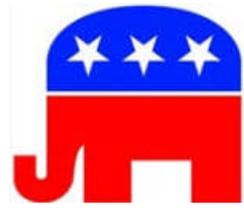


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**SENATOR WILLIAM CAMPBELL COMES TO REPUBLICANS OF RIVER CITY
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**June 17, 2008 in the Ose Room located at: Channel 6, KVIE
2595 Capitol Oaks Drive
Sacramento**

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

SENATOR WILLIAM CAMPBELL TO SPEAK

By Fred Hildebrand

Senator William Campbell will address River City on June 17th. He is one of our favorite speakers, often using humor and anecdote to illustrate his special brand of Republicanism. And, of course, he has had a long and distinguished career in both houses of the California legislature as well as in the private sector. He was and is a leader in the California Republican Party.

After serving 4 terms in the State Assembly, he went on to a distinguished career in the State Senate. In both houses he demonstrated the ability to reach across the aisle. Thus he was able to practice true leadership. He became known as the "father of sunset bills", requiring government agencies to justify their existence or go out of existence.

The California Manufacturers Association rose to a prominence under Bill's tenure as President that the 80 year organization had not seen. It became an important policy factor that resulted in numerous benefits for our California economy. In 1998 he became President Emeritus of CMA and in 2000 Bill became President of William Campbell & Associates.

Senator Campbell will be with us for our General Meeting on Tuesday June 17th. We will meet at Channel 6, KVIE at 6:30 for a Social Hour and convene our General Meeting at 7:15 P.M. Senator Campbell will take questions. Do not miss this meeting!

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LAST MONTH AT RIVER CITY

by Robert Evans

Last month Tom Ross came before a rather small but engrossed crowd.

Tom spoke about his latest project: Californians -- Already Taxed to the Max (ATM) and how he is going around the state with a 15 foot high (inflatable) ATM machine on the back of a truck. He explained that the idea is lawmakers should not consider raising taxes to balance this year's budget when they are losing their homes and struggling with high food and gas prices.

Tom will go on tour throughout the state asking residents to fill out online petitions requesting that the governor and state lawmakers not raise taxes to cover the state's \$15 billion deficit.

It was a very interesting meeting.

SENATOR WILLIAM CAMPBELL (Cont.)

William Campbell became President of William Campbell & Associates in April 2000. In 1998 he became President Emeritus of the California Manufacturers Association (CMA), after having served the 80-year old industry group as President for more than eight years.

Called the lobbyist most responsible for the California Legislature's 1993 economy recovery package by the Los Angeles Times, Senator Campbell thrust the Association into a strong leadership position in Sacramento. He led the Association's "California Manufacturing Agenda for Jobs" to spectacular results. Under his leadership, the Association led the business community's successful reform of workers' compensation, gained an investment tax credit on the purchase of equipment used in the manufacturing process, and reached a historic compromise agreement to make the California Environmental Quality Act more responsive to industry. The tax reform was termed the most comprehensive tax reform since Proposition 13.

Working with legislators from both sides of the aisle, and with the Governor, William Campbell - a former State Senator himself - has positioned CMA as the most influential business force in Sacramento. Founded in 1918 and nonpartisan in its approach to shaping public policy, CMA is the largest organization in California representing the interests of industry before all branches of state government, including the California Public Utilities Commission.

First elected to the State Senate in 1976, Senator Campbell represented the 31st Senatorial District, which includes portions of Los Angeles and Orange Counties. Prior to that, he served four terms in the State Assembly.

Shortly after his 1976 election, he became the first freshman senator since 1939 to serve on the powerful five-member Senate Rules Committee. In 1978, still in his first term, he was elevated once again when his colleagues elected him to serve as the Minority Floor Leader, a position he held through mid-1983.

Bill Campbell was long identified as the "father of sunset bills," a concept whereby government agencies are required to periodically justify their existence or go out of business. As a legislator, he fought unceasingly to eliminate unnecessary state regulatory agencies and state spending.

He also became noted as a leader in business development. He was the founding Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Business Development and, since 1979, sponsored California's largest annual Business Development Conference.

