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## **UNDERSHERIFF JOHN McGINNES TO SPEAK**



JOHN P. MCGINNESS, UNDERSHERIFF

By Fred Hildebrand

John McGinness was appointed Undersheriff on April 7, 2002 by Sheriff Lou Blanas. Undersheriff McGinness assumed the duties and responsibilities of second-in-command for the Sacramento Sheriff's Department.

A 24-year veteran with the department, Undersheriff McGinness has shown outstanding leadership abilities as he promoted through the ranks of the Sheriff's Department. As a sergeant, he served as Media Officer for Sheriff Glen Craig. He also supervised the Homicide Bureau. When promoted to Lieutenant he was chosen to serve as Executive Officer for the Sheriff's Training Academy. Following that assignment, he was selected by then

Undersheriff Carol Daly as her Executive Assistant. In this position he also oversaw the operations of Special Investigations, Fleet Management, Bias Crimes, Media Bureau and Video Studio production.

On March 25, 2001 John McGinness promoted to Captain and commanded the Centralized Investigation Division prior to his appointment as Undersheriff.

Undersheriff McGinness was awarded the Bronze Star for Bravery for his heroic efforts during the "Good Guys" hostage incident of 1991. He also has a life saving medal, Sheriff's Letter of Commendation, four Unit Citations and two Major Incident Ribbons.

Undersheriff McGinness holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice Management with a minor in Public Administration and a Masters Degree in Emergency Services Administration from California State University, Long Beach. John McGinness is a 2001 graduate, with honors, from West Point Leadership and Command Institute.

Undersheriff McGinness has been married to his lovely wife, Peggy, for 22 years. They have two children – Mike age 18 and Katie age 13.



## **NORMAN JACHENS AND PAUL GREEN APPOINTED TO CRP RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE**

Duf Sundheim, Chairman of the California Republican Party has appointed Norman Jachens and Paul Green, both long time leaders of the River City Republicans, members of the CRP Resolutions Committee for the 2005/2006 term.

To quote the letter of appointment from Duf Sundheim, "It is with great pleasure that I appoint you as a member of the California Republican Party Resolutions Committee for the 2005/2006 term. As you know, it is a very important committee within the CRP. I know that your participation will be very beneficial. I hope you will accept this appointment.

The Chairman of the resolutions Committee is Robert Philibosian. The Resolutions Committee will meet during the CRP Fall Convention, September 16-18, 2005 at the Anaheim Marriott Hotel.

Participation in the Resolutions Committee requires dedication, hard work and it is time consuming, therefore, I am confident that with your qualifications you will be an asset."

River City Republicans congratulates Norman and Paul on this important appointment.

If you have a resolution you wish to propose to the CRP, please contact either Norman or Paul.



The Honorable Roger Niello

**BUDGET AGREEMENT HAS MUCH TO LIKE – MORE WORK TO BE DONE**

Ladies and gentlemen, we're getting closer. California's budget picture is getting better and California is finally getting closer to digging out of the \$22 billion deficit that Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger inherited when he took office in November of 2003.

Thanks to a thriving economy and a budget this year that rejects new taxes and massive new spending or borrowing, California can finally see the light at the end of the tunnel in regards to the state's fiscal condition. While a couple of days late, this year's budget keeps us on the path of progress by keeping our spending in check. However, long-term budgetary reform that eliminates the legislature's ability to spend more than it takes in is still necessary.

Because of California's supermajority 2/3 vote requirement, California's budget is always a work of compromise. This is a system that has worked well for as long as California has been in existence. No one party can

completely dominate the budgetary process. With a 2/3 vote of the legislature required, the priorities of both parties need to be considered when enacting a budget.

There are several major highlights of this year's budget that all Californians can celebrate. The fact that there are no new taxes, an increase in funding for schools and roads, and an early repayment of a major chunk of debt to local governments are all positive signs that California is beginning to emerge from the deep deficits of the past few years, when the legislature spent the state into oblivion. Things are going so well in fact, that Moody's Investor Services has increased the State's credit rating.

