

Republicans of River City



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THE APRIL MEETING OF REPUBLICANS OF RIVER CITY WELCOMES RRC MEMBER CHRIS ANGLE

**April 21, 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.



ANGLE TO SPEAK

By Robert Evans

Banker Chris Angle will speak about the banking crisis now facing the nation and the world.

Chris is uniquely positioned to speak on this subject. Chris is a commercial banker, currently working in West

Sacramento, California. His educational background includes a B.A. in International Relations from the University of California in Davis, and a Master's Degree in International Economics and Finance from Brandeis University in Massachusetts. In 2002, Chris had the opportunity to study as an exchange student in Germany, and has had the opportunity to obtain some professional work experience in Switzerland as well. Currently, Chris is politically active, and is both the former and current President of the Young Republican Federation of California's Sacramento Chapter. In addition, he also serves as a commissioner on the Civil Service Commission in his home county of Solano. Chris enjoys writing on a wide variety of topics, and he posts opinion pieces on the conservative blog site www.redcounty.com, as well as the YRFC Sacramento blog. Finally, Chris enjoys promoting financial responsibility wherever he can, and has given several lectures dealing with the subject to various groups.

LAST MONTH AT RIVER CITY

By Robert Evans

Former Senator Jim Brulte gave a great talk last month. Several of our members told me, after the meeting ended, that his talk about the past and the future of the Republican Party was one of the best they had heard.

Senator Brulte opened his talk with an overview of the realignment of the political parties. He spoke about the age of class politics, the conservative realignment and finally the battle (still ongoing) for the nation's center.

The Republican Party is in trouble. Our registration continues to decline. Our message is fractured. There is jockeying for leadership. What to do?

A great presentation.

HAVE A LAUGH

Lipstick in School

According to a news report, a certain private school in Washington was recently faced with a unique problem. A number of 12-year-old girls were beginning to use lipstick and would put it on in the bathroom. That was fine, but after they put on their lipstick, they would press their lips to the mirror leaving dozens of little lip prints.

Every night the maintenance man would remove them, and the next day the girls would put them back.

Finally the principal decided that something had to be done. She called all these girls to the bathroom and met them there with the maintenance man. She explained that all these lip prints were causing a major problem for the custodian who had to clean the mirrors every night (you can just imagine the yawns from the little princesses).

To demonstrate how difficult it had been to clean the mirrors, she asked the maintenance man to show the girls how much effort was required.

He took out a long-handled squeegee, dipped it in the toilet, and cleaned the mirror with it. Since then, there have been no lip prints on the mirror.

There are teachers ... and then there are educators

I love this picture. I want to be able to do this when I'm 100!



ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

April 3, 1944 - U. S. Supreme Court strikes down Texas Democratic Party's "whites only" primary election system.

April 9, 1869 - Republican Ebenezer Bassett is the first African-American presidential appointment, as President Ulysses Grant's Minister to Haiti.

April 8, 1865 - 13th Amendment banning slavery passed by U. S. Senate with 100% Republican support, 63% Democrat opposition.

April 9, 1866 - Republican Congress overrides Democrat President Johnson's veto; Civil Rights Act of 1866, conferring rights of citizenship on African Americans, becomes law.

April 10, 1953 - Oveta Culp Hobby, appointed by President Eisenhower, confirmed as the first woman to be U. S. Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare.

April 16, 1862 - President Lincoln signs bill abolishing slavery in District of Columbia; in Congress, 99% of Republicans vote yes, 83% of Democrats vote no.

April 18, 1920 - Minnesota's first-in-nation anti-lynching law, promoted by African-American Republican Nellie Francis, is signed by Republican Governor Jacob Preus.

April 20, 1871 - Republican Congress enacts the Ku Klux Klan Act, outlawing Democratic Party-affiliated terrorist groups which oppressed African-Americans.

April 22, 1981 - President Ronald Reagan establishes first annual Days of Remembrance of Victims of the Holocaust

IN MY OPINION:

by Chris Angle

THE CHANGING FACE OF THE AMERICAN DREAM

As America continues to watch as stock markets recede and job losses increase, many have yet to accept that the economic landscape has likely changed permanently. While the perennial pessimists may be premature in predicting the irreversible economic decline of the United States, there is no doubt that Americans are currently faced with major challenges that will take a long time to overcome.

