

Republicans of River City



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**THE MAY MEETING OF REPUBLICANS OF RIVER CITY WELCOMES
CHUCK BELL, GERNERAL COUNSEL TO THE REPUBLICAN PARTY
May 19, 2009 in the Ose Room located at: Channel 6, KVIE
2030 W. El Camino Avenue, Sacramento**

The social hour starts at 6:30 PM - the general meeting starts at 7:15 PM.



CHUCK BELL TO SPEAK

By Fred Hildebrand

Chuck Bell, General Counsel to the California Republican Party, will return to River City's podium on May 19th. He is one of our favorite speakers and enjoys national prominence as an advocate for Republicanism. More particularly, he has been an outstanding fighter for Republican causes that make the news. Chuck is currently teaming with others on current projects that he will discuss and that provide some real push-back. This will be a

real treat! He will take questions. It will be an interesting and exciting evening!

We will be meeting on may 19th in General Session at KVIE, Channel 6. The social hour will begin at 6:30 P.M.; the program will begin at 7:15 P.M. This is your opportunity to interact with Attorney Bell and to get answers to legal questions that concern us all.

Chuck Bell is the senior partner in the campaign and election law firm of Bell, McAndrews, Hiltachk, LLP, of Sacramento and Santa Monica, California.

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LAST MONTH AT RIVER CITY

By Robert Evans

For those of you who attended our meeting in April, you got a good education on what caused the economy of the United States (and the rest of the world) to crash and burn.

Chris Angle gave us a good overview of the banking world and how it nearly stopped working .

In addition, Chris gave us a short course in investing and how we can protect our future investments from the coming problems in the banking, insurance and credit card industries.

I, for one, found Chris's talk very enlightening and - I have to admit - somewhat scary for the future. Hopefully this nation will get it's act together and we will come out all OK. Hopefully!

CHUCK BELL TO SPEAK

He is a graduate of Stanford University (A.B. 1968) and the Stanford Law School (J.D. 1974).

He is the President of the Republican National Lawyers Association (RNLA), a 4,000 member association of Republican lawyers throughout the U.S. RNLA is the leading Republican lawyer organization that promotes efforts to ensure the integrity of American elections and educates Republican lawyers concerning threats to election integrity.

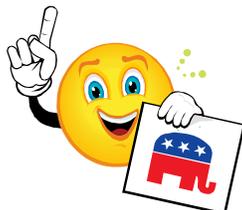
He specializes in federal, state and local election law.

He is the General Counsel to the California Republican Party (which he has represented for all but five years since 1980). He represented Governor Schwarzenegger during the 2003 recall election and in litigation matters after his election through 2007. He also has represented all Republican governors and nominees for governor since 1982.

He has represented the California Republican Party before the U.S. Supreme Court in two cases, California Democratic Party v. Jones (2000) and McConnell v. Federal Election Commission (2003), was amicus counsel in two other cases (Crawford v. Marion County Election Board (2008) [affirming constitutionality of Indiana's photo voter ID law] and McIntyre v. Ohio Election Commission (1996)[affirming right to anonymous speech]. He currently is representing the California Republican Party and the San Diego Republican Party in Republican National Committee et al. v. Federal Election Commission, which is likely to be heard by the U.S. Supreme Court later this year.

He served as chairman of California Lawyers for McCain-Palin and a member of Senator McCain's 50-member National Legal Advisory Committee.

He is co-proponent with Senator George Runner of the Vote SAFE Initiative that will be circulated to provide for photo voter ID for in-person voting and greater ID protections for absentee voting, as well as ensuring overseas military voters' ballots have greater protections.



Carl Burton, President

Why is the Republican Party Shrinking?

Is it because the Republican Party is seen as the party of the rich and Wall Street?

Or could one of the reasons it is shrinking is because there are large number of individuals in this country that view the Republican Party as intolerant or not relevant to them or meeting their needs and those of their family members and friends?

Or could one of the reasons be that most Americans want government to stay out of their bedrooms and hospital rooms?

Or could one of the reasons be that right now, most voters are not concerned about social issues but they are concerned about the economy and jobs?

If the Republican Party has any serious interest in returning to power or becoming the majority party, it should organize itself around jobs, economic issues, limited government and national security.

