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CHRIS MISSICK TO SPEAK



Sergeant Christopher Missick and Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld in Iraq

By Fred Hildebrand

Sergeant Christopher Missick, River City member and popular Republican, has returned from Iraq!

He will address River City at the next General Membership Meeting on June 21, 2005. As usual, we will meet in the Ose Room at Channel 6, KVIE, at 6:00 P.M. for a Social Hour and an opportunity to renew acquaintances with Chris. The General Meeting will follow promptly at 7:00 P.M.

Chris first became known to us during the 2000 Bush/Cheney campaign when he served as an assistant to Fred Hildebrand, Northern Regional Director. His work was outstanding and Chris became known statewide. He remained very active until the time came for him to embark. Then he surprised everyone by remaining in communication with old friends and wonderful new friends that he created with his blog.

In addition to his presentation, Chris

NOW WE ROLL UP OUR SLEEVES AND GO TO WORK!

by Robert Evans

will take questions. This will be your chance to ask the questions you really want answered from someone who was there. Do not miss this opportunity!

After graduating from Los Alamitos High School in Orange County in 1998, Chris Missick packed his bags and headed to Sacramento to attend California State University Sacramento, and to take an active role in state government. Immediately becoming active in the school and the community, Chris joined the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, and began interning with a statewide political consulting firm. Spending his first two years of college active in his fraternity and in campus politics, he earned the respect of his brothers and his fellow students and ultimately was rewarded with several leadership positions. A sweeping victory in the student government elections placed Chris in direct communication with the university administration in his term as Vice President of University Affairs. His term was spent advocating for student needs and articulating a vision for a more unified student body.

In the aftermath of the tumultuous Presidential election in November 2000, Chris fulfilled his sense of obligation to our country only days before President George W. Bush was inaugurated and signed on the line to enlist in the US Army Reserves. He shipped out May 31, 2001, and began the experience of a lifetime. Quite obviously, the following months would change both Chris and the country, as the nation experienced September 11, one of the most horrific events in its history. Returning from active military service in December of 2001, and continuing in his remaining 5-year reservist commitment, Chris was intent on

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You saw the sound-bite where Governor Schwarzenegger called a special election for November 8 but did you see him say "People ask about the cost of the election. Well, do the math: for a buck and a quarter per citizen, you can fix a broken system and save the state billions of dollars. Now remember this is your money. That is a fantastic bargain!"

It is a fantastic bargain too but now we, the Republicans of River City, need to roll up our sleeves and go to work to help the Governor make sure these initiatives receive the votes needed to pass here.

What can we do? I here people ask.

We can do a lot:

We can register new voters (for this reason we will have as special speaker at our next meeting Mr. John Madriz who will give us an over-view of "Voter Vault" which helps us identify and contact potential voters across our county.

We can go out and talk to our friends and co-workers and let them know how important this coming election is and ask them to talk to their friends.

We can write letters to the newspapers and let the general public know how important this election is.

Now is the time to get to work!



The Honorable Roger Niello

Governor's May Revise is Prudent

This year's May Revision to the January Budget represents a welcome change from the last few years. For the first time in a while, the State has some additional unanticipated revenue, nearly \$4 billion. Thanks to a number of factors, not the least of which is the Legislature and the Governor's resistance to raising taxes over the last few years, the state's economy is strengthening and our revenues to the State are increasing. Yes, that's right, the state has realized increased revenues WITHOUT tax increases! In fact, unemployment figures are down a full point from this time last year, and workers' compensation costs are getting back under control. Businesses are thriving, adding new employees, and thus providing more and more tax receipts to the state.

Without the right leadership from the Governor, however, it's possible that this year's unanticipated new revenues to the state coffers could turn out to be a wolf in sheep's clothing. Some would even say that given the legislature's appetite for spending, it might be one of the worst things that could happen, given the state's ongoing "structural" deficit of about \$8 billion.

