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THE MARCH MEETING OF REPUBLICANS OF RIVER CITY WELCOMES FORMER SENATOR JIM BRULTE

March 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.



BRULTE TO SPEAK

By Fred Hildebrand

Former Senator Jim Brulte is our featured speaker at River City's next General Meeting on March 17. This is his twelfth appearance in about twelve years, making Jim one of our favorite speakers.

As always, the meeting will be held at Channel 6, KVIE. It will be preceded by a Social Hour; the General Meeting will commence at 7:15P.M.

As always, Jim will mingle with the audience prior to the start of the meeting and he will take questions from the audience after his presentation. Our speaker is known to have one of the best analytical minds in Californika politics so this is a meeting you will not want to miss. Please propound your questions around the topics of where we stand as Republicans and what needs to be done to make us effective again. Jim will provide us with a Power Point presentation. He currently serves as Honorary Chair of the Steve Poizner for Governor Campaign.

Jim Brulte served 14 years in the California State Legislature, most recently as Senate Republican Leader, before leaving office to join California Strategies. During that time (Please go to page 5, col. 1)

IT'S SAINT PATRICK'S DAY AT RIVER CITY, TOO



The Irish Society of Boston organized what was the first Saint Patrick's Day Parade in the American

colonies on 17 March 1737. In 1780, General George Washington, who commanded soldiers of Irish descent in the Continental Army, allowed his troops a holiday on 17 March "as an act of solidarity with the Irish in their fight for independence." This event became known as The St. Patrick's Day Encampment of 1780. Today, Saint Patrick's Day is widely celebrated in America by Irish and non-Irish alike.

Wear Green at River City



Carl Burton, President

New Brand or. Old Time Republicanism

Its been said the Republican Party needs to have a new brand and we need to convey that brand to general public. But I find it hard to change from being an Old Time Republican because I'm devoted to the principles of liberty.

Old Time Republican principles are embodied in the Declaration of Independence which gives us liberty. For that reason I advocate we continue to fight for our brand of true basic beliefs of the Republican Party as outlined in the 1856 and 1860 campaigns: "Free Soil, Free Labor, Free Speech, and Free Men."

Free Soil gave Americans a farm where they could become productive and self-supporting, today's "Free Soil" should be the Republican Party supporting Free Education and training so our people are productive and self-supporting.

Free Labor means that everyone has a right to seek and be hired at they are qualified to do or to become self-employed and no government be it local, state or federal attempt to strangle free labor in the name of protecting of existing businesses or government services.

Free Speech is a basic right, as stated in the Bill of Rights, that guarantees every American citizen they can speak their mind on the issues of the day without fear of government reprisal. You can also buy a printing press and a barrel of ink and publish your newspaper without government interference in your editorial positions.

Free Men -- in 1856 and in 1860 we were a country half free and half slave. President Lincoln led the forces of freedom and made the Republican Party the recognized party of liberty and our nation the leader of freedom around the world. Now Lincoln's statement "As I would not be a slave, so I would not be a master" is true for everyone living in our country.

As we celebration the 200th anniversary of President Lincoln's birth this year (2009) we should use President Lincoln's image to convey the brand of old time Republican founding principles

We don't need a new brand to describe the Republican Party. We need to market our party better.

The Republican Party can be a winning party in California, and the nation, if we cling to principles of Lincoln and Reagan and use modern technology to get our message to the voters.

The brand of the Republican Party is and should be: Free Education, Free Labor, Free Speech and Free Men and Women



ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

March 1, 1875 – Civil Rights Act of 1875, guaranteeing access to public accommodations without regard to race, signed by Republican President U. S. Grant; passed with 92% Republican support over 100% Democrat opposition.

March 3, 1865 – Republican Congress establishes Freedmen's Bureau to provide health care, education, and technical assistance to emancipated slaves.

March 5, 1875 - Blanche Bruce (R-MS) becomes the first African-American to serve a full term in the U. S. Senate; in 1879 he was the first African-American to preside over the Senate.

March 6, 1857 – Republican Supreme Court Justice John McLean issues a strenuous dissent from a decision by 7 Democrats in the infamous Dred Scott case that African-Americans had no rights "which any white man was bound to respect."

March 7, 1965 – Police under the command of Democrat Governor George Wallace attacked African-Americans demonstrating for voting rights in Selma, AL.

March 9, 1926 – Republican Bertha K. Landes elected Mayor of Seattle; first woman to be mayor of a U. S. city.

March 12, 1956 – Ninety-seven Democrats in Congress condemn the Supreme Court's decision in Brown v. Board of Education and pledge to continue segregation.

March 20, 1854 – Opponents of Democrats' pro-slavery policies meet in Ripon, Wisconsin to establish the Republican Party.