Since the 2nd World War, except for the decade of the 70's and some minor pauses for recessions, Americans have been treated to economic expansion and the improvement of their quality of life. Homes became larger, there were more cars in the drive way, entertainment options were expanded, etc. While some had warned for years that Americans were living beyond their means, a rising stock market coupled with rising home prices appeared to indicate that Americans could afford to increase their debt burden and did not need to save (as increasing asset prices were doing their saving for them).

Now, however, American confidence is eroding. While stock market losses now mean that many are not going to be able to retire when they were planning to, collapsing home prices mean that even young, responsible families are facing an economic drag. Leaving aside the damage to individuals who end up in foreclosure, people who purchased homes in the early part

of this decade are often finding themselves so far "upside down" on their mortgage that they may actually end up paying more than the house is eventually worth, even taking into account that the price of the home will recover somewhat after the market hits bottom. The amount that these families eventually overpay for the home will effectively be negative saving, in that overpaying will consume resources that could otherwise be used to help fund retirement.

In addition to this burden, there is the added need to fund Social Security and Medicare. These two programs have been a major pillar in the American retirement system for two generations. While the funding crisis for Social Security is less immediate (and more solvable) than the one for Medicare, Americans are extremely likely to face an increased tax burden (as well as some benefit cuts) to help maintain the solvency of these programs.

While the economic outlook for America will eventually improve from its current negative one, Americans are likely going to be faced with a somewhat different array of economic options than what they expected. Being faced with a higher tax burden (not to mention the need to pay down historically high levels of consumer debt) means that American families are unlikely to have the resources to fund their previous levels of consumption and save for retirement at the same time. Unless the stock markets (and housing) begin to generate returns that were seen during the internet and housing booms, thereby relieving individuals of the need to necessarily save a lot (not likely), Americans are going to be facing

choices similar to those faced by their parents and grandparents. Either one will save more now (and possibly have a decent retirement), or one will consume more now (and likely have more limited options in retirement). Although America will likely continue to be the location to which the world's poor and dispossessed gravitate, the changes to the economic landscape that have occurred mean that Americans are going to have to return to the values of previous generations (frugality), and likely lower their lifestyle expectations as well.

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 3 of that speech. (Robert Evans)

[Part 3]

We have, as you know, a task force of 150 industrial and business executives – the best and most successful in the state – who will be working as full-time volunteers for the next several months. These men are bringing

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THE GOVERNOR'S CORNER

GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER TOURS SACRAMENTO DELTA WITH SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR KEN SALAZAR

Arnold Schwarzenegger

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today joined U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar for an aerial tour of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta where they discussed the challenges faced by California's water system. Following the aerial tour, the Governor and Secretary Salazar announced \$260 million in economic stimulus projects from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act) to help California address its long-term water supply challenges and devastating drought conditions.

"California's water system is in crisis, and our future economic growth and prosperity depends on a water system that provides clean, reliable and sustainable water to our people, our farms and our businesses," said Governor Schwarzenegger.

"These Recovery Act economic stimulus funds will create jobs and provide critical drought relief, helping to shield our water-dependent economy from disaster. We can't fix California's broken water system without our federal partners, and I look

forward to working side by side with them for the sake of our environment, our economy and our future."



Carl Burton, President

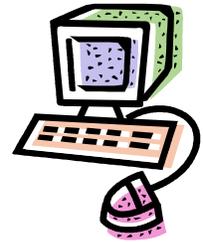
Now is not the time to rest on our laurels. With Barack Obama in the White House and the Democrats seizing almost complete control of Congress and the California State Legislature, Democrats are emboldened like never before.

We are now in full swing into our 2009 membership drive. We sincerely hope that you will choose to renew your membership in Republicans of River City (RRC) to help us grow our representation in our county and state. Encourage your friends to join with you.

The real strength of the Republican Party lies in our many volunteers, donors and grassroots activists; once again RRC will sponsor a booth at the Sacramento County fair (May 21-25) and other local community events this year.

DID YOU KNOW

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



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their special knowledge, skill and experience to bear on the structure of State government. They will go into every department and agency of the State to see how efficiency can be improved and costs cut. In short, they will tell us how we can bring modern business practices to government agencies. This study, incidentally, will cost the taxpayers only a few thousand dollars; the direct costs of it are being underwritten by public-spirited members of business and industry.

