



Republicans of River City



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**THE FEBRUARY MEETING OF THE REPUBLICANS OF RIVER CITY IS AT
THE REPUBLICAN PARTY SPRING CONVENTION
February 20 - 22 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, 1209 L Street, Sacramento
Our club is a co-sponsor of the Ice Cream Social - come have a delicious
ice cream and enjoy the Hospitality Suites, located throughout the
convention**

THIS MONTH, OUR MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO COME AND ENJOY THE SPRING CONVENTION

By Robert Evans

Our members are cordially invited to participate in some of the spring State Republican Party convention, February 20 - 22 at the Sacramento Convention Center.

Party members and guests can attend the various workshops and convention confabs after paying the required fees (simply go to the registration desk and inquire). Anyone can attend the various hospitality suites, located throughout the convention hotel - the Hyatt Regency hotel.

These hospitality suites are hosted by various Republican clubs and groups and also by sitting Republican office holders and office holder candidates. You are also free to walk around the convention area and view the various tables and displays set up by Republican clubs and groups. Many offer free literature setting forth their ideas and agendas.

In addition, there are many vendors with various items for sale. There are framed pictures, clothing, buttons and bumper stickers. Lots of great stuff (and lots of kitsch, too).

So come and enjoy the spring convention - meet some of our elected officials and chat with lots of Republican activists in the halls and open rooms. you will have fun.

The hospitality suites open after the evening banquets conclude - usually around 9 PM and last, in many cases, until midnight.





Carl Burton, President

FEBRUARY - MONTH OF FREEDOM

As we celebrate the 200 birth of President Abraham Lincoln this year I'm remind of my first visit to Washington DC and going to Lincoln Memorial. As I stood on the steps of the memorial in the early '60's it was impossible for me not to think about the ending of slavery and also about Marian Anderson.

In 1939 when The Daughters of the American Revolution barred Marian Anderson from singing at Constitution Hall she performed at the Lincoln Memorial. Where Ms. Anderson stood I was standing and where one day in the future Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. would stand to give his "I Have A Dream" speech.

The monument was overwhelming and beautiful for me. It was like a religious experience. It's not only a symbol of the Republican Party but of American unity and freedom.

The Lincoln Memorial, first proposed in 1867, was successfully stopped for decades by the Democrats. It was only at the turn of the 20th century, when enough time had passed to make Lincoln acceptable to both parties, was funding approved by Congress to build the memorial.

Republican President Theodore Roosevelt made it one of his many projects (like the Panama Cannel and the national park system). The Lincoln Memorial could never have been built as a tribute to emancipation and the end of slavery because too many Confederate Democrat soldiers, and their families, were still living at the beginning of 1900's.

The memorial's opening ceremony, held in 1922, was attended by blacks and whites, but black attendees were shoved to the back. Because under Democrat President Woodrow Wilson, a southerner who had numerous southerner Democrats in his cabinet, federal offices and workplaces were segregated, starting in 1913. This situation persisted for decades until, under the leadership of former California Republican governor Earl Warren, the Supreme Court ruled segregation was unconstitutional.

Since the first time I visited the Lincoln memorial it has been claimed by civil rights and war protesters, religious conservatives and in recent years by gay rights advocates. The Lincoln Memorial is a gathering place for public conversation; it's at the center of American history.

February is the month of Freedom to me because it reminds me of the birth of Republican Presidents Reagan (Feb 6), Lincoln (Feb 12) and our founding father George Washington (Feb 22).



ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

February 1, 1865 – Chief Justice Salmon Chase, swears in Republican John S. Rock, first African-American to be admitted to practice before the U. S. Supreme Court.

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 4, 1959 - President Eisenhower informs Republican leaders of his plan to introduce the 1960 Civil Rights Act, despite staunch opposition from many Democrats.

February 6, 1981 - President Ronald Reagan designates 1981 as the International Year of Disabled Persons.

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

February 9, 1864 - Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton deliver over 100,000 signatures to U.S. Senate supporting Republicans' plans for constitutional amendment to ban slavery.

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.

IN MY OPINION:

by Chris Angle

MICHAEL STEELE: REPAIRING THE REPUBLICAN COALITION

Last week, the Republican National Committee elected Michael Steele to the post of Chairman, and in so doing took an important step towards returning from the political wilderness. By electing a minority, as well as a more non-ideological candidate, the RNC has shown a willingness to try and learn some lessons from successive electoral defeats that have driven the Republicans to the brink of irrelevance in the federal government.

It was a little more than 4 years ago that a Democrat Senator from Georgia named Zell Miller came out with a book titled "A National Party No More". In this book, he argued that with the Democrats all but driven out of the South, they could no longer claim to be a national political party. Today, the one could be justified in giving the Republican Party the same diagnosis. The Party has only 3 Senators and zero Congressmen from the 6 states that make up New England. On the West Coast, the Party has zero Senators and only 1/3 of the congressional seats.

