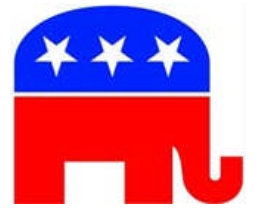


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The social hour starts at 6:30 PM and the general meeting starts at 7:15 PM.**

CANDIDATES FOR THE 15 ASSEMBLY DISTRICT, TO SPEAK

By Robert Evans

Republicans of River City have invited the four announced candidates for the 15th 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.

Guy Houston is termed out of this seat. The district includes the cities of Livermore, San Ramon, Alamo, Walnut Creek, Danville, Brentwood, Discovery Bay, and a part of Pleasanton, as well as portions of the Sacramento Delta communities of Stockton, Galt, and Elk Grove. Voter registration is 38.82 percent Republican, 38.72 percent Democrat and 18.68 percent Decline to State, which makes it a competitive district and not a safe seat.

There are four GOP hopeful candidates, all from different areas: Scott Kamena, a doctor from Livermore, the largest community in the district, where he was born and raised; Judy Biviano Lloyd, who co-owns Altamont Solutions, a Pleasanton-based custom software company; Robert Rao, a Livermore rancher and businessman; and Abram Wilson, mayor of the City of San Ramon.

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 March meeting was a good one with all the candidates from the 10th Assembly district in attendance.

The contest to replace Assemblyman Alan Nakanishi is on, and the three GOP candidates, Sacramento's Paul Hegyi, Rancho Cordova's David Sander and Lodi's Jack Sieglock came to our River City Republican meeting to explain why they should be elected. The candidates explained their various positions:

Paul wants to get the Republican message out: "Our brand is damaged," and he added that "When all you say is 'no' again and again and again, you don't inspire people. I think we have a responsibility to offer good ideas."

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Dr. Scott Kamena was born and raised in Livermore, the largest community in the 15th Assembly District. He is now raising his own family there.

After earning his undergraduate and doctorate degrees from UC Berkeley, Scott returned to Livermore to join his father in operating his Optometry practice. Murrieta Optometry has served more than 20,000 people in the Livermore area.

In managing this business, Scott has personally experienced the struggle small businesses face in California everyday. With a staff of 12, Scott has had to deal with the problems that face many entrepreneurs such as workers' compensation costs, medical insurance hikes, and land use issues.



Judy got her start in public service in 1983, serving as a staff member in the U.S. House of Representatives. In 1984, Judy joined the Reagan-Bush '84 campaign in their Washington, D.C.

headquarters. After the campaign, she served in President Reagan's Administration as an appointee at the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Thereafter she served as Special Assistant to United States Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, then as Director of External Affairs/Special Projects for the Republican National Committee where she was the liaison with state governments for the Contract with America.

In 2001 Judy was the first woman to serve as Region IX Representative for the U.S.

Department of Labor. Currently, Judy Lloyd co-owns Altamont Solutions, a Pleasanton-based custom software company. She serves on the Bay Area Boards of Directors of the California Women's Leadership Association and the California Elected Women's Association for Education and Research.



Robert Rao is a fiscally conservative business owner who, over the past thirty years, has founded and owned three highly successful Bay Area automotive dealerships.

Robert's first company, Saratoga Motors, was started in 1975. Continuing on the heels of its success, in 1989, Robert launched Corporate Motors. Quickly becoming an industry giant, his companies moved over \$500,000 of inventory a day. By the time they were sold in 2005, Robert's companies grossed nearly \$200 million in sales annually and consisted of more than 250 employees. In addition to his focus on family and business, Robert Rao is an active member of the local community. He is a member of the Livermore, Pleasanton and Brentwood Chambers of Commerce, as well as a member of the Pacific Research Foundation, the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, the Contra Costa Cattleman's Association, the Futurist Society, and the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association. Robert is a regular financial supporter of the St. Jude's Children Hospital, the Boy Scouts, and local elementary schools.

Robert currently lives on Rao Ranch in Livermore.



