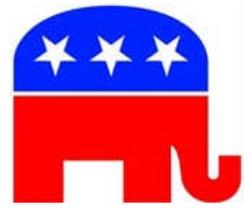


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INSTEAD, WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN THE SACRAMENTO COUNTY
REPUBLICAN
CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON AUGUST 14 FOR A BAR-B-QUE**



This month, the Republicans of River City encourage all our members to join with other members of the Sacramento County Republican Party at the home of Tom Scott (Treasurer, Sacramento County Republican Party Central Committee) for an old fashioned back yard Bar-B-Que.

This is the Sacramento County Republican Party STATE FAIR KICK-OFF.

If any member of Republicans of River City wants to work at the fair booth this year, please let Janet Gardner know.

Please Go To Page 2, Col 1 for a copy of the RSVP form.

LAST MONTH AT RIVER CITY

by Robert Evans

David Stirling was our guest last month and he provided a call for balance between preserving the natural world and protecting the living needs of the people of the United States.

David provided anecdote after anecdote of the “Green Movement” extreme agenda that seeks to preserve every plant and wildlife species they can find. From the bogus “endangered” Spotted Owl to people sitting in redwood trees, David gave our members an eye-opening list. When you think endangered species, do you think of flies or rats? How about trash fish? Or weeds?

Or members in attendance gave David a big round of applause and thanks.

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IN MY OPINION:

by Chris Angle

DEMOCRATS AND DRILLING

In light of \$4.00/gallon gasoline, the continued Democrat opposition to drilling for oil & natural gas off of our coast and in Alaska is difficult to understand. While virtually no one doubts that there is potential environmental risk to offshore oil drilling, the fact is that drilling techniques for deep water drilling have become much more advanced in the last 20-30 years. When one thinks about how much offshore drilling is currently being done around the world, it is rather foolish to maintain the current restrictions on it.

Although offshore oil rigs do cause some pollution, that the damage is relatively minor is evidenced by the fact that nations such as Britain and Norway have been drilling in the North Sea for a generation without destroying it environmentally speaking. In addition, although there is some (politically motivated) dispute over exactly whether or not there were major offshore oil spills resulting from Hurricane Katrina, the highest estimates of total oil spilled from both onshore and offshore facilities are approximately 2/3 of what was spilled in the famous Exxon-Valdez disaster of the late 80's. Furthermore, these spills did not cause anything near the environmental damage that the Valdez one did, and were almost entirely cleaned up. If a massive hurricane like Katrina was unable to cause Exxon-Valdez-like damage, it is difficult to believe that environmental objections to offshore oil rigs located outside of hurricane zones have any real merit, given the technology and environmental regulations currently in place.

If restricting offshore oil drilling even with its environmental risks is

foolish, not allowing drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is the pinnacle of irresponsibility. Environmental concerns regarding offshore oil spills contaminating hundreds of miles of inhabited coastline are not really relevant in ANWR. Since oil rigs in ANWR will not be floating on the ocean, any environmental damage will necessarily be local. Since oil is currently extracted from other locations in the U.S. in compliance with federal environmental regulations, there is no reason to suppose that the regulations will not be enforced here as well (especially since the drilling will be done on federal land). The fact that a few caribou will have their "pristine" view spoiled by these rigs should not be a pressing concern when American consumers are struggling to fill up their gas tanks to get to work or to heat their homes.

What should be a pressing concern is that the high oil prices are currently enriching unfriendly regimes, squeezing the American consumer, and inflicting economic damage at the same time. The fact that much of the oil from places like ANWR will not hit the market for another 10 years or so is irrelevant. Although it is a highly questionable assertion that oil prices will drop immediately in response to expectations of increased U.S. oil production, there is little question that the oil will exert a downward pressure on prices when it eventually does hit the market. Even if OPEC responds to increased U.S. oil production by cutting its own output in the hope of maintaining high oil prices, the fact that OPEC will be selling fewer barrels of oil (resulting in reduced revenue flowing to unfriendly regimes) is a good thing. Had we lifted existing restrictions on drilling off-shore and in ANWR 10 years ago, we would be in a much better economic and geopolitical position now.

