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**CANDIDATES COME TO REPUBLICANS OF RIVER CITY
COME SOCIALIZE WITH YOUR FRIENDS IN FEBRUARY AT RIVER CITY
March 18, 2008 in the Ose Room located at: Channel 6, KVIE
2595 Capitol Oaks Drive
Sacramento
The social hour starts at 6:30 PM and the general meeting starts at 7:15 PM.**

CANDIDATES FOR THE 10 ASSEMBLY DISTRICT, TO SPEAK

By Robert Evans

Republicans of River City have invited the three announced candidates for the 10th Assembly District this month to come before our members to explain why they should be the next member of the Republican caucus in the state Assembly.

As you know, Alan Nakanishi is termed out of this seat. The district includes parts of Amador, El Dorado, Sacramento and San Joaquin counties, with the bulk of its voters in Sacramento. Voter registration is 42 percent Republican, 37.7 percent Democrat and 20.3 percent Decline to State, which makes it a safe Republican seat.

There are three GOP hopeful candidates, all from different areas: Paul Hegyi, from Sacramento, is an aide to Assemblyman Van Tran of Garden Grove; former San Joaquin County Supervisor Jack Sieglock; and former Rancho Cordova mayor and city councilman David Sander.

If you want to ask any (or all) of these candidates questions about what they intend to do if elected to the Assembly, this is a not to be missed meeting.

To see a biography of each candidate, please go to page 2, column 1.

LAST MONTH AT RIVER CITY

By Robert Evans

Our February meeting was one that was truly an eye opener.

Chuck Bell, the General Counsel to the California Republican Party, gave the members attending an overview of various subjects facing our candidates this election season.

First on Chucks list was Term Limits or "He's Back." Who is back? Why our old friend, current Attorney General Jerry Brown, for Governor. How we asked in unison, is that possible? Chuck explained "lifetime term limits apply to offices held since 1990. Those elected prior to 1990, for example, Jerry Brown, can seek and be elected to any office they held before term limits." It is that simple - and scary.

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Republican Paul Hegyi is a conservative with a long history of fighting for conservative causes and candidates. "As the Assemblyman for the 10th I will be a solid conservative vote... I'll be a solid vote for reform

and accountability." Raised and educated in Sacramento, Paul attended Luther Burbank High School where he was Captain of the Swim Team and Executive Officer in the Navy Junior ROTC program. He graduated from Sacramento State University with a Bachelor's of Arts Degree in Government. He is Chief of Staff to Republican Assemblyman Van Tran and he and his wife Julie live in Sacramento.



Businessman and former San Joaquin County Supervisor Jack Sieglock has been a community leader and volunteer in the San Joaquin region for more than three decades. In 1990, Jack was elected to the Lodi

City Council - a seat he held for two terms. Jack also served as Lodi Mayor in both 1994 and 1998. In 1998, Jack was elected to the 4th District of the San Joaquin Board of Supervisors, where he served as Chairman in 2003. A staunch fiscal conservative, Jack fought to instill tighter fiscal controls on the county and to cut waste and inefficiency. Jack currently owns a small business, Sieglock Communications. He also helped grow and manage a family health care business, Option Care, and works in property management. Jack Sieglock holds a degree in Political Science from the University of California, Santa Barbara. He and his wife Brenda have been married for 24 years. They have three children: Chris, Mark, and Amanda.



David Sander is a Graduate Fellow at Tulane University School of Medicine where he received the McLeskey Award for excellence in research, and a Ph.D. in Cellular and Molecular Biology. He put that experience to work helping

Republicans develop public policy; working

as Congressional Science Fellow, where he developed legislation and monitored issues including health, science, labor, intellectual property, welfare, Medicare/Medicaid reform and Social Security. After leaving Congress, he founded Sander & Associates, which helps scientific groups and biotech/pharmaceutical companies communicate effectively with government and the public. Nearly a decade ago, David and his family moved to Rancho Cordova, where he established a reputation as a community volunteer and effective leader. David spent years helping improve the community before being elected to the City Council in 2002. David has served on the board of the Chamber of Commerce, Cordova Community Council and as a member of the Sheriff's Citizen Advisory Panel. David's tenure on the City Council has been a demonstration of Republican principles at work - streamlining government, increasing public safety, opposing higher taxes and giving businesses the opportunity to grow and provide jobs. David currently serves as Rancho Cordova's Mayor. Today, Rancho Cordova has one of the largest business and jobs bases in the region. A devoted father and husband, David is married to Dr. Maggie Parsons, a local dermatologist and third-generation area resident. They have a son, Charles, who is a precocious two-year old.