Sacramento County Republican Registration has fallen in recent years and if we are to see a reversal in the downward trend we must do a better job of registering voters and getting our message out. Remember the

Republican Party is the party of Freedom. And this month, Republicans of River City will register voters at the Sacramento County Fair, starting on Thursday May 21 and ending on Monday, May 25. If you can help, please let me know; email me at carl@rrcgop.org or call me at 916-485-5741.

Sacramento County Registration:

Oct 2004	Democrat	279,400
	Republican	229,595

March 2008	Democrat	303,200
	Republican	212,226



ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

May 6, 1960 - President Dwight Eisenhower signs Republicans' Civil Rights Act of 1960, overcoming 125 hours of around-the-clock filibuster by 18 Senate Democrats.

May 10, 1866 - U. S. House passes Republicans' 14th Amendment guaranteeing due process and equal protection of the laws to all citizens; 100% of Democrats vote NO.

May 22, 1856 - For denouncing Democrats' pro-slavery policy, Republican U. S. Senator Charles Sumner (R-MA) is beaten nearly to death on the floor of the Senate by U. S. Representative Preston Brooks (D-SC).

May 29, 1902 - Virginia Democrats implement new state constitution, condemned by Republicans as illegal, reducing African-American voter registration by 86%.

IN MY OPINION:

by Chris Angle

The 'Specter' Of A Permanent Minority Party

With Arlen Specter's defection to the Democrats, the Republicans have taken a blow that practically eliminates their influence in Washington. Despite brave talk from certain activists and Party leaders, the Republican Party is in a major crisis that will not likely be resolved by a 2010 replay of 1994, with a resurgent Republican Party retaking control of Congress. A collapse such as the one the Republicans have undergone (losing the White House and both Houses of Congress in 3 years) does not occur because a political party puts up a bad candidate for President, or because of a biased media establishment, but is rather an indication that a party has taken a wrong turn at some point. While many in the Party are debating what errors were made, there are clearly several that have combined to largely remove Republican influence from Washington for the time being.

Firstly, the Republicans have lost their traditional advantage over the Democrats on foreign policy, largely due the handling of the conflict in Iraq. The failure to find stockpiles of WMD's and the lack of preparation for what would come after major combat operations made the Bush Administration (and by extension Republicans) appear incompetent. Continued exhortations to "stay the course", rather than help matters, actually ended up making the Administration look helpless.

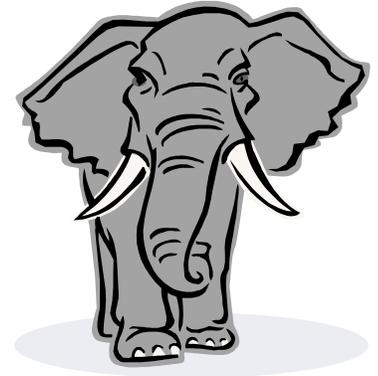
Secondly, the Republicans have lost their traditional advantage as having the reputation of being the Party of fiscal responsibility. When the Republicans were in control of Washington, they abandoned their small government, fiscally conservative roots. Not only did a Republican Congress massively

increase government spending, but a Republican President appeared to be unaware that the office of U.S. President comes equipped with a veto pen. Now that Obama and the Democrats are massively increasing the size of government beyond what the public appears to be comfortable with, the Republicans currently lack the credibility on the issue to mount an effective opposition to them.

In addition to losing credibility on a couple of issues, the Party has taken it upon itself to shrink its base. Under Reagan, the Republican Party was truly a "big tent" Party that was able to integrate different people with somewhat differing views. Today, the Party has become more homogenous on issues to the point where it has effectively exited New England, being unable to produce congressional candidates (apart from a couple of Senators) with values and opinions that play well in that part of the country. While Arlen Specter is an opportunist who was always going to do what was best for himself, the vitriol from some Republicans that accompanied his vote for the Obama budget (words like 'traitorous' and 'retribution') sent a signal to people who might be open to Republican ideas that they are not welcome if they differ in any way from what is considered to be Republican orthodoxy. While this state of affairs may be acceptable to certain Party factions, it is not the way to build a national party or a lasting Republican majority.