Mayor Abram Wilson and his family have been residents of the City of San Ramon for over thirty years. He is married to Dr. Karen Wilson and has two adult children- Natausha and Nathan. Mayor Wilson was elected to the San Ramon City

Council in November 1999, appointed Mayor in 2002, and then became San Ramon's first elected Mayor in 2003. He was unopposed in his 2005 re-election campaign and continues to run unopposed currently.

During his tenure on the council, Mayor Wilson has been instrumental in developing a Disaster Preparedness Plan for the City of San Ramon businesses, schools, and other cities in the Tri-Valley and San Ramon Valley areas.

Mayor Wilson is also the current Chair of the Contra Costa County Mayors Conference (2007).

Mayor Wilson was a successful member of the finance industry and worked as Wells Fargo Bank's Vice-President, Federal Funds Trader. He then worked at Bank of America, LLC as Principal and Senior Account Executive.

LAST MONTH AT RIVER CITY

Dave said "You leave the public sector to do what only it can do."

Jack said that his experience in government will help him play an active role in the on-going budget problems.

Among the many topics covered by the three candidates, Paul doesn't believe global warming is caused by people, saying "I don't think global warming is something we're responsible for." Jack said "We shouldn't have to bond for everything. We should be able to pay for new roads with general fund revenues." "By cutting expenses, by just being prudent." He went on to say "We're going to have to eliminate a lot of programs. It's going to hurt." Dave wants to get illegal immigrants out of California emergency rooms, saying "Our emergency room health-care crisis is being driven by citizens of other nations."

Agreeing with Dave, Paul said he would deport illegal immigrants in state prisons. He noted that the Democratic governor of Arizona did this and saved that state \$9 million in 7 months. "We need to start deporting them so they're not taking up space any more." Jack wants the border wall built now, saying "I support building a fence. I think that's the first order of business."

When asked what is the first bill each candidate would propose, Paul said a bill to lower California welfare benefits so they match federal standards, saving the state \$300 million a year. Jack said legislation to "get rid of frivolous lawsuits." Dave said he wants a new legislative rule that says "every time we create something in state government, we ought to eliminate something. Otherwise government grows uncontrollably." Answering questions from our members, all three candidates agreed that putting fluoride in water is a good thing and to another question, all three want to rein in the lawsuits filed by activists using the Americans with Disabilities Act.

IN MY OPINION:

FINANCIAL CRISIS AND GOVERNMENT REGULATION
by Christopher Angle

On Monday, March 31, the Bush Administration proposed the broadest overhaul of financial oversight since the Great Depression. The administration's plan, which is largely in response to the current financial crisis, is of such magnitude that it is likely to elicit criticism from many quarters. In addition, it is such an ambitious reform package that it will take years to implement. Broadly speaking, the reforms will reorganize much of the financial oversight infrastructure so that it is compatible with current realities. In addition, however, many firms on Wall Street will be subject to increased regulation and oversight than they were in the past.

As conservatives, our initial reaction is to oppose regulation that interferes with the free market. We tend to be for less government interference and more freedom for individuals and firms. In this case, however, many of the firms that will face increased regulation engaged in activities that contributed to the current crisis. For example, generating and/or purchasing sub-prime mortgage loans that have gone bad has resulted in damage to many financial firms, including major ones such as Countrywide and Bear Stearns. The Bear Stearns meltdown led the Federal Reserve to take emergency action and engineer a sale of the company to JP Morgan (and put up \$29 billion of taxpayer dollars to back Bear Stearns assets in the process). Bank of America, itself hurting from the subprime mortgage crisis, is in the process of purchasing Countrywide. It is difficult to understate the magnitude of this crisis, which has brought the financial system under severe strain.

Some would even argue that the system has come perilously close to collapsing in recent weeks. Like roads and bridges, a functioning financial system is part of the infrastructure that makes a sophisticated market economy possible. As such, a stable financial system is a quasi-public good that benefits all market participants. Given that most free market conservatives would agree that the government has a role in providing and maintaining roads as means of promoting commerce, some government regulation of the financial sector should be seen in the same manner.