LAST MONTH (Cont.)

And a recent statewide poll indicates that Jerry Brown is far ahead of all likely contenders for Governor among Democrats. Oh joy - we will have Governor Moonbeam again.

Chuck also discussed redistricting. A Democrat dominated legislature and a likely Governor Jerry Brown will draw congressional and legislative district in 2011. And that prospect puts the Republican Party in real jeopardy. Why? In 2001, the Democrats and Republicans got together and drew up safe districts. This time, Chuck predicts that the Democrats will bypass Republicans and draw up districts that pit sitting Republicans against each other. In addition, Democrats will make sure they control a 2/3rd majority in the legislature and add as many seats as possible to their congressional majority. This is, of course, very bad news for taxpayers.

Chuck discussed campaign finance rules and regulations, which he described as favoring political parties over all other organizations or individuals. If you like political parties this is good news. In addition, political clubs may not be subject to campaign finance rules as long as they do not solicit contributions to support state or local candidates, make contributions to political parties or central committees or spend \$1,000 or more for state or local political purposes. Paying for party voter registration drives or for party election headquarters constitutes expenditures that count toward registration as a committee.

This appearance by Chuck Bell was very well appreciated by those members of River City attending. We all learned from this appearance and we say thank you Chuck Bell.

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

March 1, 1875 – Civil Rights Act of 1875, guaranteeing access to public accommodations without regard to race, signed by Republican President U. S. Grant; passed with 92% Republican support over 100% Democrat opposition.

March 5, 1875 - Blanche Bruce (R-MS) becomes the first African-American to serve a full term in the U. S. Senate; in 1879 he was the first African-American to preside over the Senate.

March 6, 1857 – Republican Supreme Court Justice John McLean issues a strenuous dissent from a decision by 7 Democrats in the infamous Dred Scott case that African-Americans had no rights "which any white man was bound to respect."

March 9, 1926 – Republican Bertha K. Landes elected Mayor of Seattle; first woman to be mayor of a U. S. city.

IN MY OPINION:

VOTING FOR THE VEEP!

by Christopher Angle

Now that Senator McCain has won the Republican nomination, he is facing what may be the most important decision of a McCain presidency: who to pick for his V.P.

Such a decision, while always important, does not normally take on the central significance that it does in McCain's case. At 72, McCain would be the oldest President to ever assume office. Given his age and the strain that the office puts on those who endure 8 years of it (look at before & after pictures of Bush and Clinton), it is a very real possibility that McCain may not survive two terms in office.

Consequently, a vote for McCain will come with the implicit understanding that one is also effectively also voting for his V.P. for President. Therefore, it is incumbent upon McCain to pick a V.P. who the country feels is ready and capable to assume the office of President.

Sometimes presidential candidates will choose running mates who may appeal to a segment of their base for electoral purposes, but are in no way really ready or capable of actually being President. An example of this would be Dan Quayle.

If he is to win, voters will have to be satisfied with McCain's choice of V.P. A choice like Dan Quayle could doom McCain's candidacy. Although it doesn't often happen, this will be one election where people will be also voting for the V.P. for President as well.



HAVE A LAUGH

DISORDER IN THE COURT

From the book Disorder in the American Courts, these are what people actually said in court:

ATTORNEY: Are you sexually active?

WITNESS: No, I just lie there.

ATTORNEY: What gear were you in at the moment of the impact?

WITNESS: Gucci sweats and Reeboks.

ATTORNEY: This myasthenia gravis, does it affect your memory at all?