Perhaps the single biggest accomplishment of this year's budget is the rejection of new tax increases. Despite the temptation to raise short term revenues, this year's budget holds the line on taxes. New taxes would simply depress the economy and in the long run decrease revenues to the state. One of the biggest reasons why California is turning the corner fiscally is because of the fact that new taxes have been rejected for the last few years. Businesses are thriving and providing the jobs that provide the tax receipts.

Education and transportation, two of the most important functions of state government, were also made a top priority in this year's budget. K-12 education will receive over half of the state's entire budget. \$50 billion in all and an increase of \$3 billion over last year's level of spending. Per pupil spending will rise by more than \$300 over last year's level.

And for the first time since it was enacted by the voters in 2002, Proposition 42 will direct \$1.3 billion in sales tax receipts on gasoline toward improving our roads and highways. In addition, the budget sets aside \$88.5

million for the Carl Moyer Program to help improve our air quality, an important element for the Sacramento region.

Paying off the credit card early is something that we can all relate to and strive for and this year's budget does just that. When the State "borrowed" \$1.2 billion from local government last year to cover our budget deficit, the cities and counties did not expect repayment of this money until 2006-07. This year's budget pays back the entire \$1.2 billion a year early.

But as much good as there is in this budget, there is also some bad news to report. Long term, this budget does nothing to address our out-year spending problem. It doesn't make the problem any worse, but it doesn't address what is already considered to be a \$5 billion gap for next year. At some point, a long term reform plan that eliminates the legislature's ability to spend more than it takes in will be critical to avoid a repeat of this fiscal disaster.

Finally, many have criticized the legislature in recent years for not getting a budget passed by the July 1 beginning of the new fiscal year. But sometimes, a budget that is a few days late is better than one that might otherwise have been on time. This year provided a fine example of that. On June 15, Democrats in the Legislature forced a vote on a budget plan that would have grown next year's deficit by more than \$2 billion over the final version, and would not have paid off the debt to local governments.

By holding out for just a few days and not rubber stamping something just because it would have been on time, Republicans were able to negotiate a much more fiscally prudent budget that keeps us going down the path of progress.



Arnold Schwarzenegger

### Governor Schwarzenegger Announces Release of \$2.75 Million to Expand California Nursing School Capacity

Increased Funding to Help Alleviate State Nursing Shortage

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today announced \$2.75 million has been made available through his budget to increase capacity at registered California nursing schools through the addition of nurse education in the Song-Brown Program.

“California is facing a significant nursing shortage. These funds help address this shortage by expanding nurse education programs in our state,” said Governor Schwarzenegger. “I am committed to improving the quality and accessibility of healthcare for Californians and look forward to continued partnership with the healthcare and education communities to provide more opportunities to increase the number of nurses in California.”

The Governor's budget provides \$20 million in additional funding to directly address California's nursing shortage by improving nurse recruitment, education and retention. Of these \$20 million in funds, \$2.75 million will be administered through the Song-Brown Program. Since the passage of the Song-Brown Act in 1973, the Program has worked to increase the training of family physicians, nurse

practitioners and physician assistants in medically underserved communities of California. The Governor's budget expands this mission to include a focus on nurse education.

“With the inclusion of nurse education programs in the Song-Brown Act, critical needs for nursing services for urban and rural Californians will be addressed,” said Dr. David Carlisle, director of the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development. “With these additional funds, more nursing students will have education and training opportunities.”

Estimates show that California will need an additional 116,000 nurses by 2020 to meet demands. Currently, about 40 percent of people who apply to California nursing schools are turned away because of a lack of space in programs.

The Governor has taken several steps to address this shortage. In March, he announced the release of \$13 million in funds to support statewide nursing job-training and education initiatives. In April, the Governor announced the California Nurse Education Initiative, a \$90 million public-private partnership to provide funding for nurse education. His budget expanded upon that initiative with an additional \$20 million to help California produce more nurses by:

- Offering loan forgiveness to graduate level nursing students to encourage more nurses to become faculty.
- Purchasing simulators to create regional simulation laboratories so that more nursing students have access to clinical education facilities.
- Increasing slots in high demand

nursing programs within the California Community College system.

The Song-Brown Act is administered through the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development's (OSHPD) Healthcare Workforce and Community Development Division (HWCDD). The advisory body to the Song-Brown Program is the Healthcare Workforce Policy Commission. To ensure nurse education programs are represented on the Commission, the Governor's budget called for the inclusion of five additional commissioners on the Commission to represent nursing training programs.