Senator Campbell served as Chairman of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee, a two-house bipartisan committee which appoints the Legislative Analyst and oversees the work of its large staff; advises the entire Legislature about the state budget; monitors the revenues and expenditures of the state; and reviews the organization and function of all state agencies and departments, with a view toward reducing the cost of state government and securing greater efficiency and economy.

A recognized champion of emergency preparedness, Bill Campbell served as Chairman of the Joint Committee on Emergency Services. The new State Office of Emergency Services Building has been named the Senator William Campbell Office of Emergency Services. Other Senate Committee assignments included: Appropriations, Bonded Indebtedness and Methods of Financing, Vice Chairman of Government Organization, Health and Human Services, Vice Chairman of Industrial Relations and the Joint Committee on the State's Economy.

He also was a member of the Board of Trustees for the California Museum of Science and Industry and a member of the Advisory Board of the San Diego Olympic Training Center. He served as President of the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum Commission during the 1984 Olympics and was appointed by President Bush as a member of the American Battle Monuments Commission.

He was born in Coraopolis, Pennsylvania in 1935. He attended Westminster College in New Wilmington, Pennsylvania, and Columbia University in New York. He served in the Army as a First Lieutenant in the 101st Airborne Division.

Senator Campbell is married to Margene Taylor. They have three daughters, Mrs. Kim Foster, deceased, Mrs. Michelle Smith and Mrs. Stephanie Jones and fourteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

In November of 2003, he was appointed by both former Governor Gray Davis and Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger as Chairman of the Governor's Blue Ribbon Fire Commission. The mission of the Governor's Blue Ribbon Fire Commission is to conduct a review of the efforts to fight the

October 2003 wildfires and present recommendations to make California less vulnerable to disasters of such enormity in the future.

Senator Campbell was appointed as a member of the Citizen's Oversight Committee of the California Highway Patrol in 2004.

HERE ARE SOME STATISTICS THAT YOU MAY NOT HAVE SEEN

By Robert Evans

President Bush's 2001 and 2003 tax relief fueled economic growth and reduced the marginal rate for every income tax bracket. By the end of last year, Americans would have paid an additional \$1.3 trillion in taxes had it not been for the President's tax relief.

HERE ARE SOME MORE STATISTICS THAT YOU MAY NOT HAVE SEEN

By Robert Evans

Remember the election in 2006?

1. Consumer confidence stood at a 2 1/2 year high;
2. Regular gasoline sold for \$2.19 a gallon;
3. The unemployment rate was 4.5%.

Since voting in a Democratic Congress in 2006 we have seen:

1. Consumer confidence plummet;
2. The cost of regular gasoline soar to over \$4.00 a gallon;
3. Unemployment is up to 5.5%;
4. American households have seen \$2.3 trillion in equity value evaporate (stock and mutual fund losses);
5. Americans have seen their home equity drop by \$1.5 trillion dollars;
6. 1% of American homes are in foreclosure.

America voted for change in 2006, and we got it.

Will we get even more in 2009?

IN MY OPINION:

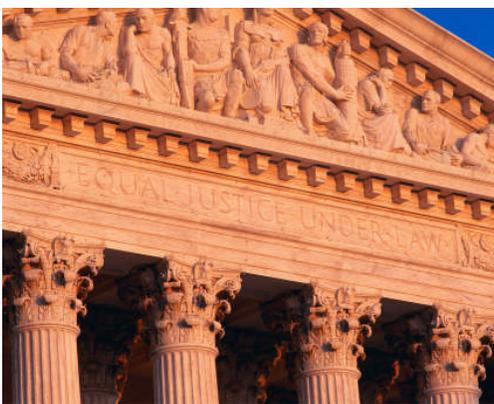
by Chris Angle

THE DEMOCRATS AND THE RULE OF LAW

One of the primary ties that bind free and democratic societies together is a shared commitment to the rule of law. Underlying this commitment is a shared presumption that rules are set in advance, and outcomes are accepted as legitimate as long as they occur within the confines of the rules that were in place at the time.