WITNESS: Yes.

ATTORNEY: And in what ways does it affect your memory?

WITNESS: I forget.

ATTORNEY: You forget? Can you give us an example of something you forgot?

ATTORNEY: What was the first thing your husband said to you that morning?

WITNESS: He said, "Where am I, Cathy?"

ATTORNEY: And why did that upset you?

WITNESS: My name is Susan!

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ATTORNEY: Do you know if your daughter has ever been involved in voodoo?

WITNESS: We both do.

ATTORNEY: Voodoo?

WITNESS: We do.

ATTORNEY: You do?

WITNESS: Yes, voodoo.

ATTORNEY: Now doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning?

WITNESS: Did you actually pass the bar exam?



SAINT PATRICK'S DAY

As we celebrate Saint Patrick's Day on March 17, let us remember that 15 of our Presidents had definite Irish ancestry:

- Andrew Jackson
- James Knox Polk
- James Buchanan
- Ulysses S. Grant
- Chester Alan Arthur
- Grover Cleveland
- William McKinley
- Woodrow Wilson
- John Fitzgerald Kennedy
- Lyndon Baines Johnson
- Richard Milhous Nixon
- James Earl Carter
- Ronald Wilson Reagan
- George Herbert Walker Bush
- George W. Bush

SOLAR ENERGY FIRMS LEAVE WASTE BEHIND IN CHINA (PART 1)

By Ariana Eunjung Cha
Washington Post Foreign Service
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GAOLONG, China -- The first time Li Gengxuan saw the dump trucks from the nearby factory pull into his village, he couldn't believe what happened. Stopping between the cornfields and the primary school playground, the workers dumped buckets of bubbling white liquid onto the ground. Then they turned around and drove right back through the gates of their compound without a word.

This ritual has been going on almost every day for nine months, Li and other villagers said.

China, a country buckling with the breakneck pace of its industrial growth, such stories of environmental pollution are not uncommon. But the Luoyang Zhonggui High-Technology Co., here in the central plains of Henan Province near the Yellow River, stands out for one reason: It's a green energy company, producing polysilicon destined for solar energy panels sold around the world. But the byproduct of polysilicon production - silicon tetrachloride -- is a highly toxic substance that poses environmental hazards.

"The land where you dump or bury it will be infertile. No grass or trees will grow in the place. . . . It is like dynamite -- it is poisonous, it is polluting. Human beings can never touch it," said Ren Bingyan, a professor at the School of Material Sciences at Hebei Industrial University.

The situation in Li's village points to the environmental trade-offs the world is making as it races to head off a dwindling supply of fossil fuels.

Forests are being cleared to grow biofuels like palm oil, but scientists argue that the disappearance of such huge swaths of forests is contributing to climate change. Hydropower dams are being constructed to replace coal-fired power plants, but they are submerging whole ecosystems under water.

Likewise in China, the push to get into the solar energy market is having unexpected consequences.

With the prices of oil and coal soaring, policymakers around the world are looking at massive solar farms to heat water and generate electricity. For the past four years, however, the world has been suffering from a shortage of polysilicon -- the key component of sunlight-capturing wafers -- driving up prices of solar energy technology and creating a barrier to its adoption.

With the price of polysilicon soaring

from \$20 per kilogram to \$300 per kilogram in the past five years, Chinese companies are eager to fill the gap.

In China, polysilicon plants are the new dot-coms. Flush with venture capital and with generous grants and low-interest loans from a central government touting its efforts to seek clean energy alternatives, more than 20 Chinese companies are starting polysilicon manufacturing plants. The combined capacity of these new factories is estimated at 80,000 to 100,000 tons -- more than double the 40,000 tons produced in the entire world today.

To be continued.

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THE GOVERNOR'S CORNER

Governor Leads Infrastructure Roundtable, Gathers Input, Ideas From Local And Regional Organizations

Governor Schwarzenegger brought together local and regional organizations for a roundtable discussion about infrastructure needs and financing options. Rebuilding the state and boosting investment in infrastructure creates jobs, preserves California's high quality of life, maintains environmental quality and is a key component of the Governor's overall economic development strategy. According to the Department of Finance, California needs \$500 billion of infrastructure over the next 20 years.