The reason that the Party has ceased to be competitive in these areas is that it has ceased representing a political philosophy that can be competitive in these regions. The Republican coalition of the last generation has broadly consisted of pro-business interests (think Northeast and West Coast), libertarian-leaning individuals, and religious cultural conservatives. While there is

obviously geographical overlap, the pro-business interests generally played well in the northeast and on the coasts, the Party's libertarian streak helped it to win in the Mountain states, and the religious conservatives helped the Party take over the South. In order to be dominant nationally, political parties must usually be broad-based. This means that they will generally consist of several factions that come together to promote certain goals. Such arrangements necessarily entail compromises between the various factions. However, when one faction becomes too powerful, it can push the Party to promote a more narrowly focused agenda, thereby alienating members of the other factions. In many ways, this has been the fate of the Republican Party. The rise to dominance of the 'Southern' wing in Republican Party, along with Republican abandonment of their traditional small-government, fiscal conservatism, has caused the Party to lose ground on the coasts and in the Mountain states. Meanwhile, the Party's seemingly inflexible positions on certain issues such as immigration have resulted in the Party enhancing its anti-minority reputation.

Michael Steele is precisely the type of person that the Republicans need to help lead them back from the wilderness. As the former Lieutenant-Governor of a 'blue' state, he has the credentials to help shape a new Republican message that will enable the Party to broaden its appeal and create the 'big-tent' that will be necessary for the Party to become nationally dominant once more. As a minority, he can help the Republicans learn to reach out to diverse groups of voters and possibly eventually begin to shed

their image of being the anti-minority Party. While Michael Steele is not necessarily the new Ronald Reagan, his election suggests that new, revitalizing forces are at work within the GOP. Friday, January 30, was a good day for the long-term health of the Republican Party.

HAVE A LAUGH

This is dedicated to everyone who ever attempted to get into a regular workout routine.

Dear Diary: For my birthday this year, my daughter purchased a week of personal training at the local health club for me. Although I am still in great shape since being a high school football cheerleader 43 years ago, I decided it would be a good idea to go ahead and give it a try. I called the club and made my reservations with a personal trainer named Belinda, who identified herself as a 26-year-old aerobics instructor and model for athletic clothing and swim wear. My daughter seemed pleased with my enthusiasm to get started! The club encouraged me to keep a diary to chart my progress.

MONDAY: I started my day at 6:00 am: Tough to get out of bed, but found it was well worth it when I arrived at the health club to find Belinda waiting for me. She is something of a Greek goddess - with blond hair, dancing eyes and a dazzling white smile. Belinda gave me a tour and showed me the machines. I enjoyed watching the skillful way in which she conducted her aerobics class after my workout today. Very inspiring! Belinda was encouraging as I did my sit-ups, although my gut was already **(Please go to Page 5, Col. 1)**



THE GOVERNOR'S CORNER

According to communications director, Matt David, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's administration warned Tuesday (February 10) that it will begin proceedings to lay off state workers if the governor and legislative leaders do not reach a budget deal by Friday.

Notices will go to employees with the least seniority in the state's agencies that receive money from the state's general fund.

The move is part of the governor's order to cut 10 percent from the government payroll as California faces a \$42 + billion deficit through June 2010.

"This is simply a matter of needing to realize savings and running out of time to do that," David said.

The governor's proposal to balance the budget through a mix of spending cuts and tax increases assumed the fix would be enacted by Feb. 1, but he has been unable to reach a compromise with lawmakers after weeks of meetings.

"We're losing savings the longer we go into February," David said. "We're at the point where time's up."

Administration officials are seeking to eliminate up to 10,000 jobs. Because of seniority and so-called bumping rights, however, they will send about 20,000 layoff notices.

This projects \$150 million in savings through the end of the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

Employees who receive a notice will have a chance to transfer to other branches of state government that are not paid through the general fund.

A Schwarzenegger spokesman said the first notices will be sent Friday if a deal is not reached by then, although ongoing budget talks are characterized as encouraging.

"It's not a threat. This is not a tactic. It's a necessity. The state is starting to run out of money. The governor has very few options that he can take to unilaterally cut back on state spending," said the spokesman.

Governor Schwarzenegger has the authority to make layoffs under an executive order he issued in December, in which he also ordered the first furloughs in state history.



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HAVE A LAUGH (Cont.)

aching from holding it in the whole time she was around. This is going to be a FANTASTIC week.

TUESDAY: I drank a whole pot of coffee, but I finally made it out the door. Belinda made me lie on my back and push a heavy iron bar into the air. then she put weights on it. My legs were a little wobbly on the treadmill, but I made the full mile. Belinda's rewarding smile made it all worthwhile. I feel GREAT-!! It's a whole new life for me.