In light of the Democrats primary fight, one can be forgiven for questioning whether or not a commitment to rules is a core value in that Party. Throughout the process, it seemed that the Democrats first instinct was to short-circuit the process to the advantage of a desired candidate or outcome. For example, in keeping with their internal rules, the Democrats decided to strip Florida and Michigan of their nominating delegates as punishment for moving their primary dates forward. Although this outcome was in keeping with internal Party rules and was accepted as legitimate initially, Hillary began agitating to ignore the rules and seat the delegates after it became clear that she might actually need those delegates. The fact that Obama was not even on the ballot in one of those states did not seem to bother her supporters. At another point in time, some Party leaders became fearful of the damage that the protracted nominating contest was inflicting on Party unity. Their proposed solution was to sanction states that did not move their primaries forward and help end the primary fight one way or the other. The fact that this would have been another case of changing the rules in the middle of the game did not seem to bother them.

Now the primary fight is over, and the ultimate 'modified' seating of the delegates does not seem to have altered the outcome that would have occurred had the delegates not been seated at all. However, the fact that so many Democrats were willing to jettison the rules whenever it suited them is worrying. It indicates that the idea that rules should be followed whatever the outcome is not a deeply held Democrat value. This is not meant to cast judgment on the Democrats method of choosing a presidential candidate. Whether their system is adequate is for them to decide at a later date. However, basic fairness says that changes to rules should not be made in the middle of a contest, in this case a primary contest. The behavior of many Democrats also indicates that their love affair with judges who arbitrarily change laws from the bench to ensure a "desirable" outcome is not something that will be abandoned any time soon. America needs its two major political parties to be committed to the rule of law. That one of the major parties is only tenuously committed to this bedrock principal is not a good thing for America.



DID YOU KNOW

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HAVE A LAUGH

Older people have problems that younger people haven't considered yet.

For example:

An 85-year-old man was requested by his doctor for a sperm count as part of his physical exam. The doctor gave the man a jar and said, "Take this jar home and bring back a semen sample tomorrow."

The next day the 85-year-old man reappeared at the doctor's office and gave him the jar, which was as clean and empty as it was on the previous day.

The doctor asked what happened and the man explained, "Well, doc, it's like this - first I tried with my right hand, but nothing.

Then I tried with my left hand, but still nothing.

Then I asked my wife for help. She tried with her right hand, then with her left, still nothing. She tried with her mouth, first with her teeth in, then with her teeth out, still nothing.

We even called up Arleen, the lady next door and she tried too, first with both hands, then an armpit, and she even tried squeezing' it between her knees, but still nothing."

The doctor was shocked! "You asked your neighbor?"

The old man replied, "Yep, none of us could get the jar open."



**SOLAR ENERGY FIRMS
LEAVE WASTE BEHIND IN
CHINA (PART 4)**

By Ariana Eunjung Cha
Washington Post Foreign Service
Sunday, March 9, 2008

Pro-EnerTech's Shi says other companies -- including Luoyang Zhonggui -- are just dumping wherever they can.

"Theoretically, companies should collect it all, process it to get rid of the poisonous stuff, then release it or recycle. Zhonggui currently doesn't have the technology. Now they are just releasing it directly into the air," said Shi, who recently visited the factory.

Shi estimates that Chinese companies are saving millions of dollars by not installing pollution recovery.

He said that if environmental protection technology is used, the cost to produce one ton is approximately \$84,500. But Chinese companies are making it at \$21,000 to \$56,000 a ton.

In sharp contrast to the gleaming white buildings in Zhonggui's new gated complex in Gaolong, the situation in the villages surrounding it is bleak.

About nine months ago, residents of Li's village, which begins about 50 yards from the plant, noticed that

their crops were wilting under a dusting of white powder. Sometimes, there was a hazy cloud up to three feet high near the dumping site; one person tending crops there fainted, several villagers said. Small rocks began to accumulate in kettles used for boiling faucet water.

Each night, villagers said, the factory's chimneys released a loud whoosh of acrid air that stung their eyes and made it hard to breath. "It's poison air. Sometimes it gets so bad you can't sit outside. You have to close all the doors and windows," said Qiao Shi Peng, 28, a truck driver who said he worries about his 1-year-old son's health.