#### HAVE A LAUGH OR TWO

When I went to lunch today, I noticed an old lady sitting on a park bench sobbing her eyes out. I stopped and asked her what was wrong. She said, “I have a 22 year old husband at home. He makes love to me every morning and then gets up and makes me pancakes, sausage, fresh fruit and freshly ground coffee.”

I said, “Well, then why are you crying?” She said, “He makes me homemade soup for lunch and my favorite brownies and then makes love to me for half the afternoon.”

I said, “Well, why are you crying?” She said, “For dinner he makes me a gourmet meal with wine and my favorite dessert and then makes love to me until 2:00 a.m.” I said, “Well, why in the world would you be crying?”

She said, “I can't remember where I live!”





Honorable Dave Cox

Dave Cox Senate Report:

### **The Legislature Returns** (and what I did on my Summer vacation)

The California State Legislature returns from its summer recess on Monday, August 15th. The period from Mid-August until the scheduled adjournment on September 9th is the time that the Legislature rushes to get through all the bills that were introduced in 2005.

My summer recess was spent meeting with constituents and elected officials in the First Senate District. We spent time in the communities of Auburn, Colfax, Cameron Park, El Dorado Hills, Jackson, Plymouth, Sutter Creek, Murphys, Angels Camp, and San Andreas. We will visit the communities of Lake Almanor, Susanville and Alturas this weekend.

Assemblyman Roger Niello and I held a meeting in the State Capitol

of all the state agencies that are working on the New Folsom Bridge Replacement Project to make sure that project continues to progress in a timely fashion.

In conjunction with Assemblyman Tim Leslie and Placer County Supervisor Bruce Kranz, we met with the Executive Director of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) and the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation in the Capitol regarding the future plans of these agencies to regulate boating activities in Lake Tahoe. We reached an agreement with these agencies that their proposals are just that, and to have a thorough hearing and notification on these and all future proposals. A representative from my office and Assemblyman Leslie's office will be attending all future TRPA meetings on this topic.

When the Legislature returns, many controversial items will be decided in the last three weeks: increasing the minimum wage (AB 48 - Lieber), same-sex marriage (AB 849 - Leno), assisted suicide (AB 651 - Berg), driver's licenses for illegal immigrants (SB 60 - Cedillo), and serial numbers on ammunition (SB 357 - Dunn). I will be opposing all of these measures.

When the Legislature returns, I will work to pass the legislation that I have introduced this year, including a pilot program in Sacramento County to impound the vehicles of repeat drunken drivers in combination with an intervention to get them into alcohol treatment (SB 547). I will also continue to work on legislation to extend and expand the authority of counties to construct buildings using the design/build method, which saves taxpayers time and money (SB 287).

Constituents can always investigate and monitor legislation on the Senate's website: [www.senate.ca.gov](http://www.senate.ca.gov) Click on the Legislation tab and enter the bill number you wish to view.

### **Our Energy Situation - Day To Day**

We are in the middle of the summer, and the high temperatures remind us that when temperatures go up, the use of energy also increases.

You may have heard that the California recently declared a stage two emergency in Southern California after several power plants went offline due to equipment failures.

A stage two emergency is declared when operating reserves (energy supplies) dip below five percent or are expected to within two hours. The state agency that monitors the level of energy supply in the state is the Independent System Operator (ISO), with headquarters in Folsom, California.

The ISO has a website that which the public can monitor to see the overall energy situation in the state at any time during the day. That website can be found at: <http://www.caiso.com/outlook/SystemStatus.html>

We encourage everyone to conserve energy throughout the year, and to monitor the state's energy supply when the situation is warranted.

### **West Nile Virus Update**

The West Nile Virus, which we warned about in a special alert to our readers in June, is spreading in California. Forty-seven counties have reported WNV activity this year, ranging from Siskiyou County

in the north to San Diego County in the south. A total of 118 human cases have been reported, and three individuals (one in Riverside, one in Kings County, and one in Fresno County) have so far succumbed to the disease. Sacramento – Yolo County Vector Control Agency has become the first local agency to conduct aerial spraying to eliminate the mosquitoes that spread West Nile Virus.

