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Next Meeting

Thursday May 21 2015

At Seven Bar & Grill, 25 Shaw Ave. Clovis

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Members to convene at 6:00. Business at 6:15. Program to follow immediately.

From Steve Benen via MSNBC :

When Jeb Bush started receiving foreign-policy advice from Condoleezza Rice, the Republican candidate's team reportedly felt some "sensitivity" about the discussions. Team Jeb worried about sending a signal to the public that the former Florida governor "would be a carbon copy of his brother's administration." Yesterday, this dynamic grew even more serious with a new report from the Washington Post. When asked this week at an exclusive Manhattan gathering about who advises him on U.S.-Israel policy, Jeb Bush surprised many of the 50-plus attendees by naming his brother, former president George W. Bush, as his most influential counselor. "If you want to know who I listen to for advice, it's him," Bush said Tuesday, speaking to a crowd of high-powered financiers at the Metropolitan Club, according to four people present.

Perhaps the most obvious problem is the inherent contradiction of Jeb Bush's message. On the one hand, the 2016 candidate is eager to tell voters, "I am my own man." On the other hand, the Florida Republican has relied heavily on his family for fundraising; he's hired his family's advisers to staff his political operation; and now he's boasting about turning to his brother for guidance on U.S. policy towards Israel.

There is literally nothing about this arrangement that suggests Bush is his "own man."

There's also the problem with the adviser himself – George W. Bush, whatever one might think of him, did not exactly excel when it came to foreign policy in the Middle East. Presidential hopefuls would generally be wise to do the opposite of everything he suggests.

Jeb Bush: Registering as Hispanic in 2009 an "Accident"

Meant to check "all of the above."

Henry Perea On The High Speed Rail Project



Henry Perea at a previous Clovis Democratic Club Meeting

Mr. Perea is the current District 3 Representative on the Fresno County Board of Supervisors. He will be speaking to us at our May meeting on the progress of the High Speed Rail. He has been a tireless advocate for HSR and will be able to address not only the milestones that have been achieved thus far, but also the various obstacles and problems that have occurred along the way. Be sure to join us for his description of the current status of the project.



Beverly Fitzpatrick Provides Insights into Plight of Homeless

Ms. Fitzpatrick gave us an insightful look into the issues surrounding the homeless population of Fresno at our last meeting. She described how the problem goes well beyond the initial steps of finding proper housing. Everything from food preparation and obtaining basic household goods to medical care and monetary issues are challenges faced along the way to potential self-sufficiency for anyone living on the streets.