IN MY OPINION:

by Chris Angle

California Politics: Seriousness & Censure

While the California Republican Party was busy excoriating certain Republican legislators for having voted to increase taxes a couple of weeks ago, the rest of the state was sighing with relief that a budget was actually passed. While this relief may turn out to be temporary as many Republicans have argued it will be, there is perhaps a larger political point that Republicans may be missing.

Despite the seemingly perpetual state of crisis that California has experienced over the last decade, it is puzzling that the Republicans have not been able to make any headway in improving their brand in the state. The fact that a technology sector collapse, an electricity crisis, structural budget deficits, high gasoline prices, and a housing bust, have not enhanced the long-term electoral prospects for Republicans is perhaps an indication that the Party may be fundamentally out of step with the state's voters. Arguments about tax increases and the brand-ruining actions of six Republican legislators miss the point that Californians have not given Republicans a working majority in the legislature in a generation. The election of two centrist Republican governors over the last 20 years cannot necessarily be described as a success for the Party's brand, given that even a state such as Massachusetts has managed to have Republican governors for 16 of the last 20 years to act as a brake on a liberal legislature.

While the Republican Party certainly needs to get back to its fiscally conservative, limited government roots nationally, the Party never really strayed from those roots here in California. While fighting for lower taxes and smaller government at a state level are certainly worthwhile goals, it is not impossible that the people of California actually want a government that is functional, rather than one that is necessarily smaller. While few would argue with the assertion that the current system of government in California is both Democrat and dysfunctional, the Republicans have yet to formulate and articulate a serious set of comprehensive systemic reforms to allow the state to be governed in a more competent and efficient manner.

If Republicans are to become politically competitive in this state, they must show that they are a serious Party with serious ideas about how the state should be governed. As frustrated as many of us are with the tax increases that were approved, not approving them and driving the state off a financial cliff cannot really be described as a serious alternative. While the Party can always work behind the scenes to mount primary challenges to the legislators that broke ranks if that's what it wants to do, publicly censuring them sends the message that the Party would rather that the state have run out of cash. As emotionally satisfying as this outcome might be to some, a Party that takes this position cannot reasonably expect to be trusted with the serious responsibility that comes with being the majority Party. A permanent Democrat majority is what has led to the current state of dysfunction in California

government. If Republicans ever decide to offer Californians the opportunity for a functional state government, instead of confining their message to tax cuts and spending reductions, they might actually find an electorate that is willing to listen to them.

HAVE A LAUGH

Love the little kids:

I was driving with my three young children one warm summer evening when a woman in the convertible ahead of us stood up and waved. She was stark naked! As I was reeling from the shock, I heard my 5-year-old shout from the back seat, "Mom, that lady isn't wearing a seat belt!"

While working for an organization that delivers lunches to elderly shut-ins, I used to take my 4-year-old daughter on my afternoon rounds. She was unfailingly intrigued by the various appliances of old age, particularly the canes, walkers and wheelchairs. One day I found her staring at a pair of false teeth soaking in a glass. As I braced myself for the inevitable barrage of questions, she merely turned and whispered, "The tooth fairy will never believe this!"

A little boy got lost at the YMCA and found himself in the women's locker room. When he was spotted, the room burst into shrieks, with ladies grabbing towels and running for cover. The little boy watched in amazement and then asked, "What's the matter, haven't you ever seen a little boy before?"

A little girl had just finished her first week of school. "I'm just wasting my time," she said to her mother. "I can't read, I can't write, and they won't let me talk!"



THE GOVERNOR'S CORNER

Governor Schwarzenegger Signs Budget to Move California Forward

I just wanted to say, just briefly, that I want to thank again the legislative leaders and the legislators for doing all this hard work and negotiating and everyone with the will to make this work and not to make it work for the special interests or for some of the people that are most to the right or most to the left but to actually make it work for the people of California. It's a budget where everyone will have to make certain sacrifices but what is important here is that we can go now and continue our construction projects and that's why we have so many of our construction workers and construction leaders here.

Danny Curtin, who was very important in these negotiations also, to put the pressure on the legislators to get this done. This will save hundreds of thousands of jobs. We can continue more than \$5 billion worth of construction work now and then we can go out and sell the bonds again, to continue rebuilding California. That's the important thing.

And I also want to mention there

is approximately \$1 billion worth of vetoes, line-item vetoes that I will sign later on, mostly coming from prisons and some other areas. There are about \$400 million coming out of prisons. We need to do those things in order to be fiscally responsible, because government has to live within its means; that's the important message of this budget.

And so I want to say thank you again to everybody and I think that I'm also ecstatic -- and we just talked about that a minute ago -- that we have gotten such important reforms, because I think it would not be responsible to ask the people of California to just make the sacrifices through the spending cuts and through the revenue increases but also for us to show that we can be fiscally responsible in this building here and to have budget reform.

