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REPUBLICANS OF RIVER CITY WELCOME IGOR BIRMAN, REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FOR THE 7TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT TO SPEAK ON

**October 15, 2013 at Mimi's Restaurant, located at:
2029 Alta Arden Way
Sacramento, 95825**

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



This month, Republicans of River City welcome IGOR BIRMAN as our featured speaker.

Igor is running for congress in the 7th district., seeking to unseat Ami Bera, a Democrat, who has represented the district since January 2013.

Igor Birman was born in the Soviet Union and learned at a young age what it means to live in a society that suppresses freedom. That experience

has driven him to be an ardent and dedicated advocate for preserving freedom as the cornerstone of American public policy.

Igor Birman came to the United States as a refugee in 1994 and grew up in California. He refers to becoming a U.S. Citizen at the age of 19 as the proudest moment of his life. He is a graduate of UC Davis with a BA in Political Science and holds a Doctor of Law degree from Emory University. He is a member of the California Bar.

In 2009, he was asked by Congressman Tom McClintock to serve as his Chief of Staff. In that role, Igor served as Congressman McClintock's senior policy and strategy advisor, responsible for both Washington, DC and district offices, before recently taking a leave of absence to run for Congress.

SHUTDOWN FALLOUT

By Robert Evans

More than two dozen service members families who have had a loved one die since October 1 have not received their \$100,000 in immediate cash payment which covers funeral and other expenses.

Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel, said he is "... offended, outraged and embarrassed."

Meanwhile, Veterans Affairs Secretary General Eric Shinseki told a congressional committee that veterans will not receive their disability benefits in November, and pension payments would stop for veterans and for surviving spouses and children.

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DOUBLE NATIONAL DEBT

By Robert Evans

The national debt is set to double by the time President Barack Obama leaves office, if it continues to increase at the current rate.

In January 2009, when Obama began his first term, the federal debt was \$10.6 trillion. As of this week it has increased 57 percent to \$16.7 trillion, according to The Washington Times.

Congress is debating again raising the debt ceiling, Meanwhile, President Obama is arguing that raising the debt ceiling "won't add a dime" the federal debt. "It does not increase our debt. It does not grow our deficits. All it does is allow the Treasury Department to pay for what Congress has already spent."

This, of course, is not entirely true. The total debt is growing, according to Alex Brill, a budget specialist of the American Enterprise Institute. "It's certainly not the whole story. We've seen a dramatic increase in the debt held by the public in the last four or five years, and it's projected to only get worse."

According to FactCheck.org, the amount that the federal government owes the public is set to double as well. The government currently owes the Treasury \$11.94 trillion, which is an 89.3 percent increase from the day Obama took office.

"The Obama administration has projected an annual deficit of \$750 billion in the fiscal year that began Oct. 1, and \$626 billion the year after," FactCheck wrote in its third quarter update. "At that rate, the debt owed to the public will

FALLOUT

What we have here is another example of the Obama administration trying to inflict maximum pain so the media can blame the Republicans in congress.

But, the administrator of the agency testified that, in a stunning example of leadership, he ran and consulted his agency lawyers and they advised him that benefits should not be paid so he said OK, no benefits.

I wonder what, say, General Harry Kinnard would have done in this circumstance. Would he have run to the lawyers? Or would he have said, "nuts," pay the benefits. What do you think?



more than double during the Obama presidency."

House Speaker John Boehner said Sunday that Republicans will not agree to raise the debt ceiling without addressing deficit spending. "We're not going down that path," he said on "This Week" on ABC. "It's about time to deal with America's problems. How can you raise the debt limit and do nothing about the underlying problem?"

Republican Sen. Tom Coburn of Oklahoma said Tuesday: "We are in trouble financially. We are \$30 trillion in the hole, plus another \$17 trillion in debt. Wouldn't it be smart if we started addressing that problem before we blankly allow an increase in the level of the credit card?"

But President Obama said he will NOT negotiate with Republicans.

WHAT IS THE FACE OF THE CALIFORNIA REPUBLICAN PARTY TODAY?

By Carl Burton

I just returned from the California Republican Party Fall Convention (Oct. 4-6), and this is my opinion of the different groups at the convention.

There were socially conservative Republicans at the convention who also tend to be fiscally conservative.