Strangely enough, at least one metropolitan paper finds something sinister in private citizens wanting to help out. The same paper can editorialize itself into a state of euphoria about the civic duty of citizens to contribute to Community Chest, an art museum or a music center ... but, if those same citizens want to help the government under which they live, they must have ulterior motives. Of course that is right, if a desire for better government can be termed an ulterior motive.

The fish is for eating. We have called on our fellow citizens to take time out from their own careers and business activities to man the administrative posts of government. Nothing has ever made me so proud as their response. No state government has ever recruited manpower to match ours. We have found men to match our mountains.

Other citizens will soon be embarked on a totally study of our tax structure.

We have probably the most beautiful capitol of any of the

states and soon we will have a new residence for California's governors in keeping with our California heritage. This too will be provided by the people voluntarily. A bipartisan group has formed a non-profit corporation to build, in the city of Sacramento, a dwelling to be donated to the State of California for use as an official residence for the governors. Gifts of not more than \$500 and not less than \$1 will be solicited on a broad statewide basis. Yet, even this has been distorted to appear as if a small band of so-called "fat cats" are doing something undercover and not quite nice.

Fortunately, the members of CRA [California Republican Assembly], like most of our private citizens, do not follow this line of thinking. We have been brought together by a belief that one of our problems is too much government and too much compulsion ... that we, as citizens, have right to participate in our government in ways other than just paying taxes, running for office or seeking appointments.

But suddenly some, who apparently shared this concept prior to November 8th, are opposed to the practice of that concept. Suddenly, the concept of economy in government has also become wrong to some, especially to some whose particular pet oxen have been gored by some of the proposed economies.

Now our economies are not aimed at eliminating needed services or programs. But they are aimed at trimming far and waste, at cutting out the frills, at keeping government to the size where it remains the servant,

and does not become the master, of the people.

And they are aimed at reducing the tax burden on the people. You have read some of the things we are doing, and have heard the outcry of the wounded. \$5 million has been saved by cutting down on out-of-state travel by public servants who like to roam ... \$20 million a year saved by cutting out unneeded workers in some of our institutions where the number of patients has dwindled by 40% but where, until now, there has been no reduction in the numbers of employees.

Other millions are being saved because we have been able to persuade our colleges and universities to face up to the fact that as public institutions they have a public responsibility not to spend beyond the public's means.

Now none of this should have surprised anyone, for just as we promised to bring government back to the people, so did we also promise to bring the frugality and thrift back to government.

But we are also promised to do this without hurting the truly needy and the truly deserving. That is why the extra funds for the crippled children's programs were approved ... why money was left in the budget for needed salary increases ... why extra funds to help teachers who retired on inadequate pensions and who have not had the raise needed to combat inflation were provided ... why the State employment office has been instructed to make special efforts to find jobs for those State employees laid off through no fault of their own.

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There were a few more promises, such as to take steps to cut California's soaring crime rate. Well, an anti-crime legislative package instituted by this administration has already received preliminary approval in the Legislature.

And something was said about eliminating government by hacks and cronies and relatives – my only bother hasn't even asked for a job.

An issue discussed in the campaign was taking the appointment of judges out of politics. While waiting for the Legislature to act in this area, we have set up special screening committees composed of representatives of the bar associations, the presiding judges of the various judicial districts and lay representatives to insure that only qualified attorneys are picked as judges. To date, we have selected only the number one recommendation for each judgeship.

In addition to proposed legislation that will take away the compulsory aspects of the school district unification law and other laws that have foisted costly programs on school districts without providing the funds for their financing, we have made a start toward restoring the 50-50 State and local financing of schools.

We are also moving forward on our agriculture program and on programs aimed at improving the business climate and at conserving our land, air, water and oceanographic resources. Do not be fooled by the special interest propagandists. We will

maintain our redwood forests, but we will not give them to the Federal government without getting something of equal value in return, and we will not act in such a way as to endanger the economy of northwestern California counties.



To Be Continued

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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.

I am a registered Republican and would like to join Republicans of River City.

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_____ Couples Membership: enclosed is our check for \$40

Signature _____

Date _____

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