The problem is that when politicians see new money coming in, the natural tendency is to want to spend that money. The pressure to spend is overwhelming and comes from many different constituencies and special interests. The education coalition wants more money for education, the home health care workers want higher wages for their workers, and the transportation interests want more money to improve our transportation system and so on.

Through the green eyeshade of this former accountant, the truly appropriate thing to do would be to save all of the money for a rainy day or use it to payoff debts. But we need to be realistic. The reality is that the pressure to spend the new dollars is immense. So, short of complete fiscal restraint, the next best thing is fiscal prudence, and this is where I think the Governor showed excellent leadership in proposing this year's Budget and subsequent May Revise.

With the May Revise, it has become obvious that the Governor has taken note of our past budgetary mistakes and wants to avoid repeating them. The story has been well documented, but for the sake of this article, I'll tell it again. During the late 1990's and early 2000's, the state's coffers became full of one-time revenues that were committed by the legislature and the Governor to on-going programs. When the revenues disappeared following the dot.com crash, the programs stayed, and only through some creative accounting, borrowing, and massive raids on most of our state's special funds were we able to manage through the problem.

The problem is you can only do this for so long. At some point, the bill becomes due and for California, the "bill" has become known as the structural deficit that eventually has to be addressed. In simple terms, the structural deficit is the year-to-year gap between our revenues and our expenditures, and currently, California is required by law to spend about \$8 billion more than we take in.

This year's May Revise shows tremendous restraint. It uses the new revenues to pay down existing debts, restore funds to previously raided sources, including the Proposition 42 "sales taxes on gasoline"

transportation fund, and avoids new spending on new on-going programs that will further exacerbate our existing structural deficit.

In fact, the non-partisan Legislative Analyst said that "...the general approach of the administration—in particular, using most of the new revenues for repayment of debt or for onetime purposes—makes sense, given the formidable structural budget shortfall facing the state."

We can only hope that the legislature shows the same wisdom and restraint and that this year's budget process goes smoothly given the fact that we need to continue to work toward addressing our structural deficit. Approving the Governor's May Revise would be the right thing to do. But as I write, the spending lobby lurks the halls of the Capitol and the cries for additional spending continues.

But tell me what you think! I am happy to hear your opinions about how you believe the state should use the \$4 billion in new revenues. Please contact our Capitol office at 319-2005.

Assemblyman Roger Niello represents the 5th Assembly District, including the cities of Citrus Heights, Folsom, and Sacramento, and the communities of Arden Arcade, Carmichael, Fair Oaks, Foothill Farms, Granite Bay, Natomas, North Highlands, and Orangevale.

"Voter Vault" Training

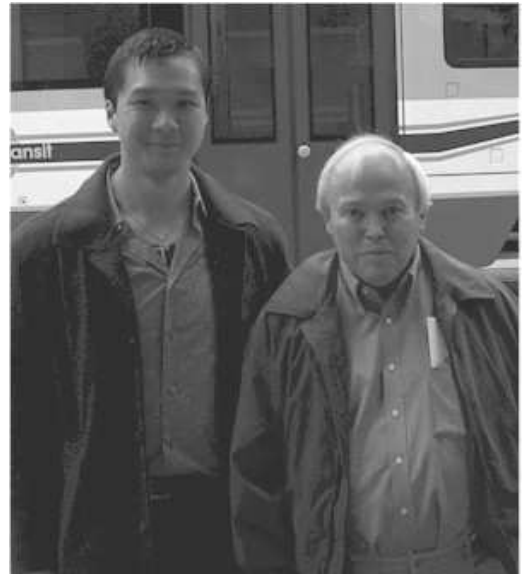
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This training will start immediately
after the Guest Speaker

REPUBLICANS OF RIVER CITY CONDUCT VOTER REGISTRATION FOR NEW CITIZENS

Here are some pictures of our effort to register new citizens; we had a wonderful time and registered over 60 new citizens on May 18.



Our thanks go out to William Chan who headed up our voter registration effort.





