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SENATOR COX TO RETURN



By Fred Hildebrand

Senator Dave Cox, a senior member of River City, will return to address our group on July 19th. As a long time

member, the senator makes annual visits to bring us the latest news from the capitol and take questions from the audience. His presentations are always informative and insightful. Considering all that is before the electorate this year, we should have a stimulating and exciting evening!

As is customary, we will convene at Channel Six, KVIE, 2595 Capitol Oaks Drive. The Social Hour will begin at 6:00 P.M. and the General Meeting will commence promptly at 7:00 P.M. There will be no charge for this event so you may want to arrive a bit early.

River City is proud of the senator's rise to positions of leadership, ranging all the way from SMUD, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, as Republican Leader of the California State Assembly and now, to the California State Senate. In addition to his legislative duties, Dave Cox works closely with the Governor's Office. He served as a member of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's Transition Team.

Dave Cox was elected to the State Senate in November, 2004. He represents the residents of the First Senate District, which

includes all or portions of Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Lassen, Placer, Plumas, Modoc, Mono, Nevada, Sacramento and Sierra Counties.

He is the Vice-Chair of the Senate Banking, Finance and Insurance Committee, and the Senate Local Government Committee. He also serves on the following Committees: Energy, Utilities and Communications; Environmental Quality; Governmental Organization; and Health.

Dave was first elected to the State Assembly in November of 1998, and the voters overwhelmingly re-elected him in 2000 and 2002. He served the maximum six years in the Assembly as allowed by law.

In March of 2001, the Members of the Assembly Republican Caucus elected Dave to serve as their Assembly Republican Leader, a position he held until January of 2004 when he transitioned the leadership role to Assemblymember Kevin McCarthy.

During his tenure as the Republican Leader, Dave led efforts to successfully unite the Republican Caucus against proposals to raise billions of dollars in new taxes while advocating for a stronger economy and jobs climate. He led the fight against the illegal tripling of the car tax and helped trim waste from the state budget, freeing up money needed to fund essential education, public safety and health care programs.

After the recall election, Dave Cox served as a Member of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's Transition Team.

Dave was recognized as the California Building Industry Association Outstanding Legislator of 2003, and as Legislator of the Year by the American Electronics Association in 2002, the Consulting Engineers and Land Surveyors of California in 2001 and the California Business Properties Association in 2001. He was awarded the President's Award by

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Play It Again, Sam - The Attorney General and the Reapportionment Initiative By Robert Evans

According to the newspaper, the Attorney General is taking Ted Costa's reapportionment initiative to court in an attempt to knock it off the ballot.

Like Capitaine Louis Renault, I too am shocked, shocked that gambling is going on in this café.

What do you think our Attorney General will do?

Perhaps it is instructive to look back a couple of months to the State Democrat convention and Attorney General Bill Lockyer's statement to that convention: "I'd like to point out that almost every day I get to advance our agenda. It's not just promises. It's constant performance as attorney general."

I was amazed by this statement. Shouldn't the attorney general focus on making sure the laws of the state are faithfully enforced and not on promoting the far left agenda of the Democrat party?

If Attorney General Lockyer were a Republican and he said this the media would be all over him (and rightly so).

This statement is exactly why the state needs to get these hard core left wing Democrats out of office and replace them with people who want to do the people's business and not simply advance the interests of one political party.



The Honorable Roger Niello

**ASSEMBLYMAN NIELLO
SUPPORTS 2005-06
BUDGET BILL**

Budget agreement contains no new taxes and fully funds education and transportation

Assemblyman Roger Niello voted in support of the 2005-06 California State Budget. After a compromise agreement was reached between legislative leadership and the Governor on Monday, July 4, the bill was brought up for a vote and passed by both houses of the legislature today. The Governor is expected to sign the bill.

The 2005-06 Budget contains no new taxes, increases education spending by nearly \$3 billion over last year, pays back a year early a \$1.2 billion debt to cities and counties, and fully funds Proposition 42, which for the first time since it was approved in 2002, will allow the \$1.3 billion in sales taxes collected on the sale of gasoline to be put into our road system.

