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Drake Hill survives

That giant sucking sound isn't just from American jobs moving across the border.

It is also the chance Republicans had of winning the 2006 race for Governor swirling down the toilet, thanks to Drake Hill.

When Ray Hunkins announced that he would be a candidate for Governor, many Republicans felt that the Party had a real chance to reclaim the Office.

To this writer, his announcement came as a real shock. From conversations with Ray after the last gubernatorial primary election, in which he was ambushed at the last minute by Republican assassin Alan Simpson and did not survive the primary, it seemed that his would be a one-time excursion into the dirty world of elective politics.


Dave Freudenthal was elected four years ago because the Republicans put up the one candidate a Democrat could beat - Eli Bebout. And as bad a candidate as Eli was, the race was still very close. After all, the Republicans have a 2.3:1 party registration advantage over Democrats. Republicans should not lose a statewide race to the Democrats.

When Ray announced, a dual announcement was made that Alan Simpson would serve as co-chair of the Hunkins campaign. "Keep your friends close, your enemies closer," came to mind. Cynthia Lummis was to be campaign chair. So far, so good. Or so Republicans believed.

Every move Rigor Hill has made has backfired. His efforts to aid Ray Hunkins and hurt Dave Freudenthal have crashed. He's pulled other stunts but we'll leave those for another day.

When the Republican Central Committee had the opportunity to remove him, they blinked. Why? Maybe because no candidate in a position of leadership demanded his removal. Timidity trumped leadership. Democrats will hope - no, make that pray - that Hill puts his efforts behind Barbara Cubin. Then, Gary Trauner may have a chance.

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"For integrity" my ascot

Four years ago, a political action committee (PAC) was formed by former Laramie Republican legislator Tom Rardin and Ken Clark of Cheyenne.

That PAC had the audacity to take the name "Committee for Integrity in Wyoming." No name could have been more inappropriate.

Here are a couple definitions of the word "Integrity: -- *"n. the quality or state of being of sound moral principle; uprightness, honesty, and sincerity."*

"Moral soundness; honesty; freedom from corrupting influence or motive; ..."

The Herald has reminded its readers of the scurrilous newspaper ads run by this "Lack of Integrity" PAC.

An ad run in the Casper Star-Tribune on October 18, 2002 accused the Democratic candidate for Governor and his brother of illegal actions. A series of five questions was posed in the ad. One of them:

Question: Did Steve Freudenthal re-write legislation that resulted in taxpayer dollars going to Energy Brothers in the amount of \$11,700,000.00? (Steve had served in the Wyoming Legislature.)

Think about the insincerity of that public question. Steve, as Dave, is a Democrat. Democrats were never in control of the Wyoming Legislature. The accusation that a minority member in the Legislature could "re-write" legislation so he would personally benefit by nearly \$12 million is ludicrous.

Committee for Integrity in Wyoming, my asterisk.

The final question in the ad was:

Question: If you are elected Governor, will you operate in secret and feel free to use the State's money for your benefit?"

- ← Isn't it the Republican Party in the Wyoming Legislature that has closed their caucuses to the public, not the Democrats? Who operates in secret?

Those are a couple examples of the lack

of integrity on the part of that PAC.

That's not the end of the story for the True-financed PAC, though. Of the \$14,869.00 revenue the PAC admitted, \$4,000.00 came from True family members and \$4,024.00 came from Ken Clark (a \$1,000.00 cash donation and a \$3,024.00 loan).

After being told that Republican Party chair Drake Hill had participated in the PAC, a review of the PAC's file refuted that accusation but brought to light other problems in the filing by these guys.

The chronology: The PAC "Statement of Formation" said its purpose was to "educate voters on candidates," and that the PAC formed on October 14, 2002.

A letter from the Secretary of State's office, dated October 15, 2002, advised the PAC of reporting requirements and the penalties for noncompliance. Their next Report was filed November 14, 2002 and showed total receipts of \$14,869.00 and total expenditures of \$15,850.00. As written earlier, the receipts included a loan of \$3,024.00 from Ken Clark.

Those figures never changed. Not even when the PAC was finally terminated on December 15, 2003. That termination was filed only after a December 5, 2003 letter from the Secretary of State's office.

Documents in the file for this PAC show that it ceased operations without showing where the necessary \$981.00 came from to settle all accounts. The alternative to receiving additional funds to pay the bills would have been for the single vendor, Ball Advertising of Casper, to discount their billings. That would have required the showing of an "in-kind" contribution - which also wasn't done.

There is also the matter of the \$3,024.00 loan. It can't still be outstanding because the PAC filed a termination report. Was it forgiven? Did the Trues pay Clark the amount he advanced? What happened? Why didn't the Secretary of State's office demand a proper accounting? The S.O.S. Elections Office told the Herald they are but a "filing office" and have no responsibility to insure reports are accurate. They said if we wanted to know how the PAC had settled their accounts, we should contact them directly. Huh?

Put me on the payroll and I'll do your job.

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Dave Featherly