Honorable Dave Cox

Dave Cox Senate Report:
June 2005

A Prisoner's Union

Just when you think you've seen it all, something so outrageous takes place that it leaves you shaking your head. As if there weren't enough special interest groups trying to influence legislation in Sacramento, a new group has announced it is forming a union to, as they claim, "educate voters and influence public policy." The group calls itself the "most oppressed segment of our population" and if successful, targets raising \$78 million a year through membership dues of \$60 a year (\$5 a month) to its eligible members and their families. Let me tell you that any special interest group that has \$78 million to spend on influencing public policy will have an impact on getting legislation passed in Sacramento. But what makes this new union so outrageous is the segment of the population they will represent. The newest union will represent California's prisoners and parolees.

That's right. Murderers, rapists, and convicted sex offenders believe they are oppressed and deserve a stronger voice in Sacramento through unionization and lobbying. The group will charge \$5 a month for dues - I guess the money will come out of the 75 cents an hour in taxpayer money the prisoners are paid while serving time in one of our state prison facilities. The new union will also open their rolls to the family members of prisoners who have served time in a California prison.

What makes this newest union so egregious is the audacity of these individuals to call themselves the most "oppressed segment of our population" Unlike those in our society who are oppressed because of nothing within their control, those who have broken the law(s) in this state have made the conscious choice to do so and have put themselves and their family members in this situation. Just in case you weren't aware - prisoners have plenty of rights. Not only do they get paid for their work, legislators have seen fit to allow some of these prisoners to be eligible for workers' compensation benefits. They also are eligible for free medical care. Unfortunately, the rolls of this new union for prisoners will continue to grow as people continue to ignore the laws of this state and are consequently incarcerated. While all of these individuals have rights, even though they are in prison, the thought of them unionizing is unconscionable. Will we see these prisoners striking for better working conditions, better pay and improved health care? It may sound ridiculous now, but if they achieve their \$78 million budget, anything is possible. Instead of a union to protect the interests of prisoners, a union to protect the interests and safety of law-abiding citizens would be much more appropriate.

Currently the group has signed up approximately 500 members. The new union may never achieve their goal of becoming a high-powered lobby in Sacramento and throughout the state. But the very fact that someone has seen fit to try and organize them has taught me that I will never again assume that I have seen everything when it comes to the games people will play with the lives and pocketbooks of California residents. (Our thanks to Senator Bob Dutton of San Bernardino County for providing this article for the Cox Report).

First Senate District News

On May 16th, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that vintners around the country can sell their wines directly to consumers. The ruling overturned laws in 24 states that prohibited out-of-state producers from selling their libations by mail or over the Internet to anyone of legal age. The ruling in the vintner's favor could have a dramatic effect on wine sales across the country. And in no state will that effect be more positive than California, which produces 90 percent of the nation's wines. Small and medium sized wineries, like those in the First Senate District, stand to benefit the most. When the Pentagon announced the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) list on May 13th, for the first time it did not disproportionately reduce California bases or personnel. Not only were the two largest Air Force bases in northern California preserved (Beale and Travis), but the Sierra Army Depot in Lassen County was also untouched. We extend our congratulations to all those in Lassen County who worked hard to keep this vital installation open.

Quote Of The Week "The cause of America is in a great measure the cause of all mankind" - Thomas Paine



**Governor Schwarzeneggers
Address Calling a Special
Election to Reform California**

Monday, 06/13/2005 05:01 PM

Good evening.

When you elected me governor, I made a promise. I said I would put California's financial house in order and reform a government that no longer listened to the people.

The most important thing we did last year was to save this state from bankruptcy... and we let the world know that California was once again open for business.

Today, our economy is growing, creating hundreds of thousands of new jobs.

Revenues are up.

We're putting money back into roads and transportation. Most important, we are investing more money in education than ever in our history three billion dollars more for education this year, fifty billion dollars total. Education spending is up eight percent this year.

But serious problems remain. We cannot continue a budget system that automatically spends a dollar ten for every dollar we take in.

Without reform, we are destined to

relieve the past all over again 22 billion dollar deficits, higher car taxes, and the threat of bankruptcy. Some politicians say the answer is to raise taxes. They say, Bring back the car tax, Arnold. Raise the income tax. Get rid of Prop 13.