“The fact that the budget contains no new taxes, fully funds education, finally allows sales taxes on

gasoline to be spent on our roads, and pays off some of our debts earlier than promised, allows me to support the bill. While I wish we had made more progress toward eliminating our structural deficit, this bill projects next year’s budget deficit to be nearly \$2 billion less than the Conference Committee proposal that I opposed last month,” stated Niello.

“Long term, true structural budget reform that forces us to live within our means is still needed. I will continue to fight for this budgetary reform during my tenure in the legislature,” said Niello.

Here is my summer calendar of community meetings to be held throughout my District.

Each community meeting will begin at 7:30 AM and will feature a representative from the California Department of Transportation to discuss regional transportation issues. Assemblyman Niello will provide the coffee and the public is invited to attend their local neighborhood community meeting.

NORTH HIGHLANDS/FOOTHILL FARMS
Thursday, July 14
Carrows Restaurant
4601 Watt Avenue

ORANGEVALE
Friday, July 15
Denny’s Restaurant
8841 Greenback Lane

NATOMAS –
Wednesday, July 20
The Homecoming at Creekside Community Room
4800 Kokomo Drive

FOLSOM/GRANITE BAY
Tuesday, July 26
My Brother Vinny’s Restaurant
718 Sutter Street, #218

FAIR OAKS
Wednesday, July 27
Village Café
10131 Fair Oaks Boulevard

ARDEN ARCADE
Tuesday, August 2
Mimi’s Café
2029 Alta Arden Expressway

CARMICHAEL
Friday, August 5
La Sierra Community Center, Room 800
5325 Engle Road

FYI

This is a waste of time but it's fun and it works!

1. First, pick the number of times a week that you would like to have chocolate (more than once but less than 10).
2. Multiply this number by 2.
3. Add 5.
4. Multiply the result in 3 by 50.
5. If you have already had your birthday this year add 1755. If you haven't, add 1754.
6. Now, subtract the four digit year that you were born.

You should have a three digit number.

The first digit of this was your original number (the times you want to have chocolate each week).

The next two numbers are

YOUR AGE! (Oh YES, it is!)

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GOVERNOR'S REFORM INITIATIVES

Excellence in Teaching Initiative

Proponent: Bonnie Garcia

This initiative increases the length of time required before a teacher may become a permanent employee from two complete consecutive school years to five complete consecutive school years. This measure applies to teachers whose probationary period commenced during or after the 2003-2004 fiscal year. It authorizes school boards to dismiss a permanent teaching employee who receives two consecutive unsatisfactory performance evaluations. The estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments is unknown on school district teacher salary costs as a result of changes in teacher tenure and dismissal practices. Fiscal impacts could vary significantly district by district.

Live Within Our Means Initiative

Proponents: William Hauck and Allan Zaremberg

This initiative changes state minimum school funding requirements (Proposition 98), permitting suspension of minimum funding, but terminating the repayment requirement, and eliminating the authority to reduce funding when state revenues decrease. It excludes above-minimum appropriations from schools' funding base and limits state spending to prior year total plus revenue growth. It also shifts excess revenues from schools/tax relief to budget reserve, specified construction and debt repayment. The initiative requires the Governor to reduce state appropriations, under specified circumstances, including employee compensation

and state contracts. It continues prior year appropriations if the new state budget is delayed. It prohibits state special funds borrowing and requires payment of local government mandates. The summary of estimate by the Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments says the spending limit could constrain state expenditures over time. Other provisions would have major impacts on state budget decision making, which could lead to varying outcomes regarding the level of state spending and on the composition of that spending among education, transportation, and other state programs. The provisions allowing the Governor to reduce appropriations could result in lower state spending in certain years when the state is facing unresolved budget shortfalls.

Fair Districts Now Initiative

Proponents: Edward J. (Ted) Costa, Dr. Arthur Laffer, Major General Sidney S. Novaresi (USAF) Ret., Jimmie Johnson

This initiative amends the state Constitution's process for redistricting California's Senate, Assembly, Congressional and Board of Equalization districts. The initiative requires a three-member panel of retired judges, selected by legislative leaders, to adopt a new redistricting plan if the measure passes and again after each national census. The panel must consider legislative and public proposals/comments and hold public hearings. The redistricting plan becomes effective immediately when adopted by judges' panel and filed with the Secretary of State. If voters subsequently reject the redistricting plan, the process repeats. The initiative specifies the time for judicial review of the adopted redistricting plan and if the plan fails to conform to requirements,

the court may order a new plan. The summary of estimate by the Legislative Analyst and the Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments says this measure would have the following major fiscal impact: One-time state redistricting costs, probably totaling a few million dollars and a comparable savings for each redistricting effort after 2010 (once every ten years).