Although a 'sustainable' energy future where the U.S. is fully powered by renewable energy is an ideal that the government should continue to encourage through subsidies and other methods, it will likely take a technological leap that has not yet occurred to make it a reality. In the meantime, the U.S. needs a coherent energy policy that serves the national interest (i.e. one that enhances America's economic well-being and security). That the Democrats are willing to back policies that hurt the nation's economy and enrich our enemies at the same time calls into question whether they are responsible enough to lead this country.

HAVE A LAUGH



Is this carved marble head that was the corner of a sarcophagus in Roman times proof that Elvis had a previous life?. The carving will sell at Bonhams in London on October 15, part of a \$2 million sale of antiquities. Next thing you know, they may find the Latin words and music to his Roman hit songs, "Sandallium Caeruleum Alutum" (Blue Suede Shoes) and "Atroci No Existiti" (Don't Be Cruel).

Thanks to Kovels Komments [August 6, 2008]: "Roman Statue Looks Like Elvis"



DON'T FALL FOR THE JURY DUTY SCAM

From the FBI:

The phone rings, you pick it up, and the caller identifies himself as an officer of the court. He says you failed to report for jury duty and that a warrant is out for your arrest. You say you never received a notice. To clear it up, the caller says he'll need some information for "verification purposes"-your birth date, social security number, maybe even a credit card number.

This is when you should hang up the phone. It's a scam.

Jury scams have been around for years, but have seen a resurgence in recent months. Communities in more than a dozen states have issued public warnings about cold calls from people claiming to be court officials seeking personal information. As a rule, court officers never ask for confidential information over the phone; they generally correspond with prospective jurors via mail.

The scam's bold simplicity may be what makes it so effective. Facing the unexpected threat of arrest, victims are caught off guard and may be quick to part with some information to defuse the situation.

With enough information, scammers

can assume your identity and empty your bank accounts.

"They get you scared first," says a special agent in the Minneapolis field office who has heard the complaints. "They get people saying, 'Oh my gosh! I'm not a criminal. What's going on?'" That's when the scammer dangles a solution-a fine, payable by credit card, that will clear up the problem.

"It seems like a very simple scam," the agent adds. The trick is putting people on the defensive, then reeling them back in with the promise of a clean slate. "It's kind of ingenious. It's social engineering."

The jury scam is a simple variation of the identity-theft ploys that have proliferated in recent years as personal information and good credit have become thieves' preferred prey, particularly on the Internet. Scammers might tap your information to make a purchase on your credit card, but could just as easily sell your information to the highest bidder on the Internet's black market.

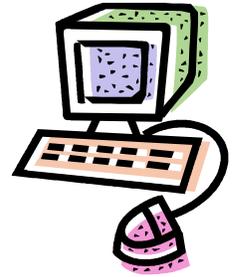
Protecting yourself is the key:



Never give out personal information when you receive an unsolicited phone call.

DID YOU KNOW

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THE GOVERNOR'S CORNER

About The Governor's Refusal To Sign Bills Until A Budget Is Passed

Arnold Schwarzenegger

Fresno Mayor Alan Autry: "Line In The Sand Drawn By Governor Schwarzenegger Is Clearly An Action That Had To Be Taken."

"California's broken budget system continues to devastate the lives of millions of Californians. It must be fixed. This line in the sand drawn by Governor Schwarzenegger is clearly an action that had to be taken.

Thankfully, we have one leader in Sacramento willing to put personal politics aside and do the right thing for the people of California. I call on the Legislature to follow suit."

Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe:

"The Governor's decision to make the budget the highest priority has my support."

Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich

applauded Governor Schwarzenegger's announcement today that he will veto any bill that is sent to his desk until a budget is passed and signed."

SDNCC President And Chief Executive Officer Michael Robinson:

"The Governor Is Showing Strong Leadership." "The Governor is showing strong leadership... Ultimately the responsibility of the Legislature, as a body, is to allow the State to operate. The time for party politics is over and the Legislature must act with its full attention on passing a budget."

Ventura Chamber Of Commerce President And Chief Executive Officer Zoe Taylor:

"There Is No Time To Waste. " "The Legislature

must focus all of its attention on the budget... There is no time to waste. The citizens of California deserve it... Cities and other governmental agencies are at a standstill until a budget is passed. Thousands of pay checks have already been affected and tens of thousands more are in jeopardy while the Legislature continues in self-induced paralysis."