These figures, and the actions of local officials, point out how seriously we must take West Nile Virus, a disease that originates in birds and is spread to the human and animal population by mosquitoes. We again urge all of our readers to take action to prevent mosquitoes from breeding on our property and to protect yourself when you are outdoors.

Guidance on how to deal with West Nile Virus is available at: [http://www.westnile.ca.gov/website/05\\_edu\\_mats/05\\_eng\\_broch.pdf](http://www.westnile.ca.gov/website/05_edu_mats/05_eng_broch.pdf)

**Donate Your Old Computers**

Ever wonder what to do with your old computer after you've updated it to the latest model? You can donate it to the Sacramento Sheriff's Toy Project, which works with Heald College students in Sacramento to refurbish them and donate them to less fortunate children and schools in the greater Sacramento area. The computers should be at least Pentium III's running at 500 MHz. The project also accepts spare parts such as hard drives, cables, monitors and software. The project has helped schools and youth groups in Sacramento, El Dorado County, Elk Grove, and Chico.

If you want to donate a computer to

this cause they can be dropped off at the Toy Project at 10117 Mills Station Road, Ste C, Rancho Cordova, Monday-Friday 8:00am – 2:00pm. You can also contact Robert Johnston at Heald College in Sacramento. His e-mail address is: [Robert.Johnston@sacramento.heald.edu](mailto:Robert.Johnston@sacramento.heald.edu)

For information on the Sacramento Sheriff's Toy project go to: [www.toyproject.org](http://www.toyproject.org)

**Small Business Assistance**

The Federal Technology Center (FTC) is a not-for-profit public benefit corporation that promotes economic development in California by teaching small business in the greater Sacramento area how to sell their products and services to state, local and the federal government.

They offer free seminar classes to small businesses to help them increase their sales and bring more federal dollars to our area.

To learn more about how the FTC can help your small business call (916) 334-9388 or visit the FTC's website: [www.TheFTC.org](http://www.TheFTC.org)

**Quotes Of The Week**

“Determine never to be idle...It is wonderful how much may be done if we are always doing.” - Thomas Jefferson

“Insane people are always sure that they are fine. It is only the sane people who are willing to admit that they are crazy.” - Nora Ephron

**ON THIS DATE IN AUGUST**

August 1, 1916 - Republican presidential candidate Charles Evans Hughes, former New York Governor and U. S. Supreme Court Justice, endorses women's suffrage constitutional amendment.

August 4, 1965 - Senate Republican Leader Everett Dirksen (R-IL) overcomes Democrat attempts to block 1965 Voting Right Act; 94% of Senate Republicans vote for landmark civil rights legislation while 27% of Democrats oppose.

August 6, 1965 - Voting Rights Act of 1965, abolishing literacy tests and other measures devised by Democrats to prevent African-Americans from voting, is signed into law.

August 20, 1996 - Bill authored by U. S. Rep. Susan Molinari (R-NY) to prohibit racial discrimination in adoptions, part of Republicans' Contract With America, becomes law.

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**SOME SCENES FROM OUR AUGUST MEETING:**



**Sacramento County Republican Central Committee Chairman Donna Schalansky, Eric Schalansky and U. S. Department of Energy Director Theresa Alvillar-Speake enjoy a conversation**

