

THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN HAS BEGUN

By Carl Burton

Republican voters have already tuned in and it is becoming increasingly clear that the nominations will be won early.

On Tuesday (Feb 13), the state Senate voted to move the California presidential primary to Feb. 5. By the end of next week the Assembly is expected to concur, and Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, who likes the idea, will sign it into law.

The national calendar has largely been set, and the action will be compressed: Jan. 14, Iowa caucus; Jan. 19, Nevada caucus (Democrats only); Jan. 22, New Hampshire primary; Jan. 29, South Carolina primary; Feb. 5, primaries in at least 15 states.

In all likelihood, the decisions of Republicans and Democrats will be made, with or without California, next Feb. 5.

By this time next year, we will know who the Democrats and the Republicans will nominate at their national convention later in the year.

A national primary will take place over three weeks early next year. It means grassroots support is vital to each candidate and the ability to gain grassroots support and raise money will make all the difference.

The three weeks of Jan 14, 2008 to Feb. 5 will become a rare moment in American history - a time when American voters will be eager to carry out the mission of our founding fathers and vote.

It's the right thing to let Californians vote in an early primary - we will not be frozen out of a national primary.

SOME ITEMS FROM THE CALIFORNIA REPUBLICAN PARTY CONVENTION

By Robert Evans

The CRP convention was both fun and nostalgic this year.

Carl and Robert Evans were invited to join with several other attendees at the convention to meet with Rudolph Giuliani, the former mayor of New



York City, who later gave what we thought was a rousing speech to the convention.



In my opinion, Giuliani will make a great President if he can get the nomination.

The nostalgia came in the form of a "roast" of Duf Sundheim, chairman of the CRP for the past four years. As a part of the festivities, Carl Burton, in his role of President, California Congress of Republicans, gave a gift to Duf. Republicans of River City is a big part of the CCR and so it is appropriate that the CCR gave Duf

this big elephant as our token of respect for the work Duf did over the past four years.



The convention also made some, to me, minor changes. From now on, members are no longer members, they are now delegates. The explanation for this change is, some people who give money to the CRP get a card saying they are a member of the CRP. Sometimes these people come to our convention and insist they have a vote, because they are "members." Why argue with these people.

In other convention business, the body elected Ron Nehring as chairman and Tom Del Beccaro as vice chairman. The delegates (formerly members) elected both candidates by acclamation. In the first order of business, Ron and Tom held a meeting of board of the CRP to begin the task of writing a strategic plan and auditing the efforts of the CRP in the past election, to find what worked and what did not work. As a retired auditor, I think this is a great idea. All members and delegates of the CRP should look forward to the results.





Carl Burton, President

Saturday night I was able to take part in a program that honored our outgoing Chairman Duf Sundheim.

On Sunday morning the delegates elected Ron Nehring as the new Chairman of the California Republican Party and Thomas Del Beccaro was elected Vice Chairman. I look forward to working with the new team of leaders at the CRP and helping them reach out and register more Republican voters and electing more Republican candidates to public office.

As California Republican Party delegates gathered in Sacramento this past weekend (Feb. 9 - 11) the sky opened up and it started raining. I was wondering if the heavens were opening up because we were losing a great Chairman of the Republican Party, Duf Sundheim.

Duf lead the party during the recall election of 2003, the reelection of President Bush in 2004, the special election in 2005 and helped us in making sure that Governor Schwarzenegger was reelected in 2006.

On Friday night the Governor addressed over 650 delegates about the need to put the interest of the people of California above party politics. On Saturday I had the opportunity to have a private meeting with Rudy Giuliani before he addressed a sold out luncheon. On

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

February 3, 1870 – After passing the House with 98% support and 97% Democrat opposition, Republicans’ 15th Amendment is ratified, granting the vote to all Americans regardless of race.

February 8, 1894 - Democrat Congress and Democrat President Grover Cleveland join to repeal Republicans’ Enforcement Act, which had enabled African-Americans to vote.

February 25, 1870 – A former slave, Mississippi Republican Hiram Revels, becomes the first African-American U. S. Senator.

February 27, 1860 – Abraham Lincoln launches his campaign for the Republican presidential nomination with speech at the Cooper Institute in New York.

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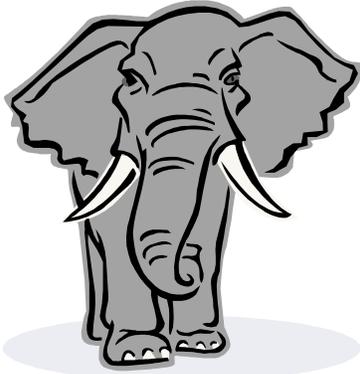
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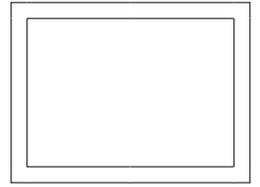
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