HAVE A LAUGH OR TWO

Anyone who has ever had a loved one in the hospital will enjoy this:

A woman called a local hospital. "Hello. Could you connect me to the person who gives information about patients. I'd like find out if a patient is getting better, doing as expected, or getting worse."

The voice on the other end said, "What is the patient's name and room number?"

"Sarah Finkel, room 302."

"I'll connect you with the nursing station."

"3-A Nursing Station. How can I help You?"

"I'd like to know the condition of Sarah Finkel in room 302."

"Just a moment. Let me look at her records. Mrs. Finkel is doing very well. In fact, she's had two full meals, her blood pressure is fine, she is to be taken off the heart monitor in a couple of hours and, if she continues this improvement, Dr. Cohen is going to send her home Tuesday at noon."

The woman said, "What a relief! Oh, that's fantastic - that's wonderful news!"

The nurse said, "From your enthusiasm, I take it you are a close family member or a very close friend!"

"Neither! I'm Sarah Finkel in 302! Nobody here will tell me ANYTHING!"



Honorable Dave Cox

Dave Cox Senate Report:
July 2005

Budget Passes

I am generally pleased with the final state budget which passed the Legislature, but while it is an incremental step toward achieving fiscal recovery it does not go far enough to address California's ongoing structural deficit.

This budget is a compromise; there are positive achievements which I supported, and problematic areas I opposed because they do not solve the long-term problem. The budget increases funding for our priorities – education, the state's infrastructure and public safety. I am pleased that we fully restored \$1.3 billion for desperately-needed transportation project funding, because it's clear to me that we have not maintained an adequate infrastructure to support the millions of Californians who drive on our roads each day. The budget does not contain any tax increases, and there is no new borrowing. It addresses some of the out-year

problem by repaying some of the state's multibillion dollars of debt. The budget increases education spending by three billion dollars, which means that for the first time California will spend more than \$10,000 per pupil.

However, this budget does not contain the necessary reforms to limit autopilot spending. The state will continue to spend more each year than it takes in, and will still carry an operating deficit of approximately \$4.5 billion next year. Without meaningful structural reform, California will continue to face multibillion dollar deficits. The state of California cannot continue to live beyond its means.

Job Killer Bills

California's economy has recently been kept afloat by much-needed reforms in the workers' compensation system. However, without sustaining a positive business climate for small businesses, California will suffer with the loss of jobs to other states where state government allows business to flourish. In the California Legislature, a multitude of bills are submitted every year attempting to raise taxes on personal income, sales, fuel, and property. This disregard for the effect that higher taxes would have on business in California is indicative of the current anti-business climate in this state. By trying to enact new and higher fees while simultaneously submitting legislation to reduce the amount of votes necessary to raise taxes, several members of the Legislature have proven themselves out of touch with the tax-paying public at large.

Balancing the budget on the backs of working Californians can only lead to the exodus of talented hard-working people who make this state

great. Tax receipts increase every year, but so do expenditures. Just because California spends more than it takes in doesn't mean the state should tax its way out of deficit spending. Individuals and small business owners in California are subject to one of the most progressive tax systems in the nation. The top 11 percent of taxpayers (those earning \$100,000 and more) paid 73 percent of the personal income taxes in 2002. We cannot continue to expect hard-working Californians to pay for outlandish spending. The tax, borrow, and spend equation cannot be maintained. When the state puts extra constraints on employers and taxpayers by passing new regulations or raising taxes, economic growth in California is reduced and jobs are lost. We are finding that those who built their lives in California must seriously consider leaving because now, they just can't afford to stay here.