This has very important budget reform included here, so that we once and for all don't increase irresponsibly our spending, because of a cap and then also because we will have a rainy day fund, 12.5 percent of our budget. We will have this rainy day fund so that we can draw down in bad years, like right now.

So thank you very much.



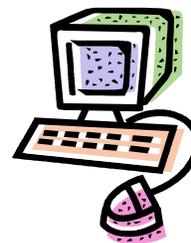
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he developed a national reputation as a dynamic leader, and prior to the election of Governor Schwarzenegger, was described as “arguably the most powerful elected Republican in California.”

He recently completed his term as a Member of the Board of Visitors of the United States Naval Academy appointed by President Bush. He was also appointed by Governor Schwarzenegger as a member of the Performance Review Committee.

Brulte joined California Strategies in 2004 as a partner and heads the Inland Empire office, the region where he grew up and later represented in the Legislature.

During his tenure in office, Brulte focused his efforts on education, regulatory reform, crime reduction and common-sense legislation to improve California’s business climate. His measures to reform the workers’ compensation and welfare systems have saved billions of dollars for both California taxpayers and California’s business community.

In addition to his political expertise, Brulte is also an expert on fiscal issues and is an expert on the California state budget.

Brulte graduated with a B.A. from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. In 1974, Brulte joined the California Air National Guard where he was later honored as “Outstanding Airman of the Year” for the United States and its territories.



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 2 of that speech. **Robert Evans**

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

[Part 2]

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.

Roughly half of that tax increase is necessary simply to pay off this year’s deficit and put us on a pay-as-you-go basis. Half of the remainder is not a new tax so much as a broader based substitute tax to give, for the first time, direct property tax relief. Next year, with the deficit paid off, that relief can be more than doubled.

The remainder – about one-quarter of the total tax revenues – is for the normal increase to keep pace with population growth and increased prices and wages resulting from the Federal government’s policy of planned inflation. This increase is about 7%, in contrast with the 16% increase of the past year and the 12% average increase over the last eight years.

We tried for some \$250 million in economies in the budgets requested by all the divisions of government. We ended up with more than \$127 million. I’m just stubborn enough to think we got the \$127 million because we tried for \$250 million and we will continue to follow that policy.

Incidentally, one of the most heartening signs we have had in this brief administration is the recent poll which indicates most of our citizens favor our revenue package and, of those who favor it, 70% do so because they see the need to balance the budget.

Perhaps the Federal government could take note of this.

But our aims go far beyond this. We do not intend to balance future budgets by increasing taxes. Instead, we intend to balance them by making government more economical, by streamlining it. Like this year, next year – and the years following – will be years where we do not intend to spend one dollar more than necessary of the people’s money to conduct the people’s business.

Let me digress for a moment. During the campaign, I became a kind of Johnny-One-Note on the subject of government of, and by, the people – of building what I called a Creative Society by turning to the great power of the people instead of always creating additional bureaucracy. There did not seem to be much of a quarrel with this idea. In fact, once or twice I had to talk pretty loudly when it looked as if the opposition had claimed squatters rights on the idea and was making more noise about it than I was. They even appointed a few citizens’ commission late in the campaign **(Please go to page 6, col. 1)**

which, we hope, will surface one of these days for re-fueling.

But some who listened and endorsed before November 8th were pretty horrified to discover the campaign blossoms were bearing fruit. Somehow they remind me of an incident which occurred early in World War II.

A shipload of canned fish was interned in an Italian port and, when finally released for sale, the cargo brought \$25,000. It was then resold for \$50,000 and, as the war years went on, that shipment of canned fish kept changing hands until, finally, it brought \$600,000.

The last purchaser opened a can and tried the fish. Enraged, he got on the phone and demanded that something be done because the fish was spoiled. And he was told by the man who sold it to him, "But the fish isn't for eating; it's for selling!"

Well, our fish is for eating.

You would think that, when government can get things done without adding to the burden of the taxpayers, everyone would be happy. Unfortunately, that is not the case. Some reactionaries still think the only way to get things done is to soak the taxpayer – that, somehow, it isn't legal unless it's compulsory.

In pointing up the potential of a Creative Society during the campaign, attention was called to the cooperation between certain government agencies and private industry which resulted in 17,800 jobs for unemployed from the Watts curfew area in a 16-month period. These jobs were in private industry and two-thirds of them are still filled. Of the other

one-third, half moved on to better jobs. The man who spearheaded this is Mr. H. C. McClellan and he is at work now setting up a similar program on a statewide basis at no expense to the taxpayers. A Congressman from the area that benefited most – motivated either by partisanship or a philosophical refusal to approve of private industry – has attacked this program on the basis that only

government jobs and tax money should help the unemployed.

(To be continued)



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