But I say no. I did not come to Sacramento and you did not send me here to repeat the mistakes of the past.

I know some people say, Arnold, why not wait until next year? Why have a special election now?

But how can we just stand around while our debt grows each year by billions of dollars? If you break your arm, you don't wait until your next physical. You get it fixed now.

That's why I say don't wait until next year or the year after because every year we were adding billions of dollars in new debt.

Even if we reach a bipartisan agreement in the Legislature to bring about reform, constitutionally the people must still vote. There must still be an election.

People ask about the cost of the election. Well, do the math: for a buck and a quarter per citizen, you can fix a broken system and save the state billions of dollars. Now remember this is your money. That is a fantastic bargain!

In my state of the state speech in January, I said that if the Legislature did not act on reforms this year, the people of California would.

The people are the ones who wield the power. The people are the ones who can cut through the chains of politics and the past. It is from the people that a democracy gets its strength.

And millions of people have signed the petitions to reform the budget, education and redistricting.

Today was decision day, the deadline for a special election this November.

With those millions of people who signed petitions standing behind me, today I signed a proclamation calling for a special election.

I still hope the Legislature will join me, and we can go to the ballot together with a bipartisan plan.

Last year we accomplished so much because we worked together, Republicans and Democrats alike.

But one way or another, with the people's help, there will be action this year.

With the people's help there will be reform.

Our broken state government will be modernized and revitalized.

And you the people will be heard.

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Thomas Friedman

The New York Time's Thomas Friedman on Globalization

(Excerpted from CIO Insight Magazine,
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In his new book, *The World Is Flat: A Brief History of the Twenty-First Century*, Thomas Friedman says the argument's over; globalization is here and it's good.

Can we get more specific about who benefits and who loses?

Imagine if America were the only country in the world, and there were only 100 people in America. We would have 80 knowledge workers and 20 manual laborers. And our manual laborers would be paid partly in relationship to the number of knowledge workers; that is, they're a fairly small pool. So if you want a nurse or if you want a factory assembly-line worker, if you want a nanny or if you want someone to work at McDonald's, there's actually rather a scarcity of them. So the wages of those people aren't going to be what the CEO makes, but they're also not going to be doing what the CEO does. Still, their wages aren't going to be flat, either, because they're going to be paid relative to the number of knowledge workers in our 100-person economy.

Now this imaginary world expands and there are two countries-America and China. China has 1,000 people, and we have a free-trade agreement with them. So

now we have two countries in the world, and they are totally integrated with free trade. We have 80 knowledge workers and 20 physical laborers. China, with its 1,000 people, also has 80 knowledge workers, but they have 920 physical laborers.

Now we're in a two-country world with a total of 160 knowledge workers and 940 physical laborers. If you're one of those knowledge workers, you're going to do fine in this world. Why? Because the market for knowledge products has just expanded from 100 to 1,100. And, remember, knowledge people sell ideas and idea-based products, so they can be sold to everybody. When you make a copy of Microsoft Word, all 1,100 people can potentially buy it. If you're working on a factory line, there's only one factory that can buy your labor, and you're now competing for that one factory job, not with 20 anymore, but with 940 people.

So what does this mean? For knowledge workers, it means this is going to be a great world. You're going to do fine. You will have to move horizontally at most. Ideally, you're going to have a lot more companies that want to buy your product, and you won't have to move at all.

The people in the 940 pool-physical laborers-they have a real problem, and there's just no getting around it. They cannot move horizontally. They have to move vertically. They have to get into the pool of knowledge workers who sell their products to the 1,100, not just to the one. And that's why I have a whole chapter on "compassionate flatism," about how we need to think about bringing more people up because they can't just step sideways.

So I'm not worried, frankly, about you, and I'm hopefully not worried about my kids. They're going to do fine. They're going to have a career that's very different from anything I may have ever contemplated, but they're going to do fine. But I do worry about John and Sue who are working in the furniture factory in North Carolina. This is not a good transition for them. They have a problem.