To name three:

AB 48 (Lieber): This measure would raise the minimum wage to the highest level in the country. Consequently, the costs of doing business in California would increase by over \$9 billion annually with increases to \$7.25 in 2006 and to \$7.75 in 2007, and indexing increases every year thereafter. (Senate Appropriations hearing 7/11/2005)

AB 391 (Koretz): This bill would force California employers to subsidize a strike against their own company by providing unemployment insurance benefits to workers unemployed during a strike. (Senate Appropriations hearing 7/11/2005)

AB 6 (Chan): Increases the tax burden on small business by increasing upper bracket personal income tax rates to 10 and 11 percent and the alternative tax rate to 8.5 percent. (Failed passage, but granted reconsideration 6-29-2005)

ACA 7 (Nation): Gives local governments unprecedented authority to enact a special tax assessed at the local level with a simple majority of voters, adding complexity and uncertainty to California's already complex and uncertain tax structure.



Arnold Schwarzenegger

Governor Schwarzenegger on the Legislature's Passage of the 2005-2006 State Budget

"I applaud the Legislature for passing California's 2005-2006 budget (on July 7). This budget reflects the agreement I reached with the Legislative leadership earlier this week and I want to thank them for their hard work and bipartisan approach to coming together to agree on a budget we can all be proud of.

This is a terrific budget for the future of California. It is a balanced budget that does not raise taxes. It pays down our debt, doesn't borrow any new money, invests \$3 billion more into education, \$1.3 billion more into transportation and puts needed money back into the hands of local governments for law enforcement, health and other critical programs.

This budget puts California on the path toward rebuilding to make our state great once again. However, California still has a broken budget system that spends more than the state takes in. We must now use this same bipartisan spirit to work together to bring needed, fundamental reform to the system."

Governor, First Lady Announce Arrival of Declaration of Independence

The Governor and First Lady on

Wednesday announced the arrival of the Declaration of Independence in Northern California at The California Museum for History, Women and the Arts.

The rare document, one of only 25 remaining original copies of the Declaration of Independence printed on July 4, 1776, will be on display from June 30 to October 9, 2005.

"Of course you can see the Declaration of Independence on a television program or on the Internet but let me tell you, there is nothing like seeing it in person," Governor Schwarzenegger said. "It gives you a feeling you can't imagine."

"When I came here, and went through the process of becoming a citizen I read and studied what we call the 'Charters of Freedom' the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights."

The exhibit contains an educational video explaining the history of the Declaration and its relevance to contemporary America, hosted by Reese Witherspoon, a descendant of one of the original signers of the document. An extraordinary 14-minute film, produced by Norman Lear and Rob Reiner, includes a powerful theatrical presentation of the Declaration of Independence by a distinguished group of actors, including Mel Gibson, Morgan Freeman, Whoopi Goldberg, Kevin Spacey, Michael Douglas, and Renée Zellweger, among others.

"As I was looking at the Declaration in particular I realized something that I have never forgotten since -- that the Founding Fathers had fought for independence not just for themselves but for people like me who centuries later would be able to

come to this land to enjoy greater freedom and opportunity than anywhere on earth," Governor Schwarzenegger said.

"The Declaration is a lasting and living symbol because the same convictions that sparked the cause of freedom live on in the hearts and minds of the American people.

"And as the people celebrate our nation's independence this year I hope everyone will come to the Museum and witness where it all began The roots of American freedom and self-determination, found right here in the Declaration of Independence."

This copy of the Declaration of Independence is the centerpiece of a multimedia exhibit designed to bring the "People's Document" directly to the people. Producer Norman Lear acquired this "Dunlap broadside" of the Declaration in June 2000 with the goal of inspiring Americans – especially young people – to participate in civic activism, to exercise their rights, and above all, to vote. The Declaration has inspired millions of Americans, many of whom waited in line for up two hours.

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SOME SCENE FROM OUR JUNE MEETING:

After Sergeant Christopher Missick, River City member and popular Republican, returned from Iraq he stopped by and gave us an



inspiring talk about his experiences. Here, he and River City President Carl Burton chat after the meeting.

Here you see Chris in action during his talk. He gave us an overview of what he and his buddies are doing in Iraq. In addition he talked about his blog which received thousands of comments from people all



around the United States. Chris is thinking of going on an extended trip around America to visit and thank some of the people who left messages on his blog.

John Madriz, Statewide California Congress of Republicans Get Out the Vote Chairman, gave the Republicans of River City an overview of how Voter Vault works and how we can use this valuable tool to help elect more Republicans.

Here, you see John pointing out



some of the aspects of using Voter Vault.

