in place behind "the candidate who can win!" And talk will begin of the great revolution of 2012 or 2016.

But what of the candidate we supported, Michael Peroutka. He did as expected: one-tenth of one percent.

Despite the fact that he had no challenger on issues like trade, immigration, or life like Buchanan in 2000, and no thirdparty juggernaut, like Perot in 1996, the Constitution Party candidate received the historical CP average of 138,000 votes. Such is the expected result of a candidate who runs for president with a party that does not prepare for victory.

The destruction of the GOP will occur all by itself over the next few years, as principled people like Rep. Tom Tancredo continue to be locked out. As an out of touch GOP leadership desperately exerts control and crushes a revolution within the party, the growing ranks of disaffected conservatives will look outward. We will prepare and be ready. Samuel Adams who said, "He therefore is the truest friend of the liberty of his country who tries most to promote its virtue."

The America First Party's approach to growth is different from other third parties. We are trying to build the party from the grassroots up, focusing on elections we can win. We are using the national party organization to promote and support local party building efforts, to marshal national resources to support local candidates, and to sustain these efforts between elections.

In 2004 these efforts have paid off. Two thirds of our candidates were elected and have already begun to serve in elective office, and to shape government for the better.

Entitlements

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five years, that entitlements will increase by 15% and within another five years another 30%. It is obvious the American taxpayer cannot continue to support this increasingly growing weight.

The America First Party was born on the vision that the government is the problem, not the solution. The Party believes that a smaller government, governs better; that people need more control over their earnings; that all able-bodied people should have the opportunity to earn a living wage; and that those who are unable to support themselves be treated with compassion and dignity as long as their need continues. However, in order to do that, the people in this country must return to the original definition of entitlement.

Stem Cells

(Continued from Page 4) site: *www.stemcellresearch.org.* The site contains information from doctors and researchers, including a letter sent to Sen. Kerry admonishing him for making unfounded promises, misrepresenting science, and making exaggerated claims.



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The America First Leader

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America First Party Gets The Message Out...

The America First Party issues media releases by fax and email to over a thousand media outlets and hundreds of party activists. These releases raise the profile of the party and promote the party's issues.

Bush Betrayals Begin, Get Used To It (*November 12*) - expressing disappointment, but not surprise, at Bush's nomination of Alberto Gonzales as new Attorney General; Gonzales has used his previous appointments to promote abortion, affirmative action, and torture, as well as the violation of Constitutional protections for the accused.

Party Endorses Presidential Candidate (*October 13*) - endorsing the Presidential ticket of Michael Peroutka and Chuck Baldwin, while recognizing that we must build a party from the grass roots up before we can hope to achieve victory for such high office. **Debate Lacked Key Elements** (September 30) - the Presidential "Debate" on national defense and foreign affairs between Bush and Kerry short-changed the American people, lacking any discussion of the need to protect our borders, and failing to provide a sane solution to the morass that Iraq has become; furthermore, the debates were a sham because no third party candidates were included.

GOP Ignores Immigration -- AFP Grows (*August 4*) - The Republican Presidential Convention completely ignored the critical issues of protecting our borders and implementing a sane immigration policy; meanwhile the America First Party continues to grow as patriots across the country learn of our Constitutionalist, pro-America First platform.

Pure Politics Play Devalues Marriage (*July 13*) - denounces the Bush administration's posturing on the Marriage Amendment, using it as a political football instead of taking on the corrupt federal judges and enforcing current state and federal statutes that would actually defend traditional marriage.

Count Every Vote ... By Hand (June 23)demands that honest elections be held using hand counted paper ballots instead of electronic machines that cannot be audited and are subject to hacking and other means of subversion.

We Mourn with America (June 5) saluting Ronald Reagan's life and expressing its gratitude that he gave voice to so many important ideals of our Republic.

Abortion Rights Theology a Threat to Life (June 2) - strongly denouncing the corrupt ruling of Federal Judge Phyllis Hamilton declaring the Partial Birth Abortion Ban unconstitutional.