WEDNESDAY: The only way I can brush my teeth is by laying the toothbrush on the counter and moving my mouth back and forth over it. I believe I have a hernia in both pectorals. Driving was OK as long as I didn't try to steer or stop. I parked on top of a GEO in the club parking lot. Belinda was impatient with me, insisting that my screams bothered other club members. Her voice is a little too perky for that early in the morning and when she scolds, she gets this nasally whine that is VERY annoying. My chest hurt when I got on the treadmill, so Belinda put me on the stair monster. Why would anyone invent a machine to simulate an activity rendered obsolete by elevators? Belinda told me it would help me get in shape and enjoy life.

THURSDAY: Belinda was waiting for me with her vampire-like teeth exposed as her thin, cruel lips were pulled back in a full snarl. I couldn't help being a half an hour late - it took me that long to tie my shoes. Belinda took me to work out with dumbbells. When she was not looking, I ran and hid in the restroom. She sent another skinny worker to find me. Then, as punishment, she put me on the

rowing machine -- which I sank.

FRIDAY: I hate Belinda more than any human being has ever hated any other human being in the history of the world. Stupid, skinny, anemic, anorexic little cheerleader. If there was a part of my body I could move without unbearable pain, I would beat her with it. Belinda wanted me to work on my triceps. I don't have any triceps! And if you don't want dents in the floor, don't hand me barbells or anything that weighs more than a sandwich. The treadmill flung me off and I landed on a health and nutrition teacher. Why couldn't it have been someone softer, like the drama coach or the choir director?

SATURDAY: Belinda left a message on my answering machine in her grating, shrilly voice wondering why I did not show up today. Just hearing her voice made me want to smash the machine with my planner. However, I lacked the strength to even use the TV remote and ended up catching eleven straight hours of the Weather Channel.

SUNDAY: I'm having the Church van pick me up for services today so I can go and thank GOD that this week is over. I will also pray that next year my daughter will choose a gift for me that is fun -- like a root canal or a hysterectomy. I still say if God had wanted me to bend over, he would have sprinkled the floor with diamonds.



[In 1967, then Governor Ronald Reagan, who had run for governor on, among other issues, an assurance that he would not raise taxes, raised taxes. For doing this, newspapers jumped all over him charging hypocrisy and Republicans jumped all over him for breaking a promise. So Governor Reagan came before a gathering of the CRA (at that time Republicans of River City was the largest CRA club) to explain why he raised taxes. This is part1 of that speech. Robert Evans]

ADDRESS OF GOVERNOR RONALD REAGAN TO CALIFORNIA REPUBLICAN ASSEMBLY

Lafayette Hotel, Long Beach April 1, 1967

It is a pleasure to be here tonight, talking again to the members of the California Republican Assembly, California's oldest volunteer Republican organization.

I have that warm feeling a person gets when he knows he's among friends -- friends who think like he does and have the same goals and aspirations. Could be I'm especially conscious of this for the same reason a man only realizes how thirsty he really is when he takes a cooling drink. Besides that, the members of the CRA have always put their money and their energies where a lot of people are content merely to put their mouths. And, believe me, that is appreciated.

You have supported and worked actively and hard for the principles in which we believe and the candidates who represent those principles -- Republican candidates and principles, if you will.

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**ADDRESS OF GOVERNOR
RONALD REAGAN (Cont.)**

It is the work and support given by you and the members of the other Republican volunteer groups which, in large measure, were responsible for our party's success last November.

I, for one, am grateful, and I know that that gratitude is shared by many others – winners and losers – who had your help.

That election has California again on the right road – in the interest of harmony, let me hasten to say I use "right" in the sense of meaning "correct" – not the road back, but the road ahead to a better, more responsible, more meaningful life for all our citizens, a life in which they are allowed to develop and pursue their aims and ambitions to the fullest, without the constant interference and domination of big spending, big brother government.

But we have just started down that new road. There is still much to be done and there are many problems yet to be solved.

We have just begun to put our State house in order. And every move we make brings a fresh protest from those who think that your money and mine is theirs to spend – as they see fit.

We intend to put an end to that kind of thinking – an end to the philosophy that government has a right to match taxes to whatever it wants to spend instead of spending only what needs to be spent.

During the campaign it looked almost as if we could put our fiscal house in order without resorting to new taxes. We did not know just how bad the

situation was then. Now we have had access to, and a chance to read, the fine print.

As a result, we have, as you know, submitted a revenue bill of nearly one billion dollars in increased taxes. Because there has been some editorial jumping-up-and-down-with-gee, holding that this makes a failure in our long-held belief in economy, let's

set the record straight here and now.

(To be continued)



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Your membership in Republicans of River City provides you a monthly newsletter, speakers, and an outstanding opportunity to meet your elected officials and California's finest political strategists. River City is also a great way to network and make new friends.

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