The meeting is part of the Governor's multi-pronged approach to rebuilding California:

- The Governor is allocating hundreds of millions to jump-start critical flood control, transportation and affordable housing projects. This infrastructure bond funding, championed by the Governor and approved by voters in November 2006, includes \$42 billion for education, housing, levee repair, flood control, parks and transportation projects and plays an important role in creating jobs, preserving our quality of life and growing the state's economy.
- The Governor has committed to finding ways to fast-track the billions in unallocated 2006 infrastructure bond funding. Earlier this year, Governor Schwarzenegger called an emergency Cabinet meeting and

instructed his agencies to immediately recommend ways to work with the legislature to speed the release of billions in unallocated bond funds.

- The Governor is calling on the federal government to increase investment in infrastructure nationwide. The federal government has historically been the single largest contributor to national infrastructure projects, but its contribution has fallen dramatically over the past two decades.

Local and state leaders from across the country have joined the Governor in his call for renewed federal investment in America's infrastructure.

Last month, as part of the Governor's trip to Washington D.C. he called on the federal government to increase infrastructure investment and welcomed 13 more governors from across the nation to the "Building America's Future" coalition.

The Governor is calling for enabling the broad use of Performance Based Infrastructure (PBI). As part of his State of the State address, the Governor proposed a new set of policies to improve how California builds and finances infrastructure.

These proposals include:

- Expanding the types of projects, services and government entities that can enter into PBI arrangements. PBI allows the public and private sectors to work together to deliver infrastructure services at lower cost and risk, while providing improved services for citizens.
- PBI is not mandatory. It is simply an optional alternative for governments to employ if and when doing so provides value

when compared to traditional infrastructure provisions.

- Establishing "PBI California," to enable California to build, operate and maintain infrastructure better, faster and for less. "PBI California" would serve as a center for excellence to help determine which state projects can benefit from PBI, represent the state in negotiations with PBI participants, ensure transparency and monitor performance.

The Governor is calling for continued investment in California's infrastructure as part of the Strategic Growth Plan (SGP). As part of California's SGP, the Governor has proposed additional investment in the state's water, education, court and transportation infrastructure. The SGP proposes that the new general obligation bonds be placed on the ballot in the 2008 and 2010 general elections and that all bonds be issued and spent over the next ten years in a manner that maintains a prudent debt ratio. In addition, the Governor has called for:

- Establishing a Strategic Growth Council to coordinate SGP projects and spending. The five-member Council would help state agencies allocate SGP money in ways that best promote efficiency, sustainability and support the Governor's economic and environmental goals.
- Bringing approximately 20,000 new engineers into California's workforce over the next decade. This would be achieved by expanding existing educational programs and building new partnerships between our schools, the military and the private sector.



Carl Burton, President

REGISTRATION AND YOUNG VOTERS

by Carl Burton

It has been reported nationally that young people are registering to vote in record numbers this year, and young voter turnout in several recent presidential primaries has surpassed the numbers in 2004.

Thus, young voters may shake their previous image of political apathy in this election year. In talking to young voters it seems they are more interested in this election because the candidates are so diverse and have made an effort to reach younger voters.

While many young people are wrapped up in the excitement of the national election, some are getting active in local political organizations as well. Just ask the members of Sacramento State College Young Republicans who have already been out walking precincts.

With so many of our recent elections decided by such a close margin, a higher turnout among younger voters could make a big difference in the outcome of any race this year.

Senator Dave Cox, who is running for reelection this year, was a recent speaker at Sac State YR meeting; he is reaching out the young voters in his district as are a number of other Republican candidates.

Here is how you and your friends can now register to vote:

Registration forms may be downloaded or completed online by visiting Republicans of River City web site at <http://www.rrcgop.org> and clicking on "Rock the Vote." Fill out the online form, print it out, sign it and mail the form to the California Secretary of State.



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