There were libertarian Republicans at the convention who tend to be hard core fiscal conservatives, social liberals, favoring gay rights, legalization of recreational drugs and for the most part legalized abortions.

There were moderate Republicans who tend to be somewhere between the fiscally conservative and socially liberal. While sharing the economic views of other Republican with regards to balanced budget, free trade, lower taxes, etc., they differ in their support for gay rights, abortion rights, gun control, environmental regulation, federal funding of education, fewer restriction on immigration and illegal immigration, abolition of death penalty civil rights laws, legalization of drugs, stem-cell research, anti-war policies, etc.

And there were Log Cabin Republicans who are a group of gay and lesbian Republicans who favor gay rights but are at loggerheads with the fundamentally religious and are sometimes referred to as 'closet libertarians' for their socially liberal and fiscally conservative views.

I left the convention with the impression that under the

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leadership of former State Sen. Jim Brulte the California Republican Party would be about unifying all Republicans regardless if they were a moderate, conservative, libertarian or log cabin person.

But, it doesn't matter what variety of Republican you are; we must all craft an agenda and platform that reaches out to voters.

CALIFORNIA'S RICH HISPANIC HERITAGE

By Carl Burton

As we close out this year National Hispanic Month on Oct 15 let's remember that in February of 2014, it is expected that Hispanics will become the largest population group in California.



José Antonio Romualdo Pacheco

was California's first Hispanic and the 12th Governor and he was a Republican.

Captured by American forces in 1846 on a California trading vessel during the Mexican War, Pacheco was released after he swore allegiance to the United States. A rancher by trade, he was elected as a Democrat to the California State Senate in 1857 and served two terms. He then became an Abraham Lincoln Republican.

When the American Civil War broke out, Governor Leland Stanford appointed Pacheco Brigadier General, Commanding Officer of the California Native Cavalry (a segregated brigade of former Mexican citizens) who delighted in rounding up Confederate sympathies and disarming them.

Elected State Treasurer in 1863 Brigadier General Pacheco served his four year term and returned to the State Senate.

He became Lt. Governor in 1875 and rose to Governor when Governor Newton Booth was elected to the U.S. Senate.

He served for a year until a newly elected governor took over. Pacheco ran for Congress against an incumbent and defeated him by one vote. He was sworn in to Congress as the first ever elected Hispanic to the U.S. Congress.

Pacheco's one vote victory was challenged, however, and the House of Representatives decided against Pacheco. He returned to California.

He ran for Congress again, won and served two terms. In 1890, the President of the United States appointed Pacheco the first ever Hispanic Ambassador. He served for three years as Ambassador to Central America, to each individual country as United States Minister.

Name one Hispanic who has served as state governor, Army general, federal congressman and Ambassador of the United States other than California Mexican American Romualdo Pacheco.

Name any non-Hispanic politician who has achieved what this California Republican did over a hundred years ago.



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BALLOTS BY EMAIL COMING TO CALIFORNIA?

By Carl Burton

All eligible California voters deserve open, fair, free, transparent safe and convenient elections as possible.

Any voter in California can receive an absentee ballot without having to provide a reason for being absent on Election Day. And over half of California voters are using absentee ballots.

You can register to vote using your computer by going to the California Secretary of State web site. And Republicans of River City has a link from our web site at www.rrcgp.org to the secretary web site.

Using your signature on file with Department of Motor Vehicles is how election officials verify your registration and authenticate absentee ballots and in the future Obamacare signatures can also be used.

We live in a rapidly changing world. California needs a Secretary of State who is going to think about staying two steps ahead on using technology so California voters can take advantage of technology.

Some states are already allowing military personnel to obtain and mark their ballots using the Internet.

How long before our voters, using the Internet, will mark and email our ballot to the local register of voter's office, keeping a print for our records?

ON THIS DATE IN OCTOBER

October 1, 1973 - Richard Cavazos, a Korean War recipient of the Distinguished Service Cross as a first lieutenant, is promoted by President Richard Nixon to be the first Hispanic Brigadier General in the U.S. Army; in 1982 President Ronald Reagan made him the first Hispanic four-star General.

October 7, 1868 - Republicans denounce Democratic Party's national campaign theme: "This is a white man's country: Let white men rule."

October 10, 1871 - Following warnings by Philadelphia Democrats against blacks voting, African-American civil rights activist Octavius Catto is murdered by a Democratic Party operative; his military funeral was attended by thousands.

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