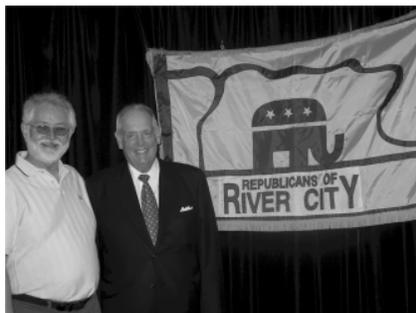


**George Bradshaw and Richard LaFontaine and his daughter Bar-B-Q'ing - and the food they made was DELICIOUS**

**Bob Waters and Supervisor Susan Peters enjoy some Bar-B-Q**



**Senator Dave Cox chats with Ingrid Gilchrist and Al Rogel**



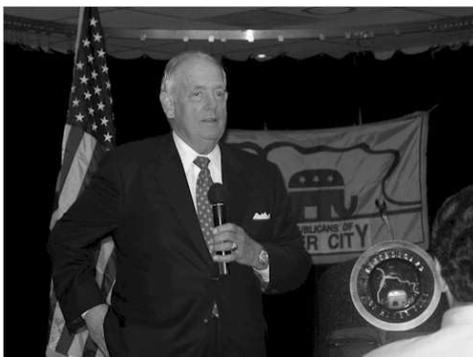
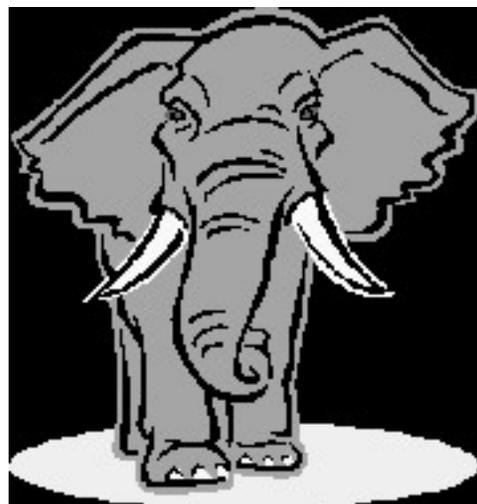
**Your portly editor and Senator Dave Cox enjoy the party**



**We collected items to send to your troops in Iraq and Afghanistan and we got a nice selection of things - THANK YOU RIVER CITY REPUBLICANS**



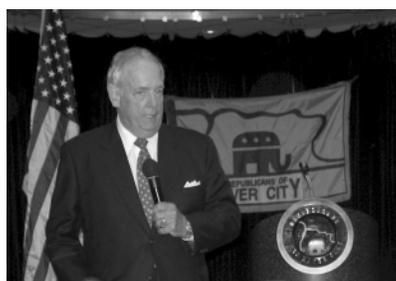
**Program Chairman Fred Hildebrand and Senator Dave Cox**



**Senator Dave Cox speaks to the River City members at our August meeting**



**Patricia Hildebrand, Rebecca Singleton and Joan Chan enjoy the food at our August Bar-B-Q**



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## The President's Corner



Republican Of River City President Carl Burton

Today a history lesson for those who have forgotten the United States Constitution

### **Second Amendment:** Right to Keep and Bear Arms

A well-regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.

Passed by Congress September 25, 1789  
Ratified December 15, 1791

### A Well-Organized and Armed Militia

--Thomas Jefferson: 8th Annual Message, 1808.

“For a people who are free and who mean to remain so, a well-organized and armed militia is their best security. It is, therefore, incumbent on us at every meeting [of Congress] to revise the condition of the militia and to ask ourselves if it is prepared to repel a powerful enemy at every point of our territories exposed to invasion... Congress alone have power to produce a uniform state of

preparation in this great organ of defense. The interests which they so deeply feel in their own and their country's security will present this as among the most important objects of their deliberation.”

--Thomas Jefferson to James Monroe, 1813.

“We must train and classify the whole of our male citizens, and make military instruction a regular part of collegiate education. We can never be safe till this is done.”

--Thomas Jefferson, quoting Cesare Beccaria in On Crimes and Punishment (1764).

“Laws that forbid the carrying of arms . . . disarm only those who are neither inclined nor determined to commit crimes . . . Such laws make things worse for the assaulted and better for the assailants; they serve rather to encourage than to prevent homicides, for an unarmed man may be attacked with greater confidence than an armed man.”

### **Theresa Alvillar-Speake** **SURPRISE GUEST**



Theresa Alvillar-Speake, Director of the Office of Economic Impact and Diversity, U. S. Department of Energy, spoke to our August meeting and informed us of how we can help her in her efforts to reach out to minority and under represented communities across the nation. Ms Alvillar-Speake can be reached at:  
theresa.speake@hq.doe.gov  
Or call her at 202-586-8383

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### **“Voter Vault” Training**

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Chairman  
**John Madriz**

When: August 16, 2005  
This training will start immediately  
after the Guest Speaker

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**John P. Mc Guinness, will address River City at our next General Membership Meeting on August 16, 2005 in the Ose Room located at Channel 6, KVIE The social hour starts at 6PM and the general meeting starts at 7 PM.**