Until the Republicans broaden their base and restore their credibility on certain issues, they will continue to lose elections. While some in the Republican Party appear to have recognized the need to restore the Party's credibility on certain issues (i.e. returning to small government roots), many still view the term 'compromise' with disdain. Politics, however, is about the art of the possible, and some compromise is necessary if one is to build a dominant political party. A Party that is broad-based and wins elections furthers the goals of its factions more effectively than one that remains

ideologically pure, and yet fails to win elections (and power). The treatment of Specter, and other Republicans with views similar to his, indicates that the Republicans have not yet absorbed this lesson. Until they do, they will be forced to learn another lesson: how to live as a permanent minority party.



**ADDRESS OF GOVERNOR
RONALD REAGAN TO
CALIFORNIA REPUBLICAN
ASSEMBLY
Lafayette Hotel, Long Beach
April 1, 1967**

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 part 4 of that speech. (**Robert Evans**)

[Part 4]

All of us, including myself, have much to be grateful to you for. We could not have won without you last November, nor will we know victory in 1968 without your wholehearted and undivided support.

But do we want to be like the nostalgic old grad who lives in the fading memory of one championship team, or do we look ahead and anticipate successive new victories? (Please Go To Page 5, Col 1)



THE GOVERNOR'S CORNER

Today I'm presenting the legislature with my revised budget proposal for the year 2008-2009.

Arnold Schwarzenegger

As everyone knows, we are facing an extremely tough budget year. California's economy is the most diverse in the nation and that diversity has kept us strong. Personal income is up in sectors like tech, trade, tourism, and agriculture continues to grow. But here's the problem that we face right now. With the sub prime mortgage crisis and the stalled national economy, our revenues have flattened out and because of our dysfunctional budget system spending is going up no matter what. And, on top of that, we don't have a rainy day fund to soften the blow in down years like the one we have right now.

Now, of course, we had to make some very difficult cuts. No one wanted to do this, but because Health and Human Services is the second largest part of the budget, this is where a lot of the cuts had to come from. I know this is going to be very difficult and this is going to be very painful. This is why I had a hard time to make those cuts. But the absolute bottom line is we cannot spend money that we do not have, plain and simple.

Like so many of those other problems that we have tackled together, this is something that has plagued our state for decades. And this is the year to solve it.

HAVE A LAUGH

Subject: Great Orators of the Democratic Party

Yesterday's Democrats:

"One man with courage makes a majority." Andrew Jackson

"The only thing we have to fear is fear itself." Franklin D. Roosevelt

"The buck stops here." Harry S Truman

"Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country." John F. Kennedy

Today's Democrats:

"It depends on what your definition of 'is' is." Bill Clinton

"Those rumors are false; I believe in the sanctity of marriage." John Edwards

"I invented the Internet." Al Gore

"America is - is no longer, uh, what it - it, uh, could be, uh what it was once was. uh, and I say to myself, 'uh, I don't want that future, uh, uh for my children.'" Barack Obama

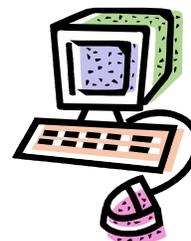
"I have campaigned in all 57 states." Barack Obama

"You don't need God anymore, you have us Democrats." Nancy Pelosi (said in 2006)

"Bill is the greatest husband and father I know. No one is more faithful, true, and honest than he." Hillary Clinton (said in 1998)

DID YOU KNOW

Did you know you can now pay your River City dues on line?



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If we are going to live in the past – just remember, that past includes bitter defeats between 1958 and 1964. We could not have won with you if we had stooped to the intra-party warfare that characterized our years of defeat.

We have not won a war, or even complete victory in a battle. We stopped our opponent's advance and halted our own retreat. We cannot hold the present gains unless we move forward. Let me remind you: we did not win control of the Assembly; we did not win control of the Senate; we did not win the office of the Attorney General even though we had good candidates and good organization.

The 11th Commandment kept our party unified; but we were, and still are, a minority party. There is still much to be done in party building, in convincing independents and members of the opposing party that the course we chart leads to fiscal sanity, strong local government and individual rights and responsibilities.

Maybe there once was a time when our two-party system was less a difference in philosophy than a contest between partisans loyal to the old school tie, but no more. Last November, millions of people voted to change, or at least pause to review, the philosophy of the party leadership now in power. They did not just decide to change hats and join the other club for a while.

Fortunately for those millions of concerned citizens, we too had paused to take inventory. We discovered we could no longer afford the luxury of internal fighting, backbiting and throat-cutting. We discovered our philosophical difference with those presently in power was greater than any grudge or split within our own ranks. Were ready and in position to offer an alternative for those concerned citizens who wanted to join with others, not to win a contest, but to preserve a way of life.