This is not to say that each and every reform that has been proposed will lead to financial market stability. Nor is it to say that every one of the proposed reforms is good or desirable. What is certain is that the recent crisis was brought about by market participants engaging in activities that although irresponsible, were not necessarily illegal. The far-reaching consequences of these irresponsible actions shows the need for increased regulation. Freedom demands that people (and firms) act responsibly. When irresponsibility becomes the norm, then freedom must be restricted. This is precisely what has happened in the financial sector, and why increased regulation and oversight of this sector is a good idea.

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HAVE A LAUGH

MORE DISORDER IN THE COURT

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

ATTORNEY: The youngest son, the twenty-one-year-old, how old is he?

WITNESS: Duh, he's twenty-one.

ATTORNEY: Were you present when your picture was taken?

WITNESS: Are you sh**ing' me?

ATTORNEY: So the date of conception (of the baby) was August 8th?

WITNESS: Yes.

ATTORNEY: And what were you doing at that time?

WITNESS: Uh.... I was getting laid!

ATTORNEY: She had three children, right?

WITNESS: Yes.

ATTORNEY: How many were boys?

WITNESS: None.

ATTORNEY: Were there any girls?

WITNESS: Are you sh**ing me? Your Honor, I think I need a different attorney. Can I get a new attorney?

ATTORNEY: How was your first marriage terminated?

WITNESS: By death.

ATTORNEY: And by whose death was it terminated?

WITNESS: Now whose death do you suppose terminated it?

ATTORNEY: Can you describe the individual?

WITNESS: He was about medium height and had a beard.

ATTORNEY: Was this a male or a female?

WITNESS: Guess.

SOLAR ENERGY FIRMS LEAVE WASTE BEHIND IN CHINA (PART 2)

By Ariana Eunjung Cha
Washington Post Foreign Service
Sunday, March 9, 2008

Chinese companies' methods for dealing with waste haven't been perfected.

Because of the environmental hazard, polysilicon companies in the developed world recycle the compound, putting it back into the production process. But the high investment costs and time, not to mention the enormous energy consumption required for heating the substance to more than 1800 degrees Fahrenheit for the recycling, have discouraged many factories in China from doing the same. Like Luoyang Zhonggui, other solar plants in China have not installed technology to prevent pollutants from getting into the environment or have not brought those systems fully online, industry sources say.

"The recycling technology is of course being thought about, but currently it's still not mature," said Shi Jun, a former photovoltaic technology researcher at the Chinese Academy of Sciences.

Shi, chief executive of Pro-EnerTech, a start-up polysilicon research firm in Shanghai, said that there's such a severe shortage of polysilicon that

the government is willing to overlook this issue for now.

"If this happened in the United States, you'd probably be arrested," he said.

An independent, nationally accredited laboratory analyzed a sample of dirt from the dump site near the Luoyang Zhonggui plant at the request of The Washington Post. The tests show high concentrations of chlorine and hydrochloric acid, which can result from the breakdown of silicon tetrachloride and do not exist naturally in soil. "Crops cannot grow on this, and it is not suitable for people to live nearby," said Li Xiaoping, deputy director of the Shanghai Academy of Environmental Sciences.

Wang Hailong, secretary of the board of directors for Luoyang Zhonggui, said it is "impossible" to think that the company would dump large amounts of waste into a residential area. "Some of the villagers did not tell the truth," he said.

However, Wang said the company does release a "minimal amount of waste" in compliance with all environmental regulations. "We release it in a certain place in a certain way. Before it is released, it has gone through strict treatment procedures."

Yi Xusheng, the head of monitoring for the Henan Province

Environmental Protection Agency, said the factory had passed a review before it opened, but that "it's possible that there are some pollutants in the production process" that inspectors were not aware of. Yi said the agency would investigate.

In 2005, when residents of Li's village, Shiniu, heard that a new solar energy company would be building a factory nearby, they celebrated.

To be continued.