To be continued...

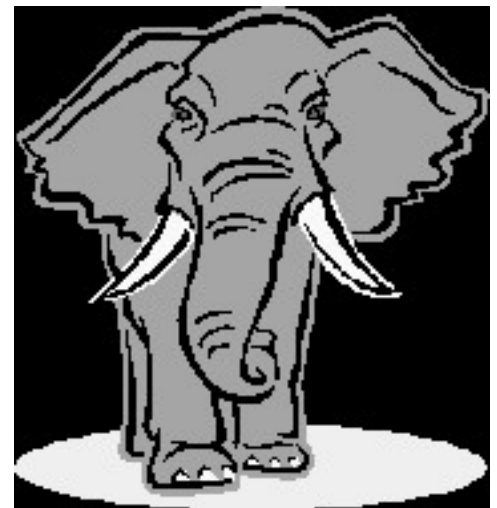
ON THIS DATE IN JUNE:

June 3, 1884 - Rep. John Lynch (R-MS) a former slave, presides over the Republican National Convention.

June 5, 1956 - Republican federal judge Frank Johnson rules in favor of Rosa Parks in decision striking down "blacks in the back of the bus" law.

June 8, 1866 - U. S. Senate passes Republicans' 14th Amendment guaranteeing due process and equal protection of the law to all citizens; 94% of Republicans vote yes and 100% of Democrats vote No.

June 9, 1964 - Republicans condemn 14 hour filibuster against 1964 Civil Rights Act by U. S. Senator and former Ku Klux Klansman Robert Byrd (D-WV) who still serves in the Senate.



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The President's Corner



Republican Of River City President Carl Burton

“To compel a man to furnish contributions of money for the propagation of opinions which he disbelieves is sinful and tyrannical.”

Thomas Jefferson

Unions spend big bucks on crooked and radical politicians, in support of senseless legislation and propositions, and opposing candidates, propositions, and legislation that YOU may support.

That's right. If you belong to a union, your union is collecting guaranteed money straight out of YOUR paycheck to spend on THEIR political favorites. Your money may be going to support people, policies, and legislation that you have ethical, moral, political, philosophical, and religious objections to. Is that right? NO!

In 1988, the Supreme Court unanimously ruled (Beck vs. Communication Workers of America) in favor of a man named Beck, who objected to his union's use of HIS money on politics.

Strangely, the unions never tell you of your Beck rights, and they'll try hard to discourage you from

exercising them when you do find out.

Paycheck Protection was on the California ballot back in June of 1998 (Proposition 226) and it went down to defeat. Opponents' of 226, mainly unions, spent \$30 million to defeat it, while supporters could only muster \$3.5 million.

Unions are able to take their money from dues and fee payers across the country. Supporters had to ask for donations.

The question before us today is can we defeat the power of union money this coming November??

CHRIS MISSICK TO SPEAK (Cont.)

finishing school and preparing for his next stage in education. He received his BA in Government with an emphasis in Political Philosophy in May 2003, and by November of that same year, his Reserve unit was activated for service in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Having gleaned innumerable lessons and life experiences over the course of his year long deployment to the Middle East, he returned in March 2005 to move forward in his life, his education, and his dedication to the community in which he lived. Most of all, he returned with a desire to personally meet and thank the great American patriots who made his experiences in Operation Iraqi Freedom a little easier. Currently residing in Westminster, California, Missick is enjoying a much needed vacation and looking forward to hitting the road to meet the folks who represent the heart of American patriotism



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FYI

What Governor Schwarzenegger is proposing in his California legislative redistricting plebiscite would rectify a wrong. Consider the 2002 election - and the percentage of votes cast for Republican congressional candidates compared with the percentage of congressional races won by Republicans.

In 2002, with congressional districts drawn exclusively by Democrats, Republican candidates for congress statewide won 46 per cent of the two party vote, but elected won only 37 per cent of the congressional races (that equals five seats in the House of Representatives.)

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