We must keep the door open – offering our party as the only practical answer for those who, overall, are individualists. And because this is the great common denominator – this dedication to the belief in man's aspirations as an individual – we cannot offer them a narrow sectarian party in which all must swear allegiance to prescribed commandments.

Such a party can be highly disciplined, but it does not win elections. This kind of party soon disappears in a blaze of glorious defeat, and it never puts into practice its basic tenets, no matter how noble they may be.

The Republican Party, both in this state and nationally, is a broad party. There is room in our tent for many views; indeed, the divergence of views is one of our strengths. Let no one, however, interpret this to mean compromise of basic philosophy or that we will be all things to all people for political expediency.

In our tent will be found those who believe that government was created by "We, the People;" that government exists for the convenience of the people and we can give to government no power we do not possess as individuals; that the citizen does not earn to support the government, but supports a government so that he may be free to earn; that, because there can be no freedom without law and order, every act of government must be approved if it makes freedom more secure and disapproved if it offers security instead of freedom.

Within our tent, there will be many arguments and divisions over approach and method and even those we choose to implement our philosophy. Seldom, if ever, will we raise a cheer signifying unanimous approval of the decisions reached. But if our philosophy is to prevail, we must at least pledge unified support of the ultimate decision. Unity does

not require unanimity of thought.

And here is the challenge to you. It is the duty and responsibility of the volunteer Republican organizations, not to further divide, but to lead the way to unity. It is not your duty, responsibility of privilege to tear down, or attempt to destroy, others in the tent. As duly chartered Republican organizations, we can all advance our particular sectarianism or brand of candidates for the party to pass on openly and freely in a primary election.

But, as volunteer organizations, we must always remain in a position that will let us effectively support the candidates chosen by the entire party in a primary. To do less is a disservice to the party and, more importantly, to the cause in which we all believe.

Our 11th Commandment is perhaps more profound than we realize. "Thou shall not speak ill of any Republican." To do so means we are inhibited in the support we can give that Republican if he should become the nominee of our party. Certainly our task is harder if we must challenge and refute charges made by our opponents if those charges were first uttered by us.

It is my belief that, as Governor, I should neither endorse a primary candidate nor involve myself behind the scenes in primary campaigning. To do so is a misuse of the office with which I have been entrusted. When the primary is over, I believe I have a commitment – a contract if you will – to wholeheartedly support every candidate chosen by the party.

You, on the other hand, as individuals and as an organization, should be so involved. You, by your membership in a volunteer group, have proven you are activists – leaders in furthering the philosophy which brings us together. You must, therefore, be leaders in setting campaign standards – ready to endorse the party choice – just as ready to repudiate any candidate or **(Please Go To Page 6, Col 1)**

campaign which refuses to abide by those standards.

Fight as hard in the coming primary as you can for your candidate, but be against only those we must defeat in November of 1968. Let no opposition candidate quote your words in the general election to advance statism or the philosophy of those who have lost confidence in man's capacity for self-rule.

Just a year ago, we were a party almost totally without power. The two-party system existed only in theory. Out of sheer necessity, we achieved unity and victory. With that victory, we bought time – time to rally our forces for what may be our last chance.

As a result of our victory, we started something in this State. We are being watched ... watched by those all across this land who once again dare to believe that our concept of responsible, people-oriented government can work as the founding fathers meant it to work. If we prove that here, we can, as I have said before, start a prairie fire that can sweep across this country.

But to start that fire, we must nurture the flame here at home or it will flicker and die and those who come after us will find only the ashes of lost hopes and dead dreams.

End. I hope the Republican Party re-reads these words and learns from them - otherwise, we will sink into irrelevance (**Robert Evans, Editor**).



The Republicans of River City will have a voter registration booth at the Sacramento County Fair. The theme of our voter registration booth is "The Party of Freedom - Celebrating the Birth of Abraham Lincoln."

If you wish to volunteer to help register voters, please contact Carl Burton, President of Republicans of River City (email: carl@rrcgop.org or telephone 916-485-5741). If you cannot give a few hours of your time to register voters, please send a contribution to help offset the cost of the voter registration booth. Please send a contribution to: Republicans of River City, PO Box 1776, Carmichael, CA 95609-1776.

We look forward to registering lots of new Republican voters.

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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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