We pray for the British citizens killed, maimed and injured in the terrorist attacks on July 7 and for their loved ones.

This reminds us why we fight; why our brave men and women in the military are putting their lives in harms way to protect our way of life and our freedoms.

We must never forget 9/11, 3/11 (Madrid) and now 7/7 (London). Now is the time to strengthen our loyalty to each other and to remain united in the goal of bringing freedom to the world.

We know our armed forces will prevail over those who would enslave us.

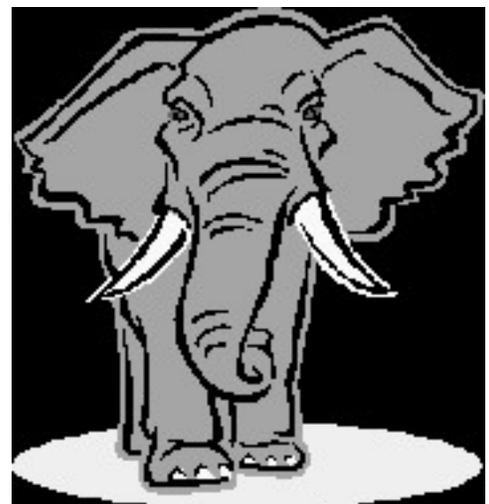
ON THIS DATE IN JULY

July 2, 1862 - Rep. Justin Morrill (R-VT) wins passage of the Land Grant Act, establishing colleges open to African-Americans, including such students as George Washington Carver.

July 6, 1854 - First state Republican Party officially organized in Jackson, Michigan, to oppose Democrats' pro-slavery policies.

July 12, 1974 - Republican National Chairman George H. W. Bush establishes Republican national Hispanic Assembly.

July 16, 1866 - Republican Congress overrides Democrat President Andrew Johnson's veto of Freedman's Bureau Act, which protected former slaves from "black codes" denying their rights.



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The President's Corner



Republican Of River City President Carl Burton

**GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATION
CONGRATULATES GOVERNOR
ON THE BUDGET**

I issued the following news release on July 8 on behalf of CCR and the Republicans of River City:

“The California Congress of Republicans (CCR), a grassroots organization, applauds Governor Schwarzenegger on his diligent work as he dealt with a contentious legislature to pass a budget that is balanced, adds no new taxes and borrows no money.

More than one-half of the California state budget will go to K-12 education and California Community College fees will continue to be the lowest in the nation. The new budget provides for the proactive pay off of the \$1.2 billion the state borrowed from the cities and counties last year.

The Governor is the first executive officer to fully fund Proposition 42, putting \$1.3 billion in taxes paid at the gas pump directly into transportation capital projects. Due to this investment jobs will be created and our economy will improve as Californians enjoy shorter commute

times. Finally, \$13 million will be released to support statewide nursing job-training and education initiatives, along with \$90 million for public-private partnerships to provide funding for nurse education.

Even though California still has a budget deficit of \$22 billion left to him by the previous administration, our Governor proved his forte when he forced a compromise that produced a budget earlier than most in the past 10 years. The budget system that brought the state to the brink of bankruptcy needs to be reformed.”

Pamela Corradi immediate past President of CCR joined me issuing this news release.

**SENATOR COX TO SPEAK
(Cont.)**

the California State Association of Counties in 2001. This award is given to individuals who are committed to the development of sound public policy and service to the citizenry of California.

Prior to his election to the State Assembly, Dave Cox served for six years on the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors.

Past affiliations include: service on the Sacramento Municipal Utility District Board of Directors, Senior Warden for St. Francis Episcopal Church of Fair Oaks, and memberships on the Board of Directors for the American Red Cross, the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, Easter Seals, and KVIE-Channel 6, where he served as Chairman in 1982. Dave Cox graduated from the University of San Diego in 1961 with a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration. He also has a Master of Science Degree.

Dave and his wife Maggie live in Fair Oaks. Together they raised three daughters. All three attended San Juan Unified School District schools and graduated from public California universities. He and Maggie are the proud grandparents of five grandchildren.

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**Senator Dave Cox will address River City at our next
General Membership Meeting on July 19, 2005 in the
Ose Room located at Channel 6, KVIE
The social hour starts at 6PM and the general
meeting starts at 7 PM.**