The villagers said most obvious evidence of the pollution is the dumping, up to 10 times a day, of the liquid waste into what was formerly a grassy field. Eventually, the whole area turned white, like snow.

The worst part, said Li, 53, who lives with his son and granddaughter in the village, is that "they go outside the gates of their own compound to dump waste."

"We didn't know how bad it was until the August harvest, until things started dying," he said.

Early this year, one of the villagers put some of the contaminated soil in a plastic bag and went to the local environmental bureau. They never got back to him.

Zhang Zhenguo, 45, a farmer and small businessman, said he has a theory as to why: "They didn't test it because the government supports the plant."

End of this series.

The next time you hear someone blithely say solar panels will cure all our electricity problems, remember the farmers of the Gaolong China.



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THE GOVERNOR'S CORNER

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger joined local officials in San Diego to announce approximately \$136 million in Proposition 1B bond funding for 99 transit projects statewide.

“By investing in transit projects across the state we can stimulate the economy, reduce traffic congestion and protect the environment by reducing greenhouse emissions,” said

Governor Schwarzenegger. “The funding of these projects will encourage the use of public transit and give Californians an alternative to rising gas prices.”

The second of two annual funding cycles from the bond's \$3.6 billion Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement and Service Enhancement Account (PTMISEA), this funding brings the total for transit money allocated to date to \$530 million for fiscal year 2007-08.

“Proposition 1B provides a substantial down payment on meeting California's long-term transportation needs,” said Caltrans

Director Will Kempton. “This investment will help put us one step closer to our goal during the next decade to reduce congestion while accommodating growth in population.”

Some of the more notable projects approved for funding include:

\$4 million to the Sacramento Area Council of Governments for a variety of projects, including replacing buses with more fuel efficient models, replacing wheelchair lifts on buses and improving ticketing systems for more efficient public use.