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THE GOVERNOR'S CORNER

GOVERNOR CALLS ON LEGISLATURE TO CUT RED TAPE THREATENING CALIFORNIA'S VOLUNTEER FORCE

Arnold Schwarzenegger

4/7/2008

Governor Schwarzenegger joined Senator Roy Ashburn at Discovery Park in Sacramento to urge the legislature to pass Senate Bill 1345, which will permanently remove the requirement that volunteers on public works projects be paid the prevailing wage. In 2004, the Governor signed legislation to remove this constraint, but without further legislative action this year, this legislation will expire. The Governor is committed to empowering the state's robust volunteer force and will continue to call on the legislature to take action. A committee vote on SB 1345 is scheduled for April 9.

“Government has its job to do, but government cannot do it all - the real action comes from the people... Without this law, public works projects - like building playgrounds or cleaning up beaches, rivers and parks - will be in jeopardy of not being completed. There have been no complaints to the Labor Commissioner, so it's time to make this common-sense law permanent.” (Governor Schwarzenegger, Statement, 3/26/08)

If the legislature fails to act, California's volunteers could be turned away and non-profit groups could be forced to shut their doors.

To prevent this from happening, the Governor is calling on the legislature to pass SB 1345. Government should welcome, encourage and empower California's volunteers, not tie them up in red tape. Passing SB 1345

ensures that the state's non-profit organizations and our robust volunteer force can continue to support our communities.

The Governor is committed to continuing to strengthen service and volunteerism in California.

In February, the Governor signed an Executive Order to establish the new position of Secretary of Service and Volunteering. The Governor's action will raise the profile of service in the Golden State to a national level; improve coordination of vital volunteer activities statewide and support local service efforts; encourage more Californians to become involved with service and volunteerism; help California respond to natural disasters and emergencies; and give California's volunteers a voice at the highest levels of state government, all without adding any new net costs to the state budget.

JUDGE RULES VOTER REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE IN ENGLISH ONLY

That's right a District Court Judge in Des Moines in Iowa recently rule that providing voter registration forms in other languages violates Iowa's English Only law.

Congressman Steve King, who while serving the state legislature, authored the law back in 1992 requiring all Iowa official government documents to be in English. King and others went to court in 2006 claiming then Secretary of State and current governor, Chet Culver, was violating the law by providing voter registration forms in Spanish, Bosnian, Vietnamese and Laotian.

King lead the fight in the courts arguing that Federal law requires that one must be a citizen of the United States to vote and that one must read and speak English to become a

citizen. So for generations, no one who cannot read English is supposed to be able to vote in American elections.

King said “A naturalized citizen has to demonstrate improved proficiency in both the spoken and written English language, and also understand our history and essentially take a patriotism test. So if you are a naturalized citizen, you have no argument or claim to anything other than an English only ballot.”

California voters in 1986 made English the office state language when they approved Proposition 63. Former United State Senator Sam Hawakawa was the driving force behind Proposition 63 that amended the California Constitution with 74% of the vote – the largest vote on a citizen-sponsored initiative in the history of the State of California.

Under the provisions of Prop 63, the legislature was instructed to develop policies to implement English as the official state language. A policy the state legislature has failed to act upon and the Attorney General Office has issued an opinion stating that the voter's will was merely “advisory” and not binding on the state.

Proposition 63 gave “standing to sue” to any citizen of the state, that is, any citizen can file a lawsuit to enforce this constitutional mandate (if you have the money to take on the establishment in court).





Carl Burton, President

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VOLUNTEER

by Carl Burton

The backbone of any political campaign is its volunteers.

Republican campaigns rely heavily on volunteers to carry the candidate's message and do much of the campaign grunt work.

Four years ago we came within 1,100 votes of carrying Sacramento County for President Bush; lets not let that happen this year.

This year, the McCain for President campaign and the Sacramento Republican Party are looking for loyal, hard working Republicans able to successfully perform the tasks of voter registration, walking precincts, making phone calls, writing letter to newspapers and/or posting messages on blogs.

If you want to make a difference, and be part of helping our candidates win, let me know.

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