California Contract Cities Association President Frank V. Zerunyan:

"We Support The Governor In His Efforts To Deliver A Budget." "We thank the Governor for his leadership and continued support of local governments... We support the Governor in his efforts to deliver a budget; now!"

San Diego Chamber President And Chief Executive Officer Ruben Barrales:

"Passing A Balanced State Budget Is Important For Our State's Residents, Businesses And Economy." "I applaud Governor Schwarzenegger for making this

move and focusing on the most important job for the legislature right now – passing a balanced budget... Passing a balanced state budget is important for our state's residents, businesses and economy."

South Bay Area Chamber Of Commerce:

"Legislators Should Not Send Bills Unrelated To The Budget To The Governor Until A Budget Has Been Passed And Signed Into Law." "Passing a state budget should be priority number one for our Legislature... Until then, Legislators should not send bills unrelated to the budget to the Governor until a budget has been passed and signed into law."

United Chambers Of Commerce Of The San Fernando Valley Chairman Stephen T. Holzer:

"We applaud the Governor for making the budget his number one priority and hope that the Legislators will do the same and solve the budget crisis immediately!"

TAX INCREASES WILL ONLY MAKE OUR BUDGET PROBLEMS WORSE

By Assemblyman Roger Niello

As work continues in the Legislature to solve our state budget problem this year, I've heard from many people with many different opinions on how to accomplish this. Some have said that we should fill our entire budget gap with new taxes, while others have suggested that spending needs to be brought under wraps. Meanwhile, many believe that a combination of tax increases and spending cuts should be the answer to our budget crisis. While that's a nice-sounding compromise solution to our budget woes, the reality is that new taxes would only further weaken our economy and lead to long term budget problems that would make our budget challenges now seem minor in comparison.

The tax proposals that my Democrat colleagues have put forth this year are similar to those in 1991; increase tax rates on higher income earners because they "should pay their fair share." But the reality is that if you're going to raise taxes, in terms of a stable long-term source of revenues, you couldn't pick a worse group to target. Taxpayers making over \$100,000 in income already make up 83% of our overall income tax revenues, providing a highly volatile revenue source that leads to the wild swings in our state revenue collections.

Yes, Republicans are against taxes, and that's nothing new to anyone, but that resistance goes way beyond knee-jerk ideology. The fact is there are some very real consequences of tax increases to our economy and our budget that just can't be ignored.



Carl Burton, President

July was a busy month for Republicans of River City and it is going to get even busier the closer we get to November 4 - Election Day.

We started the month of July at the New Citizens Ceremony at the Sacramento Memorial Auditorium (1400 J St.) in downtown Sacramento and we were able to register 50 new Republicans with help from the Republican Women's club members. The next ceremony takes place on Aug 20.

I spoke to a government class at Sacramento City College on the subject of Why I'm a Republican.

I helped establish the new Sacramento County Republican Party Central Committee headquarters (3464 El Camino Avenue, Suite 150, in the Country Club Centre). We now have ample and safe parking for our monthly meetings.

Last month our members attended the opening of three Sacramento County Victory '08 Headquarters (Elk Grove at 8139 Elk Grove Blvd., Suite 150 - NW Corner - EG Blvd @ Big Horn; Folsom at 950 Iron Point Road, and the Northern California Regional Headquarters at 3464 El Camino Avenue, Suite 150, in the Country Club Centre in Sacramento).

At each of the Regional Headquarters we make phone calls to volunteers and to Republican voters. The office

hours are noon to 8:30 pm weekdays. Please call Bryan Shroyer, Deputy Regional Political Director at 916-596-0299 or email him at bryan@cagop.org to volunteer to help make calls.

The State Fair starts on Aug. 15. If you would like to volunteer to help at the State Fair contact Janet Gardner at jgardner@pacbell.net. The Fair starts on Aug. 15 and ends on Sept.1.

As a Republican booth volunteer you are primarily responsible for the sale of merchandise and registering people to vote.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our Sept 16 meeting where we will get a report from our members and friends who attended the Republican National Convention . And we will also have a Volunteers Appreciation Night. Be sure to attend.

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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