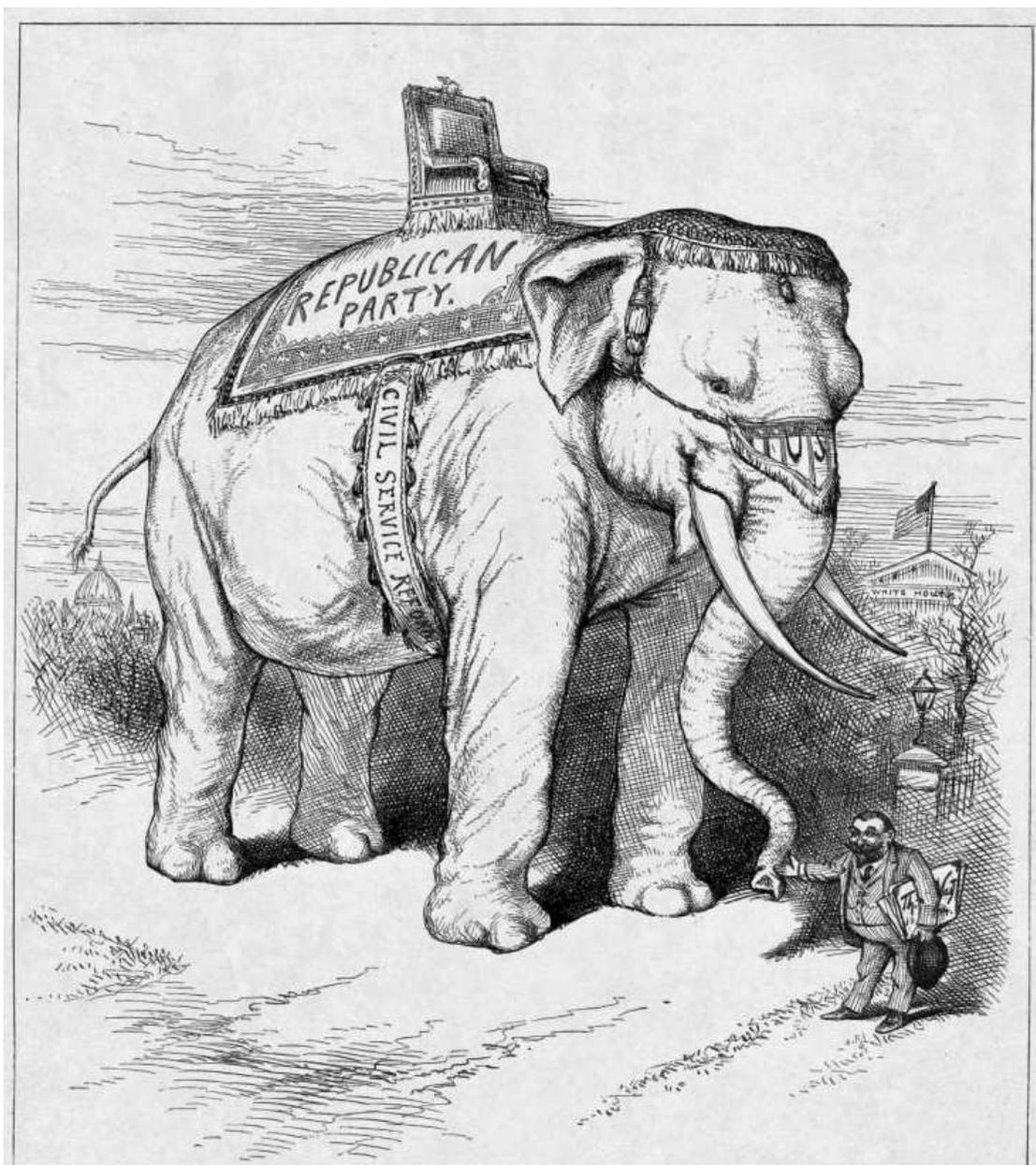
AN IMAGE FROM THE PAST

In 1884, Thomas Nast presents **The Sacred Elephant** to the public. Nast (lower right corner) is credited with making the elephant the symbol of the Republican Party. At first, the animal represented the vote for the party. Later, Nast dropped that idea in favor of making the animal represent the party.

The belt around the elephant, labeled Civil Service Reform, was a swipe at presidential candidate James G. Blaine of Maine who was on record as opposing the Civil Service Act.

The winner of the presidency in 1884 was Grover Cleveland, who won with the combined support of Democrats and reform Republicans, the “Mugwumps,” who disliked the record of his opponent James G. Blaine.

(Mugwumps - Republicans who could not tell their mugs from their wumps.)



THE SACRED ELEPHANT.

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(From the historical collection of Harpers Weekly)



Carl Burton, President

THE JUNE PRIMARY

The June Primary election is over with and our winning candidates will face the Democrats this fall.

Both Susan Peters and Roberta MacGlashan received more then 50% of the vote and were elected for another term as our county Supervisors in District three and four

Over time RRC has been able to put together a working team of Volunteer Republicans to run for the Sacramento County Republican Party Central Committee and most of our slate were elected; in district one Diana Peters Barce will be a new member and we welcome back Janet Gardner; in District two Richard Eigenheer and John Sheldon were reelected; in District three Betty Axup, Carl Burton, Robert Evans and Matt Hedges were reelected; in District four Jim Bopp, Ted Costa, Craig MacGlashan, Larry Masuoka and Tom Scott; George Bradshaw, Carl Brickey and Susan Blake won in District five.

Our RRC slate mailer was critical in winning for our Victory Team members. We were opposed by a group who ran radio ads against us, had a web site and put out slate mailers.

Unfortunately, we will lose Richard M. La Fontaine as a member of the committee next January and as early as July Barbara Bopp who has been

an outstanding representative for Congressman John Doolittle on the committee for a number of years. We will also lose William Chan our candidate from the 9th Assembly District who in 2004 ran an outstanding campaign and was awarded three votes on the State Central Committee because of his efforts.

We want to welcome the new

members of the Central Committee as they take office in the next few months and remind them that the Central Committee is not for debating issues; our job is registering (hopefully Republican) voters and getting out the vote on election day. Our job also includes helping to build an army of grass roots volunteers and actively communicating our endorsed list of candidates to Republican voters.



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